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1.(U) 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.(S) Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Date</u>
Headquarters, BLT 2/9	1st Lt J. R. VAN DEN ELZEN	1-28 Feb

Subordinate Units

"H&S" Company	Capt. H. B. WILBER	1-28 Feb
Company "E"	1st Lt C. F. CALDWELL	1-28 Feb
Company "F"	1st Lt J. M. ROARK	1-28 Feb
Company "G"	1st Lt S. E. McLAUGHLIN	1-28 Feb
Company "H"	1st Lt H. H. PARROTT JR	1-28 Feb

Attached Units

Mortar Btry, 3/12	Capt. S. E. WINEGARDNER	1-28 Feb
"E" Btry, (Rein), 2/12	Capt. L. M. SMITH	1-28 Feb
2nd Plt (Rein), CoC, 3rd Engr Bn	2nd Lt W. S. McCUE	1-28 Feb
2nd Plt (Rein), CoC, 3rd Recon Bn	2nd Lt J. C. TOMASELLO	1-28 Feb
2nd Plt (Rein), CoC, 3rd MT Bn	1st Lt R. W. HUNER	1-28 Feb
2nd Plt (Rein), CoC, 3rd SP Bn	1st Lt M. A. SMITH	1-28 Feb
2nd Plt (Rein), CoB, 1st Amtrac Bn	1st Lt J. B. COON	1-28 Feb
1st Plt (Rein), CoA, 3rd Tank Bn	2nd Lt S. W. BENVENUTO	1-28 Feb
2nd Clr Plt (Rein), CoB, 3rd Med Bn	Lt T. R. GADACZ	1-28 Feb
LSU, ALFA	2nd Lt H. T. CAUMARTIN JR	1-28 Feb
Det, Disbursing	WO R. A. ROQUEMORE	1-28 Feb
Det, Dental	Lt R. G. ESQUIRE	1-28 Feb

2.(S) Location. Headquarters, Battalion Landing Team 2/9:
 1-20 February--USS New Orleans (LPH-11)
 21-28 February--Upper SLF Camp, Subic Bay, Philippines

3.(S) Staff Officers

XO	Major R. C. MILLER	1-28 Feb
S-1	2nd Lt J. A. LINDSAY	1-28 Feb
S-2	1st Lt J. B. SWARTZENBERG	1-28 Feb
S-3	Major G. D. BRENNAN II	1-28 Feb
S-4	Capt. R. C. NORRIS	1-28 Feb
CommO	CWO-2 R. S. DOMINGUEZ	1-28 Feb
SupplyO	1st Lt J. O. WALLING	1-28 Feb
MTO	1st Lt S. G. MILLER	1-28 Feb
Chaplain	Lt W. L. PATRICK	1-28 Feb
Medical Officer	Lt G. W. GOSSMAN	1-28 Feb

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4.(S) Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
65	1547	5	77	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1.(S) During the month of February, Battalion Landing 249 continued its deployment with SLF BRAVO.

2.(C) Training was conducted on board and ashore during the latter part of the month at Subic Bay, Philippines. A Phiblex was also conducted the first three days of the month. The BLT was tested on its progress in assimilating general military subjects.

3.(S) Personnel and equipment readiness was good throughout the month.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1.(C) Training

a. From the 1st until the 3rd of February 1970, Battalion Landing Team 2/9 participated in an amphibious raid in the Zambales Training Area, Subic Bay, Philippines. (Tab A to enclosure (1)).

b. From 4 to 12 February, the BLT was involved in ready operations in the Philippines and the Republic of Vietnam. The afloat training plan was again put in effect, utilizing GMS classroom instruction and group study, MCI courses to maintain the military proficiency of the individual Marine.

c. From the 13th through the 16th, the BLT enjoyed port visits to Keelung and Kaohsiung harbors, Republic of China.

d. The BLT was enroute to Subic Bay from the 17th until the 20th, off-loading in Subic Bay on 21 February.

e. From the 23rd until the 28th of February, the BLT trained in the Zambales and Subic Training Areas. Besides the normal training, all members of the BLT were given four hours of tests to measure the success of the BLT afloat training plan.

f. Throughout the month, physical training was accomplished by daily physical training sessions and conditioning hikes when ashore. At sea, daily physical training periods were conducted whenever possible.

2.(U) Special Events

a. On 2 February, Rear Admiral V. A. DYBDAL, CTF-76, witnessed the amphibious raid conducted by SLF BRAVO and accompanied the first elements of BLT 2/9 ashore.

b. On 22 February, Brigadier General R. H. BARROW, CG, Marine Corps Base Pacific, and Col. R. J. THOMAS, CO, 9th Marines, toured the Upper SLF Camp and conferred with the BLT Commander.

c. On 24 February, Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON, CG, 1st MAW REAN, toured the Upper SLF Camp.

3.(C) Special Operations. On 24 February, elements from BLT 2-9 conducted a sweep of the Beton River Valley in conjunction with Naval Base Security, Subic Bay, capturing fifteen Filipino poachers.

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4.(U) Education

a. On 25 February, 20 members of the command attended Chaser School at the Base Correctional Center, Subic Bay.

b. The following is a recapitulation of the BLT Education Program for the month of February:

(1) USAFI New Enrollments	34
(2) USAFI Completions	43
(3) MCI New Enrollments	14
(4) MCI Completions	285
(5) GED Test Completions	
Satisfactory	6
Unsatisfactory	7

(6) There are 1270 personnel in the BLT enrolled in one or more educational courses. There are 2196 active courses.

