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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 December to 31 Dec-
ember 1967

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Lessons Learned; Operation BADGER TOOTH (NOTAL)

9th MAB B

1. Forwarded.

2. It is noted, in subparagraph i.e. of Part III of the attached chronology, that circumstances have temporarily precluded submission of BLT 1/3's December 1967 Command Chronology. Reference (d), received at this headquarters on 21 March 1968 contains, as Tab C thereto, a copy of BLT 1/3's December 1967 Command Chronology, a copy of which has been reproduced at this headquarters and inserted as Tab C, Appendix A (7), of the attached 9thMAB Command Chronology.

3. Reference (d), which lacks pages 2 and 3, and has two each of pages 5 and 6, apparently was forwarded inadvertently to this headquarters since the document's distribution list indicates copy 8 was intended for RLT-26 (Rear). By copy hereof, reference (d) is returned to the Commanding Officer, Task Group 79.4.

4. The attention of the Commandant of the Marine Corps is invited to the fact that review of Operation BADGER TOOTH's after-action

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reports, contained in Appendix A (8) of the attached chronology, should also consider reference (e).

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1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.24
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(c) FMFPAC ltr dtd 27 April 1967

Encl: (1) Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) through
(c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

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9th MAB

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HEADQUARTERS
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF and
Fleet Marine Force, SEVENTH Fleet (CTF 79)
FPO San Francisco 96602

Command Chronology

1 December 1967 to 31 December 1967

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On 1 Dec 67, Task Group 79.4, engaged in Operation BALLISTIC ARCH with OPCON of HMM-361, was embarked aboard ARG/SLF shipping off the northeast coast of RVN near the mouth of the Cua Viet River. Task Group 79.4 provided helicopter, medical, and limited logistic support for BLT 1/3 which was in Operation KENTUCKY under the OPCON of the 9th Marines. Helicopter support was also provided to the 3rd MarDiv during December. The general off-loading of BLT 1/3 was completed on 22 December and embarkation of selected items of BLT 2/4 was commenced on 24 December. COMSEVENTHFLT terminated Operation BALLISTIC ARCH at 290600H Dec67. The embarkation of selected items of BLT 2/4 continued through the remainder of December.

SLF/TG 79.5 embarked with BLT 3/1 and Det ALPHA HMM-262 aboard assigned shipping and sailed to Subic Bay, R.P. for upkeep and a REHAB/TRAINING Program during the first part of Dec 67, arriving 4 Dec 67. Until 17 Dec extensive training was conducted, with all organic equipment undergoing REHAB. This period replaced the normal TRAINING/REHAB period on Okinawa for Intra-Theater Rotation Units. The results of the BLT's training and the effectiveness of its landing plan were test on 15 and 16 Dec on a landing exercise. On 16 Dec, ARG/SLF BRAVO planners departed for III MAF Hqtrs. On 17 Dec, the ARG/SLF sailed for RVN, arriving DaNang on 19 Dec 67, at which time, the planners re-embarked. Operation FORTRESS RIDGE commenced on 21 Dec and was terminated on 24 Dec by COMSEVEN THFLT. The BLT backloaded on the 24th and spent Christmas aboard ARG shipping. Operation BADGER TOOTH commenced 26 Dec and was terminated 2 Jan 68.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF organizations committed to combat and the SLF.

a. Combat Missions Assigned: SLF/TG 79.4 continued participation in Operation BALLISTIC ARCH with BLT 1/3 under the OPCON of the 9th Marines. SLF/TG 79.5 conducted training and REHAB in Subic Bay, R.P. from 4-17 December and sailed for RVN on 19 Dec 67. Operation FORTRESS RIDGE commenced 21 Dec and was terminated 24 Dec 67. Operation BADGER TOOTH commenced 26 Dec 67 and was terminated 2 Jan 68.

b. Casualties inflicted upon the enemy:

KIA (Conf)

KIA (Prob)

41

7

c. Casualties sustained:

KIA	WIA
58	117

Casualty figures represent only SLF/TG 79.5. Command Chronology for BLT 1/3 is unavailable at this time. Will forward upon receipt.

d. A detailed analysis of new techniques employed, command relationships, equipment, logistics, civic action, administration, personnel, intelligence, communications, fire support, air support, and weather for Operation FORTRESS RIDGE and BADGER TOOTH can be found in the After Action Reports appended to the SLF 79.5 Command Chronology.

e. Circumstances have made it impossible to include the Command Chronology and After Action Report of BLT 1/3 to be included in the Command Chronology of SLF/TG 79.4. Will forward upon receipt.

