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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade FMB

Command Chronology

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TF 79	BGen M.P. RYAN 1 - 4 Jan
	BGen L.G. METZGER 4 - 31 Jan

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company/TG 79.0	Capt J.M. LILLA 1 - 31 Jan
Communications Support Company (Rein) 76	Capt J.T. HOPKINS JR. 1 - 20 Jan Capt A.A. JANSSEN 20 - 31 Jan
Provisional Service Battalion/TG 79.8	LtCol V.J. PROSS, JR. 1 - 31 Jan
Regimental Landing Team 26/TG 79.2	Col J.J. PADLEY 1 - 31 Jan
Special Landing Force/TG 79.5	Col H.D. WORTMAN 1 - 31 Jan
Marine Aircraft Group 15/TG 79.3	Col C. KIMAK 1 - 31 Jan

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 Jan: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff	Col R.R. AMERINE 1 - 31 Jan
Staff Secretary	Capt W.P. LAKIN 1 - 31 Jan
Aide-de-Camp	1stLt S.J. PACE 1 - 31 Jan
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj H. CHUCK 1 - 31 Jan

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1	LtCol E.V. EASTER
Adjutant	1 - 31 Jan
Legal	Capt J.E. RICKMON
Assistant G-1	1 - 31 Jan
Assistant G-1, Personnel	Capt J.R. WINGERT
Personnel Officer	1 - 31 Jan
Postal Officer	Capt N.T. BERTHUSEN
Career Advisor/Education/SpecServ	1 - 31 Jan
Civil Affairs	Maj M.D. JULIAN
Assistant Adjutant	1 - 29 Jan
S & C Officer	Capt R.W. MADDOX
Registered Publications Officer	29 - 31 Jan
Assistant S & C Officer	CWO 3 R.W. CONDON
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	1 - 31 Jan
Assistant G-2	CWO 2 G.G. WOODS
Combat Intelligence Officer	1 - 31 Jan
Electronic Warfare Officer	2ndLt R.P. ROUX
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	1 - 31 Jan
Assistant G-3	Capt C.W. VOLZ
	1 - 31 Jan
	2ndLt E.W. STERLING
	1 - 31 Jan
	2ndLt E.S. LEWANDOWSKI
	1 - 31 Jan
	2ndLt A.A. RENTZ
	1 - 31 Jan
	2ndLt R.E. POSTALWAIT
	1 - 31 Jan
	Maj J.C. HITZ
	1 - 31 Jan
	Capt E.H. COYLE
	1 - 10 Jan
	Capt R.B. JOHNSTON
	10 - 31 Jan
	Capt W.E. SCHMIDT
	1 - 31 Jan
	1stLt J.D. CHAPMAN
	1 - 23 Jan
	2ndLt C.G. OSGOOD JR.
	23 - 31 Jan
	LtCol J.G. DIONISOPOULOS
	1 - 31 Jan
	LtCol A.B. CLARK
	1 - 31 Jan

Operations Officer	LtCol H.E. MCKINNEY 1 - 31 Jan
Assistant Operations Officer	Maj W.W. TAYLOR 1 - 31 Jan
Plans Officer	Maj R.W. EDWARDS 1 - 31 Jan
Training Officer	Maj M.E. WARHOLAK 1 - 31 Jan
Assistant Training Officers	Capt R.E. BOWD (RAAC) 1 - 31 Jan
Air Officer	Maj D.J. MUELLER 1 - 31 Jan
Assistant Air Officer	None
Artillery Officer	Maj W.A. WESTON 1 - 31 Jan
Naval Gunfire Officer	LtJG P.R. JENNINGS 1 - 31 Jan
NBC Officer	Maj W.A. WESTON 1 - 31 Jan
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	Col E. MUELLER 1 - 31 Jan
Assistant G-4	LtCol R.M. COOK 1 - 31 Jan
Logistics Officer	Maj A.M. STEWART 1 - 31 Jan Capt R.M. BROWNE 1 - 31 Jan Capt W.H. LEONARD 1 - 31 Jan Maj R.F. MOODY 1 - 31 Jan
Aviation Logistics Officer	Capt G.F. SIMONS 1 - 31 Jan
Embarkation Officer	Capt W.C. SHAW 1 - 31 Jan
Supply Officer	Maj C.W. OAKS 1 - 31 Jan
Assistant Supply Officer	Capt L.V. BEARCE 1 - 31 Jan
Ordnance Officer	1stLt P.D. FORD 1 - 31 Jan
Motor Transport Officer	Capt K.S. COURTNEY 1 - 31 Jan
Brigade Surgeon	Cdr J.D. SULLIVAN 1 - 31 Jan

Medical Admin Officer	LtCdr J.D. GILLENWATERS
	1 - 31 Jan
Food Service Officer	WO J.J. LAGGIS
	1 - 31 Jan
Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller	LtCol E.B. KEYES
	1 - 31 Jan
Communication-Electronics Officer	LtCol L.A. GUBB
	1 - 31 Jan
Assistant Communications-Electronics Officer	Maj D.G. WILLIAMS
	1 - 31 Jan
Brigade Inspector	Maj W.M. TATUM
	1 - 31 Jan
Brigade Informational Services Officer	LtCol H. MAYER
	1 - 31 Jan
Brigade Chaplain	Cdr H.H. EATON
	1 - 31 Jan

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

JANUARY

	USMC		USN		
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	
	Gnd	Avn			
Hq Co, 9th MAB	64	4	318	4	6
Comm Spt Co	9	20	221	0	1
Prov Serv Bn	37	0	911	1	16
RLT 26	182	6	4262	20	195
MAG 15	119	199	2254	10	28
SLF (BLF 1/9 & HMM 362)	<u>72</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>1731</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>94</u>
	483	267	9697	42	340

Part II

Narrative Summary

Introduction

During the month of January the 9th MAB continued to perform the assigned missions of intra-theater rotation of ground and aviation units, the equipment rehabilitation, personnel replenishment, and training of rotating BLTs/squadrons and contingency planning as the Fleet Marine Force component of the Seventh Fleet.

Personnel

a. Brigade Headquarters strength remained approximately constant. Total 9th MAB strength increased by 76 Marine officers and 1531 enlisted Marines. Navy enlisted personnel increased by 80.

b. A liberal rotation program was continued in order to provide the maximum number of personnel the opportunity to serve in the Republic of Vietnam. Serious doubts have arisen, however, as to the feasibility of continuing this program. Although the desire of all persons to serve in the combat zone is both understandable and commendable the effect on the stability of this command is of necessity adverse. The individual rotation program is currently being reevaluated.

c. Awards.

1. The following awards were presented to members of this command.

Silver Star	1
Navy Marine Corps Medal	1
Letter of Appreciation	1
Purple Heart Medal	38

d. Casualty Reporting

Seven members of this command were killed in action against the enemy.

Legal

The Brigade legal section provided legal assistance for members of this command conducted reviews for the supervisory authority. Quantitative analysis of these activities is shown below:

Legal Assistance cases	58
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NJP Appeals reviewed 1
 Summary Courts-Marshall reviewed 23
 Special Courts-Marshall reviewed (Non BCD) 10
 Special Courts-Marshall reviewed (BCD) 1
 Investigations Reviewed 12

Community Relations

The 1st MAW band under the direction of CWO-3 Victor SHUI played four military concerts, a memorial service for 1st Bn 9th Marines and participated in a parade and review for the U.S. Air Force 313th Support Group. During the first week in January the Band conducted a concert tour at Iwakuni Japan.

Intelligence

- a. The Brigade Intelligence Section continued to place emphasis on the collection, maintenance, and dissemination of intelligence data on the coastal regions of South Vietnam. Briefings were presented relative to special operations of the SLF.
- b. Intelligence inspections of HMM-361 and BLT 3/9 were conducted.
- c. Intelligence annexes of contingency plans were revised/up dated.

Planning

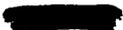
The Commanding General instituted a program for the review, revision, and updating of all 9th MAB contingency plans. An integrated planning schedule was established to publish OPLANS 23,25,27,32 (Phase II Laos and Thailand), 60, and General War Plan 1-67. Four officers from RL1 26 and MAG 15 were ordered to 9th MAB Headquarters on a TAD basis to assist in writing the plans and concurrently develop the RL1 and MAG supporting plans

Logistics

Equipment rehabilitation was completed for BLT 1/4 which was assigned to the SLF on 27 Jan 67. Rehabilitation of BLT 3/9 is currently in progress. Liason trips to RVN regarding rotation of BLTs 1/3 and 2/3 were conducted. A logistics inspection was conducted of MAG-15.

