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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (-)(Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (-)(Rein),  
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(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January to 30 June  
1975

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1D  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO P5750.1

Encl: (1) HQ, 9th Marines Command Chronology (C)  
(2) HqCo, 9th Marines Command Chronology (U)  
(3) 1stBn, 9th Marines Command Chronology (S)  
(4) 2dBn, 9th Marines Command Chronology (U)  
(5) 3dBn, 9th Marines Command Chronology (U)

1. (U) In accordance with the provisions of references (a) through (c), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted.

2. (U) The Command Chronology for 1stBn, 3d Marines, 3/EMS/dec 5750 of 31 May 1975, for the period 23 April to 7 May 1975 during which the Battalion was OPCON to the 9th Marines was submitted under separate cover.



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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
9th Marine Regiment	Col J. D. ROWLEY	1Jan - 27Mar75
3d Marine Division	Col W. W. TAYLOR JR.	28Mar - 25May75
(-) (Rein), FMF	LtCol R. C. WISE	26May - 30Jun75

SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo, 9thMar	Capt. W. W. RIGGS	1Jan - 13Feb75
	Capt. A. G. LITTLE	14Feb - 30Jun75
1stBn, 9thMar	LtCol R. L. BOND	1Jan - 30Jun75
2dBn, 9thMar	LtCol G. A. DEEGAN	1Jan - 28Mar75
	LtCol R. W. AUSTIN	29Mar - 30Jun75
3dBn, 9thMar	LtCol R. E. LOEHE	1Jan - 30Jun75

ATTACHED UNITS

1stBn, 3d Mar	LtCol J. W. HEMINGWAY	23Apr - 7May75
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2. Location. 1Jan - 30Jun75: Camp Schwab, OKIJA3. Staff Officers

Regimental Executive Officer	LtCol R. C. WISE	1Jan - 25May75
	Unassigned	26May - 30Jun75
S-1	Capt R. J. RAMSEY	1Jan - 30Jun75
S-2	1stLt T. W. KINSELL	1Jan - 30Jun75
S-3	Maj B. H. LANDES JR.	1Jan - 25Jan75
	Maj M. J. LENZINI	26Jan - 11Feb75
	Maj D. A. QUINLAN	12Feb - 30Jun75
S-4	Maj L. R. MORAN	1Jan - 16Feb75
	Maj R. J. GRUENBERG	17Feb - 30Jun75
CEO	Maj H. NELKE	1Jan - 30Jun75
Motor Transport Officer	1stLt S. E. BERGER	1Jan - 19May75
	Vacant	20May - 30Jun75

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Supply Officer	2dLt E. J. NOVICKI	1Jan - 16Feb75
	Vacant	17Feb - 20Apr75
	Capt D. L. DZIGGLE	21Apr - 30Jun75
Regimental Chaplain	Cdr R. E. GORDON	1Jan - 30Jun75
Regimental Surgeon	Vacant	1Jan - 30Jun75
Air Liaison Officer	Maj M. J. LENZINI	1Jan - 30Jun75
Regimental Sergeant Major	SgtMaj T. A. JONES SR.	1Jan - 30Jun75

4. Average Monthly 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>
HqCo, 9thMar	<u>17</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
1stBn, 9thMar	<u>48</u>	<u>1119</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
2dBn, 9thMar	<u>34</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
3dBn, 9thMar	<u>52</u>	<u>1028</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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PART II5750  
12 July 1975NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, the Regimental Headquarters remained in garrison at Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan. Command emphasis was placed on supporting the infantry battalions during contingency operations and in all phases of the Battalion Landing Team readiness cycle. The regimental staff provided coordination and liaison with higher and adjacent headquarters to facilitate the training, logistic support, administrative support and operations of the organic infantry battalions and the regimental headquarters company during the planning and execution phases of NEMVAC Operations in Cambodia and Viet Nam and the recovery of the U.S. merchant ship, Mayaguez. The commanding officer and members of his staff made frequent visits to the regimental units to observe training both in garrison and in the field to ensure that all necessary support was being provided. The Regimental Headquarters supplied the headquarters section of the Amphibious Evacuation Security Force during evacuation operations in South Viet Nam, while the Regimental Headquarters Company supplied Security Detachment Victor.

