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HEADQUARTERS  
Battalion Landing Team 2/9  
3d Marine Division (-)(Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)  
Via: (1) Commander, Special Landing Force Alpha  
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1-30 September 1970.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 to 30 September 1970

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Battalion Landing Team 2/9

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. G. H. POLAKOFF (1-30 Sept)

SUPERORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co  
 "E" Co  
 "F" Co  
 "G" Co  
 "H" Co  
 Sq/1 H&S Co

Capt. L.S. GREEN (1-30 Sept)  
 Capt. M.J. EVANS (1-30 Sept)  
 1st Lt. J.B. WISDOM (1-30 Sept)  
 1st Lt. F.B. BOACH (1-6 Sept)  
 1st Lt. H.A. LONG (7-30 Sept)  
 1st Lt. C.W. BARRICK (1-30 Sept)  
 1st Lt. L.F. PARSONS (1-30 Sept)

ATTACHED UNITS

"E" Btry, 2d Bn, 12th Mar  
 2d Plat(Rein), Co "C", 3d Recon Bn  
  
 1st Plat(Rein), Co "C", 3d SP Bn  
 1st Plat(Rein), Co "C", 1st Amtrac Bn  
 LSU(ALFA), 3d Serv Bn  
 3d Plat(-), Co "A", 3d Tk Bn  
 1st Plat(Rein), Co "A", 3d MT Bn  
 1st Plat(Rein), Co "A", 3d Engr Bn  
 1st Plat(Rein), Co B, 3d Med Bn  
 Det, 3d Dental Co

Capt. J.E. McCLENAHAN (1-30 Sept)  
 1st Lt. L.A. FITCH (1-6 Sept)  
 SSgt. O.J. CAMPBELL Jr. (7-22 Sept)  
 2nd Lt. J.L. CARTER (23-30 Sept)  
 2nd Lt. W.H. FENEY (1-30 Sept)  
 1st Lt. R.G. CLARK (1-30 Sept)  
 1st Lt. F.M. STEC (1-30 Sept)  
 2nd Lt. A.P. ARMGRISTER (1-30 Sept)  
 2nd Lt. T.L. MINKLER (1-30 Sept)  
 2nd Lt. R.L. LEONARD (1-30 Sept)  
 Lt(MC) P.A. BILUNOS, USMR (1-30 Sept)  
 Lt(DC) E. DAVIS, USMC (1-30 Sept)

2. LOCATION

1-7 September: SLP Camp, Subic Bay, R.P.  
 8-10 September: Afloat  
 10-12 September: Port Call Hong Kong  
 13-15 September: Contiguous waters of RVN  
 15-18 September: Port Call Hong Kong  
 19-22 September: Afloat  
 23-30 September: SLP Camp, Subic Bay, R.P.

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. R.F. MILLIGAN (1-30 Sept)
Adjutant/S-1	Capt. P.G. KUYKENDALL (1-30 Sept)
S-2/S-5	2nd Lt. S.R. RUCKER (1-6 Sept)
S-3	2nd Lt. W.R. CHRISTOPH (7-30 Sept)
S-4	Maj. J.A. STUDDS (1-30 Sept)
Supply Officer	Capt. P.J. BRENNAN (1-30 Sept)
Communication Officer	1st Lt. W.E. WILLIAMS (1-30 Sept)
Motor Transport Officer	2nd Lt. A.B. PARSONS (1-30 Sept)
	1st Lt. S.G. MILLER (1-30 Sept)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	OFF	USN	ENL	USN
BLT 2/9	51	5	1237	54
2dBn, 9th Mar	34	2	881	27
Attachments	17	3	356	27
H&S Co	16	2	289	27
"E" Co	4		140	
"F" Co	4		145	
"G" Co	4		155	
"H" Co	5		152	

## PART II

NAARRATIVE SUMMARY

The period of 1-3 Sept 1970 was spent conducting platoon and company tactics in the Subic maneuver areas. On 4 and 5 September, the BLT re-embarked aboard ANG ALPHA shipping and sailed for Hong Kong on 7 September. Sailing through the contiguous waters of Viet Nam, the BLT arrived in Hong Kong on 10 September. After a 9 day Port Call, marked by a 4 day deployment to avoid typhoon Georgia, the BLT returned to Subic Bay and on 22 September participated in an amphibious landing in the Zambales Training Area.