Embarkation

During the period the Brigade Embarkation Officer coordinated the embarkation and debarkation of three rotating BLTs 1/4, 1/9, and 3/9. In addition to normal office operations three embarkation inspections were held. The embarkation officer attended the Seventh Fleet Quarterly Scheduling Conference.


Special Operations

During January the SLF, consisting of BLT 1/9 and HMM 362, conducted operation Deck House V in the Thanh Phong Secret Zone of the Republic of Vietnam.

Training

a. During the period 1 Jan - 31 Jan G-3 training has continued in its role of training support to the units of the 9th MAB. This support has required the scheduling of schools, firing ranges, training facilities and any other training requirement not available to units of the Brigade from within their own resources. During the period, in addition to the permanent T/O organizations of the Brigade, 2 BLTs, 2 helicopter squadrons and 2 fixed wing squadrons have received training.

b. OJT. Extensive use has been made of on and off island OJT. On island OJT is designed to assist specialist personnel with practical knowledge of their everyday activities. Off island OJT is designed to give background knowledge and experience to Okinawa personnel in order that they may better carry out their training responsibilities on Okinawa. Numbers of personnel receiving off island OJT and subjects covered during OJT are shown in Enclosure (2).

c. Schools. A total of eleven schools were used by the Brigade during January. Schools used, and the number of students that attended them are shown in Enclosure (2)

d. Amphibious Training. Exercises have covered a BLT LEX and raid training for rifle companies and reconnaissance platoons. A list of the exercises carried out is shown in Enclosure (2).

Communications

The communications-electronics officer conducted normal business during January. Planning and information exchange conferences, liason visits and inspections comprised the bulk of the sections activities.

Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1 - 7 Jan 67 1st MAW Band under the direction of CWO-3 Victor SHUL conducted a concert tour at Iwakuni, Japan.

4 Jan 67 LtGen Victor H. KRULAK visited MAG-15.

4 Jan 67 BGen Louis METZGER assumed command of the Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade. BGen Michael P. RYAN departed to become ADC 3rd Marine Division.

5 - 9 Jan 67 BGen Louis METZGER on Operation Deckhouse V

6 Jan 67 Operation Deckhouse V commenced in the Thanh Phong Secret Zone RVN.
Ref: TG 79.5 Command Chronology

7 Jan 67 Vice Admiral HYLAND visited CTG 79.5 aboard the U.S.S. Iwo Jima.
Ref: TG 79.5 Command Chronology

7 Jan 67 Brigade communications conference held at Camp Hansen.

9 - 10 Jan 67 BLT 1/4 inspected in the areas of administration, legal, career advisory, motor transport, and ordnance.

10 Jan 67 Cmdr. Glen FORD USNR visited TG 79.5 aboard the U.S.S. Iwo Jima and was briefed on operation Deck House V.
Ref: TG 79.5 Command Chronology

11 Jan 67 General Wallace M. GREENE Commandant of the Marine Corps visited MAG-15.
Ref: MAG-15 Command Chronology.

11 Jan 67 General WESTMORELAND visited the SLF command post ashore.
Ref: TG 79.5 Command Chronology

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 12 Jan 67 BLT 1/4 was inspected in the areas of communication-electronics and supply.
 12 - 13 Jan 67 Brigade Supply Officer attended special supply conference at MCAF Futema
 14 Jan 67 BLT 3/9 offloaded at Okinawa from U.S.S. Bexar and U.S.S. Union. U.S.S. Westchester County delayed due to storm.
 Ref: CG 9th MAB 030406Z Jan 67
 15 Jan 67 Operation Deck House V terminated
 Ref: TG 79.5 Command Chronology
 14 - 18 Jan 67 MAG-15 inspected in the areas of communications-electronics, legal, administration, career advisory, logistics, ordnance, supply, embarkation, food services, and motor transport.
 17 - 21 Jan 67 BGen Louis METZGER visited MAG-15
 19 Jan 67 HMM 363 replaced HMM 362 aboard the U.S.S. Iwo Jima.
 Ref: HMM 363 191212Z Jan 67
 23 Jan 67 BGen Louis METZGER visited Camp Schwab and presented awards and decorations to members of BLT 1/4.
 Ref: RLT-26 Command Chronology
 23 - 24 Jan 67 Communications-electronics inspection of MATCU - 66 was conducted by the Brigade CEO.
 23 - 26 Jan 67 HMM 361 inspected in the areas of administration, legal, career advisory, supply, intelligence, embarkation, motor transport, and food services.
 23 - 25 Jan 67 BLT 1/9 offloaded at Okinawa from the U.S.S. Iwo Jima, U.S.S. Vancouver, and U.S.S. Point Defiance.
 Ref: CTF 79 170429Z Jan 67
 24 - 26 Jan 67 FMFPAC communications-electronics contact teams visited Brigade units.
 Ref: CG FMFPAC 150017Z Jan 67

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24 - 25 Jan 67 U.S.S. Westchester County arrived Okinawa completed offloading BLT 3/9.
Ref: Westchester County 240002Z Jan 67

25 - 27 Jan 67 BLT 3/9 inspected in the areas of administration, legal, career advisory, intelligence, communications-electronics, supply, motor transport, embarkation, and food services.

26 - 27 Jan 67 BLT 1/4 was loaded aboard the U.S.S. Iwo Jima, U.S.S. Vancouver, and U.S.S. Point Defiance, replacing BLT 1/9 as the SLF.
Ref: CTF 79 170429Z Jan 67

27 Jan 67 Mrs. Joan BERRY (Mrs. U.S. Savings Bonds) visited 9th MAB.

28 Jan 67 Brigade Embarkation Officer attended Seventh Fleet Scheduling Conference.

30 Jan 67 BLT 1/9 loaded aboard the U.S.S. Henrico, U.S.S. Washburn, and U.S.S. Carter Hall.
Ref: CG 9th MAB 250200Z Jan 67

31 Jan 67 Memorial service held by BLT 1/9 at Camp Schwab.
Ref: 9th MAB news release 2-67

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PART IV
 Chronology of Subordinate Commands
 and Supporting Documents

Enclosures

- ✓1. News releases, clippings and photos of Brigade personnel and events.
- ✓2. Training statistics.
- ✓3. CG Ninth MAB 030406Z Jan67
- ✓4. HMM-363 191212Z Jan67
- ✓5. CTF 79 170429Z Jan67
- ✓6. Admino FMFPac 150017Z Jan67
- ✓7. Westchester 240002Z Jan67
- ✓8. CG Ninth MAB 250200Z Jan67
- ✓9. Command Chronology TG 79.5 *Rev 2*
- ✓10. Command Chronology MAG-15
- ✓11. Command Chronology RLT-26
- ✓12. Command Chronology ProvServBn
- ✓13. Command Chronology Comm Spt Co
- ✓14. Command Chronology HqCo 9thMAB

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Tel: 4310

1/4 DECORATIONS

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA JAN. 24 -- The First Battalion, Forth Marine Regiment, in full battle dress watched as six of their comrades were decorated by BrigGen. Louis Metzger, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade Commander.

All of the awards were for cited actions on Operation Prairie for which the battalion received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry as part of the Forth Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division.

The ceremonies at Camp Schwab, Okinawa on Jan. 23 were witnessed by Col. John J. Padley, Commanding Officer, Regimental Landing Team-26, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade.

1stLt. Michael W. Smith was presented the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for his inspiring display of courage during the repeling of a outnumbering Viet Cong force that had attacked a artillery and tank position which his platoon was guarding.

Killing a Communist that had thrown a satchel charge which wounded two of his men Lt. Smith exposed himself to intense fire to pull the wounded to safety.

He then led a handful of his mento a part of the perimeter which the enemy had penetrated. Moving among the small group of defenders his dauntless courage rallied his outnumbered unit which drove the enemy back causing them to break contact.

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The Bronze Star with Combat "V" was also awarded to Cpl. James V. Walker for his heroic action on Operation Prairie less than 4,000 yards from the DMZ.

As company radio operator he refused evacuation for wounds received in a Viet Cong ambush in which his company commander was killed.

Cpl. Walker remained with his radio maintaining contact with the battalion command post. He also directed helicopter evacuation of wounded.

His coolness in the face of extreme danger enabled his new commanding officer to assume command of the unit during the battle with a minimum of confusion.

Navy Corpsmen HM3 Michael P. Baron received the Bronze Star with Combat "V" along with the Purple Heart Medal for gallantry displayed and wounds received while on Operation Prairie.

Attached to a company that for two days had been surrounded and engaged in fierce fighting, Corpsmen Baron although wounded denied medical evacuation.

For three days he constantly exposed himself to deadly fire, moving among the wounded, whispering words of encouragement and tending wounds. His action were an inspiration to the men in his unit

The Navy Commendation Medal was presented to SSgt. Jerry B. Sandifer who served as Battalion Intelligence Officer in Vietnam, a position normally held by a commissioned officer.

