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From: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)  
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 April to 30 April 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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Fleet Marine Force, SEVENTH Fleet (CTF 79)  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

Command Chronology

1 April 1968 to 30 April 1968

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TF 79

BGen W.C. CHIP  
1Apr68 to 30Apr68SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company/TG 79.0

Capt E.F. DUNNE  
1Apr68 to 30Apr68Communications Support Company  
(Rein) TG 79.1Maj R.C. KELLEY Jr.  
1Apr68 to 25Apr68  
Capt C.C. ENTWISTLE  
26Apr68 to 30Apr68

RLT-26

Col D.E. LOWNDS  
1Apr68 to 11Apr68  
Col B.F. MEYERS  
12Apr68 to 30Apr68

26th Marines (Fwd)

Col D.E. LOWNDS  
1Apr68 to 11Apr68  
Col B.F. MEYERS  
12Apr68 to 30Apr68

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

LtCol J. ERWIN  
1Apr68 to 30Apr68

First Battalion Thirteenth Marines

LtCol J.A. HENNELLY  
1Apr68 to 30Apr68

Marine Aircraft Group 15/TG 79.3

Col W.C. KELLOGG Jr.  
1Apr68 to 30Apr68

Special Landing Force Alfa/TG 79.4

Col B.F. MEYERS  
1Apr68 to 10Apr68  
LtCol P.R. FIELDS  
11Apr68 to 30Apr68

Special Landing Force Bravo/TG 79.5

Col W.A. BUTCHER  
1Apr68 to 30Apr68

Provisional Service Battalion/TG 79.8

Col T.W. BURKE  
1Apr68 to 30Apr68

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2. LOCATION

1 April 1968 to 30 April 1968: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff	Col J.A. ETHERIDGE 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
Staff Secretary	Capt H.D. SULLIVAN 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
Aide-de-Camp	1stLt J.L. KOLKANA 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
Sgt Major	SgtMaj T.H. HUGHES 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
G-1	LtCol G.H. BENSKIN 1Apr68 to 10Apr68 LtCol P.H. SIMPSON 11Apr68 to 30Apr68
Adjutant	Capt H.W. HIGGINS 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
AG-1	Capt O.M. THOMPSON 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
Chaplain (Protestant)	Cdr L.J. MAC DONALD 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
Chaplain (Catholic)	LCdr J.H. FRATES 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Maj H.S. JOLLEY 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
AG-2	Capt W.N. FOWLER 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	Col J.A. CONWAY 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
AG-3	LtCol A. NOVAK 1Apr68 to 30Apr68
Air Officer	LtCol J.H. WAGNER 1Apr68 to 26Apr68 LtCol W.D. SMITH 29Apr68 to 30Apr68

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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Col M.W. SCHMIDT  
1Apr68 to 30Apr68

AG-4

Maj R.G. BUSTOS  
1Apr68  
LtCol K.M. SCOTT  
2Apr68 to 30Apr68

Brigade Surgeon

Cdr E.J. SULLIVAN  
1Apr68 to 30Apr68

Medical Admin Officer

LCdr H.M. GOON  
1Apr68 to 30Apr68

The Comptroller

LtCol P.P. PIRHALLA  
1Apr68 to 30Apr68

Communications - Electronics Officer

Maj R.D. BLOOMFIELD  
1Apr68 to 30Apr684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

## APRIL

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
HqCo (79.0)	79	427	7	6
CommSptCo	8	168	0	2
ProvServBn	22	385	1	13
RLT-26 (Rear)	30	458	9	55
MAG-15	218	2040	7	29
SLF "A"	115	1697	9	91
SLF "B"	111	1634	9	84
Total	<u>583</u>	<u>6809</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>280</u>

## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of April 1968, the 9th MAB continued to perform the assigned missions of rehabilitation of equipment, replacement of personnel, training of aviation squadrons, and contingency planning as the Fleet Marine Force component of the Seventh Fleet. Additionally the Brigade rotated VMA-223 from Iwakuni and a detachment of MATCU-66 from Futema to Vietnam. A Command Post Exercise, Beach Barron III, was conducted from 18 to 20 April in conjunction with Task Force 76.

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During the month of April, the 26th Marines were involved in three separate operations. (Operation PEGASUS 31 March - 15 April; Operation SCOTLAND II 15-18 April; and Operation RICE 25-30 April and continuing.) At the commencement of Operation PEGASUS, operational control of the 26th Marines was passed to the 1st Air Cavalry Division.

BLT 2/4 continued to participate in Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE under the operational control of the Third Marines. The mission assigned to the BLT was to control the North bank of the Cua Viet river so as to allow the safe flow of logistic traffic. A night attack that involved the maneuver elements of the battalion on 27-28 April was the highlight of the month; this operation was nicknamed NIGHTOWL. HMM-363 and HMM-362 exchanged locations between the USS IWO JIMA and Phu Bai air field on 15 April. The embarked UH-34D squadron continued to support BLT 2/4 by flying admin, logistic and medevac flights. Additionally, limited helo support was provided to in-country commanders throughout the month.

BLT 3/1 operating in the vicinity of Camp CARROLL under the opcon of the Fourth Marines, participated in Operation LANCASTER II. On 2 April K/3/1 and M/3/1 were transferred to opcon of the Ninth Marines for participation in Operation KENTUCKY, together with L/3/1 which had commenced participation in that operation during March. These companies were returned to the opcon of the Fourth Marines and resumed participation in Operation LANCASTER II on 9 April. On 12 April BLT 3/1 commenced search and destroy operations in conjunction with Operation CHARLTON. HMM-161, aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE, provided helo support for the BLT until 13 April when they debarked ashore to Phu Bai air field. Debarkation was completed on 14 April and opcon of the squadron was passed to First MAW. Four CH-46s were provided daily to MAG 36 at Quang Tri, with additional aircraft being made available, if required, during the period of 1-11 April. SLF/ARG BRAVO departed for Subic Bay on 15 April for Rehab/Upkeep. The SLF/ARG departed Subic to return to RVN on 26 April.