Battalion Landing Team 1/9 was deployed to Camp Fuji, Japan from the beginning of the period until the end of February when the battalion returned to Camp Schwab. During the period between the end of February and the beginning of April the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines maintained a post deployment posture, assuming the responsibility for the Airlift Contingency Battalion of the 3d Marine Division in early March. During the month period between April and early May the 1st Battalion was deployed in support of emergency evacuation operations in Cambodia and Viet Nam. Upon the units return to Camp Schwab in early May, the 1st Battalion prepared for the input phase of the BLT life cycle which commenced early June.

The 2d Battalion, 9th Marines commenced the input phase of the BLT life cycle the end of January, going through a building period as the battalion's predeployment training phase began the first of April. During the evacuation Operations in Cambodia and Viet Nam the 2d Battalion assumed the Airlift Contingency Battalion mission in support of the evacuation. Upon completion of the evacuation of Cambodia and South Viet Nam the predeployment training of the 2d Battalion was again interrupted. The battalion, on the 14th of May, flew to Utapao, Thailand and formed the assault force which landed on Koh Tang Island off the coast of Cambodia during the recovery operation of the U.S. merchant ship, Mayaguez. Returning to Camp Schwab the 21st of May, the 2d Battalion continued its predeployment training.

The 3d Battalion, 9th Marines was in the predeployment training phase from the beginning of January until the end of February when

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the unit was deployed as a Battalion Landing Team, to Camp Fuji, Japan as part of Amphibious Ready Group Bravo.

The 1st Battalion, 3d Marines flew from Hawaii to Okinawa and was placed under the operational control of the 9th Marines during the period between mid April and early May. The battalion assumed the Airlift Contingency Battalion mission in support of the evacuation operation in South Viet Nam but was not committed in this role.

The readiness posture of the Regimental staff was exercised by participation in two III MAF/ 3d Marine Division command post exercises; serving as the TEC control group for two graded battalion command post exercises; and acting as higher and adjacent headquarters as well as the TEC control group for the tactical test of BLT 3/9 at Camp Fuji, Japan. During this TAC test of BLT 3/9, the 9th Marines, for the first time, exercised the advanced echelon of its Tactical Air Contingency Headquarters (MARTACH-9).

Two regimental change of commands were conducted during the reporting period, the first when Colonel W. W. TAYLOR relieved Colonel J. D. ROWLEY on 27 March 1975 and the second on 25 May 1975 when Colonel W. W. TAYLOR was relieved by Lieutenant Colonel R. C. WISE.

During the reporting period, the 9th Marines took first place in the team rifle competition and second place in the team pistol competition at the Far East Divisional Matches. CWO-3 D. I. BOYD of the 9th Marines was high individual rifle shooter with a score of 300.

The 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company E, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was selected to represent the 9th Marine Regiment at the Marine Corps Rifle Squad Competition at Quantico, Virginia.

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## 1. Organizations Not Committed to Combat

a. Personnel

(1) Number of personnel joined during the reporting period:

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HqCo, 9thMar	<u>11</u>	<u>63</u>
1stBn, 9thMar	<u>25</u>	<u>457</u>
2dBn, 9thMar	<u>23</u>	<u>974</u>
3dBn, 9thMar	<u>6</u>	<u>103</u>

(2) Number of personnel transferred during the reporting period:

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
HqCo, 9thMar	<u>11</u>	<u>92</u>
1stBn, 9thMar	<u>36</u>	<u>615</u>
2dBn, 9thMar	<u>18</u>	<u>846</u>
3dBn, 9thMar	<u>0</u>	<u>104</u>

b. Administration

(1) Promotions

	<u>PFC</u>	<u>LCPL</u>	<u>CPL</u>	<u>SGT</u>	<u>SSGT</u>	<u>GYSGT</u>	<u>MSGT</u>	<u>MGYSGT</u>	<u>SGTMAJ</u>
HQ	13	42	12	5	1	1	1	0	0
1/9	43	329	87	14	13	2	0	0	1
2/9	461	215	70	10	0	0	0	0	0
3/9	127	157	67	2	0	8	0	0	0

