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From: Commanding General, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade  
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Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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- Encl: ✓(1) Original Command Chronology of RLT 26 (Rear), period 1-31 Mar 68
  - ✓(2) Original Command Chronology of MAG-15 with appendixes thereto, period 1-31 Mar 68
  - (3) Original Command Chronology of TG 79.5 without appendixes, period 1-31 Mar 68
  - (4) Original Command Chronology of Provisional Service Battalion, period 1-31 Mar 68 *[see TAB #9. Carbon copy destroyed?]*
  - (5) Mimeograph copy Command Chronology of TG 79.4 with Tabs A, B, and C, period 1-31 Mar 68

1. Returned
2. Enclosures (1) through (4) are the only original Command Chronologies of the period 1-31 Mar 1968 held by this command.
3. A copy of TG 79.4 Command Chronology (less Tab D already forwarded) is attached as Encl (5)

*John Lowman*  
**JOHN LOWMAN**  
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To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade,  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, FPO, San Francisco 96602  
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
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Ref: (a) Yr ltr 3/OPH 5750 serial 00244-68 of 31 May 1968

1. Reference (a) transmitted the Command Chronology for 9th MAB and its subordinate units for the period 1-31 March 1968 to this Headquarters.
2. This Headquarters received after action reports for Task Group 79.4 and its integral units, but did not receive their chronologies. With the exception of CG, 9th MAB, all the original copies of the chronologies attached to reference (a) were missing.
3. You are requested to conduct a search for the missing chronologies of TG 79.4 and the originals of the remaining units comprising 9th MAB and forward them to this Headquarters.
4. In the event these documents cannot be located, you are requested to reconstitute, as completely as possible, the Command Chronology for TG 79.4 and submit it to this Headquarters by 30 November 1968.

*Webb D. Sawyer*

WEBB D. SAWYER  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3  
By direction of  
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# 9th MAB COMMAND CHRONOLOGY



9th MAB

## 1-31 MARCH 68

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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 March to 31 March 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) FMFPac ltr dtd 27 April 1967

Encl: (1) Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

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Command Chronology

1 March 1968 to 31 March 1968

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TF 79

BGen W.C. CHIP  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company/TG 79.0

Maj R.C. HAGERTY  
1Mar68 to 26Mar68  
Capt E.F. DUNNE  
27Mar68 to 31Mar68Communications Support Company  
(Rein) TG 79.1Maj R.C. KELLEY Jr.  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

RLT-26

Col D.E. LOWNDS  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

26th Marines (Fwd)

Col D.E. LOWNDS  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

RLT-26 (Minus)(Rear)/TG 79.2

Maj J.B. BANY  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

First Battalion Thirteenth Marines

LtCol J.A. HENLEY  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

Marine Aircraft Group 15/TG 79.3

Col W.C. KELLOGG Jr.  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

Special Landing Force Alfa/TG 79.4

Col B.F. MEYERS  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

Special Landing Force Bravo/TG 79.5

Col W.A. BUTCHER  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

Provisional Service Battalion/TG 79.8

LtCol T.W. BURKE  
1Mar68 to 31Mar682. LOCATION

1 March 1968 to 31 March 1968: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff

Col J.A. ETHERIDGE  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

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Staff Secretary	Capt H.D. SULLIVAN 1Mar68 to 31Mar68
Aide-de-Camp	1stLt J.L. KOLKANA 1Mar68 to 31Mar68
Sgt Major	SgtMaj T.H. HUGHES 1Mar68 to 31Mar68
G-1	LtCol G.H. BENSKIN 1Mar68 to 31Mar68
Adjutant	Capt H.W. HIGGINS 1Mar68 to 31Mar68
AG-1	Capt O.M. THOMPSON 1Mar68 to 31Mar68
Chaplain (Protestant)	Cdr L.J. MAC DONALD 1Mar68 to 31Mar68
Chaplain (Catholic)	LCdr J.H. FRATES 1Mar68 to 31Mar68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Maj J.V. KNAPP 1Mar68 to 5Mar68 Maj H.S. JOLLEY 6Mar68 to 31Mar68
AG-2	Capt W.N. FOWLER 6Mar68 to 31Mar68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	Col J.A. CONWAY 1Mar68 to 31Mar68
AG-3	LtCol A. NOVAK 1Mar68 to 31Mar68
Air Officer	LtCol J.H. REINHART 1Mar68 to 19Mar68 LtCol J.H. WAGNER 20Mar68 to 31Mar68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	Col M.W. SCHMIDT 1Mar68 to 31Mar68
AG-4	LtCol P.R. FIELDS 1Mar68 to 25Mar68 Maj R.G. BUSTOS 26Mar68 to 31Mar68

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9th MAB Birthday  
 Release No: 44-68  
 By: LCpl W.D. Schwendner

Additional Information  
 Captain David H. Repp  
 Phone 4310/4345

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, March 5 - Poised like a giant cobra, the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB) stands ready to deliver immediate retaliation against hostile aggression anywhere in the Far East through the use of the classic Marine air, ground, and sea team.

With the passing of the "Division in Motion" (3rd Mar. Div.) into the Vietnam conflict, the 9th MAB was activated March 1, 1966 to assume the responsibility of training Okinawa-based Marines in combat readiness. Since this activation two years ago, the 9th MAB has grown in size and stature, ready to help free people throughout this half of the world by promoting civic action programs and providing a "force in readiness" should the freedom of these people be threatened by hostile aggression.

Brigadier General William C. Chip, who wears the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for duty in the Korean conflict, is the current Commanding General of the Brigade. He is the fifth general to command the 9th MAB since its activation in 1966.

Headquarters for the "Brigade in Business" are located at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, with most of its major ground units committed elsewhere in the Far East and Southeast Asia. The remaining infantry units are located at Camp Schwab and Camp Hansen. The Brigade air arm in the three-pronged striking force is centered at the Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan, home of Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)- 15.

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At Camp Hansen and Camp Schwab, the Brigade's infantry and artillery units utilize the Northern Training Area and the "Jungle lanes" to maintain a high degree of combat proficiency. Regimental Landing Team (RLT)-26 (rear), commanded by LtCol Jack Erwin, supervises the Schwab components of three reconnaissance battalions, an amtrac company and other supporting units.

The awesome 9th MAB ground arsenal includes tanks, ontos (anti-tank vehicles), amphibious tractors and the most effective and time tested weapon of all, the individual Marine and his rifle.

The Provisional Services Battalion performs the function vital to all ground units. As the supply and maintenance component within the Brigade, PSB handles the numerous requisitions and accounting forms, as well as the issue and recovery of gear. The battalion is also responsible for the data processing and aerial delivery facilities within the 9th MAB.

Many of the Brigade's air units are stationed on Okinawa, as well as at Iwakuni. Marine Air Control Squadron (MACS)-8 is based at Camp Schwab, while the Marine Air Facility at Futema is the home of Marine Aerial Refueling/Transport Squadron (VTR)-152. Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 66, and a Marine helicopter sub-unit.