5.(S) Equipment

a. Requisitioned supplies and repair parts were staged in Okinawa awaiting pick-up by the BLT upon its return to Okinawa. The Naval Supply Facility and Public Works Center, Subic Bay, were utilized to the maximum extent authorized. The fill rate of requisitions during February was unsatisfactory.

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>REPAIR</u>	<u>ON ORDER</u>
MRC-124	1	0	0	0	1
Compressor M-4	2	1	0	1	1
60mm Mortar M-19	12	0	0	0	12

6.(C) Logistics

a. Supply and Distribution. Third Force Service Regiment and Naval Supply Depot, Subic Bay, were the primary sources of supply for the BLT. Public Works Center, Clark AFB, and internal assets were the primary sources for BLT maintenance.

b. Transportation

(1) Ninety-two per cent of the BLT vehicles were operational as of 28 February 1970.

(2) Transportation organic to the BLT provided the primary means of transportation. BLT assets were augmented by Public Works Center, Subic Bay as required.

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c. Engineer Support. 2nd Plt(Rein), Co C, 3rd Engineer Battalion provided direct support for the BLT. During February the Engineer Platoon conducted minor repairs to existing buildings at the Upper and Lower SLF Camps and prepared forms for construction of sidewalks.

d. Service Support. The LSU detachment conducted an LTI of selected rolling stock and 105 Howitzers resulting in a satisfactory with minor discrepancies rating.

e. Supply Status

- (1) 56 priority requisitions unfilled at the end of January.
- (2) 56 priority requisitions of (1) above unfilled during February.
- (3) 1 priority requisition submitted during February.
- (4) No priority requisitions were filled and one was cancelled during February.
- (5) 56 priority requisitions went unfilled during February.

f. Medical. The following services were rendered during the month of February 1970.

(1) Total seen at sick calls:	805	
(2) Total hospitalized:	16	
(3) Completed physical exams:	10	
(4) Spectacles ordered:	19	
(5) Prescriptions filled:	500	
(6) Cases of Malaria treated:	2	
(7) Total VD cases treated:	38	
(8) Lectures to USMC personnel:	7 (Narcotics, Venereal Disease)	
(9) Lectures to USN personnel:	4 (Narcotics)	

7.(C) Personnel and Administration

a. Personnel

(1) Enlisted MOS shortages

MOS	RANK	SHORTAGES
0141	E5	3
0311	E5, E4, E2-E1	56
0331	E5, E4	18
0341	E5, E4, E2-E1	30
0351	E5, E4, E2-E1	17
0369	E7, E6	7
0431	E6	1
0848	E6, E5	2
0849	E4	2
1141	E5	1

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1372	E4	1
1381	E5/E4 E2-E4	11
1811	E7/EF	4
1833	E7/EF	4
2111	E3	2
2142	E3	3
2311	E6/EF	3
2532	E3	3
2533	E5/E4	2
2539	E6	1
2811	E4	1
2841	E4/E3	4
3041	E6	1
3051	E6	1
3516	E7/E4	3
3531	E2-E4	2
4631	EF	1

(2) Rotation during the month (CONUS)

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>
0	11	0	0

(3) Replacements received during the month

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>
1	1	0	0

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

<u>Sgt Maj</u>	<u>1st Sgt</u>	<u>MSgt</u>	<u>GySgt</u>	<u>SSgt</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>Cpl</u>	<u>Lt Col</u>	<u>Col</u>
0	0	1	0	0	0	154	107	10

(6) Awards Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" 1b. Administration(1) Discipline

(a) Courts-Martial	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Pending</u>
GCM	0	0
SFCM	0	14
SCM	18	18

(b) Battalion Commander's Office Hours. 45

(c) Company Commander's Office Hours. 90

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(2) Marine EX and Postal Affairs(a) EX. Facilities are considered adequate.(b) Postal Facilities. Postal Facilities are considered adequate.(3) Chaplain Services. During the month of February, BLT 29 participated in divine services at the Upper SLF Camp Chapel and on the hangar deck of the USS New Orleans (LPH-11).(4) Special Services. While afloat, a BLT Smoker tournament was organized. While in Taiwan, efforts were coordinated with the Ship's Chaplain for three tours. When the BLT returned to Subic Bay, Philippines, Special Services organized and arranged a four day tour to Manila for personnel of the BLT.8.(C) Intelligence

a. While afloat, SRB's of the rifle companies were spot-checked for security status. The BLT Access/Crypto Access system was up-dated. Five Security Investigations were submitted to Naval Intelligence (ONI).

b. The S-2 Scouts were attached to companies and attended all training with their respective unit.

9.(C) Communicationsa. General. During the month of February the Communications Platoon provided communications support for BLT 29.b. Radio. The radio section provided radio communications during the afloat, offloading, and training phases.c. Wire. The wire section maintained the telephone system at the SLF Camp.d. Message Center. The message center shifted Comm and Crypto guard from the USS New Orleans to COMNAVBASE, Subic on 25 February 1970. The number of messages processed were 423 outgoing, 1724 incoming for a total of 2147.e. Radio Relay. The radio relay section held training during this period.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS 7/1/77

1. Tab A to Enclosure (1)--BLT Operation Order 2-70, 310609Z Jan 70 .

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