## 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)

372

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## b. Casualties sustained:

KIA	WIA
25	153

## 2. FMF organizations not committed to combat.

a. Personnel

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

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

Silver Star Medal	18
Legion of Merit	2
Distinguished Flying Cross	1
Bronze Star Medal	71
Air Medal	539
Navy Commendation Medal	53
Navy Achievement Medal	15
Purple Heart Medal	268
Certificate of Commendation	1
Letter of Appreciation	3
Presidential Unit Citation	2
Navy Unit Commendation	1
Foreign Awards	10
Treasury Department Highest Award	1

(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 April was as follows:

<u>1st Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
36.1%	88.8%	46.0%

(5) Education

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

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Course Completion</u>
14.7%	6.4%

(6) Marine Corps Association Membership

Participation within the Marine Corps Association in the month of April for officers was 57.9%. Staff NCO participation showed 18.4%. Average for both staff and officers was 34.5% as compared to 34.8% in March.

(7) Savings Bonds

Total participation in the Savings Bond Program for the month of April was 75.1%.

(8) Legal

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

Legal Assistance Cases Handled:	56
NJP Appeals Reviewed:	5
Summary Courts-Martial Reviewed:	3
Special Courts-Martial (Non-BCD) reviewed:	11
Special Courts-Martial (BCD) reviewed:	1
General Courts-Martial Reviewed:	0
Investigations Reviewed:	4
Offense/Incident Reports:	5
Traffic Violations:	4
Article 32 Investigations:	5

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 313 officers and 172 staff NCO's were briefed.

(2) The G-2 section continued its "on the job training" of 8 Marines assigned to the section, 4 of the trainees participated in combat operations in RVN with the Special Landing Force and the Battalion Landing Team, one man participated in air intelligence training with VMGR-152 RVN.

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(3) The G-2 section provided four intelligence briefings for the Commanding General, 9th MAB.

(4) The G-2 (Major Hugh S. JOLLEY) attended the 7th Fleet Scheduling Conference in Japan.

(5) The Intelligence Chief (SSgt R.J. ALLGEYERS) made liaison with subordinate units in RVN, and returned with various items of captured material used within the section training/familiarization project.

(6) The section participated in CPX Beach Baron III.

(7) The G-2 section's Staff Counterintelligence Assistant provided 22 Defense Against Mechanical Entry (DAME) assist requiring 15 hours of time for General Staff sections and subordinate units.

(8) The G-2 section gave a presentation of the enemy situation to 36 selected NCO's from Camp Butler NCO School.

(9) 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.

(e) Counterintelligence orientation.

c. Training

(1) During the period 1-30 April 1968 G-3 Training, Headquarters, 9th MAB continued in its role of providing training support to the units of the 9th MAB. The support consisted of scheduling of schools, firing ranges, and other training requirements not available to units from their own resources.

(2) OJT: One (1) enlisted Marine of 9th MAB performed OJT with III MAF during the month of April.

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(3) Schools: The following is a listing of the schools and courses utilized by 9th MAB during the period 1-30 April 1968.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
NCO Leadership School	44
Vietnamese Language School	6
Registered Publication School	6
Comm/Sec Crypto School	5
Basic Inf. Wpns. Repair School	3
Career Advisory School	3
16 mm Projectionist School	8

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, support for in-country operations included continuing staff visits, transporting of supplies and personnel to RVN, and planning.

(2) A detachment of MATCU 66 was airlifted from MCAF Futema, Okinawa to Quang Tri, RVN.

e. Embarkation

(1) In support of the Brigade operations, the Embarkation Officer coordinated the offload of LFORM from the USS CAVALIER (APA 37).

(2) Coordinated the offload of MSTs LST-692.

(3) Coordinated the airlift and sealift of VMA-223 from Iwakuni to RVN.

(4) Coordinated with FMFPac (Fwd) and MAG-15 the airlift of a detachment of MATCU-66 from Futema to RVN.

f. Community Relations

(1) RLT-26 (Rear)

(a) Two English classes were conducted each Saturday at the American Cultural Center in Nago, and one class weekly at the Nago Government Hospital.

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(b) The leveling of two hills in conjunction with a GRI project in Kushi-Son was completed.

(c) On 23Apr68 work was initiated on the site of the New Henoko municipal building. Target date for completion is 10May68.

(d) Technical assistance was rendered G-5, Civil Affairs Officer in conjunction with a screening project at the Kin TB Sanitarium, by A Co 5th Engineers.

(e) On Easter Sunday a program to include live entertainment, distribution of Easter baskets and refreshments was conducted at the Leprosarium. Individual contributions were made by personnel to sponsor this project.

(2) PSB

(a) English Language assistance at Ishikawa High School continued.

(3) MACS-8

(a) Eighty (80) students attended English conversation classes in both Basic and Intermediate English commensurate with their abilities.

(b) On 16Apr68, 165 children from the Kushi-Son area were guests at an Open House wherein they partook of a movie and refreshments.

(c) Members of the squadron visited the Leper Colony on Easter Sunday and distributed Easter baskets.

(4) MAG-15

(a) One building and painting assistance project was completed at the Shin Sei Gakuen Orphanage.

(b) Classroom sessions in English conversation was continued aboard Iwakuni and throughout Yamaguchi and Hiroshima prefectures.

(5) HqCo

(a) A seven and ten man working party was provided on 3 and 4 April 1968 to the G-5, Civil Affairs Officer in conjunction with the delivery of \$600.00 worth of lumber to the Leprosarium.

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(b) On 19Apr68 the Kin Village Fire Truck was presented to the Village Mayor, Mr. Okamura.

g. Communications-Electronics

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

h. Financial

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

(1) BPN 01 - Flight Operations. Fourth quarter funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 were received. This grant provided for third quarter deficit and partial fourth quarter funding. Fourth quarter funds were distributed to 9th MAB aviation units in a ratio where all units should run out of funds approximately 15 June. A request for additional funds is due CG FMFPac not later than 30 May 1968.

(2) BPN 08 - Aviation Consolidated Allowance List (Supply Officers' Store). Funds in the amount of \$32,826 were received to fund fourth quarter requirements. It is anticipated that no additional funds will be required in this project for FY 1968.

(3) BPN 09 - General Aviation Collateral Equipment. This project has been funded at 100 per cent of requirements to date.

(4) BPN 21 - Aeronautical TAD. Estimated third quarter requirements are \$44,663. Total funds received this quarter are \$40,500. A request for additional funds is due CG FMFPac not later than 30 May 1968.

(5) BPN 50 - Aviation Maintenance. Partial fourth quarter funding received to date is \$70,000. A request for additional funds is due to CG FMFPac on 30 May 1968.

