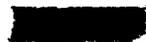


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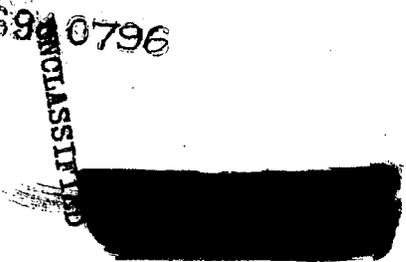
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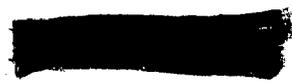
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From: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
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Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 Mar to 31 Mar 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8

Encl: (1) 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

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JOHN LOWMAN
Chief of Staff

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

Command Chronology

1 Mar 1969 to 31 Mar 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TF 79

BGen J.E. WILLIAMS
1Mar69 to 31Mar69SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Maj J.C. CREGAN
1Mar69 to 31Mar69Communications Support Company
(Rein) TG 79.1Capt D.R. STOUGHTON
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

26th Marines

Col R.N. JOENS
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

RLT-26 (Rear)/TG 79.2

Maj O.J. BUTLER
1Mar69 to 3Mar69
Maj J.M. HARRISON
4Mar69 to 12Mar69
LtCol C.E. KNOWLES
13Mar69 to 31Mar69

First Battalion Thirteenth Marines

LtCol J.B. CANTIENY
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

Marine Aircraft Group 15/TG 79.3

Col C.T. CORCORAN
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

Special Landing Force Alfa/TG 79.4

Col J.F. MCMAHON
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

Special Landing Force Bravo/TG 79.5

Col A.E. COFFEEN
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

Provisional Service Battalion/TG 79.8

Col W.C. DOTY
1Mar69 to 29Mar69
Maj R.C. KARGOL
29Mar69 to 31Mar692. LOCATION

1 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff	Col J. LOWMAN, JR. 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
Staff Secretary	Capt J.R. FURLEIGH 1Mar69 to 24Mar69 Capt R.W. CRAIN 25Mar69 to 31Mar69
Aide-de-Camp	2ndLt P.B. GRIFFITH 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
Sgt Major	SgtMaj F.W. BLISS 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
G-1	Capt R.H. AMBROSE 1Mar69 to 4Mar69 LtCol K.L. LYNN 5Mar69 to 31Mar69
Adjutant	Maj R.E. DOLAN 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
AG-1	Capt R.E. AMBROSE 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
Chaplain (Protestant)	Cmdr G.W. FULFER 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
Chaplain (Catholic)	Lt F.J. GILL 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
G-2	LtCol C.A. JORGENSEN 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
AG-2	1stLt E.J. BOYSER 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
G-3	Col C.W. HUNTER 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
AG-3	LtCol W.M. KULL 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
Air Officer	Maj D.E. JACOBSEN 1Mar69 to 31Mar69

G-4

LtCol S.B. MCCARTY
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

AG-4

LtCol R. MCARTHUR
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

Brigade Surgeon

Capt R.W. JONES
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

Medical Admin Officer

LCdr J.R. SOLLMAN
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

Comptroller

LtCol V.A. RUV0
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

Communications-Electronics Officer

LtCol R.C. STOCKTON
1Mar69 to 31Mar69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

March

	USMC AG	OFF NA	USMC ENL	NAVY OFF	NAVY ENL
HqCo, 9th MAB	74	7	428	7	12
CommSptCo	13	0	200	0	2
ProvServBn	36	0	656	1	22
RLT-26	28	0	498	7	94
MAG-15	83	121	1686	6	27
SLF A	63	53	1894	9	95
SLF B	72	42	1995	9	97
1/13	26	0	361	2	8
26 Mar	71	4	1666	5	57
5th 155 Guns	9	0	180	0	6
Total	<u>475</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>9564</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>420</u>

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 March, the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade celebrated its' 3rd anniversary. During the month Brigadier General WILLIAMS hosted and briefed a number of distinguished visitors including Major General YOUNGDALE USMC, Lieutenant General NICKERSON USMC, and the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; Lieutenant General WALT USMC. He also met and held discussions with Admiral MCCAIN USN, CINCPACFLT. He attended the monthly area commanders conference, inspected 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade units in the Republic of Viet Nam, met with COMSEVENTHFLT in Yokosuka, Japan and attended the change of command for Marine Air Control Squadron-8 at Camp Schwab.

BLT 2/26 participated in operations Eager Pursuit I & II on Goi Noi Island under the operational control of 1st MarDiv. HMM 362 was off loaded from their ARG shipping and came under operational control of 1st Marine Air Wing.

BLI 3/26 participated in operation Taylor Common, Defiant Measure II, and Oklahoma Hills. HMM 164 reembarked in ARG shipping for the support of BLI 3/26 on operation Oklahoma Hills after being used in support of Marine Air Group-39.

Marine Air Group-15 continued to provide KC-130 augmentation to 1st Marine Air Wing. VMFA-122 arrived at Iwakuni, Japan after a 45 day conventional weapons training deployment at Cubi Pt, Republic of the Philippine Islands. which resulted in upgrading the squadron training to a C-2 category.

The Provisional Service Battalion (TG 79.8) staged and loaded selected equipment on the USS WINDHAM COUNTY for use in rehabilitation of 1/26 scheduled in April.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. FMF organizations committed to combat and the SLF

a. For details of actions involving 9th MAB units committed to combat, see the Command Chronology of subordinate units attached as appendices.

b. Casualties inflicted upon the enemy:

KIA (Conf)	KIA (Prob)	POW
102	0	3

c. Casualties sustained:

KIA	WIA	MIA
35	319	0

d. The following awards were presented/recommended for presentation during the month of March:

Legion of Merit	1
Silver Star	2
Distinguished Flying Cross	7
Bronze Star Medal	21
Air Medal	10
Navy Commendation Medal	52
Navy Achievement Medal	80
Purple Heart	253
Letter of Appreciation	1

2. FMF organizations not committed to combat

a. Personnel

(1) Special Services

200 books were delivered via 9th MAB courier to the 26th Marines and the two SLFs.

(2) Career advisory

Reenlistment by career categories for the month of January was as follows:

<u>1st Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
23.8%	100.0%	48.5%

(3) Education

Enrollment and course completion during the month of March were as follows:

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Course Completion</u>
11.8%	0.5%

(4) Savings Bonds

Total participation in the Savings Bond Program for the month of Mar was 67.9%.

(5) Legal

General Courts-Martial Tried	3
Article 32 Investigation	6
Article 32 Investigations Reviewed	7
Special Courts-Martial Tried	8
General Courts-Martial Reviewed	4
Special Courts-Martial (BCD) Reviewed	0
Special Courts-Martial (NON BCD) Reviewed	2
Summary Courts-Martial Reviewed	5
Admin Board Representations	2
NJP Appeals Reviewed	6
Admin Discharges Reviewed	6
Investigations Reviewed	14
Legal Assistance Cases Handled	10
Offense/Incident Reports	21
Lawyers off island assisting subordinate unit CO's	5
Formal Investigations Held	0
Inspection of on Island Units	1

b. Training

(1) During the month of Mar 1969, G-3 Training, 9th MAB continued in its role of providing training support to the units of the 9th MAB. The support consisted of scheduling schools, firing ranges and other training areas.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTSAPPENDICES

A. Command Chronology of Supporting Units

- (1) Staff Sections CTF 79, 9th MAB Command Chronology
 (2) HqCo TG 79.0, 9th MAB Command Chronology
 (3) CommSptCo, TG 79.1, Command Chronology
 (4) 26th Marines Regiment, Command Chronology
 (5) Sub Unit #2 HqCo 26th Marines Command Chronology
 (6) 1st Bn 13th Marines Command Chronology
 (7) MAG-15, TG 79.3, Command Chronology
 (8) SLF/TG 79.4, Command Chronology
 (9) SLF/TG 79.5, Command Chronology
 (10) ProvServBn, TG 79.8, Command Chronology
- 155 mm gun Bn*

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B. News Releases

- (1) Release Number 29-69
 (2) Release Number 30-69
 (3) Release Number 31-69
 (4) Release Number 32-69
 (5) Release Number 33-69
 (6) Release Number 34-69
 (7) Release Number 35-69
 (8) Release Number 36-69
 (9) Release Number 37-69
 (10) Release Number 38-69
 (11) Release Number 39-69

19 May 1969

*From: Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3*

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 March 1969

Ref: BrigO 5750.1C

1. Location: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

2. Staff Officer: Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, First Lieutenant Parker B. Griffith, 0105107 USMC 1-31 March 1969.

3. Narrative Summary. On 1 March, Brigadier General Hise arrived on Okinawa, departing on the 2nd. On 3 March Rear Admiral Rotridge visited 9th MAB. On the 7th General Williams departed Okinawa to visit 9th MAB units in the Republic of Vietnam, returning on the 9th.

On 10 March, the Deputy Commanding General, III MAF, Major General Youngdale arrived on Okinawa. On 12 March, General Williams attended a Change of Command ceremony at MACS-8. Lieutenant General Nickerson arrived on Okinawa on the afternoon of the 12th. On the 13th Lieutenant General Nickerson attended a briefing at 9th MAB. General Youngdale departed Okinawa on the 13th. On the 14th General Nickerson departed Okinawa.

On the 20th General Williams departed Okinawa for Atsugi, returning the 22nd. On the 24th, General Williams hosted three visiting Japanese dignitaries.

On the 26th Vice Admiral and Mrs. McCain arrived on Okinawa. On the 27th General Williams attended a briefing for Admiral McCain at USARYIS Headquarters. Admiral and Mrs. McCain departed Okinawa on the evening of the 27th.

Aide-de-Camp to CG, 9th MAB

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On 30 March the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lieutenant General Walt arrived at Futema. On the 31st General Walt visited 9th MAB Headquarters for an awards ceremony and a briefing by General Williams.

4. Sequential listing of significant events:

- 1 Mar BGen Hise arrived Okinawa
- 2 Mar BGen Hise departed Okinawa
- 3 Mar RAdm Rotridge visited CG, 9th MAB
- 7 Mar CG, 9th MAB off-island; visiting 9th MAB units in Vietnam
- 9 Mar CG, 9th MAB returned to Okinawa
- 10 Mar MGen Youngdale, Dep CG, III MAF arrived Okinawa
- 12 Mar LtGen Nickerson arrived Okinawa
- 13 Mar LtGen Nickerson attended briefing at 9th MAB
- 13 Mar MGen Youngdale departed Okinawa
- 14 Mar LtGen Nickerson departed Okinawa
- 20 Mar CG, 9th MAB off-island; visiting 9th MAB units at Atsugi
- 22 Mar CG, 9th MAB returned to Okinawa
- 24 Mar CG, 9th MAB visited by three Japanese dignitaries
- 26 Mar VAdm and Mrs. McCain arrived Okinawa
- 27 Mar CG, 9th MAB attended briefing at USARYIS Headquarters
- 27 Mar VAdm and Mrs. McCain departed Okinawa

- 30 Mar LtGen Walt, Asst/CMC arrived Okinawa
- 31 Mar LtGen Walt visited 9th MAB
- 31 Mar CG, 9th MAB attended dinner in honor of LtGen Walt

Very respectfully,



PARKER B. GRIFFITH
1STLT USMC

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From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) Command Chronology (G-1) for the month of March 1969.

