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HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Battalion, 27th Marines  
5th Marine Division, (-) (Rein) FMF  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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5750  
15 October 1969  
SERNO 030-690

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D), Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, Washington, D. C. 20380  
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, 27th Marine Regiment  
(2) Commanding General, 5th Marine Division, (-) (Rein), FMF, Camp Pendleton, California 92055  
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, FPO San Francisco, California 96602

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5780.2A  
(b) FMF PacO 5750.8A  
(c) DivO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology, Second Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

*E. J. Grabowski*  
E. J. GRABOWSKI

2/27/69  
27th Marines

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4th Marine Division, (-) (Rein) FMF  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969

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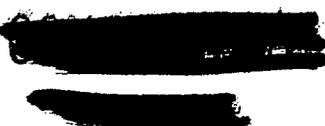
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**UNCLASSIFIED****PART I**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL DATA****1. DESIGNATION****COMMANDER**

2nd Battalion,

LtCol J. P. GAGLIARDO JR.  
1 July 1969 to 29 August 1969

27th Marines (-)

LtCol E. Z. GRABOWSKI  
30 August 1969 to 15 October 1969**SUBORDINATE UNITS**

H &amp; S Company

Capt J. E. SILER  
1 July 1969 to 10 July 1969  
1stLt S. A. NELSON  
11 July 1969 to 6 October 1969  
1stLt M. F. SOMMERS  
7 October 1969 to 15 October 1969

Company E

1stLt R. D. DUFF  
1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969

Company F

Capt D. W. PICKERSGILL  
1 July 1969 to 11 August 1969  
1stLt P. F. SKOOG  
12 August 1969 to 15 October 1969

Company G

1stLt E. C. HECKMAN  
1 July 1969 to 9 July 1969  
1stLt R. E. LOGAN  
10 July 1969 to 15 October 1969

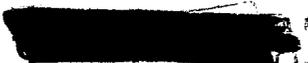
Company H

1stLt J. M. STRICKLAND  
1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969**2. LOCATION**33 Area, Camp Pendleton, California  
1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969**3. STAFF OFFICERS**

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Maj G. G. BOSWORTH  
1 July 1969 to 29 August 1969  
(No one assigned 30 August 1969)

ADJUTANT/S-1

2ndLt R. H. ASMUS  
1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969  
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STAFF OFFICERS (Continued)

S-2	1stLt F. B. AHEARN 1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969
S-3	Capt R. S. HUNSBERGER 1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969
S-4	Capt D. L. BARTLETT 1 July 1969 to 10 August 1969 Capt D. W. PICKERSGILL 11 August 1969 to 15 October 1969
SUPPLY OFFICER	1stLt R. G. KOSINSKI 1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969
MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER	1stLt J. R. MCELRATH 1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	Capt G. E. GIRARDOT 1 July 1969 to 30 July 1969 Capt G. J. WILLIAMS 31 July 1969 to 15 October 1969
CHAPLAIN	(None Assigned)
BATTALION SURGEON/BATTALION MEDICAL OFFICER	(None Assigned 1 July 1969 to 3 August 1969) Lt A. ADELSTEIN, USN 4 August 1969 to 15 October 1969
SERGEANT-MAJOR	SgtMaj J. E. SAMPLES 1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN		OTHER	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
July	49	713	0	30		
Aug	53	662	1	28		
Sept	43	415	1	21		
Oct	35	148	1	9		

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UN [REDACTED] PART II  
 NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During this reporting period, block training was used extensively to maintain the battalion in a combat-ready posture. Training was limited by a steady drop in personnel strength, beginning at 65.7% on 1 July 1969, and dropping to 56.6% by the 15th of September and terminating the reporting period on 15 October 1969 with deactivation and a drop to 0.0% in both personnel and opstocks.

July was highlighted by numerous FIREX's and concluded with preparation for a PACNARMID demonstration. On 13 July, the battalion had a platoon mount-out for the Norton AFB, "Mount-Out Exercise". On 22 July, the rifle companies supported the USS VANCOUVER in helicopter assault techniques. The battalion began the month with 91% of mount-out equipment and 97% of opstocks on hand.

During the first week in August, the battalion coordinated and sponsored a firepower demonstration for PACNARMID which included artillery, air, tanks, ONTOS's, flames and all organic firepower of an infantry battalion. The demonstration was attended by over 300 Midshipmen, the Commanding General, 5th Marine Division, the Mayors of Oceanside and San Clemente, representatives of various Navy Leagues and other distinguished guests. In the middle of August, Company "G" acted as aggressors to the 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines (USMCR), who were conducting their summer field training. The rest of the month was devoted to block training, FIREX's and a Regimental COMEX. On 29 August 1969, LtCol J. P. GAGLIARDO JR. was relieved as Commanding Officer by LtCol E. Z. GRABOWSKI.

September started with block training, including numerous night activities. The Battalion conducted a static weapons display for guests of the Secretary of the Navy on 11 September. On 16 September 1969, Company "H" paraded down the streets of Escondido in support of that city's observance of Mexican Independence Day. Cadre and deactivation was initiated by warning orders on 15 September and the rest of the month was spent preparing for the final steps to cadre/deactivation. Personnel strength was 60% at the first of the month, and dropped to 31.1% by 30 September 1969 with opstocks and mount-out equipment remaining 97% and 91% on hand respectively.

During the first two weeks of October a wholesale redistribution of supplies and transfer of personnel occurred. On 1 October turn-in of stocks and mount-out equipment was initiated and by 8 October opstocks and mount-out equipment on hand was 0.0%. The personnel strength dropped from 18% to 0.0% of T/O by the end of the reporting period. The official deactivation ceremony was conducted on 15 October 1969.

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 Enclosure (1)

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

3 July 1969	Norton AFB Mount-Out Exercise
22 July 1969	Support for USS VANCOUVER, Helicopter Training
30 July 1969	Rehearsal for PACNARMID - 69 Demonstration
5 Aug 1969 to 7 Aug 1969	PACNARMID - 69 Demonstration and PACNARMID - 69 FIELDDEX
19 Aug 1969 to 22 Aug 1969	Participation in Regimental COMDEX
27 Aug 1969	Change of Command Ceremony
30 Aug 1969	LtCol E. Z. GRABOWSKI Assumed Command
11 Sep 1969	Weapons Display for the Honorable Secretary of the Navy's Guests
15 Sept 1969	Initial <del>to</del> Cadre/De-activation (Reference CG, msg 141715Z Sep 69)
16 Sep 1969	Mexican Independence Day Parade at Escondido, California
24 Sep 1969	Transfer of Personnel Accounts for Drop of On-Board strength from 45% to 24% of T/O
10 Oct 1969	Personnel On-Board 12% of T/O
15 Oct 1969	Official Deactivation Ceremony. Close out by 2nd Bn Unit Diary RUC 15520, H&S Co. RUC 15521; E Co. RUC 15523; F Co. RUC 15524; G Co. RUC 15525; H Co. RUC 15526

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**UNCLASSIFIED** PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS  
 (Attached to Original Only)

ANNEX A OPERATIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

APPENDICES

1. ✓ Norton AFB Mount-Out  
 (After Action Report)
2. ✓ TAB A Support of USS VANCOUVER  
 (Division Training Highlights, DivBul  
 1500 of 16Jul69)
- ✓ TAB B (Amphibious Shipping Assignment for  
 Training and Marine Support for Navy  
 Amphibious Training First Quarterly FY-70  
 DivBul 3110 of 9Jul69)
3. ✓ TAB A PACNARMID 1969  
 (CO, 2ndBn, 27thMar ltr 3/CRD/ds 1500 of  
 15Jul69)
- 67 ✓ TAB B (PACNARMID 1969 Program)
- ✓ TAB C (CO 27th Marines msg 062341Z Aug 69/  
 082318Z Aug 69)
- ✓ TAB D Navy League, Bakersfield Council ltr RWS:  
 sms 11 Aug69/Commanding Generals letter of  
 Recognition 1/dpd 1650 of 5 Sep 69
- ✓ TAB E (Newspaper Article with picture; Pendleton  
 Scout, 15 Aug 69)

ANNEX B PARADES AND CEREMONIES

1. ✓ TAB A Change of Command (Parade for a change  
 of Command Ceremony; 2ndBn Bul 5060 3/WFH/  
 bhi of 20 Aug 69)
- ✓ TAB B (Change of Command Program)

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PART IV  
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APPENDICES

2. ✓ TAB A

Mexican Independence Day  
(Msg 27th Marines 211450Z Aug 69  
Fiestas Patrias Celebration Parade)

✓ TAB B

(After Action; Training Exercise Brief;  
Mexican Independence Day Parade, Escondido,  
California CG, H Co, 2ndBn, 27thMar ltr  
WMW/dwg 5050 of 18Sep69)

ANNEX C SUBORDINATE CHRONOLOGIES

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H&S Company Command Chronology  
1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969

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E Company Command Chronology  
1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969

TAB C ✓

F Company Command Chronology  
1 July 1969 to 15 October 1969

TAB D ✓

G Company Command Chronology  
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TAB E ✓

H Company Command Chronology  
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5th Marine Division, (-) (Rein), MAF  
Camp Pendleton, California 90035

1/20/68  
1000  
1 Aug 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 27th Marines

Subj: Norton AFB Mount Out, After Action Report

1. The following comments are noted on the subject operation:

COMMENT. This battalion learned during a final confirmation check that instead of flying out of El Toro as originally scheduled, the mounted out unit was to drive directly to Norton AFB and there participate in the demonstration.

