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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
2d Battalion, 9th Marines	LtCol. R. W. AUSTIN	1-31 Aug 75
1. <u>Subordinate Units</u>		
MAS Co	Capt J. J. CUTLER	1-31 Aug 75
E Co	Capt M. E. STAHL	1-31 Aug 75
F Co	Capt M. E. McCARTY	1-31 Aug 75
G Co	Capt J. H. DAVIS	1-31 Aug 75
H Co	Capt J. I. JONES JR.	1-31 Aug 75
2. <u>Attachments</u>		
E Stry, 2d Bn, 12th Marines		1-31 Aug 75
2d Plat, B Co, 3d Tank Bn		1-31 Aug 75
3d Plat (Main), B Co, 1st Amph Bn		1-31 Aug 75
2d Plat, C Co, 3d Recon Bn		1-31 Aug 75
2d Plat, B Co, 3d Engr Bn		1-31 Aug 75
3. <u>Operational Control</u>		
LSU 2/9		1-31 Aug 75
4. <u>Location</u>		
1-20 August Pohang, Korea		
20-24 August Embarked ARG Bravo		
24-26 August HLT 2/9 Ashore Vicinity HASO, ROC		
26-31 August Embarked ARG Bravo		
5. <u>Staff Officers</u>		
Executive Officer	Maj. L. R. MORAN	1-7 Aug 75
	Maj. F. J. MAHAY	8-31 Aug 75
Adj/S1	1st Lt H. M. McILROY JR.	1-31 Aug 75
Personnel Officer	WO1 R. D. WRIGHT	1-31 Aug 75
Chaplain	Lt(jg) R. E. GARDNER	1-31 Aug 75
S-2	CySgt P. A. McCOMIN	1-31 Aug 75
S-3	Maj. J. B. HENDRICKS	1-31 Aug 75
S-4	Capt W. T. TUCKER	1-31 Aug 75
Supply Officer	2d Lt D. H. FUCH	1-31 Aug 75
Comm Officer	Capt J. W. HUST	1-31 Aug 75

6. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
62	1284	4	51

7. Personnel joined during August.

OFF	ENL	TOTAL
0	3	3

8. Personnel transferred during August.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Battalion Landing Team 2/9 arrived in Pohang, Korea on the first of August and moved ashore to the home base of the ROK Marine 1st Division. The planned period of three weeks ashore was for advanced unit training of the BLT utilizing Korean ranges and maneuver areas. A combined (USMC-ROKMC) amphibious operation SSANG YONG (TWIN DRAGONS), was planned for the twenty-third of August under Korean command.

On the fifth of August, BGEN MEGARR, ADC 3rd MarDiv, visited Pohang for the purpose of visiting BLT 2/9 and observing the troops in the field. On the sixth, all BLT 2/9 officers and BGEN MEGARR were invited to an informal reception by MAJGEN CHUNG, Commanding General of the 1st ROK Marine Division, and his staff.

On the seventh of August the BLT received a new executive officer, Major F. J. MAHADY.

The week following the seventh was filled with maximum training for all subordinate and attached units. The excellent training areas available and the training philosophy of the ROKMC made this and the rest of the training period very interesting and profitable.

On the fourteenth, the BLT completed a fifteen mile conditioning hike through the rugged terrain surrounding Pohang. That night the officers of BLT 2/9 hosted the officers of ROKMC and BLT 7 at a reception. Again, as in all such functions during the month, the camaraderie between U.S. and ROK officers was evident.

The following day, the fifteenth, known as W Day in the U.S., is Liberation Day in the Republic of Korea. It is a very important holiday to the Koreans and was the setting for a field meet between the USMC and the ROKMC units. The entire day was filled with a spirit of competition at various events.

The training period completed, BLT 2/9 backloaded aboard the ships of AFG Bravo on the twentieth and put to sea in preparation for D-Day of SSANG YONG. On the twenty-second, the rehearsal landing was held at HAGO. Also during this period, the BLT was visited aboard USS Deaver by MAJGEN WILKERSON, Commanding General, 3rd MarDiv.