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

Keith "L" Lynn
KEITH "L" LYNN

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"CONFIDENTIAL"CHRONOLOGY

Part I

1. Designation

G-1

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

Capt R. H. AMBROSE
1-4 March 1969LtCol K. "L" LYNN
5-31 March 19692. Location

1-31 March 1969; Okinawa

3. Staff Officers

Assistant G-1

Capt R. H. AMBROSE
1-31 March 1969

Personnel Officers

Capt D. O O'DELL
1-31 March 1969Capt J. E. GARAVAGLIA
1-31 March 1969Civil Affairs/Community Relations
Coordinator/Provost Marshall1stLt W. R. YOUNG
1-31 March 1969

Legal Officer

Maj L. G. BOHLEN
1-31 March 1969

Adjutant

Maj R. E. DOLAN
1-31 March 1969

S&C Officers:

1stLt G. P. THOMPSON
1-31 March 19691stLt G.P. OSPER
1-31 March 1969Career Advisory/Education/Special
Services Officer1stLt W. R. YOUNG
1-31 March 1969

Informational Services Officer

CWO-3 W. F. DRISCOLL
1-31 March 1969

Chaplain (Protestant)

Cdr G. W. FULFER
1-31 March 1969

Chaplain (Catholic)

Lt F. J. GILL
1-31 March 1969**"CONFIDENTIAL"**

4. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

	USMC AG	OFF NA	USMC ENL	NAVY OFF	NAVY ENL
HqCo	74	7	428	7	12
CommSptCo	13	0	200	0	2
ProvSerBn	36	0	656	1	22
RLT-26	28	0	498	7	94
MAG-15	83	121	1686	6	27
SLF A	63	53	1894	9	95
SLF B	72	42	1995	9	97
1/13	26	0	361	2	8
26 MAR	71	4	1666	5	57
5th 155Guns	9	0	180	0	6
TOTAL	475	227	9564	46	420

Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Normal staff functioning for the ACoS, G-1

Part II

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF organization not committed to combat.

- a. Administration

(1) The following awards were presented/recommended for members of the Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF.

Navy Cross-0
 Silver Star Medal-2
 Legion of Merit-1
 Distinguished Flying Cross-7
 Bronze Star Medal-2
 Air Medal-10
 Navy Commendation Medal-52
 Navy Achievement Medal-80
 Purple Heart Medal-253
 Certificated of Commendation-0
 Letter of Appreciation-1

- (2) Casualty Reporting

Fifty nine members of this Command were killed in action.

- (3) Legal The following legal work was performed.

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General courts-martial tried-3
 Article 32 Investigations-6
 Article 32 Investigations reviewed-7
 Special courts-martial tried-8
 General courts-martial reviewed-4
 Special courts-martial (BCD) reviewed-0
 Special courts-martial (NON-BCD) reviewed-2
 Summary courts-martial reviewed-5
 Vacation of suspension reviewed-0
 Admin Board representations-2
 NJP Appeals reviewed-6
 Admin Discharge reviewed-6
 Investigations reviewed-14
 Legal Assistance cases handled-10
 Offense/Incident reports-21
 Lawyers off island assisting subordinate unit CO's-5
 Formal investigations held-1
 Inspection of on island subordinate units-1

(4) Special Services

(a) Two hundred books were delivered via 9thMAB courier to 26th Marines and to the two SLF's.

(5) Career Planning

(a) Reenlistment by career categories from the 1st through the 31st of March 1969 was as follows:

<u>1st Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
23.8%	100%	48.5%

(6) Education

(a) Enrollment and Course Completion during the month of March were as follows:

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Course Completion</u>
11.8%	0.5%

(7) Saving Bonds

(a) Total participation for the period was 67.93%

(8) PMO

(a) Offense/Incident reports - 31

(b) Traffic Violations - 11

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"CONFIDENTIAL"b. Medical

(1) The Brigade VD rate for this period was ~~2.75%~~^{2.75%} per 1000 men (2.75%) for Okinawa based units.

c. Community Relations

(1) Sub Unit #2, HqCo 26th Marines

a. On 3 March 1969, Sub Unit #2 donated two basketball rims and nets to the school in Kushi.

b. On 5 March 1969, this command donated 6 large boxes of assorted bandage and other medical supplies to the leper colony on Yagaji Island.

c. On 15 March 1969, a letter of appreciation was presented to the Camp Commander, Camp Schwab, by the Director of the Ryukyuan - American Cultural Center in Nago-Cho for a basketball and volleyball court constructed by Company A, 5th Shore Party during September 1968. The court is 84' X 42' enclosed by a 300 foot fence. This ceremony was attended by the Director of Cultural Centers in the Ryukyuan Islands, the Mayor of Nago and other dignitaries.

d. On the evening of 15 March 1969, a welcome aboard party was held by the Mayor of Kushi-Son, for LtCol KNOWLES who assumed duties as Officer in Charge of Sub Unit #2 and Camp Commander at Camp Schwab.

e. On 24 March 1969, 6 basketballs, 1 volleyball and first aid supplies were given to the Junior High School in Sedake.

f. On 26 and 27 March 1969, 25 men of this command hauled and spread 15 loads of gravel for Kube School. The gravel came from Nago.

g. In addition to the above, regularly scheduled English classes are being conducted at the Ryukyuan-American Cultural Center in Nago. These classes are held on Friday and Saturday each week.

(2) Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rien)

a. During the month of March 1969, 12 Marines visited the orphanage at Tsuda for maintenance work on the recreational facilities.

(3) Provisional Service Battalion

a. Members of Service platoons, H&S Company, provided working parties to hold a complete police up of the T.B. Hospital, Work is to be completed within the near future with help from the Red Cross.

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(4) Communication Support Company (Rein)

a. One officer is presently participating in a program organized by the Brigade Chaplain to teach the English Language and pronunciation to the Okinawan people.

b. Captain David R. STOUGHTON 090438 USMCR, teaches one hour a week at the Kin Baptist Church. The students are mostly teenagers who are studying the English Language in school.

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9 April 1969

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From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 March 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750

Encl: (1) G-2 Section Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is herewith submitted.

C. A. Jorgenson
C. A. JORGENSEN

g-2, 9th MAR

11 Apr 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Staff Officers:

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| a. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 | 1-31 March 1969 |
| LtCol C. A. JORGENSEN | |
| b. Assistant G-2 | 1-31 March 1969 |
| 1stLt E. J. BOYSER | |
| c. Combat Intelligence Officer | |
| 1stLt J. B. BROOKS | 1-26 March 1969 |
| 1stLt D. J. KALINOWSKI | 1-31 March 1969 |
| GySgt P. Y. GOLDYCH | 4-31 March 1969 |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Briefs:

a. This section conducts daily Intelligence/Operations Briefs for officers and staff NCO's in transit, to RVN. During March, 377 officers and 148 staff NCO's were briefed.

b. Three Special Intelligence Briefs were conducted for the Commanding General, Chief of Staff, and Deputy Chief of Staff.

c. Presented 7 hours of Company Training pertaining to Security of Classified Material, Intelligence and Espionage and Map and Aerial Photo Reading instruction, utilizing 3 instructors.

2. Intelligence Training: Conducted weekly OJT cross training of intelligence personnel in MOS's 0231, 0241, and 0221.

3. Combat Intelligence:

a. Published and distributed 5 issues of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Weekly Intelligence Summary.

b. Published TET Offensive indicators for staff information.

4. Counterintelligence:

a. Presented two (2) security lectures to staff and officers.

b. Conducted Physical Security Evaluation of G-4 S+C.

c. Conducted 18 (DAME) Defense Against Mechanical Entry to various sections.

d. Initiated two (2) Local Records Checks.

5. Administration: In addition to routine administration tasks, the G-2 section initiated eleven Personnel Security Clearances, issued thirty Certificates of Clearance, and processed forty-five personnel accesses to Brigade facilities.

6. Trips, Inspections, and Liaison Visits:

a. The G-2, LtCol JORGENSON made a liaison trip to III MAF.

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b. Lt KALINOWSKI and GySgt GOLDYCH conducted the G-2 portion of Brigade Inspection of SU#2 Headquarters Company, 26th Marines.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 March 1969	Published Weekly Intelligence Summary
4 and 6 March 1969	Presented 7 hours of Company Training pertaining to Security of Classified Material, Intelligence Espionage and Map and Aerial Photo Reading instruction utilizing 3 instructors.
6, 21, and 26 March 1969	Three Special Intelligence Briefs were conducted for the Commanding General, Chief of Staff, and Deputy Chief of Staff.
10 March 1969	Lt KALINOWSKI and GySgt GOLDYCH conducted the G-2 portion of Brigade Inspection of SU#2 Headquarters Company, 26th Marines.
11 through 14 March 1969	The G-2, LtCol JORGENSEN made a liaison trip to III MAF.
14 March 1969	Published TET Offensive indicators for staff information.
1 through 31 March 1969	Presented daily Intelligence Pre-Deployment brief for officers and Staff NCO's in transit to South Vietnam.

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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 Mar to 31 Mar 1969
Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1C with change 1
Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is hereby submitted:



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Part I

Organizational Data

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	Col C.W. HUNTER 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
AG-3	LtCol W.M. KULL 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
Operations Officer	LCDR D.J. MONTGOMERY 1Mar69 to 12Mar69 LtCol J.W.P. ROBERTSON 13Mar69 to 31Mar69
Air Officer	Maj D.E. JACOBSEN 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
NGF Liaison Officer	LCDR D.J. MONTGOMERY 1Mar69 to 19Mar69 LCDR R.G. KRAMER 20Mar69 to 31Mar69
Plans Officer	Maj W.C. FRANK 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
Training Officer	1stLt J.F. ROMEO 1Mar69 to 31Mar69

Part II

Narrative Summary

During the month of March the G-3 Section conducted training, contingency planning, and supervised matters pertaining to Aviation, Naval Gunfire, Artillery and Mares Forstat. During March the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Naval Gunfire Team, Subic Bay, Philippines provided spotting services for 8 USN ships.

Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

None

Part IV

Supporting Documents

1. ✓ Air Input
2. ✓ Plans Input
3. ✓ NGF Input
4. ✓ Training Input
5. - CTF-79 Weekly Summary msg 020247Z Mar 69 (26 Feb - 4 Mar 69)
6. - CTF-79 Weekly Summary msg 090047Z Mar 69 (5-11 Mar 69)
7. ✓ CTF-79 Weekly Summary msg 160119Z Mar 69 (12-18 Mar 69)
8. - CTF-79 Weekly Summary msg 230901Z Mar 69 (19-25 Mar 69)
9. - CTF-79 Weekly Summary msg 300530Z Mar 69 (26 Mar - 1 Apr 69)

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14 May 1969

MEMORANDUM

From: Air Officer, G-3
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Subj: Command Chronology; Air input for
Ref: (a) A C/S, G-3 memo 3/dcb over 1000 of 11 Oct 68

1. In response to reference (a) the following input is submitted:

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MAJ D.E. JACOBSEN: 1 March - 31 March 69

PART II

During the period 1 March - 31 March 1969 G-3 Air continued in its mission of providing administrative, logistic, and training support of assigned aviation units.

