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Battalion Landing Team 2/9
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
 (2) Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
 (3) Commanding General, FMFPac

Subj: Command Chronology for period 01 October to 31 October 1969.

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Encl: (1) October 1969 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b),
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Date</u>
Headquarters 2/9	LtCol R. L. MODJESKI Major C. G. BRYAN LtCol J. R. VAN DEN ELZEN	1-18Oct 19-27Oct 28-31Oct

Subordinate Units

"H&S" Company	1stLt R. B. HOLDRIDGE	1-30ct
Company "E"	1stLt D. C. WOOLEY	4-31Oct
Company "F"	Capt D. K. SHOCKEY	1-31Oct
Company "G"	1stLt J. L. GANGWER	1-9Oct
Company "H"	1stLt J. M. ROARK Capt D. C. WILSON	10-31Oct 1-15Oct
	1stLt M. E. BRODERICK	16-31Oct
	Capt R. C. NORRIS	1-31Oct

Direct Support Units

2d Bn, 12th Marines	Major R. LEDET	1-17Oct
2d Plt, Co "C", 3d Engr Bn	LtCol J. D. PRATER 2dLt W. S. MCCUE	13-31Oct 1-31Oct

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

3. Staff Officers

ExCo	Major C. G. BRYAN	1-18Oct
S-1	Major C. G. BRYAN	28-31Oct
S-2	1stLt B. J. RAMSEY	1-31Oct
S-3	1stLt R. F. VERAUTEREN	1-15Oct
S-4	1stLt J. B. SWARTZENBERG	16-31Oct
CommO	Major L. L. ECHO	1-15Oct
SupplyO	1stLt W. M. DICKEY	16-23Oct
MTO	Major G. D. BRENNAN II	23-31Oct
Chaplain	1stLt W. T. MURRAY	1-23Oct
Medical Officer	Capt G. W. SACHTLEBEN	24-31Oct
	1stLt M. D. STONEBARGER	1-26Oct
	GySgt L. E. HOLSTON	27-31Oct
	1stLt L. S. DRIEVER JR	1-31Oct
	2dLt J. D. HUME	1-31Oct
	Lt. D. R. HALE	1-31Oct

1. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	USN	OTHER
OFF	OFF	OFF
144	1184	0
ENL	ENL	ENL

OFF	ENL
1	50

OFF	ENL
0	0

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(s) During the month of October, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines began preparation for deployment as Battalion Landing Team 2/9. Rehabilitation of equipment proceeded slowly. The administrative inspection by CG, 9th MAB, was completed on 9 October.

(s) During the month, the battalion continued Phase II training. Field training emphasizing small unit tactics, helicopter training, swimming instruction and qualification, and basic military subjects instruction were emphasized in preparation for deployment with SLF ALFA.

(s) On 14 Oct, BLT 2/9 was activated for planning and on 31 Oct, BLT 2/9 was activated for operations. Liaison was established with supporting units and instructions regarding personnel and equipment were promulgated.

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1. Training. Commencing 1 Oct, all companies participated in field training in the Hansen and Schwab training areas, concentrating on small unit tactics and patrolling. During this same period, CG, 9th MAB conducted a general inspection of the command.

During the second week, "E" and "F" Companies moved to the Northern Training Area for a week of training in platoon tactics and patrolling. The remaining companies conducted basic military subjects training, drill, and riot control training.

The third week of October found "G" and "H" Companies in the Northern Training Area for training in platoon tactics, patrolling, and cordon and search operations. On 18 October, an impressive change of command ceremony was held on the Camp Parade Ground.

From 20-25 October, "E" Company was in the Northern Training Area, conducting training in company tactics. "F" Company conducted a live fire demonstration at Camp Hansen for CG, 9th MAB, and members of the Japanese press. At 1000, 21 October, OPCON of "H" Company was passed to 9th MAB for riot control duty at Kadena AFB. "H" Company was returned to OPCON of the battalion at 2200, 21 October. A battalion field meet was conducted on 24 October.

