

**1ST BATTALION 9TH MARINES
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Regimental Landing Team-26 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology: 1 October to 2 December 1966

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) DivO 5750.1
(c) RegO 5750.1

1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

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PART I: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Reporting Unit: 1st Battalion, 9th Marines
2. Location of Command Post. 031600I October to 022100I December:
Camp Schwab, Okinawa (Bldg 3527). Prior to this the Command Post
was located aboard the USS HENRICO (APA-45) during the period 1-3
October.

3. Period Covered by Report. 1 October to 2 December 1966

4. Commanding Officer and Staff.

Commanding Officer		Maj DAY
Executive Officer		Maj HUBBARD
S-1	1 Oct-30 Nov	Capt RICKMON
	30 Nov- 2 Dec	2dLt RAMIREZ
S-2		2dLt YAGGY
S-3		Maj VON HARTEN
S-4	1 Oct-26 Oct	Capt SAYERS
	26 Oct- 2 Dec	Capt REED

5. Principal Subordinate Units.

H&S Company	1 Oct-10 Oct	2dLt MCCLEOD
	10 Oct- 2 Dec	Capt SHAW
Company "A"	1 Oct- 6 Oct	2dLt PACE
	6 Oct- 2 Dec	Capt FESTA
Company "B"	1 Oct-30 Oct	2dLt MITCHELL
	30 Oct- 2 Dec	Capt SAYERS
Company "C"	1 Oct- 8 Oct	1stLt CONNELL
	8 Oct- 2 Dec	Capt CURD
Company "D"		Capt KEYS
Det, Hq Bn, 3d MarDiv		
Det, Disbursing Section		
Det, Postal Section		2dLt WALSH
Det, Photo Section		
Det, Comm Co (Radio Relay)		
Det, H&S Company, 9th Marines (Radio Relay)		
3d Plt (Rein), Company "B", 1st AmTrac Bn		2dLt HORVATICH
3d Plt (Rein), Company "C", 3d AT Bn		2dLt RILEY
3d Plt (Rein), Company "B", 3d Tank Bn		2dLt VOIGT
1st Plt (Rein), Company "C", 3d Eng Bn		WO JONES
Det, H&S Company, 3d Eng Bn		
Det, Eng Support Company, 3d Eng Bn		
2d Plt, Company "D", 3d Recon Bn		2dLt MURPHY
Det, 1st Clearing Plt. (-)(Rein) Company "B"		Lt MC ALLISTER
3d Med Bn		(USN)
Logistics Support Unit		2dLt MOORE
Det, 3d F&R		
Det, 3d Ser Bn		

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2d Plt (Rein), Company "A", 3d MP Bn		2dLt DAVIS
2d Plt (Rein), Company "C", 3d SP Bn	1 Oct-14 Nov	2dLt BLOXOM
	14 Nov- 2 Dec	2dLt DEGENNARO
Battery "D" (-)(Rein), 2d Bn, 12thMar		Capt GUNDLACH
107mm Howtar Battery (Rein), 1st Bn, 12thMar		Capt RICHEY

6. Command Structure. 1-3 October 1966 OpCon CTG 79 while embarked aboard the USS HENRICO (APA-45). 3 October 1966 to 2 December 1966 OpCon RLT-26.

7. Average Strength for October and November.

	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>
Officers USMC:	43	52
Officers USN:	3	3
Enlisted USMC:	1012	1210
Enlisted USN:	40	50

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PART II: GENERAL CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS
DURING REPORTING PERIOD

During the reporting period, emphasis was placed upon training and rehabilitation of the battalion. General Military Subject Proficiency Tests, Physical Readiness Tests, and Swimming Qualification Tests were conducted during the reporting period. Weapon's training included familiarization firing of all individual weapons, extensive training, and firing of all crew served weapons except the 60mm Mortar. No training ammunition was available for the 60mm Mortar. Throughout the reporting period a concentrated effort was made toward small unit tactics and specialty training such as: Counter Guerrilla Warfare, Demolitions, Land Mine Warfare, Jungle Lane, and Trap Line. In addition to the above training, Companies "A" & "B" received instruction in Amphibious Raid Techniques while Companies "C" & "D" received introductory type training in the use of rubber assault boats. Formal school training was attended by 103 enlisted and 8 officer personnel. In the areas of equipment, supply, and personnel the battalion reached the Operational Status of C-1. The Medical platoon administered inoculations to all personnel preparatory to returning to RVN. Dental examinations and fluoride prophylaxis were given to all battalion personnel.