Very Respectfully,
D.E. Jacobsen
D.E. JACOBSEN

Dir. Officer, G-3, 9th MAB

14 May 1969

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT REQUESTING</u>	<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>PADS</u>
1 MAR	9th MAB	CODE 6	COURTNEY/NAF NAHA(OPS)
3 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN/NTA 13
3 MAR	9th MAB	CODE 5	NAF NAHA(OPS)/USARYIS/ HANSEN
4 MAR	PAC(FWD)	PHOTO MISSION	COURTNEY/TOUR OF ISLAND
4 MAR	9th MAB	CODE 5	FUTEMA(EN)/COURTNEY/ NAF NAHA(OPS)
4 MAR	9th MAB	PARAJUMP	YOMITAN
5 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN/NTA 13
7 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5	BOLO PT/NAF NAHA(OPS)
7 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN/NTA 13
10 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5	COURTNEY/HANSEN/NAF NAHA(OPS)
10 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN/NTA 13
11 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5&6	COURTNEY/HANSEN(VIP)
12 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4&5&6	COURTNEY/KADENA(OPS)
12 MAR	9th MAB	CODE 7	SCHWAB/NAF NAHA(OPS)
12 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN/NTA 13
12 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5&6	COURTNEY/FOSTER
13 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5&7	FUTEMA(EN)/NAF NAHA/ COURTNEY
13 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4&6	COURTNEY/FOSTER/HANSEN/ FUTEMA(OPS)
13 MAR	MCAF FUTEMA	PHOTO MISSION	FUTEMA/*GINOWAN CITY
13 MAR	3rd FSR	CODE 7	FOSTER/HANSEN(VIP)
14 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN/NTA 13
14 MAR	3rd FSR	ADMIN	FOSTER/NTA 17
15 MAR	3rd FSR	PHOTO MISSION	FOSTER/*FOSTER
17 MAR	PAC(FWD)	PHOTO MISSION	COURTNEY/*MOTOBU
17 MAR	PAC(FWD)	ADMIN	COURTNEY/NTA 13
17 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN/NTA 13
17 MAR	9th MAB	CODE 7	FUTEMA(LINE)/WHITE BEACH/USARYIS/NAF NAHA
17 MAR	9th MAB	CODE 7	KADENA(OPS)/COURTNEY/ TORI STATION
18 MAR	NAVAL SECURITY GROUP	ADMIN	TORI STATION
18 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4&7	NAF NAHA/WHITE BEACH/ USARYIS/NAF NAHA
19 MAR	1st SPECIAL FORCES	TROOP INSERT	HANBY(OPS)/HARDY
19 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	COURTNEY/HANSEN/NTA 13
20 MAR	9th MAB	CODE 6	HANSEN/COURTNEY/NAF NAHA
20 MAR	PAC(FWD)	TROOP EXTRACTION	HARDY
20 MAR	USCAR	CODE 7	USCAR/NAGO
20 MAR	3rd FSR	ADMIN	FOSTER/NTA 17
20 MAR	MCAF FUTEMA	ADMIN	FUTEMA(LINE)/MOTOBU/ NAF NAHA(OPS)
21 MAR	COMFLTACT	CODE 5	NAF NAHA(OPS)/USARYIS/ SCHWAB#1/TANIYO-DAKE
21 MAR	9th MAB	RECON	SCHWAB

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT REQUESTING</u>	<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>PADS</u>
21 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	COURTNEY/HANSEN/NTA 13
22 MAR	9th MAB	CODE 6	NAF NAHA(OPS)/COURTNEY/ HANSEN
24 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4&7	USARYIS/TOUR OF ISLAND
24 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN/NTA 13
25 MAR	3rd FSR	ADMIN	FOSTER/NTA 17/NTA 13/ COURTNEY
25 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5	USARYIS/NAF NAHA(OPS)
25 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4	COURTNEY/HANSEN(VIP)/
25 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 3	USCAR/TOUR OF ISLAND/ USARYIS
25 MAR	PAC(FWD)	ADMIN	COURTNEY/NTA 13
26 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5	NAF NAHA(OPS)/KADENA(OPS)
26 MAR	9th MAB	ADMIN	HANSEN/KADENA(OPS)
26 MAR	NAF NAHA	CODE 7	NAF NAHA/WHITE BEACH
26 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN/NTA 13
27 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 6	KADENA(OPS)/COURTNEY
27 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5&7	HANBY(OPS)/NAHA(PORT)/ 2nd LOG/USARYIS
27 MAR	ONI	RECON	COURTNEY/*BOLO PT/
27 MAR	3rd FSR	PHOTO RECON	FOSTER
28 MAR	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN/NTA 13
30 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4&6&7	COURTNEY/FUTEMA(OPS)
31 MAR	MCAF FUTEMA	CODE 7	FUTEMA(OPS)/HANSEN(VIP)
31 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CHASE	COURTNEY/FOSTER/FUTEMA HQ PAD/313 AD/HANSEN(VIP) USARYIS
31 MAR	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4&6&7	COURTNEY/FOSTER/FUTEMA HQ PAD/313 AD/HANSEN (VIP)/USARYIS

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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMB
FPO San Francisco 96602

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12 May 1969

MEMORANDUM

From: Plans Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Subj: Command Chronology Information
Ref: (a) OpsO Phoncon 120800 May 69

1. The following information is provided as requested by reference (a).

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

PLANS OFFICER

Major W.C. FRANK
1-31 March 1969

Ass't PLANS OFFICER

Major G.R. HART
1-31 March 1969

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

NONE

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

18-22 March 1969 Plans Officer conducted liaison trip to COMUSMACTHAI (J-5) for orientation and to determine latest developments with respect to contingency plans

31 March 1969 Rough draft of CTF 79 OPLAN 101-69 submitted to G-3 for review.

1-31 March 1969 Continued preparation of Draft of OPLAN 120-69.

Plans, G-3, 9th MAB

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE


W.C. FRANK

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MEMORANDUM

From: Naval Gunfire Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Subj: Command Chronology for Mar 1969; submission of
Ref: (a) G-3 memo 1000 of Dec 1969

1. In response to reference (a) the following input is provided.

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer

LCDR D.J. MONTGOMERY
1Mar69 to 19Mar69
LCDR R.G. KRAMER
20Mar69 to 31Mar69

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

SFCP Subic: Ninth MaB NGF Team, Subic provided the following spotting services to NGFS ships, Seventh Fleet.

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>DATE FIRED</u>	<u>EXERCISE CONDUCTED</u>
USS KRETCHMER (DER-329)	3Mar69	Z-40-G
USS CLARK COUNTY (LST-601)	4Mar69	Z-40-G
USS BLACK (DD-666)	10Mar69	SID
USCGC SEBAGO (WMEC-42)	14Mar69	Z-40-G
USS ROGERS (DD-876)	16Mar69	SID
USS SUTTER COUNTY (LST-1150)	17Mar69	Z-40-G
USS LEARY (DD-879)	19, 20Mar69	SID, Z-40-G
USS PERRY (DD-874)	28Mar69	SID

NGF, G-3

9th Mar 69

Mar 1969

The following is a recapitulation of Radar Beacon Drills conducted.

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
USS ROBINSON (DDG-12)	7 Mar 69	Subic	Satisfactory
USS BLACK (DD-666)	10 Mar 69	Tabones	Unsatisfactory

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

<u>1. TYPE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF HOURS</u>
Field Duty (Tabones)	3Mar69	6
Field Duty (Tabones)	4Mar69	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Introduction to NGF (L)	5Mar69	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Naval Ammunition (L)	5Mar69	1
Classification of Fire (L)	5Mar69	1
Radar Beacon (L)	5Mar69	1
Communication Procedures (PW)	6Mar69	3
Radar Beacon (PW)	7Mar69	2
Communication Drills (PW)	7Mar69	3
Field Duty (Tabones)	10Mar69	18
Organization of ANGLICO (L)	11Mar69	1
Water Proofing (L)	11Mar69	1
Antennas (L)	11Mar69	1
Pre-Fire Briefing (L)	13Mar69	2
Field Duty (Tabones)	14Mar69	5
Field Duty (Tabones)	16Mar69	13
Field Duty (Tabones)	17Mar69	8
Field Duty (Tabones)	19, 20Mar69	
Field Duty (Support for IACP supporting CAS at Wild Horse Creek)	22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27Mar69	123
Field Duty (Tabones)	28Mar69	5

2. On 11 March 1969 a conference was held with LCDR FOOTE, ComNavPhil Surface Ops, CDR RICHARDS, ComNavBase Ops and LT COLVERT concerning evaluation of NGF's exercises in WESTPAC. Conclusions are contained in ComNavPhil letter dated 18 Mar 1969 sent to CincPacFlt of which CG, 9th MAB received a copy. This letter was sent in response to CincPacFlt's request to know if this capability existed in Subic. Based on current interest by CincPacFlt, it appears that now would be an opportune time to initiate action recommending responsibility for NGF range Subic be assigned to ComPhibPac.

3. On 15 March 1969 Cpl HIRSCHBOECK, 2314171/2841, USMC, was detached and returned to Okinawa.
4. On 24 March 1969 Lt G.J. SMITH, 679818/1105, reported for duty with Naval Gunfire Team.
5. USS LEARY (DD-879) provided services for training 9th MAB SFCP personnel on the 19th and 20th of March with good results.

R.G. Kramer
R.G. KRAMER
LCDR USN

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1 May 1969

MEMORANDUM

From: G-3 Training
To: G-3 Operations

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 March to 31 March 1969

Ref: (a) Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 ltr 3/dcb 1000 of 11 Oct 68

Encl: (1) 1 March through 31 March Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the instructions in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

D. E. Jacobsen
D. E. JACOBSEN

Training, G-3

9th MAB

Mar 1969

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>NAME AND RANK</u>
Training Officer	1stLt J.F. ROMEO 1 Mar - 31 Mar
Training NCO	GySgt M. GONZALEZ 1 Mar - 31 Mar
Asst. Training NCO	SSgt J.D. CRIDER 1 Mar - 31 Mar

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Training

(1) During the period 1 Mar through 31 Mar 1969 G-3 Training 9th MAB continued in its role of providing training support to the organizations of the 9th MAB. The support consisted of scheduling schools, firing ranges, and other training areas.

ENCLOSURE (1)

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Schools. The following is a list of the schools and courses attended by 9th MAB during the period 1 through 31 March 1969:

<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
NCO LEADERSHIP	12
BASIC INF WPNS REPAIR	5
BASIC AMMO TECH COURSE	4
CAREER PLANNING	5
16MM PROJECTIONIST SCHOOL	9
EMBARKATION (ENLISTED)	10
REGISTERED PUBLICATION SCHOOL	1
CABLE SPLICER SCHOOL	1

2. Military Assistance Program. (3) enlisted members of the Philippine Marine Corps completed training on (WON 304) Communication Center NCO on 21 March 1969. Hosted by CommSptCo Camp Hansen. (2) officers of the Vietnamese Marine Corps completed training on (WON 313) Staff Procedures at Regt Level on 21 March 1969. Hosted by Sub Unit #2, HqCo 26th Marines at Camp Schwab. The names, ranks, service numbers and countries of the students are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER NUMBER</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>WON</u>
HIEU, TRAN THIEN	CAPT	53A/300.127	VIETNAM	313(2)
THAN, NGUYEN KIM	2NDLT	65A/119.334	VIETNAM	313(2)
PROSPERO, R. BAVSON	CPL	541932	PHILIPPINE	304
BONIFACIO, G. ALEVANDRO	CPL	546953	PHILIPPINE	304
ROMULO, P. PALMES	CPL	550893	PHILIPPINE	304

3. Electronic Warfare Training. (5) officers and (56) enlisted attended training on Electronic Warfare, presented by the 1st Radio Bn E.W. Training Team during the period 10 through 12 March. Hosted by CommSptCo Camp Hansen.

4. Manpower Management System Presentation. (78) personnel attended the (MMS) presentation on 13 March at Camp Hansen and on 15 March at MCAF Futema.