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His careful processing of intelligence information resulted in many successful patrols and operations against Communist forces.

Purple Heart Medals were awarded to Pfc. William L. Ruffner Jr. and Pfc. Gary R. March for wounds sustained while participating on Operation Prairie in the northern provinces of South Vietnam.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA JAN. 31 -- "Gentlemen we will."

Thus Maj. James L. Day, Commander of the First Battalion, Ninth Marine Regiment stressed to the congregation the pledge made to battalion Marines who had died fighting in the Republic of Vietnam.

Maj. Day was speaking at memorial services Jan. 30 for seven men who had been killed on Operation Deckhouse-five, the first large American campaign in the Mekong River Delta.

The battalion had spearheaded the largest amphibious operation of the Vietnamese war as 4,000 U.S. and Vietnamese Marines invaded the Communist sanctuary.

"A few weeks ago," Maj. Day began his address, "We gathered here at Camp Schwab to honor those members of this battalion who had fallen in combat over a fifteen month period."

"Today we add seven more names to that list. We made a promise to them at that time. That we of the First Battalion, Ninth Marines would carry on in their absence."

"Gentlemen we Will."

"Eternal Father," Marines bowed their heads as Battalion Chaplain LCdr. T. McDermott prayed, "We pause....remembering.... honored dead.....of our....battalion.....dedicated their lives... services of....their country."

"We implore.....have mercy.....reward their....unselfish.... spirit...with.....eternal happiness....."

Seven more had negotiated the highest of costs in battle and now the mournful notes of taps echoed threw the chapel and solemn minds, giving permission for infinite sleep.

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ACCIDENT

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA JAN 31 — Two Ryukuan brothers, 8 and 10 years of age, were injured when they were struck by a U.S. Government vehicle during the morning hours of Jan. 31.

The mishap occurred at the junction of highways 6 and 13, approximately one and half miles south of Isikawa.

Kotoku and Kosyum Nakanishi of 1375 Higashi-Onna, Ishikawa, were taken to Chubu Hospital and treated for lacerations and bruises. at the hospital

The boys are being kept for further observation and treatment.

Military authorities, RAFF and GRI Police are investigating the accident.

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AT SEA ABOARD THE USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2), JAN. 6 - A 12-ship Navy task force steamed into waters off the Mekong Delta today and landed a force of U.S. Marines in a hitherto unchallenged Viet Cong sanctuary.

The assault, code-named "Deckhouse V", took place in the Thanh Phong Secret Zone at the seaward tip of Kien Hoa Province, 55 miles south of Saigon. The area is pock-marked with concrete bunkers, training and recreation sites, ammunition dumps and other enemy installations.

First troops to hit the beach were Marines from the Battalion Landing Team 1/9, part of the Seventh Fleet Special Landing Force, which also includes Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 362, and the SLF staff for Deckhouse V. The Leathernecks landed in LVTs (AMTRACKS) from the tank landing ships Coconino and Washtenaw Counties at the southern end of the Thanh Phong Peninsula near the mouth of the Co Chien River. The first wave touched down at H-Hour, 0730H.

Prior to touchdown the big 8" guns of the heavy cruiser Canberra, the 5" rockets of the medium landing ship (rocket) St. Francis River and U.S. Air Force F-100 Super Saber jets bombarded the beaches and inland helicopter landing zones with tons of high explosives.

At 0800H helicopters from HMM 362 embarked in the amphibious assault ship Iwo Jima, sat down in landing zone "Crow", six miles inland in the northern portion of the peninsula, with additional troops from the BLT 1/9. Subsequent waves of helos from the Iwo Jima and the dock amphibious transport Vancouver lifted more men and equipment into landing zone "Duck" and other landing zones throughout the objective area.

Immediately upon landing the Leathernecks fanned out in search and destroy sweeps.

In the early hours of predawn darkness, swimmers from Underwater Demolition Team 12, embarked in the high speed transport Diachenko, made surf observations and cleared obstacles from the beach. Navy swift boats from the Market Time
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task force patrolled the sea lanes offshore, clearing out any junks and small fishing boats that still remained in the area. River patrol boats from the Game Warden task force, operating from the tank landing ship Jennings County, roamed the Ham Luong River forming the northern border of the peninsula and other waterways to prevent exfiltration.

Marine armed hueys provided close air support for the helicopter lift. The inshore fire support ship Carronnade stood offshore ready to bring her 5" spin-stabilized rocket power into play for additional on-call fire support.

In over-all command of the operation is Navy Captain John D. Westervelt, Commander Amphibious Ready Group and Commander Amphibious Squadron One, of LeMesa, Calif.. Commanding the Special Landing Force is Marine Colonel Harry D. Wortman of Rockford, Ill. Observing the operation from his flagship, the amphibious command ship Estes, which is providing communication support to the task force, is Rear Admiral Donald W. Wulzen of Hamilton, Ohio, Commander Seventh Fleet Amphibious Force.

Deckhouse V is the first U.S. Navy and Marine Corps amphibious operation in the Mekong Delta.

Deckhouse V

Press Release 2#

USS IWO JIMA, JAN. 8 - Deckhouse V, the combined U.S. and Vietnamese amphibious ^{operation} in the Mekong Delta, moved into its third day with only light contact with the enemy reported.

A U.S. Marine patrol unit ran into a small force of Viet Cong troops late last night near "White" beach, at the tip of the Thanh Phong Peninsula. Enemy casualties in the encounter were unknown while Marine casualties were light.

Earlier last night the medium landing ship (rocket) St. Francis River, operating in the Co Chien River, received a flurry of small arms and automatic weapons fire from the river bank. The ship returned the fire with 40mm and 5" shells. No damage to the ship was sustained.

Yesterday afternoon, beginning at 1345H, units of the Vietnamese Marine Brigade Bravo were committed to the search and destroy operation. The Vietnamese troops, embarked in the dock amphibious transport Vancouver and the dock landing ship Thomaston, were ferried ashore by Marine helicopters and a convoy of U.S. Navy landing craft.

The helicopters, from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 362, lifted the majority of the Vietnamese, touching down in landing zone "Eagle" near the Co Chien after long flights through high monsoon winds. A small force of Vietnamese Marines landed via landing craft on "Red" beach about six miles upstream from the mouth of the river. The boat convoy had to make an arduous 15 mile trip from the Vancouver and Thomaston anchored far offshore because of the shallow coastal waters.

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The Vietnamese Marines immediately fanned out in search and destroy sweeps. Their area of operations was north and west of the U.S. Marine positions at the tip of the peninsula.

Three Viet Cong were killed in earlier action by the Seventh Fleet Marine Special Landing Force which landed from the 12 ship Navy amphibious task force early in the morning of 6 January. Papers found on one of the enemy dead indicated that he was a member of 530 Viet Cong Company.

The heavy cruiser Canberra, along with the St. Francis River and U.S. Air Force planes continued to provide fire support for the troops ashore. In the 24-hour period ending 0800H this morning about 150 rounds of naval gunfire were expended while 11 missions were flown by F-100 and B-57 aircraft.

Navy swift boats and river patrol craft from the Market Time and Game Warden operations kept up constant patrol of the rivers and coastal areas contiguous to the amphibious objective area to prevent exfiltrations of the VC.

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DECKHOUSE V

PRESS RELEASE 3

ABOARD DECKHOUSE V FLAGSHIP IWO JIMA, JAN. 8 - "Smooth and efficient performance during the critical assault phase of Operation "Deekhouse V" by Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 362 of both U.S. and Vietnamese Marine landings was the key factor in the rapid buildup ashore. Without them this operation could not have taken place."

The praise came from Captain J.D. Westervelt, Commander of the amphibious task force presently at sea off of Kien Hoa Province.

Capt. Westervelt's comments came today after the last of the Vietnamese Marines of Brigade Bravo were placed ashore six miles north from the mouth of the mouth of the Co Chien River in the Thanu Phu area.

The Vietnamese Marines received no contact with the Viet Cong, however, Brigade Force Bravo located three bunkers containing 16 personnel mines and six grenades.

Marines from the Seventh Fleet Special Landing Force in search and destroy sweeps, discovered a house believed to be a briefing and lecture center for the VC. The structure contained a bulletin board with anti U.S. literature. Three bunkers were also located in close proximity. In addition eight tons of rice were found during slow but complete searches by the Marines.

Light casualties were inflicted by VC when approximately 50-rounds of carbine fire and one rifle grenade were fired into a command post at "White" beach late last night (07 Jan.). Enemy activity throughout the period consisted of small size VC units harassing friendly forces with small arms fire.

