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Encl: (1) Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade Command Chronology

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


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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF and
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FPO, San Francisco 96602

Command Chronology

1 Aug 1968 to 31 Aug 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TF 79

BGen W.C. CHIP
1Aug68 to 11Aug68
BGen J.E. WILLIAMS
12Aug68 to 31Aug68SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company/TG 79.0

Maj D.W. WILSON
1Aug68 to 31Aug68Communications Support Company
(Rein) TG 79.1Capt R.K. GREENOUGH
1Aug68 to 31Aug68

26th Marines

Col B.F. MYERS
1Aug68 to 11Aug68
Col C.W. HUNTER
12Aug68 to 31Aug68

RLT-26 (Rear)/TG 79.2

LtCol J. ERWIN
1Aug68 to 31Aug68

First Battalion Thirteenth Marines

LtCol A. NOVAK
1Aug68 to 31Aug68

Marine Aircraft Group 15/ TG 79.3

Col W.C. KELLOGG
1Aug68 to 31Aug68

Special Landing Force Alfa/ TG 79.4

Col A.I. THOMAS
1Aug68
LtCol P.R. FIELDS
2Aug68 to 6Aug68
Col A.I. THOMAS
7Aug68 to 24Aug68
Col J.F. McMAHON
25Aug to 31Aug68

Special Landing Force Bravo/ TG 79.5

Col W.A. BUTCHER
1Aug68 to 31Aug68

Provisional Service Battalion/ TG 79.8

Col R.R. WILSON
1Aug68 to 21Aug68
LtCol J.F. CONLON
22Aug68 to 31Aug682. LOCATION

1 Aug to 31 Aug 1968: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff	Col J.A. ETHERIDGE 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
Staff Secretary	Capt J.E. LIVINGSTON 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
Aide-de-Camp	1stLt J.L. KOLKANA 1Aug68 to 11Aug68 1stLt G.R. YOUNG 12Aug68 to 31Aug68
Sgt Major	SgtMaj T.H. HUGHES 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
G-1	LtCol P.H. SIMPSON 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
Adjutant	Capt H.W. HIGGINS 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
AG-1	Capt O.M. THOMPSON 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
Chaplain (Protestant)	Cdr G.W. FULFER 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
Chaplain (Catholic)	LCdr J.H. FRATES 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Maj H.S. JOLLEY 1Aug68 to 26Aug68 Maj A.L. LUMPKIN 27Aug to 31Aug68
AG-2	1stLt E.S. DAWSON 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	LtCol G.C. KLIEFOTH 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
AG-3	LtCol N.A. NELSON 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
Air Officer	LtCol W.D. SMITH 1Aug68 to 14Aug68 LtCol F.R. SMOKE 15Aug68 to 31Aug68

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Col M.W. SCHMIDT
1Aug68 to 31Aug68

AG-4

LtCol K.M. SCOTT
1Aug68 to 31Aug68

Brigade Surgeon

Capt R.W. JONES
1Aug68 to 31Aug68

Medical Admin Officer

LCdr J.R. SOLLMAN
1Aug68 to 31Aug68

The Comptroller

LtCol P.P. PIRHALLA
1Aug68 to 31Aug68

Communications - Electronics Off

LtCol R.C. STOCKTON
1Aug68 to 31Aug68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	August			
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
HqCo (79.0)	58	271	7	9
CommSptCo	11	191	0	2
ProvServBn	34	689	1	11
RLT-26 (Rear)	33	525	8	61
MAG-15	191	1933	5	27
SLF "A"	125	1895	10	90
SLF "B"	125	1949	9	91
Total	<u>577</u>	<u>7453</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>291</u>

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of August 1968, the Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade continued to fulfill its assigned mission. These missions included rehabilitation of equipment, training and replacement of personnel, training of aviation squadrons, and contingency planning as the Fleet Marine Force component of the Seventh Fleet.

On 12 August BGen WILLIAMS assumed command of FMFPac (Fwd) and Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade, relieving BGen CHIP. BGen WEBSTER subsequently relieved BGen WILLIAMS as Commanding General FMFPac (Fwd) on 19 August.

Major activities by the Ninth MAB staff during August included preparation for the scheduled rehabilitation of BLT 2/26 and planning for BEACH BARON IV CPX, a combined amphibious CPX involving the staffs of TF 76 and TF 79.

9th MAB G-2 section, in addition to normal duties, conducted Intelligence/Operations Briefs for 576 officers and 95 staff NCOs in transit to RVN.

The 9th MAB G-4 section completed its quarterly inspection of those MAB units in-country.

During 19-21 August, Comm Support Company, in conjunction with PSB and RLT 26 (Rear) conducted a Commex to test equipment and improve training.

The 9th MAB SFCP at Subic Bay continued to provide training for SFCP personnel of 9th MAB units and support training by Seventh Fleet Naval Gunfire Support Ships.

On 25 August MATCU 66 was deployed to Quang Tri, RVN and command passed to 1st MAW. On 30 August, MAG 15 assumed command of VMFA 122 from MAG 11 in relief of VMF (AW)-235.

Throughout August the 26th Marines continued in Operation HOUSTON, a defense-oriented operation protecting 47 miles of National Highway #1, RVN.

SLF Alfa participated in Operation FORTRESS ATTACK IV/ SCOTLAND II during 1-13 August. On 13 August 2/26 relieved 2/4 as the infantry battalion of SLF Alfa and immediately initiated Operation PROUD HUNTER for the period 18-21 August. On 28 August the SLF commenced Operation SWIFT PURSUIT and opcon of BLT 2/26 (-) passed to 3rd Marines at 281730H.

SLF Bravo continued participation in Operation SWIFT PLAYU during 1-19 August after which they departed for Subic Bay for limited training and rehab. BLT 2/7 also participated in operations ALLEN BROOK/MAMELUKE THRUST and performed other missions as directed under opcon 1st Mar Div.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF organizations committed to combat and the SLF.

a. For details of actions involving 9th MAB units committed to combat, see the Command Chronology of subordinate units attached as appendices hereto.

b. Casualties inflicted upon the enemy:

KIA (Conf)	KIA (Prob)	POW
168	0	0

c. Casualties Sustained:

KIA	WIA	MIA
21	137	0

*Casualties listed here are those sustained during this period by 9th MAB units while under the operational control of the 9th MAB or 9th MAB subordinate units. Casualties sustained while OP-CON to III MAF or subordinate units there of are reported by the in-country unit concerned.

d. The following awards were presented/recommended for presentation during the month of August.

Medal of Honor	2
Navy Cross	1
Legion of Merit	8
Silver Star	21
Distinguished Flying Cross	19
Bronze Star Medal	107
Air Medal	82
Navy Commendation Medal	62
Navy Achievement Medal	28
Purple Heart	35
Certificate of Commendation	66
Letter of Appreciation	5
Foreign Awards	7

2. FMF organizations not committed to combat.

a. Personnel(1) Special Services

Two 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.

(2) Career Advisory

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

<u>1st Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
34.0%	94.0%	48.0%

(3) Education

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

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Course Completion</u>
15.0%	4.0%

(4) Marine Corps Association Membership

Participation within the Marine Corps Association in the month of Aug for officers was 48.7%. Staff NCO participation showed 11.9% average for both staff and officers was 26.3 as compared to 25.3% in July.

(5) Savings Bonds

Total participation in the Savings Bond Program for the month of Aug was 75.0%.

(6) Legal

Legal Assistance Cases Handled	40
Summary Courts-Martial Reviewed:	20
Special Courts-Martial (Non-BCD)	11
General Courts-Martial Reviewed:	2
Investigations Reviewed:	23
Offense/Incident Reports:	13
General Courts-Martial Tried:	3
Administrative Discharge Reviewed:	3

NJP Appeals Reviewed: 2
Vacation of Suspension Reviewed: 1
Special Courts-Martial/(BCD) Reviewed: 2
Article 32 Investigation; 6

b. Training

(1) During the period 1-31 August 1968, G-3 Training, 9th MAB continued in its role of providing training support to the units of the 9th MAB. The support consisted of scheduling schools, firing ranges and other training areas.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUPPORTING
COMMAND AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTSAppendices

A. Command Chronology of Supporting Units

- (1) - Staff Sections CTF 79, 9th MAB Command Chronology
 - (2) - HqCo TG 79.0, 9th MAB Command Chronology
 - (3) - CommSptCo, TG 79.1, Command Chronology
 - ✓(4) 26th Marine Regiment, Command Chronology
 - ✓(5) RLT-26 (Rear), TG 79.2, Command Chronology
 - ✓(6) 1st Bn, 13th Marines, Command Chronology
 - ✓(7) MAG-15, TG 79.3, Command Chronology
 - ✓(8) -SLF/TG 79.4, Command Chronology
 - ✓(9) -SLF/TG 79.5, Command Chronology
 - (10) -ProvServBn, TG 79.8, Command Chronology
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B. News Releases

- (1) - Release Number 134-68
- (2) - Release Number 135-68
- (3) - Release Number 136-68
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- (20) - Release Number 154-68
- (21) - Release Number 155-68
- (22) - Brigade News Vol II - No 28
- (23) - Brigade News Vol II - No 29
- (24) - Brigade News Vol III - No 1



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*From: Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3A*

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 August 1968

Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1C

1. *Location: Camp Hansen, Okinawa*
2. *Staff Officers: Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General
First Lieutenant Geoffrey R. YOUNG, 095328, USMC*
3. *Narrative Summary:*

During the month of August, the Commanding General made one trip off-island; a two day trip from 29-30 August to Iwakuni, Japan where he visited with the Commanding Officer of MAG-15 as part of the Commanding General's initial briefings with 9thMAB units.

4. *Sequential listing of significant events:*

*12 Aug - BGen Williams assumed command of FMFPac (Fwd)
and the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade*

*16 Aug - BGen Williams called on LtGen Unger, High Commissioner
of the Ryukyuan Islands*

*BGen Williams called on Admiral Rapp, Commander,
Patrol Forces 7th Fleet*

*BGen Williams called on MajGen Horner, Commanding
General, 2nd Logistical Command*

*17 Aug - BGen Williams met with BGen Glick on BGen Glick's
arrival on-island enroute to CONUS for duty*

*19 Aug - BGen Williams relieved of command of FMFPac (Fwd)
by BGen G. D. Webster*

Aide-de-Camp to CG, 9th MAB

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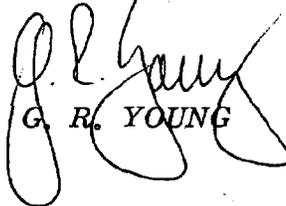
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*24 Aug - BGen Williams met with MajGen Fontana, Deputy
Commanding General, FMFPac, upon his arrival on
island*

*26 Aug - RAdm Rapp, Commander, Patrol Forces 7th Fleet,
called on BGen Williams*

*29-30 Aug - BGen Williams off-island, visits with MAG-15,
Iwakuni, Japan.*

Very respectfully,


G. R. YOUNG

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26 SEP 1968

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) Command Chronology (G-1) for the month of August 1968.

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


O. M. THOMPSON
By direction

ac/s, g-1, 9th MA8

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| 1. <u>Designation</u> | G-1 |
| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 | LtCol P. H. SIMPSON
1-31 August 1968 |
| 2. <u>Location</u> | |
| 1-31 August 1968: Okinawa | |
| 3. <u>Staff Officers</u> | |
| Assistant G-1 | Capt O. M. THOMPSON
1-31 August 1968 |
| Personnel Officer | Maj W. H. GROESBECK
1-31 August 1968 |
| Assistant Personnel Officer | 1stLt J. E. GOODINE
1-31 August 1968 |
| Civil Affairs/Community Relations Coordinator | 2ndLt S. E. COX
1-31 August 1968 |
| Career Advisory/Education/Special Services Officer | 2ndLt S. E. COX
1-31 August 1968 |
| Legal Officer | Maj H. T. RENIGNE
1-31 August 1968 |
| Provost Marshall | 2ndLt S. E. COX
1-31 August 1968 |
| Adjutant | Capt H. W. HIGGINS
1-31 August 1968 |
| Assistant Adjutant (Awards Officer) | 1stLt T. E. FAIZEY
1-31 August 1968 |
| Officer in Charge, S&C Files | 1stLt T. L. PRICE
1-31 August 1968 |
| Officer in Charge, Registered Publications Files | 1stLt G. P. CSPER
1-31 August 1968 |

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Informational Services Officer

2ndLt S. E. COX
1-31 August 1968

Chaplain (Protestant)

Cdr G. W. FULFER
1-31 August 1968

Chaplain (Catholic)

LtCdr J. E. FRATES
1-31 August 1968

4. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

	USMC AG	OFF NA	USMC EHL	NAVY OFF	NAVY EHL
HqCo, 9thMAB	53	5	271	7	9
CommSptCo	11	0	191	0	2
ProvServBn	34	0	689	1	11
RLT-26	33	0	525	8	61
IMG-15	94	97	1933	5	27
SIF "A"	80	45	1995	10	90
SIF "B"	78	47	1949	9	91
TOTAL	383	194	7453	40	291

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Normal staff functioning for the ACoFS, G-1.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FIF organization not committed to combat.

