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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September 1969 - 30 September 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation.

9th Engineer Battalion	Commander LtCol. E. K. MAXWELL 1 - 30 September 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company	1stLt T. M. TURNER 1 - 30 September 1969
Service Company	Major A. A. BERNOTAS 1 - 30 September 1969
Company A	1stLt J. L. SPIKERMAN 1 - 30 September 1969
Company B	Capt R. F. SHOAF 1 - 30 September 1969
Company C	1stLt R. J. CALDARELLA 1 - 26 September 1969 Capt R. H. RAILEY 27 - 30 September 1969
Company D	Capt J. K. NAGAZYNA 1 - 30 September 1969

ATTACHED UNITS

3d Bridge Platoon, 1st Bridge Company in direct support	1stLt T. E. GORDON 1 - 30 September 1969

2. Location.

9th Engineer Battalion	Chu Lai, RVN	1 - 30 September 1969
Company A	BT199390	1 - 30 September 1969
Company B	Chu Lai, RVN	1 - 30 September 1969
Company C (-)	Chu Lai, RVN	1 - 30 September 1969
3d Platoon	BT290230 Tam Ky, RVN	1 - 30 September 1969
Company D	BT136448 Hill #63, RVN	1 - 30 September 1969

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3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer	Major J. W. STEVENS 1 - 30 September 1969
S-1/Adjutant	Capt T. W. SCHAUER 1 - 30 September 1969
Personnel Officer	2dLt T. L. JAMES 1 - 30 September 1969
S-2/S-3 Officer	Major E. M. CONDRA 1 - 30 September 1969
S-4 Officer	Major J. P. CORCORAN 1 - 30 September 1969
S-5 Officer	1stLt J. R. WOODMAN 1 - 30 September 1969
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj J. L. NICHOLES 1 - 30 September 1969
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt P. Q. FOSTER 1 - 30 September 1969
Construction Officer	Billet Vacant 1 - 3 September 1969 CWO-2 J. O'CONNOR Jr. 4 - 30 September 1969
ADM Officer	Major E. M. CONDRA 1 - 30 September 1969
Maintenance Officer	CWO-2 W. E. YORK 1 - 30 September 1969
Utilities Officer	Billet Vacant 1 - 3 September 1969 CWO-4 G. M. HAYES 4 - 30 September 1969
Legal Officer	Capt T. W. SCHAUER 1 - 30 September 1969
Medical Officer	Lt B. (n) KING (USN) 1 - 30 September 1969
Supply Officer	Capt L. BUCKLEY 1 - 30 September 1969
Embarkation Officer	Billet Vacant 1 - 30 September 1969
NBC Officer	Major E. M. CONDRA 1 - 30 September 1969
Training Officer	Major E. M. CONDRA 1 - 30 September 1969

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Education Officer	Major E. M. CONDRA 1 - 30 September 1969
Chaplain	LtCdr R. A. BOYER (USN) 1 - 30 September 1969
Communications Officer	Billet Vacant 1 - 20 September 1969 1stLt R. L. VAN HOUTAN 20 - 30 September 1969
Heavy Equipment Officer	GySgt M. TIALAVEA 1 - 30 September 1969

4. Average monthly strength.

USMC		USN	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
42	1007	2	20

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1. During the month of September 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel E. K. MAXWELL, continued its primary mission of maintenance, upgrading and asphaltic paving of Republic of Vietnam Route #1, from Chu Lai (BT520044) to the Song Cau Lau (BT091544). Engineer Support of Free World Forces in the Chu Lai TAOR continued to require significant engineer effort.

2. Company A located at Hill #10, (BT196391), continued to maintain and upgrade Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from BT242318 to Thang Binh (BT175418), a distance of 7.5 miles.

3. Company B located at Chu Lai was engaged in vertical construction in support of Free World Forces in the Americal TAOR. In addition Company B is responsible for maintenance and repair of Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Chu Lai, (BT520044), to Tam Ky (BT330209), a distance of 16.5 miles.

4. Company C (-) located at Chu Lai was engaged in vertical construction in support of Free World Forces in that area. The 3d platoon Task Element at Tam Ky, (BT290230), is responsible for maintenance and repair of Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Tam Ky to Bridge #33, (BT237326).

5. Company D located at Landing Zone Baldy (BT136448), continued upgrading and maintenance to Republic of Vietnam Route #1 from Thang Binh, (BT175418), north to the Song Cau Lau, (BT091544), a distance of 11.1 miles, plus construction in support of Free World Forces. Concurrently, Company D is upgrading QL-1 (new roadway) from (BT092537) to (BT080548), a distance of 1 mile, and Route 535 from (BT024345 to BT136456), a distance of 11 miles.

