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Encl: (1) August 1969 Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1.(c) Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Date</u>
Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines	LtCol R. L. MODJESKI	1-31 August

Subordinate Units

"H&S" Company	1stLt B. B. HOLDRIDGE	1-31 August
Company "E"	Capt D. K. SHOCKEY	1-31 August
Company "F"	1stLt J. L. GANGWER	1-31 August
Company "G"	Capt D. C. WILSON	1-31 August
Company "H"	Capt G. W. SACHTLEBEN	1-31 August

Direct Support Units

2d Battalion, 12th Marines	LtCol C. J. KILLEEN	1-31 August
2d Platoon, Company "C", 3d Engr Bn	2dLt R. J. FISHER	1-31 August

2. Location. Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines  
Camp Schwab, Okinawa

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major P. G. COLLINS	1-13 August
	Major C. G. BRYAN	14-31 August
S-1	1stLt B. J. RAMSEY	1-31 August
S-2	GySgt E. D. HARKER	1-31 August
S-3	Major L. L. ETCHO	1-31 August
S-4	Capt R. H. SUTTON	1-31 August
CommO	1stLt M. D. STONEBARGER JR.	1-31 August
Supply	1stLt L. S. DRIEVER JR.	1-31 August
MTO	1stLt F. C. DUNNE	1-16 August
Chaplain	Lt G. B. HUMMER	1-22 August
Medical Officer	Lt D. R. HALE	1-31 August

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>
32	1184	2	45	0	0

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(s) During the month of August, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was involved in the rehabilitation of equipment and general re-orientation of personnel toward a garrison type environment.

(s) On 1 August, the battalion departed DaNang, VietNam aboard ship and arrived in Okinawa on 5 August. Immediately upon arrival TE equipment was turned in for rehabilitation and basic military subjects were scheduled for instruction. The marksmanship training program was initiated immediately with 375 personnel firing for re-qualification.

(s) The end of the month found the battalion adapting well to training and the rehabilitation of equipment proceeding smoothly.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1.(s) The month of August for the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was highlighted by the redeployment from VietNam to Okinawa. As a part of the initial pull-out of 25,000 troops from VietNam, the 2d Battalion departed VietNam on the 1st of August and operational control was passed to CTF 79 at 011958 August 69. On the morning of 5 August the first troops of the battalion disembarked on Okinawa and moved by motorized convoy to Camp Schwab, the new home of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines.

The following week was spent primarily in an effort to rehabilitate all 732 gear, weapons and clothing brought from VietNam. The routine of adjusting to garrison living was initiated for the first time in four years.

The first training schedule was published on the 11th of August with many Marines participating in rifle re-qualification.

Phase I of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines' redeployment continued throughout the month. Classes on general military subjects were held by all companies. The preparation for an intensive re-training schedule had started.

The redeployment was complete. Weapons were being surveyed and 782 gear re-issued. The 2d Battalion, 9th Marines prepares for training.

2.(c) Training

a. Training for the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines during the month of August consisted of two principal areas. Those areas were rifle re-qualification and general military subjects training.

The battalion had 375 men re-qualify during the month of August. Originally there were more personnel assigned to fire but a lack of replacement parts on the range and faulty weapons required re-scheduling at a later date. Both the Camp Hansen and Camp Schwab rifle ranges were used. The battalion had 55 expert, 100 sharpshooters and 205 marksmen re-qualify on the two "C" courses with the M-16 rifle. Only 15 shooters failed to qualify. Ninety-six percent of all shooters re-qualified.

Upon arrival on Okinawa a GMS test was administered, revealing that a great number of Marines lacked specific knowledge in unit tactics, especially in the areas of tank employment and coordination, amphibious assaults and helicopter operations. Weakness in the area of individual combat skills, especially mapping was evident. From these results, intensive classes in these critical areas were scheduled.

This summarizes the training which was completed by the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines during the month of August.

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b. Formal Schools attended by personnel were:

NCO Leadership	11
16mm Projector	3
Ammo Tech	2
Basic Infantry Weapons	2

### 3.(s) Equipment

a. The following is a report of the readiness of major items of Combat Essential Equipment:

#### (1) Motor Transport

<u>Item</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>OP/READY</u>
M-151A1	20	17	15
M-274A2	30	30	6
M-718	1	0	0
M-416B1	18	17	7
M-250	1	1	0

#### (2) Communications

<u>Item</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>OP/READY</u>
GGC-3	1	1	1
TCC-14	3	2	2
URR-23	1	1	1
SE-22PT	5	5	1
KW-7	2	2	2
MRC-83	2	2	0
MRC-87	1	0	0
MRC-109	2	2	0
PRC-25	75	72	65
PRC-41	3	3	0
PRC-47	5	5	4
PP-4567	5	5	4
AN/GRA-39	12	12	12
GRC-125	7	7	6
TCC-14A	2	1	1
PY-348	1	0	0

b. Major end items previously evacuated to higher echelon maintenance facilities that have not been returned.

#### (1) Motor Transport

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
M-151A1	2

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M-274A2	24
M-416B1	9
M-250	1
JOM-1	1

(2) Communications

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
SB-22PT	4
MRC-83	2
MRC-109	2
PRC-25	7
PRC-41	3
PRC-47	1
PP-4567	1
GRC-125	1

4.(c) Logisticsa.(c) Supply and Distribution

(1) Third Force Service Regiment was the primary source of supply and maintenance for the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines.

b.(c) Resupply

(1) N/A

(2) N/A

(3) N/A

c.(c) Transportation

(1) N/A

(2) 37 vehicles are deadlined. 28 are operational.