- a. Administration

(1) The following awards were presented/recommended for members of the Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade, FIF:

Medal of Honor-2
 Navy Cross-1
 Silver Star Medal-21
 Legion of Merit-8
 Distinguished Flying Cross-19
 Bronze Star Medal-107
 Air Medals-82
 Navy Commendation Medal-62
 Navy Achievement Medal-28
 Purple Heart Medal-35
 Certificate of Commendation-6

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Letter of Appreciation-5
Foreign Awards-7

(2) Casualty Reporting

(a) Twenty members of this command were killed in action.

(3) Legal. The following legal work was performed:

General Courts-Martial tried-3
Article 32 investigations-6
General Courts-Martial reviewed-2
Special Courts-Martial (BCD) reviewed-2
Special Courts-Martial (NON-BCD) reviewed-11
Summary Courts-Martial reviewed-20
Vacation of suspension reviewed-1
NJP Appeals reviewed-2
Admin Discharges reviewed-3
Investigations reviewed-23
Legal assistance cases handled-40
Offense/Incident Reports-13

(4) Special Services

(a) Two hundred books (paperback) and a varied number of magazines were boxed and delivered via STRIAB courier to 26th Marines and to the two SIF's weekly.

(5) Career Advisory

(a) Reenlistment by career categories from the 1st through the 31st of August 1968 was as follows:

<u>1st Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
34.0%	94.0%	48.0%

(6) Education

(a) Enrollment and Course Completion during the month of August were as follows:

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Course Completion</u>
15.0%	4.0%

(7) Marine Corps Association

(a) Officer participation - 48.7%

(b) Staff NCO participation - 11.9%

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(c) Total participation - 26.3%

(3) Savings Bonds

(a) Total participation for the period was 75.5%

(9) EMO

(a) Offense/Incident reports - 38

(b) Traffic Violations - 13

b. Community Relations

(1) RLT-26 (Rear)

a. Twenty-two Japanese Nationals who were the guest of the Mayor of Nago were hosted by this organization on 5 August 1968. They were provided with a luncheon at the Camp Schwab Officers Club.

b. On 6 August 1968 this organization donated and delivered one washing machine, clothing, used boots, sheets, basketballs, toys and a push cart to the Ai-rukven Leper Colony.

c. On 24 August 1968 a ground breaking ceremony was held at the new technical school in Nago, full scale work is presently under way.

d. A check for \$440.00 was presented to the leper colony on 29 August 1968. The money was collected from donations by Marines of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

e. Work is presently under way at the Ryukyuan American Cultural Center at Nago. A fence is to be erected and concrete basketball and volley ball court is to be constructed.

f. Company "A", 5th Shore Party Battalion has recently finished working at the Catholic Retreat Center on Highway One approximately five miles north of Onna.

g. During the first week in August 1968 Company "A", 5th Engineer Battalion completed skinning 5" of sand off the playground surface at the Miyamori School in Ishikawa. The area was excavated so that red clay could be brought in and used for a hard playing surface.

h. From the Miyamori School, a ED-15 Bulldozer was moved to the Ginoza School where it was used to complete a landscaping project for an addition to the school building. The tractor developed transmission trouble and work there had to be postponed until the necessary repairs are made.

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1. The school project at the Seventh Day Adventist site is nearly completed. All that remains is the fine grading which will be accomplished as soon as the weather permits.

(2) PSB

a. Personnel of Truck Company provided vehicles to move 3 sheds from Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade to Nakadanori High School.

b. Truck Company provided TB Hospital, Kin Village, with 160 KW Generator, during August 1968. Due to the transformer in the Hospital being burned out.

c. Activities in People Education have been a continuation of the English Language assistance classes at Ishikawa High School.

(3) MACS-8

a. This month's functions were devoted to the instruction for the English education of the Henoko area school children in the basic and intermediate level English classes. Average class attendance was forty-five students. One officer, two enlisted and one civilian technical representative are involved in the twice weekly English instructions.

(4) MAG-15

a. During the month of August 1968, 11 Marines visited the Orphanage at Kure and Tsuda for general maintenance and painting details.

b. Twelve Marines conducted classroom sessions in English aboard MCAS Iwakuni and throughout Yamaguchi and Hiroshima prefectures.

(5) ComnSptCo

a. During the retreat held 1-17 August 1968 at "Saibo Yooki Inn Mission" two life guards were furnished each day and one projectionist each week.

(6) HqCo, 9thMAB

a. Marines from Headquarters Company Motor Pool provided water buffaloes for the Far Eastern Gospel Mission Summer Camp at the Afuso School. The dates of the camp were 12-16 August 1968.

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Encl: (1) G-2 Section Command Chronology

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



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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Staff Officers:

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| a. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 | |
| Major Hugh S. JOLLEY | 1-26Aug68 |
| Major A. L. LUMPKIN | 26-31Aug68 |
| b. Assistant G-2 | |
| 1stLt E. S. DAWSON | 1-31Aug68 |
| c. Combat Intelligence Officer | |
| GySgt J. H. DARR | 1-31Aug68 |
| 1stLt J. B. BROOKS | 15-31Aug68 |
| 1stLt B. P. CONWAY | 16-31Aug68 |
| d. Counterintelligence Officer | |
| 1stLt E. J. BOYSER | 19-31Aug68 |

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Briefs

a. Four Intelligence Briefs were presented to the Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade during this reporting period.

b. This Section conducted daily Intelligence/Operations Briefs for Officers and Staff NCO's in transit to RVN. A total of 576 Officers and 95 Staff NCO's were briefed during the month of August.

2. Training

a. At present G-2 has two Marines who carry basic MOS's. These Marines are undergoing OJT and Technical Training toward qualification as O231's, Combat Intelligence Man. The Section has one man TAD from Casual Section who will also be qualified as an O231 within the next 60-90 days.

b. Section Technical Training was conducted as indicated below:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Counterintelligence	16Aug68	1HR
Order of Battle	16Aug68	1HR
Administrative Forms	16Aug68	1HR

3. Combat Intelligence Section. During August, the Combat Intelligence Section:

a. Completed an Intelligence Estimate in support of a Brigade CPX currently scheduled to be conducted during September.

b. Continued production of the Weekly Intelligence Summary. There was no Intelligence Digest published during the month of August.

4. Counterintelligence

a. The Staff Counterintelligence Chief provided twenty-one Defense Against Mechanical Entry (DAME) assists, requiring thirteen man hours for General Staff Sections and subordinate units.

b. Assistance was also provided 9th Counterintelligence Team by monitoring and photographing a demonstration held in KIN-SON on 24Aug68.

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a. In addition to routine tasks, the Administrative section initiated three Personnel Security Clearances, issued thirty-one Certificates of Clearance and processed thirty-six personnel for access to various facilities within the Brigade.

b. The Section S&C completed a comprehensive review of all classified material held by the G-2. Approximately 200 pieces of classified material were destroyed or downgraded.

6. On 2 August, Major Hugh S. JOLLEY returned from Japan where he attended the COMSEVENTHFLT Scheduling Conference.

7. On 3 August, a G-2 inspection team returned from RVN having completed an inspection of the SLF S-2's. Both units were graded satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

8. During the period 4-9Aug68, Major JOLLEY attended a CTF 76 conference in the Phillipine Islands and RVN to formulate plans for the Brigade CPX to be held in September.

9. The current Brigade Bulletin on Security Education, Orientation and Training was published on 14 August as outlined in BrigO 5510.4.

10. Two classes on Combat Intelligence were presented to Service Battalion at Camp McTureous on 30 and 31 August. A total of forty personnel attended.

11. During the subject period, the Section continued the development of:

a. An enlargement of intelligence information data for the support of possible contingency requirements.

b. Weekly Intelligence Summary production and distribution.

c. Daily orientation briefs for RVN bound Officers and Staff NCO's.

d. Counterintelligence orientation and education.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

6, 13, 20 & 27 Aug68	Presented Intelligence Briefs to the Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF.
27Aug68	Presented an Intelligence Brief to the Commanding General, FMFPac(Fwd).
1-31Aug68	Provided Intelligence/Operations Brief for 576 Officers and 95 Staff NCO's in transit to RVN.
3Aug68	Major JOLLEY returned from the COMSEVENTHFLT Scheduling Conference in Japan.
4-9Aug68	Major JOLLEY attended CPX planning conference in PI and RVN.
16Aug68	Held Section Technical Training.
14Aug68	Published Security Education, Orientation and Training Bulletin.
26Aug68	Major H. S. JOLLEY relieved as Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 by Major A. L. LUMPKIN.
30 & 31Aug68	Classes on Combat Intelligence presented to Service Battalion at Camp McTureous.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 August 68 to 31 August 68
Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1C
Encl: (1) In accordance with the instructions contained in
reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith:

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G.C. KLIEFOTH

9-3, 9th MAAB

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	LtCol G.C. KLIEFOTH 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
AG-3	LtCol N.A. NELSON 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
Air Officer	LtCol W.D. SMITH 1Aug68 to 14Aug68 LtCol F.R. SMOKE 15Aug68 to 31Aug68
Operation Officer	LtCol J.A. HENNELLY 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
NGF Liaison Officer	LtCmdr D.J. MONTGOMERY 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
Plans Officer	Maj A.P. BRILL 1Aug68 to 31Aug68
Training Officer	Maj W.S. FISHER 1Aug68 to 31Aug68

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During 4-9 August, LtCol HENNELLY, LCDR MONTGOMERY and representatives of other staff sections attended an initial planning conference with representatives of TF 76 aboard the ELDORADO concerning the upcoming CPX, BEACH BARON IV. At this time the training objectives, exercise parameters, exercise control group organization and proposed initiating directives were established.

On 25 August, LtCol HENNELLY conducted a 30 minute briefing for MajGen FONTANA, Deputy CG, FMFPAC.

Throughout August planning continued for the scheduled rehab of BLT 2/26.

PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1. 4-9 August LtCol HENNELLY and LCDR MONTGOMERY attending BEACH BARON IV CPX planning conference
2. 25 August LtCol HENNELLY briefed MajGen FONTANA, Deputy CG, FMFPAC

PART IV

Supporting Documents

- ✓ 1. Air input
- ✓ 2. Plans input
- ✓ 3. NGF input
- ✓ 4. Trng input

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19 Oct 1968

MEMORANDUM

From: Air Officer, G-3
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Chronology: Air input for

Ref: (a) A C/S, G-3 memo 3/dcb over 1000 of 11 Oct 68

1. In response to reference (a) the following input is submitted.

PART I

LtCol W.D. SMITH 1 Aug 68 - 14 Aug 68
LtCol F.R. SMOKE 15 Aug 68 - 31 Aug 68

PART II

During the period 1 Aug to 31 Aug G-3 Air continued in it's mission of providing administrative, logistic and training support of on-island units.