VTR-152 specializes in the aerial refueling of Brigade jets and in long-distance transport flights spanning the Far East and Southeast Asia. The helicopter squadron attached to the Brigade provides an efficient and deadly method for inserting Marine infantry units into combat situations.

Combining all of these separate parts, the 9th MAB can truly demonstrate a "Brigade in Business" capable of facing practically any combat or logistics problem.

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Along with this "force in readiness" concept, Brigade Marines are helping the citizens of countries they come in contact with by taking an active part in community relations programs. They realize that force alone cannot insure freedom, but that the responsibility depends on the attainment of the individual country and communities.

The 9th MAB is represented by a crimson, blue and black emblem symbolic of the Brigade's capabilities on land and sea and in the air. The centerpiece of the emblem is a gleaming sword, binding the three deadly capabilities into a single efficient force capable of opposing hostile aggression whenever and wherever it strikes.

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CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, March 5 - In the waning days of his second administration, President Eisenhower called upon people in all parts of the world to launch a monumental program in the field of human relations. "Let us assume, in this human community, the position of helping one another" for only through this, a joining of hearts and hands, can we ever hope to exist and enjoy a position of harmonious existence."

President Eisenhower called this program simply "People-to-People," basing it on the time-tested wisdom of the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The program is based solely on the individual and his desire to help his fellow man through whatever means he can. It does not require financial solvency or great technical skill for fulfillment, but merely a concern for "the other guy" whatever the circumstances.

Marines from the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade have been striving vigorously to carry out the basic tenets of President Eisenhower's program. They have devoted much time and energy to promote better individual and Community relationships in the Camp Hansen area between the Ryukyans and Americans. While the Ryukyuan-American Community Relations progress in the overall human relations picture on the island has been rapid, the 9th MAB Marines have been carrying the program to a much more personal level by working closely with local Ryukyans to build a better community in their area. Under the leadership of Col. James A. Etheridge, 9th MAB Chief of Staff, and local Ryukyuan leaders in civil affairs, education, and government, the Hansen area projects have succeeded in strengthening the bonds of cooperation and friendship.

Joint projects such as the drive to improve facilities at the Airen-en Orphanage and the Airaku-en Leprosarium have united the Ryukyans and leathernecks in a common cause, one that has brought a concrete improvement to the area, and increased the intangible bonds between the two groups.

Even overlooking the gains in these community institutions, the Hansen human relations program has succeeded in the most important aspect of all, the improvement of the people-to-people relationships, through which both Ryukyans and Americans can gain a better insight into one another and create better community life for all.

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Brigade Surgeon

Cdr E.J. SULLIVAN  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

Medical Admin Officer

LCdr H.M. GOON  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

The Comptroller

LtCol P.P. PIREALLA  
1Mar68 to 31Mar68

Communications - Electronics Officer

LtCol R.M. STEWART  
1Mar68 to 8Mar68  
Maj R.D. BLOOMFIELD  
8Mar68 to 31Mar684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

## MARCH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Hq. Co. (79.0)	54	391	8	6
Comm Spt Co	9	173	0	2
ProvServBn	23	468	1	13
RLT-26 (Rear)	34	612	9	92
MAG-15	261	2228	7	33
SLF "A"	111	1762	9	92
SLF "B"	105	1675	9	101
Total	597	7309	43	339

## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of March, the 9th MAB continued to perform the assigned missions of rehabilitation of equipment, the replacement of personnel, training of aviation squadrons, and contingency planning as the Fleet Marine Force component of the Seventh Fleet. During the latter half of the month initial planning and liaison for the Command Post Exercise, Beach Baron III was begun.

The 26th Marines continued to execute Operation SCOTLAND, which terminated 310800H March 1968. At this time operation control of the 26th Marines was passed to the 1st Airborne Cavalry Division and Operation PEGASUS began. Activities during this period were characterized by a gradual reduction of enemy forces and efforts around the Khe Sahn combat base and by a corresponding increase in friendly patrolling efforts. Friendly forces continued to make use of every available opportunity to attack the enemy with artillery and air.

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As the month of March began, the majority of BLT 2/4 was OPCON to the Fourth Marines participating in Operation LANCASTER II. HMM-363 continued in support of CTG 79.4. The period of 7 March to 14 March was characterized by company size Search and Destroy missions within the BLT AO. Significant contact was made and large quantities of arms and ammunition were captured.

During the period 4-31 March SLF Bravo remained in support of landing force elements ashore, providing helicopters for medevac, administrative, and logistic flights. The landing force ashore, under the operational control of the Third Marines, was initially engaged north of the Cua Viet in support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE. On 5 March the Third Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein) was helo-lifted to the vicinity of Camp Carrol and commenced participation in Operation LANCASTER II. During the period 16-31 March the SLF provided augmentation aircraft to MAG-36A at Quang Tri for support of the Third Marine Division.

## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF organizations committed to combat and the SLF.

a. \*Casualties inflicted upon the enemy:

KIA (Conf)	KIA (Prob)
276	- - -

b. \*Casualties sustained:

KIA	WIA
67	321

\*8 KIA and 54 WIA of those indicated above were resultant from action occurring at the end of the previous reporting period. They were not included in the earlier report because they died of wounds or were not verified until a later date.

2. FMF organizations not committed to combat.

a. Personnel

(1) The office of the G-1 continued normal staff functioning during the month of March.

(2) The following awards were presented/recommended for presentation during the month of March.

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Silver Star Medal	5
Distinguished Flying Cross	1
Bronze Star Medal	11
Air Medal	1
Navy Commendation Medal	13
Navy Achievement Medal	14
Certificate of Commendation	1
Purple Heart Medal	133

(3) Special Services

One hundred fifty books (paperback) and a varied number of magazines were boxed and delivered weekly via the 9th MAB courier to the 26th Marines and the two SLFs.

(4) Career Advisory

Reenlistment by career categories for the month of March was as follows:

<u>1st Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
36.3%	100%	61.1%

(5) Education

Enrollment and course completion during the month of March were as follows:

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Course Completion</u>
17.9%	5.9%

(6) Marine Corps Association Membership

Participation within the Marine Corps Association in the month of March for officers was 49.1%. Staff NCO participation showed 23.6%. Average for both staff and officers was 34.8% as compared to 29.5% in February.

(7) Savings Bonds

Total participation in the Savings Bond Program for the month of March was 73.9%.

(8) Legal

The following legal work was performed during the month of March:

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Legal Assistance cases handled:	53
NJP appeals reviewed:	3
Summary Courts-Martial reviewed:	6
Special Courts-Martial (Non-BCD) reviewed:	5
Special Courts-Martial (BCD) reviewed:	1
General Courts-Martial reviewed:	0
Investigations reviewed:	6
Offense/Incident Reports:	21
Traffic Violations:	20

b. Intelligence

(1) During this period, the G-2 section conducted daily intelligence briefings for officers and staff NCO's in transit to RVN. A total of 231 officers and 93 staff NCO's were briefed.

(2) The G-2 section also continued to conduct its monthly intelligence briefings for the officers of Camp Butler. A total of 23 officers were briefed during the reporting period.