2. FMF organizations not committed to combat.

a. Personnel

(1) The office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, continued normal staff functioning during the month of December.

(2) The following awards were presented/recommended for presentation during the month of December.

Silver Star Medal	9
Navy Cross Medal	1
Legion of Merit	1
Distinguished Flying Cross	1
Bronze Star Medal	13
Air Medal	357
Navy Commendation Medal	7
Navy Achievement Medal	3
Certificate of Commendation	2
Letter of Commendation	2
Treasury Department's Highest Award	1
Purple Heart	86

(3) Special Services

150 paperback books and a varied number of magazines were boxed and delivered via 9th MAB courier to 26th Marines and the two SLFs weekly.

(4) Career Advisory

Of Marines eligible for reenlistment 26.6% of the 1st Term and 100% of the career did so. The average of the eligible reenlistments is 37% for the period covered.

(5) Education

Percentage of enrollment in correspondence courses for the month of December was 26.4%. Three point eight percent of the total were completed.

(6) Marine Corps Association Membership

Marine Corps Association Membership in December was 67.9% for Officers and 31.2% for SNCOs. Average participation was 47.4%.

(7) Saving Bonds

Total participation for the month of December was 78.7%.

(8) Medical

The brigade V.D. rate for the period covered was 8.2 men per 1000 men.

(9) Legal

The following legal work was performed during the month of December.

Legal Assistance cases handled	53
NJP appeals reviewed	1
Summary Courts-Martial reviewed	3
Special Courts-Martial (Non-BCD) reviewed	4
Special Courts-Martial (BCD) reviewed	0
General Courts-Martial reviewed	0
Investigations reviewed	9
Offense/Incident Reports	20
Traffic Violations	9

b. Intelligence

(1) During the month of December 1967, the G-2 Section conducted daily intelligence orientation briefings for a total of 279 officers and 19 staff NCOs.

(2) The monthly intelligence briefing for officers from Camp Butler were also continued. Fifty two (52) officers were briefed during the reporting period.

(3) The G-2, Major J.V. KNAPP, accompanied the CG 9th MAB on a visit to the SLFs and was dispatched as the 9th MAB representative to a III MAF ARG/SLF Security Conference. The G-2 also represented TF 79 at a MACV planning conference in Saigon, RVN.

(4) The G-2, Combat Intelligence Officer, and the OOB Analyst participated in a Brigade CPX at Subic aboard TF 76 Flagship Mt McKinley.

(5) The Combat Intelligence Officer and the Assistant Combat Intelligence Officer visited the SLFs to conduct liaison with the intelligence sections and to observe ashore operations of BLT 3/1 and actual operations of SLF during operations.

c. Training

(1) During the period 1-31 December 1967, Headquarters, 9th MAB continued its role of providing training support to units of the 9th MAB. This support includes the scheduling of schools firing ranges, and other training requirements not available to units from within their own resources.

(2) OJT: Three officers and two enlisted Marines of 9th MAB performed OJT with III MAF in December with 1st MAW, III MAF Opns, MASS-3, and FLG.

(3) Schools. The schools and courses attended by personnel of the 9th MAB are included in Annex D.

d. Logistics

Significant tasks undertaken by G-4 and the G-4 cognizant staff sections are as follows:

(1) The CH-46 A/C Modification Program was completed during December 1967. This includes the final steps on 48 A/C and their loading for return to RVN. During the program, 80 CH-46 A/C were modified on Okinawa.

(2) The rehabilitation of BLT 3/1 was conducted at Subic Bay from 5-14 December. Under the auspices of the G-4, BLT equipment was inspected and repaired/replaced as required.