5. Martin Baker H-7 Rocket Seat Training. (52) personnel from MAG-15 completed training on Martin Baker H-7 Rocket Seat on 25 March at the NAS Atsugi Japan.

6. Preparation, Preservation and Packaging Course. (8) personnel attended this course during the period 10-21 March at Camp Foster.

7. Scout Sniper Training. (12) enlisted from the 26th Marines attended this training during the period 17-26 Mar at the 1st MARDIV Schools RVN.

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8. Ground Surveillance (B) Course. (4) officers and (4) SNCOs from the 26th Marines attended this course during the period 3-6 March 1969 at the 1st MARDIV Schools RVN.

9. Parachute Training. The Air Delivery Platoons of H&S Company, ProvServBn, conducted parachute jumps at the Yomitan Training Area on 4, 11, and 25 March 1969.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY

A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-68, ANNEX DELTA

1. IAW RBF A. THE FOLLOWING WEEKLY SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED FOR THE PERIOD 26 FEB - 4 MAR 1969.

2. CTF 79/CG NINTH MAB BGEN WILLIAMS LOCATED AT CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA. BGEN WILLIAMS AND STAFF CONTINUED INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH CTF 76 AND STAFF THRU 26 ~~MAR~~^{FEB} ON THE SUBJECT OF LESSONS LEARNED IN OPERATION BOLD MARINER. ON 27 FEB 69 BGEN WILLIAMS DEPARTED OKINAWA FOR MCAS IWAKUNI TO CONDUCT COMMAND VISIT AND INSPECTION OF MFG-15 AND ATTACHED UNITS, RETURNING TO OKINAWA 28 FEB 1969. ON 1 MAR 1969, BGEN WILLIAMS ADDRESSED OFFICERS AND MEN OF 9TH MAB UNITS LOCATED CAMP HANSEN AT CEREMONIES HELD IN STATION THEATRE COMMEMORATING THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE

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NINTH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE. ON 1 MARCH LTCOL J.C. GOODLIN RELIEVED LTCOL L.E. WATSON AS CTG 79.0.1. LTCOL KLIEFJTH RELIEVED LTCOL KNOWLES AS CO 1ST BN 26TH MARINES ON 28 FEB, IN FORMAL CEREMONY ATTENDED BY CG FIRST MARDIV, MAJ GEN SIMPSON AND OTHER ~~MEMBER~~ GUESTS.

3. CTG 79.3/MAG-15(REDN) VMAR 152 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE KC-130 AUGMENTATION TO FIRST MAW. VMFA-122 CONTINUES CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TRAINING AT GUBI PT, R.P.I. DURING OUTLINED PERIOD. ON 27 AND 28 FEB A SUMMARY OF MAG-15 HISTORY BY COL CONROGAN WAS BROADCAST ON JAPANESE NATIONAL RADIO TO COMMEMORATE THE AIR GROUP'S BIRTHDAY. MAG-15 ALSO COMMEMORATED 3D ANNIV 9TH MARB WITH A CEREMONY HELD AT ZUAKUNI.
4. CTG 79.4/SLF ALPHA. SLF STAFF WITH BLT 2/26 AND HMM 362 EMBARKED IN SHIPPING. DURING PERIOD 26-28 FEB 69 CONTINUED MIS- SIONS AS I CORPS RESERVE. ON 27 FEB 69 LTCOL EDMUNSON RELIEVED LTCOL W.F. SPARKS AS CO BLT 2/26. ON 28 FEB 69 UNIT ALERTED FOR OPERATION EAGLE PURSUIT BY COMSEVENTHFLT INITIATING DIRECTIVE. LANDING EXECUTED AT 020645H MAR 69 IN AREA 5-10 MILES WEST OF ELEMENTS OF DANANG. A BLT CROPPED TO 1ST MARDIV 011500H MAR 69 ~~AT 011500H MAR 69~~ ~~26 MAR 69~~ ~~AT 011500H MAR 69~~, AOA DISSOLVED 011500H MAR 69.

5. CTG 79.5/SLF BRAVO. AOG SHIPPING WITH SLF STAFF EMBARKED .REMAINED AT SUBIC BAY, R.P.I. UNTIL 2 MAR 69 CONDUCTING REHAB OF EQUIPMENT AND UPKEEP. AOG SHIPPING LESS TULASE DEPARTED SUBIC BAY, R.P.I. ON 2 MAR 69, ETA DANANG 4 MAR 69. DURING ENTIRE

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 ATION TAYLOR COMMON AND HMM 164 REMAINED ASHORE AT PHU BAI UNDER
 OPCOM 1ST MAW (MAG-36). LTCOL SMELLING RELIEVED LTCOL ROBERTSON
 AS CO BLT 3/26 ON ³MARCH. BLT 3/26 AND HMM 164 PREPARING FOR
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TO: COMSEVENTHFLT

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1. COMSEVENTHFLT OPOD 201-68; ANNEK DELTA
1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING WEEKLY SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED FOR THE PERIOD 5-11 MARCH 69.
2. ^{SE.} CTF 79/CG NINTH MAB BGEN WILLIAMS, ~~IS~~ LOCATED AT CAMP HANSEN OKINAWA. ON 7 MARCH 1969 BGEN WILLIAMS DEPARTED OKINAWA FOR RVN TO CONDUCT LIAISON VISITS WITH III MAF, FIRST MAB DIV, AND NINTH MAB UNITS. ^{ADD THIRD} BGEN WILLIAMS RETURNED TO OKINAWA ON 9 MARCH 1969. ON ¹¹ MARCH 69 BGEN WILLIAMS MET WITH AND BRIEFED MAJ GEN YOUNGDALE.
3. CTG 79.3/MAG 15 (REIN). VMGR-152 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE RC130 AUGMENTATION TO FIRST MAB.

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VMFA-122 CONTINUES CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TRAINING

AT CUBI PT, R.P.I. A C-117 PROVIDED BY H4MS-15

WAS DEPLOYED TO CUBI PT TO PROVIDE FLARE DROP

SUPPORT TO VMFA-122. DURING PERIOD 1-4 MARCH 1969
COL. C.F. CONCORDIA, CO MAG 15 VISITED VMFA 122 AT CUBI
PT. CTC 79.4/SLF ALFA. DURING PERIOD 5-8 MARCH

1969 BLT 2/26 WITH SLF STAFF AND ARG SUPPORTING
CONTINUED OPERATIONS PACER PURSUIT. ON 3 MARCH 1969

BLT COMMENCED OPERATIONS GO NOI ISLAND UNDER

OPCON FIFTH MARINES. ON 5 MARCH 1969 LTCOL L.E.

WATSON RELIEVED LTCOL K.L. LYNN AS KC TASK GROUP

79.4. UNIT 302. REMAINED ABOARD SHIP DURING
SEARCH SUPPORTING BLT 2/26.
5. CTC 79.5/SLF BRAVO. ARG WITH SLF STAFF

ABOARD REMAINED AT DANANG HARBOR PREPARING TO

BACKLOADM REF 3/26 AND H4M-164. ON 8 MARCH 1969

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1. COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-68, ANNEX DELTA
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 IS SUBMITTED FOR THE PERIOD 12-16 MARCH 69.
 2. (S) CTF 79/CG WINGMAN BOB J.W. WILLIAMS,
 LOCATED CAMP HANSEL, OKLAHOMA. ON 12 MAR 1969
 WILLIAMS ATTENDED MONTHLY AREA COMMANDERS
 CONFERENCE AT 10001 AND MET WIGEN NICKERSON AT
 22001 AT KADENA AB. SGT WILLIAMS AND COL LOWMAN,
 CHIEF OF STAFF NINTH MAW, ATTENDED CHANGE OF
 COMMAND CEREMONY FOR IACG-8 AT CAMP SCHWAB. ON
 17 MAR 1969 WILLIAMS PRESENTED COMMAND BRIEFING

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MAR COL LOWMAN DEPARTED OKINAWA FOR A LIAISON
TRIP TO III MAF, FIRST MAW, FIRST MARDIV, AND
NINTH MAB UNITS LOCATED IN-COUNTRY.

3. CTG 79.3/MAG-15(REIN). ON 15 MAR, VMFA-122
ARRIVED MCAS IWAKUNI FOLLOWING A 45-DAY
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TRAINING DEPLOYMENT AT WAF
CUBI PT, WHICH RESULTED IN UPGRADING SQDN TRNG
STATUS TO C-2. ON 12 MAR LTCOL KHUFFMAN RELIEVED
MAJ BIERHARDT AS C.O. MAGS-8.

4. CTG 79.4/SLF ALFA. CONTINUED OPERATION
EAGER PURSUIT II, WITH HMM 362 EMBARKED IN LPH
PROVIDING SUPPORT, BLT 2/26, LESS SELECTED
ELEMENTS UNDER OPCON OF FIFTH MARINES AND
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PREPARATIONS FOR REHAB OF BLT 1/26, WHEN ROTATED
TO SLF ALFA ON 1 APRIL, CONTINUING. HMM-362
PROVIDING EIGHT AUGMENTATION ACFT DAILY IN
RESPONSE TO REQ FROM FIRST MAW.

5. (S) CTG 79.5/SLF BRAVO. WITH HMM-164 AFLOAT,
CONTINUED SUPPORT OF BLT 3/26 IN OPERATION

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 TO IMPROVE REACTION TIME FOR SUBSEQUENT
 COMMITMENTS FOR THOSE ELEMENTS NOT COMMITTED TO
 COMBAT. VALLEY FORGE AND HMM-164 PROVIDING
 DAILY HOT MEALS AND WEEKLY LAUNDRY SERVICE FOR
 BLP TROOPS ASHORE. HMM-164 PROVIDING
 AUGMENTATION ACFT TO FIRST MAW ON DAILY BASIS.
 NINTH MAB CHIEF OF STAFF COL LOWMAN MADE OFFICIAL
 VISIT 16 MAR, RON, AND DEPARTED 17 MAR.
 6. (S) CTG 79.8/PROVSERVEN. STAGED AND LOADED
 SELECTED EQUIPAGE AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL ABCARD
 USS WINDHAM COUNTY AT KIN BEACH LST RAMP, FOR
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A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPRD 201-68, ANNEX DELTA

1. (C) IAW REF A, THE FOLLOWING WEEKLY SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED FOR THE PERIOD 19-25 MAR 69.

2. (S) CTF 79/CG NINTH MAB BGEN J.E. WILLIAMS, LOCATED CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA. ON 18 MAR COL LOWMAN, CHIEF OF STAFF NINTH MAB, RETURNED TO OKINAWA FROM LIAISON VISIT TO NINTH MAB UNITS IN-COUNTRY. ON 20 MAR BGEN WILLIAMS DEPARTED OKINAWA FOR LIAISON VISIT WITH COMSEVENTHFLT ABOARD FLAGSHIP IN YOKO AND VISIT USNH YOKO. ON 22 MAR BGEN WILLIAMS RETURNED TO OKINAWA. ON 24 MAR COL LOWMAN DEPARTED OKINAWA FOR LIAISON VISIT TO MAG-15 AT IWAKUNI.