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During the reporting period, the Regimental Intelligence Section continued to support the 9th Marines in all aspects of security and intelligence. In addition to maintaining an on-going personal security program, the S-2 kept continuous liaison with the Naval Investigative Service, the 3d Counter Intelligence Team, and the Criminal Investigative Department of the office of the Provost Marshal, Camp Smedley D. Butler, in connection with matters concerning good order, discipline, and law enforcement.

Keeping the Commander abreast of the rapidly changing situation in Southeast Asia, the S-2 conducted daily briefings on all contingency areas. As preparation for evacuation operations began, the S-2 provided the commander and his Staff a daily brief on enemy order of battle in key locations. The S-2 also arranged with higher headquarters for map and intelligence distribution as subordinate battalions readied for deployment to contingency areas. Throughout the entire reporting period the S-2 coordinated and administered combined intelligence training with subordinate battalions.

During the reporting period the S-2 section participated in two III MAF/ 3d Marine Division command post exercises, served as part of the TEC control group for two battalion command post exercises, and acted as higher, adjacent, and TEC control group for the tactical test of BLT 3/9.

The Regimental Intelligence Section received two readiness staff visits from 3d Marine Division G-2 Section on 3Feb75 and 29May75. The S-2 section was assigned a ready rating on both inspections, receiving six noteworthy markings on the 29 May visit.

During the evacuation operations in Southeast Asia, members of the S-2 section were assigned temporary additional duties with the Amphibious Evacuation Security Force from 18 April to 20 May 75 to provide security aboard MSC shipping carrying Vietnamese refugees.

d. Training. Training during the reporting period was conducted as listed in enclosures (2) through (5).

(1) During the reporting period the 9th Marines utilized 18 on-island schools to train Marines of the Regiment. The following schools were utilized:

NCO Leadership  
Administrative Chief's Course  
Manpower Management System

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Service Record Book Clerk's Course  
 Correspondence Clerk  
 Communications Security  
 Communications Radio Chief Refresher Course  
 Advanced Leadership Seminar  
 Human Relations Unit Discussion Leader  
 Career Planning Orientation  
 Team Embarkation Officer  
 Unit Embarkation Assistant  
 CMS Custodian Officer  
 CMS  
 Defense Readiness  
 16 Millimeter Projectionist  
 Government Motor Vehicle Operator Training  
 Explosive Licensing Course

(2) The Landing Force Training Command Pacific conducted Training for the 9th Marines during the period 2 June through 13 June 75. The courses taught during this period were Landing Force Staff Planning, Landing Force Communications Equipment Waterproofing/Weatherproofing, Logistics Staff Planning and Landing Force Communications Planning.

e. Command Relations

(1) 1st Battalion, 9th Marines

1Jan - 27Feb75 OPCON to III MAF  
 28Feb - 6Apr75 OPCON to 9thMar  
 7Apr - 6May75 OPCON to III MAF  
 7May - 30Jun75 OPCON to 9thMar

(2) 2d Battalion, 9th Marines

1Jan - 13May75 OPCON to 9thMar  
 14May - 20May75 OPCON to III MAF  
 21May - 30Jun75 OPCON to 9thMar

(3) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines

1Jan - 27Feb75 OPCON to 9th Marines  
 28Feb - 30Jun75 OPCON to III MAF

f. Logistics. During the reporting period the Regiment continued to provide general logistical support and guidance for all battalions and headquarters company as well as the additional support given during the deployments in support of Evacuation Operations in Cambodia and Viet Nam, and the recovery of the U.S. merchant ship, Mayaguez.

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(1) The 9th Marines have established a program of mutual assistance between the Regiment and the citizens of Okinawa in the Nago-san district that has generated a climate of respect and has promoted harmonious living. The Regimental Commander maintains excellent rapport with the officials of the nearby city of Henoko and is known and respected by the local community.

