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Battalion Landing Team 1/3  
Regimental Landing Team-26  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

1st Battalion, 3d Marines  
BLT 1/3 (20-31 Mar 1967)

Commander

LtCol P. A. WICKWIRE

Subordinate Units

H&amp;S Company

Capt. A. G. WHITTELSEY  
(1-23 Mar 67)  
Lt. J. H. MACK  
(24-31 Mar 67)

Company A

Capt. P. N. HENDRIX

Company B

Capt. J. C. SHIRLEY

Company C

Capt. C. G. JORDAN  
(1-19 Mar 67)  
Capt. G. F. RECZEK  
(20-31 Mar 67)

Company D

1stLt. E. P. ALDOUS Jr.

## (Attached Units (20-31 Mar 67))

Det HqCo, 9th MAB (Radio Relay)

Cpl J. N. MAGGI

Det 15th Med Bn

Lt D. M. MC GINN

Det Postal Section Hq Bn 3d MarDiv

Sgt W. A. LEDFORD

Det Photo Section Hq Bn 3d MarDiv

Cpl G. F. ORSZAG

Det Disbursing Section Hq Bn MarDiv

Lt C. B. YELLIG

Det Hq Bn RLIT-26 (Radio Relay)

Cpl K. K. FROST

Btry A (Rein), 1stBn 12th Mar

Capt D. J. HARRINGTON

107mm MtrBtry, 2dBn, 12th Mar

Capt A. M. PATTERSON

1stPlat (Rein), Co B 1st AmTracBn

1stLt D. J. BROWN

1stPlat (Rein), Co A 3dATBn

2dLt W. M. HAYES

3dPlat (Rein), Co C 3d Tank Bn

2dLt L. D. DOBBIN

2dPlat (Rein), Co A 3dEngr Bn

2dLt F. C. WENTWORTH

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1stPlat, Co B 3d Recon Bn

1st Clearing Plt (Rein), Co B 3d MedBn

Det 3d ServBn (Provided by FLC)

2dPlat (Rein), Co B 3d SP Bn

1stPlat (Rein), Co B 3d MT Bn

Capt R. A. RICK 1-23Mar  
 2dLt R. H. FREEMAN 23-31Mar  
 Lt R. G. SCHEIBE, USN

Lt F. J. HAUCH

2dLt K. A. WYMER

2dLt D. M. BYSTEDT

2. Location

a. 1-31 Mar 1967 Camp Schwab, Okinawa

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj B. D. THORNBURY

S-1

2dLt E. W. STERLING

S-2

WO P. B. MURPHY

S-3

Maj R. C. OSSENFORT

S-4

Capt G. F. RECZEK  
 (1-19 Mar 67)  
 Capt C. G. JORDAN  
 (20-31 Mar 67)

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>Other</u>
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	
61	1660	7	92	None

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## PART II

Narrative Summary

During this reporting period, the Battalion conducted rehabilitation and training on Okinawa.

The Battalion conducted training at the squad, platoon, company, and battalion level; with emphasis placed on unit tactics and field work. More than 45% of the training time was spent in the field, and more than 25% of this field time was spent in night training. Battalion personnel also attended the following schools offered by higher commands; Counter Guerrilla Warfare School, Demolition/Land Mine Warfare School, Jungle Lane Trapline School, Raid-Sub training, NCO Leadership School, Outboard Motor School, 16mm Projector School, Registered Publications School, Enlisted Embarkation School, MUMS School, H.S.T. School, Riverine Seminar, Crypto School, Generator Operators School, and Ammunitions Technician School. In addition, training was conducted with support elements, including helicopter indoctrination, tank infantry training, LVT training, wet net training, and a Command Post Exercise.

The Battalion continued rehabilitation of personnel and equipment, culminating in a Battalion Commander's Inspection for all companies.

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## PART III

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. Sequence of Events:

- 1Mar SSgt A. GALIMBA and Sgt E. MERCADE of the Phillipine Marine Corps joined BLT 1/3 for one month of training.
- 3Mar 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade conducted an Administration and Material inspection of the Battalion.
- 13Mar Lieutenant General KRULAK spoke to the Battalion Officers while visiting Camp Schwab.
- 20Mar Supporting elements OPCON 1st Battalion 3d Marines. BLT 1/3 formed.
- 20Mar Battalion riflemen issued the M-16 rifle.
- 28Mar Battalion and attachment command elements participated in a Command Post Exercise at Camp Hansen training area #3.

2. Personnel


- a. Number of replacements received. 5 Officers. 56 Enlisted. 0 Officers. 1 Enlisted. (Navy)
- b. Number of personnel rotated. 2 Officers. 59 Enlisted.
- c. Personnel accounting continues to remain satisfactory.
- d. Promotions: 9 Sergeants. 76 Corporals. 73 Lance Corporals.
- e. Postal: Postal service continues to remain satisfactory.

3. Administration. Company administration is functioning smoothly under the supervision of Company Commanders and First Sergeants.

4. Command Relations. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines OPCON 9thMAB. Command RLT-26

5. Logistics

a. Supply. During this period, supply accomplished the rehabilitation phase of this units deployment. Approximately 750 requisitions were placed with FSR with approximately 35% being filled. This unit received 921 M-16 rifles with equipment and turned in all M-14 rifles. Operational Deployment Stocks are 55% completed. Combat essential items of 782 gear, compasses, thirteen M-60 machine guns, five general mechanics tool kits, three cupola mounted .50 Cal. machine guns, and twenty-nine pistols Cal .45 were replaced from 9th MAB assets.

 b. Maintenance. All ordnance equipment, motor transport and communications equipment requiring 3rd echelon maintenance were turned into 3rd FSR maintenance shops for repairs as part of the BLT rehabilitation program. All combat essential items coded were replaced by 9th MAB.

c. Transportation. During this period, transportation was furnished by RLIT-26 motor pool and Company B, 3rd Motor Transport Battalion for administrative and training requirements.

d. Fiscal. Additional Project 24 funds in the amount of \$35,000 were authorized to the BLT during this period.

e. Embarkation. During this period, the BLT prepared for embarkation for SLF deployment.

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PART IV

Supporting Documents

None

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