During the last week of October, "G", "H", and "H&S" Companies trained in the Northern Training Area. In addition to training in company tactics and Immediate Action drills, they received demolition training from combat engineers attached to the BMT. One platoon of "F" Company moved to Camp Hardy for guerrilla/raid training with the Army Special Forces. "E", "F"(-), and "H&S" conducted live fire exercises with company organic weapons.

Throughout the month, physical training was stressed with frequent conditioning hikes, daily physical training periods, and swimming qualification. The second class swimming test was administered with 171 qualifications, 56 non-qualifications.

2. Education. In education, an additional 86 members of the command enrolled in one or more correspondence courses. Company grade officers accounted for 26 of the new enrollments. Formal schools attended were: Career Planning--5, 16mm Projection School --3, NCO School--4, Basic Infantry Weapons School--2, Embarkation School--2.

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~~CLASSIFIED~~3. Equipment

a. The month of October for the battalion was largely devoted to planning and preparation for deployment as Battalion Landing Team 2/9. Upon completion of the CG, 9th MAB inspection, the supply section began to take corrective action on the discrepancies noted during the inspection. In addition, the supply section, working in conjunction with CG, 9th MAB(Supply Officer), established and promulgated supply procedures affecting BLT supporting units. The fill rate of requisitions during October was unsatisfactory, primarily due to the priority assigned to the outfitting of Battalion Landing Team 1/9. Several items of equipment turned in to 3d FSR for Rehabilitation were coded out due to a shortage of spare parts and authorization was given the battalion to submit requisitions for like items.

b. At the end of the month, shortages of major items of Combat Essential Equipment were as follows:

<u>Ordnance</u>	<u>Auth</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>Repair</u>	<u>On Order</u>
81mm	8	4	4	0	4
106RR	8	7	3	4	1
M-60	35	34	23	11	1
3.5 Rkt Launcher	32	32	26	6	0
Flame Thrower	8	6	6	0	2
Compressor M-4	2	1	0	1	1
Decon Unit M-12	1	0	0	0	1
<u>Motor Transport</u>					
M151A1	20	20	16	4	0
M274A2	30	29	29	0	1
M718	1	0	0	0	1
M415B1	18	17	17	0	1
<u>Engineer</u>					
ME-10	2	1	1	0	1
<u>Comm-Elect</u>					
GGC-3	1	1	0	1	0
TCC-14	3	2	2	0	1
URR-23	1	0	0	0	1

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MRC-83	2	2	0	2	0
MRC-87	1	0	0	0	1
PRC-41	3	1	1	0	2
TGC-14A	2	1	1	0	1
PP-692/G	2	0	0	0	2
PRC-77	19	0	0	0	19
TPS-21	2	0	0	0	2
AN/PCC-1	4	0	0	0	4
AN/VCC-2	1	0	0	0	1
KY-8	3	0	0	0	3

4.(c) Logistics

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

b.(c) Transportation

1. 4 vehicles are deadlined, 62 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 October was satisfactory.

e.(c) Supply Situation.

1. Statistical data of priority 02 requisitions

- a. 0 priority requisitions unfilled at end of September.
- b. 0 priority requisitions unfilled during October
- c. 11 priority requisitions completed during October
- d. 17 priority requisitions unfilled at end of October

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

- a. Comm/Electronics
- b. Motor Transport

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- c. Engineer
- d. General Supply
- e. Ordnance

g.(c) 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 1441 USMC and 2 USN patients were seen on an out-patient basis. 43 patients were referred to other facilities for admission and treatment. 22 confirmed cases of malaria were among admission referrals. Nineteen 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 lectures in hygiene, first aid and VD were given to USMC personnel.

The fiscal condition of the Medical Department remains marginal. On 6 October, \$1,000 was authorized the Battalion, which is sufficient only for resupply consumables used daily for one calendar quarter. No funds were made available to bring the 674 supply block to the required level. \$2,497 in additional funds are needed to replenish the basic supply block.