(6) BPN 11 - Maintenance of Aviation Expenditinary Equipment. Funds authorized for this quarter are \$96,195 for a total to date of \$585,139. This increase represents about 50% of this quarter's requirements.

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(7) BPN 11 - O&M, MC. Fourth quarter authorization for this project to date amounts to \$72,000 for a total to date of \$617,390. Funding received to date is partial funding for the period 1-30 Apr 1968.

(8) BPN 11 - O&M, MC OpBud. Fourth quarter authorization was \$578,600 for a total of \$6,233,600.

(9) Project 10 OpBud Medical and Dental. Fourth quarter authorization was \$29,525 for a total year to date of \$119,125.

### 3. Chronological Listing of Events

- 1Apr68 - CG FMFPac visited Island installations.
- 8Apr68 - General CHIP off-island visited RVN.
- 10Apr68 - General CHIP returned to Okinawa.
- 11Apr68 - Colonel B.F. MEYERS departed SLF ALFA for duty as CO 26 Marines Lieutenant Colonel P.R. FIELDS assumed duty as CTG 79.4.
- 12Apr68 - Colonel B.F. MEYERS assumed duty as CO 26 Marines, relieving Colonel D.E. LOWNDS.
- 15Apr68 - A detachment of MATCU-66 was airlifted to RVN.
- 15Apr68 - SLF/ARG Bravo conduct Rehab/Upkeep at Subic Bay.  
to  
26Apr68
- 18Apr68 - RAdm BEHRENS, CTG 76, arrived to take part in exercise BEACH BARON III.
- 18Apr68 - Conducted CPX BEACH BARON III.  
to  
20Apr68
- 22Apr68 - Meeting of Special Defense Study Group - General WOOD, Ambassador MC CLINTOCK.
- 21Apr68 - Rotated VMA-223 from Iwakuni, Japan to RVN.  
to  
26Apr68
- 23Apr68 - BGen R.P. KELLER arrived enroute CONUS.

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## PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUPPORTING  
COMMAND AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTSAppendices

## 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
- ✓(9) ProvServBn, TG 79.8, Command Chronology

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## B. News Releases

- (1) Release Number 59-68
- (2) Release Number 61-68
- (3) Release Number 62-68
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## C. Training Statistics

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

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17 May 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for Period

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(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.

  
J. G. PRILLAMAN JR.  
by direction

*By C. 9th MAB*

*Apr 1968*

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April to 30 April 1968

- PART I - Organizational Data
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ENCLOSURE (1)

## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

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

Captain E. F. DUNNE JR.

## ATTACHED UNITS

1. UNIT

None

2. LOCATION -3. OFFICERS - Commanding Officer E. F. DUNNE JR.4. AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR April

<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>
77	391	4	7	1	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>
77	391	4	7	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	4		0

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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

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

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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).

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C.C. ENTWISTLE

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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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 April 1968-25 April 1968

CAPTAIN C.C. ENTWISTLE  
25 April 1968 - 30 April 1968

2. LOCATION

1 April 68 to 30 April 68: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC			USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
APR	09	177	00	02

## PART II

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

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

A company communication exercise was conducted 3-4 April 68 to increase efficiency of communication personnel in Command Post communication installation and to familiarize new personnel in communication installation and displacement procedures.

Instruction on "Land Mines and Booby Traps" was presented in the company area by PSB Engineers from 0800 to 1630 8 April 68. Personnel from all platoons attended.

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## PART II (CONTD)

On April 12-13 Wire and Communication Center platoon received maintenance instruction on the AN/TGC-11A(V), AN/TGC-6, AN/GGC-3, AN/TCC-11, SB-22 and SB-86. A visiting contact team from 5th FSR provided the instruction.

Exercise Beach Baron III, a Joint CTF 76-CTF 79 CPX was conducted during the period 18-20 April 68. The purpose of the exercise was to develop command, control and coordination in a multi-SIF amphibious operation; also to establish and exercise the communications system between CTF 76 and CTF 79. The exercise consisted of TF 79, composed of two BLTs, conducting an amphibious landing in the mythical country of KOR. Communications Support Company provided necessary communications equipment and personnel for TF 79 Command Group.

TRC-97 classes were conducted 22-24 April 68 at Camp Schwab for Radio Relay personnel by MACS-8.

Counter-Guerrilla Warfare School with bivouac was conducted at NTA during the period beginning 0830 25 April and ending 1830 26 April 68. Training was conducted in "Village Search Techniques with Application", and "Cave Clearing Techniques with Application". Approximately 53 personnel participated, including 1 corpsman.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

3-4 Apr 68	Company Communication Exercise-Hansen #2
8 Apr 68	Land Mines and Booby Traps School for all personnel
12-13 Apr 68	5th FSR Maintenance Instruction
18-20 Apr 68	Exercise Beach Baron III
22-24 Apr 68	TRC-97 Instruction for Radio Relay Personnel
25-26 Apr 68	Counter-Guerrilla Warfare School at NTA

## PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE  
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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HEADQUARTERS  
Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade FMB  
APO San Francisco, California 96602

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5750  
28 May 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1 Apr to 30 Apr 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMBFACO 5750.8  
(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*  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Apr 1968 to 30 Apr 1968

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

COMMANDER

Col. T. W. BURKE  
1 Apr 68 to 30 Apr 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

Maj. E. L. DICKSON  
1 Apr 68 to 30 Apr 68

Supply Company  
Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Capt. A. R. GASSER  
1 Apr 68 to 30 Apr 68

Maintenance Company  
Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Maj. R. E. GARRETT  
1 Apr 68 to 30 Apr 68

Truck Company  
Provisional Service Battalion  
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

1st Lt. J. R. WHITWORTH  
1 Apr 68 to 30 Apr 68

2. 1 Apr - 30 Apr 68, Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

Col. T. W. BURKE  
1 Apr to 30 Apr 68

Executive Officer

Lt. Col. James F. CONLON  
1 Apr to 30 Apr 68

S-1 Adjutant

Lt. R. W. FULLER  
1 Apr to 30 Apr 68

S-2/S-3

Major A. V. ROCHA  
1 Apr to 30 Apr 68

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Major P. R. STINGLEY  
1 Apr to 30 Apr 68

4. 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
Sub Unit #1 Dropped 11 Mar 68	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
	13	318	0	0

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 April 1968

I/Cpl Robert C. WATTS, Maintenance Company of this Battalion received a recommendation for a Commendation for the saving of an Okinawan youth on 28 March 1968.

