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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Subordinate Units

Company "B"	Capt H. B. WILBER	1-21 Mar
Company "C"	1stLt C. F. CALDWELL	1-3 Mar
Company "D"	1stLt J. B. SWARTZENBERG	4-21 Mar
Company "E"	1stLt J. M. ROARK	1-21 Mar
Company "F"	1stLt S. E. McLAUGHLIN	1-21 Mar
Company "G"	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. TOPASELLO	1-21 Mar
2ndPlt(Rein), CoC, 3rdMTEBn	1stLt R. W. HUNER	1-21 Mar
2ndPlt(Rein), CoC, 3rdSPEn	1stLt M. A. SMITH	1-21 Mar
2ndPlt(Rein), CoB, 1stAmtracBn	1stLt J. B. COON	1-21 Mar
1stPlt(Rein), CoA, 3rdTankBn	2ndLt S. W. BENVENUTO	1-21 Mar
2ndDirPlt(Rein), CoB, 3rdMedBn	Lt T. R. GADLOZ	1-21 Mar
LSU, 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: (LPH-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
Religious Officer	Lt G. W. GOSSMAN	1-21 Mar

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

2.(C) Training was conducted from 1-16 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 in ft.

	<u>US</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>I</u>	
63	87	

	<u>US</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>DE</u>	
5	77	

	<u>GER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>SP</u>	
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PART III

SUMMARY REPORT OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1.(G) 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 AB Platoon, 81mm mortar platoon, "L" Battery (105mm Howitzers), and "M" Battery (107mm Rockets). 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 Artillery 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 ARB LHA 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. LINDERT, Commander, Naval Base, Subic Bay as the Guest of Honor, and Colonel G. G. CHAMBERS, Commander 5th MAW, 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 chopped 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 chopped to CTF 79.2 (The B to Encl (1)).

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Equipment

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

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NUM</u>	<u>O/S</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>REPAIR</u>	<u>ON ORDER</u>
APC-12L	1	0	0	0	1
TPS-21	2	0	0	0	2
M-H 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) 44 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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c. Medical. The following services were rendered during the period 1-21 March 1970:

(1) Total seen at sick call:	700
(2) Total hospitalized:	18
(3) Completed physical exams:	6
(4) Spectacles 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 USM personnel:	4

7.(U) Community Relations. During the period 1-21 March numerous projects were performed by members of BLT 2/9 to aid underprivileged Filipinos in and around the Subic Area. After a tour of the Negrito Villages by the BLT Chaplain, Lt W. L. PULLACK, and the BLT Sptlclj, Sptlclj E. B. WILSON, the following projects were completed:

a. Barrio San Mendro:

(1) Basketball hoops and backboards were built by members of the Engineer Platoon for use of both the lowlanders and mountain tribes.

(2) A medical team consisting of the BLT Surgeon, Lt G. PCS I.F., and four company teamed the mountain region with the local pastor and the tribal chief to treat the mountain people.

b. Barrio Debalan:

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

(2) Members of the BLT 2/9 cleaned and painted the mission church.

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

c. Clonago Cstr:

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

(2) Speakers were purchased from BLT donations for the Subic Servicemen's Center.

8.(C) Personnel and Administration

a. Personnel

(1) Military IQS programs
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0111	E2/E1	1
0311	E5/E4/E2/E1	97
0331	E5/E4/E2/E1	31
0341	E5/E4/E2/E1	27
0351	E4/E2/E1	22
0389	E7	3
9999	E8	1

(2) Retention during the month (COMETS)

IC OFF	IC EML	NAV OFF	NAV EML
2	54	0	0

(3) Replacements received during the month

IC OFF	IC EML	NAV OFF	NAV EML
10	55	0	0

(4) Gratuities: S M C

(5) Retentions

Sgt	LCpl	PTC
14	12	1

(6) Awards: Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "7" 1
 Navy-Marines Corps Medal 1

b. Administration

(1) Discipline

(a) Courts-Martial:	Completed	Pending
SGC	0	0
S/C	7	13
SGM	14	5

(2) Marine BX and Postal Affairs

- (a) BX: Facilities are considered adequate.
- (b) Postal Facilities: Facilities are considered adequate.

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

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

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9.(C) Intelligence. During the period 1-21 March, the S-2 section controlled the S-2'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 afloat phases.

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

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

Outgoing	<u>273</u>
Incoming	<u>1098</u>
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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SECURITY DOCUMENTS *FF*

to Enclosure (1) -- EIT Kovrep 2117152 1-r 1970

2. to Enclosure (2) -- EIT Kovrep C207472 Apr 1970.

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