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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

COMBINATIONAL DATA

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Date</u>
B. Bers, BLT 2/9	LtCol J. R. VAN DEN ELZEN	1-21 Mar

Subordinate Units

Company "A"	Capt H. B. WILBER	1-21 Mar
Company "B"	1stLt C. F. CALDWELL	1-3 Mar
Company "C"	1stLt J. B. SWARTZENBERG	4-21 Mar
Company "D"	1stLt J. M. ROARK	1-21 Mar
Company "E"	1stLt S. E. McLAUGHLIN	1-21 Mar
Company "F"	1stLt H. H. PARROTT JR	1-21 Mar

Attached Units

Mortar Btry, 3/12	Capt S. E. WINEGARDNER	1-21 Mar
E Btry, (Rein), 2/12	Capt L. M. SMITH	1-21 Mar
2ndPlt(Rein), CoC, 3rdEngrBn	2ndLt W. S. McCUE	1-21 Mar
2ndPlt(Rein), CoC, 3rdReconBn	2ndLt J. C. TOMASELLO	1-21 Mar
2ndPlt(Rein), CoC, 3rdMTBn	1stLt R. W. HUNER	1-21 Mar
2ndPlt(Rein), CoC, 3rdSPBn	1stLt M. A. SMITH	1-21 Mar
2ndPlt(Rein), CoB, 1stAmtracBn	1stLt J. B. COON	1-21 Mar
1stPlt(Rein), CoA, 3rdTankBn	2ndLt S. V. BENVENUTO	1-21 Mar
2ndClkPlt(Rein), CoB, 3rdMedBn	Lt T. R. GADAGZ	1-21 Mar
ISU, ALFA	2ndLt H. T. CAUMARTIN JR	1-21 Mar
Det, Disbursing	WO R. A. ROQUEMORE	1-21 Mar
Det, Dental	Lt R. G. ESQUIRE	1-21 Mar

- 2.(S) Location Headquarters, Battalion Landing Team 2/9
 1-16 March -- Upper SLF Camp, Subic Bay, Philippines
 17-20 March -- U.S.S. Tripoli: (IPH-10)
 21 March -- Camp Schwab, Okinawa

3.(S) Staff Officers

XO	Major R. C. MILLER	1-21 Mar
S-1	2ndLt J. A. LINDSAY	1-21 Mar
S-2	1stLt J. B. SWARTZENBERG	1-3 Mar
	SSgt J. D. McALLISTER	4-21 Mar
S-3	Major G. D. BRENNAN II	1-12 Mar
	1stLt W. M. DICKEY	13-21 Mar
S-4	Capt R. C. NORRIS	1-21 Mar
CommO	CWO-2 R. S. DOMINGUEZ	1-21 Mar
SupplyO	1stLt J. O. WALLING	1-21 Mar
MTO	1stLt S. G. MILLER	1-21 Mar
Chaplain	Lt W. L. PATRICK	1-21 Mar
Medical Officer	Lt G. W. GOSMAN	1-21 Mar

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1-20 March, Battalion Landing Team 2/9 continued its deployment
SLP BLWO. On 21 March Battalion Landing Team 2/9 offloaded in
Okinawa, completing its deployment.

2.(3) Training was conducted from 1-18 March at Subic Bay, Republic
of the Philippines. Field training was held by the rifle companies
and live fire exercises were held by the crew served weapons platoons/
batteries.

3.(S) Personnel and equipment readiness were good throughout the period
of deployment.

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4. Average length net

<u>US</u>	<u>US</u>	<u>GER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>OFF</u>
<u>63</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>I</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>0</u>
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PART III

SYNOPSIS OF SENTINEL EVENTS1.(S) Training

a. From 1-7 March 1970, Battalion Landing Team 2/9 conducted training in the Zambales and Subic Training Areas, Subic Bay, Philippines. The rifle companies had training in the platoon and company tactics. Day and night live fire exercises were held by the 106mm AT Platoon, 81mm mortar platoon, "B" Battery (105mm Howitzers), and "A" Battery (107mm Mortars). The Tank Platoon held driving exercises in Zambales Maneuver Area #1 and twenty personnel from the BLT attended the Jungle Environmental Survival Training School's 48 hour course.

b. From 9-12 March the rifle companies again held platoon and company training in the Zambales and Subic Training Areas. The Antitank Platoon held driving exercises in the Zambales Maneuver Area #1. Twenty personnel from the BLT attended the Jungle Survival Training School's 24 hour course.

c. On 17 March 1970 the BLT backloaded on APC MFA shipping.

d. From 18 March until 21 March the BLT was enroute to Okinawa, offloading at White and Red Beaches on 21 March 1970.

e. Throughout the period, physical training was accomplished by daily physical training sessions and frequent conditioning hikes.

2.(U) Special Events. On 13 March, Battalion Landing Team 2/9 conducted a Parade and Awards Ceremony with Rear Admiral V. O. LITBART, Commander, Naval Base, Subic Bay as the Guest of Honor, and Colonel G. G. CHAFFINS, Commander 5th BnVO, as the Reviewing Officer.