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3. (S) CTG 79.3/MAG-15. VMGR-152 CONTINUES TO HAVE A/C IN DOWN STATUS DUE TO EXTENSIVE A/C CORROSION. H&MS 15 PRESENTLY ASSISTING VMGR-152 IN MOVMENT OF PERSONNEL FROM OZINAWA TO DANANG AND RETURN WITH ONE C-54. ON 23 MAR COL C.T. CORCORAN RETURNED TO IWAKUNI FROM INFORMAL THREE DAY VISIT TO MAG-15 UNITS BASED AT OZINAWA AND RVN. ON 23 MAR PROVIDED 8 VEHICLES AND DRIVERS IN SUPPORT OF ANNUAL KIN TAI CELEBRATION IN VIC IWAKUNI.

4. (S) CTG 79.4/SLF ALFA. CONTINUED OPERATION EAGER PURSUIT II, WITH HMM 362 EMBARKED IN LPH PROVIDING SUPPORT, BLT 2/26, LESS SELECTED ELEMENTS UNDER OPCON FIRST MARDIV RELOCATED TO GO NOI ISLAND 23 MAR AS BLOCKING FORCE FOR FIFTY FIRST ARVN REGT SWEEP. PREP FOR REHAB AND TRAINING BLT 1/26 WHEN ROTATED TO SLF ALFA ON 1 APRIL. PLANNING OFF LOAD ALL ELEMENTS BLT 2/26 FOR EMPLOYMENT IN FIRST MARDIV AO AND OFF LOAD SELECTED ELEMS HMM 362 PRIOR DEPARTING FOR ARG UPKEEP SUBIC.

5. (S) CTG 79.5/SLF BRAVO. EMBARKED IN LPH VIC QUANG TRI WITH HMM 164 PROVIDING HELO SUPPORT TO MAG-39. BLT 3/26, LESS SELECTED ELEMENTS CHOPPED OPCON SEVENTH MARINES 23 MAR AND RELOCATED AT WDM 55 TO

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CONDUCT SHORT REHAB AND WAIT ORDERS FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

6. (S) CTG 79.8/PROVSERVEN. ON 20 MAR UNLOADED. SELECTED MAJOR END ITEMS FROM USS WINDHAM COUNTY AT DANANG. ITEMS TO BE USED FOR REPLACEMENTS FOR BLT 1/26 DURING REHAB AT DANANG.

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- (C) IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING WEEKLY SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED FOR THE PERIOD 26 MAR - 1 APR 69.
 - CTF 79/CG 9TH MAB. BGEN J.E. WILLIAMS, LOCATED AT CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA. ON 26 AND 27 MAR BGEN WILLIAMS MET WITH ADM MCCAIN, CINCPACFLT, AND PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS AT USARKIS HDQ. ~~ON 26 MAR COL LOWMAN C/S~~
~~WHICH WAS RETURNED FROM STAFF TO MRG 15. ON 28~~
~~MAR COL WILSON DEPT 3/2 9TH MAB DEPARTED FOR BIN FOR~~
~~ON 31 MAR~~
BGEN WILLIAMS HOSTED AND BRIEFED LTGEN WALT, ACMC.
 - (S) CTG 79.3/MAG-15. VMGR 152 NOW HAS 4 A/C

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DOWN FOR EXTENSIVE CORROSION. 2 AUGMENTATION KC-130s AIRCRAFT ARRIVED 29 MAR FROM 3RD MAW TO SUPPORT VMGR-152 ACTIVITIES FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 5 WEEKS. NBC WS-1, SU #2 H&MS-15 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE ANNUAL NTP1 ON 26 MAR 69. ON 26 MAR LTCOL KAUFMAN CO MACS-8

COMPLETED STAFF VISIT TO MACS-8 DET ALFA AND MAG-15 HQ. 4. (S) CTG 79.4/SLF ALFA. OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD 26-28 MAR CTG 79.4/SLF ALFA PROVIDED HELO, ADMIN/LOG, AND MEDEVAC SUPPORT TO BLT 2/26. DURING SAME PERIOD HMM 362 PROVIDED HELO AUGMENTATION TO 1ST MAW. ON 27 MAR 69, BLT 2/26 BACKLOADED ABOARD LPH-3 FOR LIMITED REHAB OF PERSONNEL. BLT OPCON FIRST MAR DIV DUR REHAB. ON 28 MAR 69, BLT 2/26 OFFLOADED AND OPERATION EAGER PURSUIT II TERMINATED 281200H MAR 69. ON 28 MAR 69 HMM 362 OFFLOADED AT PHU BAI, CHOPPED FIRST MAW AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO MAG-36. ON 29 MAR 69 LPH-3 (CEN/MAW)

~~DEPARTED PHU BAI, B.E. ARRIVED PHU BAI 29 MAR 69 AND BEGAN UNREP PERIOD.~~

5. (S) CTG 79.5/SLF BRAVO. SLF BRAVO WITH HMM-164 AFLOAT REMAINED IN SUPPORT OF OPN DEFIANT MEASURE II, AND PROVIDED LIMITED SUPPORT TO BLT 3/26 ASHORE. FIFTH MAR PASS OPCON OF BLT 3/26 TO SEVENTH MAR FOR OPN OKLAHOMA HILLS EFFECTIVE 31 MAR 69. PROVISIONAL RIFLE UNIT OF 58 MEN FORMED FROM AFLOAT ELEMENTS OF BLT

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SENT TO BLT 3/26 REAR ON 28 MAR 69. THIS PROV UNIT
AUGMENTS CP SECURITY DURING OPERATION OKLAHOMA HILLS.
MAJGEN R.G. DAVIS, CG, ^{THIRD MARDIV} COL SEXTON C/S AND COL KRAINCE
G3, THIRD MARDIV, MADE LIAISON VISIT TO VALFOR ON 27
MAR 69.

6. (S) CTG 79.8/PROVSERVBN. MAJ KARGOL ASSUMED COM-
MAND OF PSB ON 29 MAR. COL DOTY, DEPARTING C.O. OF
PSB, WILL RELIEVE COL MCMAHON AS CTG 79.4 ON 5 APR 69.

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

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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 March to 31 March 1969

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

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.
2. This memorandum becomes unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 March to 31 March 1969

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Organizational Data

Staff Officers

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b. Assistant G-4 LtCol R. MCARTHUR	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69
c. Assistant G-4 (Logistics) Major J. D. AVERY	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69
d. Assistant G-4 (Avn) Major M. R. CONROY	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69
e. Logistics Officers Capt R. C. ROUGHGARDEN 1stLt P. W. BELLINI 1stLt R. A. UPDAW	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69 1 Mar - 31 Mar 69 1 Mar - 31 Mar 69
f. Embarkation Officers Major R. J. REGAN Capt D.E. STRASSENBURG	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69 25 Mar - 31 Mar 69
g. Supply Officer LtCol H. G. SHAKLEE	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69
h. Assistant Supply Officers Capt B. L. HOUGGARD Capt H. B. LANIS	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69 1 Mar - 31 Mar 69
i. Ordnance Officer Major J. E. C. LEAVITT JR. 1stLt E. H. BROWN	1 Mar - 13 Mar 69 13 Mar - 31 Mar 69

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j. Assistant Ordnance Officer CWO-2 J. V. NELSON	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69
k. Motor Transport Officer Major R. G. REILLY	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69
l. Brigade Surgeon Capt R. W. JONES	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69
m. Medical Admin Officer LtCndr J. R. SOLLMAN	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69
n. Food Services Officer GySgt R. L. SHELTON	1 Mar - 31 Mar 69

Part II
Narrative Summary

During the month of March, Embarkation assumed the responsibility of coordinating Off-Island Air Transportation for all 9th MAB personnel, and Capt STRASSENBURG reported aboard as the Brigade Air Transportation Coordinator. On 4 March LtCol MCCARTY, Major AVERY, and GySgt SHELTON returned from Subic Bay where they had effected coordination for the Rehab of 1/26. Embarkation offloaded the USS OUTGAMIE COUNTY LFORM and loaded the USS WINDHAM COUNTY at Tengan Pier. On 10 March Major REGAN attended the FMFPac T-Day Planning Conference at Futema. Supply Personnel provided management assistance to 26th Marines, 1/26, 2/26, 3/26, 1/13, and 155 SP Gun Btry during the latter half of the month.

Fifty-Five Hospital Corpsmen were joined and twenty-six detached during the month, and thirty-seven were reassigned to RVN units. The Brigade received two Naval Gunfire Officers during March, and one Chaplain Corps Officer, one Medical Corps Officer, three Dental Corps Officers, and one Naval Gunfire Officer were detached. Capt R. W. JONES, MC USN, gave a series of lectures on Drug Abuse to several Brigade units as a member of the Drug Abuse Contact Team.

Part III
Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1-4 Mar 69	LtCol MCCARTY, Major AVERY, and GySgt SHELTON TAD to Subic Bay to Coordinate Rehab of BLT 1/26.
1-5 Mar 69	Capt HOUGGARD and GySgt SELLARDS made Liaison visits to 1st MAR DIV, 11th Marines, 1/13, 1/26, and 3/26 in connection with the transfer of equipment for the Rehab of 1/26.

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2 Mar 69	Embarkation Offloaded USS OUTGAMIE COUNTY LFORM at Tengan Pier.
10 Mar 69	Major REGAN attended I-Day Planning Conference held by FMFPac at Futema.
10-14 Mar 69	A Brigade Inspection Team comprised of personnel from the G-4 cognizant sections inspected Sub-Unit #2, 26th Marines.
10-13 Mar 69	Major REILLY TAD to Iwakuni, Japan.
13 Mar 69	Major LEAVITT transferred to RVN. 1st Lt BROWN assumed duties as Brigade Ordnance Officer.
14 Mar 69	Embarkation supervised loading of USS WINDHAM COUNTY at Tengan Pier.
17-20 Mar 69	Major REGAN attended shipping conference with G-3 Plans, III MAF
24-28 Mar 69	LtCol MCARTHUR TAD to Iwakuni, Japan
24-28 Mar 69	Major CONROY TAD to RVN.
25 Mar 69	Capt STRASSENBERG reported for duty as the Brigade Air Transportation Officer.

Part IV
Supporting Documents

Chronologies of G-4 Cognizance Sections

1. ✓ Ordnance
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From: Ordnance Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
Subj: Command Chronology
Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1C

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following Command Chronology is submitted:

PART I

Ordnance Officer

Edward H. BROWN 1st Lt
USMC
13 March 1969 to present

PART II

1. SSgt SMITH inspected Sub Unit #2 26th Marines. Inspection reports were submitted to Brigade Inspector.
2. Major LEAVITT was transferred to Vietnam. 1st Lt. BROWN assumed the duties as Brigade Ordnance Officer.
3. Sgt BEANE was TAD to VMGR-152 for a combined inspection of ground safety and flare inspection from 18 March 1969 to 22 March 1969. A combined inspection report was submitted by the Ordnance office and the Ground Safety Office.
4. CWO-2 NELSON TAD to VMGR-152 from 21 March 1969 to 22 March 1969.
5. SSgt SMITH TAD to Fifth One Five Five Gun Btry (SP) for the purpose of delivering some ordnance equipment. From 25 March 1969 to 27 March 1969.

PART III

- 10 March 1969 SSgt SMITH inspected Sub Unit #2 26th Marines
- 11 March 1969 SSgt SMITH completed inspection of Sub Unit #2 26th Marines
- 13 March 1969 Major LEAVITT transferred to Vietnam.
- 13 March 1969 1st Lt. BROWN assumed duties as Brigade Ordnance Officer.
- 18 March 1969 Sgt BEANE TAD to VMGR-152.