RECOMMENDATION. That direct liaison be authorized in situations such as this to eliminate "the waf" stopping above the unit responsible for action.

COMMENT. Three vehicles broke down on the way to or from Norton. Regimental 3-4 had attempted to schedule a wrecker to accompany the convoy with negative results. Also drivers were not thoroughly briefed on the route.

RECOMMENDATION. That a wrecker accompany all convoys of any size outside the base. Also that the project officer thoroughly brief all drivers prior to the operation.

COMMENT. Upon arrival at Norton AFB, the Air Force project officer (Capt. Rogers) was unavailable during the entire Norton phase of the operation. The officer substituting for Capt. Rogers was not well briefed and had conflicting views on the operations as opposed to what had originally been laid out.

RECOMMENDATION. Hence, however, in the event this organization is tasked with operations with other armed services, the project/liaison officer be available for the operation.

COMMENT. The Marines arrived at 1000. At 1300 they commenced loading aboard a C-41. From 1300 to 1600 the unit was alternately embarked and off-loaded from the aircraft due to the heat (100°). The "operation" went at 1615 and the unit departed for Camp Pendleton at 1630. The "operation" consisted of debarking the aircraft in combat gear at a demonstration for Air Force Cadets, and lasted 5 minutes.

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Annex A-#1

RECOMMENDATION. That in the future such operations/demonstrations not be considered unless they add to the training of our own troops. To spend 12 hours for a five minute "operation" is a complete waste of our Marines' time which could be much better utilized in many other ways.

J. P. GAGLIARDO, JR.

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S-3 2nd Bn. 27th Marines		ACTION	INFO.
S-3			X
S-3A	WFA		
ALO			
TRNG C			X
OPNS.Chf			
Asst.Opns.			
FILE			

DivBul 1500  
 3/JMW/wlc  
**16 JUL 1969**

DIVISION BULLETIN 1500

From: Commanding General  
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Division Training Highlights

1. Purpose. To publish weekly Division training highlights for the period 21-25 July 1969.
2. Information. The following periods of instruction are training highlights for organizations of this command.

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>
21-23 July 69 0800-1600	CD Training	Bn Area /	2/28

Scope: Lecture and application on Civil Disturbance Control techniques.

21-22 July 69 0730-1630	Helicopter Training	USS Vancouver	2/27
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Scope: To familiarize the individual Marine with proper Helicopter procedures.

22 July 69 0800-1530	NGF CommEx	Papa I 656189	3/13
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Scope: Practical application of proper radio procedures for calling in and adjusting Naval Gunfire Missions

23 July 69 0730-1600	Ontos Firex	Range 407A	5th AT Bn
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Scope: To increase the proficiency of the Anti-Tank crewmen in the firing of crew served weapons.

24 July 69 0730-1630	Demolitions	Range 233	13th Engr Bn
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Scope: Practical application of Demolitions Firing to include both electric, non-electric and special firing devices.

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25 July 69  
0800-1500

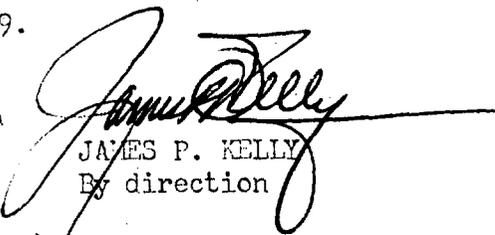
Platoon Firex

Range 408

2/28

Scope: To increase the proficiency of the unit through the use of a live fire exercise.

3. Self-cancellation. 26 July 1969.

  
JAMES P. KELLY  
By direction

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OPNS.Chf.		
Asst.Opns.		
FILE		

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 21 AUG 1969

DIVISION BULLETIN 3110 Ch 1

From: Commanding General  
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Amphibious Shipping Assignments for Training and Marine Support  
 for Navy Amphibious Refresher Training ~~First~~ **Second** Quarter FY-70

1. Purpose. To publish pen change to the basic Bulletin dated 9 July 1969.

2. Action. Make the following pen and ink change to the basic Bulletin:

a. On Page 1 of Enclosure (1) of the basic Bulletin:

(1) **Delete:**

6-7 October	2/27	USS OGDEN (LPD5) HELILEX
21-23 October	13th Mar	USS CATAMOUNT (LSD17) NUCLOADOUTEX
4-7 November	3/27	USS BELLEGROVE (LSD2) PHIBRAIDEX
17-20 November	5th MarDiv	USS ELDORADO (LCC11) DIVPHIBCPX

(2) **Add:**

1-5 December	5th MarDiv	DTMD	DIVPHIBCPX
1-5 December	2/27	DTMD	HELILEX 1-69
1-5 December	3/27	DTMD	PHIBRAIDEX 5-69

b. On Page 1 of Enclosure (2) to the basic Bulletin:

(1) Under a. add 2-3 Sep USS DENVER

(2) Under f. change to read:  
 28th Marines vice 27th Marines

c. On page 2 of Enclosure (2) to the basic Bulletin add:

h. 28th Marines 1-3 Oct Two companies of approximately 150 men each and one landing zone control team to provide training support for USS DENVER (LPD9). Request two landing zones and provide 8 dummy cargo lifts. Contact: 28th Marines S-3 Ext. 7545. COMPHIBTRAPAC Opns 437-2291. CCO USS DENVER (LPD9).

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21 AUG 1969

3. Self-cancellation. 1 January 1970.

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M. W. SCHMIDT  
Chief of Staff

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CO, 5th FSR (3)

CO, NAVPHIBSCH (3)

CO, Each Ship Listed

S-3 2nd Bn. 27th Marines		ACTION	INFO.
S-3			
A	WFB		X
ALO			
OPNS.Chf.	✓		X
Asst.Opns.			
FILE		X	

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3/EEE/rmo

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From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Amphibious Shipping Assignments for Training and Marine Support  
for Navy Amphibious Refresher Training First Quarter FY-70

Ref: (d) COMPHIBTRAPAC msg 272143Z Jun69  
(e) TELECON Lt Lawrence COMPHIBTRAPAC 011100 Jul69

1. Purpose. To publish pen changes to the Basic Bulletin dated 10 April 1969 in accordance with the provisions of reference (d) modified by reference (e).

2. Action. Make the following pen and ink changes to the Basic Bulletin:

a. On Page 1 of Enclosure (2) to the Basic Bulletin under a. add:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>
5th AmtracBn	25 Jul	USS VANCOUVER

Add new subparagraph f. as follows:

27th Marines	21-22 Jul
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Two Companies of approximately 150 men each to provide helicopter training support for USS VANCOUVER (LPD2). Companies to be at the Navy Station San Diego by 210800 Jul69. Companies to be picked up at Ream Field Imperial Beach for return to CampPen about 222000Jul69. Unit to contact USS VANCOUVER (LPD2) before going for pier number. Contact: 27th Marines S-3 Ext. 2220. COMPHIBTRAPAC Operations 437-2291, CCO USS VANCOUVER (LPD2).

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b. On Page 1 of Enclosure (2) under a. 5th AmtracBn change dates:

12 Sep to read 15 Aug  
15 Sep to read 15 Aug

USS CABILDO  
USS CARTER HALL

And Delete:

16 Jul  
8 Sep

USS STONE COUNTY  
USS PT DEFIANCE

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M. W. SCHMIDT  
Chief of Staff

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CO, TracVeh Scol, ScolBn, MCB (5)  
CO, 5th FSR (3)  
CO, NAVPHIBSCH (3)  
CO, Each Ship Listed

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DIVISION BULLETIN 3110 w/ch #1 & 2

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Amphibious Shipping Assignments for Training and Marine Support for  
Navy Amphibious Refresher Training, Second Quarter FY-70

Ref: (a) Commander, Amphibious Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet ltr 3120  
Ser: 32-2800 of 10 June 1969  
(b) DivO P1500.4B

Encl: (1) Shipping assigned for Second Quarter FY-70  
(2) Assignment of Marine Support for Second Quarter FY-70

1. Purpose. To promulgate assignments of amphibious shipping and assignments of Marine Support for Navy Amphibious refresher training during the Second Quarter FY-70.

2. Action. Organizational Commanders will:

a. Plan training for utilization of amphibious shipping in accordance with shipping assignments listed in enclosure (1).

b. Provide support for Navy training in accordance with reference (a) and as indicated in enclosure (2).

c. Request training areas and facilities in accordance with instructions contained in reference (b).

d. Contact Navy Commands a minimum of two weeks prior to scheduled training. Direct liaison is authorized. Notify this Headquarters (Assistant G-3 Operations, Ext 2123) when initial liaison with Navy Commands has been accomplished.

