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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Battalion Landing Team 1/9

COMMANDER

Maj DAY

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company
 Company "A"
 Company "B"
 Company "C"
 Company "D"

Capt SHAW
 Capt FESTA
 Capt SAYERS
 Capt CURD
 Capt KEYS

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Hq Bn, 3d MarDiv
 Det, Disbursing Section
 Det, Postal Section
 Det, Photo Section
 Det, Comm Co (Radio Relay)
 Det, H&S Company, 9th Marines (Radio Relay)
 3d Plt (Rein), Company "B", 1st AmTrac Bn
 3d Plt (Rein), Company "C", 3d AT Bn
 3d Plt (Rein), Company "B", 3d Tank Bn
 1st Plt, (Rein), Company "C", 3d Eng Bn
 Det, H&S Company, 3d Eng Bn
 Det, Eng Support Company, 3d Eng Bn
 2d Plt, Company "D", 3d Recon Bn
 Det, 1st Clearing Plt (-)(Rein), Company "B", 3d Med Bn
 Logistics Support Unit
 Det, 3d FSR
 Det, 3d Ser Bn
 2d Plt (Rein), Company "A", 3d MT Bn
 2d Plt (Rein), Company "C", 3d SP Bn
 Battery "D" (-)(Rein), 2d Bn, 12th Mar
 107mm Howtar Battery (Rein), 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Det, Battery "K", 4th Bn, 13th Mar
 1st Armored Amphib Plt

2dLt WALSH

2dLt HORVATICH
 2dLt RILEY
 2dLt VOIGT
 WO JONES

2dLt MURPHY
 Lt MC ALLISTER
 (USN)
 2dLt MOORE

2dLt DAVIS
 2dLt DEGENNARO
 Capt GUNDLACH
 Capt RICHEY
 2dLt VOGT
 2dLt COTTLE

2. LOCATION

From 022300I to 070900H USS LENAWEE (APA-195). From 070900H to the end of the reporting period the Command Post was located aboard the USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2), with temporary occupancy at the SLF Camp, USNB, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

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Executive Officer

S-1

S-2

S-3

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Maj HUBBARD

2dLt RAMIREZ

2dLt YAGGY

Maj VON HARTEN

Capt REED

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR DECEMBER

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
70	1669	7	90

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period the BLT was preparing for special operations in RVN with the SLF. At the onset, the BLT was embarked and enroute to SLF Camp, USNB Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. Upon arrival at the SLF Camp the BLT conducted extensive training in preparation for Mud Puppy II. Mud Puppy II, conducted on Mindoro Island, Republic of the Philippines during the period 19-22 December 1966, provided the final training and preparation vehicle prior to the conduct of special operations as a member of the SLF. During Mud Puppy II, a civil affairs program was instituted in the village of NAGIBA near the training area. Additional supporting units were attached to the BLT to provide greater potential for special operations. The BLT inventory of equipment for specialized Riverine Operations was increased. At the end of the reporting period the BLT is embarked and enroute for special operations in RVN.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. FMF organizations committed to combat and the SLF

- a. Combat missions assigned. None
- b. Significant operations conducted. None
- c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy. None
- d. Casualties sustained. None
- e. New techniques employed. None
- f. Command relations. No change

g. Equipment. Light plastic assault boats and outboard motors were assigned to the BIT.

h. Logistics. On 2 December 1966 the BIT deployed from Camp Schwab, Okinawa, to USNB, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. The move was completed on 7 December 1966. From 7 December 1966 to 16 December 1966 Logistical planning data was compiled for operation Mud Puppy II. On 16 December embarkation for Mud Puppy II commenced. The operation was completed on 23 December and during this time normal logistic functions in support of the BIT were carried out. Final logistic preparations for special operations in RVN were completed. On 28 December the BIT embarked aboard USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2), USS Vancouver (LPD-2), USS Thomaston (LSD-28), and USS Washtenaw County (LST-1166), and on 29 December 1966 sailed from Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines prepared for special operations in RVN as a member of the SLF.

i. Civic action. During the conduct of Mud Puppy II a civil affairs program was instituted in the village of NAGIBA. This village is in the immediate vicinity of the training area and has a population of 180 families. Two United States Navy Corpsmen of Filipino extraction and the village captain were interpreters during this program. A medical and civil affairs team consisting of 3 doctors, 5 corpsmen, and chaplain, and the civil affairs NCO visited the village. The medical team attended 50 persons. Most of them were children or elderly people and most of these had respiratory infections. Four persons with diseases or defects beyond the scope of the medical teams treatment capabilities were seen but not treated. The chaplain and civil affairs NCO gave dolls, salt, soap, and vitamins to the village captain to be distributed among his people.

j. Administration. Nothing significant.

k. Personnel. Detailed personnel data is contained in the S-1 Journal. Two officers and 5 enlisted men were dropped. Twenty seven enlisted joined. There were no hostile casualties incurred during this period.