An administrative inspection was conducted by CG, 9th MAB on 6 October 1969.

5.(c) Personnel and Administration

a. Personnel

(1) Enlisted MOS Shortages

MOS	RANK	SHORTAGES
0369	E-6/E-7/E-8	7
2311	E-4	1
2511	E-2	3
2549	E-6	1
2847	E-4	1
3052	E-3	2
3381	E-7	1
5711	E-5	1
5931	E-5	1

(2) Rotation during the month (CONUS)

MC OFF	MC ENL	NAVY OFF	NAVY ENL
7	145	0	3

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(3) Replacements received during the month

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAVY OFF</u>	<u>NAVY ENL</u>
23	130	0	12

(4) Casualties: 52 NBC

(5) Promotions:

SgtMaj 1stSgt GySgt SSgt Sgt Cpl LCpl PFC
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(6) Awards: Silver Star Medal 1
Bronze Star Medal 3
Navy Commendation Medal 1
Purple Heart Medal 10

b) Administration

(1) Special Services. Facilities are considered adequate.

(2) Discipline

(a) Courts-Martial:	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Pending</u>
GCM	0	0
SPCM	2	6
SCM	5	0

(b) Battalion Commanders Office Hours: 5

(c) Company Commanders Office Hours: 43

(3) Marine PX and Postal Affairs

(a) PX. Facilities are considered adequate.

(b) Postal Facilities. Postal facilities are con-
tinue.

(4) Chaplain Services. During the month of October, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in divine services in the Camp Schwab Chapel.

6.(s) Intelligence. The month of October was a month of planning for BLT 2/9. The S-2 from 1/9 briefed the 2/9 S-2 on particular problems that may be encountered in preparation for SLF.

In preparation for the SLF, the Battalion SOP for Intelligence was being rewritten, an intelligence brief of areas we may be committed to was being formulated, and the intelligence annex for the operations order was begun. These projects are expected to be

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completed in early November.

Also during the month, classes on handling of POW'S and intelligence reporting were given to the companies by the scouts.

The scout's training was divided into two phases. Phase I during the first half of the month consisted of classroom training and review of the subjects pertinent to scouts. The scouts spent two days with Company "C", 3d Recon Battalion, learning road and bridge reconnaissance. Phase II during the later part of the month consisted of field training and practical experience exercises with the rifle companies. This field work improved the proficiency and experience of the scouts.

7.(s) Communications and Electronics

a. General. During the month of October, the Communications Platoon continued to provide radio, message, and wire service for the battalion. The Platoon awaited receipt of numerous items of combat essential equipment which were on requisition. During the first week of October, the Comm Platoon was inspected by CG, 9th MAB.

b. Radio. Weekly preventive maintenance was conducted on all radio equipment. Cross training was held between the wire and radio sections. Radio communication was established for conditioning hikes, NTA field exercises, and a riot control company at Kadena Air Force Base. On 24 Oct, a display was held for visiting dignitaries at Camp Hansen which included all organic types of radio equipment in an infantry battalion.

c. Wire. Wiremen were committed for a three day field exercise as well as a one week exercise in October. On 24 Oct, wiremen and equipment were used at a regimental static display. Preventive maintenance was held two days a week on equipment. MOS training was conducted one day each week, with OJT two days per week.

d. Message Center. The message center processed 23 out-going and 400 in-coming messages.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (S) Designation	Commander	Date
Headquarters 2/9	LtCol J.R. VAN DEN ELZEN	1-7Nov

Subordinate Units

"H&S" Company	1stLt D.C. WOOLEY	1-3Nov
"E" Company	Capt D.K. SHOCKEY, JR.	4-7Nov
"F" Company	Capt D.K. SHOCKEY, JR.	1-3Nov
"G" Company	1stLt C.F. CALDWELL	4-7Nov
"H" Company	1stLt J.M. ROARK	1-7Nov
	1stLt M.E. BRODERICK	1-7Nov
	Capt R.C. NORRIS	1-7Nov