After offloading on 23 Sept, the BLT conducted field training, featuring live field fire exercises in the Zambales firing ranges.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSa. Personnel

1. During the month of September 1970, the BLT experienced no overall officer losses and a gain of 2 enlisted. Of utmost concern is

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a projected loss of approximately 209 Marines during the period 1-11 October 1970 due to RRD's of 12 November 1970 and earlier. No unusual personnel problems were encountered during September.

b. Administration

1. Legal

(a) Special Courts-Martial-0

(b) Summary Courts-Martial-1

(c) Bn NJP-24

(d) Administrative Discharges processed and forwarded to CO, 9th Marines-0

2. There were no reportable casualties during the month of September 1970.

3. No mail problems adversely affecting morale were encountered.

4. Leave and Liberty. Of special note was the fact that only one Marine was UA upon departure of the BLT from Hong Kong, B.C.C. on 16 September 1970.

5. Emergency leave was approved and granted to 9 Marines by the Commander, SIF-ALPHA.

6. Special Services.

(a) While in Subic Bay, Special Services provided movies and sports equipment. Additionally, beer and sodas expenses were defrayed for parties conducted by Hotel Company and the Amtrac Platoon.

c. Intelligence

1. Aside from executing the normal functions of the section, the majority of effort to date has been expended in technical training of S-2 personnel.

d. Training

1. While the BLT was embarked aboard ship, a schedule of Essential Training Subjects was established for all units. The training accomplished covered all phases of RRS from weapons systems to tradition

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and history. Additionally, technical training and amphibious and helicopter employment familiarization were conducted. Physical conditioning was scheduled as weather and space permitted.

2. Training highlights included:

- (a) On 22 September the BLT participated in a combined Heliborne/Amphibious Landing in the Zambales Training Area.
- (b) 29 and 30 September "E" 2/12 held a fire exercise.
- (c) On 28 and 29 September the 81 Mortar Platoon, the 106 RR Platoon, the Flames Section and the Tank Platoon held fire exercises in the Zambales Training Area.

3. Education

(a) During the month of September the Education Program was as follows:

1. USAFI new enrollments - 2
2. USAFI completions - 0
3. MCI new enrollments - 25
4. MCI completions - 12
5. There were 88 Marines counseled on educational opportunities.
6. Two Marines received their high school diplomas.
7. There are 175 Marines enrolled in 189 MCI Courses.

e. Special Operations. On 30 September, Fox and Golf Companies conducted an area sweep of Grande Island, Subic Bay, R.P. for unauthorized personnel and/or materials. Although well organized and executed, the search was non productive because of suspected information leaks at the Subic Naval Base. Excellent training was derived from this operation. Tab (A) refers.

f. Command Relations. Operational control of BLT 2/9 remained with CTG 79.4.

g. Equipment. None

h. Logistics

## 1. Embarkation

(a) All personnel, equipment, and supplies were embarked aboard assigned shipping on 3 September 1970.

(b) On 22 September, equipment and supplies were offloaded from the USS OKINAWA at the NSD Pier, Subic Bay. The USS WASHTENAW COUNTY beached at the Lower SLF Camp and commenced offloading all personnel, supplies, and equipment including LFORM Glass I, III, and IV. The USS DULUTH and USS ANCHORAGE offloaded all personnel, supplies, and equipment by boats to the Lower SLF Camp. Personnel and equipment from the USS OKINAWA were moved to SLF Camps on 23 September 1970.

## 2. Supply

(a) The primary source of supply remained Naval Supply Activity, Subic, while ashore. Stocks were considered adequate and no problems were encountered in filling requisitions.

(b) An account was opened with Public Works Center, Subic for 3rd and 4th echelon repair beyond the LSU's capability.

3. Maintenance. Logistics Support Unit provided 3rd echelon maintenance for all units from operational stocks. All units provided their own 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance. PWC, Subic provided 3rd echelon repairs for one LVTP.

4. Messing. The SLF Camp Mess Hall was still undergoing renovation. All personnel were messed at the Cubi Point Enlisted Mess. Services were considered excellent.

5. Billeting. All units were billeted at the Upper SLF Camp. Facilities were considered adequate.

## 6. Transportation

(a) When the BLT's M-35 trucks were not available, commercial transportation was utilized to shuttle Marines to the Cubi Point Mess.

(b) All vehicle movement of personnel to training areas and helicopter pads was performed by M-35's. As of 30 September, 95% of the BLT's vehicles were operational.

(c) Landing Craft Unit One ferried the Tank Platoon to and from the Lower SLF Camp and the Zambales Training Area on 28 and 29 September.