3.(U) Education

a. The following is a recapitulation of the BLT Education Program from 1-21 March 1970:

(1) USFI New Enrollments	22
(2) USFI Completions	27
(3) ISI New Enrollments	27
(4) ISI Completions	62

b. One member of the BLT was sent to attend the enlisted Embarkation Course in Okinawa.

4.(S) Command Relations. On 211000Z Mar 70, Battalion Landing Team 2/9 was dropped to CTF 79 and shifted its headquarters to Camp Schwab, Okinawa (Ref: 1 to Encl. (1)). On 211000Z Mar 70, Battalion Landing Team 2/9 was dropped to CTF 79.2 (TF 2 to Encl. (1)).

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Equipment

a. Requisitions for repair parts and supplies remained stopped in awaiting pick-up of the BLT for pick-up. The Naval Supply Depot at Subic Bay, and Public Works Center, Subic, were utilized to the maximum extent possible. The rate of requisitions was satisfactory during the period 1 March to 21 March 1970.

b. At the end of the period, BLT shortages of major items of essential equipment were as follows:

ITEM	QUANTITY	O/A	O/R	REPAIR	ON ORDER
LC-12L	1	0	0	0	1
TPS-21	2	0	0	0	2
1-1/2 Compressor	2	1	0	1	1
60mm mortar M-19	12	0	0	0	12

c.(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, Subic, 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 21 March 1970.

(2) Transportation organic to the BLT was the prime source of transportation. The BLT was augmented on as-required basis by Public Works Center, Subic Bay.

c. Engineer Support. 2d Platoon, (Main) Co "B" 3rd Engineer Battalion provided direct support for the BLT. During the period, 1-21 March 1970, the Engineers completed the construction of 121 linear feet of sidewalks at the Upper SLF Camp in connection with the Self-Help program.

d. Supply Status

(1) 14 priority requisitions unfilled at the end of February.

(2) 19 priority requisitions of (1) above unfilled during period 1 March to 21 March 1970.

(3) No priority requisitions submitted during period 1 March to 21 March 1970.

(4) 25 priority requisitions were filled during the period 1 March to 21 March 1970.

(5) 19 priority requisitions went unfilled during period 1-21 March, 1970.

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(1) Total seen at sick call:	700
(2) Total hospital in:	18
(3) Completed physical exams:	6
(4) Sp. studies ordered:	12
(5) Prescriptions filled:	350
(6) Cases of malaria treated:	3
(7) Total M. cases treated:	80
(8) Lectures to USG personnel:	5
(9) Lectures to UN personnel:	4

a. Terio San Vencro:

(2) A medical team consisting of the BMT Surgeon, Lt G. . CCS 1-1, and four corpsmen turned the mountain region with the local pastor and the tribal chief to treat the mountain people.

(1) School supplies and athletic equipment purchased from PRT donations were distributed to the children in the local elementary school.

(3) A breeding boar was purchased from MMT donations and presented to the local pastor.

(1) Letters of the BLT 2/9 claimed and painted the Welch Kindergarten. Books and toys were purchased from BLT donations.

8.(C) Personnel and Administration

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POS	GRADE	SUBORDINATES
C111	E2/E1	4
C311	E5/E4/E2/E1	97
C331	E5/E4/E2/E1	31
C341	E5/E4/E2/E1	27
C351	E4/E2/E1	22
C389	E7	3
9999	E8	1

(2) Rotation during the month (COMB)

IC OFF	IC ENL	NAV OFF	NAV ENL
<u>2</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

(3) Replacements received during the month

IC OFF	IC ENL	NAV OFF	NAV ENL
<u>10</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

(4) Casualties: S M C(5) Deaths

Sgt	LCpl	PFC
<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>

(6) Awards: Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "M" 1
 Navy-Marines Corps Medal 1

b. Administration(1) Discipline

(a) Courts-Martial:	Completed	Pending
CMC	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
SCM	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>
SCN	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>

(2) Marine BX and Postal Affairs(a) BX: Facilities are considered adequate.(b) Postal Facilities: Facilities are considered adequate.

(3) Shoalbin Services. During the period 1-21 March, Battalion members of Landing Team 2/9 participated in divine services at the Under SLB Camp Chapel.

(4) Special Services. During the period 1-21 March, Special Services processed ten unit/section parties.

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9.(3) Intelligence. During the period 1-21 March, the S-2 section controlled the SC's for Security and Intelligence. The section also processed four secret clearances and completed the cryptographic access system. The scouts trained with their respective rifle companies.

10.(C) Communications

a. General. The Communication Platoon provided communication support for Battalion Landing Team 2/9 during period 1-21 March 1970.

b. Radio. The radio section provided communications during the training and assault phases.

c. Wire. The wire section maintained the telephone system at the BLM Camp.

d. Message Center. The Message Center shifted Communication/Crypto guard from COMNAVBASE Subic to the U.S.S. Trivoli on 16 March. The number of messages handled during this period is as follows:

Outgoing	273
Incoming	1098
Total	<u>1371</u>

e. Radio Relay. The radio relay section performed up-keep on its equipment, operational checks, inventory and maintenance.

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SUICIDE BOMBERS *WFF*

- to Enclosure (1) -- LIT Kovrap 2112452 1-r 1970
- 2. to Enclosure (2) -- LIT Kovrap C207472 Apr 1970.

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