Attached Units

"E" Btry, (Rein), 2/12	Capt L.M. SMITH	1-7Nov
2ndPlt(Rein), CoC, 3rdEngrBn	2ndLt W.S. McCUE	1-7Nov
2ndPlt(Rein), CoC, 3rdReconBn	2ndLt J.C. TOMASELLO	1-7Nov
2ndPlt(Rein), CoC, 3rdMTBn	1stLt R.W. HUNER	1-7Nov
2ndPlt(Rein), CoC, 3rdSPBn	1stLt M.A. SMITH	1-7Nov
2ndPlt(Rein), CoB, 1stAmtracBn	1stLt J.E. COON	1-7Nov
1stPlt(Rein), CoA, 3rdTkBn	2ndLt S.W. BENVENUTO	1-7Nov
2ndCltPlt(Rein), CoB, 3rdMedBn	Lt. R.T. GADACZ	1-7Nov
LSU, Alfa	2ndLt H.T. CAUMARTIN, JR.	1-7Nov
Det, Disbursing	WO R.O. ROQUEMORE	1-7Nov
Det, Dental	Lt. R.G. ESQUIRE	1-7Nov

2. (S) Location. Headquarters, Battalion Landing Team 2/9
Camp Schwab, Okinawa

3. (S) Staff Officers

XO	Major C.G. BRYAN	1-7Nov
S-1	Capt B.J. RAMSEY	1-7Nov
S-2	1stLt J.B. SWARTZENBERG	1-7Nov
S-3	Major G.D. BRENNAN II	1-7Nov
S-4	Capt G.W. SACHTLEBEN	1-7Nov
CommO	GySgt L.E. HOUSTON	1-2Nov
SupplyO	CWO-2 R.S. DOMINGUEZ	3-7Nov
MTO	1stLt L.S. DRIEVER, JR.	1-5Nov
Chaplain	1stLt J.O. WALLING	6-7Nov
Medical Officer	2ndLt J.D. HUME	1-7Nov
	Lt(JG) W.L. PATRICK	1-7Nov
	Lt. D.R. HALE	1-7Nov

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4. (S) Average Weekly Strength

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
54	1185	2	46	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1.(S) During the first week of November, BIL 2/9 continued to prepare for deployment with SLF ALFA. Attached units were incorporated as much as possible into the training program, as the battalion continued Phase II training. Attached units began to be relocated to Camp Schwab to be placed under the administrative control of H&S Company.
- 2.(S) Equipment rehabilitation continued to proceed slowly.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1.(C) Training. In addition to normal GMS classroom instructions and Camp Duty, the BLT concentrated on live firing of weapons and cross training with attached units.

a. During the first week of November, "G" and "H" Companies each had a day of live firing for all their weapons. The 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon also had a separate day of live firing. 2nd Platoon, "G" Company, 3rd Engrs gave classes to each company in demolitions, minelaying, and mine detection and gave a day of specialized training to the rocket sections of each company. Also, thirty personnel from the battalion attended guerilla training at Camp Hardy with the Army Special Forces. Ninety-nine personnel completed rifle qualification with 44 firing expert; 34, sharpshooter; and 21, marksman; for 100% qualification.

b. Throughout the week, physical training was stressed with frequent conditioning hikes and daily physical training periods. "H" Company administered the Physical Fitness Test with 90% qualifying.

2.(U) Education. Group Study MCI courses were requested for the period afloat. Formal schools being attended were: NCO School--9, Career Planning--3, Basic Infantry Weapons--2, Embarkation School--2.

3.(U) Special Events. On 7 November, "H" Company provided the color company at MCAS, Futenma, for the arrival of the advance elements of Headquarters, 3rd Marine Division and CG, 3rd Marine Division, Major General W. K. JONES.