AO, G-3, 9th MAB

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<u>Requestor</u>	<u>Type Mission</u>	<u>Pads</u>
1 Aug PAC (fwd)	Code 2	Courtney-Naha
2 " PAC (wd)	Code 7	Courtney-Tour Island
3 " Aerial Nights	Paradrop	Yomitan
4 " 9th MAB	Code 6	Hansen Naha Hansen
5 " 1st Spec Forces	Paradrop	Futema Motobu
5 " 9th MAB	Code 6	Courtney USARYIS
8 " 1st Spec Forces	Cargo Drop	Sub Unit 949294
8 " PAC (fwd)	Code 5+6	Courtney Hansen
8 " 9th MAB	Code 6	Hansen Courtney
9 " 9th MAB	Code 5+6	Courtney USARYIS
9 " 9th MAB	Code 6+7	Hansen Courtney Kadena
10 " 1st Spec Forces	Cargo Drop	Sub Unit 949294
12 " 9th MAB	Admin	Hansen Schwab
13 " PAC (fwd)	Troop Insert	Hardy
13 " 9th MAB	Paradrop	Yomitan
14 " RLT-26	Admin	Foster Schwab NTA
16 " 9th MAB	ALO/FAC	Kadena NTA Schwab
17 " 9th MAB	ALO/FAC	Kadena Schwab NTA
19 " PAC (fwd)	Code 2	USARYSIS Yagagi
20 " 9th MAB	Code 5+6	Courtney Kadena
21 " PAC (fwd)	Code 2+4	USCAR Chinen
22 " PAC (fwd)	Paradrop	Yomitan
23 " 9th MAB	ALO/FAC	Schwab NTA
24 " PAC (fwd)	Code 5+6	Courtney Kadena
25 " PAC (fwd)	Code 5+6+7	Courtney Foster Hansen
26 " PAC (fwd)	Code 5+6	Courtney Kadena
27 " PAC (fwd)	Code 4	USARYSIS 2nd Log
29 " 9th MAB	Code 6	Courtney Futema
30 " 9th MAB	Code 6	Hansen Courtney Kadena
31 " 9th MAB	Admin	Courtney NTA

PART IV

None

D. E. Jacobson
D. E. JACOBSON

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MEMORANDUM

From: Plans Officer, G-3 Section
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Subj: Command Cronology; Plans input for
Ref: (a) ACoS, G-3 Memo 3/dob over 1000 of 11 Oct 1968

1. In response to reference (a) the following input is submitted:

PART I

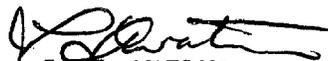
Major Arthur P. BRILL, 075503/0302, USMC

PART II and III

- 2 Aug 1968: Returned from Quarterly Seventh Fleet Scheduling and Planning Conference held at Yokosuka, Japan. The Planning Officer presented a briefing on training areas in Thailand, Subic Bay, P. I. and Okinawa; regarding the suitability of holding Hilltop Exercises in those areas.
- 8 Aug 1968: Presented the Command Brief to Major General PEACHER, USMCR. This is a 25 minute oral presentation with slides describing the mission, organization, present posture and Special Landing Force operations.
- 10 Aug 1968: Presented the Command Brief to Brigadier General WILLIAMS upon his arrival at 9th MAB.
- 20 Aug 1968: The Plans Officer attended the planning conference for Exercise Forward Thrust I which was a joint US/ROC pre-exercise conference conducted at Headquarters, U. S. Taiwan Defense Command, Taipei, Taiwan. The purpose of the trip was to represent the Brigade at the planning conference and to assist in the preliminary planning of the amphibious portion of the exercise. The amphibious portion of the exercise was cancelled during the conference which preempted the 9th MAB from further participation in the planning.

PART IV

None


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MEMORANDUM

From: Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Subj: Command Chronology: Naval Gunfire input for
Ref: (a) A C/S, G-3 memo 3/dcb over 1000 of 11 Oct 68
1. In response to reference (a) the following input is submitted.

PART I

Lt Cmdr D.J. MONTGOMERY 1 Aug 68 to 31 Aug 68

SFCP Subic: Six ship requests for spotting services at Tabones NGF Ranges were cancelled due to weather and surf conditions. A total of 100 hours instruction and field duty was conducted by OinC, Lt D.M. COLVERT, USN for NGF Team, Subic, and two firing exercises were conducted on the NGF Range: USS BULLOCK COUNTY (LST-509) fired at Z-40-G, and USS SAMUEL N. MOORE (DD-747) fired a Z-48-G. No training ammunition was expended from FMFPAC ammo assets during this reporting period

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PART III

<u>TYPE TRAINING</u>	<u>DATE CONDUCTED</u>	<u>NUMBER OF HOURS</u>
Introduction to NGF (Lecture)	5 August	1
NGFS Organization (Lecture)	5 August	1
Capabilities & Limitations of NGF Ships (Lecture)	5 August	1
Elements of Call for Fire (Lecture)	6 August	1
Methods of Target location (Lecture)	6 August	1
Military Grid Reference System (Lecture)	6 August	1
Ships Visit (USS SAINT PAUL (CA-73))	7 August	3
Map Familiarization (Lecture)	8 August	1
Field Duty (Tabones) (Team) stranded due to Broached LCU)	10, 12 August	67
Basic Map Reading (Lecture)	13 August	1
Compass and Binoculars	13 August	1
Field Duty (Tabones)	15 August	9
Naval Ammunition (Lecture)	19 August	1
Spotting Terminology (Lecture)	19 August	1
Small Arms Indoctrination (Lecture & Demonstration)	25 August	2½
Classification of Fires (Lecture)	26 August	1
Military Grid Reference System (Lecture)	26 August	1
Water Proofing (Lecture)	27 August	1
Comm Drills (PW)	28 August	3
Course Review	29 August	2½
Final Exam	30 August	2


D.J. MONTGOMERY

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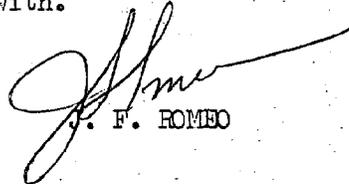
From: G-3 Training
To: G-3 Operations

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

Ref: (a) Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 letter 3/dcb 1000 of 11 Oct 68

Encl: (1) 1 August to 31 August Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in Reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.


J. F. ROMEO

Trng. G-3, 9 MAR 68

Aug 68

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>NAME AND RANK</u>
Training Officer	Major W.S. FISHER 1 Aug-31 Aug 68
Briefing Officer	1stLt C.C. BUSICK 1 Aug-31 Aug 68
Asst. Training Officer	None 1 Aug-12 Aug 68
	1stLt J.F. ROMEO 13 Aug-31 Aug 68
Training NCO	SSgt. L.F. O'CONNELL 1 Aug-15 Aug 68
	GySgt. R.E. DENELSBECK 16 Aug-31 Aug 68
Asst. Training NCO	None 1 Aug-15 Aug 68
	SSgt. L.F. O'CONNELL 16 Aug-31 Aug 68

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Training

(1) During the period 1 August through 31 August 1968, G-3 Training, 9thMAB continued in its role of providing training support to the organizations of the 9thMAB. The support consisted of scheduling schools, firing ranges and other training areas.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. LVT Embark/Debark. FLT-26(REAR) conducted embark/debark and ship to shore movement on 16-17 August 1968 utilizing the USS Tom Green County (LST 1159).
2. On-the-job-training. A ten man detachment from the Bulk Fuel Plt. Prov Serv Bn completed ten days OJT with MAG-15 Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS) on 9 August 1968. A second group of 1 officer and 8 enlisted men finished on 23 August 1968.
3. Training of Replacement Personnel. Predeployment FAM Firing of the M-16 rifle for 432 9thMAB replacements has been conducted during the month of August 1968.
4. Escape and Evasion Net. This was conducted in conjunction with Operation Silver Dagger. A total of 15 Marines participated as escapees from 9-14 August 1968.
5. Schools. The following is a list of the schools and courses attended by 9thMAB during the period 1-31 August 1968:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
NCO LEADERSHIP	17
REGISTERED PUBLICATION SCHOOL	3
COMM/SEC CRYPTO SCHOOL	2
16 MM PROJECTIONIST SCHOOL	6
BASIC INF WPNS REPAIR	2
AMMO TECH COURSE	0
TELETYPE TRAINING AND REPAIR	1
SCUBA SCHOOL	2
CAREER ADVISORY SCHOOL	3

6. Recon Training. Company A, 5th Recon Battalion conducted rubber boat training in conjunction with submarine operations utilizing the SS Green Fish 7-9 August.
7. Helicopter Carrier Qualifications. H&MS One Five conducted semi-annual qualification training 7-9 August.
8. AIO/FAC Training. Was conducted at Camp Schwab on 12-13 August and 19-23 August. A total of 50 NA's from 1st MAW and 3 from 9thMAB received this training.
9. A4/A6 Delivery Pilot Refresher Training and Courier Class Instruction was completed by MAWTFU FAC DET 5-10 August, 12-16 August. A4 Delivery Pilot Refresher - 14 officers, Weapons Loading Refresher - 5 officers and 22 enlisted men.

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10. LSO Training. Sub Unit 1 of H&MS-15 conducted LSO Training at Futema for 2 officers and 5 enlisted.

11. COMMEK. Comm Spt Co, Prov Serv Bn and RLT-26(REAR) conducted a COMMEK from 19-21 August.

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2 OCT 1968

MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Chronology for the Period 1 August to 31 August 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) G-4 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.
2. This memorandum becomes unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

M. W. Schmidt
M. W. SCHMIDT

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968

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Part I

Organizational Data:

Staff Officers

a. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 Col M. W. SCHMIDT	1 Mar 68 - 31 Aug 68
b. Assistant G-4 LtCol K. M. SCOTT	2 Apr 68 - 31 Aug 68
c. Assistant G-4 Maj E. G. LOVE	28 Jun 68 - 31 Aug 68
d. Assistant G-4 (Avn) Maj A. E. THERRIAULT	15 Jul 68 to 31 Aug 68
e. Logistics Officer Capt L. C. VETTER	1 Jul 68 - 31 August 68
f. Embarkation Officer Capt R. J. REGAN	14 Jun 68 - 31 Aug 68
g. Supply Officer LtCol W. R. JOHNSON	1 Sep 67 - 31 Aug 68
h. Assistant Supply Officer Capt W. J. BIEN Maj I. C. HILL	1 May 68 - 8 Aug 68 9 Aug 68 - 31 Aug 68
i. Ordnance Officer Maj W. L. LANG CWO BROUILLARD Maj E. C. LEAVITT JR.	31 Jul 67 - 18 Aug 68 19 Aug 68 - 21 Aug 68 22 Aug 68 - 31 Aug 68

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j. Assistant Ordnance Officer CWO BROUILLARD	11 Jun 68 - 31 Aug 68
k. Motor Transport Officer Maj T. M. CULLIGAN	1 Jul 68 - 31 Aug 68
l. Brigade Surgeon Capt R. W. JONES	18 Jul 68 - 31 Aug 68
m. Medical Admin Officer LtCmdr J. R. SOLLMAN	11 May 68 - 31 Aug 68
n. Food Service Officer MGySgt E. W. ANDERSON	20 Sep 67 - 31 Aug 68

Part II

Narrative Summary

On 2 August 1968 all sections completed their inspection of in-country units as part of the Ninth MAB Quarterly Inspection. During August, Major M. L. LANG and LtCol W. R. JOHNSON rotated to CONUS, with Major E. C. LEAVITT Jr. reporting aboard to replace Major LANG, and Major I. C. HILL replacing LtCol JOHNSON.

Two Ships, the USS UNION, and the USS BEXAR, offloaded LFORM at Tengan Pier. The USS OGDEN and the USS SEMINOLE were loaded with LFORM at White Beach.

Forty-one Corpsmen reported to the Brigade during the month and 18 were detached. Twenty Hospital Corpsmen were reassigned to 9thMAB units in Vietnam during the month in conjunction with normal rotation and combat losses. There were five Medical Corps Officers joined during August, while nine Medical Corps Officers and one Dental Corps Officer were detached.

Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1 - 2 Aug 68	MSgt SAPP TAD with Brigade Inspection Team to inspect SLF ALPHA and BRAVO (23 Jul 68 - 2 Aug 68).
3 - 8 Aug 68	Lt. LLOYD TAD to SLF ALPHA and BRAVO.
4 - 9 Aug 68	Maj LOVE attended the CPX conference
6 - 10 Aug 68	GySgt IVEY inspected SLF "B", Grade was sat w/minor.
9 Aug 68	Major HILL returned from 3 months TAD to Prov Corps Vietnam. Resumed duties as Assistant Brigade Supply Officer.

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11 - 15 Aug 68 LtCol SCOTT participated in air operations in RVN

12 - 14 Aug 68 LtCol JOHNSON and MSgt SAPP TAD to 1stMarDiv, 26th Marines, and 1/13 to discuss supply support assistance and OPCON/ADCON relationships.

13 - 15 Aug 68 MGySgt ANDERSON, Food Service Officer, made visit to SLF ALPHA to coordinate the opening of messhall 2861 for 2/26 during the REHAB.

16 - 17 Aug 68 Offloaded LFORM from USS UNION (AKA106).

17 - 21 Aug 68 SSgt MAIN, Sgt BEANE, and Cpl ROCK departed Okinawa for Vietnam.

18 Aug 68 Major LANG departed for CONUS

19 - 20 Aug 68 Loaded LFORM on the USS OGDEN (LPD 5).

23 - 25 Aug 68 HMC MCGOWAN TAD HqCo, 26th Marines and 1/13.

24 - 25 Aug 68 Offloaded LFORM from the USS BEXAR (APA 237).

27 - 30 Aug 68 Capt REGAN made liaison visit to SLF "A".

27 - 31 Aug 68 Sgt KEELY made visit to 1/13 for MEDS instruction.

29 - 30 Aug 68 Loaded LFORM on the USS SEMINOLE (AKA 104).

31 Aug 68 LtCol JOHNSON departed for CONUS (PCS)

Part IV

Supporting Documents

Chronologies of G-4 Cognizance Section

1. - Ordnance
2. - Supply
3. - Motor Transport
4. - Embarkation
5. - Medical
6. - Food Services

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

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3 September 1968

From: Ordnance Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
Subj: Command Chronology
Ref: (a) Brigo 5750.1C

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following Command Chronology is submitted:

PART I

Ordnance Officer

JAMES E.C. LEAVITT JR. Major
USMC
22 August 1968 to present

PART II

During the month of August CWO BROUILLARD attended the Air and Ground Ordnance Conference on 13 August 1968 to 16 August 1968.