(2) During January, members of the 9th Marine Regiment expressed formal condolences to the family of Chiyoko Watanabe, one of the Camp Schwab domestic employees, who lost a teenage daughter.

h. Communications. During the reporting period the Communications Platoon devoted most of its time to the training of personnel and the maintenance of equipment. Communications support was provided for two communication exercises, two Regimental command post exercises, two III MAF/ 3d Mar Div command post exercises and a tactical test of BLT 3/9. Additionally the communications platoon successfully completed a readiness inspection on 3Jun75 conducted by the 3d Marine Division Communications-Electronics Officer.

i. Chaplain

(1) Regimental Chaplain 9th Marines. CDR Robert E. GORDON, CHC, USN (United Methodist) served as Regimental Chaplain with additional duty as Camp Chaplain, Camp Schwab.

(2) First Battalion 9th Marines. LCDR Merle E. STRICKLAND, CHC, USNR (Southern Baptist) served as Battalion Chaplain.

(3) Second Battalion 9th Marines. LT (jg) Ronald E. GARDNER, CHC, USNR (United Methodist) served as Battalion Chaplain.

(4) Third Battalion 9th Marines. LCDR Edward PRENDIVILLE, CHC, USNR (Roman Catholic) served as Battalion Chaplain.

(5) Administration. All units were inspected quarterly by the Division Chaplain and received a rating of satisfactory with no discrepancies.

(6) Chapel Program. Divine services are conducted in the Camp Schwab Chapel (Bldg. 3662) as follows:

(a) Roman Catholic

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Mass at 1130  
Monday - Thursday Mass at 1700  
Confessions heard before each Mass

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Sunday at 1000  
Bible Study at 1930 Tuesday  
Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.  
Preaching is on a rotational basis

(c) Latter Day Saints. Family Night Service at 1930 Mon.

(d) Jewish and Eastern Orthodox. Once a month visits by the respective Air Force Chaplains.

(7) Special Religious Observances

(a) Ecumenical Unit Recognition services were conducted on 5 January and 9 February also an Ecumenical Good Friday Service.

(b) Martin Luther King Memorial Service on 15 January conducted by Bishop Archie Buchanan, Calvary Church of God In Christ - 116 attended.

(c) A one act play "The Undertaking" and Protestant Holy Communion was conducted on Holy Thursday.

(d) An Easter Sunrise Service was conducted at LZ-2.

(e) Memorial Service for KIAs of 2/9 (Mayaguez Operation) conducted in camp theater on 24 May.

(f) At various times during this period special worship services have been conducted for Episcopal, Latter Day Saints, and Lutheran personnel.

2. Organizations Committed to Combat. The 2dBn, 9th Marines (-) was engaged in combat operations for one day, 15 May 1975, on Koh Tang Island during the recovery of the U.S. Merchant ship Mayaguez. See enclosure (4).

3. Listing of Events

16Jan75	Senator S. NUNN (D-GA) observed the training of 2dBn, 9thMar in Northern Training Area
11-13Feb75	Regimental HQ serves as TEC for BLT 3/9 CPX
28Feb75	BLT 1/9 relieved ARG Bravo mission OPCON to 9th Marines, BLT 3/9 assumes ARG Bravo mission OPCON to III MAF
10-12Mar75	III MAF/ 3dMarDiv CPX

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17-19Mar75	TACTEST of BLT 3/9, Camp Fuji Japan, exercised the advanced echelon of MARTACH-9. TAB A
23-24Mar75	III MAF/ 3dMarDiv CPX
28Mar75	Col W. W. TAYLOR relieves Col J. D. ROWLEY as Commanding Officer, 9th Marines.
7Apr-6May75	1stBn, 9thMar OPCON to III MAF for NEMVAC Operations in Cambodia and South Viet Nam.
17Apr75	HQ 9th Marines supplied the CO & XO for the HQ section of the Amphibious Evacuation Security Force.
18Apr75	The Commanding Officer 9th Marines, Col W. W. TAYLOR, assigned as deputy commander, ground security force during NEMVAC operations in South Viet Nam.
18Apr-12May75	HqCo, 9thMar supplied Detachment Victor to Amphibious Evacuation Security Force.
23Apr-7May75	1stBn, 3d Marines OPCON to 9th Marines in support of NEMVAC Operations
14May-20May75	2dBn, 9th Marines OPCON to III MAF during recovery operation of U.S. Merchant Ship Mayaquez.
15May75	2dBn (-) engaged in combat operation on Koh Tang Island.
26May75	LtCol R. C. WISE relieves Col W. W. TAYLOR as Commanding Officer, 9th Marines.
26Jun-28Jun75	Regimental HQ serves as TEC for BLT 2/9 CPX.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