(3) Preliminary arrangements were made for the rehabilitation of BLT 2/4 during December. Extensive liaison

was conducted in order to insure the program's success.

(4) Planning commenced for the creation of a 9th MAB Supply Assistance Team. Its mission will involve conducting periodic inspections, provide supply assistance, and give briefings and presentations relative to current and future supply procedures.

e. Embarkation

(1) This section continued to coordinate the loading and unloading of LFORM while conducting normal office routine.

(2) In support of the REHAB of BLT 3/1 at Subic Bay, the shipment of personnel and cargo of VMGR-152 to and from Subic Bay was coordinated with FMFPAC (Fwd).

(3) The Embarkation Officer attended the 3rd Division Pre-Embark Conference for the rotation of BLT 2/4.

(4) Major CATON (Brigade Emb0) participated in the CTF 79/CTF 76 CPX (BEACH BARON II) aboard the USS MT MCKINLEY (AGC-7) from 11-13 December 1967.

(5) In support of the CH-46 Modification Program, the Embark Office coordinated and supervised the loading of CH-46 helicopters for return to RVN. On 28 December 1967, the last elements of HMM-262 were loaded aboard the USS LITCHFIELD CITY (LST-90) and the USS BELLE GROVE (LSD-2).

f. Community Relations

(1) MACS-6

(a) This month's functions augmented the squadron's continued emphasis on English instruction for local school children. Classes are conducted twice a week for forty-five children from the Henoko area and each Saturday morning for ninety students at Ginaya High Schools. In addition to participating in "Operation HAPPY FACE" in conjunction with MAG-15 at Iwakuni, Japan, a Leper Colony Christmas party, squadron personnel organized a highly successful Christmas party for local students.

(2) MAG-15

(a) The Tsunda Orphanage was visited on several occasions by volunteers in order to complete odd jobs and aid in the construction of the foundation for a new dormitory.

(b) On Christmas and on New Years Day, Akebona-Ryo Orphanage was visited. MAG-15 personnel distributed soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to the children.

(c) Four instructors conducted English classes for one hundred Japanese students from Yamaguchi and Hiroshima prefectures.

(d) Three hundred and fifty men were "Fathers For a Day" for the children who visited the static displays, attended the entertainment at the theater, and were guests for lunch during "Operation Happy Face". Each "Father" presented his guest with a jacket and two toys purchased from the "Happy Face" fund.

(3) CommSptCo

(a) During the reporting period, unit personnel held a party for the maids who are employed within the company and sixteen of their children. The party was complete with a Santa Claus and presents for the children.

(b) Ten men acted as a "Dad for a Day" in conjunction with Camp Hansen's Christmas party for the children of the Airin-En Orphanage.

(4) ProvServBn

(a) Twenty-nine children from the Airin-En Orphanage were guests at a Christmas dinner in the ProvServBn messhall in conjunction with Camp Hansen's Christmas party.

(b) On Christmas day, fifty children from the Awase Catholic Mission School were hosted by the ProvServBn officers at the Camp Hansen Officer's Club.

(c) Four English classes were conducted for approximately thirty local students of the Ishikawa High School.

(5) Brigade Chaplain

(a) Both Brigade Chaplains contributed immeasurably to the high degree of success which was enjoyed in connection with the Christmas parties sponsored by Ninth MAB and Camp Hansen. Principles were contacted by their office, and arrangements were made and expedited by their diligent efforts.

(6) Headquarters Company

(a) Five Marines were dispatched to Ginoza Jr. High School to erect three medium GP tents loaned the school to serve as temporary classrooms.

(b) Gysgt G.J. Fox donated his services and acted as the "duty Santa Claus" for all NINTH MAB Christmas Parties.

(7) RLT-26 (Rear)

(a) Two English classes were conducted each Saturday during the reporting period at the American Cultural Center in Nago City.

(b) The construction of the outdoor water closet at the Ginoga Jr. High School was completed in early Dec 67 by members of Company "A", 5th Engineer Bn, RLT-26 (Rear). The engineers also assisted by constructing three wooden frames for the GP tents being used as classrooms.