(3) 3d Motor Transport Battalion is in direct support of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines.

(4) N/A

(5) N/A

d. Engineer Support: N/A

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e.(c) Service Situation

(1) There is a continuing problem with the surveying of bed linen and sufficient amount of linen is not available.

f.(c) Supply Situation(1) Statistical data of priority 02 requisitions

- (a) 0 priority requisitions unfilled at the end of July.
- (b) 0 priority requisitions unfilled during August.
- (c) 0 priority requisitions completed during August.
- (d) 2 priority requisitions unfilled at the end of August.

(2) Priority 02 requisitions unfilled consists of the following general categories:

- (a) Communications T/E items and repair parts.
- (b) Motor Transport repair parts.
- (c) Engineer end items.
- (d) General Supply items.
- (e) Ordnance repair parts.

g.(c) Medical

(1) From 1 August to 5 August, the Medical Department was in transit at sea and non-functional for reporting purposes.

On 5 August, the Medical Department moved into Building 3526 and secured its supply section in Building 3531, Camp Schwab, Okinawa. All spaces were found adequate for the Clinical and Administrative functions of the Medical Department. On 6 August, 11 Corpsman were furnished TAD to the 9th Marines Regimental Aid Station.

It was determined that only a minimal sick-call service would be maintained at the battalion level. In-patient and clinical service support would be furnished by the Regimental Aid Station; augmented by 11 Corpsman from the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines.

Liaison was made with the 9th MAB Surgeon's Office on 5 August 1969. The Brigade's Medical SOP was furnished and steps were initiated to bring methods of operation into compliance.

Total patients seen were Navy-3; USMC-1150. 43 complete physical examinations were completed. 28 cases of Malaria and 32 cases of Venereal Disease were diagnosed and treated or under treatment at the close of the month.

Two sanitation inspections were conducted and facilities were found to have adequate degrees of cleanliness and sanitary practices. Steps were initiated to correct minor discrepancies noted.

A training program was initiated. All companies received lectures on "Venereal Disease Contact" and "Handling of Heat Casualties".

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5.(c) Personnel and Administration(1)(c) Enlisted MOS Shortages

MOS	RANK	SHORTAGES
0311	E-5/E-4	49
0331	E-5/E-4	27
0341	E-5/E-3	24
0351	E-5/E-4	9
0369	E-6	10
0848	E-7	1
2533	E-5/E-3/E-2	5
2542	E-4	2
2591	E-8	1
3381	E-7	1
3516	E-5	1
3511	E-3/E-2	3
5711	E-5	1
5931	E-5	1

(2)(c) Rotation during the month (CONUS)

MC OFF	MC ENL	NAVY OFF	NAVY ENL
1	41	1	2

(3)(c) Replacements received during the month

MC OFF	MC ENL	NAVY OFF	NAVY ENL
0	15	0	2

(4)(c) Casualties: 75 NBC(5)(c) Promotions:

SgtMaj	1stSgt	GySgt	SSgt	Sgt	Cpl	LCpl	PFC
0	0	0	0	0	36	44	4

(6)(u) Awards: Navy Achievement Medal 1  
 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry 2

b.(u) Administration

(1) Special Services. An extensive intramural program was instituted upon arrival in Okinawa. An inventory of Special Services Equipment was taken and newer gear was redistributed to all Companies.

(2) Discipline:(a) Court Martials:

	Completed	Pending
GCM	0	0
SPCM	0	5
SCM	0	0

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(b) Battalion Commanders Office Hours: 8

(c) Company Commanders Office Hours: 61

(3) Marine PX and Postal Affairs

(a)(u) PX. Facilities are adequate.

(b)(u) Postal. Postal services between Brigade and the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was satisfactory.

(4) Chaplain Services

(a) During the month of August, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines Chaplain held services in the Camp Schwab Chapel.

(s)6. Intelligence. After completion of the reorganization period, intelligence and security training commenced within the battalion. The S-2 conducted an internal security brief for all companies and inspections were conducted both during and after working hours. Maps of Okinawa were obtained for training purposes.

(s) The Battalion S-2 has planned a Scout Trainee Program to train Marines in all aspects of Basic Combat Intelligence. An update of all security clearances and access lists is presently being conducted and all files are being revised for the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade inspection to be held during early October.

7.(s) Communications and Electronics

a. General. During the month of August, the Communication Platoon continued to provide Radio, Message and Wire service for the battalion. After arriving on Okinawa on 5 August, an intensive program of equipment rehabilitation was begun. All equipment was LTI'd and equipment requiring 3d and 4th echelon maintenance was turned into 3d FSR. A training program was initiated with special emphasis placed on radio procedure for the Companies as well as for Comm personnel.

b. Wire. The wire section followed the H&S training schedule on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tuesday and Thursday the section participated in Comm training. The Comm training was equally divided between preventive maintenance and classes on Comm equipment and procedures. During the month approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of wire was used in repairing lines at the Camp Schwab rifle range.

c. Message Center. The Message Center processed 22 outgoing messages and 410 incoming messages during the month. In addition, message center personnel reviewed all Comtac Pubs to insure that all changes had been made.

d. Radio. The Radio Section concentrated on rehabilitation of all radio equipment during the month. The four radio jeeps were turned into 3d FSR for rehabilitation, and at the present time only the MRC-109 has been

returned. The section is in the process of re-painting all radio equipment. Instructors from the radio section have given radio procedure classes to all the companies as well as to personnel from the Section. From 19-21 August a typhoon net was set up for emergency communication between the CP, Companies and Regiment.

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