SSgt MAIN and Cpl ROCK went TAD to CTG 79.4 in connection with Class V LFORM matters.

Sgt BEANE went TAD to CTG 79.5 in connection with Class V LFORM matters.

Major LANG departed for states.

CWO BROUILLARD was TAD to SUB UNIT ONE VMGR-152 to conduct a MK 24 Flare Inspection. Departed on 30 July 1968.

Major JAMES E.C. LEAVITT JR. reported aboard for duty on 22 August 1968.

PART III

2 August 1968 CWO BROUILLARD returned from TAD.

13 August 1968 CWO BROUILLARD attended Air and Ground Ordnance Conference.

16 August 1968 CWO BROUILLARD returned from Air and Ground Ordnance Conference.

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- 17 August 1968 SSgt MAIN and Cpl ROCK departed Okinawa for DaNang.
- 17 August 1968 Sgt BEANE departed Okinawa for DaNang.
- 18 August 1968 Major LANG departed for states.
- 21 August 1968 SSgt MAIN and Cpl ROCK returned from TAD.
- 21 August 1968 Sgt BEANE returned from TAD.
- 22 August 1968 Major JAMES E.C. LEAVITT JR. reported aboard for duty.
- 26 August 1968 Major LEAVITT inspected RIF 26.

James E.C. Leavitt Jr.
JAMES E.C. LEAVITT JR.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPPLY OFFICER
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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5 Sep 1968

From: Supply Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 August to 31 August 1968
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.1C
Encl: (1) Brigade Supply Office Command Chronology

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


I. C. HILL

Supply O, G-4, 9th MAB

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ORGANIZATION DATA

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| 1. Not applicable | |
| 2. Not applicable | |
| 3. Brigade Supply Officer | Lt. Colonel W. R. JOHNSON (1 Sep 67-
30 Aug 68)
Major I. C. HILL (31 Aug 68 - |
| 4. Not applicable | |

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 2 August 68, MSgt. SAPP returned from a 10 day trip to inspect the organic supply accounts of BLT's 2/4 and 2/7 in conjunction with the Brigade Inspection Team.

Lt. LLOYD visited CTG's 79.4 and 79.5 during the period 3 August to 8 August relative to supply matters.

9 August Capt. W. BIEN departed for CONUS (PCS).

9 August Major I. C. HILL returned from 3 months TAD with Provisional Corps Viet Nam and resumed duties as Assistant Brigade Supply Officer.

Lt. Colonel JOHNSON and MSgt. SAPP visited 1st MarDiv, 26th Marines, and 1st Bn, 13th Marines during the period 12 - 14 August to discuss supply support procedures and OPCON/ADCON relationships relative thereto.

Lt. LLOYD and SSgt FIERRO inspected RLT-26 (REAR) on 26 and 27 August and MACS-8 on 29 and 30 August.

Lt. Colonel JOHNSON departed for CONUS (PCS) on 31 August.

On 31 August Major HILL assumed duties as Brigade Supply Officer.

PART III

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| 1. Not applicable | |
| 2. FMF Organization not committed to combat. | |
| 1 - 2 Aug 68 | MSgt SAPP TAD with Brigade Inspection Team to inspect SLF ALPHA and BRAVO (23 July 68 - 2 August 68). |
| 3 Aug 68 | Lt. LLOYD TAD to SLF ALPHA and BRAVO. |
| 9 Aug 68 | Capt. BIEN departed for CONUS (PCS). |

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9 Aug 68 Major HILL returned from 3 months TAD to Prov Corps Viet Nam. Resumed duties as Assistant Brigade Supply Officer.

12 - 14 Aug 68 Lt. Colonel JOHNSON and MSgt. SAPP TAD to 1st MarDiv, 26th Marines, and 1/13 to discuss supply support assistance and OPCON/ADCON relationships.

26 - 27 Aug 68 Lt. LLOYD and SSgt. FIERRO inspected RLT-26 (REAR).

29 - 30 Aug 68 Lt. LLOYD and SSgt. FIERRO inspected MACS-8.

31 Aug 68 Lt. Colonel JOHNSON departed for CONUS (PCS)

31 Aug 68 Major HILL assumed duties as Brigade Supply Officer.

PART IVCHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

1. Not applicable.

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

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6 Sep 68

From: Brigade Motor Transport Officer.
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

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

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Brigade Motor Transport Officer Command Chronology

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

T. M. Culligan
T. M. CULLIGAN
Major USMC

M.T.O. G-4, 9th MAB

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PART I

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. Brigade Motor Transport Officer - Major T. M. CULLIGAN (1 - 31 August 68)
4. N/A

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period 8-13 August 68 the Brigade Motor Transport Chief made staff visits to SLF "A" and SLF "B" pertaining to Motor Transport matters. On 16 August 68 the Brigade Motor Transport Officer made a road reconnaissance of convoy routes for off-loading of BLT 2/26 in conjunction with the tentative rehab program. During the period 26-30 August 68 the Brigade Motor Transport Officer conducted Motor Transport inspections of RLT-26 (Rear) and MACS-8. These inspections were in accordance with Brigade Inspectors scheduled quarterly inspections.

PART III

1. N/A
2. N/A

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

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10 SEP 1968

From: Brigade Embarkation Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
Subj: Command Chronology, 1 August 1968 - 31 August 1968
Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1C

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), the following chronology is submitted:

PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Embarkation Officer

ROBERT J. REGAN CAPT USMC
14 June 1968 - 31 August 1968

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of August events other than normally conducted office routine were as follows:

The USS UNION and USS BEXAR offloaded LFORM at Tengan Pier. The USS OGDEN took on LFORM at anchorage off White Beach, and USS SEMINOLE was loaded with LFORM at Bravo Pier, White Beach. GYSGT Ivey inspected SLF Bravo and SGT Keely made a visit to 1/13 for MEDS implementation. CAPT Regan made liaison visit to SLF Alpha. Conducted inspections on RLT 26 (Rear) and MACS 8.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS of SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

6 - 10 AUGUST	GYSGT Ivey inspected SLF "B", Grade was sat w/minor.
16 - 17 AUGUST	Offloaded LFORM from USS UNION (AKA 106).
19 - 20 AUGUST	Loaded LFORM on the USS OGDEN (LPD 5).
24 - 25 AUGUST	Offloaded LFORM from the USS BEXAR (APA 237).
26 - 27 AUGUST	Inspected RLT 26 (Rear), Grade sat w/minor.
27 - 30 AUGUST	CAPT Regan made liaison visit to SLF "A".

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27 - 31 AUGUST

SGT Keely made visit to 1/13 for MEDS instruction.

28 AUGUST

Inspected MACS 8, Grade sat w/minor.

29 - 30 AUGUST

Loaded LFORM on the USS SEMINOLE (AKA 104).



R. J. REGAN

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OFFICE OF THE BRIGADE SURGEON
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
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06 SEP 1968

From: Brigade Surgeon
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Medical Section Command Chronology for the subject period

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

Very respectfully

R. W. Jones
R. W. JONES

O. Brigada Surgeon [9-4] 9th MAB

Aug 1968

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Not Applicable.

2. Not Applicable.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Brigade Surgeon

CAPT Roland W. JONES, MC, USN
1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968

Medical Administrative Officer

LCDR John R. SOLLMAN, MSC, USN
1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
-0-	-0-

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
-2-	-3-

<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
-0-	-0-

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Brigade Surgeon's Office accomplished all normal administrative matters for Navy personnel of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMP, for the month of August 1968.

Forty-one hospital corpsmen reported to the Brigade during the month and 18 were detached during the same period. BLT 2/4 was dropped from the Brigade and returned to III Marine Amphibious Force. BLT 2/26 was chopped to the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, from the 3rd Marine Division. Twenty hospital corpsmen were reassigned to 9th MAB units in Vietnam during the month in conjunction with normal rotation and combat losses.

The Brigade received five Medical Corps Officers (210), two Chaplain Corps Officers (410) during August 1968. Nine Medical Corps Officers (210), two Chaplain Corps Officers (410) and one Dental Corps Officer (220) were detached during August 1968.

Enclosure (1)

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 August 1968 to 5 August 1968 submitted for the period.	A negative report is
6 August 1968 in rate examinations for pay-grade E-4 were administered to all eligible personnel.	Navy wide advancement
7 August 1968 submitted for the period.	A negative report is
8 August 1968 in rate examinations for pay-grade E-5 were administered to all eligible personnel.	Navy wide advancement
9 August 1968 to 12 August 1968 submitted for the period.	A negative report is
13 August 1968 in rate examinations for pay-grade E-6 were administered to all eligible personnel.	Navy wide advancement
14 August 1968 submitted for the period.	A negative report is
15 August 1968 in rate examinations for pay-grade E-7 were administered to all eligible personnel.	Navy wide advancement
16 August 1968 submitted for the period.	A negative report is
17 August 1968 USN, and HM2 Roger D. GRANDE, USN, departed Okinawa TAD to SLF 79.5 on Navy personnel and administrative matters.	HM1 Donald L. SIMMONS,
18 August 1968 submitted for the period.	A negative report is
19 August 1968 USN, and HM2 Roger D. GRANDE, USN, returned to Okinawa from TAD to SLF 79.5, after completing TAD assignment and resumed their normal duties.	HM1 Donald L. SIMMONS,
19 August 1968 MC, USN departed TAD to MAG-15 on Navy personnel and administrative matters.	CAPT Roland W. JONES,
20 August 1968 submitted for the period.	A negative report is

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21 August 1968 CAPT Roland W. JONES,
MC, USN returned to Okinawa from TAD to MAG-15, after completing TAD assign-
ment and resumed his normal duties.

22 August 1968
submitted for the period.

A negative report is

23 August 1968 HMC Harry T. McGOWAN,
USN, departed Okinawa TAD to Hq Co 26th Marines and Hq Btry 1/13 on Navy per-
sonnel and administrative matters.

24 August 1968
submitted for the period.

A negative report is

25 August 1968 HMC Harry T. McGOWAN,
USN, returned to Okinawa From TAD to Hq Co 26th Marines and Hq Btry 1/13,
after completing TAD assignment and resumed his normal duties.

26 August 1968 to 31 August 1968
submitted for the period.

A negative report is

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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FME
FPO, San Francisco 96602

4E/vns:
5700
13 September 1968

MEMORANDUM

From: Food Service Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
Subj: Command Chronology for month of 1 August through 31 August 1968
Ref: (a) BrigO: 5750.1B

1. In accordance with reference (a) the below Chronology is submitted:

Part I

Organization Data

Food Service Officer
MGySgt E. W. ANDERSON 30 September 1967 - 13 September 1968

Part II

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1. Made frequent visits to 9th MAB messhalls. They were found to be in excellent condition. Two were slightly over expended showing a consolidated overexpenditure of \$789.07 for the month of August.
2. On 13-15 August made visit to SLF Alpha to coordinate the opening of messhall 2861 for 2-26 during the rehabing of this unit.
3. Messhall 2861 was made ready for opening on 16 August. On 27 August one weeks supply of subsistence stores were ordered for issue to messhall 2861 on 3 September. This order was canceled on 30 August as soon as word was received that the rehabing of 2/26 had been postponed. Messhall 2861 was secured and keys turned over to Camp Butler Food Service Officer on 4 September 1968.
4. On 16 August attended menu planning board meeting at Camp Courtney for the month of September.

Food Service O, G-4, 9th MAB

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5. Financial Status of 9thMAB Messhalls for August 68

	Messhall 2324 PSB	Messhall 3322 RMT-26	"O" Mess SCHWAB	Consolidated Total
Total Rations Due	37870	24009	3921	65800
Total Rations Fed	23685	19850	3838	47373
Average Rations Fed Daily	764	640	124	1528
Percent actually fed of Rations due	63%	83%	98%	72%
Total Credits	30,529.97	25,586.65	4,947.18	61,063.80
Total Expenditures	31,875.83	25,596.85	4,380.19	61,852.87
Closing Inv July 68	8,223.32	4,700.45	943.29	13,867.06
Closing Inv Aug 68	7,839.09	4,912.04	772.73	13,523.86
Allowable Inv Aug 68	6,105.99	5,117.33	989.44	12,212.76
Reserve			566.99	
Over Expended	*1,345.86	10.20		789.07
Average Cost of feeding (1) man for (1) day	\$1.362	1.278	1.186	1.31
Ration Value Aug 68	\$1.289	1.289	1.289	1.289

*Will be carried forward and liquidated during the month of September 1968.

E. W. Anderson
E. W. ANDERSON

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

10/khn
5750
6 September 1968

From: Communication-Electronics Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Chronology (Communication)

Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.10

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following data for the month of August is submitted.