(c) On 22 December, the Commanding Officer and a working party distributed Christmas baskets of food to seventy needy families in Sedake. The distribution of rice, tea, and candy was made possible through the contribution of unit personnel.

(d) On 23 December 1967, a Christmas party was hosted at Camp Schwab for children from Kushi-Son area by RLT-26 (Rear) and MACS-6 personnel. Festivities began at the camp theater with a showing of cartoons and a concert by the 3rd MARDIV Band. Santa Claus was present to hand out stockings. A dinner followed in the MACS-6 messhall.

(e) On Christmas Eve, the personnel of RLT-26 sponsored a party at the Leprosarium on Yagaji-Shima for all members of the colony. Gifts, including clothing, soap, food, and toys for the children, were distributed to the 800 residents. A TV set, power amplifier, 10 heating stoves, 10 hearing aids, and 1,400 bars of soap were presented to the director of the colony. Entertainment was provided by a choir from Company "A", 5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion and the 3rd Marine Division Band. Gifts for the colony were made possible by contributions from the members of RLT-26, Kaya Lions Club, Sukiran Junior High School, and the WAC detachment at Camp Sukiran.

(8) Band

(a) Activities of the band assigned to the NINTH MAB for the period covered consisted of the following events:

1. III MAF Drum and Bugle Corps
 - a. Exhibition at Ginoza Jr. High School.

Ishikawa. b. Exhibition at Miyamori Primary School,

Ishikawa. c. Exhibition at Sheromya Primary School,

2. Third Marine Division Band

Hospital. a. Concert - Christmas party at the TB

Health Hospital. b. Concert - Christmas party at the Mental

with the 3rd FSR party c. Concert - Christmas party in conjunction
at Hamahika-Shima.

d. Concert - Christmas party at Camp Schwab.

e. Concert - Christmas party at the Leper Col-
ony.

High School. f. Concert - Christmas party at Ginoza Jr.

g. Communications-Electronics

The Communications-Electronics Office has conducted normal business during the reporting period. Planning comprised the bulk of the section's activities.

h. Financial

Significant fiscal transactions occurring during the month of December are as follows:

(1) BPN 01 - Flight Operations. On 21 December 1967 \$41,500 was withdrawn as being excess to the Brigade's second quarter requirements. However, due to non-receipt of aerial refueling credits, it was necessary on 27 December 1967 to request additional funding from CG, FMFPac in the amount of \$11,000. In addition, CG, FMFPac authorized deficit spending up to the total amount of the aerial refueling credits held.

(2) BPN 08 - Aviation Consolidated Allowance List (Supply Officers' Stores). On 6 December 1967, \$5,225 was withdrawn as being excess to the Brigade's second quarter requirements.

(3) BPN 09 - General Aviation Collateral Equipment. No

additional funds were received and none were required.

(4) BPN 21 - Aeronautical TAD. On 16 December 1967, \$6,846 was received to fund aviation TAD requirements for the remainder of the quarter. \$5,391 was provided to fund VMFA-542 temporary deployment to Naha for ordnance training and \$1,455 for Boeing Vertal transportation costs. On 10 December 1967, \$1,500 was withdrawn as being excess to the Brigade's second quarter requirements.

(5) BPN 50 - Aviation Maintenance. Due to a change in policy, CG, FMFPAC msg 292219Z Dec67, BPN 50 reservations are no longer considered as actual fund commitments by which BPN 08 procurement authority can be exceeded. As a result of this policy \$25,000, which was set aside for this purpose, was withdrawn as being excess to the Brigade's second quarter's requirements.

(6) BPN 11 - Maintenance of Expeditionary Equipment. During this month \$9,700 additional funding was requested. Of the amount requested \$4,850 was received. Reprogramming actions among programs during this reporting period were as follows:

<u>Program Code</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>
L	\$2,000
M	(600)
U	(400)
Z	(1,000)

(7) BPN 11 O&M, MC. No additional funding received. CG, FMFPAC was provided with third quarter requirements and advised that \$16,840 of second quarter authorization was in excess to the Brigade's needs.

(8) Project 11 OpBud. No further funding was received during this period.

(9) Project 10 OpBud Medical and Dental. No further funding was received during this period.