3. Self-cancellation. 1 January 1970.

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CO, 5th FSR (3)  
CO, NAVPHIBSCH (3)  
CO, Each ship listed on enclosures (1)  
& (2)

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SHIPPING ASSIGNED 2ND QUARTER FY-70

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>TRAINING</u>
<del>6-7 October</del>	<del>2ndBn, 27thMar</del>	<del>USS OGDEN (LPD 5)</del>	<del>HELIFLEX</del>
7-8 October	5th AMTrac Bn	USS PAGE COUNTY (LST)	LVT Trng
10 October	Scols Bn, MCB	USS OAKHILL (LSD 7)	LVT Trng
14-15 October	5th AMTrac Bn	USS OGDEN (LPD 5)	Rapid Recovery
14-15 October	SFCP's	USS BRAINE (DD 630)	NGFEX
20-21 October	5th Recon Bn	USS RAZORBACK (SS 394)	Lockin/Logout Recon Trng
<del>21-23 October</del>	<del>13th Mar</del>	<del>USS CATAMOUNT (LSD 17)</del>	<del>NUCLOADOUTEX</del>
28-29 October	Scols Bn, MCB	USS CATAMOUNT (LSD 17)	LVT Trng
3 November	Scols Bn, MCB	USS BELLEGROVE (LSD 2)	LVT Trng
<del>4-7 November</del>	<del>3d Bn, 27th Mar</del>	<del>USS BELLEGROVE (LSD 2)</del>	<del>PHIBRAIDEX</del>
12 November	Scols Bn, MCB	USS CATAMOUNT (LSD 17)	LVT Trng
12-13 November	SFCP's	USS PRESTON (DD 795)	NGFEX
13-14 November	5th AMTrac Bn	USS BULLOCH COUNTY (LST 509)	LVT Trng
17 November	Scols Bn, MCB	USS ALAMO (LSD 33)	LVT Trng
17-20 November	5th ForReconCo	USS CAIMAN (SS 323)	IBS/Recon Trng
1-5 DECEMBER	3/27	DTMD	PHIBRAIDEX 5-69
1-5 DECEMBER	2/27	DTMD	HELIFLEX 1-69
<del>17-20 November</del>	<del>5th MarDiv</del>	<del>USS EL DORADO (LCC 11)</del>	<del>DIVPHIB CPX</del>
1-5 DECEMBER	5th MAR DIV	DTMD	DIVPHIB CPX
2-3 December	5th AMTrac Bn	USS OGDEN (LPD 5)	Rapid Recovery
4 December	Scols Bn, MCB	USS OAKHILL (LSD 7)	LVT Trng
9-10 December	5th AMTrac Bn	USS FLOYD COUNTY (LST 762)	LVT Trng

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>TRAINING</u>
10 December	Scals Bn, MCB	USS CATAMOUNT (LSD 17)	LVT Trng
15 December	Scals Bn, MCB	USS ALAMO (LSD 33)	LVT Trng

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MARINE SERVICES REQUIRED BY COMPHIBPAC2ND QUARTER FY-70

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>
a. 5th AMTrac Bn	2-3 SEPT 27-28 October 2 December 16 December	8 LVT's and crews provide refresher training support for: USS DEWDER USS ODGEN USS MONTICELLO USS OAK HILL
b. 5th AMTrac Bn	15 October	6 LVT's support NPS 5319/ PTRG/Blue Beach Del Mar
c. 5th AMTrac Bn	16 October	15 LVT's support NPS 5319/ PTRG/Blue Beach Del Mar
d. 28th Marines	28-31 October	Two Companies of approximately 150 men each and one landing zone control team to provide training support for USS OGDEN (LPD 5). Request two landing zones and provide 8 dummy cargo lifts. Contact: 28th Marines S-3 Ext. 7545. COMPHIBTRAPAC Opns 437-2291. CCO USS OGDEN (LPD 5).
e. 27th Marines	3-5 December	Two Companies of approximately 150 men each and one landing zone control team to provide training support for USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10). Request two landing zones and provide 8 dummy cargo lifts. Contact: 27th Marines S-3 Ext 2220. COMPHIBTRAPAC Opns 437-2291. CCO USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10).
f. 28th Marines	3-5 December	Two Companies of approximately 150 men each to provide wet net and landing training support for USS MONTROSE (LPA 212). Companies to be on the strand in San Diego by

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UNITDATESUPPORT

H. 28TH MARINES

1-3 OCT

030800 Dec69. Companies to be picked up for return to CamPen at about 050600 Dec69. Contact: 27th Marines S-3, Ext. 2220. COMPHIBTRAPAC Opns, 437-2291, CCO USS MONT-ROSE (LPA 212).

g. 28th Marines

17-19 December

Two Companies of approximately 150 men each to provide wet net and landing training support for USS PICKAWAY (LPA 222). Companies to be on the strand in San Diego by 170800 Dec69. Companies to be picked up for return to CamPen at about 190600 Dec69. Contact: 28th Marines S-3, Ext 7545. COMPHIBTRAPAC Opns, 437-2291, CCO USS PICKAWAY (LPA 222).

F. SEE CHANGE Ch 2

2nd Battalion, 27th Marines  
5th Marine Division, (-) (MIA), ME  
Camp Pendleton, California 90605

1500  
3/UTR/CS  
15 July 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 5th Marine Division (MIA) (MIA) (MIA)  
(Attn: G-3)

Via: Commanding Officer, 27th Marine Regiment

Subj: PACTAMED 1969

Ref: (a), COMPTRETRAFM Ltr 331, 14/1/69 and 430 of 15 March 1969

Incl: (1) Sequence of events

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information concerning the final plans for events 400 and 601 was submitted.

2. PACTAMED is conducted to provide an opportunity for the development of desirable attitudes and the activation of future officers. By the demonstration of high standards of leadership, discipline, performance and devotion to duty, coupled with examples of high moral standards, this training will create a lasting impression of the merits and worthiness of service in the U. S. Marine Corps.

3. The following objectives are assigned to the conduct of PACTAMED.

a. To provide opportunity to observe movement (helicopter) indoctrination and training effort.

b. To demonstrate field living and operational conditions of the Marine Infantry Battalion.

c. To demonstrate the first phase available to the Marine Infantry unit in combat.

d. To afford an opportunity for assignment to observe Marine Officers and key noncommissioned officers in their duties and responsibilities during operations in the field.

4. The following coordinating instructions are assigned:

a. "H" Company will provide one (1) Officer to act as Liaison Officer, and the required amount of enlisted Marines to facilitate the helicopter movement from ship to shore. The number of enlisted Marines required will be based on the total number of Marines. The Bn S-3 will inform CO, Co. "H" of the number of Marines required when this figure is known.

b. The Battalion will provide maintenance and demonstration personnel for the fire power and ground support demonstration (Phase I) as indicated by enclosure (1). The Bn S-3 will coordinate the demonstration.

c. All companies will be prepared to receive Marines as counterparts for key personnel (Phase II) as indicated by enclosure (1).

J. P. GALLAGHER, JR

REQUIREMENTS OF EVENTS

Event 402

1300 4 August 1969: Members of 2/27 embark aboard USF PALMATION to instruct in helicopter assault techniques and conduct a helicopter lift to Camp Hill.

Event 601

1330 5 August 1969

Weapons aboard and opening exercises.

1345 Ground Support Presentation.

## 1. Organization of Rifle Company Elements.

- a. Present and describe Marine Riflemen
- b. Present and describe Fireteam
- c. Present and describe Marine Rifle Squad
- d. Describe a Rifle Platoon
- e. Describe a Weapons Platoon
- f. Describe a Marine Rifle Company

Note: As each Marine weapon is demonstrated at the stands another weapon will fire on the firing line.

## 2. Present, describe and fire organic supporting weapons of the Rifle Company.

- a. M-60 MG
- b. 3.5" RL
- c. LAW
- d. M 79
- e. 60 MM Mortar

Note: As each crew served weapon is demonstrated two more will fire from pre-designated positions.

end (7)

3. Describe Infantry Battalion.

4. Present, describe and fire organic supporting weapons of the Infantry Battalion.

- a. 81MM Mortar
- b. 106 Recoilless Rifle
- c. Flame Thrower

Note: As each organic weapon is demonstrated two more of the same type will fire from the firing line.

5. Describe the Infantry Battalion Landing Team.

6. Present, describe and fire available ~~air~~ supporting arms.

- a. 105 Howitzer
- b. 155 SP
- c. 60MM
- d. 90MM Tank
- e. Flame Tank

Note: As each supporting arm is shown in front of the stands another will fire from a predesignated position.

1530 Marine Rifle Company in the Defense.

1. Demonstration will show the Marine Air/Ground Team, and demonstrate the procedures taken by a Marine Rifle Company under simulated attack by the enemy.

- a. Calling in long range artillery on the approaching enemy.
- b. Coasting or shifting the artillery support.
- c. Calling in Marine Air for air strikes against an enemy moving closer to friendly positions.
- d. Conducting air strikes.
- e. Coasting air and calling upon the Battalion organic arms.
- f. Firing the final protective line.

Final (1)

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**1969**



**5th MARINE DIVISION**

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Commanding General  
5th Marine Division  
BGEN R. T. DWYER JR.

Commanding Officer  
27th Marines  
LTCOL G. H. BENSKIN

Commanding Officer  
2nd Battalion, 27th Marines  
LTCOL J. P. GAGLIARDO JR.

THE 27TH MARINE REGIMENT

PRESENTS

A DEMONSTRATION OF THE ORGANIZATION AND  
SUPPORTING ARMS OF THE MARINE INFANTRY  
BATTALION.