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The tank landing ship Hampshire County joined the amphibious task force today (08 Jan.) and participated in logistical support of U.S. Marines at the mouth of the Co Chien River. A second tank landing ship, the Coconino County beached at "Red" beach six miles up the mouth of the Co Chien River in support of the Vietnamese Marine Corps in moving heavy equipment.

Water, 25,000 pounds of C-rations, gasoline and munitions were transported into the area by helo and small amphibious craft from the Vancouver, Thomaston, and Iwo Jima.

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DECKHOUSE V

ESS RELEASE 4

ABOARD THE DECKHOUSE V FLAGSHIP IWO JIMA, JAN. 9--"U.S. Marines from the Seventh Fleet Special Landing Force continued their probe in the Thanh Phan Phu area of Kien Hoa province as Operation Deckhouse V moved into its fourth day. There was no significant enemy activities during the night (1800H 8 Jan. to 0700 9 Jan.) however Viet Cong continued to harass Marines with small arms fire.

U.S. Marines found five houses filled with rice estimated at four tons bringing the total to 12 tons, and some three hundred pounds of shrimp. Assorted small arms and munitions continued to be found. Two sewing machines with drawings for uniforms and one 14 foot boat with a 14 horsepower engine were also found. There was no significant enemy movement noted and no change in weather or terrain.

Ships of the Seventh Fleet Amphibious Ready Group are continuing support of both the Special Landing Forces and Vietnamese Marine Corps Brigade Force Bravo operations ashore.

River patrol boats patrolling the south bank of Rach Cai Bai received one hundred rounds of automatic weapons fire. This was the second Viet Cong contact in the same area within the last 24 hours.

The rocket firing ship Saint Francis River delivered 48 rounds of 5" thirty-eight and 20 rounds of 40 mm in support of the United States Marine Corps, Vietnamese Marines, and river patrol forces."

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LIFE IN THE MUD BOWL

by Geff Head, JO3

ABOARD THE USS IWO JIMA, JAN. 9 - Life with the Marines from the Seventh Fleet Special Landing Force is somewhat like being in a huge mud bowl with no means of escape.

The Leathernecks taking part in the four-day-old Operation "Deckhouse V" have to encounter the roughest terrain they have been in during this war as well as the Viet Cong.

The Mekong Delta is a maze of waterways interlaced with mangrove swamps and thick, sticky mud. The mud is far from what those who come from the banks of the Mississippi River know. It ranges between two and six feet deep and underlying the quagmire is a layer of about eight inches of water. It is impossible for a man to remain dry below the waist while traveling in the delta.

When the Marines set up their command post at "White" beach on the tip of the Thanh Phu Peninsula they made no attempt to place it on dry ground, firm terrain is a non-existent commodity in the delta.

A WET NIGHT OF REST

As night draws near the Marines hack down leaves to form mattresses to lay their ponchos on. If they are to stay in one place, they remain on their beds for most of the night. They soon become soaked and must sleep in the mud for most of the night. In the morning they may find a newly formed river running around them.

Multi-colored crabs dominate the area. Fish that come close to being prehistoric crawl out of the rivers and live equally well in either environment. Spiders and deadly snakes are also in abundance in the delta.

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In this operation everything is slow and methodical. Colonel Harry D. Wortman, Commander of the Special Landing Force said before Deckhouse V began that his men would go in and conduct search and destroy sweeps through the area that left nothing uncovered.

Tunnels pock-mark the delta. The Leathernecks destroy each passage they come across. During the day the Viet Cong hides his head. But at night Charlie comes out to harass his enemy. One of his favorite tricks is to wait until the Marines are asleep on their muddy beds and then rain mortar shells on the area under the cover of darkness.

The Viet Cong wait, the delta is on their side, as it has been since the days of the French. The worse enemy the Leathernecks have encountered so far has been Emersion Foot, Malaria, multi-colored crabs, snakes, red ants, and mud. Much of life in the delta.

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by Dave Colby, JO2

ABOARD THE COMMAND SHIP IWO JIMA, JAN. 10-- A damage control officer who has been trying to keep ships afloat for 30 years, sat calmly in the ballast control room of the amphibious transport dock Vancouver during Operation Deckhouse V" and gave orders to sink the ship.

Three sailors in the brightly lighted room manned 34 switches and eyed the corresponding gauges. On cue from CWO Herman "D" Hurst, the whitehats opened the valves and almost 5,000 tons of sea water flooded into the tanks. The Vancouver sunk seven feet in about 15 minutes.

As the off-loading process began the three-year-old Vancouver steamed through the China Sea off the Mekong Delta at 20 knots.

WELL DECK ACTIVITIES

Outside the ballast control room, in the 400-foot welldeck below, mechanized landing craft loaded with weapons and equipment, and LVTs (AmTracks) moved away from the flooded ship in rapid succession. The boats with their loads of Leathernecks from the Special Landing Force were on the way into combat within 15 minutes after the ballasting.

Two decks above, on the Vancouver's flight deck, four Marine helicopters from HMM-362 touched down, picked up their loads of combat-ready troops and departed for the landing zones. Three more waves of "Ugly Angel" pilots brought their choppers in and departed with more Marines. The air operation took place in less than 45 minutes.

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In the control tower overlooking flight deck operation the combat cargo officer and the air boss sat side-by-side, coordinating the off-loading activities and keeping the Navy and Marine Corps team on a schedule timed by the second hand of the clock.

The day after the U.S. Marines landed to kick-off Deckhouse V the Vancouver repeated her previous performance and landed part of the Vietnamese Marine Brigade Bravo.

THE LPD - MODERN, VERSATILE, FAST

The transport dock ship is new to amphibious warfare. The Vancouver is the first of the class to see combat in Vietnam. What Naval and Marine Corps officers have learned about the transport dock they have liked -- she is versatile, modern and fast. The class is ideally suited for operations such as Deckhouse V.

The two deployments the Vancouver has made to the Western Pacific have been spent with the Seventh Fleet Amphibious Ready Group. This force is composed of three 20 knot ships presently engaged in Deckhouse V. The trio, which includes the amphibious assault ship Iwo Jima and the landing ship dock Thomaston, carry the 1,800 man Special Landing Force. The U.S. Leathernecks can be put ashore wherever needed to counter-balance Viet Cong activities. Today they are in the Mekong Delta for the first time.

The Vancouver has the capabilities of four amphibious ships. Although she can not do the four different jobs on the scale of her specialized counterparts, The Vancouver is capable of putting 1,000 Marines ashore and supplied logistical support necessary to keep them there. She can feed, house and support the thousand during an entire operation. Her flight deck can accommodate up to 18 helicopters and refuel them from stations on either side of the deck.

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AFTER THE MARINES ARE ASHORE

After the Vancouver's assault duties were over in Deckhouse V she kept the supplies flowing to the Vietnamese and U.S. Marines ashore. In past amphibious operations she has had supplies ashore in 10 minutes after receiving the request. Without this support the operations would have collapsed.

A key to the rapid movement of troops and supplies is the Vancouver's automation. Overhead in the well deck six railed cargo cranes are used to move palletized materials from the cargo holds to the landing craft. Passageways and ramps that are wide enough to drive a six-by-six truck on, lead to and from the cargo holds. Manning these jobs are officers and men thoroughly trained in the use of the equipment.

The success the amphibious transport dock has met in Vietnam has paved the way for the building of similar ships that are four times bigger.

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AMPHIBIOUS MEDEVAC CENTER--INDISPENSABLE DISPENSARY

By: JOC JIM FERRELL

USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2) AT SEA, (Jan. 11) --- War has been described as "hell" and even recently referred to as a "truism," but whatever its label or wherever it occurs, human lives are at stake in its execution.

If any one particular aspect of today's war in Vietnam can offer consolation to the U. S. or Vietnamese Marine in the field, it would be the superb medical evacuation program (MEDEVAC) carried out by helicopters, doctors and corpsmen aboard ships of the Seventh Fleet Amphibious Ready Group off Vietnam's coast.

When the big amphibious operation "Deckhouse V" got underway on Jan. 5 in the Mekong Delta, the assault landing ship USS IWO JIMA not only spearheaded the massive landing, but put her 250-bed medical center into action to handle any medical eventuality.

During the first five days of Deckhouse V, the IWO JIMA's staff of 13 doctors and nearly 70 hospital corpsmen were on duty 'round-the-clock to care for wounded U. S. Marines, Vietnamese Marines and Vietnamese civilians who might require medical attention as a result of the fight against the Viet Cong.

Sporadic admissions, operations and treatment marked the scene over the first few days of the first U. S. commitment into the Delta area. In addition to the troop casualties, six Vietnamese women and three children were treated and later released from the IWO JIMA. Also treated and later flown to Saigon for further treatment, was a young Vietnamese boy who had been wounded in the head.