3 April 1968

20 men and vehicles departed for Motobu Training Area for three (3) day driving exercise.

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COMM-AERIAL DELIVERY EXERCISE  
Release No: 59-68  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, April 1-Striving to increase their combat proficiency, 40 Leathernecks from Provisional Service Battalion (PSB), 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (MAB) participated in a three-day exercise March 27-29, in Communications and Aerial Delivery at Motobu Auxiliary Airfield located near the small fishing village of Kitazato, Okinawa.

Traveling by truck convoy, the Marines arrived at the World War II vintage airfield late Wednesday afternoon. They wasted little time in establishing a forward command post and a central base camp.

The Marines then succeeded in making an efficient communications network that coordinated the various parts of the group exercise.

Radio contact was kept between the command post and the rear command post at Camp Hansen, as well as the various parts of the base camp. Individual Leathernecks manned portable PRC-25 voice radios, as cross-training practice in radio, radio relay and generator procedures lasted throughout the night.

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EXERCISE 2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2

Early the next morning, a Marine Corps UH-34 helicopter arrived and the 40 9th MAB men embarked on the second phase of their training exercise. The helicopter crew, all jump-qualified members of the PSB Aerial Delivery Platoon, pooled their efforts with the communicators in practicing the expedient delivery of supplies and equipment.

While the aerial delivery crew readied supplies in the helicopter for the material drop, radiomen on the ground stationed themselves near the "T" (target) drop zone.

Initiating the practice runs, the ground crew signalled the hovering helicopter of the targets center with a green smoke grenade. The chopper then made a run over the drop zone, unloading the first parachute-supported boxes of cargo. If the packages were not "on target", the task of correction was up to the ground radiomen.

Noting any miscalcations in approach and wind velocity, the radiomen down in the drop zone advised the UH-34 pilot on the conditions for the next drops. "Control to pilot", squawked the aircraft's radio, "Be advised your last drop was 20 feet at 3 o'clock of 'T'. Make necessary corrections. Over." "Pilot <sup>to</sup> control: Close but no cigar, hah! Over," the cigar bit referring to the stogie given out at carnivals for a bulls-eye. Through this method, the supplies could be parachuted and retrieved with a greater degree of speed and accuracy.

This practical application of field communications and logistics enabled the 9th MAB Leathernecks to hone their individual specialties to battle edge conditions similiar to those in combat.

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EXERCISE 3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3-3

The Marines broke camp early Friday morning during a heavy rain-storm. The convoy returned to the rear command post at Camp Hansen, concluding the exercise. In keeping combat ready, the next few hours were spent in "squaring away" the gear for future use.

After this was over, all hands who participated deemed the practice a success; a demonstration of the "force in readiness" tactics that have given the 9th MAB rapid and deadly capabilities of mobility and striking power.



LOADING UP—Members of the PSB Aerial Delivery Platoon load supplies and equipment to be air dropped. (USMC Photo by LCpl. J.V. Kinnaid)



IN THE AIR—On directions given by the choppers jump master these Aerial Delivery Leathernecks will unload boxes of cargo on the drop zone below. (USMC Photo by Pfc T.N. Bechtel)



A HIT OR A MISS-A green smoke grenade indicates the targets center as the parachute-supported cargo lands "off target". (USMC Photo by Pfc T.N. Bechtel)



WASTING LITTLE TIME-Leathernecks from Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade prepare a forward command post and central base camp as part of the three-day exercise at Motobu Airfield. (USMC Photo by ICpl. J.V. Kinniford)



CONTROL TO PILOT-Noting any miscalations in approach and weather conditions, the radioman in the drop zone advises the UH-34 pilot on corrections for the next drop. (USMC Photo by LCpl. J.V. Kinaird)

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CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN  
Release No: 61-68  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, APRIL 2-Early last month Lt. Commr. Joseph H. Frates, CHCUSN, became the Catholic Chaplain at Camp Hansen, headquarters of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB).

Chaplain Frates replaced Lt. C.T. Kelly, CHCUSN, who is now serving as Catholic Chaplain with the 26th Marines in Viet Nam.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 21, 1924 he attended elementary and high schools in Norwood, Mass. Attending Boston College in 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy that same year.

Leaving the Navy in 1946 as a line officer, he returned to Boston College and received a B.S. Degree in Physics in 1949.

In 1950 Chaplain Frates entered a Boston Seminary and from 1950 to 1954 studied Theology in Rome. He was ordained a Catholic priest in December 1953.

From 1954 to 1963 Chaplain Frates was a parish priest at two suburban Boston parishes. As a parish priest he taught Physics and math at local high schools.

In July 1963 Chaplain Frates attended Naval Chaplain's School at Newport, R.I. and was assigned Chaplain at Naval Air Training Command, Whiting, Fla, as his first assignment.

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CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN 2-2-2-2-2-2-2-2

Chaplain Frates first Far East assignment came in 1964 when he was afloat in the WestPac area for nearly a year. Passing through Okinawa several times during this time, Chaplain Frates said he was, "pleasantly surprised by the number of cultural and educational oppertunities on Okinawa."

After nearly three years at Naval Air Station Memphis, Tenn., Chaplain Frates once again returned to Okinawa in August 1967 and was Catholic Chaplain at 3rd FSR, Camp Foster, before coming to Camp Hansen. Chaplain Frates commented that "it'ss always a pleasure to serve with the Marines."

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Engineer Demo  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, March 29 - Showers of falling gravel-size bits of debris clanked off steel helmets protecting the heads of 5th Engineer Battalion Leathernecks attached to the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB), as the thunder of an explosion receded across "Charlie Range," near Camp Hansen.

After a brief pause the silence was broken: "Fire in the hole," shouted a Marine as he straightened from a stooped position over a lethal parcel he'd just wired for instant destruction. "Fire in the hole," the traditional alert to friendly troops in the immediate area of an explosion, was the prelude to a spectacular performance of one of several explosive charges ignited by the Engineers of "A" Company during a demolitions field exercise.

Among the charges handled and ignited by the students were line devices, used to clear large paths and mine fields; road and airfield demolishing crater charges; shape charges, rigged to rip out beach obstacles; and an assortment of individual charges designed for use by the Marine to remove almost any obstacle from his path.

Providing the horsepower for these shattering exhibits was a harmless looking wad of malleable material that might easily pass for a piece of modeling clay. But looks in this particular instance live up to that old saying which says "they can be deceiving."

