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Encl: (1) September 1969 Command Chronology

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

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Date</u>
Headquarters, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines	LtCol R.L. MODJESKI	1-30 Sep

Subordinate Units

"H&S" Company	1stLt B.B. HOLDRIDGE	1-30 Sep
Company "E"	Capt D.K. SHOCKEY	1-30 Sep
Company "F"	1stLt J.L. GANGWER	1-30 Sep
Company "G"	Capt D.C. WILSON	1-30 Sep
Company "H"	Capt G.W. SACHTLEBEN	1-25 Sep
	Capt R.C. NORRIS	26-30 Sep

Direct Support Units

2d Battalion, 12th Marines	LtCol C.J. KILLEEN	1-16 Sep
	Major R. LEDET	17-30 Sep
2d Platoon, Company "C", 3d EngrBn	2dLt R.J. FISHER	1-30 Sep

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

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer	Major C.G. BRYAN	1-30 Sep
S-1	1stLt B.J. RAMSEY	1-30 Sep
S-2	GySgt E.D. HARKER	1-7 Sep
	1stLt R.F. VERCAUTEREN	8-30 Sep
S-3	Major L.L. ETCHO	1-30 Sep
S-4	Capt R.H. SUTTON	1-10 Sep
	1stLt W.T. MURRAY	11-30 Sep
CommO	1stLt M.D. STONERARGER	1-30 Sep
SupplyO	1stLt L.S. DRIEVER	1-30 Sep
MTO	2dLt J.D. HUME	11-30 Sep
Chaplain		
Medical Officer	Lt D.R. HALE	1-30 Sep

4. Monthly Average Strength

<u>USMC</u>	
OFF	ENL
34	1210

<u>USN</u>	
OFF	ENL
1	14

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

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PART II.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1.(s) The month of September for the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was highlighted by comprehensive and thorough general military subjects training. Utilizing classroom instruction predominantly, the battalion particularly emphasized organic weapons, map and compass skills, riot control, fire team and squad tactics and amphibious operations. Notable practical application was conducted in riot control formations, Amtrac training, drill, and the Compass course. Training conducted was oriented for GMSPT.

Physical training was also stressed with frequent conditioning hikes, daily physical training periods and administering the Physical Fitness Test. A total of 603 personnel were tested in September, of which 574 qualified.

2.(s) Further marksmanship training was conducted with 214 additional personnel requalifying. A total of 173 Marines fired the "C" course with M-16 rifles, resulting in 25 experts, 38 SS, 39 MM and 11 unqualified. In addition, 41 Marines fired the .45 caliber pistol for requalification resulting in 19 MM, 20 SS and 2 experts. All personnel in the battalion received familiarization firing with the .45 caliber pistol.

3.(s) In education, 390 members of the command enrolled in one or more correspondence courses. The battalion had 29 personnel taking various USAFI courses, 382 enrolled in MCI courses and 39 in MCS courses. In addition, 30 personnel completed the GED, High School Test. Formal schools attendance was as follows: NCO school--11, 16mm projector school--4, Ammo tech school--4, Career planning school--3, Basic Infantry Weapons--2.

4.(c) In regards to the adjustment of the battalion personnel to a garrison environment, all uniforms were either rehabilitated or reissued. There were significant improvements in company barracks and throughout the battalion area. All companies participated in a highly successful Regimental Review/Change of Command Ceremony, and each company was assigned a week of camp duty, incorporating interior guard and additional riot control training.

5.(s) Equipment

a. During the month of September 1969, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines Supply Section completed establishment of the supply warehouse and reissued 782 gear consistent with availability. All Table of

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Equipment shortages were placed on requisition. All unserviceable equipment except for some optical equipment was turned in for repair. Difficulties with Garrison Property were experienced immediately after arrival on Okinawa, primarily due to a failure of some battalion personnel to adjust to rigid standards of supply discipline and economy. With greater emphasis in this area, these difficulties were successfully overcome by the end of the month.

b. The following shortages of combat essential equipment existed throughout the month of September:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>OP/READY</u>	<u>REPAIR</u>	<u>ON ORDER</u>
81mm	8	7	1	6	1
106RR	8	7	1	6	1
M-60	35	34	14	20	1
3.5 Rkt Launcher	32	32	11	21	0
M151A1	20	20	11	7	2
M2742A	30	29	13	11	1
M116B	13	17	14	3	1
SB-22PT	5	5	0	5	0
MRC-83	2	2	0	2	0
MRC-109	2	2	1	1	0
PRC-25	75	75	68	7	0
Flame Thrower	8	0	0	0	0
M-18	1	0	0	0	1
PRC-41	3	1	0	1	2
PRC-77	19	0	0	0	19
TPS-21	2	0	0	0	2
AN/PCC-1	4	0	0	0	4
VCC-2	1	0	0	0	1

c. Non-Combat equipment shortages existed for the following items:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Poncho Liner	1124
Pneumatic Mattress	1249
Mess kits/Silverware	1100
Shelter halves	1150
G.P. Tent	3
C.P. Tent	10
Lantern Chest	15
Sleeping Bag	1249
M-79 Grenade Launchers/Code "H"	33
Pistol, caliber .45/(turned in to 3d FSR for repair)	302
Holster Hip, .45 cal Pistol	125

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6. In preparation for the 9th MAB inspection, audits were conducted of all individual record books, pay records and medical records. In addition, all administrative areas were reviewed.