PART I, Paragraph 3, Staff Officers

- 1. Communication-Electronics Officer - LtCol R. C. STOCKTON 1-31 August 68
- 2. Ass't Communication-Electronics Officer - 1stLt J.K. BAIRD 1-31 August 1968
CWO(3) R. L. CLAY 1-31 August 1968

PART II, Narrative Summary

1. The Communication-Electronics Office has conducted routine business during the period 1-31 August 1968. Planning comprised the bulk of the section's activities.

- 4 Aug - 9 Aug 68 LtCol R. C. STOCKTON went TAD during this period to AGC-11 for Beach Baron IV planning.
- 20 Aug-23 Aug 68 1stLt J. K. BAIRD made a staff visit to SLF ALFA, also to 1st MarDiv, and III MAF Communication-Electronics Officers.
- 26 Aug-30 Aug 68 CWO(3) R.L. CLAY and GySgt T. E. JOHNSON inspected MACS-8 and RLT-26 (Rear).

R.C. Stockton
R. C. STOCKTON

Communication-Electronics O

9th MAB

Aug 68

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

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17 Sep 1968

MEMORANDUM

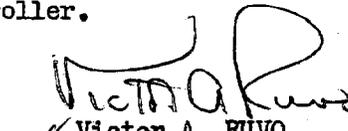
From: Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1-31 August 1968

Ref: (a) BrigO P5750.1C

Encl: (1) Comptroller Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted herein. During the period 1 Aug 1968 to 14 Aug 1968, LtCol PIRHALA was the Brigade Comptroller.


Victor A. RUVO

Comptroller, 9th MAB

Aug 1968

CHRONOLOGY FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1968

PART I

Comptroller	LtCol Paul P. FIRHALLA 1 August to 14 August
	LtCol Victor A. RUVO 15 August to 31 August
Budget Officer	Capt Howard C. WOLFE 1 August to 31 August

PART II

Significant fiscal transactions during the month were as follows:

a. BPN-01 - Flight Operations. First quarter funds in the amount of \$681,000 were received. An additional \$180,000 was requested to meet 1st quarter requirements.

b. BPN-08 - Aviation Consolidated Allowance List (Supply Officers' Stores). No funds were received during this period.

c. BPN-09 - General Aviation Collateral Equipment. No funds were received during this period. However, CG FMFPac msg 300327Z Aug 68 authorized a deficit obligation of \$10,527 for first quarter. This is the amount budgeted for and considered adequate for the first quarter.

d. BPN-21 - Aeronautical TAD. No funds were received during this period.

e. BPN-50 - Aviation Intermediate Maintenance. First quarter funds in the amount of \$225,000 were received. An additional \$40,000 was requested to support wire Harness Assemblies for KC-130 aircraft.

f. BPN-11 - Maintenance of Aviation Expeditionary Equipment. No additional funding was received during this month, however, \$10,000 was reprogrammed as follows:

<u>Program Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
"M" - Purchased Services	\$10,000
"U" - Non-System Procurement	(10,000)

g. BPN-11 - O&M, MC. No additional funds were received this reporting period. It is considered that adequate funding exists for remainder of this quarter.

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h. BPN-11 - O&M, MC OpBud. No additional funds were received this reporting period. It is estimated that this project is about \$2,000,000 in excess of current requirements for the first quarter; the primary reason for the excess is the slippage of the BLT rehabilitation program.

i. Project 10 - OpBud Medical and Dental. No further funding was requested or received during this month.

PART III

Negative

PART IV

Negative

ENCLOSURE (1)

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

6/MFD/dpj
5750
30 August 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 - 30 August 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.

G. P. Thompson
G. P. THOMPSON
By direction
SP

14 Co, 9th MAB

Aug 1968

Tab A #2

COMTAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 30 August 1968

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

MAJOR D. W. WILSON
1 - 30 August 1968

ATTACHED UNITS1. UNIT

NONE

2. LOCATION -3. OFFICERS -4. AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR

<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>
75	387	5	10	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>
75	387	5	10	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>
1		0	2		8

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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5 Sept 68

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

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

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPAC O 5750.8
(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. K. Greenough
R. K. GREENOUGH

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9th MAB

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

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 August to 31 August 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Captain R.K. GREENOUGH
1 August 1968-31 August 1968

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
AUGUST 11	184	00	02

PART II

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

During the month of August this command conducted intensive MOS Technical training and required GMS training in order to maintain a state of combat readiness.

Continuing from 25 July through 15 August, one Officer and one enlisted personnel from this command voluntarily participated in a Brigade project to better community relations by giving proper English pronunciation instruction to two Okinawan Junior High students. This was to aid them in the reading of their English compositions prepared for a contest in Nago on 15 August 68. The instruction consisted of one and a half hour sessions for three nights per week.

Communication Support Company participated in a 9th MAB communication exercise held from 19-21 August involving this unit, PSB, and RLT-26 Rear. The purpose of the COMEX was to maintain and improve the technical proficiency of the communication personnel of 9th MAB and to familiarize new

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personnel in communication installation and displacement procedures. The exercise was good in that it pointed out the problem of inexperienced personnel during installation and operation of field communications and also some items of equipment thought to be operational had to be deadlined after short periods of use.

On 27 and 29 August 1968, Radio platoon conducted classes for Headquarters Company personnel on Basic Communication by Radio. The classes were on General Radio Knowledge-operating procedures, formation of nets and equipments, AN/PRC-25, AN/GRA-39, and RC-292.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

25 July - 15 August 68	English pronunciation instruction for Junior High Students
19 - 21 August 68	9th MAB COMDEX
27 - 29 August 68	Basic Radio Communication classes for Headquarters Company

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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HEADQUARTERS
PROVISIONAL SERVICE BATTALION
9th MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE
APO SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA 96602

3/MB/jlr
5750
30 Sept 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1 Aug to 31 Aug 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO-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
JAMES F. CONLON
By direction

Proc 1 Sent BN, 9th MAIB

Aug 1968

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HEADQUARTERS
PROVISIONAL SERVICE BATTALION
9th MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE
FPO SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

COMMANDER

Col. R. R. WILSON
1 Aug 68 to 20 Aug 68

Lt. Col. J. F. CONLON
21 Aug 68 to 31 Aug 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

Capt. L. L. PERKER
1 Aug 68 to 31 Aug 68

Supply Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Capt. A. R. GASSER
1 Aug 68 to 31 Aug 68

Maintenance Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Lt. L. L. YOUNG
1 Aug 68 to 18 Aug 68

Maj. W. G. FICERE JR.
19 Aug 68 to 31 Aug 68

Truck Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Capt. R. J. JARLOWSKI
1 Aug 68 to 31 Aug 68

2. 1 August 1968 to 31 August 1968 Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

Col. R. R. WILSON
1 Aug 68 to 20 Aug 68

Lt. Col. J. F. CONLON
21 Aug 68 to 31 Aug 68

Executive Officer

Lt. Col. J. F. CONLON
1 Aug 68 to 20 Aug 68

Maj. E. L. DICKSON
21 Aug 68 to 31 Aug 68

S-1 Adjutant

Capt. R. C. HUGHES
1 Aug 68 to 31 Aug 68

S-2/S-3

Maj. A. V. ROCHA
1 Aug 68 to 31 Aug 68

S-4

Maj. P. R. STINGLEY
1 Aug 68 to 31 Aug 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 Co.	22	279	1	10
Supply Company	9	279	0	2
Maintenance Company	10	330	0	0
Truck Company	4	158	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.

On 21 August 1968 informal Change of Command Ceremonies held at Provisional Service Battalion with Lt. Col. James F. Conlon in relief of Col. R. R. Wilson who was ordered to duty in the Republic of Viet Nam.

On 24 August 1968 a total of \$158.15 was turned over to 2nd Lt. S. E. Cox, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade to be given to the Airakuen Leper Colony, by members of the Provisional Service Battalion.

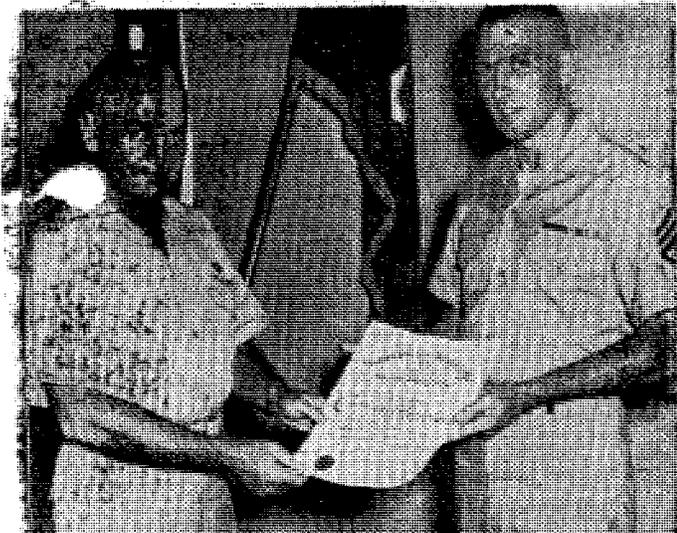
Three members of Provisional Service Battalion were presented Awards at different Ceremonies. SSgt Walter Gray was presented a certificate of Appreciation by Col. Etheridge, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Chief of Staff. Cpl Harold R. Almerini, and L/Cpl Charles M. Fuertsch were presented Certificates of Meritorious Mast by Col. R. R. Wilson, Provisional Service Battalion, Commanding Officer.

29 Aug: A total of \$16,867.94 in excess medical material was turned in to Third Force Service Regiment.

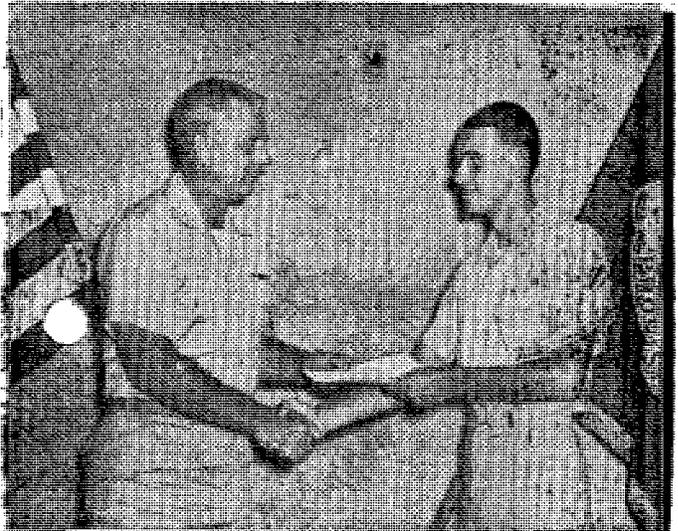
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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

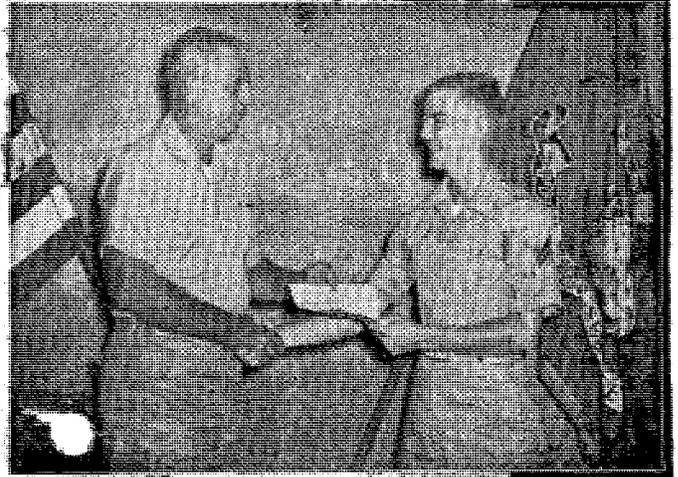
- 5 Aug: Three members of this Battalion were presented Awards.
- 21 Aug: Change of Command Ceremony.
- 24 Aug: \$158.15 collected for Airaku-en Leper Colony.
- 29 Aug: \$16,867.94 in medical supplies turned in to Third Force Service Regiment.



SENIOR ADVISOR HONORED — SSgt. Walter J. Gray (r.) receives Certificate of Appreciation from Col. James A. [unclear], Marine Amphibious Brigade Chief of Staff. (USMC Photo by LCpl. D.C. Nash)



MESIT — LCpl. Charles M. Fuertach is presented for Meritorious Mast by Col. Robert R. Wilson, Commanding Officer of Provisional Service Battalion, during [unclear] August 5 at Camp Hansen, Okinawa. (USMC Photo by Cpl. [unclear])



MAST — Cpl. Harold R. Almerini is presented for Meritorious Mast by Col. Robert R. Wilson, Commanding Officer of Provisional Service Battalion, during [unclear] August 5 at Camp Hansen, Okinawa. (USMC Photo by Cpl. [unclear])

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FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96602

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artist
Release no: 134-68
By: L/Cpl William Grindstaff

For additional information
call Captain David M. Repp
phone 28-4310 or 4345

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, July 31—Tom Chara, one of the sketch artists who covers our servicemen at home and abroad, visited the Marine bases on Okinawa from July 24 thru July 31.