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(d) HMM-164 provided extensive helicopter support for the movement of personnel, equipment, and ammunition from NAS, Cubi Point to Zambales.

i. Communications. During the entire month, the Communications Platoon provided communications support to the BLT both aboard ship and at the SLF Camp.

1. A BLT administrative net (covered) was established and maintained for inter-ship communications during afloat periods.

2. The BLT's Message Center was integrated with that of SLF-ALPHA both afloat and ashore. A total of 1,434 messages were processed during the reporting period.

#### PART IV

##### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Tab A Message from CTG Seven Nine PT Four  
280845Z Sept 70

Tab B Message from ComNav Base Subic  
280115Z Sept 70

Tab C Message from CTG Seven Nine PT Four  
010342Z Oct 70

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Route	Section	OpCode	DATE
CO			10/10/76
XO			10/10/76
S-1			10/10/76
S-2			10/10/76
S-3			10/10/76
S-4			10/10/76
SgtMaj			10/10/76

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 M CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 TO COMUSNAV PHIL  
 INFO COMNAVBASE SUBIC  
 NG I MAF  
 MTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 LT TWO SLANT NINE  
 MEMB MANILA  
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GRANDE ISLAND LANDING (S) HAS BEEN  
 COMNAVBASE SUBIC 280115Z SEP 76 sent

TELCON BETWEEN COL SAUNDERS, CO SLF "A" AND COL PARADIS,  
 COMUSNAVPHIL STAFF, OF 25 SEP 76.

- (S) REF A REQUESTS CTG 79.4 PROVIDE A COMPANY OF MARINES  
 AND TWO CH-46 MELOS FOR A LANDING AND SECURITY SWEEP OF  
 GRANDE ISLAND ON 320820H SEPT 76.
- (U) TROOPS AND MELOS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AS REQUESTED  
 WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO TRAINING COMMITMENTS.
- (S) IN VIEW OF THE REMOTE POSSIBILITY OF CONTACT WITH  
 FOREIGN NATIONALS, REQUEST PERMISSION BE OBTAINED FROM ANEMB,  
 MANILA, FOR UTILIZATION OF MARINES.
- (C) NO LIVE AMMUNITION WILL BE CARRIED.
- (U) PLANNING CONTINUES PENDING APPROVAL.

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INFO RUMMWGA/COMUSNAVPHL  
KUMLMHA/CG 1 MAF  
RUHJKA/CIO SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
RUHJRAA/BLT TWO SLANT NINE  
RUMJMA/AMEMB MANILA  
BT

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GRANDE ISLAND LANDING (SNF)

1. AS DISCUSSED IN 25 SEP MEETING AT COMMNAVBASE CONFERENCE ROOM  
IT IS REQUESTED THAT ONE COMPANY OF MARINES AND TWO HC-46 HELOS  
BE PROVIDED FOR A LANDING AND SECURITY SWEEP OF GRANDE ISLAND  
ON 300830H SEP 78.

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RTTCZYUW RUMMWUA5465 2746342-CCCC--RUMLMHA  
 ZNY CCCCC  
 R 010342Z OCT 70  
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT **FOUR**  
 TO RUMLMHA/CG 1 MAF  
 ZEN/COMNAVBASE SUBIC  
 INFO ZEN/BLT TWO SLANT NINE  
 ZEN/HMM ONE SIX FOUR  
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 GRANDE ISLAND SECURITY SWEEP

1. COMNAVBASE SUBIC 300852Z SEPT 70 NOTAL  
 1. (C) REF A REPORTED THAT THE SUBJECT SWEEP WAS CONDUCTED FROM  
 300500H SEPT TO 301400H-SEPT 70 AS PLANNED, AND THAT WHILE  
 WILL ORGANIZED AND PLANNED, THERE WERE NEGATIVE RESULTS.  
 2. (C) REF A FURTHER STATED THAT THE SECURITY OF THE OPERATION WAS  
 KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED AND PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR THE LACK  
 OF SUCCESS  
 3. (C) SLF COMMENT: THIS OPERATION WAS CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN OF  
 SUBSTANTIAL TRAINING VALUE DUE TO THE REALISM INVOLVED, NOTWITH-  
 STANDING THE FACT THAT NO ILLEGAL PERSONNEL OR CONTRABAND WERE...  
 FOUND. THE SECURITY COMPROMISE IS NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN  
 RELATED OR ATTRIBUTED TO MARINE PARTICIPATION IN THIS SWEEP.  
 4. (U) COMNAVBASE SUBIC CONCURS.

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S-1				
S-2			A 0000	
S-3			1-B10 2/9	
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SetMaj				

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