Even though the casualty receipts are fortunately low at the present time, the IWO's medical team with its Marine augmentation, is maintaining vigilance in their combined efforts to care for the sick and wounded.

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Making up the IWO JIMA's medical facility are two operating rooms, an intensive care unit, laboratory, one major ward, a post-operative surgical ward, an ex-ray room, a large walking and wounded ward and a casualty over-flow ward. All spaces within the confines of the medical department, including a modern up-to-date dental clinic, are well-lighted and air-conditioned to afford the maximum in patient convalescent comfort.

Says Doctor R. L. Bouterie, "We're far better equipped than any battalion aid station or field hospital notwithstanding NSA DaNang." The stockily-built and amiable Medical Corps Lieutenant Commander, serves as Officer-in-Charge and Chief Surgeon for the surgical team on board the IWO JIMA during Deckhouse V.

During a major amphibious operation such as Deckhouse V, IWO's medical department of one doctor and 15 corpsmen is beefed up by units from the Marine Battalion participating in the landing. In Deckhouse V where Marine Battalion 1/9 was landed ashore, three doctors and 21 corpsmen from the Battalion Collecting and Clearing team are augmented into the medical facility. Specialists, consisting of three doctors and four operating room technicians, also were added to the roster. Rounding out the list are three doctors and 27 corpsmen from Battalion 1/9 and a three-man research team of doctors from DaNang.

No longer than it takes to say hypodermic needle, this vast array of medical personnel becomes fused into a cohesive staff that gives the impression it has functioned as a unit for a longer period of time.

Secondary to personnel and equipment, is the aspect of medical supplies that must be kept in huge quantities and on hand at all times. As an indication to the quantity of supplies, some 2,000 bottles of penicillin alone (considered a 10-day supply) were stocked well in advance of Deckhouse V.

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However, should the supplies be expended ("and it has happened," says Chief Hospital Corpsman R. M. Beckstead of San Diego, Calif.) the mobility afforded by being embarked in the IWO JIMA is put to good use in getting more. Says Chief Beckstead, "We can UnRep (underway replenishment) with another ship in the area, send out a helo or call in the hospital ship REPOSE if need be."

"Last year during an operation here Vietnam, we ran out of anaesthesia direly needed for two wounded men," the Chief recalled. "We had only a 20-minute supply for both, so we sent out a message to all ships in the area and got the much-needed anaesthesia in less than the required time."

Another feature of the floating medical center is its location far removed from the field of battle.

"Our location out at sea," says Dr. Bouterie, "affords the patient the additional comfort that he's not subject to mortar or grenades." "That, in itself," he says, "goes a long way toward the patient's progress."

Any type of medical treatment short of neuro-surgery can be performed on board the IWO JIMA. In cases where neuro-surgery is required, one of the ship's 24 helicopters can be sent out immediately to a hospital ashore or the USS REPOSE for disposition.

Dr. Bouterie performs all surgery during the current Deckhouse V operation. When interviewed, he had spent most of the night and early morning operating on a Vietnamese Marine.

The chronology of the Marine's plight started in a "hot zone" ashore when he caught bullets in both legs and in the lower abdominal region. The call came into the IWO JIMA during a time when she was undergoing underway replenishment some 25-30 miles out in the South China Sea. Without hesitation, the ship pulled away from the UnRep and a helicopter from Marine Helicopter Squadron 362 was sent to pick up the wounded man. -more-

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When the operation began at 10:30 p.m., the medical department had already determined that extra blood would be needed. Six units were immediately administered to the seriously-wounded man whose blood lacked the normal viscosity. (The light viscosity of his blood was said to have been the result of his normal Vietnamese diet).

At 4 a.m., Monday morning, Dr. Bouterie walked away from the surgery room and the young Marine was placed in the Intensive Care Unit. Meanwhile, the IWO JIMA crew had provided enough additional blood to meet any needs the operation might require.

"That's another outstanding feature of our location," says Dr. Bouterie. "We can ask for and get extra blood from our own crew anytime we need it."

A 200-unit supply of whole blood is kept on hand at all times. Blood obtained from the crew of IWO JIMA keeps this supply at a constant level at all times.

Similar to any hospital ashore, IWO JIMA's four wards are impeccable in appearance at all times. A special laundry system furnishes about 300 sheets daily under normal conditions and more should the need arise. In most ships, this would impose excessive demands on both laundry personnel and the water-producing system. But IWO JIMA meets the needs without any difficulty by assigning priority to the medical department's needs. And IWO JIMA is one ship, at least, in the U. S. Navy that can produce more fresh water on a daily basis than she requires.

All totalled, there seems to be little medical-wise that IWO JIMA and her medical team cannot do. With a superb staff, excellent equipment and housed in an area affording flexibility and mobility, MEDEVAC becomes a maximum effort in a minimum amount of time in saving lives.

IWO JIMA and her medical team performs the job well.

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DEDICATION KEYNOTES NAVY MEDEVAC PLAN

By: JOC Jim Ferrell

USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2) AT SEA, (Jan. 11) --- The seemingly impersonal, yet clear call comes over the inter-communication system of the assault landing ship USS IWO JIMA steaming off the Vietnam coast as part of the U. S. Seventh Fleet's Amphibious Ready Group.

"One Medevac--in-bound," the voice says.

As if it were a Pavlovian type of controlled impulse, these words spring some 70 hospital corpsmen and 13 doctors into immediate action regardless of where they are or what they are doing.

For those stationed on the flight deck, the call means grabbing their stretchers and sighting the in-bound helo as it makes its way to the ship. Others will set into operation the various paraphernalia required to handle one or more patients. A few will merely await the arrival of the patient because they have been at their stations as part of the MEDEVAC routine.

Chief Hospital Corpsman R. L. Beckstead of San Diego, Calif., may be taking advantage of a rare "breather" in the medical crew's lounge when he hears the call come over the speaker.

The bespectacled young chief will set down his coffee, grab his gear, and scramble up two decks to the flight deck to meet the in-bound helicopter.

Once the "chopper" sets down on deck, the chief and his 8-10 member crew will be grouped around the helo's hatch awaiting debarkation of the casualty. A large portion of Medevacs thus far in Operation Deckhouse V have been able to make their own way with assistance from a corpsman. For those more seriously wounded, a stretcher team off-loads them for the trip down the IWO JIMA's "Number Two" elevator.

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Within 30 seconds, the elevator has dropped three decks to the hangar deck where a station called "Stop One" awaits the patient. Here, he is stripped, given a tetanus shot and assigned a priority. This three-phased operation is called a "triage."

For the patient on the stretcher, he goes next to a table secured to a fork-lift for removal from the hangar deck to the medical center. Double doors at the aftermost and uppermost portion of the hangar swing open and the patient is smoothly transited into the Shock and Resuscitation area.

Stop Three allows for a more thorough examination of the man's wounds, the beginning of intra-venous feeding and the decision made as to where to send the patient next. For the more fortunate, they are treated on the spot and taken to the ship's huge walking and wounded ward.

"We give patients the IV's (glucose) as another means to fight infection," says Chief Beckstead. Combating infection is a salient part of the overall treatment of patients arriving at the medical station.

Those patients requiring surgery are sped into one of two operating rooms and readied for immediate surgery by one or more of the four specially trained Operating Room Technicians.

After the operation, the patient usually is transferred to the Intensive Care Unit where he remains until he has progressed far enough for removal to the regular ward.

Patients with broken bones go to the ex-ray room first and then on to a casting room. Those with "immersion foot" (a common malady in the water-logged marshlands of Vietnam's Delta which produces a crinkling of the skin from over-exposure to the water), mosquito bites, or other minor wounds, are treated and dispensed with from Stop Number Two or the Shock and Resuscitation area.

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This whirlwind operation involving a horde of corpsmen seemingly flying everywhere at one time, is repeated many times a day when an operation the stature of Deckhouse V takes place. Since the operation got underway on Jan. 5, none of the corpsmen has received a full night's sleep.

"Sleep? What's that?" quipped Chief Beckstead when asked about how much sleep he had recently been getting.

Around the clock, 24-hours-a-day for seven days a week, this group of hospital corpsmen are on the job assisting with the sick and wounded of Marine Battalion 1/9. Some are specialists in certain areas such as laboratory technicians or operating room technicians to name a few. The vast majority assists wherever needed. All have received special on-the-job lectures and training prior to the amphibious operation. From touchdown to the operating room table, no more than three minutes is needed for this fleet-footed team to handle a casualty.

Medevac has become a by-word in the Vietnamese conflict. The lives of many men are being saved daily by the swift evacuation from the battlefield.