3. Chronological Listing of Events

- 2Dec67 - The ARG/SLF 79.5 with BLT 3/1 and Det ALPHA HMM-262, sailed for Subic Bay, R.P. (Annex 8)
- 4Dec67 - ARG/SLF 79.5 remained at Subic Bay for upkeep and
to REHAB/TRAINING. (Annex 8)
- 17Dec67
- 8Dec67 - Representatives from BLT 2/4 Staff came aboard ARG/SLF 79.4 shipping to conduct liaison concerning forth coming embarkation. (Annex 7)

- [REDACTED]
- 9Dec67 - CG 9th MAB off-island visiting RVN.
to
12Dec67
- 13Dec67 - CG 9th MAB observes 9th MAB CPX at Subic Bay, R.P.
to
14Dec67
- 15Dec67 - ARG/SLF 79.5 conducted a landing exercise in con-
to nection with their REHAB/TRAINING Program. (Annex 8)
16Dec67
- 17Dec67 - ARG/SLF 79.5 departed Subic Bay for RVN (Annex 8)
- 21Dec67 - Operation FORTRESS RIDGE commenced with the landing
of BLT 3/1 by surface craft and helicopters in Quang
Tri Province, RVN. Operation terminated by COMSEVEN-
THFLT 250030Z Dec67. (Annex 8)
- 26Dec67 - Operation BADGER TOOTH commenced in QUANG TRI and
THUA THIEN Provinces, RVN. Operation terminated
021008Z Jan68 by COMSEVENTHFLT. (Annex 8)
- 29Dec67 - CG 9th MAB visited MAG-15 at Iwakuni.
to
31Dec67

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUPPORTING
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTSAppendicies

A. Command Chronology of Supporting Units

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- End*
- (1) ✓ HqCo TG 79.0, 9th MAB, Command Chronology
 - (2) ✓ CommSptCo, TG 79.1, Command Chronology
 - (3) ✓ 26th Marine Regiment, TG 79.2 Command Chronology
 - (4) ✓ RLT-26 (Rear), TG 79.2, Command Chronology
 - (5) ✓ 1stBn, 13th Marines, Command Chronology
 - (6) ✓ MAG-15, TG 79.3, Command Chronology
 - (7) ✓ SLF/TG 79.4, Command Chronology
 - (a) The Command Chronology for SLF/TG 79.4 is contained herein minus the submission from BLT 1/3. Will forward the BLT 1/3 submission upon receipt.
 - (8) ✓ SLF/TG 79.5, Command Chronology
 - (9) ✓ ProvServBn, TG 79.8, Command Chronology

B. ✓ Training Statistics

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TF 79 BGen J.E. GLICK
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company/TG 79.0	Maj R.C. HAGERTY 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Communications Support Company (Rein) TG 79.1	Maj A.C. KELLEY JR. 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
RLT 26/TG 79.2	Col D.E. LOWNDS 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
26th Marines (Fwd)	Col D.E. LOWNDS 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
RLT 26 (Minus) (Rear)	LtCol R.D. ALEXANDER 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
First Battalion Thirteenth Marines	LtCol T.J. COYLE 1Dec67 to 9Dec67 LtCol J.A. HENNLEY 9Dec67 to 31Dec67
Marine Aircraft Group 15/TG 79.3	Col W.C. KELLOGG JR. 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Special Landing Force Alfa/TG 79.4	Col J.A. CONWAY 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Special Landing Force Bravo/TG 79.5	Col M.W. SCHMIDT 1Dec67 to 31 Dec67
Provisional Service Battalion/TG 79.8	LtCol T.W. BURKE 1Dec67 to 31Dec67

2. LOCATION

1 December 1967 to 31 December 1967: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff Col J.A. ETHERIDGE
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