Ordnance, G-4, 9th MAB

March 69

21 March 1969 CWO-2 NELSON TAD to VMGR-152.

22 March 1969 CWO-2 NELSON and Sgt BEANE returned from TAD.

25 March 1969 SSgt SMITH TAD to Fifth One Five Five Gun Btry (SP).

27 March 1969 SSgt SMITH returned from TAD.

E. H. Brown Jr.
E. H. BROWN

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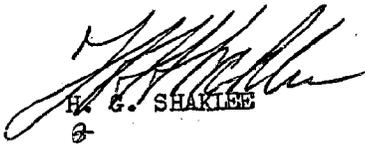
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SUBJECT: Command Chronology for the period 1 Mar to 31 Mar 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Brigade Supply Office Command Chronology for March 1969

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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PART IORGANIZATION DATA

1. Not applicable
2. Not applicable
3. Brigade Supply Officer LtCol H. G. SHAKLEE (1 Sep 68-)

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

Capt HOUGGARD and GySgt SELLARDS made liaison visit's to 1st Mar Div, 11th Mar Regt, 1/13, 1/26 and 3/26 in connection with transfer of equipment for rehab of BLT 1/26 during the period 1-5 March 1969.

On 5 March 1969 FASO Team departed Okinawa having completed inspection of 9th MAB on island units.

Capt LANIS, MSgt SKINNER and SSgt REED, Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team inspected Sub Unit # 2, Hq Co, 26th Marines during the period 10-13 March 1969. A grade of satisfactory with discrepancies was assigned.

LtCol SHAKLEE, MSgt SKINNER and SSgt REED visited Hq 26th Marines, 1/26, 2/26, 3/26, 1/13 and 155 SF Gun Btry for supply assistance during the period 21-27 March 1969.

PART III

1. Not applicable
2. FMF organization not committed to combat

1-5 March 69 Capt HOUGGARD and GySgt SELLARDS visited 1st Mar Div, 11th Mar Regt, 1/13, 1/26, on transfer of equipment for rehab of BLT.

5 March 69 FASO Team departed

10-13 Mar 69 Capt LANIS, MSgt SHINNER and SSgt REED, Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team inspected Sub Unit # 2, Hq Co, 26th Marines.

21-27 Mar 69 LtCol SHAKLEE, MSgt SKINNER and SSgt REED visited Hq 26th Marines, 1/26, 2/26, 3/26, 1/13 and 5th 155 SP Gun Btry for liaison and and supply assistance.

PART IVCHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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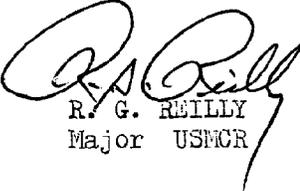
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To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 March to 31 March 1969

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

Encl: (1) Brigade Motor Transport Officer Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c) enclosure (1) is submitted.


R. G. REILLY
Major USMCR

mto, g-4, 9th MAB

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PART I

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. Brigade Motor Transport Officer - Major R. G. REILLY (1-31 Mar 69)
4. N/A

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period 10-13 Mar 69 the Brigade Motor Transport Officer was in Japan and reviewed Section "M" Equipment and Reporting Procedures with Captain MURPHY of MAG - 15. On 10 March 69 MSgt R. M. HERRICK reported aboard as relief for MSgt ARTZ as Brigade Motor Transport Chief.

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. 10-13 Mar 69 Major R. G. REILLY at Iwakuni, Japan
10 Mar 69 MSgt R. M. HERRICK assigned to Brigade Motor Transport Office.

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From: Brigade Embarkation Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
Subj: Command Chronology, 1 Mar 1969 - 31 Mar 1969
Ref: (a) BrigBul 5750.1C

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), the following chronology is submitted:

PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Embarkation Officer	Robert J. REGAN MAJOR USMC 14 June 1968 - 31 March 1969
Air Transportation Officer	Donald E. STRASSENBERG CAPT USMC 25 March 1969 - 31 March 1969

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of March, events other than normally conducted office routine were as follows:

This office assumed the responsibility to coordinate off-island air transportation for all Ninth MAB personnel. Captain D. E. STRASSENBERG reported to this office on 25 March and was assigned the duties of Brigade Air Transportation Coordinator.

On 2 March the USS OUTGAMIE COUNTY LST 1073 arrived from Subic Bay and off loaded the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) LFORM at Tengan Pier.

On 10 March the Brigade Embarkation Officer attended a T-Day Planning Conference held by FMFPAC at MCAF Futema.

Conducted Inspection of Sub Unit #2, 26th Marines at Camp Schwab on 12 March. Overall rating of Sub Unit #2, 26th Marines Embarkation satisfactory with discrepancies.

The USS WINDHAM COUNTY arrived Kin Red Beach on 14 March to load PSB equipment for transfer to Danang in support of BLT 1/26 rehab.

Embarkation O-4, 9th MAB

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Brigade Embarkation Officer departed for RVN on 17 March to attend conference with G-3 Plans III MAF, concerning shipping requirements for 9th MAB units. While in RVN, Brigade Embarkation Officer made liaison visit to 26th Marines and 1st Battalion 13th Marines.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS of SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 Mar	Off loaded USS OUTGAMIE CTY
10 Mar	Major REGAN attended conference at MCAF Futema
10 - 12 Mar	Inspected Sub Unit #2 26th Marines
14 Mar	Coordinated loading of USS WINDHAM CTY
17 - 20 Mar	Major REGAN TAD RVN
25 Mar	Captain D. E. STRASSENBERG reported as Brigade Air Transportation Coordinator

Very Respectfully,


R. J. REGAN

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From: Brigade Surgeon
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 March 1969 to 31 March 1969
Ref: (a) MGO 5750.2
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) BRIGO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Medical Section Command Chronology for the Subject period.

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

Very Respectfully,

R W Jones
R. W. JONES
CAPT MC USN

*Medical Section,
9th MAB*

Mar 1969

PART I

1. Not Applicable.
2. Not Applicable.
3. STAFF OFFICERS

Brigade Surgeon

CAPT Roland W. JONES, MC USN
1 March 1969 to 31 March 1969

Medical Administrative Officer

LCDR John R. SOLLMAN, MSC USN
1 March 1969 to 31 March 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Brigade Surgeon's Office accomplished all normal administrative matters for Navy personnel of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF, for the month of March 1969.

Fifty-five Hospital Corpsmen reported to the Brigade during the month and twenty-six were detached during the same period. Thirty-seven Hospital Corpsmen were reassigned to 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Units in Vietnam during the month in conjunction with normal rotation and combat losses.

The Brigade received two Naval Gunfire Officers (110X) during March 1969. One Chaplain Corps Officer (410X), one Medical Corps Officer (210X), three Dental Corps Officers (220X), and one Naval Gunfire Officer (110X) were detached during the same period.

CAPT Roland W. JONES, MC USN, The Brigade Surgeon, gave lectures on Drug Abuse to the following units on the dates indicated, as a member of the Drug Abuse Contact Team:

UNIT	DATE
Provisional Service Battalion VMGR-152, Futema	15 March 1969 17, 18, and 20 March 1969

Headquarters Company, 9th MAB	19 and 21 March 1969
Sub-Unit #2, 26th Marines	22 March 1969
Comm. Support Company, 9th MAB	26 March 1969

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

01 March 1969 to 03 March 1969	A negative report is submitted.
04 March 1969	HMI Henry T. PARKS returned to Okinawa from TAD assignment to Naval Base, Subic Bay, Phillipines, after completing REHAB of medical material and resumed his normal duties.
05 March 1969 to 31 March 1969	A negative report is submitted.

PART IV

Not Applicable.

HEADQUARTERS
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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5750
1 April 1969

From: Communication-Electronics Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Subj: Command Chronology (Communication)
Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.10

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following data for the month of March is submitted.

PART I

Organizational Data

1. Communication-Electronics Officer	LtCol R. C. STOCKTON 1Mar69 to 31Mar69
2. Asst Communication-Electronics Officer	Maj R. B. MASON 1Mar69 to 31Mar69 CWO(3) R. L. CLAY 1Mar69 to 20Mar69 CWO(2) B. S. DUNN 11Mar69 to 31Mar69

PART II

Narrative Summary

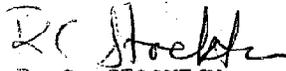
1. The Communication-Electronics Office has conducted routine business during the period 1-31 March 1969. Planning comprised the bulk of the section's activities.

PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

10 March 1969 Major R. B. MASON inspected Sub Unit #2 Hq Co, 26th Marines.
11-15 Mar 69 LtCol R. C. STOCKTON attended OPSEC Conference at III MAF.
11 March 1969 CWO(2) B. S. DUNN reported aboard as Asst Comm-Elect Officer.

- 13 March 1969 Maj R. B. MASON and CWO(2) B. S. DUNN conducted an inspection of "A" Company, 5th AMTRACS, and a liaison visit to Sub Unit #2 Hq Co, 26th Marines.
- 17 March 1969 LtCol R. C. STOCKTON accompanied CG, 9th MAB on briefing, walk through inspection of Communication Support Company.
- 18-24 Mar 69 Maj R. B. MASON inspected 79.5 and 3/26.
- 20 March 1969 CWO(2) B. S. DUNN attended critique of Sub Unit #2 Hq Co, 26th Marines inspection.


R. C. STOCKTON

HEADQUARTERS
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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10110
26 APR 1969

From: Food Services Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
Subj: Command Chronology for the Month of March 1969
Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1C

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following chronology is submitted:

PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Food Services Officer

R. L. SHELTON, GySgt
1 March - 31 March 1969

PART II
SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Made frequent visits to 9th MAB Messhalls. They were found to be in satisfactory condition. They were over expended showing a consolidated overexpenditure of \$5,966.17 for the month of March.
2. On 22 March attended Menu Planning Board Meeting at Camp Courtney for the month of May 1969.

R. L. Shelton
R. L. SHELTON

Shelton, R. L., GySgt, 9th MAB

26 APR 1969

	PSB MESSHALL 2324	HqCo Sub-Unit I MESSHALL 3629	HqCo Sub-Unit I MESSHALL 3222	TOTAL
Total Ration Due	34947	24296	2704	61947
Total Ration Feed	20819	14881	2648	38348
Total Credits	27,376.99	19,568.52	3,482.12	50,427.63
Total Expenditures	32,121.24	20,185.88	4,086.68	56,393.80
Closeing INV Feb 1969	8,872.95	10,928.02	1251.23	21,052.20
Closeing INV March 1969	8,691.28	7,655.30	2,026.65	18,373.23
Percent INV March 1969	31%	39%	58%	42%
<u>Reserve</u>				
Overexpended	4,744.25	617.36	604.56	5,966.17
Average Cost of feeding 1 man 1 day	1.55	1.42	1.25	1.40
Ration Value March 1969	1.315	1.315	1.315	1.315

Will be carried forward and liquidated during the month of April 1969.