PARTICIPATING UNITS

2nd Battalion, 27th Marines

F Battery, 13th Marines

B Company, 5th Tank Battalion

C Company, 5th Antitank Battalion

Elements, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing

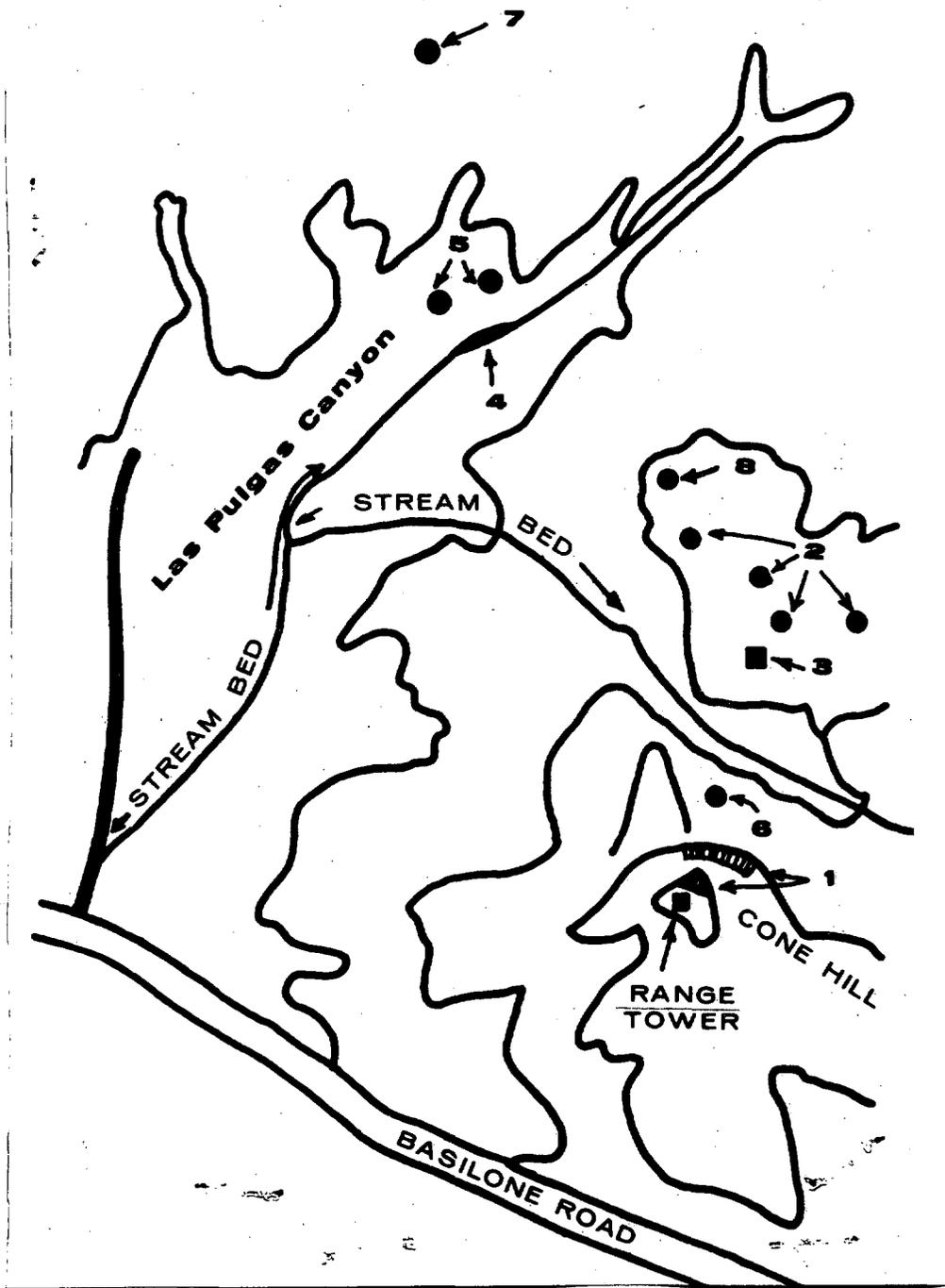
SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. Welcoming remarks
2. Organization of the Marine Rifle Company
  - a. The Marine Rifleman (M-14 Fire demonstration)
  - b. The Fire Team
  - c. The M-16 Rifle (Fire demonstration)
  - d. The Squad
  - e. The Grenadier (M-79 Fire demonstration)
  - f. The Weapons Platoon
    - (1) The M60 Machine Gun (Fire demonstration)
    - (2) The 3.5 Rocket Launcher (Fire demonstration)
    - (3) The Light Antitank Assault Weapon (LAAW)  
(Fire demonstration)
    - (4) The 60mm Mortar (Fire demonstration)
  - g. The Marine Rifle Company
3. The Marine Infantry Battalion
  - a. Composition
  - b. Organization

4. Organic Supporting Weapons of the Infantry Battalion (Fire demonstration of all weapons)
  - a. The 81mm Mortar
  - b. The 106 Recoilless Rifle
  - c. The Flame Thrower
5. The Battalion Landing Team
6. The Battalion Landing Team Supporting Arms (Fire demonstration of all weapons)
  - a. The 105mm Howitzer
  - b. The 155mm Self Propelled Howitzer
  - c. The Ontos
  - d. The 90mm Tank
  - e. The Flame Tank
7. The Marine Rifle Company in the Defense (Demonstration of intergrated fires of supporting weapons and infantry battalion weapons)
  - a. Artillery Support
  - b. Close Air Support
  - c. Tank Support
  - d. 81mm Mortar Support
  - e. 106 Recoilless Rifle Support
  - f. The "Wall of Steel"
8. Closing Remarks

SKETCH LEGEND

1. Observers Grandstands
2. M-14, M-16, M-60 Targets
3. 3.5 Rocket Launcher/LAAW Targets
4. 81mm Mortar Target
5. 106RR, Artillery, Tank Targets
6. Flame Thrower Target
7. Air Support Targets (High Explosive)
8. Air Support Target (Napalm)



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HEADQUARTERS  
27TH MARINES

*J*  
**COMMAND  
CHRONOLOGY**

**Bn Scrapbooks**

ROUTINE

R 062341Z AUG 69  
FM TWO SEVEN MAR  
TO CG FIFTH MARDIV

REQUEST RELEASE

FM TWO SEVEN MAR  
TO SECOND BN TWO SEVEN MAR  
SECOND BN THIRTEENTH MAR  
FOURTH BN THIRTEENTH MAR  
FIFTH TANK BN  
FIFTH AT BN  
FIFTH SVC BN  
HQ BN FIFTH MARDIV  
THIRTEENTH MT BN  
HML - TWO SIX SEVEN  
VMA - TWO ONE FOUR  
RANGE DET MCB CAM PEN  
INFO CG MCB CAMPEN  
CG THIRD MAW  
CG FIFTH MARDIV  
THIRTEENTH MAR  
BT  
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HQ BN PASS TO D&B TM, FIFTH

SVC BN PASS TO AMMO PLT PACNARMID 1969 DEMON-  
STRATION

1. I WISH TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE FINE  
COOPERATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND ATTENTION  
TO DETAIL AS DISPLAYED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS IN  
THE SUBJECT DEMONSTRATION. THE IMMEDIATE AND  
TIMELY RESPONSE FOR EXECUTING A SECOND  
UNSCHEDULED DEMONSTRATION ON SHORT NOTICE WAS  
ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY.

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2. THE DEMONSTRATIONS EFFECTIVELY PORTRAYED THE  
MARINE AIR/GROUND TEAMS'S COMBAT READINESS AND EACH  
MARINE AND SAILOR PARTICIPATING PERFORMED IN AN  
EXEMPLARY MANNER.

THE MIDSHIPMEN AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS SAW A SHOW  
OF TRUE CAN DO SPIRIT.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONCERNED. LTCOL BENSKIN SENDS.

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August 11, 1969

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Dear Major Robertsons:

On behalf of the Bakersfield Council of the Navy League, we wish to express our thanks for your help in arranging our recent tour and observation of Marine fire power on August the 5th. We feel it a privilege to have been able to join with the other groups to see "what makes the Marines go."

We were certainly disappointed that we did not have a larger attendance, but I know that it, being in the mid-week and not including the wives, cut down in our attendance. However, those of us who were there along with our sons certainly had nothing but praise for the graciousness with which you received us.

Please extend to all of those involved our thanks and appreciation for a job well done. I think as General Dyer stated, "You can have all this equipment but when it comes to the showdown, it's the man behind the equipment that makes the difference."

We are hopeful that we may come down sometime at a later date with a larger delegation. Our thanks again.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Sheldon  
 President

RWS:sms

cc: Bill Moore, Jr.

HEADQUARTERS  
5th Marine Division (-) (Rein), PMF  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

17/10d  
1650

From: Commanding General  
To: Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines  
Subj: Letter of Recognition

Encl: (1) Navy League of the United States, Bakersfield  
Council ltr of 11 August 1969

1. During the course of PACNAMID-69, your unit participated in a Landing Force Combined Arms firepower demonstration on 5 August 1969. The demonstration was witnessed by several organizations including a group of members of the Bakersfield Council, Navy League of the United States. The excellent manner in which the demonstration was executed created a very favorable impression on the spectators and enclosure (1) attesting to this fact is forwarded as a matter of information.
2. I also wish to extend my personal congratulations to all members of your unit who contributed to the presentation of a highly effective and professional demonstration.

*Robert L. ...*  
ROS. L. ...

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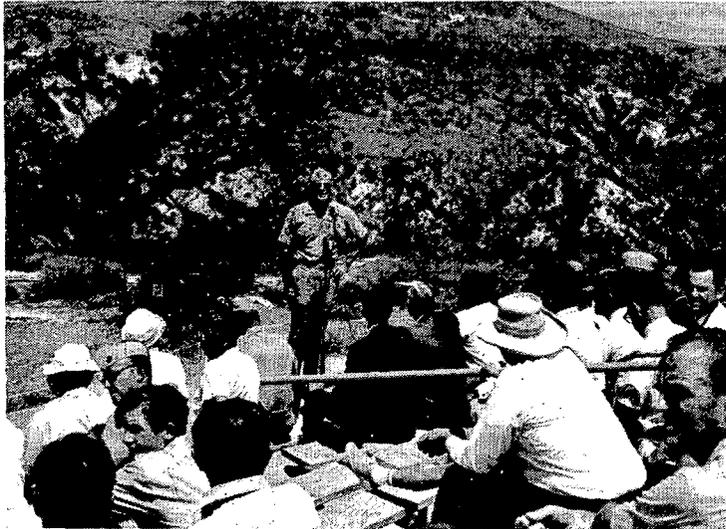
# Gen. Dwyer; Military groups; Officers, view firing display

Members of the Military Affairs committees of Oceanside and San Clemente attended a firing demonstration here Aug. 5.