(3) "On the job training" has continued for 8 Marines assigned to the G-2 section, 2 of the trainees have participated in combat operations in RVN with the Special Landing Forces and the Battalion Landing Teams, one trainee participated in Air Intelligence training with MAG-11 and MAG-16, 1st MAW RVN.

(4) The Intelligence School was extended to include training of intelligence personnel from RLT 26, and assisted in the establishment of regular Intelligence training for officers and staff NCO's of Camp McTureous, Okinawa.

(5) Four intelligence briefings were provided for Commanding General, FMFPac (Fwd). In each case the briefings were conducted at Camp Courtney.

(6) During this period the G-2 section continued development of:

(a) Special Intelligence studies.

(b) Updating of contingency intelligence plans and studies.

(c) Rapid Intelligence Incident Reporting System, utilizing data processing assets of this command.

(d) Weekly Intelligence Summary, production and distribution.

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## (e) Counterintelligence Orientation.

c. Training

(1) During the period 1-31 March 1968 Headquarters, 9th MAB continued in its role of providing training support to the units of the 9th MAB. The support consisted of schools, firing ranges, and other training requirements not available to units from their own resources.

(2) OJT: Two (2) officers and four (4) enlisted Marines of 9th MAB performed OJT with III MAF during the month of March.

(3) Schools: The following is a listing of the schools and courses utilized by 9th MAB during the period 1-31 March 1968.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
NCO Leadership School	41
Vietnamese Language School	4
Registered Publication School	2
Comm/Sec Crypto School	1
Basic Inf. Wpns. Repair School	1
Career Advisory School	3
16 mm Projectionist School	8
Embarkation School	6

d. Logistics

Significant tasks undertaken by the G-4 and the cognizant staff sections are as follows:

(1) During the period covered by this report Brigade Order PO01300 (BLT Rehabilitation on Okinawa) was drafted, staffed and submitted for approval. This plan covers all the aspects of a 10 day rehabilitation program on Okinawa similar to that conducted with BLT 2/4 in Subic Bay R. P. during the period 5-14 January.

(2) 14-17 March, LtCol JOHNSON TAD to CTG 79.5, K-4-12, and 5th 155 Gun Btry on supply matters. Advice was provided Brigade Artillery units with respect to handling and replacement of Combat Essential End items. A procedure for reconstruction of lost supply records was discussed with BLT 3/1 aboard the Valley Forge.

(3) On 26 March 1968 Major HILL accompanied the Brigade Chief of Staff to the Kawasaki Aircraft Corporation, Gifu, Japan and Marine Air Group 15 on an inspection and liaison trip. The Kawasaki Aircraft Corporation performs a vital overhaul function for West Pac CH-46 helicopters. Additionally the plant overhauled and inspected the aft transmissions of the CH-46 during the modification program, November and December 1967. During the visit to MAG-15,

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the assistant supply officer discussed the recent (FSAO) inspection and noted that satisfactory corrective action had been taken to resolve the discrepancies cited in the formal report.

The Brigade Surgeon's office received twenty-nine (29) Hospital corpsmen during the month of March 1968, most of whom were further assigned to Company "A", 5th Medical Battalion, Camp Schwab, Hospital corpsmen replacements within the Brigade were provided by personnel attached to Company "A", 5th Medical Battalion. The Hospital Corpsmen remaining are being held at Company "A", 5th Medical Battalion, Camp Schwab until replacements are needed or when directed by FMFPac or EPDOPAC. Twenty-seven (27) corpsmen were assigned to units of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF, during March 1968. One (1) officer was detached and two (2) officers were joined to the Brigade in March 1968.

e. Embarkation

(1) In support of the Brigade operations, the Embarkation Officer coordinated the offload of supplies and equipment from the USS NAVARRO (APA-215).

(2) Coordinated with FMFPac (Fwd) the airlift of three high priority vehicles from Iwakuni to RVN.

f. Community Relations

(1) RLT-26 (Rear)

(a) Two English language classes were conducted each Saturday at the American Cultural Center in Nago City.

(b) The Kube School, project was completed on 9 March 1968. This project required approximately 2000 yards of earth being displaced, and 500 yards of sand being spread. Perimeter drainage ditches were also installed.

(c) The leveling of two hills in the Kushi-Son area was started and was expected to be completed by 15 April 1968. This project consists of rough leveling and road improvement to be worked in conjunction with GRI experimental cattle farm.

(d) On 9-10 March 1968, RLT-26 hosted approximately 44 Boy Scouts and leaders from Nago district. The program was well received by the civic leaders of Nago City.

(2) Headquarters Company

(a) Assistance was rendered the G-5 Civil Affairs Officer on 4, 11, 18 and 25 March in the delivery of construction material to the Miyamori Primary School in Ishikawa City.

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## (3) PSB

(a) English language teaching assistance continued in the Ohna and Afuso Elementary Schools.

## (4) MAG-15

(a) On 2 and 9 March, a group of twenty-five Marines visited Shim Sei Gakuen Orphanage where they performed general maintenance work and visited with the children.

(b) Fourteen Marines conducted classroom sessions in English aboard MCAS Iwakuni and throughout the Yamaguchi and Hiroshima prefectures.

g. Communications-Electronics

The Communications-Electronics Office has conducted normal routine business during the reporting period. Planning comprised the bulk of the sections activities.

h. Financial

Significant fiscal transactions occurring during the month of March are as follows:

(1) BPN 01 - Flight Operations. As of 2400, 31 March 1968 deficit obligation for this project amounted to \$131,468. Deficit obligation was authorized by CG FMFPac msg 092151Z Mar 68.

(2) BPN 08 - Aviation Consolidated Allowance List (Supply Officers' Stores). No additional funds were received and none were required during this period.

(3) BPN 09 - General Aviation Collateral Equipment. No additional funds were received and none were required.

(4) BPN 21 - Aeronautical TAD. On 3 March 1968, an additional \$2,000 was received on the \$4,000 requested to support the third quarter TAD requirements.

(5) BPN 50 - Aviation Maintenance. No additional funds were received and none were requested during this reporting period.

(6) BPN 11 - Maintenance of Expeditionary Equipment. No additional funding was received during this month but \$13,000 was reprogrammed as follows:

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<u>PC</u>	<u>Amount</u>
L	\$5,000
M	6,000
U	(13,000)
Z	2,000

(7) BPN 11 - O&M, MC. Third quarter authorization was increased \$10,000 for program code Quebec. This increased the third quarter planning estimate total to \$545,390.

(8) BPN 11 - O&M, MC Opbud. During this reporting period CG FMFPac was notified that \$1,500,000 O&M, MC Opbud authorization was in excess of third quarters requirements. The reason for this large excess is directly related to reduction in the planned BLT rehabilitation for this quarter.

(9) BPN 10 - O&M, N Opbud. No further funding was requested or received during this month.