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

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17 April 1969

MEMORANDUM

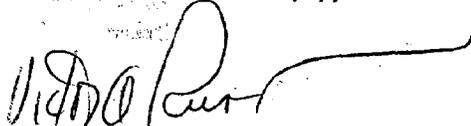
From: Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1-31 March 1969

Ref: (a) BrigO P5750.1C

Encl: (1) Comptroller Command Chronology

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


VICTOR A. RUVO

Comptroller Allen, 9th MAB

Mar 1969

CHRONOLOGY FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1969

PART I

COMPTROLLER

LTCOL. VICTOR A. RUVO

BUDGET OFFICER

CWO PETER J. ASTRUP

PART II

Significant fiscal transactions during the month were as follows:

- a. BPN 01 - Flight Operations. Funds in the amount of \$900,000 were received during this reporting period. New total OPTAR to date \$4,139,400.
- b. BPN 08 - Aviation Consolidated Allowance List (Supply Officer's Stores). Funds in the amount of \$36,040 were received during this reporting period. New total OPTAR to date \$79,766.
- c. BPN 09 - General Aviation Collateral Equipment. No funds were received during this reporting period.
- d. BPN 21 - Aeronautical TAD. Funds in the amount of \$18,000 were received during this reporting period. New total OPTAR to date \$163,000.
- e. BPN 50 - Aviation Intermediate Maintenance. Funds in the amount of \$458,000 were received during this reporting period. New total OPTAR to date \$1,166,000.
- f. BPN 11 - Maintenance of Aviation Expeditionary Equipment. No funds were received during this reporting period.
- g. BPN 11 O&M,MC. No funds were received during this reporting period.
- h. BPN 11 O&M,MC OPBUD. No funds were received during this reporting period.
- i. BPN 10 - OPBUD Medical and Dental. No funds were received during this reporting period.

PART III

NEGATIVE

PART IV

NEGATIVE

ENCLOSURE (1)

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

6/WFS/rws
5750
30 Apr 1969

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

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 - 31 March 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Command Chronology Report

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

W. F. Simpson
W. F. SIMPSON
By direction

Hy Co, 9th MAB

Mar 1969

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5750
30 Apr 1969

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 31 March 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

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

Major J. C. CREGAN

ATTACHED UNITS

1. UNIT - None
2. LOCATION - N/A
3. OFFICERS - N/A
4. AVERAGE 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>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 organizations 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:

<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>
83	435	6	10	0	0

Enclosure (1)

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5750
30 Apr 1969

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	1	24	2

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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COMMUNICATION SUPPORT COMPANY (REIN)
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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7 Apr 69

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 March to 31 March 1969
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPAC O 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.lc

Encl: (1) Communication Support Company Command Chronolgy

1. In accordance with the provisions contained in references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

2. This letter becomes unclassified upon detachment of enclosure (1).

D. R. Stoughton
D. R. STOUGHTON

Command Support Co, 9th MAB

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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

NARRATIVE STATEMENT1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Captain D. R. STOUGHTON
1 March 1969 - 31 March 1969

2. LOCATION

1 March 69 - 31 March 69: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
13	197	00	02

PART II

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

During the month of March, this command conducted both MOS and GMS Training in order to maintain overall individual proficiency.

On 14, 19, 26, and 31 March the PFT was satisfactorily completed by 130 personnel from this unit.

On 17 March, three Philippine Marine Corporals satisfactorily completed five weeks of operational communication training under the Marine Corps Military Assistance Program. (MAP)

The Radio Platoon provided radio telephone communications for the Commanding General, FMFPac, 12-26 March. During this period, telephone calls could be placed from the General's aircraft to any number on Okinawa. One of the company's communication centrals, AN/TSC-15, was deployed to Camp Courtney for this purpose.

During the week 25-31 March, the General Military Skills Proficiency Evaluation Test was administered to all Sergeants and below in the company. In addition to its stated purpose, the test is used to determine individual exemptions from certain areas of GMS training for the next training quarter.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

14, 19, 26, 31 March 1969	Physical Fitness Test
17 March 1969	Philippine Marine Corp- orals completed Commu- nication Training
12-26 March 1969	Radio Platoon provided radio-telephone comm- unications for the Commanding General, FMFPac
25-31 March 1969	GMSPE Test

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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

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5750
30 Apr 1969

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1 March to 31 March 1969

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

Encl: (1) Provisional Service Battalion Command Chronology

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

J. F. McMahon, Jr.
J. F. MCMAHON, JR.

Provisional Service Bn, 9th MAB

22 Apr 1969

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March 1969 to 31 March 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

COMMANDER

Colonel W. C. DOTY
1 Mar 69 to 29 Mar 69

Major R. C. KARGOL
29 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

Captain S. B. THOMAS
1 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69

Supply Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Captain R. W. SNOW
1 Mar 69 to 26 Mar 69

Major R. H. MARTIN
26 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69

Maintenance Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major W. G. FICERE Jr.
1 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69

Truck Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

1stLt. R. D. HOOD
1 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69

Sub Unit #2
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major W. G. FICERE Jr.
1 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69

2. 1 March 1969 to 31 March 1969, Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

Colonel W. C. DOTY
1 Mar 69 to 29 Mar 69

Major R. C. KARGOL
29 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69

Executive Officer

Major R. C. KARGOL
1 Mar 69 to 29 Mar 69

Unassigned
29 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69

S-1 Adjutant

Captain B. J. GRIGGS
1 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69

S-2/S-3

Major M. BEARDEN
1 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 69

S-4

Captain E. P. ROTCHFORD
1 Mar 69 to 31 Mar 694. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>ENL.</u>	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>ENL.</u>
Headquarters & Service Co.	17	219	1	13
Supply Company	9	159	0	7
Maintenance Company	7	178	0	0
Truck Company	3	100	0	0
Sub-Unit #2	2	43	0	1

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 March 1969, Provisional Service Battalion participated in a ceremony held in the Camp Hansen Theater, commemorating the third anniversary of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. The days activities included a special holiday meal, and a cake cutting ceremony by the Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

On 1 March 1969, Sub-Unit #2 of Provisional Service Battalion was formed. Battalion Special Order 38-69 appointed Major W. G. FICERE, Jr., as Commanding Officer. The details of the assignment are as follows:

Mission: Partial Rehab of BLT 1/26

Destination: Republic of Vietnam

Personnel: 4 Officers, 46 Enlisted

Shipping: LST 1170, USS WINDHAM COUNTY

POE: Kin Red Beach LST ramp, Kin, Okinawa. Date departed: 15 March 1969.

BLT 1/26 was scheduled for Rehab at Subic Bay, RP. Due to contingency requirements of U. S. Forces, RVN, the rehab and resupply was performed in RVN to the maximum extent possible. The mission assigned Sub-Unit #2 was satisfactorily accomplished. The objective of enhancing the combat capability/readiness of the BLT was achieved.

The embarkation of supplies and equipment, exchange of equipment and return of the Sub-Unit to Okinawa was accomplished without significant problems. In addition to the rehabilitation and exchange of equipment, the following miscellaneous services were provided:

- (1) Transported 930 tons of cargo.
- (2) Transported 1,208 passengers.
- (3) Provided general service transportation for a total of 216 trips, 8,066 miles.
- (4) Provided personnel to augment H & S Company in security missions.
- (5) Assisted in second echelon maintenance services to organic equipment of the BLT.
- (6) Assisted in providing recovery services to the Anti-tank Platoon.
- (7) Assisted Tank Platoon in pulling power packs, armor plate etc.

(8) Provided M543A2 wrecker service on request.

Upon completion of the partial rehab, the Sub-Unit was scheduled for return to Okinawa during April, 1969.

On 2 March 1969, Provisional Service Battalion performed LFORM unloading of the USS OUTAGAMIE COUNTY (LST 1073). Personnel, Material Handling Equipment, and other logistical support was provided to insure a successful off-loading. There were no unusual incidents. The operation was completed in approximately 18 hours.

On 29 March an informal change of command ceremony was held, with Major R. C. KARGOL relieving Colonel W. C. DOTY, as Battalion Commander, Provisional Service Battalion. Colonel W. C. DOTY was ordered to assume command of CTG 79.4.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 Mar 1969: Provisional Service Battalion participated in a ceremony commemorating the third anniversary of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.
- 1 Mar 1969: Sub-Unit #2 formed for Rehab of BLT 1/26. Departed Okinawa on 15 March 1969 for the Republic of Vietnam.
- 2 Mar 1969: Provisional Service Battalion performed LFORM unloading of the USS OUTAGAMIE COUNTY (LST 1073)
- 29 Mar 1969: Change of Command ceremony; Major R. C. KARGOL relieved Colonel W. C. DOTY as Battalion Commander.

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OFFICIAL RELEASE

east meets west
Release No. 29-69
By: Sgt. Russ Cavender

For additional information:
call CWO3 W. F. Driscoll
phone 28-4310

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, March 2 -- Despite heavy rains and cloudy skies hundreds of Marines from this base were on hand Saturday and Sunday, March 1 & 2, when the citizens of Kin Village hosted them in a gesture of friendship.

The first Ryukyuan-American Friendship Festival, sponsored by Kin businessmen, was held in conjunction with the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Third Anniversary, March 1.

Hosting the gala event were such village dignitaries as Mr. Akira Okamura, Kin Mayor, and Mr. Junmei Kinjo, Project Supervisor.

The festival began at 2 p.m. Saturday when the Ryukyuan townspeople held a street parade and made a motorized tour of the base while hundreds watched from roadsides both in Kin and on Camp Hansen.

Following the cavalcade, the bedecorated citizens returned to their gaily festooned shops to welcome their guests with free beverages and warm smiles until closing.

On the second day, activities included welcoming speeches, folk songs and dancing, and judo and karate demonstrations. The festival concluded with popular American music, sung and played by a local band group.

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Following the festival free refreshments were served until 7 p.m. to all who had attended.

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friendship celebration
Release No. 30-69
By: LCpl Dave Tarver

For additional information:
call CW03 W. F. Driscoll
phone 28-4310

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, March 3 -- For the 3500 Marines of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade it was time to get acquainted with the citizens of Kin-Son, Okinawa. And this is exactly what took place during the two day celebration of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's 3rd Anniversary plus the Ryukyuan American Friendship celebration.

What must have seemed like a Marine assault on Kin-Son during the two day celebration, was in reality a response to the Ryukyuan American Friendship celebration sponsored by the various business associations throughout the village.

The fun filled invasion was greeted with hospitality, free beverages, and entertainment. The troops were entertained by Okinawan folk singers, karate and judo exhibitions, and a local rock-'n-roll band.

Those who sought different amusement browsed through the Okinawan gift shops, some trying their luck with the Oriental language, while others tried to master the art of using chop sticks.

It was a chance to meet the people, and for most, receive their first introduction to the Ryukyuan way of life. Through first hand experiences the Marines became a part of the Okinawan culture for the weekend.

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INFORMATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE
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OFFICIAL RELEASE

reason why
Release No. 31-69
By: Cpl. John H. Whitmoyer

For additional information:
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phone 28-4310

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, March 3 -- Demonstrating their friendship, the people of Kin opened their hearts to Camp Hansen Marines March 1 and 2.

Kin residents sponsored an American-Ryukyuan Friendship Festival featuring a parade, judo and karate demonstrations, and Ryukyuan folk music and folk dancing. In addition, free refreshments were served at three points in the Shinmachi section of Kin.

This festival was Kin's way of showing their warm feeling for the American servicemen that serve on Okinawa. After the weekend of activity, the serviceman could not help but realize the high esteem in which he is held by the silent majority of Okinawans.

Kin was gaily decorated for the weekend with banners proclaiming American-Ryukyuan friendship and saluting the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade headquartered at Camp Hansen on its third anniversary. There was also a gate of friendship opposite the Camp Hansen gate and many American and Marine Corps flags displayed throughout Kin.

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friendship celebration
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As the festivities were coming to an end, and Marines started making their way back to Camp Hansen, the purpose of the celebration, a day to honor and thank the Marines of Camp Hansen and to let them know that there are people in this country that approve of their actions and of their being here, was surely understood by each Marine.

reason why
whitmoyer - 2

According to Mr. Junmei Kinjo, chairman of the ad hoc committee in charge of the festival, this was Kin's residents' way of showing their awareness of the part that American cooperation and support has played in the progress of Okinawa and their gratitude to the individual serviceman who has done his small part to make this possible.