Also among the spectators were the members of the Bakersfield Chapter of the Navy League, who were touring the base, and several hundred Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps midshipmen who underwent an indoctrination course in Marine combat tactics that night.

The display, hosted by 2nd Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division displayed all weapons used by American forces in Vietnam from the battalion level to the Marine Corps' four-man fire team.

LtCol. G. H. Benskin, commanding officer of the 27th Marines, opened the program by introducing Brigadier General Ross T. Dwyer, Commanding General, 5th Marine Division.



General Dwyer welcomed the guests to the 5th Marine Division and Camp Pendleton and called the demonstration an exercise "meant to provide an overview of the Marine Corps" for the guests, and cautioned them not to judge our entire effort in Vietnam on what they would see there because "having just returned from Vietnam, I can tell you that operations of the nature you will witness today are carried out on a much larger scale." A-3-E

**EXPLANATORY ADDRESS** - 5th Marine Division Commanding General, BrigGen. Ross T. Dwyer addresses the Oceanside and San Clemente Military Affairs Committees, the Bakersfield Navy League and midshipmen from 17 western colleges at the annual 5th Marine Division firing demonstration Aug. 5.

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HEADQUARTERS  
 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines  
 5th Marine Division (-) (Rein) FMF  
 Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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 20 Aug 1969

BATTALION BULLETIN 1500

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Parade for a Change of Command Ceremony

Ref: (a) LPM 1960

Encl: (1) Sequence of Events  
 (2) Pass in Review Diagram  
 (3) Parade Field Marking Diagram  
 (4) Inclement Weather Plan  
 (5) Inclement Weather Theater Marking Diagram

1. Purpose. To publish information and direct responsibility for the conduct of subject parade.

2. Information

a. The parade will be conducted at 0900 on 27 August 1969 on the east side of the 33 area (3rd Bn) Parade Field.

b. The parade unit will be a battalion of four (4) companies. Each company will consist of a Company Commander, guidon bearer, and three platoons. Each platoon will consist of a platoon commander, platoon sergeant, platoon guide and three squads of ten men each. In addition, the battalion will have a battalion staff and color guard. Rifle Company Commanders are authorized direct liaison with the H&S Company Commander, who will augment with personnel as required.

c. The parade will begin at 0900 with the battalion on the field as indicated in enclosure (3). Company F is designated Color Company and its Commander is responsible for the receipt and dismissal of the National and Organizational Colors. The Color Company will receive the colors at 0830 on 27 August 1969.

d. The Division Drum and Bugle Corps will provide martial music for the parade.

e. A rehearsal of officers, sergeants, guidon bearers and color guard will be held at 1400 26 August 1969. A rehearsal of all personnel will be held commencing at 1500 26 August 1969. The uniform for the rehearsal will be utilities.

f. The sequence of events, Pass in Review and inclement weather plan will be in accordance with enclosures (1) through (5).

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g. The uniform will be as follows:

(1) Participants. Summer Service "A" with  $\frac{1}{4}$  length sleeves, garrison cap, ribbons, and badges (except officers). All officers and those Staff NCO's in the Battalion Staff will be armed with swords. Platoon Sergeants will wear pistols, pistol belts and holsters. All other personnel will be armed with the M-14 rifle, cartridge belt and two magazines.

(2) Spectators. Summer Service "A" with  $\frac{1}{4}$  length sleeve, garrison caps and ribbons, or appropriate civilian clothing.

h. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be conducted in the Regimental Theater in accordance with enclosures (4) and (5).

### 3. Action

a. Major BOSWORTH is designated Commanding Officer of Troops. Carry out the duties prescribed in reference (a).

b. Battalion Adjutant

(1) Request JISO coverage.

(2) Obtain and mail invitations to honored guests as appropriate.

(3) Originate for release a message inviting Commanders of all other Division organizations to attend.

c. S-3 Officer. Coordinate all aspects of the parade to include marking the parade field.

d. S-4 Officer

(1) Provide for refreshments as directed at the rear of the reviewing stand after the parade. Ensure that adequate protection from the sun is provided over the serving area.

(2) Provide chairs for the reviewing stand.

(3) Ensure the parking area on the south side of the parade field is cleared of all vehicles prior to the parade. Arrange for guest parking.

e. F&S Company Commander

(1) Provide a corpsman and emergency vehicle to be located at the rear of the troop formation for the duration of the parade rehearsal and the parade.

(2) Augment rifle companies with personnel as requested.

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## f. Communications Officer

(1) Provide a functional Public Address system and a back up for all rehearsal and the parade.

(2) Be prepared to provide a public address system in the Regimental Theater in the event the inclement weather plan is implemented.

g. CO. Company F. Color Company. Receive and dismiss the National and Organizational Colors as directed.

h. Battalion Sergeant Major. Give advice, as necessary, to the Color Company and Color Guard in the implementation of their duties

4. Self-Cancellation. 30 August 1969.

*R.S. Hunsberger*  
R.S. HUNSBERGER  
By direction

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

PREPARATORY MOVEMENTS: Troop formation is prepositioned on the parade field. Adjutant marches to center of parade field draws sword, and faces reviewing stand. As the Commanding Officer nears the reviewing stand, Adjutant faces about and directs:

ADJUTANT: SOUND ATTENTION: Band sounds attention. Company Commanders bring their Commands to attention. Adjutant faces about remaining at carry sword. As commanding General takes his seat, Commanding Officer of Troops marches his staff on the field. When Commanding Officer of Troops has halted his staff, Adjutant faces about and commands:

ADJUTANT: BATTALION PARADE REST:

ADJUTANT: SOUND OFF: Band completes Sound Off and Adjutant Commands:

ADJUTANT: BATTALION ATTENTION

ADJUTANT: BATTALION PRESENT ARMS: Adjutant faces Commander of Troops salutes and reports:

ADJUTANT: SIR, THE PARADE IS FORMED: Commander of Troops renders hand salute and orders:

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: TAKE YOUR POST SIR: Commander of Troops and Staff draw swords and remain at carry swords. Adjutant remains at carry sword.

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: BATTALION ORDER ARMS:

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: RECEIVE THE REPORT, SIR: Adjutant marches to his post.

ADJUTANT: REPORT: Company commanders report in succession from right to left. Adjutant reports, "ALL PRESENT & ACCOUNTED FOR", then commands:

ADJUTANT: ATTENTION TO ORDERS: The adjutant publishes pertinent excerpts from the outgoing commander's orders, followed by pertinent excerpts from the incoming commander's orders. He then commands:

ADJUTANT: OFFICERS, CENTER, MARCH: Officers execute center march then the Commanding Officer of Troops commands.

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: OFFICERS, CARRY SWORDS: OFFICERS, POST MARCH  
When officers have completed posting, Commander of Troops Commands: BOX THE STAFF, The senior staff officer will march the staff to a position, centered on the Commander of Troops and facing the reviewing stand.

Enclosure (1)

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The outgoing and incoming Commanding Officers then take their position in the reviewing stand. When both have taken their proper positions, the Commanding Officer of Troops directs the adjutant.

COMMANDING OFFICER OF TROOPS: DELIVER THE COLORS TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER.

The adjutant returns sword, and takes the most direct route to a position 4 paces in front of the color guard, salutes, and takes the organizational color from the junior bearer. Carrying the color as nearly in the position of carry color as he can without a sling, he marches by the most direct route to a position two paces in front of the outgoing commanding officer.

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: PRESENT ARMS: On this order the entire Parade executes present arms, and the adjutant transfers the colors to the outgoing Commanding Officer. The outgoing Commanding Officer passes the colors to the incoming Commanding Officer. The adjutant salutes as the color is passing from one to the other. The new commanding officer then passes the colors back to the adjutant.

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: ORDER ARMS: The old and new Commanding Officers face each other and exchange salutes. The adjutant then returns the color to the color guard, by the most direct route, salutes the colors, resumes post behind the Commanding Officer of Troops and draws sword.

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: STAFF ATTENTION.

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: BATTALION, ATTENTION; PASS IN REVIEW: Pass in Review will be battalion in column with companies in mass. Personnel armed with a sword who are in the interior of a formation or at the rear will not execute present sword during Eyes Right but remain at carry sword.

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: STAFF, CARRY SWORDS: Commander of Troops executes right face and commands:

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: RIGHT TURN MARCH: Staff manuevers to a position where it will be 12 paces in front of the band.