The system is good as are the men who make it so. Long hours, hard work, and dedication seem to be part of the IWO JIMA team's way of living. Whenever they've succeeded in saving a life or getting a patient properly treated, this is the only thanks these men want. That is called dedication.

TRAINING STATISTICS1. OJTa. SLF Operations - TG 79.5

(1) A total of six officers received OJT with the SLF:

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b. OJT with III MAF

(1) A total of seven officers and four enlisted received OJT with units of III MAF. Training received encompassed the following:

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Tank Operations	1	1
Regimental Communications	1	
DASC	2	2
Supply Maintenance Procedures	2	
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2. Schools and Courses

a. The following is a listing of the formal schools and courses utilised by 9thMAB during the period 1 - 31 Jan.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>CONDUCTED BY</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
Helicopter Crew Gunner	RLT-26	34
NCO Leadership	Camp Butler	16
Vietamese Language	U.S. Army	32
Registered Publications	U.S. Navy (Japan)	6
Communications Security Cryptograph	U.S. Navy (Japan)	5
Field Radio Operator	Camp Butler	4
Field Wire	Camp Butler	5
Ammunition Technician	3rd FSR	2
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	3rd FSR	7
Audio Visual	U.S. Army	14
PACAF Jungle Survival	U.S. Air Force (Philippines)	14

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3. Amphibious Training

a. The following amphibious training was conducted during the period 1 - 31 Jan.

LEX Okinawa	BLT 2/4	31Dec - 1Jan
Submarine Trng	DivReconPlt	11-12 Jan
	BLT 1/4	

b. Company raid training for BLT 1/4 during the period 6-7 January was cancelled due to a requirement of CTF 76 to use the scheduled submarine for fleet exercises.

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 RUMGCR/USS UNION
 RUMGCR/USS PT DEFIANCE
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C. PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS FOR WORKING PARTIES, SECURITY WATCHES AND RELIEFS FOR SHIPS PLATOONS.

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E. SUBMISSION OF ALL MT AND MHE REQUIREMENTS BEYOND RLT/BLT CAPABILITY TO 5TH MAB EMB. MAB EMBO WILL ARRANGE FOR ONE RTFL, ONE FIRETRUCK

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PAGE THREE RUABQL 01332 C O N F I D E N T I A L
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BLT 1/9

P R 170429Z JAN 67
 FM CTF SEVEN NINE
 TO RUMFUV/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RUMGUAK/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 ZEN/RLT TWO SIX
 RUABSR/THIRD FSR
 RUABHT/COMFLTACTS RYUKYUS
 ZEN/CAMP BUTLER
 RUMGUAK/BLT ONE SLANT NINE
 ZEN/BLT ONE SLANT FOUR
 RUMGUAK/USS IWO JIMA
 RUMFKO/USS VANCOUVER
 RUMGCR/USS POINT DEFIANCE
 ABWD/CTU SEVEN SIX PT ZERO PT EIGHT
 RUMGUL/COMSEVENTHFLT
 INFO RUHLBP/CG FMFPAC
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SLF BLT DEBARKATION/EMBARKATION INSTRUCTIONS

A. CTF SEVEN NINE MSG 120821Z JAN 67 (NOTAL)

FMFPACO P4600.1F

C. NINTH MABO P001300.5 (NOTAL)

1. THIS MSG PROMULGATES DEBARK INSTRN FOR BLT 1/9 FM SLF AND EMBARK INSTRN FOR BLT 1/4 TO SLF. FOL INSTRN SUPPORT REF A.

2. SCHEDULE OF SHIPPING AS FOLLOWS:

SHIP	ETA	POD/POE
IWO JIMA	240800I JAN67	BUCKNER BAY
VANCOUVER	240800I JAN67	BUCKNER BAY
PT DEFIANCE (OR VANCOUVER)	240800I JAN67	OURAWAN (OFLD LVTS)
	241300I JAN67	BUCKNER BAY
		OURAWAN (LD LVTS)

TO BE DETERMINED TO BE DETERMINED
 3. BLT 1/9 WILL DEBARK UPON ARRIVAL SHIPS OKI. BLT 1/4 WILL NOT COMMENCE EMBARK UNTIL BLT 1/9 HAS COMPLETED OFFLOAD AND AT SUCH TIME AS MUTUALLY AGREED ON BY BLT 1/4 AND CO SHIP CONCERNED. CHANGE OF SLF BLT'S WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN NINETY SIX HOURS.

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4. FOR RLT-26. EXCEPT AS NOTED IN THIS MSG COORDINATE THE CHANGE OF THE SLF BLT, TO INCLUDE:

A. OFLD OF BLT 1/9 WITH B/A, LSU SUPPORT BLOCK (FRC-74) AND TEN MEDICAL SUPPORT BLOCK WHICH WAS CARRIED BY LSU IN SUPPORT OF BLT 3/26. REP PROVSERVBN WILL BE AT WHITE BCH TO ACCEPT THESE BLOCKS UPON UNLOADING. ADDITIONALLY THIS CMD INTENDS TO ISSUE BY SEP MSG DISPOSITION INSTRNS FOR ITMES ON TEMP LOAN TO BLT 1/9 AND LIST OTHER ITMES REQ TO BE LEFT FOR USE BY BLT 1/4 DURING SLF PERIOD.

B. EMBARK OF BLT 1/4 WITH NEW B/A AND REFURBISHED LSU SUPPORT BLOCK PROVIDED BY PROVSERVBN.

C. ESTAB OF EMBARK CONTROL PT WHITE BCH. INSURE PHONE WATCH AND RUNNER AVAIL FOR DURATION OF UNLOAD/LOADING.

D. ASSIGNMENT OF STAGING AREAS AT CAMPS AND WHITE BCH. PROVIDE ADEQUATE COMM & SECURITY.

E. PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS FOR WORKING PARTIES, SECURITY WATCHES AND RELIEFS FOR SHIPS PLATOONS.

F. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CORPSMAN AT WHITE BCH FOR DURATION OFLD/LD.

G. COORD MVT OF TANKS FM HANSEN TO WHITE BCH THROUGH BRIG MTO. EXCORT VEH REQ. REQ CLEARANCE FOR ALL CONVOYS THROUGH BRIG MTO.

H. ESTAB OF TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES AT WHITE BCH AND CAMPS.

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I. SUBMISSION OF ALL MT AND THE REQUIREMENTS BEYOND RLT/BLT CAPABILITY TO MAB EMBO. FOUR RTFL AND ONE FIRE TRUCK WILL BE PROVIDED AT WHITE BCH. BRIG ORD WILL ARRANGE FOR TRANS OF AMMO TO AND FM ASP AS REQ BY RLT/BLT.

J. ESTAB OF TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES AS REQ.

K. SUBMISSION OF UNLOAD/LOAD STATUS REPORTS TO BRIG EMBO WHEN OFLOAD/LOAD COMMENCES, AT 0730, 1600 DAILY AND UPON COMPLETION.

L. DELIVERY OF DETAILED RLT DEBARK ORDER/INSTN FOR SLF BLT CHANGE TO THIS HQ NLT 2212001 JAN 67.

M. ESTAB OF MESSING FACILITIES FOR WORKING PARTIES AND RTFL DRIVERS AT WHITE BCH.

5. RLT BLT 1/9.

A. BULK OF BLT WILL BILLET AT SCHWAB UNTIL EMBARKING ON NEW SHIPPING FOR RVN.

B. EXCEPT FOR LVT'S, VEH, SUPPLIES AND EQUIP FOR CARTER HALL WILL BE LEFT AT WHITE BCH.

C. VEH AND EQUIP FOR HENRICO AND WAMBURN NOT NEEDED AT SCHWAB WILL BE MOVED FROM WHITE BCH TO TENGAN STAGING AREA.

D. B/A WILL BE RETURNED TO ASP FOR TEMP STORAGE.

E. EMB INSTRNS WILL BE ISSUED SEPARATELY.

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6. FOR BLT 1/4.

A. SUPPLIES AND EQUIP TO BE EMBARKED IAW REF C. AND PARA 4. B THIS MSG. PRELOADED OPRES WILL BE USED AS PART OF SUPPLIES REQUIRED. LISTS OF PRELOADED OPRES ARE MAINTAINED BY THIS HQ.

B. SUBMIT SAILING REPORT NLT FOUR HOURS AFTER SAILING IAW REF B, INFO THIS HQ, CG FMFPAC (FWD), AND CG III MAF.

C. SUBMIT OPRES INSPECTION RPT AND SHIPBOARD ACCOMODATION RPT IAW REF B.

D. SUBMIT SIX COPIES LOADING PLANS TO THIS HQ FOR DIST TO HIGHER HQ. SUBMIT ONE COPY CORRECTED LOADING PLAN PRIOR TO SAILING.