There is no doubt that the people of Kin got their point across. Ryukyans and Marines could be seen throughout the streets enjoying refreshments together and engaging in lively conversations animated by the sign language that is sometimes necessary to bridge the language gap.

Even though the Ryukyans have seen judo and karate many times before, they were as spellbound as the hundreds of Marines watching the demonstrations. For the children a tall Marine's shoulders was an excellent vantage point from which to watch.

The festival was keynoted by a colorful parade through Camp Hansen led by a brass band from Naha High School starting at 2 p.m. After this the activity shifted to Kin for the free refreshments and a chance to buy the items in the various business establishments at a 15 to 20 per cent discount.

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reason why
whitmoyer - 3

Grimacing each time a karate exhibitionist split boards or tiles, the watching Marines seemed to feel the pain of the demonstrators' efforts more acutely than the students of the Wechi Karate Training Center of Naha did.

Highlights of the festival were the judo and karate demonstrations on Sunday. With about 500 Marines looking on, students from Ginoza High School and policemen from Ishikawa participated in judo matches. Keeping with the spirit of the day, Gunnery Sergeant R. E. Bonar of the 3rd Force Service Regiment matched his judo skill against five Ginoza High School students.

After a little bit of American culture in the form of a rock and roll band, the program of Ryukyuan culture continued. A small native band provided music for various Ryukyuan folk dances performed by girls in colorful native costumes. The finale of the program was Ryukyuan dances done by any one in the audience who cared to give it a try. Conquering initial shyness, people of all ages showed the Marines their techniques.

Although local politicians had no part in planning or executing this festival, a few were present for the program March 2. Among these was the mayor of Kin-Son, Akira Okamura, and several members of the legislature.

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9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE
FPO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96602

OFFICIAL RELEASE

9th MAB Birthday
Release No. 32-69
By: Cpl. John H. Whitmoyer

For additional information:
call CW03 W. F. Driscoll
phone 28-4310

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, March 3 -- The third anniversary of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade was marked at Camp Hansen March 1 during a brief ceremony.

Following the asking of God's blessing and guidance by the Brigade's Chaplains, Cmdr George W. Fulfer and Lt. Frank J. Gill, USN, Brigadier General John E. Williams, commanding general of the Brigade, recounted the brief history of the Brigade and explained its mission to its assembled members.

No birthday is complete without a cake, and for the occasion the only present member of the Brigade who was also one of its original members when it was founded March 1, 1966, was asked to cut the cake. Staff Sergeant Paul D. Wood, II of Provisional Service Battalion's S-3 office, serving his second tour with the Brigade, was assisted with the cake cutting by Brigade Sergeant Major Frank W. Bliss.

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MEDAL PRESENTATION — Second Lieutenant C.H. Erwin (left), Logistics and Supply (G-4) officer, Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB), receives the Navy Achievement Medal from Brigadier General John E. Williams (right), Commanding General, 9th MAB. Lt. Erwin received the medal for his outstanding performance of duties while serving as Logistic/Administrative Chief of plans unit of G-4 section, Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific from July 1965 to July 1968. Lt. Erwin, then a Gunnery Sergeant, provided administrative assistance and guidance, and skillfully resolved numerous technical problems resulting from greatly increased logistic responsibilities. (U.S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO BY: T.N. BECHTEL, CPL.)

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amtracs
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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, March 10 - The amphibious tractors moved along the beach at Camp Schwab in a column until they came to the area where a ship lay anchored offshore. Then, one by one, they entered the water and headed out to the ship.

It was the commencement of a two-day training exercise to be conducted at sea for the men of Company "A", 5th Amtrac Battalion. Nine amtracs from the battalion, a sub-unit of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear) were to be used in the exercise.

The ship offshore was a landing ship dock (LSD) called the USS Oak Hill. During the next two days the amtracs and the shipboard personnel would practice embarking and debarking procedures for amtracs at sea. Also included in the training was an amphibious landing on the beach of the tiny island of Tsugen-jima just off the coast of Okinawa.

Most of the amtrac drivers had never boarded a landing ship dock. Their previous shipboard training had been with landing ship tanks (LST), which are entirely different types of vessels.

In an LST amtracs drive out of the bow of the ship, sink from sight for a moment, then bob to the surface and continue on their way.

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amtracs
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However, an LSD employs a quite different concept. The stern of the ship can be sunk so that the ship's hold, where the amtracs are kept, becomes a graduated ramp, allowing the amtracs to drive into the water until they are afloat and under their own power.

Boarding such a ship can be difficult. Sailors on either side of the ship throw ropes to the incoming vehicle, whose crewmembers must catch them and tie them securely within a matter of seconds. The sailors use these ropes to turn the vehicle around 180 degrees so that the tractor will be facing in the right direction when it leaves the ship for a landing mission.

Once the sailors have turned the vehicle around the amtrac driver must reverse his tracks and "back into" the ship's hold, relying on his crew chief for directional signals until his tracks touch the bottom of the ship's hold.

For the members of Company "A", 5th Amtrac Battalion, such a boarding was a new experience. The first day of training aboard the USS Oak Hill was spent embarking and debarking the tractors. All during the daylight hours the Marines and sailors practiced, readying themselves for the amphibious landing on the following morning.

The next day, when the ship and its new cargo had traveled from Camp Schwab's shores to the beach on Tsugen-jima, the amphibious landing was completed almost flawlessly. Another landing a few hours later at the same beach eliminated the remaining problems of communication and coordination of the landing exercise, and the training had proved worthwhile for both the Marines of the 5th Amtracs and the sailors of the Oak Hill.

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macs-8 change of command
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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, March 17 - Lieutenant Colonel Thomas M. Kauffman assumed command of Marine Air Control Squadron-8 (MACS-8) during a squadron formation at Camp Schwab March 12.

He relieved Major D. C. Bierhaalter who is going to Marine Air Traffic Control Unit-65 at Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz.

Prior to taking his new command, LtCol. Kauffman served as commanding officer of MACS-4, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, at Monkey Mountain, Vietnam. He has also served as a production supervisor for naval electronics systems at Litton Industries.

Among the dignitaries attending the change of command ceremony were Brigadier General John E. Williams, commanding general, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB), the Brigade's chief of staff, Colonel John Lowman, Jr., and Colonel C. T. Corcoran, commanding officer, Marine Aircraft Group-15 (MAG-15).

Maj. Bierhaalter is the first naval flight officer to be the commanding officer of a Marine air control squadron. He has commanded MACS-8 since it departed Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C., for Okinawa.

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MACS-8 is only the second Marine squadron in the western Pacific to use the Marine Tactical Data System, a sophisticated, computer-operated air control system. The squadron is part of the 9th MAB's MAG-15, the air component of the Marine Corps' air-ground force in readiness in the Far East.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, March 17 - A young Marine Corps private was awarded his second Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for heroic achievement in Vietnam. Private Martin J. Wade received the medal at Camp Hansen March 12 from his commanding officer, Captain S. B. Thomas, Headquarters and Service Company, Provisional Service Battalion (PSB), 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

Pvt. Wade was serving with Force Logistics Support Group "A" at Phu Bai when he performed his heroic act. On that day a fire was sweeping an old, uncharted, French minefield and was threatening \$8 million worth of ammunition stored nearby. Ignoring the danger, Pvt. Wade went into the minefield and extinguished the fire.

Pvt. Wade, also the holder of two Purple Heart Medals, is now working at PSB's special services.

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\$1 million cheques
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, March 27, 1969 - Looking after the welfare of his men by assuring that all their needs are met is one of the paramount duties of a first sergeant. Since the middle of November 1968 First Sergeant Thomas Gentile, Headquarters Company, Transient Facility, has been meeting a rather odd need causing him to engage in unusual activities for a first sergeant.

At Camp Hansen's Transient Facility there are Marines with more money than they know what to do with, a distinctly unique situation. In order for them to safeguard their money more easily, 1stSgt. Gentile has been selling travelers cheques to those who arrive at Camp Hansen after banking hours.

In the four months that 1stSgt. Gentile has been doing this, he has sold over \$1 million worth of travelers cheques. He reached the million dollar mark March 15 when he sold a \$20 cheque to Lance Corporal Paul Benson. In comparison, it took the leading American Express military banking office in the world six months to sell the same amount of travelers cheques according to David W. Long, Jr., American Express International Banking Corporation's district manager, military banking, Okinawa.

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\$1 million cheques
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The typical Marine returning to the United States from Vietnam has just completed a 13-month tour that offered few opportunities to spend any of the money he earned in that time. Consequently, upon landing on Okinawa he is often heavily cash laden.

In the past, due to the anxiety and confusion of preparing to return home and to theft, many Marines have been parted with their hard-earned money. Being cash, the money was irretrievably lost and completely negotiable.

Travelers cheques would seem to be the obvious answer to this problem. What was not as obvious was how to make them readily available to the Marines that arrive at Camp Hansen any time of the day or night. The banking facility there is only open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

To solve this problem Lieutenant Colonel David J. Hytrek, commanding officer, Transient Facility, asked American Express International Banking Corporation to establish a small office in the Transient Facility baggage building for the sole purpose of selling travelers cheques.

Since this office was established in mid-November 1968, 1stSgt. Gentile has met all flights arriving after 4:30 p.m. and before 5 a.m. Monday through Friday and after 11:30 a.m. Saturday until 5 a.m. Monday.

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\$1 million cheques

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Up to March 15, when he sold his \$1 millionth worth, he had met 61 flights returning from Vietnam. He usually sells cheques to between 60 and 80 Marines from each flight averaging sales of about \$18 thousand a flight. The number of men on each flight varies according to the type of plane used.

It takes 1stSgt. Gentile about five hours to service each flight. This time is all in addition to his regular Marine Corps working hours. American Express pays him \$9 a flight.

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meet a marine
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, March 24 -- Meet Sergeant L.J. Credille, a communicator assigned to the Communications Support Company, Radio Relay Platoon, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

Basically trained as a radio-teletype operator, MOS 2533, Sgt. Credille is primarily responsible for the operation of his unit's ANT/SC 15 van.

The van is a shelter-enclosed communications center which can provide teletype, telegraph, telephone, voice, and standard radio communications within limits of its frequency range.

"Its one of the most complicated pieces of communications equipment in the Marine Corps today," said Sgt. Credille, "not only does this little van have the ability to perform all its functions simultaneously, but it also has duplex radio bands so it can send and receive at the same time on the same frequency."

Providing that another van is available as a receiver unit, the center has the range capability of sending and receiving messages around the world.

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Sgt. Credille enlisted in the Marine Corps in the summer of 1965 and received his basic training at MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina. After graduating from radio-teletype school and Communications School at Norfolk, Virginia, he was sent to Vietnam where he worked as a Fire Direction Control operator for Headquarters Battery, 1st Field Artillery Group. He returned in April, 1967 and was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Later he was reassigned to his present unit in the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

"Most of our work in this company," pointed out Sgt. Credille, "involves field problems with communications, radio and radio-telegraph. Another one of our main functions is improved training of new operators that join our company. There is a lot of difference between practical and theoretical operation of radios and we try to find the finer points of effective communication."

"For Marines going into combat zones, communications is a necessity, and we, as operators, must be effective communicators in order for the Marine Corps to accomplish its mission and possibly save lives."

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