Prior to passing the reviewing stand and 6 spaces from the nearest members, Commander of Troops commands:

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: STAFF, EYES RIGHT: When the staff has reached a position 6 paces past the reviewing officer, the Commander of Troops commands:

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: STAFF, READY FRONT

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: RIGHT TURN

RIGHT TURN

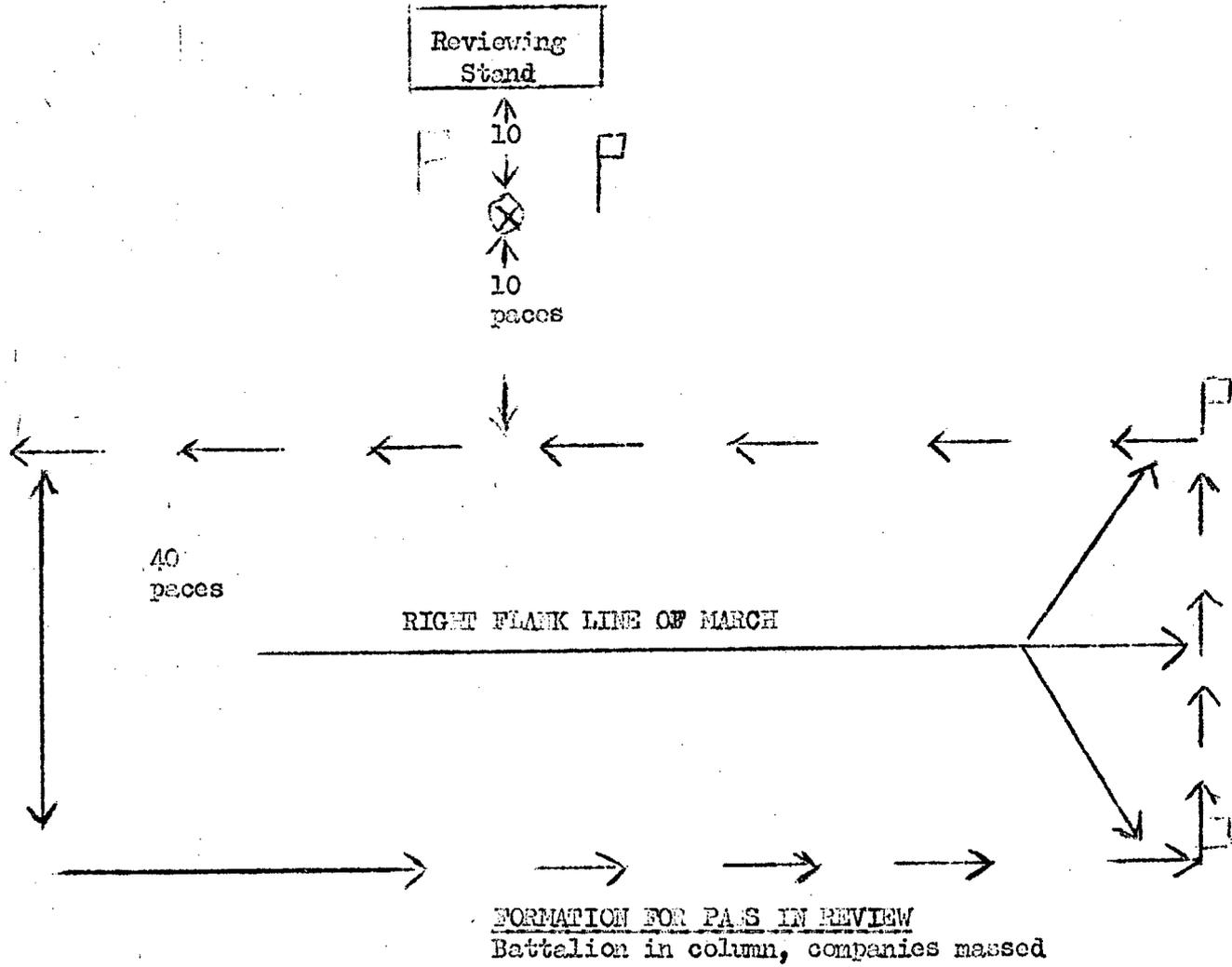
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After the staff has halted the Commander of Troops commands:

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: STAFF, RETURN SWORDS: Staff remains at Attention as Troops Pass in Review. When colors pass the Commander of Troops commands:

COMMANDER OF TROOPS: HAND SALUTE, READY TWO: After the last element of troops has passed, the Commander of Troops executes a left face and renders a hand salute to the reviewing officer. When his salute has been returned, the Commander of Troops executes a left face and dismisses his staff.

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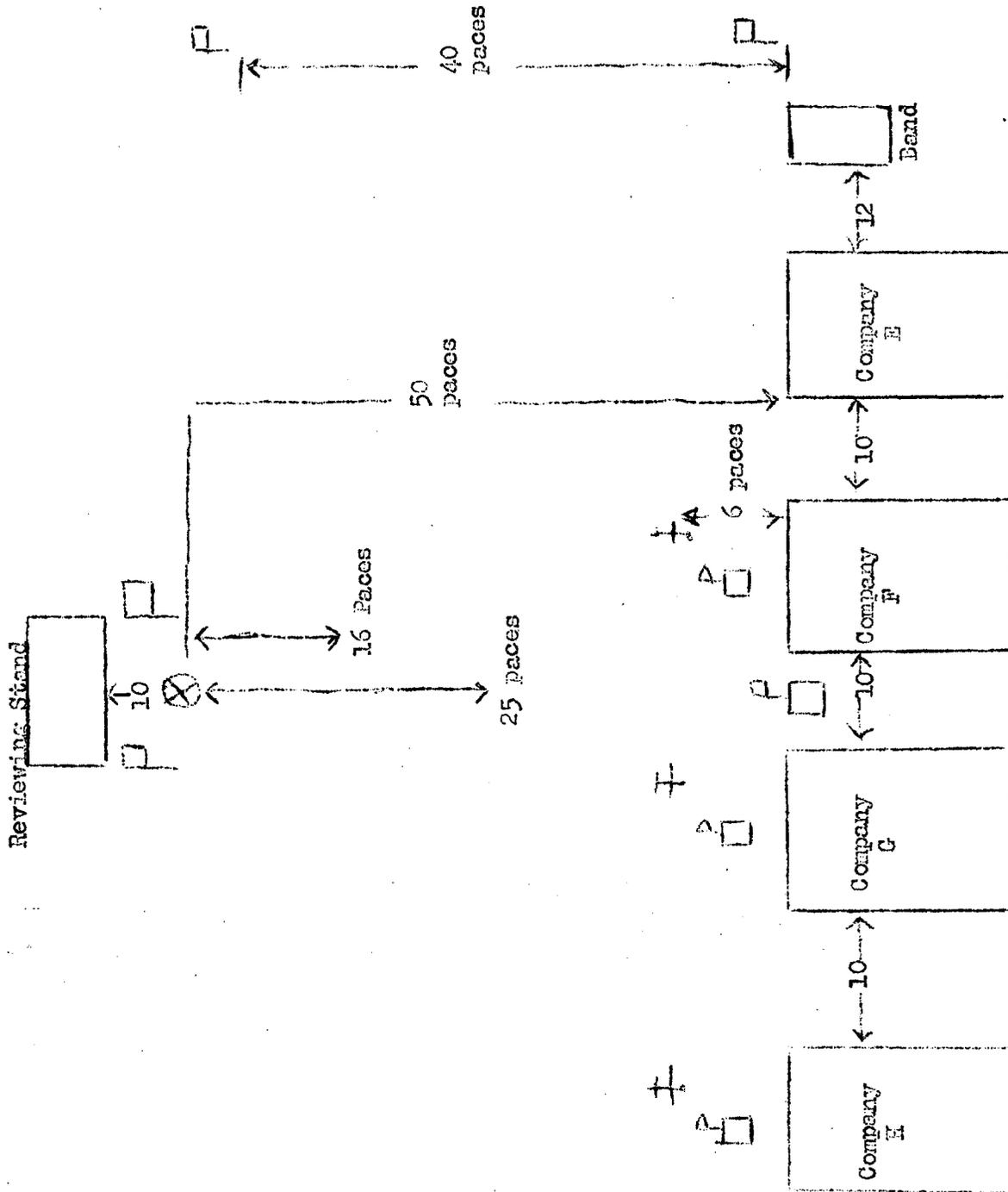


NOTES:

- (1) 12 paces between battalion staff and band
- (2) 21 paces between band and first parade company
- (3) 21 paces between companies
- (4) 15 paces between company commander and rear rank of preceding element

PARADE FIELD MARKING DIAGRAM

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INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

1. General.

a. The awards/Change of Command Ceremony will be conducted in the 33 Area Theater upon notification from this Headquarters to execute the Inclement Weather Plan.

b. Modifications

(1) The band will be positioned as shown in Enclosure (5).

(2) The troop formation will consist of a 25 man detail from each company, a color guard, and the adjutant, positioned as shown in enclosure (5).

(3) Personnel will not be armed, but will wear cartridge belts and remain covered at all times.

2. Sequence of Events.

a. The adjutant commands: "Stand By", at which time all troops rise from their seats.

b. The adjutant commands: "Attention".

c. The adjutant publishes the orders.

d. The outgoing and incoming Commanding Officers take a position of the right side of the stage. (See Encl. (5))

e. The Commanding Officer of Troops then moves from his position (See encl. (5)) to a position in the center of the theater below the stage facing the adjutant and commands, "Deliver the colors to the Commanding Officer".

f. The adjutant moves to a position 4 paces in front of the colors, salutes and takes the organizational colors from the junior bearer. Carrying the colors, marches to a position 2 paces in front of the outgoing Commanding Officer.

g. The Commanding Officer of Troops, face about and commands, "Present Arms", Faces about again and salutes. On the command "present arms", the adjutant transfers the Colors to the outgoing Battalion Commander then passes the colors to the incoming Battalion Commander. The adjutant salutes as the colors are be transfered. The new Battalion Commander then passes the colors to the adjutant. The old and new Battalion Commanders exchange salutes.

h. The Commanding Officer of Troops returns to attention, does an about face and commands "Order Arms". The adjutant then returns the colors to the color bearer, salutes and leaves the stage.