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Intelligence. During this reporting period the S-2 sections effort was directed towards the writing of Intelligence Estimates, Annexes, etc. During the Mud Puppy II Operation a joint 2/3 journal was maintained for the purpose of training section administration personnel, and this proved very satisfactory. Intelligence scouts have been attached to the companies in order to aid in maintaining the flow of information to the Battalion.

m. Communications. Equipment and personnel have been prepared for combat by participation in a CEX and in Mud Puppy II. The landing exercise provided opportunity to evaluate the potential of individuals and equipment for the forthcoming operations. In this exercise wire, radio, and radio relay were employed without difficulty.

n. Weather. Not applicable

o. Fire support. Participation in a BIT CEX and Mud Puppy II provided opportunity to assess and refine methods of coordination with SACC and all FACC operations. Special attention was given to problem areas unique to amphibious operations.

p. Air support. During the month of December the TACP received fixed wing and helo communication training. In addition, the TACP participated in operation Mud Puppy II. Improvements in operational procedures were implemented through experience gained in the landing exercise.

q. Activations/deactivations/redesignations. Det, Battery "F", 4th Bn, 13th Mar and 1st Armored Amphib Plt were attached to the BIT in this reporting period.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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1. S-1 Journal

2. Frag Order 01 to BIT 1/9 Operation Plan 1-66

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190800

2LT S. E. COTTLE, 1STLT P. N. VAN JAHNKE,
 GYSGT B. L. ACHORD, LCPL R. J. AUGUSTUS,
 PFC M. D. BAKER, PFC K. BLOUNT, LCPL R. E.
 BUNTON, PFC W. L. BURROWS, PFC J. W. CARSON
 SSGT F. CASTA, LCPL R. J. CILC, LCPL G. CIRILO,
 PFC M. J. COATES, PFC R. CONTRAS, PFC L. M.
 GOODMAN, PFC J. R. CUMMINGS, PFC R. M. DEGRASSE,
 LCPL E. V. ELLEWSKI, SSGT H. L. DEVINE, LCPL
 D. E. DIMSA, PFC J. W. EALAND, LCPL G. R. EHLE,
 PFC J. H. EFFERSON, SGT J. E. FOX, CPL W. HARDY,
 SSGT G. E. HARPER, PFC G. C. HERNANDEZ, CPL
 L. S. HERRERA, GYSGT C. J. HOKE, PFC N. R.
 INGRAM, LCPL R. J. IRELAND, SSGT F. JONAS, SGT
 R. JUAREZ, PFC A. O. KINCAID, PFC F. A. KIRCHOVER,
 LCPL R. M. LONGFELLOW, LCPL R. D. LUNDY, PFC
 G. M. MASTERS, SSGT H. E. MCDANIEL, PFC J.
 MATTEO, LCPL O. G. MOORE, LCPL J. H. MUTTER,
 LCPL G. A. NEMENZ, LCPL T. W. PERKINS, LCPL
 J. R. PRICIN, PFC A. A. QUINNELL, PFC T. L.
 REIMAN, PFC D. L. RICH, LCPL D. L. SCHLOTTERBACK,
 SSGT J. N. SMITH, CPL L. G. SNOW, PFC L. W.
 STANLEY, CPL J. TEDDY, SGT J. J. VILLE, SGT
 G. P. WALDO, SGT L. W. WELLS, LCPL T. W.
 WEGNER, LCPL G. B. WILTROUT, LCPL R. WINGATE,
 PFC R. F. ZIMMERMAN, HM3 W. M. OLMSTED ATT FM 1ST
 AFNAMPHC Co, 1XTHAF

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261300 CPL W. R. TRAPP TO SICK USNH

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LCPL J. E. KITCHENS DR TR TO CG, 9THMAB FOR DUTY

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1STLT H. J. HENLBACH DR TR TO CG, 1STMAW (MCC-167)

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PFC W. L. BURGER DR TR TO CO 1ST RECON Co 1ST RECON Bn

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LCPL J. E. KITCHENS DR TR TO CG, 9THMAB FOR DU

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PFC W. L. BURGER DR TR TO CO 1ST RECON Co 1ST RECON

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CPL C. W. HALL, PFC R. V. MAIORINO, CPL F. A.
 ROZBORIL, CPL W. R. TRAPP SK CNFD MILITARY HOSP