### 3. Chronological Listing of Events

- 6Mar68 - Mr. Laurence C. VASS, Chairman of Advisory Committee visited BGen CHIP
- 8Mar68 - Admiral COOPER visited Commanding General
- 10Mar68 - Coordinated the offload of the USS NAVARRO (APA 215)
- 13Mar68 - Three "OJT" Marines participated in Combat Operations  
to  
31Mar68 with Intelligence Units in RVN
- 14Mar68 - LtCol JOHNSON, Brigade Supply Officer, TAD to CTG 79.5,  
to  
17Mar68 K-4-12 and 5th 155 Gun Battery (SP) Liaison on handling  
and replacement of Combat Essential End Items.
- 19Mar68 - Commanding General off island visiting RVN
- 17Mar68 - G-2 participated in TF-76 planning conference  
to  
20Mar68
- 22Mar68 - Commanding General returned to Okinawa
- 24Mar68 - Commanding General met MajGen THARIN upon arrival on island
- 25Mar68 - MajGen THARIN briefed by Commanding General and Staff Of-  
ficers of 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
- 27Mar68 - BGen HORNER, 2nd Logistic Command, called on BGen CHIP

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## PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUPPORTING  
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTSAppendicies

## A. Command Chronology of Supporting Units

- ✓(1) HqCo TG 79.0, 9th MAB Command Chronology
- ✓(2) CommSptCo, TG 79.1, Command Chronology
- ✓(3) 26th Marine Regiment, Command Chronology
- ✓(4) RLT-26 (Rear), TG 79.2, Command Chronology
- ✓(5) 1st Bn, 13th Marines, Command Chronology
- ✓(6) MAG-15, TG 79.3, Command Chronology
- ✓(7) SLF/TG 79.4, Command Chronology
- ✓(8) SLF/TG 79.5, Command Chronology
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## B. News Releases

- (1) Release No. 41-68
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## C. Training Statistics

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

6/AFD/dpj  
5750  
1 Apr 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF  
(G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for Period of 1 - 31 March 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) BrigO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) Command Chronology Report

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

*E. F. Dunne Jr.*  
E. F. DUNNE JR.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

- PART I - Organizational Data
- PART II - Narrative Summary
- PART III - Sequential Listing of Significant Events
- PART IV - Supporting Document

ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Headquarters Company  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

1 - 25 March 1968. Major R. C. HAGERTY  
26 - 31 March 1968 Captain E. F. DUNNE JR

ATTACHED UNITS

1. UNIT

None

2. LOCATION -

3. OFFICERS -

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR MARCH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
87	450	5	5	0	0
		PART II			

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. This unit's activities for the period covered by this report were those of Administrative and training support for the members assigned and attached to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF, FPO San Francisco 96602

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF organizations not committed to combat.

A. Personnel.

(1) The T/O for Headquarters and Headquarters Company is 91 officers and 298 enlisted men. Due to units attached and other assigned personnel responsibilities, the average strength of this unit has considerably exceeded the T/O Manning level. The average strength, attached units included, is as follows:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
87	450	5	5	0	0

B. Training

(1) Requalification firing for this period is as follows:

<u>RIFLE</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>PISTOL</u>	<u>RIFLE</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>PISTOL</u>
0		0	14		0

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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COMMUNICATION SUPPORT COMPANY (REIN)  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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0479017  
26 Mar 68

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 March 1968 to 31 March 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
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(c) BrigO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Communication Support Company Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions contained in references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. This letter becomes unclassified upon detachment of Enclosure (1).

  
R. C. KELLEY JR.

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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 March 1968 to 31 March 1968

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

COMMUNICATION SUPPORT COMPANY  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade  
FPO San Francisco, California

COMMANDER

Major R. C. KELLEY JR.  
1 March 1968 - 31 March 1968

2. LOCATION

1 March 68 to 31 March 68: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
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## PART II

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

During the month of March this command continued to conduct intensive MOS and GMS training.

M-16 rifle training and FAM firing was conducted during the period 4-20 March for 34 personnel of the Communication Center Platoon.

A Physical Readiness Test was conducted for Port and Starboard sections on 26 and 28 March 1968.

Operational communication training was continued for three (3) Philippine enlisted Marines under the Marine Corps Military Assistance Program (MAP). Training, which included Wire, Radio, Radio Relay and Communication Center operations, began 5 Feb 68 and was concluded 29 Mar 68.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

4-20 Mar 68	M-16 rifle training and FAM fire for Comm Center Platoon
26 & 28 Mar 68	Physical Readiness Test
1-29 Mar 68	Operational communications training for 3 enlisted Philippine Marines under MAP

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE  
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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HEADQUARTERS  
Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade FMF  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

3/AVR/cmf  
5750  
29 April 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (Attn: AC of S,  
G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 Mar to 31 Mar 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
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(c) BrigO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Provisional Service Battalion Command Chronology.

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

*James F. Conlon*  
James F. CONLON  
By direction

*Prov. Serv. Bn, 9th MAB*

*17 MAR 1968*

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

COMMANDER

Lt. Col. T. W. BURKE  
1 Mar 68 to 15 Mar 68

Col. T. W. BURKE  
15 Mar 68 to 31 Mar 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company  
Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Maj E. L. DICKSON  
1 Mar 68 to 31 Mar 68

Supply Company  
Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Capt W. J. BIEN  
1 Mar 68 to 7 Mar 68

Capt A. R. GASSER, JR.  
7 Mar 68 to 31 Mar 68

Maintenance Company  
Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Maj D. W. WILSON  
1 Mar 68 to 5 Mar 68

Maj R. E. GARRETT  
5 Mar 68 to 31 Mar 68

Truck Company  
Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

1st. Lt. J. R. WHITWORTH  
1 Mar 68 to 31 March 68

Sub Unit #1  
Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Maj J. M. WINBERG  
1 Mar 68 to 11 Mar 68

2. 1 Mar 68 - 31 Mar 68, Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

Col. T. W. BURKE  
1 Mar to 31 Mar 68

Executive Officer

Lt. Col. James F. CONLON  
1 Mar to 31 Mar 68

S-1 Adjutant

Lt. R. W. FULLER  
1 Mar to 31 Mar 68

S-2/S-3

Major A. V. ROCHA  
1 Mar to 31 Mar 68

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Major P. R. STINGLEY  
1 Mar 68 to 31 Mar 684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Headquarters and Service Company	14	194	1	12
Supply Company	3	85	0	2
Maintenance Company	4	80	0	0
Truck Company	1	37	0	0
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Sub Unit #1	13	318	0	0

## PART II

## Narrative Summary

During the period covered by this report normal garrison supply operations in support of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade continued.

In addition, 13 officers and 318 enlisted men from this Battalion which were furnished to support operations in the Republic of Viet Nam were chopped to Force Logistics Command on 11 March 1968. This loss leaves this Battalion with a minimal capability to perform its assigned mission.

On 15 March 1968, Col. T. W. BURKE was promoted to his present rank at a ceremony conducted by the Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

The Air Delivery Section supported by elements of the Communications Platoon and Truck Company deployed for a two day problem at the Motobu Training Area. During this period, utilizing one UH-34D helicopter, Air Delivery Platoon dropped nineteen (19) door bundles. All nineteen drops were successfully completed. The Wire Section established telephone communications on an as required basis. The internal wire systems were established quickly and rendered good, reliable support. The exercise was considered well conducted and coordinated.