After a twenty-four hour postponement of D-Day because of high typhoon-spawned seas, the landing took place on 24 August and BLT 2/9 conducted an amphibious assault over HASEO Beach. For two and one half days the BLT maneuvered and advanced throughout the AOA completing the seizure of the assigned objectives on the second day. On the twenty-sixth, the operation and tactical withdrawal complete, BLT 2/9 back-loaded aboard ARG Bravo shipping, and sailed to Pusan and Inchon.

On the twenty-eighth, liberty call was sounded for liberty sections.

PART III

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Number of Personnel Promoted

PFC - 14

L CPL - 65

OPL - 33

b. Awards Presented

(1) Certificate of Appreciation - 1

(2) Meritorious Mast - 1

c. Disciplinary Totals

(1) Battalion Office Hours - 8

(2) Summary Courts Martial - 1

2. INTELLIGENCE. During operations ashore in Korea the Intelligence Section of 2d Battalion, 9th Marines provided tactical information to the Battalion. Training conducted with a SCAMP attachment during the weeks preceding SSANG YONG provided valuable experience. Prior to operation SSANG YONG, information received and processed by the Battalion Intelligence Section greatly assisted the Battalion in the successful conduct of the operation.

3. COMMUNICATIONS. The tactical training conducted by the Battalion during August provided a frame-work within which operational support by the communications platoon was exercised to it's fullest. Support included establishing a communication center for message traffic; a field telephone system for local communications within the base camp; a relay station on Battalion tactical frequencies provided direct communications between the base camp and units in the wide-spread training areas. The communications section also assisted in the 7th Regimental (ROK) Command Post Exercise conducted August 14th, 15th and 16th in order to familiarize the Battalion with Regimental communications procedures. During SSANG YONG the communications section manned the Battalion Forward Air Control Teams; one for operation within the Korean BLT and two within BLT 2/9.

4. TRAINING. During deployment to Korea the Battalion worked and trained in depth on tactical operations and coordinated with the 1st ROK Marine Division for combined training. The ROK Marines provided facilities to accomplish mountain and rubber boat training as well as ranges for combat marksmanship and routes for armored vehicle training. Augmenting the tactical training, the Battalion visited many Korean historical sights on a tour established to familiarize the Marines with some interesting points of the Korean Culture.

PART III

5. LOGISTICS. During August the logistics operations were carried out in three phases. First came the support of the BLT training at Pohang, including a much appreciated effort to bring two hot meals a day to all units in the field. Second, the BLT was supported by a supply base on the USS Mobile throughout operation SSANG YONG. Water and ration drops were made by helicopter. Third, the Battalion conducted two different embark/debark operations, reorganizing each time to accommodate the loss of the LSD and the damaging of the LST.

PART III

6. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
(AUG)	
1	USS Denver, USS Anchorage and USS Tuscaloosa arrive Pohang - BLT 2/9 Command shifted ashore.
4	ADC, 3rd MarDiv (EGEN MEGARR) arrives for visit.
6	CG, 1st ROK Div (MAJGEN CHUNG) hosted officers of BLT 2/9 at garden party.
7	ADC, 3rd MarDiv departed.
	Maj F. J. MAHADY assumed duties as XO, BLT 2/9.
9	BLT 2/9 conducted M202A1 firing DEMO for CG and staff of 1st ROK Div.
10	USS Mobile arrive/offload LSU at Pohang.
14	BLT 2/9 hosted officers of 1st ROK MarDiv at garden party.
15	Korean Liberation Day/Sports Day between US and ROK Marines.
20	BLT 2/9 backloaded aboard ARG Bravo shipping (less USS Anchorage).
22	Landing rehearsal conducted.
	BLT 2/9 visited by CG, 3rd MarDiv.
24	Operation SSANG YONG commenced (H-Hour 0900).
25	Operating ashore.
26	Tactical withdrawal/backload aboard ARG Bravo.
	Denver sails to Inchon, arrives 28 AUG 1975. Mobile sails to Inchon, arrives 29 AUG 1975. Tuscaloosa sails to Pusan, arrives 29 AUG 1975.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Provided below is a list of amplifying material which will assist in an understanding of the events described in this report.
 - a. SLE 2/9 Op Order for operation TWIN DRAGON.
2. There are no chronology reporting subordinate commands.