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PART III: SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. Detailed personnel data is contained in the S-1 journal submitted as a supporting document. ~~17~~ officers and 181 enlisted were dropped, 18 officers and 499 enlisted were joined. There were no hostile casualties incurred during this period. One enlisted Marine was wounded during a training exercise.
2. Administration. Administrative Inspection by 9th MAB.
3. Intelligence.
 - a. During the reporting period, the S-2 personnel worked on personal clearances and access. Enlisted personnel attended Land Mine Warfare School and other basic training.
 - b. An inspection was conducted on 16 November by the G-2 of 9th MAB. A satisfactory rating was given with some minor discrepancies noted.
 - c. The scout section was brought up to T/O and a SSgt was assigned as chief scout. Scouts were sent to NTA for a 10 day period and used as aggressors. All available training time was utilized, with particular emphasis placed on Team Training, Map and Compass. Two scouts were sent to school for rigid boat training. A trained sniper also joined the section from Headquarters Company, Regimental Landing Team-26.
 - d. Psychological Warfare. None
 - e. Special Operations. None
 - f. Employment of the AN/TPS-21, SID/150, the Infrared Sighting Device, and Star Light Scope. None
4. Training. In addition to the training missions covered in Part II: General Concepts of Operations, the following formal schools were used:

<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>NO. ATTENDED</u>
NCO School	40 enlisted
Embarkation School	6 officers
	10 enlisted
Ammo Technician School	2 "
Basic Infantry Weapons, Repair Course	8 "
Movie Projector Operators School	2 "
Registered Publication System	2 officers
Field Radio Operators School	20 enlisted
Field Wireman	5 "
Vietnamese Language School	16 "

Thirty six enlisted personnel attended M-16 Rifle Training for a period of 1 day. Intensive training in the use of Plastic Assault Boats was

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conducted for 1 officer and 40 enlisted personnel in an 8 day boat training schedule. All personnel attended range training sessions to obtain battle sight information for their individual weapons.

5. Special Operations. Nothing significant
6. Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Warfare. Nothing significant
7. Command and Control. Nothing significant
8. Communications and Electronics.

a. From 17-22 October 1966 the Battalion Communication Platoon conducted field communications classes for 58 men. These Marines received training in the use of AN/PRC-25, AN/GRC-39-A, AN/PRC-10, TA-1, TS-10, Spot Reports, Medical Evacuation Reports, and Situation Reports

b. From 17 October to 15 November 1966, 20 Marines were sent to field Radio School at Camp Hansen. They received instructions in all aspects of field radio communications.

9. Close Combat. ~~None.~~

10. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination. Extensive training was conducted in the following areas for the TACP:

1. Amphibious Operations
2. Mission, Composition and Equipment at all Levels
3. Organization of Air and Naval Gunfire control elements
4. Capabilities of Air Naval Gunfire, and Artillery
5. Radios
6. Terminology and Voice Procedures
7. Air Attack Techniques
8. Weapons and Targets
9. Terrain Study and Map Reading
10. Vision and Observation Principles
11. Embark, Debark, and TACP Installation
12. Comm Expedient and Alternatives
13. Helicopter Operations and Capabilities

Comm drills were conducted with all T/E radios to increase the proficiency of all members of the TACP.

11. Logistics. During the rehabilitation period of the battalion, logistic support consisted of coordination and assistance in the repair and resupply of combat essential equipment/supplies. Transportation requirements necessary to carry out the training schedule were coordinated by the S-4. Debarkation and embarkation procedures were directed and assisted by the S-4 staff.

12. Air Defense. Nothing Significant

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14. Medical and Dental Support.

- a. A complete reorganization of battalion health records was conducted with emphasis placed on immunizations, verification of pertinent data and overall medical efficiency.
- b. While at Camp Schwab over 4,400 immunizations were administered in compliance with BUMED INST 6230.1D.
- c. There were forty nine (49) cases of venereal disease treated.
- d. The Battalion Aid Station provided medical support to units training in the field.
- e. Emphasis of activity centered on preparing the BAS both administratively and materially for commitment.
- f. Dental Support included examinations type III for all personnel and fluoride prophylaxis program initiated.
- g. Dental treatment was administered as needed to correct deficiencies noted on exams in accordance with ~~MANMED~~ Chapter 1551.
- h. Emergency dental treatment was administered in seven separate cases, two of which were due to trauma.

15. Chaplain Support. During this period Protestant and Catholic services were conducted on Sundays for the battalion and supporting units in the Camp Schwab Chapel. Protestant Bible study was held on Wednesday evening and Catholic religion classes during the week. Daily Mass was celebrated in the chapel. Our patients in the Camp Kue Hospital were visited each week. Navy Relief and Red Cross cases were processed and counselling was available for all hands. Protestant and Catholic Thanksgiving services were conducted in the Camp Schwab Chapel. A Memorial Service was conducted on 19 November in honor of the men killed in action, in the Republic of Vietnam. All companies participated and music was provided by the Brigade Band. Catholic services were provided for the Camp Hansen Chapel.

16. Civil Affairs. An experienced sergeant from Company "A" was assigned to H&S Company as the Civil Affairs NCO. This should add many improvements to the overall Civil Affairs Program. Forty pallets (approximately 12,000 lbs) of vitamins, anti-biotics, salt, soap, toys, and clothes were issued to the battalion to be used upon return to South Vietnam and in conjunction with practice landings in the Philippines.

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PART IV: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NIE-S-1 Journal - NIE

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