During the course of this period excess material with a total monetary value of \$22,748.35 was transferred to Ordnance Maintenance Company, Third Force Service Regiment. Also, 154 parts valued at \$537.37 were transferred from MV100 to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines as stock for use in minor repair work.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 11 March 68            13 Officers and 318 enlisted men of this Battalion were chopped to Force Logistics Command, Republic of Viet Nam.
- 14 March 68            154 items of material from Account MV100 furnished to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines.
- 15 March 68            Colonel T. W. BURKE promoted to his present rank at a ceremony held by Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.
- 27 - 29 March 68       Air Delivery Section supported by Communications Platoon and Truck Company deployed to Motobu Training Area for a joint exercise.
- 30 March 68            Excess material with a total monetary value of \$22,748.35 was transferred to Ordnance Maintenance Company, Third Force Service Regiment.

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 Release No: 41-68  
 By: LCpl W. D. Schwendner

Additional Information  
 Captain David M. Repp  
 Phone: 4310/4345

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, February 29 - The 9th Mob Keglers rolled to victory in three out of four games against New Tokyo to take sole possession of third place and highlight last Wednesday night's action in the Camp Butler Winter Handicap League at the Hansen Lanes.

Gus Fernandes and "Ski" Przybylki rolled 544 and 529 series respectively to pace the 9th Mob bowlers. The three victories ended a seven-game losing streak.

New Tokyo, despite Skip Hord's 487 series, fell to fifth place in league standings, as the Clutchers slipped into fourth. Bar Ran and Club Ace each won four games to remain in the top two spots in the league.

STANDINGS

1. Bar Ran	32-4
2. Club Ace	31-5
3. 9th Mob	23-13
4. Clutchers	19-17
5. New Tokyo	18-18
6. Scorpions	13½-22½
7. Block Trng	12½-23½



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RESUME  
 Release No: 42-68  
 By: ICpl. Wayne Schwendner  
 Photo NO: 1-72-68  
 By: Cpl. F.D. Robb

Additional Information:  
 Captain David N. Repp  
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 9th MAB  
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PHOTO CAPTION ONLY

CAN FULL OF CASH--Marine Sergeant Kermit H. Frost sports a happy smile as he hauls out part of his \$9,061.83 bonus for reenlisting for six years last week. The 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Leatherneck, presently attached to Maintenance Co., Provisional Service Bn., also elected to stay with his unit at Camp Hansen as part of his re-enlistment option. (Official Marine Corps Photo by Corporal Floyd Robb)

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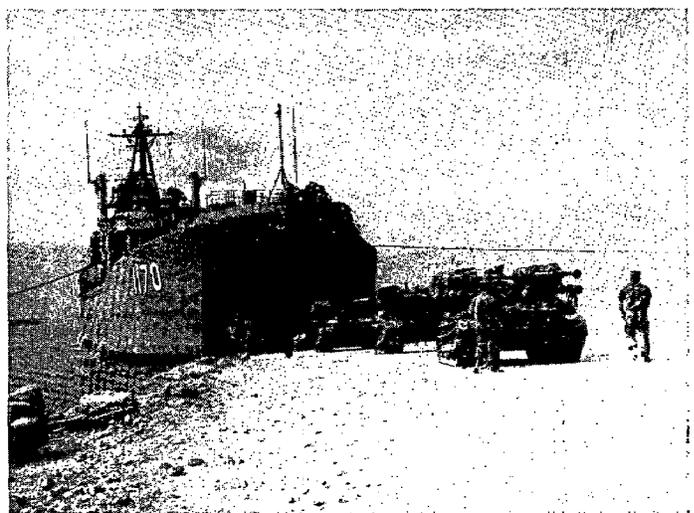
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THE LANDING ZONE

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**FIREPOWER** — 9th MAB Marines supervise the unloading of "ontos", anti-tank vehicles armed with 106 mm. recoilless rifles, from a SLF ship. The amphibious mobility of the Brigade is a vital factor in its ability to combat aggression throughout the Far East and Southeast Asia. (USMC Photo by SSgt. Maxwell Jones)



**MOVING OUT** — Infantry units within the Brigade are ready to "mount out" in a very short time, providing the 9th MAB with an effective ground arm in their three-pronged striking ability. (USMC Photo by LCpl. W. Schwendner)

# Camp Hansen's 9th MAB - A Cobra Ready To Strike

By LCpl. W. Schwendner

**CAMP HANSEN** — Poised like a giant cobra, the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, (9th MAB), stands ready to deliver immediate retaliation against hostile aggression anywhere in the Far East through the classic Marine air, ground and sea team.

With the passing of the "Division In Motion" (3rd Mar Div) into the Vietnam conflict, the 9th MAB was activated March 1, 1966 to assume the responsibility of training Okinawa based Marines in combat readiness.

Since this activation two years ago, the 9th MAB has grown in size and stature, ready to help free people throughout this half of the globe by promoting civic action programs and providing a "force in readiness" should the freedom of these people be threatened by hostile forces.

BrigGen. William C. Chip, who wears the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" for duty in the Korean conflict, is the current commanding general of the Brigade. He is the fifth general to command the 9th MAB since its activation in 1966.

Headquarters for the "Brigade

In Business" is located at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, with most of its major ground units committed elsewhere in the Far East and Southeast Asia. The remaining infantry units are located at Camp Hansen.

The Brigade air arm in the three-pronged striking force is centered at the Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan, home of Marine Aircraft Group 15.

At Camp Hansen, and Camp Schwab, the Brigade's infantry and artillery units utilize the Northern Training Area and the "Jungle Lanes" to maintain a high degree of combat proficiency. Regimental Landing Team (RLT)-26 (Rear), commanded by LtCol. Jack Erwin, supervises the Schwab components of three reconnaissance battalions, an amtrac company and other supporting units.

The awesome 9th MAB ground arsenal includes tanks, ontos (anti-tank vehicles), amphibious tractors, and the most effective and time-tested weapon of all, the individual Marine and his rifle.

The Provisional Service Batta-

lion performs the function vital to all ground units. As the supply and maintenance component within the Brigade, PSB handles the numerous requisitions and accounting forms, as well as the issue and recovery of gear. The battalion also is responsible for the data processing and aerial delivery facilities within the 9th MAB.

In addition to the ground forces located on Okinawa, the 9th MAB keeps battalions of combat-ready Marines afloat with the Navy's 7th Fleet. Such units are called Special Landing Forces (SLF), and have been used quite effectively in operations in Vietnam. The SLF's can be called upon to deliver a swift and decisive retaliatory blow against enemy aggression.

Many of the Brigade's air units are stationed on Okinawa, as well as at Iwakuni. Marine Air Control Squadron 8 is stationed at Camp Schwab, while the Marine Air Facility at Futema is the home of Marine Aerial Refueler/Transport Squadron (VMGR)-152.

Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 66, and a Marine helicopter sub-unit.

VMGR-152 specializes in the aerial refueling of Brigade jets and in long-distance transport flights spanning the Far East and Southeast Asia. The helicopter squadrons attached to the Brigade provide an efficient and deadly method for inserting Marine infantry units into combat situations.