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i. The Commanding Officer of Troops then faces the troop formation and commands, "at ease, you may be seated."

j. The old Battalion Commander, and then the new Battalion Commander make appropriate remarks.

k. At the conclusion of the remarks by the new Battalion Commander, The Commanding Officer of Troops stands, faces the troop formation and commands, "stand by", at which time the troop formation rises. He then commands, "Attention".

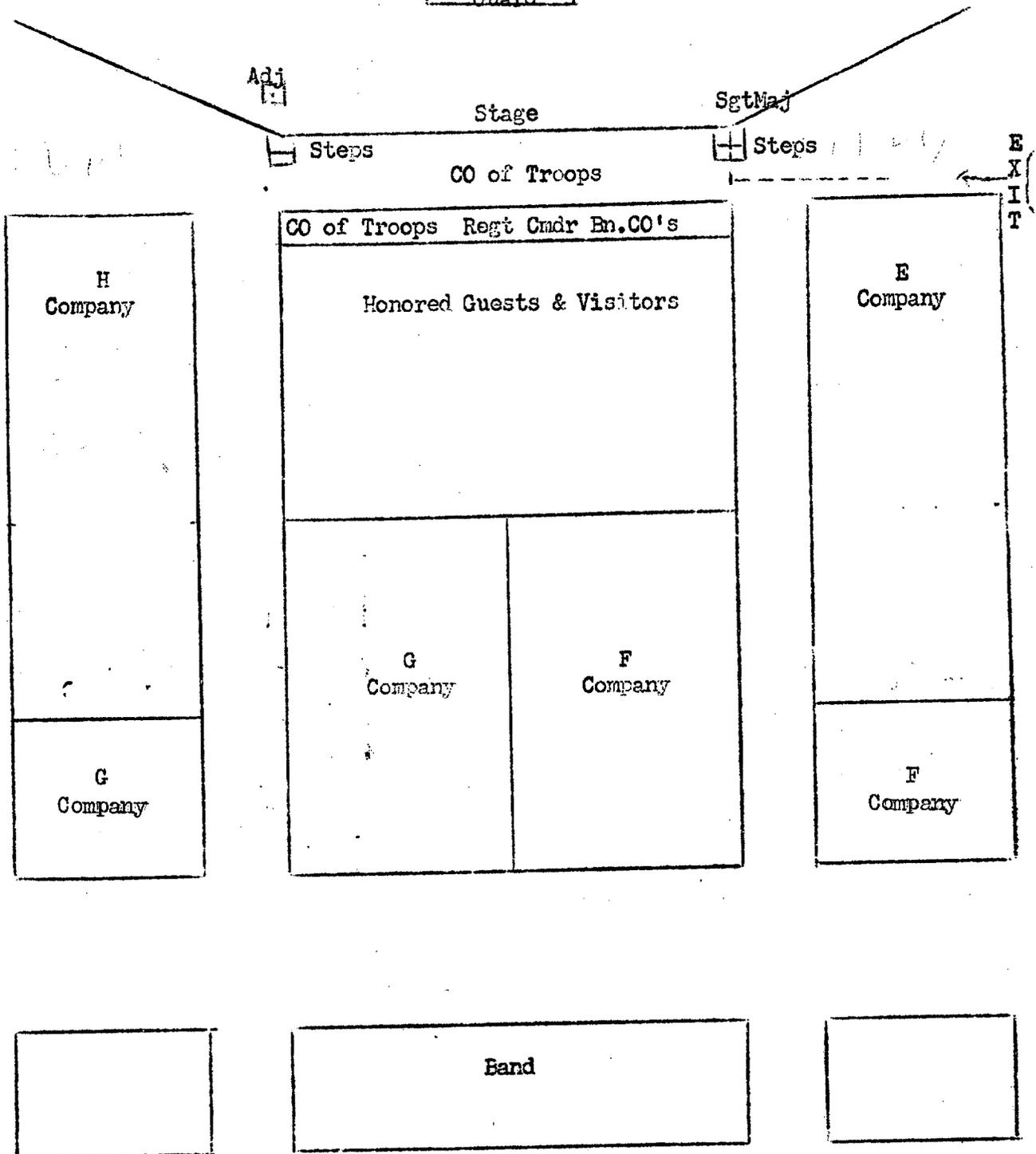
l. The new and old Battalion Commanders then leave the theater.

m. The Commanding Officer of Troops then commands, "You are dismissed".

INCLEMENT WEATHER THEATER MARKING DIAGRAM

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Color  
Guard



2nd Battalion  
27th Marine Regiment  
5th Marine Division



**CHANGE OF COMMAND  
CEREMONY  
27 AUGUST 1969  
Camp Pendleton California**

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

SOUND OFF

Manual of Arms

Change of Command Orders Are Published

Transfer of Battalion Colors

Remarks by Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Gagliardo Jr.

Remarks by Lieutenant Colonel E. Z. Grabowski

PASS IN REVIEW

CURRENT UNIT COMMANDERS  
2nd BATTALION, 27th MARINES

COMMANDING OFFICER

Lt. Col. J. P. GAGLIARDO Jr.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major G. G. BOSWORTH

## COMPANY COMMANDERS

H&S Co.	Lt. S. A. NELSON
E Co.	Lt. R. D. DUFF
F Co.	Lt. P. F. SKOOG
G Co.	Lt. R. E. LOGAN
H Co.	Lt. J. M. STRICKLAND

MILITARY BIOGRAPHY OF  
 LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH P. GAGLIARDO  
 U. S. MARINES CORPS

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph P. GAGLIARDO assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines on 7 February 1969.

- 1952-1953 Attended The Basic School in Quantico, Va. Served as XO of 1st EBR, Campen; Forward Observer with 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, and H&S Co. (DMZ Co.), 5th Marines
- 1954-1959 Served as XO, Company G, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division; Supply School MCSB MCBCLNC; Marine Barracks NRC NORFOLK, Va; I&I, Jackson, Mich.
- 1960-1964 Served with the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines and 1st Battalion, 7th Marines at Campen: Commanding Officer HqBn, Hq Regt., MCB Campen.
- 1965-1966 Command and Staff College, MCS Quantico, Va.
- 1967-1968 Division G-4, HqBn, 1st Marine Division; XO of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam, and 27th Marine Regiment Cadre, Campen.
- 1969 Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines, 5th Marine Division

Lieutenant Colonel GAGLIARDO'S personal decorations include two Bronze Stars with Combat "V" the Combat Action Ribbon and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with the Silver Star.

MILITARY BIOGRAPHY OF  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD Z. GRABOWSKI  
U.S. MARINE CORPS

Lieutenant Colonel GRABOWSKI assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines on 29 August 1969.

1944-1946 81mm Mortar Plt, 1st Bn, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division.

Aug 46-Nov 50 Class 3 USMCR

Nov 50-Apr 51 Enlisted, 1st Bn, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division.

May 51-Sept 51 OCS, QUANTICO (Commissioned 2nd Lt 29 May 51).

Oct 51-Feb 52 Plt Ldr, B-1-5, 1st Marine Division (Korea)

Mar 52-July 52 Plt Cmdr, Rations Plt, 1st Marine Division (Korea)

Aug 52-July 53 I.O., 4.2 Mort Co, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division.

Aug 53-Feb 55 Staff CCO/Legal OFF, Com Phib Ron Seven

Mar 55-Oct 55 Mbr, Advanced Base Problem Team, MCS, Quantico, Va.

Nov 55-Jan 58 C.O., SupCo, Serv Bn, MCS, Quantico, Va.

Feb 58-Jan 59 C.O., L-3,5, 1st Marine Division, Campen.

Feb 59-Aug 59 Student, COS, MCS, Quantico, Va.

Sept 59-Oct 60 Ass't Director, COS, MCS, Quantico Va.

Nov 60-Aug 62 C.O., Co C, WSG, Com Nav Phillipines.

Sept 62-Jul 65 Hq, 6th MCD, Atlanta, Ga. Dist Log Off, Dist Facilities Off.

Jul 65-Jan 66 Asst G-4, 3rd Marine Division (RVN)

Feb 66-Jul 66 I.O., 2/1 3rd Marine Division (RVN)

Aug 66-Jul 69 Insp Inst, 1st Bn 24th Marines, Detroit, Mich.

Aug 69- Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines.

Lieutenant Colonel GRABOWSKI'S personal awards and decorations include two Bronze Star Medals with Combat "V", and the Good Conduct Medal.

## HISTORY OF THE 2nd BATTALION

In January of 1944 the 27th Marine Regiment was activated at Camp Pendleton California as part of the newly formed 5th Marine Division. After almost a year of intensive training, the 2nd Battalion deployed over seas with the 5th Marine Division for the invasion of Iwo Jima. Toward the end of the Iwo Jima campaign, the 2nd Battalion was put in reserve because of its extensive number of casualties. The Battalion went to Hawaii for rest and rehabilitation; preparator was being made for the invasion of Japan. However, Japan had fallen and the 2nd Battalion participated in the occupation of Japan. Upon return to the United States, the Battalion was deactivated in January of 1946.

In June of 1966 the Battalion was reactivated when the Regimental Headquarters was ordered to do so, and participated in the build up of the 5th Marine Division in response to the seriousness of the Vietnam crisis. The Regiment under went rigorous and intensive training and deployed to Vietnam in February of 1968. After 7 months of intensive battle on many a sweep and destroy mission and patrols, the 2nd Battalion returned to the United States in September 1968. Presently stationed at Camp Margarita, Camp Pendleton, California, the Battalion continues its combat readiness training to be ready for any call.