7. FOR CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE.

A. REQ NO MCI, NO RDS AMMO BY DODAC AND AMT OF CLASS IV REQ TO REACH LEVEL PRESCRIBED BY REF C.

B. REQ PRESENT LOCATION OF LSU SUPPORT BLOCK AND 10 DAY MEDICAL SUPPORT BLOCK AND EST TIME OF OFLD.

8. FOR THIRD FSR. REQ FOUR RTFL WITH DRIVERS AT WHITE BCH 240800 JANG7 UNTIL COMPLETION OF SLF BLT CHANGE. DRIVERS WILL BE FED BY RLT-26.

9. FOR CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE. REQ SIGNALMAN W/BINOC BE PROVIDED AT LCU RAMP SIGNAL TOWER FOR DURATION OF OFLD/LD.

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10. FOR SHIPS:

A. REQ ADVISE THIS HQ IMMED IF ETA OKI DEFFERS OR CHANGES FROM THAT SHOWN IN PARA 2. REQ THIS HQ BE INFO ADEE ON LOGREQ (PRIORITY).

B. REQ SPLASH LVTS AT OURAWAN UPON ARR OKI, THEN PROCEED ANCH WHITE BCH FOR REMAINDER OFLD/LD. LVTS TO BE LOADED FM OURWAN AT TIME AGREEABLE TO CO SHIP(S) CONCERNED AND BLT 1/4. LVT CALL SIGN AT ACHWAB IS ALBANIA ALFA; FREQ FOUR SEVEN PT SEVEN.

11. FOR COMFLTACTS RYUKYUS. REQ USE OF STAGING AREAS AT WHITE BCH AND QUONSET BLDG FOR SHORE PARTY FM 23 JANG7 UNTIL COMPLETION OF LOADING.

12. FOR CTU 76.0.8. REQ TWO LCU FOR DURATION OF OFLD/LD. UTILIZATION OF LCU WILL BE COORD BY SHORE PARTY.

13. FOR CAMP BUTLER. REQ FIRE TRUCK BE POSITIONED AT WHITE BCH FM 240800I JANG7 UNTIL COMPLETION OF LOADING. TRANS REQMTS WILL

BE SUBMITTED SEP AS PLANS BECOME FIRM.

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UNCLAS E F T O
COMM-ELECT CONTACT INSTRUCTION TEAM
A. CG FMFPAC 070201Z
B. FMFPAC 1 00.6A
1. REF A ESTABLISHES SUBJ TEAM TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL
INSR ON SSX AND UNF EQUIP AT THIRD AND FOURTH
ECHOLOW SUPPMRT LEVELS IN WESTPAC COMMANDS.
2. THE PROPOSED ITENERARY PARA 5 REF A HAS BEEN
REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

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RETURN TO COMMCENTER FILES

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18 JAN
19 JAN - 24 JAN

26 JAN - 3 FEB

5 FEB

TRAVEL TO OKINAWA

3D FSR, PROV SERV BN NINTH MAB
AND MACRON SIX

FORLOGCMD, FIRST MAB AND MACRON-5

TEAM MEMBERS RETURN TO
PARENT UNITS

PIC TEAM REPORT THIS HQ TO COM-
PLETE REPORT AND FOR DEBRIEFING.

3. TEAM COMPOSITION AS FOLLOWS:

NAME	RANK	SER NO	MOS
L. A. LONG	W.O.	98986	2805
G. ECONOMY	GYSGT	611543	2861
P. M. JOHNSTON	SGT	1921450	2861
V. E. SPADE	COLLINS FIELD SUPPORT ENGINEER		

4. REQUEST ARRANGEMENTS IAW PARA 5B (3) ANF (4)
OF REF B. AND PROVIDE ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO NEXT COMMAND FOR
SUBJECT TEAM.

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 FM USS WESTCHESTER COUNTY
 TO RUABDL/BLT THREE SLANT NINE
 INFO RUABDL/CS NINTH MAB

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 ETA USS WESTCHESTER COUNTY LST-1167 2508001 JAN 67 AT
 LST RAMP NANA, OKINAWA. FROM COOF TROOPS.
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 FM CG NINTH MAB
 TO ZEN/RLT TWO SIX
 RUABSR/THIRD FSR
 RUABHT/COMFLTACTS RYUKYUS
 ZEN/BLT ONE SLANT NINE
 RUMFCR/USS HENRICO
 RUMFCR/USS WASHBURN
 RUMFCR/USS CARTER HALL
 RUABHT/CTU SEVEN SIX PT ZERO PT EIGHT
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 IN RUHLBP/CG FMFPAC
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 ZEN/ CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 RUMHMF/BLT ONE SLANT THREE
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 EMBARKATION OF BLT ONE SLANT NINE.
 A. CG NINTH MAB 092359Z JAN 67
 B. FMFPAC O P4600. IF

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- C. CG FMFPAC 222241Z JAN 67 (NOTAL)
 1. DEPLOYMENT ORDER ISSUED REF A ADVISES EMBARK INSTRNS BLT 1/9 WOULD BE ISSUED SEP. FOL INSTNS SUPPORT REF A.
 2. SCHEDULE OF SHIPPING IS AS FOLLOWS:

SHIP	ETA	POE
HENRICO	300300I JAN 67 (SEE NOTE 1)	TENGAN PIER
WASHBURN	300300I JAN 67	TENGAN PIER
CARTER HALL	300300I JAN 67	BUCKNER BAY
	TO BE DETERMINED	OURAWAN

NOTE 1. HENRICO WILL NOT BE AVAIL FOR LOADING UNTIL LFORM PRESENTLY EMBARKED IS OFFLOADED. EST TIME AVAIL 310300I JAN 67.

3. FOR RLT 26.
 A. EXCEPT AS NOTED IN THIS MSG COORDINATE THE EMBARKATION OF BLT 1/9. ORGANIZATION FOR EMBARKATION AS DETERMINED BY BLT 1/9. BLT 1/9 WILL BE COMBAT LOADED.

- B. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE EMBARKED AS FOLLOWS:
 CLASS I -THREE DAYS MCI W/TRIOXANE.
 CLASS II -T/E ALLOW PLUS OPSTOCKS. NO STOCKS OF INDIV CLOTHING ARE REQ.

CLASS III-TWO DAYS DRUMMED MOGAS, FOUR DAYS DRUMMED DIESEL AND OPSTOCKS
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OF SPEC OIL AND LUBES (PRELOADED OPRES WILL BE USED AS PART OF PRESCRIBED LOAD).

CLASS IV - FORTIFICATION MATERIAL AS FOLLOWS: 5000 SAND BAGS, 60 COILS CONCERTINA, 100 ROLLS BARBED WIRE (350FT), 200 STAKES (5FT) AND 400 STAKES (2FT).

CLASS V - BASIC ALLOWANCE (PRELOAD OPRES WILL NOT BE USED AS PART OF THE PRESCRIBED LOAD).

WHEN BLT 1/9 LANDS RVN, ABOVE SUPPLIES, EXCEPT BLT'S T/E EQUIP, OP-STOCKS AND SECURITY AMMO WILL NOT REPEAT WILL NOT BE UNLOADED. IT WILL REMAIN ABD AND CUSTODY OF IT ASSUMED BY BLT 1/3 FOR RETURN OKI AND DELIVERY TO APPROP SUPPLY ACTIVITIES. SECURITY AMMO IF OFFLOADED BY BLT 1/9 WILL BE IAW REF C. REPORT OF AMMO ASSETS UNLOADED WILL BE MADE TO FOR LOG CMD AND THIRD FSR BY PRIORITY MESSAGE.

C. COORDINATE THE FOLLOWING:

(1) OFFLOAD OF LFORM EMBARKED ABOARD HENRICO. WORKING PARTY FOR OFFLOAD TO BE PROVIDED BY RLT-26. TRANSPORTATION FOR LFORM TO BE PROVIDED BY THIRD FSR.

(2) ESTAB OF STAGING AREAS AT SCHWAB, WHITE BCH AND TENGAN. ENSURE ADEQUATE SECURITY AND COMM.

(3) SUBMISSION OF ALL MT AND MNE REQUIREMENTS BEYOND RLT/BLT

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CAPABILITIES TO MAB EMBO. MAB EMBO WILL ARRANGE FOR ONE RTFL AND DRIVER WHITE BCH, THREE RTFL AND DRIVERS AND TWELVE TLR PLATFORMS AT TENGAN PIER.