6. During the month of September 1969, upgrading and repair of Republic of Vietnam Route #1 was broken down into four main areas of responsibility; Chu Lai to Tam Ky, Tam Ky to Bridge #33, (BT237326), Bridge #33 to Thang Binh, and Thang Binh to the Song Cau Lau.

7. From Bridge #35, (BT259289), to BT242318 Republic of Vietnam Route #1, Company A augmented by Motor Transport elements of Service, Bravo, and Charlie Companies expended 3,279 man-days and 15,375 equipment-hours in hauling 7,005 cubic yards of mineral products and 4,220 cubic yards of laterite in upgrading Republic of Vietnam Route #1 to MACV standards for paving with asphaltic concrete. Headquarters Company spread 20,400 gallons of peneprime/RC800 in the maintenance of Republic of Vietnam Route #1. As of 30 September 1969, Republic of Vietnam Route #1 has been paved from An Tan, (BT379174) to BT208372, a distance of 30.3 miles. During the reporting period 5,830 tons of asphaltic concrete was laid down from BT237326 to BT208372, a distance of 3.0 miles of paving.

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8. Between Thang Binh and the Song Cau Lau, Company D expended 96 man-days and 700 equipment hours in placing 400 cubic yards of mineral products, 2,342 cubic yards of laterite, and operating a rock quarry in support of Republic of Vietnam Route #1.

9. During the reporting period, the 9th Engineer Battalion conducted land clearing operations in two seperate locations within the Americal TAOR. Participating Units: Elements 39th Engineer Battalion, (USA); Elements of Headquarters Company, Service Company, B Company of 9th Engineer Battalion, USMC; Elements of 7th Engineer Battalion, USMC; F Troop, 8th Cavalry, (USA); Elements of 196th Brigade, (USA), F Troop, 17th Cavalry, (USA) and 2 Vietnamese Regional Force Companies.

a. 1 - 10 September 1969. Land clearing operations were held in BT grids 2225, 2325, 2424, and 2524, northwest of the city of Tam Ky.

(1) 2,910,000 square meters cleared.

(2) 83 bunkers destroyed.

(3) 82 spider traps destroyed.

(4) 500 lineal yards of trenches destroyed.

(5) 1,376 lineal yards of tunnels destroyed.

(6) Ordnance discovered and destroyed:

(a) 1 - Chicom grenade.

(b) 3 - 500 lb. bombs.

(c) 1 - 81mm mortar round.

(7) The Command Post area was assaulted three (3) times with 82mm mortars and small arms fire.

(8) Mine sweeps discovered three (3) mines in access road.

b. 12 - 30 September 1969. Operations in Tam Ky location were terminated due to heavy rains and relocated to BS grids 7544, 7645, 7646, 7647, 7451, 7452, 7453, 7454, 7455, 7456, 7457, 7458 and 7459.

(1) 9,682,000 square meters cleared.

(2) 639 bunkers destroyed.

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(3) 18 fighting holes destroyed.

(4) 2 spider traps destroyed.

(5) 8,700 lineal yards of trenches destroyed.

(6) 4,170 lineal yards of tunnels destroyed.

(7) Ordnance discovered and destroyed:

(a) 4,105 small arms rounds.

(b) 5 - RPG rounds.

(c) 5 - 81mm rounds.

(d) 26 - 155mm rounds.

(e) 13 - booby traps.

(f) 31 - 105mm rounds.

(g) 5 - 60mm rounds.

(h) 14 - mines (5 foreign).

(i) 17 - WP rounds.

(j) 1 - CEV (165mm) round.

(k) 2 - 25 lb. bombs

(l) 1 - 1,000 lb. bomb.

(m) 7 - 250 lb. bombs.

(n) 1 - 500 lb. bomb.

(o) 2 - Chicom grenades.

(p) 3 - LAAW rounds.

10. a. During the month of September 1969, the following culverts were installed:

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Location	Size	Length	Remarks
BT421120	48"	50'	Installed 14Sep69

b. During the month of September 1969, the following bridges were repaired/constructed/under construction:

Location	Length	Class	Type	Remarks
BT325215	40'	60	Steel Stringer, Pile Bent Pile Backfill Abutment	Single Lane. Secondary parallel road QL-1. Completed 3Sep69.
BT219359	40'	60	Steel Stringer, Pile Bent Pile Backfill Abutment	Destroyed 17May69. Completed 17Sep69.

c. Tactical bridging installed: None.

d. Tactical bridging removed: None.