Combining all of these separate parts, the 9th MAB can truly demonstrate a "Brigade In Business" capable of facing practically any combat or logistics problem that might confront it.

Along with this "force in readiness" concept, Brigade Ma-

rine Air Traffic Control Unit 66, and a Marine helicopter sub-unit. VMGR-152 specializes in the aerial refueling of Brigade jets and in long-distance transport flights spanning the Far East and Southeast Asia. The helicopter squadrons attached to the Brigade provide an efficient and deadly method for inserting Marine infantry units into combat situations.

The 9th MAB is represented by a crimson, blue and black emblem, symbolic of the brigade's capabilities on land, sea, and in the air. The centerpiece of the emblem is a gleaming sword, binding the three capabilities into a single swift and deadly striking force capable of meeting hostile aggression anywhere in the Far East and Southeast Asia.



**KEEPING 'EM FLYING** — A Leatherneck of VMGR-152 keeps one of the squadron's transport planes in top-notch shape, ready to support the air arm of the "Brigade In Business." (USMC Photo)



**COMBAT LOADED** — Despite many of the sophisticated advances in modern warfare, the most basic component of the 9th MAB striking power is still the individual Marine. Here a 60 mm. mortarman hauls the tools of his trade during a SLF operation in Vietnam. (USMC Photo by SSgt. Roy Ashley)



**COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK** — Marines of Provisional Service Bn. keep vital communications gear in top notch shape to provide the 9th MAB with the important link between components. (Official USN Photo)

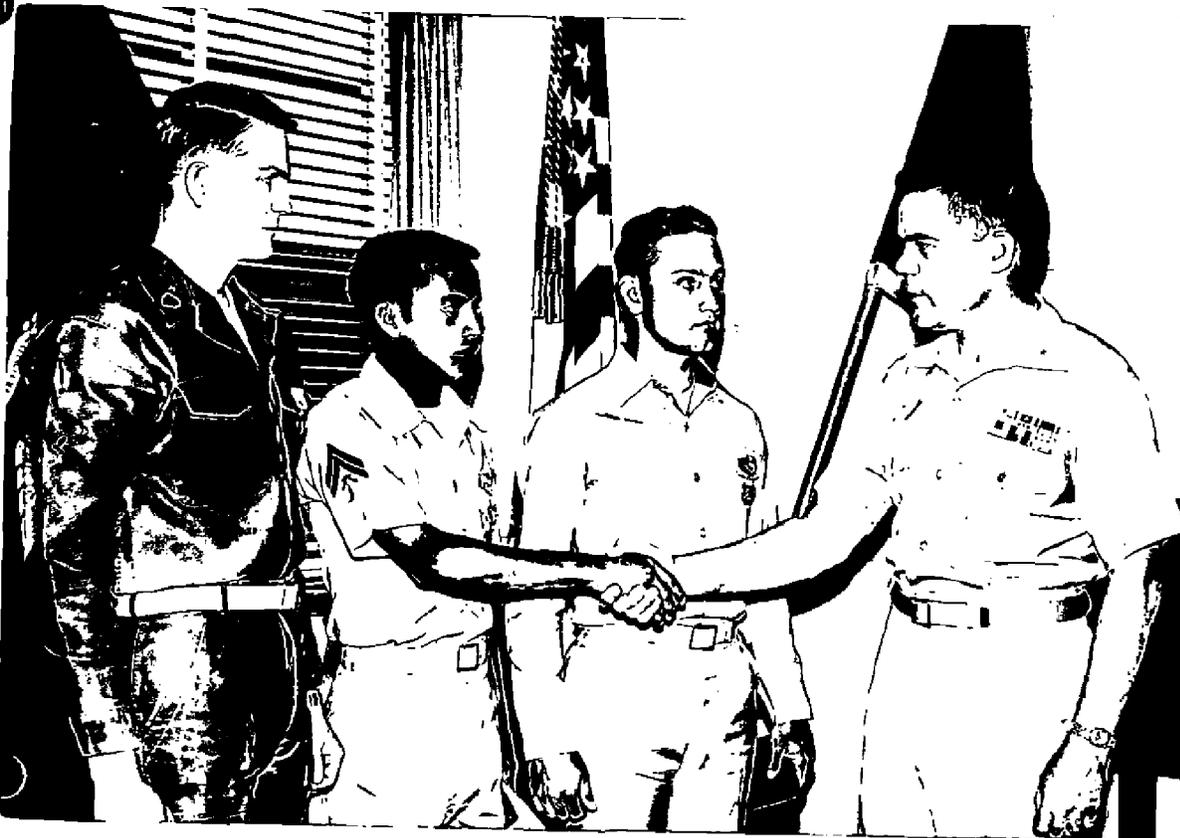
**NEWS RELEASE**

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**MEDAL AWARDS**  
 Release No; 46-68  
 By: SSgt. Maxwell A. Jones

Additional Information  
 Captain David M. Repp  
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**COMBAT DECORATIONS** - - Brigadier General William C. Chip (r). Commanding General of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, congratulates Cpl. Thomas H. Kruz after presenting him with the Bronze Star award and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Sgt. David A. Gidlof, (l), and Cpl. Fredrick Baird received Purple Heart medals in the same ceremonies last Wednesday. (USMC Photo by SSgt. M.A. Jones)



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## MEDAL AWARDS

Release No: 46-68

By: Lance Corporal Wayne Schwendner

## Additional Information:

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Telephone: 4370/4345

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, March 8--Three Headquarters Company Leathernecks were awarded combat decorations for operations in Vietnam by Brigadier General W.C. Chip, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, in ceremonies at Brigade Headquarters Wednesday.

Corporal Thomas J. Kruz was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, while Sergeant David A. Glidhof and Corporal Fredrick L. Baird received Purple Heart awards.

Cpl. Kruz received the Bronze Star award for heroism in action while serving with "H" Co., Second Battalion, First Marine Regiment (2/1), in operations against insurgent communist forces in the Republic of Vietnam.

On Aug. 28, 1967, Cpl. Kruz was acting as a fire team leader with a security element at the Cau Do Bridge. His platoon came under heavy automatic weapons and rocket fire from an attacking force of approximately 30 Viet Cong.

After both the platoon commander and a squad leader had been seriously wounded, Cpl. Kruz, disregarding his own personal safety, raced through the Viet Cong position to rejoin his beleaguered platoon.

From there he rallied his men into forming a defensive perimeter, and directed the treatment of the wounded Marines. Due to his dedicated and inspired actions, the Leathernecks repelled the assaulting enemy troops.

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MEDAL AWARDS  
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In addition to the Bronze Star medal, Cpl. Cruz was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. The award, bestowed by the government of the Republic of Vietnam, lauded Cpl. Kruz for his heroic and dedicated service with 2/1 in operations against the Viet Cong during the period Dec., 1967 until Jan. 1968.

Sgt. Gidlof and Cpl. Baird were presented with Purple Heart Medals for wounds received in action in Vietnam. Sgt. Gidlof was wounded on Jan. 30, 1968 while serving at the Marine outpost at Khe Sanh, and Cpl. Baird was wounded on Feb. 2, 1968.