(4) ESTAB OF EMBARK CONTROL PTS AND REQD COMM AT WHITE BCH AND TENGAN. ENSURE PHONE WATCH AND RUNNER AT POE'S DURING LOADING. PROVIDE LIGHTING AT LCU RAMP AT WB (IF NEC).

(5) WORKING PARTIES WITH RELIEFS AT ALL STAGING AREAS AND POE'S.

(6) SUBMISSION OF FOL REPORTS:

(AA) LOAD STAT REPORTS-TO MAB EMBO WHEN LOADING COMMENCES, AT 1600 DAILY AND UPON COMPLETION.

(BB) PRELOADED OPRES INSPECTION REPORT, INFO THIS HQ AND CG FMFPAC (FWD).

(CC) SAILING REPORTS-NLT 4 HOURS AFTER SAILING, INFO THIS HQ AND CG FMFPAC (FWD).

(DD) REPORT OF SHIPBOARD ACCOMODATIONS

(EE) ALL REPORTS IAW REF B.

(FF) SHIPS LOADING PLANS. SIX COPIES THIS HQ FOR DIST TO HIGHER HQ. ONE CORRECTED COPY TO THIS HQ PRIOR TO SAILING.

D. DELIVER COPY OF DETAILED RLT EMBARK ORDER/INSTN FOR SUBJ EMBARK TO THIS HQ NLT 230300I JAN67.

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4. FOR SHIPS.

- A. REQ ADVISE THIS HQ IMMED IF ETA CHANGES OR DIFFERS FROM PARA TWO.
REQ INFO THIS HQ (PRIORITY) ON SHIP'S LOG REQ'S
- B. FOR HENRICO AND WASHBURN. REQ BOATS OFF AND BOOMS RIGGED PRIOR DOCKING. DESIRE TO FEED WORKING PARTIES ABOARD SHIP IF FEASIBLE.
- C. FOR CARTER HALL. REQ SIGNALMAN W/DINOC BE PROVIDED AT WHITE BCH SIGNAL TOWER UPON ARR.

5. FOR COMFLTACTS RYUKYUS. REQ POE'S SHOW IN PARA TWO. REQ USE OF STAGING AREAS AT WHITE BCH AND TENGAN PIER, AND QUONSET BLDG AT WHITE BCH COMMENCING 291200I JAN67 UNTIL COMPLETION OF LOADING.

6. FOR THIRD FSR. REQ THE FOLLOWING:

A. TWELVE TLR PLATFORM BE POSITIONED AT TENGAN PIER PRIOR TO 300730I JAN.

B. ONE RTFL WITH OPERATOR AT WHITE BCH LCU RAMP 300730I JAN67.

C. TRANS FOR OFFLOADED LFORM.

7. FOR CTU SEVEN SIX PT ZERO PT EIGHT:

A. REQ TWO LCU ON RAMP WHITE BCH ONE HOUR PRIOR ARR LSD TO ASSIST IN LOADING.

B. REQ ONE LCU LOAD ABOARD CARTER HALL WITH BLT 1/3 AND REMAIN WITH MVT GROUP UNTIL BLT 1/3 IS OFLD OKI.

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8. FOR CAMP BUTLER. REQ ONE FIRE TRUCK AT WHITE BCH AND ONE FIRE TRUCK AT TENGAN PIER 300730I JAN67. TRANS REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED SEP. GP-4

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To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade,
(Attn: ACofS G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January 1967 to 31
January 1967
Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1B
Encl: (1) Provisional Service Battalion Command Chronology
1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is
submitted.

R. M. Searles
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Acting

Provisional Service Bn, 9th MAB

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1967 to 31 January 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Provisional Service Battalion LtCol. V. J. PROSS, Jr
 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade 1 January - 31 January 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Co. Major E. S. JACZKO
 Provisional Service Battalion 1 January - 31 January 1967
 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Supply Company Major P. J. CANZANO
 Provisional Service Battalion 1 January - 31 January 1967
 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Maintenance Company Captain T. LOPUSZYNSKI
 Provisional Service Battalion 1 January - 25 January 1967
 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
 Captain W. H. BODE
 26 January - 31 January 1967

Truck Company Captain E. T. NERVO
 Provisional Service Battalion 1 January - 31 January 1967
 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

2. LOCATION

1 January - 31 January 1967: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer LtCol. V. J. PROSS, Jr
 1 January - 31 January 1967

Executive Officer LtCol. R. M. SEARLES
 1 January - 31 January 1967

S-1/Adjutant 2ndLt. G. A. HOLT
 1 January - 31 January 1967

S-2/S-3 Major J. C. HERGERT
 1 January - 26 January 1967

Captain R. C. SCHAMAY
 27 January - 31 January 1967

S-4 Major L. G. SNYDER
 1 January - 9 January 1967

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Captain W. L. HAMMACK
 10 January - 31 January 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
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Provisional Svc Bn	38	850	1	16
H&S Company	21	256		
Supply Company	8	267		
Maint Company	6	212		
Truck Company	3	115		

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period the Provisional Service Battalion performed its normal garrison supply and maintenance operations in support of the Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade on Okinawa.

LSU Support Block (FRC 74) was recovered from BLT 1/9 for rehabilitation. LSU Support Block (FRC 73) was deployed with the LSU of BLT 1/4 in support of contingency plans.

LSU 3/9 reported to the Provisional Service Battalion. Administrative Control and Operational Control was assumed by this command on 22 January 1967.

Major J. M. JURANCICH and Major E. S. JACSKO were TAD to RVN for duty in conjunction with maintenance support operations.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- 5 Jan 1967 Administrative Control of LSU 1/4 assumed by BLT 1/4. Ref: AdminO 9th MAB msg 050247ZJan67 (S).
- 6 Jan 1967 Operational Control of LSU 1/4 assumed by BLT 1/4. Ref: RLT-26 msg 060310ZJan67 (S).
- 16 Jan 1967 Major J. M. JURANCICH inspected the 3d and 4th echelon maintenance facilities of MAG-15 units located in Japan, while WO W. G. VANCE and GySgt J. E. BURCHARD conducted an engineer inspection.
- 22 Jan 1967 Operational and Administrative Control of LSU 3/9 assumed by this command. Ref: CG,9th MAB msg 110425ZJan67 (S).
- 23 Jan 1967 GySgt J. E. BURCHARD; Engineer Maintenance and GySgt J. A. TURCHIAROLO; Motor Transport Maintenance assisted 9th MAB with inspection of HMM-361 MCAF Futema.
- 25 Jan 1967 Major J. M. JURANCICH and Major E. S. JACSKO TAD to RVN for duty in connection with maintenance operations.

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8 Feb 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January 1967 to 31 January 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) Communication Support Company Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions contained in references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.
2. GP-4.


A. A. JANSSEN

Command Support Co, 9th MAB

Jan 67

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Communication Support Company
 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
 FPO San Francisco, California

Captain J. T. HOPKINS JR.
 1 Jan 67 - 20 Jan 67

Captain A. A. JANSSEN
 20 Jan 67 - 31 Jan 67

2. LOCATION

1Jan67 - 31Jan67: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Jan	09	220	00	01

PART II

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

None

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

18 January 1967 Provided a Radio Relay team to BLT 1/4

20 January 1967 Captain A. A. JANSSEN 076142/2502 relieved Captain
J. T. HOPKINS JR. 073111/2502 as Commanding Officer,
Communication Support Company, 9th Marine Amphibious
Brigade

21 January 1967 Joined one 2531, two 2532's, six 2533's, and one 2529
from CONUS for training and further transfer to rotating
BLTs

27 January 1967 Rejoined four 2531's, and three 2533's from the SLF

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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
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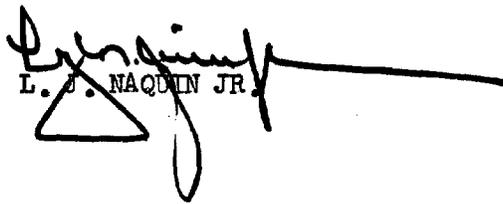
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF, FPO San Francisco 96602

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 to 31 January 1967

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L. J. NAQUIN JR.

Hq Co, 9th MAB

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Headquarters Company
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

Major J. M. LILLA

2. LOCATION

1-31Jan67: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

Major J. M. LILLA 1-31Jan67

4. AVERAGE JANUARY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
67	309	4	6	1	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. This units activities for the period concerned by this report were those of administrative and training support for the members assigned and attached to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF, FPO San Francisco 96602.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF organizations not committed to combat.

a. Personnel.

(1) The T/O for Headquarters and Headquarters Company is 62 officers and 189 enlisted men. Due to units attached and other assigned personnel responsibilities, the average strength of this unit has considerably exceeded the T/O manning level. The average strength attached units included is as follows.

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<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
68	376	4	6	1	0

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.