2nd BATTALION DECORATIONS

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION  
ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL  
WWII VICTORY MEDAL  
NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE MEDAL  
NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL  
VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL

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ROUTINE

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FIESTAS PATRIAS CELEBRATION PARADE

- A. MR. JUAN ALVARADO LTR OF 14 JUL 69 (NOVAL)  
B. CG FIFTH MARDIV LTR 25/BHC/CB OVER 5720/LA OF 11 AUG 69 (NOVAL)
1. REF A REQUESTED FIFTH MARDIV BAND, COLOR GUARD AND MARCHING UNIT TO SUBJECT PARADE TO BE CONDUCTED IN ESCONDIDO, CALIF ON 15 SEP 69.
  2. REF B APPROVED PARTICIPATION OF THE DIVISION DRUM AND BUGLE TEAM, COLOR GUARD, AND A PLT SIZE MARCHING UNIT.
  3. PROVIDE ONE PLT TO CONSIST OF A PLT CMDR, FLT SGT, FLT SERGE, FLT CORPSMAN, AND THREE SGTs OF THIRTEEN MARINES EACH ARMED WITH M-16 RIFLE.
- UNIFORMS: SS CHARLIE AND SS ALFA AS APPROPRIATE WITH SHORT SLEEVE SHIRTS, RIBBONS, AND GARRISON COPS. FLT CMDR AND FLT SGT CARRY BUCKLES WITH BLACK LEATHER SERVICE BELLS. CORPSMAN CARRY UNIT ONE



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COMPANY H  
2nd Battalion, 27th Marines  
5th Marine Division (-) (Rein), FMF  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

WMW/dwg  
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18 September 1969

From: Commanding Officer, Company H, 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines  
To: S-3, 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines

Subj: Training Exercise Brief; Mexican Independence Day Parade,  
Escondido, California.

1. The parade in celebration of Mexican Independence Day was held at 1730 on 16 September 1969.
2. Marine units present:
  - a. 5th Marine Division Color Guard
  - b. 5th Marine Division Drum & Bugle Corps
  - c. 1st Platoon, Company H, 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines
3. The parade formed on E. Valley Parkway in Escondido, California and marched three quarters of a mile to Grapeday Park. All Marine units marched and moved well. The Parade was a total success.

Difficulties met:

- a. The bus from Division Motor Transport was late in arriving for embarkation and transport of Company H troops to Escondido.
- b. Chow was not held for the troops of Company H upon return to the battalion area.
- c. The Division Color Guard needed haircuts very badly.

  
W. M. WENTWORTH

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY  
2nd Battalion, 27th Marines Regiment  
5th Marine Division, (-) (Rein) FMF  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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1 August 1969

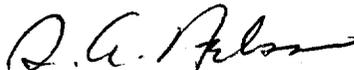
From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines, 5th Marine Division  
(ATTN: Unit Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology; Submission of

Ref: (a) BnO 5750.2A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

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S. A. NELSON



*No 5 Co, 2/27th Marines*

C-1-A

*July 1969*

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1 August 1969COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

## A. Organizational Data

Unit: HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY

Location: Camp Margarita, Camp Pendleton, California 92055

Period: 1 July 1969 - 31 July 1969

Company Commander: 1 July 1969 - 9 July 1969 Captain J. E. SILER

10 July 1969 - 31 July 1969 1stLt S. A. NELSON

Executive Officer 1 July 1969 - 31 July 1969 1stLt M. F. SOMMERS

Company First Sgt: 1 July 1969 - 31 July 1969 1stSgt J. F. LANDIS

Unit Strength: 1 July 1969 24 officers 295 enlisted

31 July 1969 27 officers 285 enlisted

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1 August 1969

## B. Summary of Events

## 1. July

Training in Headquarters and Service Company from 1 through 31 July 1969 consisted mainly of on the job training in administration, General Military Subjects, Instruction in Supply Warehousing, First and Second Echelon Vehicle Maintenance, and Crew Drill for the 81 Mortar and 106 recoilless rifle platoons. Highlights of the month's training were a Regimental Field Meet, won by 2/27, administration of the quarterly Physical Fitness Test and General Military Subjects Test, and a Regimental Communications School for all personnel filling field radio operator billets. In addition a Battalion party was held on 11 July. From 14 to 18 July the Company was involved partially in annual rifle requalification. From 28 July to 1 August the Company had the responsibility of the Regimental guard.

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY  
2nd Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment  
5th Marine Division, (-)(Rein), FMF  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

SAN/rai  
2 September 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines  
(Attn: Unit Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology, submission of

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*S. A. Nelson*  
S. A. NELSON

*MSC, 2/27*

*Aug 69*

SAN/rai  
2 September 1969

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

A. Organizational Data:

Unit: H&S Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment,  
5th Marine Division, (-)(Rein), FMF

Location: Margarita Area, Camp Pendleton, California

Period: 1 August 1969 - 31 August 1969

Company Commander: 1 August 1969 - 31 August 1969  
1stLt S. A. NELSON

Executive Officer: 1 August 1969 - 31 August 1969  
1stLt M. F. SOMMERS

Company 1st Sergeant: 1 August 1969 - 31 August 1969  
1stSgt J. F. LANDIS

Unit Strength:	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
1 Aug 69	27	285
31 Aug 69	27	273

B. Summary of Events:

1. August. During the month of August, the Marines in H&S Company were involved in 106 recoilless rifle and 81 mm mortar Fire Exercises, General Military Subjects training, Marine Corps Institute studies, Military Occupational Specialty training, Physical Fitness Tests, and on-the-job training. The PACNARMED was supported by the 106 recoilless rifle platoon and the 81 mm mortar platoon with both static displays and live firing demonstrations. The 81 mm mortar platoon additionally fired on range 204A for two (2) days and on range 407 for one (1) day. The Commanding Officer of 5th Anti-Tanks passed on a job well done to the 81 mm mortar platoon for their night illumination firing. A total of 429 81 mm rounds were expended during the month of August. The 106 recoilless rifle platoon had two (2) Fire Exercises during the month while the Flame Section fired once. No problems were encountered with the exception of the lack of targets on the flame thrower range. The 106 recoilless rifle platoon expended 12 rounds and the Flame Section expended 80 gallons during the month of August.

2. H&S Company hosted the 23 August make-up for the Physical Fitness Test and the General Military Subjects test. Participation by the rifle companies was sketchy and consequently the effectiveness of the Saturday make-up was lost.

3. The 106 recoilless rifle platoon provided aggressors for Operation Beat Tempo. They supplemented "G" Company's forces and did a creditable job.

4. The Communications platoon participated in a Communication Exercise from the 19th through the 21st of August. No problems were encountered.

5. The man rifle/pistol range detail was completed on 29 August and qualified 100%. The detail was well coached. The only problem was with the Technical Inspections of the rifles. It was discovered that many rifles had to be replaced and could not be repaired on the spot. This caused confusion and took excessive time. In the future, the Friday prior to the two (2) week range period will be used to complete Technical Inspection of the weapons.

6. Company Block training for General Military Subjects will be initiated during the month of September. This should prove very beneficial to the Marines involved as the Battalion Staff Officers will be included as instructors, thus ensuring a high level of instruction. The month's training was closed out with a 27 August Change of Command ceremony. H&S Company supplemented the rifle companies and was not formed as a company for this parade.

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY  
2nd Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment  
5th Marine Division, (-)(Rein), FMF  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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15 October 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines, 5th Marine  
Division (ATTN: Unit Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology; submission of

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*M. F. Sommers*  
M. F. SOMMERS

*W. S. G., 2/2/7*

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15 October 1969

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

A. Organizational Data:

Unit: Headquarters and Service Company

Location: Camp Margarita, Camp Pendleton, California

Company Commander: 1stLt S. A. NELSON

Executive Officer: 1stLt M. F. SOMMERS

Company First Sgt: 1stSgt J. F. LANDIS

Unit Strength: 16 September 1969 23 Officers 174 Enlisted

30 September 1969 20 Officers 75 Enlisted

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15 October 1969

B. Summary of Events

1. September

The second half of the month was devoted to audit of publications and directives, supply inventory, inventory, ~~and~~ crating of M-14 and transfer of personnel.

C. Chronology of Events

Not Applicable

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HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY  
2nd Battalion, 27th Marine Regiment  
5th Marine Division, (-)(Rein), FMF  
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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M. F. SOMMERS

14-50, 2/27

1-15 Oct 69

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15 Oct 1969

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

A. Organizational Data:

Unit: Headquarters and Service Company

Location: Camp Margarita, Camp Pendleton, California

Period: 1 October, 1969 - 15 October, 1969

Company Commander: 1 October - 7 October 1stLt S. A. NELSON  
7 October - 15 October 1stLt M. F. SOMMERS

Executive Officer: 1 October - 7 October 1stLt M. F. SOMMERS  
7 October - 15 October 1stLt M. R. WADSWORTH

Company First Sgt: 1 October - 15 October 1stSgt J. F. LANDIS

Unit Strength: 1 October 1969 20 Officers 83 Enlisted  
15 October 1969 0 Officers 0 Enlisted

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15 Oct 1969

B. Summary of Events

1. October

The first half of the month was characterized by activities concerning the deactivation of Headquarters and Service Company as a part of the deactivation of the 2nd Battalion, 27th Marines. The company's barracks were cleaned and secured, as was the company office. Most of the enlisted Marines were transferred to other units, and all remaining company gear and supplies were turned in.

C. Chronology of Events

Not Applicable

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