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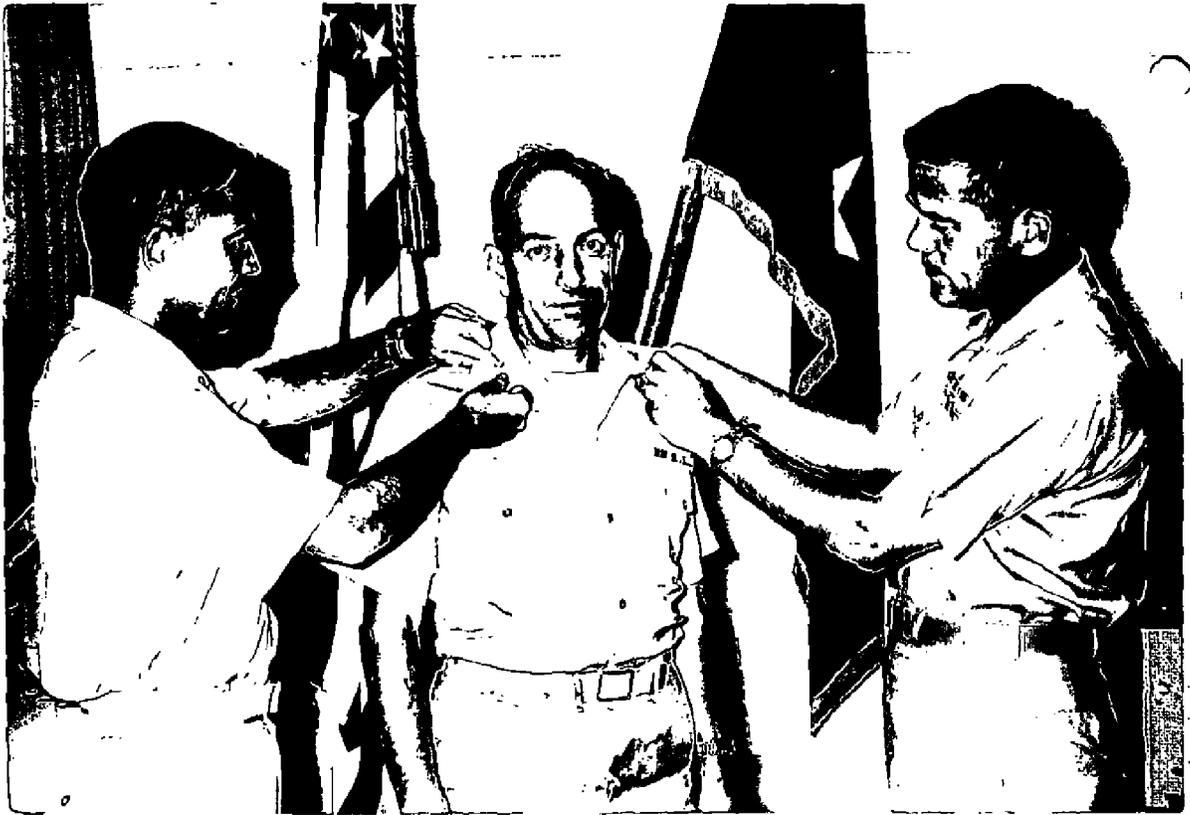
The lethal putty which the Engineers were learning to handle, set and detonate - called composition C-4, is hardly the material of which things are built. Rather, it has the demonstrable capacity to reduce to fragments, or otherwise break, sever, penetrate, twist or bend, anything to which its force is applied.

It is the aim of the class, which consists of class room indoctrination prior to range exercises, to instill a healthy respect by Marines for the puny looking package they must also learn to manipulate skillfully.

Gunnery Sergeant Manual Vega began the field activity by demonstrating individually the use and detonation of the various charges. Then the students took their turns at effectively and safely channeling the devastating force produced by the charges.



"Five in the hole" - The traditional about to friendly troops in the immediate area of explosion was checked by a 5th Engineer before noon and moments later the number of an explosion reported across the battlefield range. (1944 Photo by Cpl. F.S. Stone)



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NEW YORK - Colonel W.A. Burke, Commanding Officer, Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade had his new eagle pinned on April 5 by Brig. Gen. W.A. King, CG, 9th MAB (P) and Lt. Col. J.F. Conlan, MD, 9th MAB. (USMC Photo by Sgt. W.A. King)

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Release No: 64-68



THE HAPPY DOZEN-Twelve Leathernecks from Regimental Landing Team 26, Camp Schwab received warrants to Sgt. E-5 in ceremonies conducted at the Regimental Headquarters recently. LtCol. Jack Erwin, CO, RLIT-26 made the presentations. (USMC Photo by Pfc W.A. Oberg)

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G-1  
Release No: 65-68  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, April 12 - Man is not a machine - yet a military organization may be likened to a huge machine, and the individuals to its integral parts. As a machine, the organization has a specific task to perform - and the men within the organization are as important to the completion of that task as the intricate parts are to the performance of a complex computer.

For a machine to function at peak efficiency, each part must be carefully attended to. For a military organization to function at peak efficiency, the individuals that comprise that organization must be carefully attended to. Within an organization such as the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, the functioning of the individual both as a part of the whole and as an individual falls under the G-1 or Personnel Section.

Coordinating the functions of the 9th MAB G-1 Section is Lieutenant Colonel P. H. Simpson, who until recently served as Executive Officer of Marine Special Landing Force Alpha. Colonel Simpson replaces Lieutenant Colonel G. H. Benskin, who has been assigned to the 26th Marines.

In recounting his period as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Colonel Benskin noted that the job was "a challenge." The specific challenge is "to see that all personnel and administrative policies within the Brigade are monitored carefully and carried out."

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"One of the biggest problems we face," he related, "is the fact that we are spread over a pretty large area." Part of this, he pointed out, stems from the 9th MAB being the only major command having sizable air and ground units to administer, drawing from both WestFac Air and Ground personnel assets.

Despite such handicaps, though, the G-1 operations have maintained a highly productive and efficient organization, attending the needs of the Marine Corps' and 9th MAB's key resource - its manpower.

While the "One" Section may not be the most important cog in the military machinery, it could be said that the Marine Corps couldn't operate without it. To illustrate this point, take any page from Marine Corps history and try to rewrite it without referring in any way to some function of G-1. Odds that you would succeed are about the same as those favoring the Motor T man who tries to prepare a lesson plan on the jeep engine without mentioning fuel.