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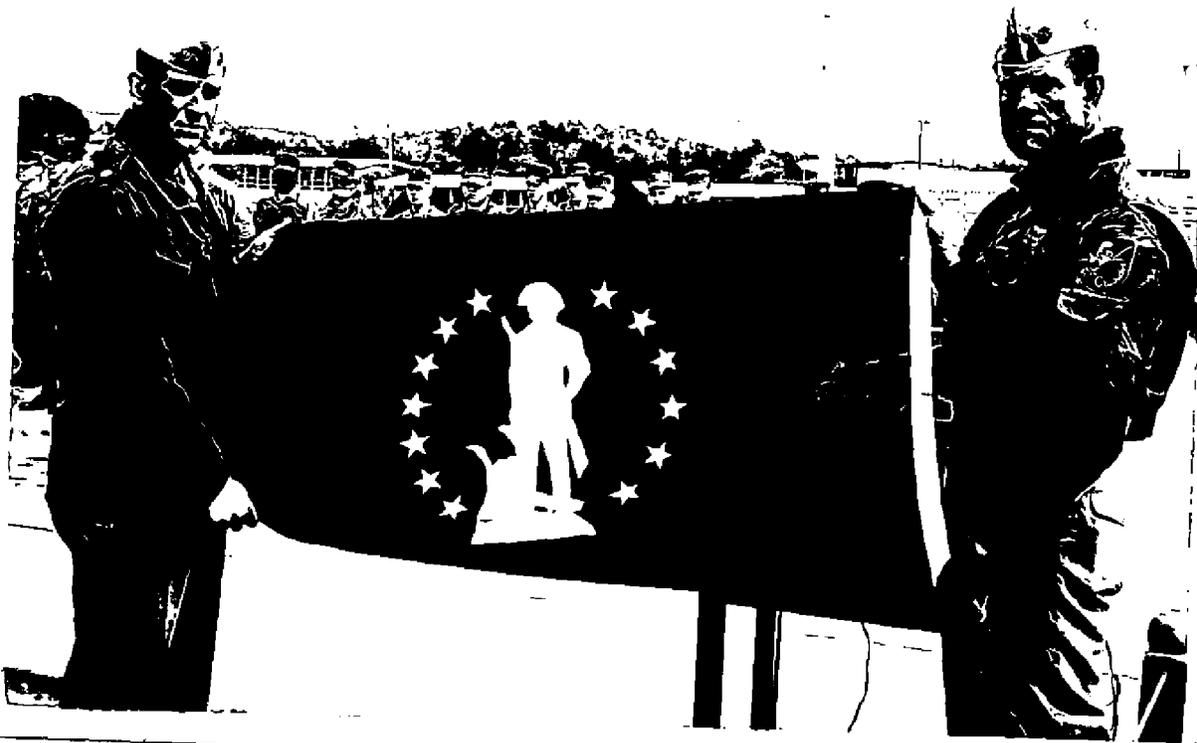
Navy promotion to E-8  
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By: LCpl. W.D. Schwendner

Additional Information  
Captain David M. Repp  
Phone: 4310/4345

CONGRATS TOP- -HMCS J.A. Baxter, Brigade administration chief, is congratulated by his troops after being promoted to E-8 in the office of the Brigade surgeon. (USMC Photo by Cpl. F.O. Robb)



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Minute Man Flag  
 Release No: 48-68  
 Photo No: 1-76-68  
 By: PFC W. A. Oberg

Additional Information  
 Captain David H. Depp  
 Telephone: 4310/4315

TRASURY DEPARTMENT'S HIGHEST AWARD-Colonel W.C. Kellogg (r), Group Commander, Marine Air Group (MAG) 15, presented the Minute Man Flag award to the officers and men of Marine Air Control Squadron (MACS) 8, Camp Schwab, for their outstanding participation in the U.S. Savings Bond Program in ceremonies at the squadrons headquarters March 9. Major D.C. Richalder (l), CO, MACS-8, accepted the award on behalf of the squadron.

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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**NAGO BOY SCOUTS AT SCHWAB**  
 Release No: 49-68  
 By: LCpl. W.D. Schwendner

Additional information  
 Captain David H. Repp  
 Phone: 4310/4345

Camp Schwab, Okinawa, March 12- - Forty-four Boy Scouts from Troops 246 and 275 in the village of Nago visited the Marine facilities at Camp Schwab last weekend as guests of the Regimental Landing Team-26 (rear) command.

The scouts set out from the Nago Village Hall late Saturday afternoon, and after a two hour hike arrived at the Camp Schwab Main Gate. They were greeted there by Maj. J.B. Bany, RLT-26 Executive Officer.

After a meal in the Schwab messhall, the Ryukyuan scouts were treated to a movie at the Camp theatre to end the day's activities.

Sunday morning the Nago scouts arose early, and spent the morning participating in recreational activities after a hearty breakfast at the RLT-26 messhall. The youngsters engaged in softball and races to warm up for the rest of their exciting day.

In the afternoon the Boy Scouts were treated to demonstrations of many facets of Marine training and tactics. The youths and their leaders toured a confidence course and watched as Marines from Echo Company, 5th Reconnaissance Bn ran the course. Many of the scouts were able to try their strength and agility on such obstacles as the slide of life and the rope swing over a water obstacle.

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**NEWS RELEASE**

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MAGO SCOUTS 2-22-2-2-2-2

Maj. Bary honored the top scouts in each troop by presenting each with a cartridge belt and canteen for their devotion and skill in scouting. Mr. Shiroma Morio and Mr. Nakasone Hasanoby, Scoutmasters of Troop 275 and 246 respectively, selected Kozo Hidehito and Kishimoto Yasushi as the recipients of the awards.

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PSB Promotions  
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By: Pfc W.A. Oberg

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WHO DIDN'T GET ONE-Provisional Service Battalion, 9th MAB, handed out 101 warrants to Corporal and 23 to Lance Corporal in promotion ceremonies held recently at the battalion headquarters. (USMC Photo by Pfc W.A. Oberg)

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# NEWS RELEASE

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CROSS TRAINING  
RELEASE NO: 52-68  
BY: CPL. F.O. ROBB

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
CAPTAIN DAVID M. REPP  
PHONE: 4310/4345



**TAKING NOTE**—Capt. R.L. Harshman (left), assistant S-3 Officer, RLT-26, discusses a map problem with Capt. Yung Hsu, 1st Chinese Marine Corps, Republic of China. Capt. Hsu visited the Camp Schwab Marines as part of the cross-training program between the U.S. and the National Government of the Republic of China. (USMC Photo by Cpl. F.O. Robb)

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**NEWS RELEASE**

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9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE, FMF  
FPO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 96602**

LETTER OF APPRECIATION  
RELEASE NO: 53-68  
BY: CPL. F.O. ROBB

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
CAPTAIN DAVID M. REPP  
PHONE: 4310/4345



**RECEIVING THANKS**—Cpl. Joseph P. Abrams, RLT-26, Camp Schwab received a letter of appreciation from the Nago Ryukyuan-American Cultural Center for his time and efforts in conducting a Women's English Conversation Class at the Nago Cultural Center. Miss Yoko Uezu, one of his students, made the presentation as Mr. Yukio Hasegawa, a Nago teacher, looks on. (USMC Photo by Cpl. F.O. Robb)

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HANDBALL TOURNAMENT  
Release No: 54-68  
By: LCpl. David A. Przybylski

Additional Information  
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Camp Hansen, Okinawa, March 26—The Special Services Office at Camp Hansen has announced plans for a handball tournament at the Hansen courts in late April.