11. Since 1 September 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion has completed the following additional engineer support to Free World Forces:

Unit	Construction
FLSG-A	Water tower and tank
1/1 Cav	16'x32' shower
FLSG-A	1 - 4 hole head
FLSG-A	Shower and laundry
1/1 Cav	Generator shed
1/1 Cav	250 man messhall
196th Bde	50 - TSFC bunkers (20'x32')
523 SigBn	Excavated 6,000 sq.ft. cable trench
91st MedBn	1 - bunker tower

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PART III

1. Civic Action.

a. During the month of September 1969, four MEDCAPS were conducted at Long Phu 1 and 2, (BT519032) and Tich Tay, (BT503042. Approximately 140 Vietnamese were treated.

b. The battalion also continued a cultural exchange between Marines and Vietnamese Boy Scouts at the Catholic Orphanage.

c. The battalion continued to supply garbage for Tich Tay pig farm. The Civil Affairs Section is encouraging the Vietnamese people to supply their own food for the pigs.

d. During the reporting period the battalion accomplished support to Ly Tin school with 50 bags of cement and 1 load of scrap wood. Four loads of scrap wood and 50 bags of cement were delivered to the Tich Tay Buddhist School, three loads of scrapwood were given to the Long Binh refugee camp and Protestant Orphanage. The 9th Engineer Battalion messhall donated forty cases of cookies and the Civic Action Team donated twenty boxes of candy for the Buddhist Religious Holiday, (Cookie Day). The battalion continued work on culvert for Long Binh refugee camp.

2. Training.

Date	School or Course	Off/Enl	Location
8Sep69	AIM Special Weapons	Enlisted	Okinawa
20Sep69	Basic Ammunition Technician	Enlisted	Okinawa
21Sep69	Embarkation School	Officer	Okinawa

3. Engineer Operations.

a. 1 September 1969:

(1) Company A sweep team found one 60mm round 50 meters to side of road at BT212370. Destroyed in place.

b. 5 September 1969:

(1) Company A assisted in Medevac of two Vietnamese, one with infected hand and one with internal injuries at BT199389.

(2) Company A found one booby trapped M-26 grenade on side of road at BT187404. Destroyed in place.

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c. 11 September 1969:

(1) Company B found culvert destroyed at BT421120. Road repaired.

(2) Company A found one 2.75 rocket round and one Chicom grenade at BT185406. Destroyed in place.

d. 12 September 1969:

(1) Company D found one 60mm HE round in paddy at BT124482. Destroyed in place.

(2) Company D found one 60mm HE round booby trapped in paddy at BT097524. Destroyed in place.

e. 13 September 1969:

(1) Company A found one 81mm round at BT196391. Destroyed in paddy.

(2) Company A found one M-26 fragmentation grenade at BT199386. Destroyed in place.

(3) Company D found one 81mm HE round at BT156556. Destroyed in paddy.

f. 14 September 1969:

(1) Company A received four RPG rounds and 200 rounds small arms fire at BT108428. Returned fire with negative results or casualties.

g. 15 September 1969:

(1) Company A found one M-14 anti-personnel mine at BT204380. Destroyed in place.

h. 16 September 1969:

(1) Company A assisted in Medevac of one Vietnamese child with gunshot wounds at BT219389.

(2) Company A assisted in Medevac of one ARVN with gunshot wounds at BT199389.

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i. 17 September 1969:

(1) Company A assisted in Medevac of one Vietnamese civilian with gunshot wounds at BT219359.

j. 18 September 1969:

(1) Company C found culvert destroyed at BT259290. Road repaired.

k. 19 September 1969:

(1) Company C found one 50 pound composition H-6 mine at BT258294. Destroyed in place. Road repaired.

l. 21 September 1969:

(1) Company A found one M-16 anti-personnel mine in paddy at BT220358. Destroyed in place.

m. 26 September 1969:

(1) Company A assisted in Medevac of one Vietnamese child with gunshot wounds at BT208375.

n. 27 September 1969:

(1) Company D found hole in road caused by command detonated mine at BT108502. Road repaired.

o. 28 September 1969:

(1) Company D found one "Rock" like mine 8"x8" at BT100519. Destroyed in paddy.

(2) Company D found one M-26 grenade in can on side of road at BT100519. Destroyed in paddy.

(3) Company D found one M-26 fragmentation grenade on side of road at BT089539. Destroyed in paddy.

p. 29 September 1969:

(1) Company D found one Chicom grenade in paddy at BT093540. Destroyed in place.

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4. Voluntary Informant Program.

a. During the month of September 1969, Vietnamese civilians turned in the following ordnance to the 9th Engineer Battalion, FMF:

(1) 3 - Chicom grenades.

b. Total funds expended for the period was $VN500.

5. Patrols. During the month of September 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion conducted 30 daylight patrols and 30 night reconnaissance patrols consisting of checkpoints and observation posts in BT grids 4903, 4904, 4905, 4906, 5003, 5004, 5005, and 5006 between the hours of 0730H and 0400H with negative contact.

6. Patrol Training. During the month of September 1969, the 9th Engineer Battalion in conjunction with the 1st Combined Action Group, Chu Lai, RVN, participated with Combined Action Platoons in setting up night ambushes, reconnaissance patrols, and various Civic Action programs.

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