When you talk about the Marine Corps, you'll find it necessary to discuss Marines at a particular time and place. How they got to a particular place, what their ranks and occupational specialties were, and any awards they may have been presented were all handled through the G-1 Section.

But the story doesn't end there. With the arrival of the Marine back home, how he gets that 20 day's leave before reporting for classes at that school he asked for or, for that matter, who made it possible for him to come home; how he found out about that school, who took his request and who assigned him to it - all, once again, are within the operational scope of the G-1 Section.

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This method could be followed indefinitely without exhausting the number of ways in which the G-1 Section aids the individual. More specifically, the services available to the individual include Spiritual and moral guidance as provided by the Chaplains; career counseling by a Career Advisor; assistance on legal matters of a personal nature by a staff of lawyers from the Legal Office; recreation and entertainment through Special Services; news releases and information of interest to the individual through the Informational Services Office; as well as information pertaining to education and other matters available through other G-1 functions.

Within the operational shop of G-1, the organizational framework may be divided into two separate areas: the Personnel and the Adjutant Sections. The latter is coordinator for the massive network and maintains the file archives, while Personnel deals with the placement of the individual. In addition to providing indispensable reference data, the Adjutant Section also provides the reproduction equipment necessary to implement the innumerable functions within the Brigade.

The consideration the individual gets in the Marine Corps goes far beyond providing him with food, a place to sleep and a place to deposit his records: it takes into account every conceivable aspect of his health, education and welfare. It is the G-1 Section which provides the necessary machinery for carrying out those functions of the Marine Corps which ultimately deal with the individual and his well-being within the service community.



THE NEW AND THE OLD - Lieutenant Colonel G. H. Benskin (r), departing Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, discusses the job with his replacement, Lieutenant Colonel P. H. Simpson. (USMC Photo by PFC W. A. Obzig)



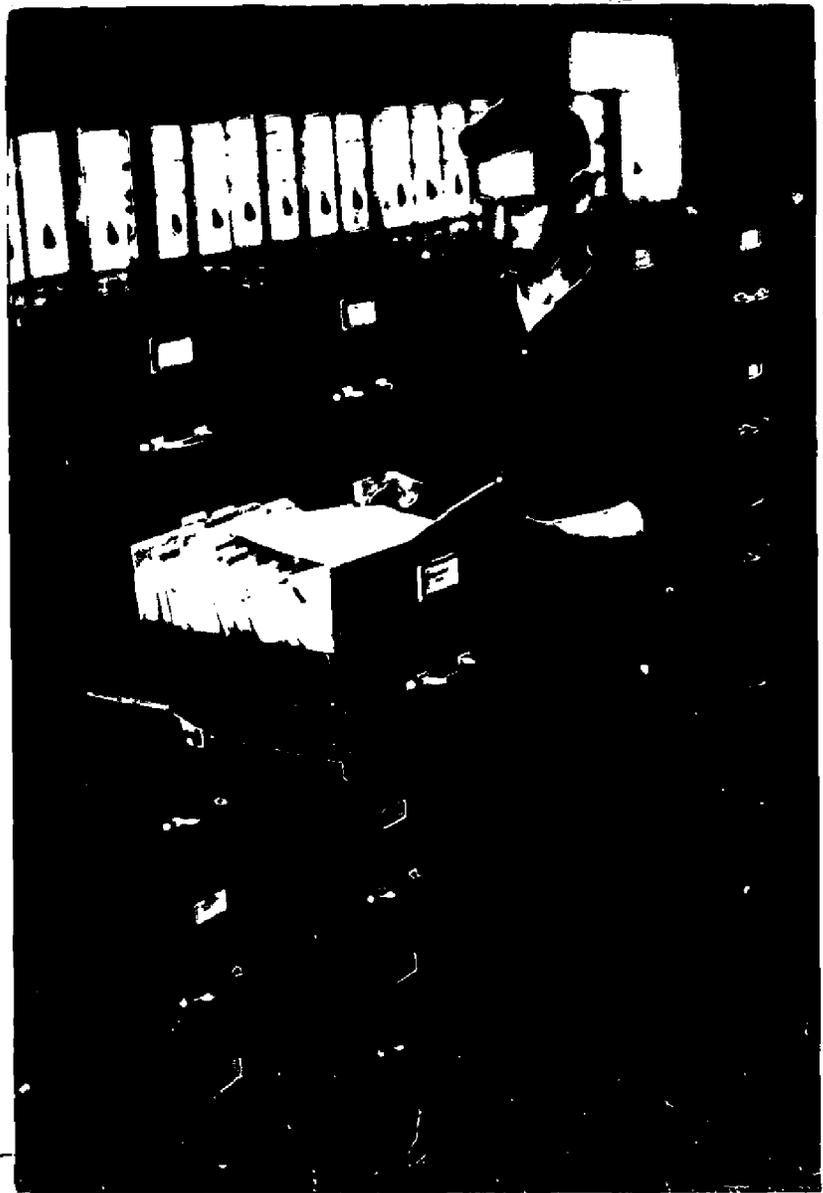
WHERE THEY'RE AT - Gunnery Sergeant W. W. Hamilton (l), Admin Chief of the Personnel Section of G-1, and 1st Lt. J. E. Goodine check the location of a 9th MAB Marine on a special personnel chart. (USMC Photo by PFC W. A. Oberg)



AT WORK - Marines assigned to the Personnel Section of G-1 carry on their various duties. (USMC Photo by PFC W. A. Oberg)



REPRODUCTION - PFC Harry Husted works diligently on one of the many messages, bulletins and orders that are handled daily at the Reproduction Section of G-1. (USMC Photo by PFC W.A. Oberg)



CENTRAL FILES - Cpl. Mike Richards locates a necessary Brigade Order in no time flat by using the Central Files, located at G-1. Copies of important Marine Corps, FMFPac, Brigade and camp orders and messages are kept in this gigantic file for quick reference. (USMC Photo by PFC W. A. Oberg)

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TWO NAVY COMMENDATION  
 Release No: 66-68  
 By: LCpl. David A. Przybylski

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, April 15-A highlight of 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB) activity this week involved two captains who were awarded Vietnam service decorations.