During his seven day visit Mr. Chara was given a tour of the island and also spent two days in DaNang, South Vietnam.

Mr. Chara's work actually began during World War II during the Iwo Jima campaign. At the time he was in the Air Force but they used his talents as an artist to cover the campaign.

He has spent his last 19 years as an associate professor at the Massachusetts College of Art where Captain John Dyer, the first Marine Combat Artist in Vietnam, learned his trade from Mr. Chara.

Since 1961 Mr. Chara has covered our armed forces throughout the world in all kinds of situations.

In 1963 Mr. Chara took his first job for the Marine Corps doing sketches at Farris Island, South Carolina. In 1964 he went to London, Paris, and Rome to sketch the Marine security of United States Embassies.

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Tab B^{#1}

artist

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Aboard the U.S.S. Guadalcanal, in 1965, Mr. Ohara covered the training of Marine Reservists at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina during operation "Yellow Jacket." In 1967 Mr. Ohara was at Guantanamo, Cuba sketching the fence line security.

His work has been reproduced in many magazines including the covers of "All Hands" and the "Marine Corps Gazette." Much of his work is displayed at the Marine, Navy, Air Force, and Army's collection centers, and also at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

During the trial of the "Boston Strangler" Mr. Ohara made courtroom sketches which were put on the air over WBZ TV in Boston, Massachusetts.

After departing from Okinawa, Mr. Ohara went to Iwakuni, Japan, to sketch the Marines at the Air Facility.

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MM and HM's at Schwab
Release No: 135-68
By: LCpl. Graham Ross

For additional information:
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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Aug. 2 -- A Meritorious Mast and two Purple Heart Medals were awarded at Camp Schwab on the morning of August 2 by the commanding officer of Regimental Landing Team-26 (RLT-26).

Colonel Jack Erwin presented the Meritorious Mast to Hospitalman 3rd Class Jesse J. Anderson and the Purple Heart Medals to Navy Lieutenants Fred A. Thomas and Casimir F. Firlit.

The Meritorious Mast cited HM3 Anderson for his outstanding performance as Hospital Corpsman for the Camp Schwab dispensary during the period from November 3, 1967 until the present time.

His duties during that time included serving as Petty Officer in overall charge of the organization and maintenance of the emergency/surgery room and medical/surgery ward. He also served as the coordinator and supervisor of "Sick Call" and the treatment room.

Lt Firlit was awarded his Purple Heart Medal for wounds received on January 21 of this year while serving at Khe Sanh with the 26th Marines as regimental surgeon.

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MM and HM's at Schwab

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Replacing Lt Firlit was Lt Thomas who was himself wounded on March 20 and was also presented with his Purple Heart Medal during the ceremonies today.

Both Lieutenants are presently serving as medical officers at Camp Schwab.

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FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96602

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certificate of appreciation (gray)
Release No: 136-68
By: LCpl. Graham Ross

For additional information:
call Lt. S. E. Cox
phone 28-4310 or 4345

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 2 -- Staff Sergeant Walter J. Gray was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Colonel James A. Etheridge, Chief of Staff of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, during a ceremony on August 2.

SSgt. Gray's certificate cited him for his "exceptional effort and devotion in contributing to a successful Marine Corps Career Advisory Program at the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade."

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cross of gallantry (Livingston)
Release No: 137-68
By: LCpl. Graham Ross

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 2 — A Marine Captain who holds the Nation's third highest combat award, the Silver Star Medal, and the Nation's fourth highest combat award, the Bronze Star Medal, was presented with the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Award today by the Chief of Staff of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB).

Captain James E. Livingston, who is presently serving as staff secretary for 9th MAB, was awarded the Vietnamese decoration by Colonel James A. Etheridge, who was quick to comment on the Captain's quickly growing list of personal decorations during the ceremonies.

The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry is the fourth such decoration (he also holds the Purple Heart Medal) to be awarded Capt. Livingston during one tour of duty in Vietnam.

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baseball
Release no: 138-68
By: L/Cpl William C. Grindstaff

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 6--The 1968 Okinawa Baseball Champions added three more games to their win column, including a no-hitter, during their tour of Taiwan following the regular season here.

The Marines played their first game against the Chinese Army and ran away with a score of 13-2. In the second game the Marines took a 5-1 victory over the Chinese Navy. Playing the Conlubany Sugar Barons from the Philippines the Marines grabbed a 9-5 victory in the 9th inning of play. The fourth game was called because of rain at the end of the 4th inning with the Marines leading 3-1 against the Chinese Air Force.

The first inning of the first game started off with one run for the Marines. Four runs were gathered by the Marines in the second inning and by the end of the sixth inning the Marines had scored 12 runs with the last run coming in the 7th inning. The Chinese Army's two runs came during the 4th inning of play.

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Gill Edwards bagged his second no-hitter for the year pitching against the Chinese Navy. The Marines started off again with one run coming in the first inning. The remaining four runs were brought in during the third inning. The one run for the Chinese Navy came during the 2nd inning. The game was rained out at the end of the 6th inning.

The first inning of the 3rd game the Marines took their first run but by the end of the second inning the Sugar Barons had taken over the lead to be regained by the Marines in the 9th inning.

The third inning didn't bring any runs for the Marines but brought in one more for the Philippine team. The 4th inning brought one run for the Marines and the fifth inning gave one run to the Filipinos.

Two runs were added to the Marines score in the 6th inning but they were still one run down. The 7th and 8th innings brought no scores for either team and leading into the 9th inning the score was Sugar Barons 5 and the Marines 4.

The Marines got a rally going in the ninth. J. D. Dunn started the inning with a single to left field. Ed Sickinger singled to left field and Billy "Sweet Willy" Crooks was safe on first on an overthrow to first base to score Edwards, who was running for Dunn. While Sickinger was going to third Crooks stole second. Ken Peters took a walk which loaded the bases.

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Ron Portal singled to right field bringing in Sickinger and Crooks. Portal stole second and Peters stole home to put the Marines ahead for the first time since the first inning. Jay Johnson flyed out to center for the second out and Portal grabbed third and later scored on a wild pitch. Bringing in five runs while the Barons failed to score in the 9th inning the Marines took the game 9-5.

The 4th game was rained out at the end of the 4th inning with the Marines leading the Chinese Air Force 3-1.

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marine
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By: L/Cpl William Grindstaff

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, August 7--Corporal Mark E. Chorbagan was selected as the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade "Marine of the Month" for July.

Cpl. Chorbagan recieved the honor for activating a Bulk Fuel Platoon, Bulk Fuel Farm and Booster Station with a minimum of supervision and with a high degree of professional knowledge and proficiency.

He has taken the Marine Corps Institute course on Bulk Fuel and has also served with the Bulk Fuel Company, Supply Battalion, 2nd Force Service Regiment, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The Non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the Bulk Fuel Platoon not having any experience in the field relied heavily on Corporal Chorbagan.

He is a member of Supply Company, Provisional Service Battalion, at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

Cpl. Chorbagan's home of record is 4496 Howe Rd., Wayne, Mich.

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masts(almerini-fuertsch)
Release no: 140-68
By: I/Cpl William Grindstaff

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, August 5--Two Provisional Service Battalion Marines recieved Meritorious Masts during ceremonies August 5 at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

The unit is the service battalion for the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

Corporal Almerini, a member of Data Processing Platoon #25, assigned the duties of a Shift Supervisor, demonstrated a high degree of professional knowledge and performed his duties in an exceptional manner.

Lance Corporal Charles M. Fuertsch, assigned duties within the S-3 section, has worked many hours overtime when it was needed and has showed a superior knowledge in his field.

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Japanese students
Release No: 141-68
By: ICpl. Graham Ross

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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Aug. 12—Fifteen Japanese school children saw their first military base early this month when, as guests of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, they toured Camp Schwab.

The children, all sixth graders from the Tokyo area, were visiting Okinawan students of the same age in response to a trip taken by the Okinawan children last year.

Lieutenant Colonel Jack Erwin, commanding officer of 9th MAB's Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear) (RLT-26) at Camp Schwab, learned of the childrens' visit from Mr. Higa, the Vice-Mayor of Nago, a town not far from the Base. He was quick to invite the entire group, which numbered 22 with the adult escorts, on a guided tour of different areas of the military reservation.

The highlight of the tour was a demonstration of amphibious tractors of the 5th Am-Trac Battalion, a unit that is part of RLT-26. Several of these vehicles, known as LVT's stood an inspection (both inside and out) by the wide-eyed 11 and 12 year-olds.

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Then two of the LVT's "battened down their hatches," started their engines, and moved down the beach, into the water, and out to sea. They performed briefly in the water, circling within sight of the children before returning to dry land.

In addition to the LVT demonstration, the students were treated to a tour of the RLIT-26 Motor Pool, Camp Schwab's medical and dental facilities, and the library.

While visiting the gymnasium, the youngsters entertained themselves, playing with a huge "push ball" and jumping on the trampoline.

Before completing their tour of the Base, the visitors were taken to the Officer's Club, where LtCol. Erwin joined them for a lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs.

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Leprosarium
Release No: 142-68
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 12--The helicopter hovered briefly over the leprosarium before settling down to discharge its passengers. Aboard the aircraft, in addition to the crew, were several Marines involved in the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's (9th MAB) Community Relations Program, as well as Navy Captain R. W. Jones, 9th MAB surgeon.

The Marines were delivering items of clothing and equipment that had been donated to Airaku-en, the leprosy hospital on the tiny island of Yagaji, just off the coast of Okinawa.

Dr. Jones, who recently took over as Brigade surgeon, was making his first visit to the hospital. Skin diseases are his medical specialty, and he wished to meet with the doctors at the hospital and examine some of the patients.

A second helicopter soon came into view and landed beside its sister ship from Marine Aircraft Group 15, 9th MAB. The Marines began unloading the equipment from this aircraft.

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Included in the cargo was a brand new washing machine donated by the Brigade in response to a request sent through the Civil Affairs Office of 9th MAB's Regimental Landing Team-26 (RLT-26).

RLT-26's Civil Affairs Office, run by Gunnery Sergeant D. K. Harrison, has been actively contributing to Airaku-en for some time.

Numerous boxes of clothing, basketballs, dolls, sheets and towels were also given to the hospital.

As the equipment was being unloaded, Dr. Minato, a physician at the hospital, emerged from the small group of curious spectators that had gathered and came forward to greet his visitors.

Dr. Minato has been living at the leprosarium for seven years. Together with two other physicians, he treats the 710 patients currently hospitalized there. The three doctors have a staff of 26 nurses, two pharmacists, five medical technicians and 40 administrative personnel.

Dr. Minato and the visitors toured the grounds of the hospital. At the top of a hill in the center of the hospital grounds it was possible to see the entire colony, which has a total of 121 buildings at the present time. As they walked, Dr. Minato and Dr. Jones discussed the cases of several individual patients.

After visiting several buildings, including the recently completed auditorium, the guests were invited to sign the hospital's official visitor register.

One more request was made.

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Would it be possible, sometime, to obtain a photograph of the entire leprosarium to be used as the cover for a publication soon to be produced at the colony?

It would. It could be taken from the helicopter when departing that very afternoon.

The spectators that had gathered when the helicopters landed were still there on the edge of the small grassy plot of land serving as the helo-pad. Most of them were young children.

The engines of the helicopters started up, the rotor blades began to turn, and the aircraft gently lifted off the ground.

The kids waved and the Marines waved back.

Eventually the aircraft achieved enough height so that a photograph encompassing the whole colony could be taken, where far below, visible but now tiny, the children were still waving good-bye.

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Release No.: 143-68
By: LCpl. Robert M. Henson

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 12—Major Anton E. Therriault, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Aviation Logistics Officer, was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross by Colonel James A. Etheridge, Chief of Staff, 9th MAB, during ceremonies here August 12.

The Nation's fourth highest award for combat valor was presented to Major Therriault for "heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight" in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. At the time covered in the citation, Major Therriault was serving as a pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-262, Provisional Marine Aircraft Group-39, First Marine Air Wing.

On February 5, 1968, Major Therriault was launched as Flight Leader of a section of two helicopters assigned to resupply the hill outposts surrounding the Khe Sanh Combat Base. At the time, units of the North Vietnamese Army were entrenched to within 50 meters of the landing zones, and numerous enemy antiaircraft and mortar emplacements surrounded the outposts.

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As he began his resupply run, his citation reads, in part, "Undaunted by the heavy volume of fire, he landed on Hill 861 and delivered the urgently needed resupplies, and remaining exposed to the increasing intensity of hostile fire, he steadfastly maintained his position in the landing zone to embark wounded Marines before expeditiously departing the area.