7.(c) Logistics

a.(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) Transportation

1. 5 vehicles are deadlined, 61 are operational.

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

c.(c) Engineer Support. N/A

d.(c) Service Situation. Service provided this battalion during the month of September was satisfactory.

e.(c) Supply Situation

1. Statistical data of priority O2 requisitions

- a. 0 priority requisitions unfilled at end of August
- b. 0 priority requisitions unfilled during September
- c. 0 priority requisitions completed during September
- d. 9 priority requisitions unfilled at end of September

2. Priority O2 requisitions unfilled consists of the following general categories:

- a. Comm
- b. Motor Transport
- c. Engineer
- d. General Supply
- e. Ordnance

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g. Medical. The Medical Department functioned in garrison with allied services support furnished by the 9th Marine Regimental Aid Station, whose staff was augmented by personnel of this command. A total of 1452 USMC and 5 USN patients were seen on an out-patient basis. Thirty-one patients were referred to other facilities for admission and treatment. Twenty-three (23) confirmed malaria cases were among the admission referrals. Chemoprophylaxis requirements were completed on 21 September and discontinued for all personnel who left RVN on the initial date of 1 August 1969. No effective increase in malaria was noted in the first week. During the month, 49 cases of venereal disease were treated. Eleven complete physical examinations were conducted.

In-service training was conducted on the basis of 2 hours per week per man for Hospital Corps Personnel and incidental lectures on hygiene, first aid and VD were given to Marine Corps personnel. Marine Corps personnel received 100 man hours of instruction in Narcotics Indoctrination and 1000 man hours in first aid.

Medical records were verified and Navy personnel records audited and verified.

A great deal of support was requested and received from neighboring commands because of a severe lack of supplies resulting from a depleted requisitioning authority.

8. Personnel and Administration

a. Personnel

(1) Enlisted MOS Shortages

<u>MOS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SHORTAGES</u>
0369	E-6/E-7/E-8	9
0431	E-5	1
2111	E-3	1
2311	E-4	1
2511	E-2	3
2549	E-6	1
2847	E-4	1
3052	E-3	2
3331	E-7	1
5711	E-5	1
5931	E-5	1
3421	E-6	1

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(2) Rotation during the month (CONUS)

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
2	118	0	0

(3) Replacements received during the month

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
4	27	0	2

(4) Casualties: 62 NBC(5) Promotions:

<u>SgtMaj</u>	<u>1stSgt</u>	<u>GySgt</u>	<u>SSgt</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>LCpl</u>	<u>PFC</u>
0	0	0	0	6	16	260	7

(6) Awards:

Bronze Star Medal	1
Purple Heart	9
Navy Commendation Medal	4
Navy Achievement Medal	1
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry	2
Navy and Marine Corps Medal	1

b. Administration(1) Special Services. Facilities are considered adequate.(2) Discipline:

(a) Court Martial:	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Pending</u>
GCM	0	0
SPCM	0	7
SCM	4	6

(b) Battalion Commanders Office Hours: 14

(c) Company Commanders Office Hours: 73

(3) Marine PX and Postal Affairs(a) PX. Facilities are considered adequate(b) Postal Affairs. Postal facilities are considered adequate.(4) Chaplain Services. During the month of September, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in divine services in the Camp Schwab Chapel.

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9.(s) Intelligence. During the month of September 1969, the section activities were divided into two phases.

The first phase was primarily administrative. A revamping of the intelligence files and reference materials was conducted to conform with the requirements set forth in the inspection check list from 9th MAB. Included in this revamping was an effort to enhance the physical security capabilities within the Battalion Headquarters and the establishment of visitor control procedures. The battalion S-2 also conducted two "during hours" security inspection and two "after hours" security inspections.

The second phase consisted of a training program aimed at providing the battalion with a trained scout section whose RTD's would be inclusive of the programed deployment.

The new scouts received classroom instruction covering all intelligence areas and related subjects recommended in FMFM 2-1

Planned for the month of October 1969 is an increased effort directed at improving the proficiency of the scout section by active participation in field training exercises with their respective companies under the direct supervision of the battalion Chief Scout.

10.(s) Communications and Electronics

a. General. During the month of September, the Communications Platoon continued to provide radio, message and wire service for the battalion. The equipment rehabilitation program was continued during the month with all equipment requiring 3d and 4th echelon repair being turned into 3d FSR. During the latter part of the month, the Comm Platoon began to prepare for the 9th MAB inspection.

b. Radio. In addition to normal PM, a program was begun to repaint and TAC mark all radio equipment. Radio communication was set up for conditioning hikes and for NTA field exercises from 29-30 September. The emergency typhoon net was activated from 24-26 September due to typhoon warnings.

c. Wire. Normal PM of wire equipment as well as personnel training was conducted during the month. During the typhoon alert from 24-26 September, a wire loop was established between the CP and the five company offices.

d. Message Center. The Message Center processed 18 outgoing and 392 incoming messages. All files and directives were reviewed to insure correctness in preparation for the 9th MAB inspection.

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