Captains Lawrence R. Salmon and Wayne M. Fowler received Navy Commendation Medals in separate ceremonies conducted at the Brigade Headquarters.

Captain Salmon was presented his medal by BrigGen. William C. Chip, Commanding General, 9th MAB, for his "meritorious achievement" while serving as Operations Officer of 1/13, 9th MAB, in connection with operations in RVN.

When the Khe Sanh Combat Base came under an "intense mortar and rocket attack" on January 21, during which several direct hits were scored on the Fire Direction Center, Capt. Salmon "demonstrated outstanding professional ability by planning and coordinating effective countermortar fire from five separate artillery batteries."

Due largely to his "dynamic leadership and calm professionalism in the face of extreme personal danger, he was instrumental in silencing the enemy weapons and inflicting heavy losses on the hostile force."

Captain Salmon is currently attached to the 9th MAB G-1 section.

Captain Fowler was presented his medal by Colonel James A.

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Etheridge, 9th MAB Chief of Staff, for his performance while serving as Intelligence Officer with SLF 79.4 during combat operations in RVN.

Captain Fowler was cited for developing his intelligence section "into a smooth working, highly competent entity for handling and processing intelligence."

"Through his zeal and leadership, his section developed efficient, accurate methods for collating and interpreting information for rapid dissemination to the landing forces."

As one of the results of Capt. Fowler's efforts, the SLF was able to inflict "heavy casualties on well-emplaced NVA/VC elements."

Captain Fowler is presently assigned to the 9th MAB G-2 section.



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NAVY COMMENDATION  
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CITED FOR ZEAL AND LEADERSHIP-Captain W.M. Fowler (1) was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal by Colonel James A. Betheridge, 9th MAB Chief of Staff, in ceremonies conducted at the Brigade Headquarters this past week. (USMC Photo by Pfc T.N. Beethel)



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PSB PROMOTIONS TO E-5  
 Release No: 67-68  
 Photo No: 1-110-68  
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STANDING TALL—Eight Leathernecks from Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade were promoted to Sergeant E-5 in ceremonies conducted recently at the PSB Headquarters. Col. T.W. Burke, CO, PSB and SgtMaj. W.D. Hunt, PSB SgtMaj., were on hand to congratulate the newly promoted sergeants. (USMC Photo by LCpl. J.V. Kinnaid)

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RLT-26 Merit Masts  
 Release No: 69-68  
 By LCpl. David A. Przybylski

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa April 15- Two Marines of Regimental Landing Team 26 (RLT-26) were cited meritorious masts by that unit's commanding officer, LtCol. Jack Erwin, in recognition of their exceptional performance of duty.

At RLT-26 Headquarters this week Sergeant Russell D. Milhbauer was awarded a mast for his performance as Supply Administration NCO of "A" Company, 5th Recon Battalion, from June 27, 1967 to March 15, 1968.

Additionally Sergeant Milhbauer was lauded for having "enthusiastically filled the billet of Company Armorer, Embarkation NCO and NBC NCO." He was noted for conducting all responsibilities "in an exemplary manner."

Sergeant Aubry W. Aldridge was awarded his mast for his performance as Sergeant of the Guard from September 16, 1967 to March 30, 1968.

Sergeant Aldridge, a corporal at the time, was praised for exhibiting "a professional ability seldom found in Marines of his rank." "As a result of this high degree of professionalism he was assigned, over Marines of equal rank, to his present billet and has performed his task in a manner which frequently elicited compliments from the various Officers of the Day."

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Release No: 72-68  
Armed Forces Day Activities  
By: LCpl Wayne Schwendner

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, April 19 - Leathernecks of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade stationed at Camp Hansen and Camp Schwab will help commemorate Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 18, by presenting a program of displays, tours, and recreational events from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

American servicemen, their dependents, and Ryukyuan neighbors will have the opportunity to view many aspects of the 9th MAB "Force in Readiness," which will be presented in a series of realistic displays and demonstrations.

Sub-Unit #1 of the 9th MAB will stage an exhibition of Marine helicopters and equipment at Camp Hansen, along with a communications display by members of Communications Support Company, Provisional Service Battalion will round out the camp's displays by demonstrating many phases of their supply and logistics capabilities.

At Camp Schwab, Regimental Landing Team 26 (Rear) will present programs and exhibits featuring amphibious techniques, reconnaissance skills, and infantry procedures and equipment.

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Each of these displays and demonstrations will add up to an exciting overall glimpse of the "Brigade in Business," and its potent striking capabilities.

In addition to these military exhibits, visitors will have the opportunity to tour some of the Camp Hansen facilities, such as the Hansen Gymnasium. A volleyball game is scheduled for 11 a.m., and a softball game at one o'clock in the afternoon.

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Armed Forces Day  
Release 5 of 73-43  
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FOR RELEASE REVIEW

On Saturday, May 16, the men and women who wear the uniforms of the United States military services will be honored in ceremonies around the world commemorating the annual Armed Forces Day.

These individuals uphold their country's ideals and beliefs, serving at stations around the globe to provide a potent deterrent force to discourage hostile aggression anywhere in the free countries of the world.

"Even if they are never used," Air Force General Nathan M. Slesinger, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff commented, "they will have served their share of duty."

The 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, centered at Camp Hansen and Camp Lejeune on the island of Okinawa, is one of the United States Marine Corps' powerful striking forces in the Pacific, poised to retaliate instantly against any form of communist aggression in the Pacific or Asia.

Under the command of Brigadier General Milton J. Ely, the 9th MAB ground and air components stand ready to discourage any threat in any region any conceivable for military victory over a free country.

Hopefully, they will not be called upon to do battle, but prevent threats to free peoples just through their potential presence. The 9th MAB continuously also help strengthen the spirit of the freedom for which they represent by providing a single to people's progress with the individuals and countries they come in contact with.

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In Vietnam, the program has manifested itself many times, as the 9th MAB Marines and their Vietnamese neighbors strive to build stronger and more modern communities. Joining in many projects to improve living facilities and community institutions, the Americans and Vietnamese have not only improved the outward appearance of things, but strengthened the intangible sense of cooperation and freedom.

This Armed Forces Day the 9th MAB Marines will present a series of impressive displays demonstrating their combat readiness and proficiency, and recreational activities and other events to symbolize the spirit of friendliness and cooperation that they have attained with their Vietnamese hosts.