"Without the covering fire from fixed-wing aircraft," the citation continued, "he resolutely maneuvered his helicopter through North Vietnamese fire to deliver supplies to Hill 881 and again braved hostile fire to remain in the landing zone until medical evacuees had been placed aboard his aircraft before lifting out of the fire-swept area.

"Throughout the day, he landed at the Logistic Support Area at the Khe Sanh Combat Base, despite repeated enemy rocket, mortar and artillery fire, and transported thirty tons of resupplies during more than seven continuous hours while evacuating numerous Marine casualties."

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Release No: 144-68
By: LCpl. Robert M. Henson

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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Aug. 9--A Navy Commendation Medal and Purple Heart Medal were presented to two Marines of Regimental Landing Team-26 (RLT-26) (Rear) by Lieutenant Colonel Jack Erwin, commanding officer, in ceremonies at Camp Schwab, Okinawa, August 9.

LtCol. Erwin presented the Navy Commendation Medal to Private First Class John C. Lewis, a driver with "A" Company, 5th Motor Transport Battalion. The citation accompanying the medal cited Pfc Lewis "for heroic achievement while serving as a rifleman with "F" Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam."

During the time covered in the citation, Pfc Lewis's platoon was maneuvering into position to reinforce and assist a friendly unit that was under small arms and automatic weapons fire from a well entrenched enemy unit. As his unit was moving into position he noticed three wounded Marines and observed they were in a dangerously exposed area covered by heavy automatic weapons fire.

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Pfc Lewis's citation reads, in part, "Unhesitatingly exposing himself to the intense enemy fire, he seized an M -79 grenade launcher and fearlessly maneuvered across seventy-five meters of fire-swept terrain to an advantageous firing position. Displaying exceptionalism, he delivered a large amount of accurate fire upon the hostile emplacement, thereby silencing the weapon and enabling the injured men to be evacuated to positions of relative safety.

"His heroic and timely actions," the citation continues, "were instrumental in saving the lives of his wounded comrades and were an inspiration to all who observed him."

Pfc Lewis is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

Lance Corporal Alvin L. Holmon was presented the Purple Heart Medal for "wounds received in combat action while in support of the Forces of the Republic of Vietnam in their struggle with the insurgent communist forces on May 23, 1968."

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ordnance graduation
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 13—Joint graduation exercises for two different three-week courses were held at the Ordnance School of 3rd Force Service Regiment (3rd FSR) on August 9 at Camp Hansen.

Lance Corporal Johnnie L. Evans, a Marine serving with 1st Force Reconnaissance Battalion in Vietnam, came to Okinawa only for the duration of the Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course and graduated with the highest average ever attained at the Ordnance School. His 99.1 average eclipsed the old record of 98.84 established by a previous class honorman. There were 27 Marines in the Infantry Weapons Repair Course.

Sergeant Michael R. Mallon, Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, was honorman for the Ammunition Technicians Course, finishing at the top of a class of 25 students.

Lieutenant Colonel L. I. Fein, commanding officer, Maintenance Battalion, 3rd FSR gave the graduation address to the graduates and presented the diplomas.

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barbecue pits
Release No.: 146-68
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 14 -- The next time you're in the market for a charcoal grill, look around for an old 35-gallon metal drum instead of rushing out to a hardware store.

That's what the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB) Civil Affairs Office did when asked to supply four outdoor barbecue grills to a local Okinawan school.

To make four grills they took two metal drums, cut them in half lengthwise with an acetylene torch, and welded steel legs to each of the halves. The result was four completely functional deep pans, which when filled with charcoal make perfect beds for barbecue fires.

The barbecue pits were made by Marines from 3rd Force Service Regiment's Welding Shop. These Marines also made grills to cover the open pits by welding long metal rods together in criss-cross fashion

When completed, the grills were given to the Ishikawa Cultural Center by the 9th MAB Community Relations Team. The Cultural Center will distribute the barbecue pits to a local school.

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summer camp
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By: LCpl. Graham Ross

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 20--A summer camp for Okinawan school children on the western side of the island had a successful five-day season due, partially, to the efforts of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's (9th MAB) People to People Program.

The 9th MAB Community Relations Committee provided four military busses to get the 150 children to the camp on August 12 and bring them home five days later.

In addition, two transportable water tanks belonging to the Brigade were stationed at the camp throughout its brief season, assuring the children of an adequate supply of fresh water at all times.

Run by the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, a Christian Missionary organization, the camp gave children of the Ishikawa and Kosa areas a change of environment during their brief summer vacation from school.

The request for assistance was made by Miss Edna Prinsell, a missionary of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade who helps operate the camp.

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As a gesture of thanks for the aid, Miss Prinsell invited Colonel James A. Etheridge, 9th MAB chief of staff and chairman of the Community Relations Committee, to a lunch in his honor on August 14.

Accompanying Col. Etheridge were Commander George W. Fulfer, 9th MAB chaplain, and Sergeant Major T. H. Hughes, Brigade sergeant major. Both are members of the Community Relations Committee.

Following the noon meal, Col. Etheridge was presented a small platter, handpainted in Okinawa, as a token of the camp's appreciation.

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legion of merit (jones)
Release No: 148-68
By: LCpl Graham Ross

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 16--Captain Roland W. Jones, Medical Corps, USN, who is presently serving as Brigade surgeon, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB), was presented the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" by Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th MAB, during ceremonies here August 16.

Captain Jones received the award for his "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service" while he was Division surgeon, 1st Marine Division, from June 28, 1967 to July 2, 1968. "During this period," the citation proclaims, "Captain Jones exhibited superior professional ability in the performance of his demanding duties. With outstanding leadership and seemingly tireless energy, he directed and supervised the Division's medical units from Chu Lai to Quang Tri, a distance of 150 miles in the northern sector of the 'I' Corps Tactical Zone."

Early in his tour of duty with the Division, Dr. Jones had directed that all meaningful statistics be kept on the usage of medical supplies in order that a more accurate estimate of medical supplies and requirements could be kept up.

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legion of merit (jones)
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"As a result of this study," according to the citation, "a stock of emergency resupply items was established so that adequate supplies were readily available at appropriate logistic support areas to support each combat operation."

Captain Jones also organized a team which trained medical department personnel in aid station management, administration and supply. The results of this program became apparent during Operation Hue City when the high casualty and low mortality rate attested to the excellence of medical care provided.

When the Division's area of responsibility increased to include Phu Bai, Captain Jones sent a self contained transportable medical unit to provide immediate medical support.

Recognizing fully the importance of his unit's Civic Action Program, Captain Jones ably supervised an extensive Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) which provided "outstanding medical care in response to the needs of the Vietnamese people."

"In February, 1968," the citation continued, "the village of Cam Lo had seven deaths which were believed to be the result of plague, and many villagers of Cam Lo were reported extremely ill.

"Without regard for his own safety, Captain Jones immediately organized a medical team and proceeded to the village to combat a potential epidemic -- immunizing 5,200 persons and providing medical care for the sick."

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bronze star (del rio)
Release No: 149-68
By: LCpl. Graham Ross

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 17—Staff Sergeant Raymundo Del Rio, career advisor for Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB), was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" today by Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th MAB, during a brief ceremony at Camp Hansen.

The award was for his heroic achievement on the afternoon of April 30 of this year, while SSgt. Del Rio was serving as Company Gunnery Sergeant of Company "G", Second Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment.

On that day SSgt. Del Rio was supervising the loading of equipment belonging to another company while Company "G" was preparing to move by helicopter to the battalion base camp. Throughout the loading process, the entire area was subjected to enemy artillery fire which constantly increased in volume and intensity.

Soon the hostile fire became so intense the company commander ordered a withdrawal from the area and the company began moving on foot to the basecamp.

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bronze star (del rio)
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Throughout the three-hour march, conducted in darkness, SSgt. Del Rio moved among his men, giving them encouragement and administering first aid to the wounded.

His citation concludes: "Although his unit sustained 30 casualties, the entire company arrived safely at the battalion's base camp largely due to SSgt. Del Rio's tireless efforts and inspiring leadership."

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boy scouts
Release No: 151-68
By: LCpl. Graham Ross

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 21--Twelve Boy Scouts ranging in age from 12 to 14 learned something about explosive ordnance and fire prevention at Camp Hansen today.

Members of the Far East Council's Troop 130, the Scouts spent the afternoon here learning what objects to avoid if inadvertently discovered in the training areas of Okinawa.

In addition to the instruction they received on explosive devices, members of the troop were shown a movie on fire prevention, given a demonstration of four different kinds of fire extinguishers, and treated to a dramatic display of the Camp Butler Fire Department in action when a fire truck rushed on the scene to extinguish a large oil fire that had been set, for demonstration purposes, in full view of the boys.

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boy scouts
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Fire Chief Frank H. Driskell, an ex-Marine who is in charge of the 73 people who make up the Camp Butler Fire Department, spent the entire afternoon with the Scouts. He supervised their tour, giving the demonstration on fire extinguishers, showing the many capabilities of the fire truck called a "pumper," and explaining the movements and precautions of his firemen as they extinguished the oil blaze. He also escorted the boys to a 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade messhall where Provisional Service Battalion treated them to a snack of cake and ice cream.

Sergeant D. L. Rose, a technician with Third Force Service Regiment's Explosive Ordnance Platoon, gave the lecture on live ammunition sometimes found in training areas.

A static display of hand grenades, artillery shells and blasting caps was set up to familiarize the Scouts with the type of equipment that should always be reported to explosive ordnance disposal teams if found.

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ordnance graduation
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Aug. 30--The Ordnance School of 3rd Force Service Regiment (3rd FSR) held a joint graduation exercise today for two three-week courses taught at Camp Hansen.

Honorman for the Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course was Lance Corporal H. J. Folk, 2nd Battalion, Third Marines, 1st Marine Division, who led his class of 29 with a 97.22 average.

First in the class of 20 in the Ammunition Technicians Course was Corporal O. E. Copeland, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. His final average was 95.94.

Major A. A. McVitty, commanding officer, Maintenance Company, 3rd FSR, gave the graduation address and presented the diplomas to the 49 graduates.

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Assisting in the ceremonies were Chief Warrant Officer H. R. Walsh, officer-in-charge of the Ordnance School, and Staff Sergeant J. W. Spratt, non-commissioned-officer-in-charge of the school and instructor for the majority of the classes.

The Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course teaches students to perform first and second levels of maintenance on all infantry weapons.

The Ammunition Technicians Course is designed to familiarize students with the carrying, handling and storing of ammunition.

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grenade training
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Sep. 4--"A grenade is a small bomb," says the Guidebook for Marines, and surely the most combat hardened rifleman would be hard put to come up with a better definition.

As we know it, the modern hand grenade was first used during the days of trench warfare in World War I. Although the weapon was used in the Civil War, it was not what could be called a common weapon, always available to the footsoldier.

Actually, the first grenades were used thousands of years ago by the Chinese, whose ancient warriors were known to hurl earthen jars filled with poisonous snakes into the camps of their enemies.

But it was in World War II, especially in the close jungle quarters of the Pacific campaign, that it became a weapon of necessity for the infantryman.

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There, where almost all of the Marine Corps did its fighting, it was a weapon surpassed in importance only by the rifle and the machinegun. At least, that's the way the Marine slogging through the jungle felt about it.

Since that time the grenade has become an integral part of each Marine's training, and he must always be proficient in his knowledge of the weapon --- in what he can do with it --- and, of course, in what it can do to him.

Grenade training is a must to the Marines stationed with a unit such as the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB.)

The greater part of this unit is situated on the island of Okinawa. It is a deployable unit, combat active, ready to move into action in any area throughout the Western Pacific.

Staff Sergeant R. J. Main, an expert in all types of explosives who presently works in the Brigade's ordnance section, is occasionally called upon to conduct classes on grenades for the Marines of 9th MAB. The classes are held at the Camp Hansen grenade range.

He gives his demonstrations using almost all types of the weapon, not just the commonly known "fragmentation" grenade, which is designed solely to inflict casualties on the enemy.

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Present day warfare has a use for many types of grenades: smoke grenades for signaling; illumination grenades for night fighting; incendiary grenades which start fires, destroy equipment and produce casualties; white phosphorus grenades which cause severe burns on contact and give off dense smoke. These are just some of the variations of the grenade presently in the Marine Corps arsenal of weapons.

It was some time ago, of course, that the only means of propelling a grenade was by throwing it. Rifle grenades, fired from the muzzle of the rifle by use of a special blank cartridge, are similar to hand grenades, but they have far greater range.

The art of firing a rifle grenade is a learned skill. It is not the same as firing a bullet.

Being "combat-ready" is also a learned skill, but it requires constant application. Grenade training, the 9th MAB Marines know, is one of the more important phases of that skill, worthy of practice.

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VOTE VOTE VOTE

The seven Career Advisors of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB) have gotten together and started a campaign to make sure all eligible Marines at Camp Hansen and Camp Schwab vote by absentee ballot in the General Elections this November.