[REDACTED]	
Staff Secretary	Capt P.M. BURTON 1Dec67 to 15Dec67 2Lt W.O.P. SNEAD III 16Dec67 to 31Dec67
Aide-de-Camp	Capt R.D. KOEHLER 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Sgt Major	SgtMaj T.H. HUGHES 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
G-1	LtCol G.H. BENSKIN 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
AG-1	Capt O.M. THOMPSON 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Adjutant	Capt O.H. HIGGINS 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
PerO	Maj R.G. LEIDICH 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
APerO	1Lt D.H. STEPHENS 1Dec67 to 31Dec67 1Lt J.E. GOODINE 1Dec67 to 31Dec67 2Lt D.W. KELLY 1Dec67 to 29Dec67 1Lt J.M. WOODS 29Dec67 to 31Dec67
Civil Affairs Officer	Capt R.J. SEXTON II 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
S&C Officer	1Lt R.J. MARIZ 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Registered Pub Officer	2Lt W.R. PAINTER 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Legal Officer	Capt J.R. WINGERT 1Dec67 to 17Dec67 Capt R.D. LANE 17Dec67 to 31Dec67
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Maj J.V. KNAPP 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
AG-2	Maj H.S. JOLLEY 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Combat Intelligence Officer	Capt B.J. BORCHELT 1Dec67 to 31Dec67

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Combat Intelligence Officer	1Lt R.D. TEMPLETON 1Dec67 to 28Dec67 1Lt J.F. AUDERER III 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Special Security Officer	Maj H.S. JOLLEY 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	LtCol B.F. MEYERS 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
AG-3	LtCol A. NOVAK 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Operations Officer	LtCol L.C. WITT 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Assistant Operations Officer	LtCol D.J. QUICK 1Dec67 to 31Dec67 Capt D.W. DADISMAN 1Dec67 to 15Dec67
Plans Officer	Maj R.T. MACPHERSON 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Training Officer	Maj R.W. COCHERAN 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Air Officer	LtCol J.H. REINHART 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Assistant Air Officer	Capt D.J. BACCITICH 1Dec67 to 31Dec67 Capt T. TAFOYA 27Dec67 to 31Dec67
Assistant Plans Officer	None
Artillery Officer	Capt G.D. BERGER 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
NBC Officer	Capt J.A. MURRAY 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Naval Gunfire Officer	LCdr J.R. LOMAX 1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	Col W.A. BUTCHER 1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Assistant G-4

LtCol P.R. FIELDS
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Assistant G-4 (AVN)

LtCol J.H. WAGNER
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Logistics Officer

LtCol J.A. COMO
1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Maj W.T. COOK
1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Maj J.J. O'BRIEN
1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Capt G.B. FILE
1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Capt N.J. LADUCA
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Aviation Logistics Officer

Maj R.G. BUSTOS
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Embarkation Officer

Maj J.R. CATON
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Supply Officer

LtCol W.R. JOHNSON
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Assistant Supply Officer

Maj I.C. HILL
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Ordnance Officer

Maj W.L. LANG
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Aviation Ordnance Officer

None

Motor Transport Officer

Maj W.L. SNYDER
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Brigade Surgeon

Capt S.W. MORGAN
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Medical Admin Officer

LCdr H.M. GOON
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

The Comptroller

LtCol P.P. PIRHALLA
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Budget Officer

CWO-4 P.H. LEAHY
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Communications - Electronics Officer

LtCol R.M. STEWART
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Assistant Comm Electronics Officer

Maj W.B. LUDWICK
1Dec67 to 31Dec67
Maj R.D. BLOOMFIELD
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Brigade Informational Services Officer Capt J.L. KERSHNER
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

Brigade Chaplain Cdr L.L. MC DONALD
1Dec67 to 31Dec67

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	DECEMBER					
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Hq. Co. (79.0)	90	399	5	7		
Comm Spt Co.	9	186	0	2		
RLT 26	37	543	7	45		
MAG 15	249	2104	7	32		
SLF "A"	104	1641	9	75		
SLF "B"	91	168	8	93		
Prov Serv Bn	43	841	1	130		
Total	628	7369	37	266		

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December, the 9th MAB continued to perform the assigned missions of intra-theater rotation of selected ground and aviation units, rehabilitation of equipment, replacement of personnel, training of rotating squadrons, and contingency planning as the Fleet Marine Force component of the SEVENTH Fleet.