All military personnel interested in competing in either the singles or doubles matches should submit their name to LCpl. Henning at the Camp Hansen Gym, ext. 4734.

A Tournament date and schedule will be determined by the number of interested individuals, so make that phone call now.

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## Battle for Okinawa

# Largest Amphib Operatic Took Place 23 Years A

By LCpl. W. Schwendner  
 On a cool and clear Easter Sunday 23 years ago, a huge American task force stood poised off the coast of a small island in the Pacific Ocean. In the early dawn light men prepared to embark on the largest amphibious operation in the World War II Pacific Theatre, one designed to eliminate an enemy stronghold and hasten the end of the war.

On that day, April 1, 1945, tens of thousands of American Marines, soldiers and sailors, prepared to sweep ashore in their small landing craft. One Marine, readying for the landing,

stared out at the island lying in the faint early morning light. It was larger than most of the island objectives he had seen, and was covered with rugged foothills and thick foliage. It looked peaceful in the faint glow of sunrise.

"Okinawa," he said slowly, "...the island of Okinawa." Throughout the next few months these Americans were to learn a great deal about the island of Okinawa. As the violent battle raged, they were to learn not only of the desperate defenses of a stubborn enemy, but of the island itself and the people who lived there.

With victory on the cured, and the enemy on the brink of def war, many of the U were pulled off Okin from the simple people basic way of life. OI and went, as the island through 23 years of modernization.

Today, there are four serving with the 9th M phibious Brigade at C sen who look part i operation and have re for another four of islands off side.

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 MAB Chief of Staff, LtCols. J. H. Wagner and R. B. Spencer, 9th MAB Air Officer and Brigade Inspector respectively, and Sgt Maj. T.H. Hughes, 9th MAB Sergeant Major, can all remember both the old and the new on Okinawa.

"In 1945 the island was primarily agricultural," Col. Etheridge explained, "with no modern conveniences." Col. Etheridge was the executive officer of VMF (N)-543, a night fighter squadron, during the WW II campaign.

He pointed out that most of the Okinawan men then wore simple oriental pajama-clothing

and that nearly all of munities were small f lages. "Most of the Ok never walked on a r or seen an automobile days," he recalled.

LtCol. Spencer, the old scout with the 3 Amphibious Force, about the feelings of nawans toward America they landed on t "Basically, there was a mistrust at the time. The enemy had convinced the Americans would torture them and murder families."

LtCol. Wagner, who with Marine Aircraft in 1945



LtCol. R. B. Spencer, Brigade Inspector for 9th MAB, at the location of his unit when he was stationed during the Okinawan Campaign in World War II. (by Cpl. F. O. Robb)

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Tuesday Night Bowling  
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Camp Hansen, Okinawa, March 26--Charlie Brown's Gang, "F" Troop and the Dental Choppers took Mr. Clean's advice and went home with spotless 4-0 slates in the first week of action in the Camp Hansen Tuesday Night Bowling League at the Hansen Lanes.

A.C. Nett was high scorer for Charlie's Gang in whipping the Camp Hansen P.E. in four straight with consistent 182-197-170 games for a 549 series which nabbed series honors. Teammates Pete Franco and Gus Fernandes followed A.C. with 163-137-285-505 and 179-160-156-495 sets respectively. Bob Ruth's 145-173-170-488 was high for the P-X.

A 203 game and 537 series by Howard Simms paced "F" Troop past the Strikers in four games. Mr. Toguchi's 454 series was high for the Strikers.

The Chopper's Dick Dobersky and Bob Diddion combined 485 and 412 series to roll over the Boiler Makers in four straight. Larry Fancher was high for the sputtering Boiler Makers with a stunning 387 series.

In other action, the Fineracker's Steve Hojns rolled a neat 215 game to bag scratch game honors and his 516 series lead the Fineracker's to three wins over the Malfunctions.

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BOWLING 2-2-2-2-2-2-2

Jim Goodins and Ted Hughes fumbled well for the Malfunctions in defeat with 165-160-212-537 and 176-151-100-535 set respectively but the Finerackers 79 pins-per-game handicap proved too much for them to overcome.

The Kings set three team highs in the first week of action en route to winning three games off the Ramblers. Led by Ted Law's 545 series the Kings set league marks in team high handicap series-2899, Team high handicap game-999 and team high scratch game-839. Charlie Brown's Gang holds the team high scratch series mark with a 2421 pin count.

Paul Armstrong's 511 series lead the Ramblers in defeat while teammates Bill Wentworth and Don Cross followed with 505 and 497 series respectively.

#### STANDINGS

1. Charlie Brown's Gang	4-0
2. "P" Troop	4-0
Choppers	4-0
3. Finerackers	3-1
Kings	3-1
6. Ramblers	2-3
Malfunctions	1-3
8. Boiler Makers	0-4
Camp Hansen I-E	0-4
Strikers	0-4

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## APPENDIX C

## TRAINING STATISTICS

1. Military Assistance Program

a. A total of three officers and three enlisted personnel from foreign countries participated in this program in the month of March 1968.

(1) Three Chinese officers from the Chinese Marine Corps participated in the Military Assistance Program in the month of March 1968. They underwent a two week OJT course with RL1-26 (REAR). This course consisted basically of Regimental Staff Procedures. The officers were rated on a majority basis as follows:

Comprehension & Assimilation:	Excellent
English Language Proficiency:	Excellent
General Attitude:	Outstanding
Adequacy of Trainees Selection:	Excellent

(2) Three Staff Sergeants from the Philippine Marine Corps also participated in the Military Assistance Program in the month of March 1968. They underwent an eight week OJT Course with Communication Support Company. The course basically consisted of Operational Communications. The Staff Sergeants were rated on a majority basis as follows:

Comprehension & Assimilation:	Excellent
English Language Proficiency:	Excellent
General Attitude:	Excellent
Adequacy of Trainees:	Excellent

2. OJT

a. On-the-Job Training was conducted with III MAF in the following Military Occupational Specialties:

RANK	MOS	JOB DESCRIPTION
2ndLt	1801	Basic Tank and Amphibian Tractor Officer
2ndLt	1802	Tank Officer
SSgt	1833	Amphibian Tractor Crewman
Sgt	0141	Administrative Man
Sgt	0231	Intelligence Assistant
SSgt	2539	Radio Chief

3. Schools. The following is a listing of the schools and courses utilized by 9thMAB during the period 1-31 March 1968:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
NGO Leadership School	41
Vietnamese Language School	4
Registered Publication School	2
Comm/Sec Crypto School	1
Basic Inf. Wpns. Repair School	1
Career Advisory School	3
16mm Projectionist School	8
Embarkation School	6