4.(S) Equipment

a. During the first week of November procedures were promulgated for the invoicing of equipment from attached units to BLT 2/9.

b. At the end of the week, major shortages of BLT Combat Essential Equipment were as follows:

Ordnance	Auth	O/H	O/R	Repair	On Order
81mm Mortar	8	4	4	0	4
106RR	8	7	3	4	1
M-60	52	48	37	11	4
3.5 Rkt L.	32	32	26	6	0
Flame Thr. M-97	8	6	6	0	2

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<u>Engineer</u>	<u>Auth</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>Repair</u>	<u>On Order</u>
Saw, Chain	4	3	0	3	1
TD-15	3	1	1	0	2
Fklft 3000#	2	0	0	0	2
Fklft 6000#	2	0	0	0	2
<u>Motor Transport</u>					
M35	31	30	26	4	1
M718	2	0	0	0	2
M151A1	34	32	24	8	2
<u>Comm-Elect</u>					
PRC-25	101	96	89	7	5
PRC-41	4	1	1	0	3
MRC-83	2	2	0	2	0
PCC-1	7	0	0	0	7
VCC-2	2	0	0	0	2
PRC-77	19	0	0	0	19

5.(C) Logistics

a. Supply and Distribution. Third Force Service Regiment was the primary source of supply and maintenance for the Battalion Landing Team.

b. Transportation

(1) 12 vehicles deadlined, 88 operational.

(2) The 2nd Plt (Rein) "C" Company, 3rd Motor Transport Battalion was attached to and provided direct support for the BLT.

(3) Additional MT support came from Regimental and Brigade resources as needed.

c. Engineer Support. The 2nd Plt (Rein) "C" Company, 3rd Engineer Battalion was attached to and provided direct support for the BLT.

d. Service Situation. Service provided this BLT was adequate.

e. Medical

(1) Sick call census:

Company census	188
BAS census	424
Admissions	17
Total	629

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(2) Cases of Malaria: 12

(3) Cases of Venereal Disease:

Gonorrhea	6
Chancroid	0
Syphilis	0
NSU	2
Total	8

(4) Lecture subjects covered by corpsmen with the Marines:

Venereal Disease.
Drug Abuse.

6.(C) Personnel and Administrationa. Personnel(1) Enlisted MOS Shortages

MOS	RANK	SHORTAGES
0369	E-6/E-7/E-8	7
3052	E-3	2
5711	E-5	1
5931	E-5	1
2511	E-2	3
2549	E-6	1

(2) Rotation during the week (CONUS)

MC OFF	MC ENL	NAVY OFF	NAVY ENL
0	13	0	0

(3) Replacements received during the week

MC OFF	MC ENL	NAVY OFF	NAVY ENL
2	198	0	0

(4) Casualties: None(5) Promotions: None(6) Awards: None

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b. Administration(1) Special Services. Facilities considered adequate.

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(2) Discipline

- (a) Courts-Martial: None
- (b) Battalion Commander's Office Hours: 8
- (c) Company Commander's Office Hours: 3

(3) Marine EX and Postal Affairs

- (a) EX. Facilities are considered adequate.
- (b) Postal Facilities. Postal Facilities are considered adequate.

(4) Chaplain Services. During the week of 1-7 November, Battalion Landing Team 2/9 participated in divine services in the Camp Schwab Chapel.

7.(C) Intelligence. During the first week of November, the S-2 implemented several new procedures to support the BLT more effectively. The most significant of these was a system for auditing Service Record Books for ENTNAC entries.

8.(C) Communications/Electronics

a. General. During the month of November, the Communications Platoon continued to provide Communications support to the BLT. Liaison with the CEO office of 9th MAB was established for coordination in planning for the up-coming deployment of BLT 2/9.

b. Radio. Normal preventive maintenance and radio support to the companies was maintained.

c. Wire. Normal preventive maintenance and training was performed and equipment was made ready for embarkation.

d. Message Center. The message center processed 13 outgoing and 121 incoming messages.

e. Radio-Relay. The detachments from Radio-Relay, 7th Comm Battalion, (Three men and an MRC-62 w/trailer) and HQ Co, 9th Marines (Three men and two TRC-27's) joined the BLT the first week of November.

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