TAB A: Marine-Regimental Tactical Air Contingency Headquarters,  
9th Marines (MARTACH-9) (C)

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Operation Plan 201B(4) -- Marine Regimental Tactical Air  
 Contingency Headquarters, 9th Marines (MARTACH-9)

Ref: (a) CG, III MAF OpPlan 201

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Annex B (Intelligence)

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b. Friendly Forces

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(1) Conduct operations as directed in the Western  
 Pacific and Indian Oceans, and the land areas  
 contiguous thereto.

(2) III MAF. Exercises operational control of and  
 provides support for committed Western Pacific  
 Fleet Marine Forces. Coordinates air transportation  
 requirements with responsible lifting command.

(3) 3dMarDiv. Provides ground combat forces as  
 required.

(4) Military Airlift Command (MAC). Provides airlift  
 support as directed.

(5) 13th Air Force. Provides airlift support as directed.

(6) 1st MAW. Conducts air support operations as directed.

(7) Marine Corps Base, Camp Butler. Provides Military  
 Police support along movement routes to the departure  
 airfield.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Det. 2dBn, 12thMar attached  
 when directed by CG, 3dMarDiv (See Appendix 1 to Annex  
 A for composition of this detachment).

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d. Assumptions

- (1) That two or more air contingency battalions (ACBs) or battalion landing teams (BLTs) will deploy under the operational control of III MAF, 9th MAB, or another U. S. command external to 3dMarDiv.
- (2) That a tactical ground combat command group will be required to maintain effective operational control of the deployed ACBs and BLTs.
- (3) That in the event of contingency operations which are of longer than five days duration the ground combat command group will be augmented by its follow-on echelon fly away command group.

2. MISSION. Headquarters (Reinforced) 9th Marines provides a tactical regimental command group configured and ready for deployment by fixed wing aircraft throughout the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean basins with a preparation time of 24 hours. When directed by CG, III MAF, CG, 3dMarDiv coordinates the movement of the command group to the departure airfield and the embarkation and deployment of designated forces.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations

- (1) 9th Marines designates a command group as regimental tactical air contingency headquarters (MARTACH-9) for planning and training. The MARTACH-9 prepares to deploy by fixed wing aircraft on short notice.
- (2) On execution, MARTACH-9 is activated. On order MARTACH-9 moves by echelon to the departure airfield, embarks and deploys to the designated objective area. 3d Marine Division will control and support movement to the departure airfield.
- (3) On order, MARTACH-9 CHOP to operational commander (to be designated).

b. Headquarters 9th Marines

- (1) When directed, provide personnel and equipment, to be designated by regiment, prepared for deployment as MARTACH-9.
- (2) Establish a Movement Control Center (MCC) and marshalling area to coordinate staging and departure of all elements deploying from Camp Schwab.

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c. Marine Regimental Tactical Air Contingency Headquarters  
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(1) Task Organization (Annex A)

(2) In accordance with reference (a):

(a) Conduct necessary planning and training to ensure readiness of MARTACH-9 for rapid airlift deployment.

(b) Be prepared to assume any type of mission from active combat operations to humanitarian relief type actions. Upon assignment of a mission review task organization. Requests for additional support will be forwarded to 3d Marine Division.

(c) Under normal deployability posture with no warning, be prepared to deploy by fixed wing aircraft within 24 hours.