In December, the 26th Marines continued to execute Operation SCOTLAND which began on 1 Nov 67. The most significant development during the period was a marked increase in enemy activity. Reconnaissance teams made nine contacts, and infantry patrols accounted for three. These were brief and at extremely close range. The 3rd Bn, 26th Mar joined the Regiment on 13 Dec 67 and commenced an operation west of hill 8818 on 21 Dec 67. Upon its completion, the 1st Bn, 26th Mar initiated a four day search and destroy operation north of the combat base. Despite Christmas and New Year cease fires from 1800 on 24 Dec 67 to 1800 on 25 Dec 67 and for 36 hrs during the New Year period, enemy activity remained high throughout the month, and intelligence reports give reason to believe that it will continue during January.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. to 31. December 1967

PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

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

Major R.C. HAGERTY

ATTACHED UNITS

1. UNIT

3rd Marine Division Band (1 to 31 Dec 1967)

2. LOCATION- 1 to 31 Dec 1967, Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. OFFICERS- Commanding Officer R. C. HAGERTY

4. AVERAGE NOVEMBER 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>
89	426	5	7	3	40

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. This unit's activities for the period covered 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.

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF organization not committed to combat.

A. Personnel.

(1) The T/O for Headquarters and Headquarters Company is 91 Officers and 298 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>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
92	466

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
5	7

<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	0

b. Training

(1) Requalification firing for this period is as follows:

<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	
<u>RIFLE</u>	<u>PISTOL</u>	<u>RIFLE</u>	<u>PISTOL</u>
1	0	35	0

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. NONE

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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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28 Dec 67

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 December 1967 to 31 December 1967
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.1C

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. This letter becomes unclassified upon detachment of Enclosure (1).

R. C. Kelley Jr.
R. C. KELLEY JR.

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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 December 1967 to 31 December 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

COMMUNICATION SUPPORT COMPANY
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
FPO San Francisco, California

COMMANDER

Major R. C. KELLEY JR.
1 December 1967 - 31 December 1967

2. LOCATION

1 December 67 to 31 December 67: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
DEC	03	190	00	02

PART II

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

During the month of December this command conducted intensive MOS training and required GMS training in order to maintain a state of combat readiness despite the continued high rate of personnel turnover. During December the command transferred 22 enlisted personnel while joining 4 enlisted personnel and 2 officers.

Physical Readiness Test 4th Quarter CY-67 was conducted on 6 and 9 December for port and starboard sections respectively.

General Military Proficiency Testing was conducted on 13 and 16 December for all personnel not having been tested during the preceding two quarters.

M-14 Rifle requalification firing was completed 22 December bringing to 98.9 the total percentage of command personnel to fire during the calendar year 1967.

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Radio Relay Platoon conducted a field communication exercise 27 thru 29 December with radio sites at Camp Schwab, RLT-26, and Camp Hansen. The exercise was conducted to familiarize new personnel and refresh experienced personnel in radio relay installation, communication and displacement procedures.

On-the-job training in ground communication was provided for two Republic of the Philippine Marines for a period of about 60 days ending 29 December. Training was provided in operation of equipment, preventive maintenance, installation, operating procedures, communication logs, message handling, and supply procedures in Radio, Radio Relay, Communication Center and Wire.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

6 & 9 Dec 67	Physical Readiness Test
13 & 16 Dec 67	General Military Proficiency Testing
22 Dec 67	M-14 requalification firing completed for CY-67
27 thru 29 Dec 67	Radio Relay Platoon field comm exercise
29 Dec 67	On-the-job training for two Philippine Marines concluded

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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HEADQUARTERS
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

3/AVR/dew
5750
22 Jan 1968

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

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

Ref: (a) MCO - 5750.2
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) Brig O 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Provisional Service Battalion Command Chronology.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

T. W. Burke
T. W. BURKE

Gen. DeWitt, 9th MAB

Dec 1967

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HEADQUARTERS
Provisional Service Battalion
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 DEC 1967 to 31 DEC 1967

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Headquarters and Service Company	17	190	1	9
Supply Company	8	198	0	0
Maintenance Company	2	45	0	0
Truck Company	$\frac{4}{31}$	$\frac{65}{498}$	$\frac{0}{1}$	$\frac{0}{9}$
Sub Unit #1	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
	8	244	0	2