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1st Battalion, 9th Marines

01 December - 30 Dec

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1300	011300	LCPL T. D. PAYNE DR TR TO RL1-26
1300	011300	MAJ D. E. DOWNING DR TR TO CG, 9THMAB- G-3
1300	011300	PFC R. J. FERNANDEZ TO TAD IN CONN W/EMER LV
1300	011300	CPL P. INGRAM TO TAD IN CONN W/EMER LV
0800	020800	HN E. T. BOTTOMER, HM3 J. E. TUCKER, HM3 A. B. COMPTON, LCPL P. MONDOZA, PFC P. P. STEINER, PFC G. L. ESQUIVEL, SGT J. A. FARROTT, CPL R. S. NEAL, LCPL N. L. SCHIMDT, LCPL C. G. SHERBERT, LCPL G. T. SULLIVAN, LCPL W. J. WOTANG, HM3 G. F. LAMORA, HN S. T. RUDOLF, HN D. N. STATLER, LCPL P. B. JENNINGS Joined From CONUS
1300	011300	HMC G. D. CRUMPLER TO TAD RL1-26 UNDER TREATMENT
1300	021300	LCPL J. R. BREWER, SSGT A KOPPEL TO TAD IN CONN W/EMER LV
1300	021300	SGT R. H. HOWELL DR TR TO RL1-26
0800	030800	CPL R. JONES Fr SK CAMP HANSEN DISP
0800	120800	SGT W. I. SUMPTER, LCPL R. U. DAREY, LCPL G. A. SITAS, PFC W. L. BURGER, PFC T. C. MANGRUM Joined From 1st RECON BN
0800	150800	LCPL F. BATTAGLIA, PFC J. R. HOBY, PFC R. E. RAYMOND, LCPL R. W. MOREMANN, PVT R. J. HOFNER, SGT R. M. GRIMM, LCPL M. HARMON, LCPL V. L. HOOPER, LCPL R. N. SCOTT, PFC W. J. TATON, PFC L. R. ORTIZ Joined From CONUS
1300	151300	LCPL R. A. MULLIVHILL DR TR TO MARCORACT IN CONN/W EMER LV
1300	151300	LCPL R. M. WOBEL, DR TR TO HQCO 9TH MAB
1300	161300	LCPL C. T. BOWLER Jr. DR TR TO MARCORACT IN CONN W/EMER LV

0800 191300 2LT R. J. VOOT, LCPL E. M. AIKINS, LCPL D. R. ASHLEY, PFC R. E. BAILLY, LCPL T. BRANDBURG, LCPL T. M. BARNES, PFC C. P. BARNHART, LCPL J. J. BASAK, PFC M. J. BOYLE, LCPL R. BUTLER, LCPL E. P. CARDENAS, PFC R. CARR, CPL R. M. CLOYD, LCPL J. M. COOK, LCPL R. L. DAVIDSON, SGT G. L. ELLINGER, LCPL C. L. FAULKNER, PFC M. L. GREEN, SSGT D. M. HOLLAND, CPL F. L. DALINOWSKI, PFC J. M. KEYSER, LCPL G. W. LANDOSE, LCPL E. A. MOLINA Jr., CPL J. A. SHEPARD, PFC D. G. SNEED, LCPL J. D. TAYLOR, LCPL J. T. WALLIN, LCPL V. L. WALTERS, PFC D. P. WILLIS
Attached fr OG, 9THAB FOR DU W/LVTH FLT

0800 190800 2LT S. E. OTELE, 1MLT VAN JANKE, P. H. CYNOT B. L. BUEHLIN, LCPL B. J. AUGSTUS, PFC M. D. BAKER, PFC K. BLOUNT, LCPL R. E. BURTON, PFC W. L. BURROWS, PFC J. W. CARSON, SGT F. CASTA, LCPL R. J. CILC, LCPL G. CIRILO, PFC M. J. COATES, PFC R. CONTRAS, PFC L. M. GOODMAN, PFC J. R. GINGISS, PFC DE GRASSE, LCPL R. V. DELENSKI, SSGT DEVIER, LCPL B. T. DUFOUR, LCPL D. E. DUMSA, PFC J. W. KALAND, LCPL G. R. HALE, PFC J. H. HEPPELSON, SGT J. E. FOX, CPL W. WARREN Jr., CPL W. HARDY, SSGT G. B. HARPER, PFC G. C. HERNANDEZ Jr., CPL L. S. HERRERA, CYNOT C. J. HOKE, PFC W. R. INGRAM, LCPL R. J. IRELAND, SSGT F. JONES, SGT B. JUAREZ, PFC A. O. KINCAID, PFC F. A. KIRCHOFER, LCPL R. M. LONGFELLOW, LCPL R. D. LUNDY, PFC G. W. MASTERS, PFC J. MATED Jr., LCPL O. G. MOORE, LCPL J. H. MUTTER, LCPL G. A. NEMEREZ, LCPL T. N. PERKINS, LCPL J. R. PERKIN, PFC A. A. QUESNEL, PFC T. L. REIDMAN, PFC B. J. RICH, LCPL D. L. SCHLOTTERBACK, SSGT J. M. SMITH, CPL L. G. SNOW, PFC L. W. STANLEY, CPL J. TIMOTY, SGT J. J. VILLA, CPL G. P. WALDO, SGT L. W. WELLS, LCPL T. W. WENNER, LCPL G. B. WILKINSON, LCPL R. WINGATE Jr., PFC R. F. ZIMMERMAN, SGT W. M. OLNSTEAD,
ATTACHED IN 190800 1st AMBUSH Co, 11th MAR

0800 230800 SGT J. R. RAMIREZ JD FR Co A 9TH TANK BN FOR DUTY

0800 240800 SGT J. B. WICHMANN 1ST FR 1ST RECON Co 1st Recon BN

0800 250800 CYNOT P. A. BURNING TO LV

1300 261300 SGT G. M. MARTIN TAD IN COMB W/ENR LV

1300 261300 SGT C. L. DARRS TAD IN COMB W/ENR LV