"Those who wear our country's uniform," President Johnson proclaimed, "participate the single most noble and precious up as a nation." Marines of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, in acting as a "force in readiness" and believers in the basic "people to people" concept are helping to defend and strengthen the cause of freedom wherever and whenever possible.

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Kin Village Fire Truck  
Release No: 74-68  
By: Lance Corporal W.D. Schwendner

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, April 22--Thanks to the efforts of nine 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Marines and the co-operation of the Kin-Son village officials, the Ryukyans citizens of the town have been able to improve their fire-fighting facilities.

The saga began a few months back, when local village officials requested help from Colonel James A. Etheridge, 9th MAB Chief of Staff and Chairman of the Camp Hansen Community Relations Program.

The Kin-Son 1950-vintage fire truck was in desperate need of repairs, but local Ryukyuan service stations did not have the facilities or parts to work on the vehicle. The call therefore went out to the 9th MAB Leathernecks, who responded in fine fashion.

A small group of nine men from the 9th MAB Headquarters Company Motor Transport section, under the leadership of Gunnery Sergeant William Weratz, began hunting for the rare parts needed.

It took them eighty hours of labor in their spare time, but the Leathernecks finally found a new engine for the ailing truck, and installed it. They also gave the vehicle a complete overhaul.

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KIN-SON FIRE TRUCK  
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After giving the truck a new outlook on life, the 9th MAB delegation returned the fire engine to the Kin-Son villagers. Col. Etheridge presented the rejuvenated vehicle to Deputy Mayor Shizei Yasutomi in ceremonies last Friday afternoon, as the nine Leathernecks and the Kin firemen looked on.

The project was another example of the co-operation between the 9th MAB Marines and their Ryukyuan neighbors, as they work together to improve their community and strengthen the bond of friendship.

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CAREER ADVISORY  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"You've got to treat each Marine as a special case, for individuality is the only policy in operating a successful career advisory program."

With these words, Gunnery Sergeant Allen L. Johnson, head of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade career advisory program, summed up the attitude which has helped the command to maintain a high percentage of reenlistments among Brigade personnel.

This policy of presenting an honest picture concerning the facts pertinent to each prospective reenlistee brings home the meaning of the old adage that "honesty is the best policy."

Last year, 45.3 per cent of the first-term and 96.3 per cent of the career Marines at the 9th MAB reenlisted. A lot of this success was due to the efforts of GySgt. Johnson and his energetic assistants. This figure is obviously high in comparison to the overall Marine Corp. averages of 16 and 80 per cent respectively for first term and career reenlistments.

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Figures further reveal that the 9th MAB total reenlistment percentage was 60.7 per cent, which was over 33 per cent higher than the entire Marine Corps average during the same period of time. This ranked the Brigade first in the Marine Corps in comparison to similiar units.

No small part of this achievement was due to GySgt. Johnson, who devoted his energy and interest during both working hours and his spare time to examine and review the cases of perspective reenlistees.

In addition to screening each would-be reenlistee, GySgt. Johnson, ascertained that each individual was aware of his prospective opportunities, both as a Marine and as a civilian.

For his efforts and successes, GySgt. Johnson was awarded a special Certificate of Appreciation, presented by Brigadier General William C. Chip, 9th MAB Commanding General, and signed by General Leonard F. Chapman Jr., Commandant of the Marine Corps.

A Marine for 17 years, GySgt. Johnson has been serving in the career advisory and recruiting field for the last five years. Prior to reporting to the 9th MAB at Camp Hansen in October, 1967, he was assigned to the Marine Corps Recruiting Sub-Station in Biloxi, Mississippi.

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To most of the Leathernecks in the Brigade, GySgt. Johnson's small office appears to be a combination counselling service, chaplain's office, and statistics bureau where truth and optimism reign. "Facts are the best weapon for a career advisor," GySgt. Johnson explained, "for you've got to treat each man separately and give him the facts on what he can attain both through reenlisting and through the various veterans' programs."

This "personalized service" keeps the prospective reenlistee informed, and has produced good results for GySgt. Johnson and his staff. "You just have to be frank and honest," he emphasized, "or else you won't get to the heart of the matter."

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CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA, April 30—More than 40 boys and girls from the Nago Ryukyuan-American Cultural Center visited the Marines of Regimental Landing Team 26 (RLT-26), at Camp Schwab last Saturday afternoon as part of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB) Community Relations Program there.

The group which included parents toured Marine facilities at the invitation of LtCol. Jack Erwin, Regimental commander.

Mr. Masaki Iret, program director at the cultural center, arrived with the youngsters at 2 p.m. They were greeted at the main gate by MSgt. E.A. Calibani, the community relations coordinator at Camp Schwab.

After a bus trip to a nearby beach the guests got a look at Leathernecks conducting an Amphibious Tractor demonstration. The "A" Company, 5th Amphibious Battalion Marines maneuvering the large armored personnel carriers in and out of the water offered a spectacular attraction.

Some of the other activities toured included: the bowling alley, library, theatre and the gymnasium.

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One of the highlights included a short intermission during which the children were served refreshments at a Marine mess hall.

At the conclusion of the tour the children of the cultural center, representing Girl Scout Troop 24, Nago High School and the Nago Agricultural School, presented flowers and plants to MSgt. Calabani as a token of their friendship to the Marines of Camp Schwab.

MSgt. Calabini invited the children and their families and friends to return to Camp Schwab May 18 for the annual Armed Forces Day festivities.

## APPENDIX C

## TRAINING STATISTICS

1. Military Assistance Program

a. On-the-Job Training was scheduled for one Vietnamese Officer in the area of Motor Transport at the company level during the period 15-27 April. However, due to the fact that this man was detained in the Republic of South Vietnam, this training was never conducted.

2. OJT

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

RANK	MOS	JOB DESCRIPTION
GySgt	2811	Teletype Repairman

3. Schools. The following is a listing of the schools and courses utilized by 9thMAB during the period 1-30 April 1968:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
NCO Leadership School	44
Vietnamese Language School	6
Registered Publication School	6
Comm/Sec Crypto School	5
Basic Inf Wpns Repair Course	3
Career Advisory School	3
16mm Projectionist School	7

4. Recon Training was conducted by RL7-26 Co A, 5th Recon Bn on 8-9 Apr on the USS ROCK (AGSS 274).

5. SFCP was conducted by the 9thMAB NGFT on 23-25 Apr utilizing the USS TURNER JOY (DD 951).