(3) Be prepared to control and coordinate operations for the recovery of nuclear material as described in Annex L of 3dMarDiv OPLAN 201A.

d. S-3, 9th Marines

(1) Coordinate formation of MARTACH-9

(2) Provide personnel and equipment as listed in Annex A.

e. S-2, 9th Marines. Provide personnel and equipment listed in Annex A.f. CommO, 9th Marines. Provide personnel and equipment listed in Annex A.g. HqCmndt, 9th Marines. Ensure that vehicles and field equipment listed in Annex A are maintained in a state of readiness necessary to meet deployment objectives.h. Coordinating Instructions

(1) This plan is effective for planning and training upon issue, and for execution on order.

(2) The MARTACH is activated and reinforcements are attached upon execution.

(3) On order, MARTACH-9 will CHOP to operational commander (to be designated).

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- (4) Joint air transportability training including static loading exercise will be scheduled periodically for the MARTACH.
- (5) Departure airfield will be designated.
- (6) Movement to the departure airfield will be in accordance with CG, 3dMarDiv instructions.

4. LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATION

- a. Administrative support remains with the 9th Marines.
- b. 9th Marines Admin/Log Plan 201B-YR.

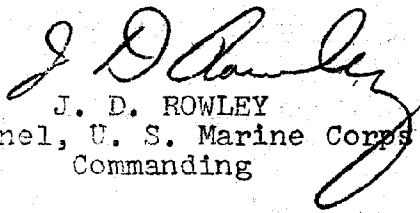
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Command Relationships: Annex C.

- b. Command Posts

- |                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| (1) III MAF             | Camp Courtney  |
| (2) 3dMarDiv (-) (Rein) | Camp Courtney  |
| (3) 9th MAB             | As established |
| (4) MARTACH - 9         | As established |

- c. Signal. Annex D.

  
 J. D. ROWLEY  
 Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Commanding

## ANNEXES:

- A. Task Organization
- B. Intelligence (to be issued)
- C. Command Relationships (to be issued)
- D. Communications Electronics (to be issued)
- E. Fire Support (to be issued)
- F. Air Operations (to be issued)
- G. Operational Security (to be issued)
- H. Concept of Operations (to be issued)
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Marine Regimental Tactical Air Contingency Headquarter - 9

Advance Echelon

Col ROWLEY

Det, HqCo, 9th Marines

Det, 2dBn, 12th Marines

Follow-on Echelon

LtCol WISE

HqCo(-), 9th Marines

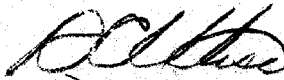
Det, 2dBn, 12th Marines

Det, HqBn, 3dMarDiv

APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Organization for Air Movement
- 2 - Advanced Echelon - Vehicles and Equipment

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Appendix 1 (Organization for Air Movement) to Annex A to OPLAN  
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Ref: (a) RegtO P3200.1D

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1. General. This appendix task organizes the Marine Regimental Tactical Air Contingency Headquarters (MARTACH) Advance Echelon for air movement to the objective area.

Advance Echelon (MARTACH)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Personnel</u>
Regimental Commander	Regimental Commander Driver 2 Radio Operators
S-2	S-2 S-2 Chief 2 Intelligence Assistants 2 Radio Operators
S-3	S-3 S-3A Operations Chief Operations Assistant Driver Clerk 6 Radio Operators
FSCC	ALO Artillery LnO (2/12) NGFO (2/12) Artillery Ops Chief (2/12) NGF Team Chief (2/12) 13 Radio Operators (2/12)
Communications	CommO 2 Radio Techs 1 Radio Chief 4 Radio Operators 1 Radio Relay Chief

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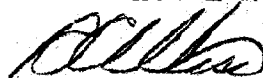
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8 Radio Relay Men  
4 Wiremen  
2 Generator Men

Follow-on Echelon. Personnel not listed above, in the Advance Party, CP Group Alfa, and CP Group Bravo in Appendix A of Reference (a).