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. T. W. BURKE
1 Dec 1967 - 31 Dec 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major E. L. DICKSON
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1967

Supply Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major J. M. WINBERG
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1967

Maintenance Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major D. W. WILSON
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1967

Truck Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Capt. A. S. EVERISS
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1967

Sub Unit #1
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major W. H. METSCHER
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1967

2. 1 Dec - 31 Dec 1967, Camp Hansen, Okinawa:

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

Lt. Col. T. W. BURKE
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1967

Executive Officer

Lt. Col. J. F. CONLON
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1967

S-1 Adjutant

Lt. D. F. JOHNSON
1 Dec - 15 Dec 1967

Lt. R. W. FULLER
16 Dec - 31 Dec 1967

S-2/S-3

Major A. V. ROCHA
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1967

S-4

Major P. R. STINGLEY
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1967

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period covered by this report normal garrison supply and maintenance operations in support of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade continued.

In addition the Provisional Service Battalion was visited by the Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. Resumes were supplied in regards to progress on Mount Out Blocks held by this Battalion, also Storage Building T-168 and T-173 were visited. Mount Out Blocks were shown in their positioned stage ready to be made available for BLT rehabilitation.

SSgt GILES and Sgt BRICKLEY, both of H&S Company, graduated from the Army Special Action Force Jump Masters School. SSgt GILES was graduated Honor Man of that Class.

The Stock Account and Storage Sections conducted a reconciliation of IP-93. A complete inventory of items was held. These were matched against the balance cards held by Stock Account Section. New balances were posted on the Locator Cards, and then matched, with the new corrected balance on hand. Medical Supplies received from BLT 3/1 were inventoried and used or damaged items were replaced. An initial Supply of L-Form Material was forwarded to Camp Foster for further shipment to Subic Bay, Phillipines to be embarked aboard the USS Valley Forge, LPH 8.

The rehabilitation project of BLT-3/1 was completed. In all 2335 end items were received on 1342 work orders. All but eleven (11) end items were repaired. Five (5) items of combat essential equipment are presently on involuntary deadline. Reports have been submitted and required parts are on valid Priority O2 requisition. The rehab project was conducted on an around the clock basis. Also during this period Sub Unit #1 was visited by RAdm BEHERNA - CO, US Naval Base, Subic Bay, MajGen BOUKER, - CG, FMFPac (Fwd), BrigGen GLICK - CG, 9th MAB (2 visits), with favorable comments.

SECTION III

CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

- 7 Dec 1967 Brigadier General J. E. GLICK, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, visited Headquarters and Service Company and Supply Company's Storage Section warehouses: Bldg's T-168 and T-173.
- 9 Dec 1967 Two (2) Officers and Seven (7) enlisted men graduated from the Basic Airborne Training Center, Jump School at Camp Courtney.
- 15 Dec 1967 The Stock Account and Storage Sections reconciled IP-93's Balance cards and Locator Cards and Stocks.
- 22 Dec 1967 Two men of Headquarters and Service Company, Provisional Service Battalion graduated from the Army Special Action Forces Jump Masters School.
- 1 - 15 Dec 1967 (1) Rehabilitation project of BLT 3/1 completed. Detailed report on all phases of the maintenance operation are being prepared by LtCol JOHNSON.

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APPENDIX B

TRAINING STATISTICS

1. OJT With III MAF

a. A total of three officers and two enlisted men completed OJT with units of III MAF during the period 1-31 December 1967. Training received encompassed the following:

<u>UNITS TRAINED WITH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
MASS-3 1st MAW	2	
1st MAW	1	
III MAF operations		1
Heavy Equipment FLG		1

2. Schools. The following is a listing of the schools and courses utilized by 9th MAB during the period 1-31 December 1967.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
NCO Leadership	16
Vietnamese Language	9
Registered Publications	6
Career Advisory	1

3. BRIGADE COMMAND POST EXERCISE

a. During the period 10-14 December a CPX was conducted by 9th MAB, in the Philippines. No major problems were encountered.

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