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Appendix 2 (Advance Echelon - Vehicles and Equipment) to  
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1. General. This appendix lists the vehicles and equipment for the Advance Echelon of the MARTACH.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Vehicle and Equipment</u>
<u>Regimental Commander</u>	1 MRC 110 w/KY-8 and trailer 1 Field Table 1 Lantern Set 2 Cots 4 Folding Chairs 2 Water Cans
<u>S-2/S-3</u>	1 M151 w/Trailer 5 Field Tables 3 PRC 77 w/KY-38 1 Foot Locker 1 Field Chest 2 Map Boards 1 Lantern Case 6 Folding Chairs 4 Water Cans
<u>FSCC</u>	1 MRC-124 (ALO) 1 MRC-110 w/KY-38 and Trailer 2 PRC-47 (2/12) 7 PRC-77 w/5KY-38 (2/12) 1 PRC-75 1 Btry Chgr PP 6241 for BB 451(212)
<u>Comm</u>	2 MRC 134 2 TRC-166 6 PRC-77 4 PRC-47 1 MRC-110 + Trailer w/3KW 5 day supply consummable BB's 4 Field Tables 6 Folding Chairs 1 Lantern Chest

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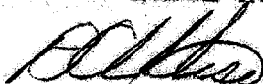
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Comm (Cont)

15 Waters Cans  
Wire (5 miles)  
10 Phones  
1 SB-22  
1 M151 + Trailer w/3KW  
1 M83

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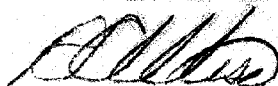
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through 30 June 1975  
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO P5750.1H  
Encl: (1) Command Chronology of Headquarters Company, 9th  
Marines  
1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), enclosure  
(1) is submitted.

  
R. B. LITTLE

Headquarters Co, 9th Marines

Jan-June 75

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Headquarters Company	Capt W. W. RIGGS	1 Jan - 13 Feb 1975
9th Marines	Capt A. G. LITTLE	14 Feb - 30 Jun 1975

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Not Applicable

ATTACHED UNITS

Not Applicable

2. Location

Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan      1 January - 30 June 1975

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. Average Semi-Annual 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>
17	159	1	3	0	0

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1 January to 30 June, Headquarters Company continued to provide command and support elements for the 9th Marines Regiment. On 2 January 1975, 95 members of the Company were taken to the rifle range and were run through the familiarization firing course with the service rifle.

During 13 - 17 January, the Communications Platoon along with other elements of the Company participated in a Division Communication/Command Post Exercise.

On 8 and 22 February, Command groups Alpha and Bravo, respectively participated in a 10 mile conditioning hike.

On 12 and 13 February certain elements of the company participated in a tactical exercise test for BLT 3/9 during the pre-deployment phase of their training cycle.

On the 14th of February 1975, Captain William W. RIGGS relinquished command of the Company to Captain Allan G. LITTLE at a Company Formation.

On 15 February, administrative cognizance of Sub-Unit #1, H&S Company, BLT 3/9 was assumed, giving the Company two Sub-Units under its administrative control.

March and April were almost months of routine training and operation of the Company. Activity began to intensify as reports came in from South East Asia regarding the possible evacuation of government, military and certain civilian elements from Cambodia and Vietnam.

On 27 March 1975, familiarization firing of the service rifle was conducted for new joinees and personnel scheduled for Detachment "V", a total of 87 persons were fired over the course.

✓ The Company had a total of 76 Officers and Enlisted assigned to Detachment Victor on 17 April. These Marines were absent from the unit until 12 May 1975, when the final elements of the detachment returned.

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On 14 May, a 5 man detachment of communications personnel was attached to 2d Battalion 9th Marines, in support of the Operation on Koh-Tang Island. Routine Training ensued the remainder of May, with emphasis on the missed range quotas and Human relations Training.

June was unremarkable, except for the fact that a CPX and Tactical Exercise Test of 2d Battalion 9th Marines, was conducted from 25 - 27 June.

The Company closed out the reporting period at 100% requalification on the rifle and pistol range for persons fired, 89.4% for essential subjects testing, 77.5% swim qualification, and a 86.3% completion percentage of MCI.

### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

##### 1. Personnel

- |                  |             |                  |
|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| (a) Joined:      | Officers 11 | Naval Officers 0 |
|                  | Enlisted 61 | Naval Enlisted 2 |
| (b) Transferred: | Officers 11 | Naval Officers 0 |
|                  | Enlisted 90 | Naval Enlisted 2 |

##### 2. Administration

###### a. Promotion

To PFC 13	To SSgt 1	To Capt 0
To LCpl 42	To GySgt 1	To Major 0
To Cpl 12	To MSgt 1	To LtCol 0
To Sgt 5	To 1stLt 4	To Col 0

###### b. Awards

- |                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| (1) 1stSgt G. W. WILLS II | Commanding General,<br>3d Marine Division<br>Certificate of Commendation |
| (2) HMC G. A. DAWSON      | Commanding General,<br>3d Marine Division<br>Certificate of Commendation |

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|-----|---------------------|---|
| (3) | SSgt C. G. CARTER   | Commanding Officer,<br>9th Marine Regiment<br>Meritorious Mast            |
| (4) | MGySgt R. H. DUBIOS | Commanding General<br>4th Marine Division<br>Certificate of Commendation  |
| (5) | HMCS B. W. MARGOT   | Naval Achievement Medal<br>(2d Award)                                     |
| (6) | Cpl J. A. FIGAS     | Commanding Officer<br>9th Marine Regiment<br>Meritorious Mast             |
| (7) | SSgt S. M. BENNETT  | Commanding General<br>MCSC, Barstow, Calif<br>Certificate of Commendation |
| (8) | SSgt W. E. TRENTINI | Commanding Officer<br>9th Marine Regiment<br>Meritorious Mast             |

### 3. Training

(a) On 2 January, 95 members of the Company fired the service rifle for familizarization, raising the Company percentage to 87.9% for familiarization with service rifle.

(b) Ther period of 13 to 17 January, saw the Communications Platoon and other elements of the Company participating in a Division Command Post Exercise.

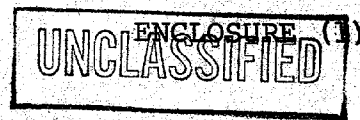
(c) On 8 February, Command Group Alpha Completed a 10 mile conditioning hike.

(d) On 22 February, Command Group Bravo, completed the same hike.

(e) During the period of 12 and 13 February, elements of the Company participated in the pre-deployment cycle tactical testing of Battalion Landing Team 3/9.

(f) On 27 March, service rifle familiarization firing was again conducted for newly joined personnel and those personnel being assigned to Detachment "V". This raised the Company service rifle familiarization firing percentages to 91.4%.

(g) Training maintained a constant pace meeting all the requirements of higher headquarters throughout March and the begining of April.



(h) With the intensification Southeast Asia evacuation operations, the Company formed Detachment "V" on 17 April and they deployed to aid in the evacuation efforts. This reduction in strength, forced a virtual halt to training, and relief was sought from training requirements by a letter to the Division. A waiver of training was granted through 5 May 1975.

(i) The last elements of Detachment "V" returned on 12 May, and with the rescue operation set up for the crew of the SS Mayaguez, falling two days later, the Company was tasked with the augmentation of the rescuing units. A 5 man detachment of communicators was deployed, these men returned on the 16th of May, having seen the operation through to its completion.

(j) June was hectic in so far as training went, with efforts being expended to regain lost training time and raise weapons requalification percentages to acceptable levels. The 25th through the 27th, were devoted to a CPX/Tactical Test for the 2d Battalion 9th Marines.

4. Special Operations. The unit as a whole didn't participate in any special operations. The elements of the Company which did participate are listed elsewhere in this narrative.

5. Command Relations. Not Applicable.

6. Equipment. Not Applicable

7. Logistics. Not Applicable.

8. Community Relations. On the 15th of January, members of the company, expressed formal condolences to the family of Chiyoko Watanabe, on of the domestic employees who lost a teenage daughter through rape/murder, by a local national.

9. Communications/Electronics. Not Applicable.

10. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation. Not Applicable.

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