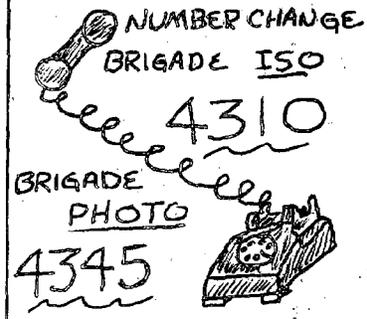
The theme of the campaign is capsuled in the slogan

"Vote for the Candidate of your Choice -- BUT VOTE!", and the 9th MAB Marines who initiated the campaign have set up voting information booths which they operate on their own time in order to make sure that the campaign theme is fulfilled.

Absentee ballot applications as well as general voting information may be obtained at the booths. (Did you know that if you are a resident of Hawaii you can vote at the age of 20, in Alaska you can vote at 19, and in Kentucky and Georgia the age is 18.)

A voting information booth was set up for the first time at the Provisional Service Battalion Messhall on August 2 and Camp Schwab's booth opened on August 6 at the Regimental Landing Team-26's Messhall.

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MERIT-MAST, TWO PURPLE HEARTS TO CORPSMAN, DOCTORS

A Meritorious Mast and two Purple Heart Medals were awarded at Camp Schwab on the morning of August 2 by the commanding officer of Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear).

Colonel Jack Erwin presented the Meritorious Mast to Hospitalman 3rd Class Jesse J. Anderson and the Purple Heart Medals to Navy Lieutenants Fred A. Thomas and Casimir F. Firlit.

The Meritorious Mast cited HM3 Anderson for his outstanding performance as Hospital Corpsman for the Camp Schwab dispensary during the period from November 3, 1967 until the present time.

His duties during that time included serving as Petty Officer in overall charge of the organization and maintenance of the emergency/surgery room and the medical/surgery ward. He also served as coordinator and supervisor of

"Sick Call" and the treatment room.

Lt. Casimir F. Firlit was awarded his Purple Heart Medal for wounds received on January 21 of this year while serving at Khe Sanh with the 26th Marines as regimental surgeon.

Replacing Lt. Firlit as regimental surgeon was Lt. Fred A. Thomas who was himself wounded on March 20 and also presented with his Purple Heart Medal during the ceremonies at Camp Schwab.

Both lieutenants are presently serving as medical officers at Camp Schwab.

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"CONSIDER THIS!"

HELP WANTED: Young men and women who are energetic, dedicated, intelligent and highly motivated toward public service. Must be of unquestionable character and able to work with people. Should be nearing end of military service. Can look forward to steady employment, many fringe benefits, promotions, varied assignments, retirement plan and public respect. More than 15,000 openings exist. Interested apply to any law enforcement agencies.

There is the offer -- Can you fill that position? Our law enforcement agencies across the country are looking for capable young men and women to fill their ranks.

Those seeking to become police officers should not be looking for a "soft job." The hours are often long and unpredictable and there is a constant element of danger.

However, whether in small towns or large cities, law enforcement officers are (See POLICE, page 5)

The Chaplain Says --



How strange it is that we are obsessed with the differences among us while we stubbornly ignore the similarities.

All men are born in the same way and in the same way die. There is no difference in the way a Russian or American falls in love. All children take the same appeal to the human heart, whether they are white, black, brown or yellow. Joy and sorrow, anxiety and relief, disappointment and elation, constitute the same experience in Moscow as in Miami; on Okinawa as at Dong Ha. Smiles and tears look the same, communicate the same the world over.

Yet, this oneness of humanity moves us not at all. What does trigger our tempers, fire our fury, heat up our hates are the differences between us. "How can I associate with that man? Can't you see his skin is black?" "Why should I trust that fellow? He's a Jew isn't he?" "How can you include them? They are not our kind."

It is said that Hitler one day looked into the ovens of Dachau and raged, "How terrible these people make me do this to them!"

Why this insanity? One explanation is that difference always suggests competition. Competition arouses fear. People hate what they fear.

The Good Book says, "Love casts out fear." Universally universal love is about as likely to occur as a snow storm on Okinawa in July. But not even Ford has a better idea.

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VOTING...

The booth will be open at Camp Hansen every Friday and at Camp Schwab every Tuesday through the month of 5 September. It will only be opened during the lunch hour.

Every Marine who is eligible to vote owes it to himself to visit one of these voting information booths and apply for an absentee ballot. His own future and that of the Nation hangs in the balance.

And don't make the mistake of postponing your visit to the booth. The end of September just isn't all that far away.

PSB GETS CERTIFICATE

Staff Sergeant Walter J. Gray was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Colonel James A. Etheridge, Chief of Staff of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, during a ceremony at Camp Hansen on August 2.

SSgt. Gray's, who is the Career Advisor for Provisional Service Battalion, 9th MAB, certificate cited him for his "Exceptional effort and devotion in contributing to a successful Marine Corps Career Advisory Program at the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade."

I believe that our Heavenly Father invented man because he was disappointed in the monkey.

Mark Twain

MARINE ARTIST TOURS OKINAWA BASED MARINES

Tom Chara, one of the sketch artists who covers our servicemen at home and abroad, visited the Marine bases on Okinawa from July 24 through July 31.

During his seven day visit Mr. Chara was given a tour of the island and also spent two days in Da-Nang, South Vietnam.

Mr. Chara's work actually began during World War II during the Iwo Jima campaign. At the time he was in the Air Force but they used his talents as an artist to cover the campaign.

He has spent his last 19 years as an associate professor at the Massachusetts College of Art where Captain John Dyer, the first Combat Artist in Vietnam, learned his trade from Mr. Chara.

Since 1961 Mr. Chara has covered our Armed Forces throughout the world in all kinds of situations.

In 1963 Mr. Chara took his first job for the Marine Corps doing sketches at Parris Island, S.C. In 1964 he went to London, Paris and Rome to sketch the Marine security of the United States Embassies.

Aboard the U.S.S. Guadalcanal in 1965, Mr. Chara covered the training of Marine Reservists at Camp LeJeune, N.C. during exercise "Yellow Jacket." In 1967, Mr. Chara was at Guantanamo, Cuba, sketching the fence line security.

His work has been reproduced in many magazines including the covers of "All Hands" and the "Marine Corps Gazette." Much of his work is displayed at the Marine, Army, Navy, Air Force's collection centers, and also at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D. C.

During the trial of the "Boston Strangler" Mr. Chara made courtroom sketches which were put on the air over WBZ TV in Boston.

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CROSS OF GALLANTRY TO SS

A Marine Captain who holds the Nation's third highest combat award, the Silver Star Medal, and the Nation's fourth highest combat award, the Bronze Star Medal, was presented with the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Award August 2 by the Chief of Staff, 9th MAB.

Captain James E. Livingston, who is presently serving as staff secretary for 9th MAB, was awarded the Vietnamese decoration by Colonel James A. Etheridge, who was quick to comment on the Captain's growing list of personal decorations during the ceremonies.

The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry is the fourth such decoration (he also holds the Purple Heart Medal) to be awarded Capt. Livingston during one tour of duty in Vietnam.

SPORTS

OKINAWA BASED MARINES TAKE TAIWAN CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

The 1968 Okinawa Baseball Champions added three more games to their win column, including a no-hitter, during their tour of Taiwan following the regular season here.

The Marines played their first game against the Chinese Army and ran away with a score of 13-2. In the second game the Marines took a 5-1 victory over the Chinese Navy. Playing the Conlubany Sugar Barons from the Philippines the Marines grabbed a 9-5 victory in the 9th inning of play. The fourth game was called because of rain at the end of the 4th inning with the Marines leading 3-1 against the Chinese Air Force.

The first inning of the first game started off with one run for the Marines. Four runs were gathered by the Marines in the second inning and by the end of the sixth inning the Marines had scored 12 runs with the last run coming in the 7th inning. The Chinese Army's two runs came during the 4th inning of play.

Gill Edwards bagged his second no-hitter for the year pitching against the Chinese Navy. The Marines started off again with one run coming in the first inning. The remaining four runs were brought in during the third inning. The one run for the Chinese Navy came during the 2nd inning. The game was rained out at the end of the 6th inning.

The first inning of the 3rd game the Marines took their first run but by the end of the second inning the Sugar Barons had taken over the lead to be regained by the Marines in the 9th inning.

The third inning didn't bring any runs for the Marines but brought in one more for the Philippine team. The 4th inning brought one run for the Marines and the fifth inning gave one run to the Barons.

Two runs were added to the Marines score in the 6th inning but they were still down one run. The 7th and 8th innings brought no scores for either team and leading into the 9th inning the score was Sugar Barons 5 and the Marines 4.

The Marines got a rally going in the ninth. J. D. Dunn started the inning with a single to left field. Sickinger singled to left field and Billy "Sweet Willy" Crooks was safe on first on an over-throw to first base to score Edwards, who was running for Dunn. While Sickinger was going to third

Crooks stole second. Ken Peters took a walk which loaded the bases.

Ron Portal singled to right field bringing in Sickinger and Crooks. Portal stole second and Peters stole home to put the Marines ahead for the first time since the first inning. Jay Johnson flied out to center for the 2nd out and Portal grabbed third and later scored on a wild pitch. Bringing in five runs while the Barons failed to score in the 9th inning the Marines took the game 9-5.

The 4th game was rained out at the end of the 4th inning with the Marines leading the Chinese Air Force 3-1.

FOOTBALL TO BEGIN IN SEPT.

The first round of the 1968 Okinawan Interservice Football season will begin September 20 at Sukiran with the Loggers being pitted against the Falcons. Game time for the first of many games to be played around Okinawa will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

September 21 will find the Marines bumping shoulders with the Eagles at Naha. Game time is set for two in the afternoon.

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POLICE...

taught the latest developments and techniques in psychology, communications, transportation, science and technology. No matter how well educated they might be at the start, their knowledge will grow and their capabilities will increase in order to keep pace with our changing society and the growing responsibilities of law enforcement officers.

ISHIKAWA

Tonight at the Ishikawa Servicemen's Center movies will be shown beginning at 8:00 p.m. Tonight's movies are on Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore and Tahiti followed by football sports shorts.

Tomorrow beginning at 3:00 p.m. an outdoor picnic and Bar-B-Q is scheduled for Todoroki Falls. Don't miss it.

Sunday, a birthday party for all those born in August will be held with free ice cream and cake. Later a songfest will take place.

Tuesday and Thursday, English and Japanese classes will be held. Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. the Center will sponsor a Ping Pong Turney while Thursday at 8 it's pool tournament time.

Wednesday night is shuffleboard tournament time at the Center.

Any night is a good night to come to the Center. The Center's library has many paperback books which you may take with you, learn new games, or just make a tape to send home.

**CAREER ADVISORY:
THE "LUCKY" ONES**

"He was lucky!" "He got a good break." Those are a few of the comments heard around the barracks when a fellow Marine gets a coveted duty assignment. Conversations at the club usually turn toward this fortunate Marine as his buddies wonder "How he could be so lucky in getting that duty station?"

Talk with any career Marine and it will appear that he always gets the breaks. **FROM BOOKS**
Let's take a look at this situation and see why this is true.

Each Marine enters the Corps physically, mentally and morally fit, receives the same basic training, and is then launched on a potential career. The young Marine who wants to get ahead realizes that a leader must first learn how to become a follower. He also knows that a pleasing appearance and cheerful attitude will attract favorable attention; so he does the seemingly little things to present himself in this manner. He disciplines himself and keeps his record clean.

Often, a Marine who does all this still can't seem to get started on a successful career. He may feel he should have gotten that choice billet to which another has been assigned. Perhaps he would have been the so called "Lucky One" had he known the opportunity was available.

If you are looking for that opportunity to get your career on the move, see or call your unit's Career Advisor. Don't put it off for that billet you may want could be filled by another Marine.

**THE
LITTLEST
NEUTRAL**

DAVID BERTIN

Sandwiched between the mighty forces of China and America lies the tiny kingdom of Ihaodia, fighting a losing battle to preserve its neutrality. When King Anabol faces the prospect of a very delicate operation, both neighboring great powers appear, scalpel at the ready. All each wants, as a surgical swap, is to build a highway (ideal for military purposes?) through the heart of Ihaodia.

Desperately the little King tries to play off one great power bloc against the other. Because the stars are in improper conjunction, Communist surgeons get the nod; then the Chinese Big Brother becomes to scrutable...

A masterful microism of the entire Asian middle--complete to ancient fertility rites and a preventative war launched by elephants! Here's a delightful cross between The Mouse That Roared and Anna and the King of Siam. A midget masterpiece.

MOVIES

Starting time for the movies at the Camp Hansen and Camp Schwab Theatres is normally 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., with matinees Wednesday and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Regular admission is 35 cents. *Denotes increased admission, (a) Denotes Camp Hansen (b) Camp Schwab.

Saturday

(a) **THE MAN WHO LAUGHS** - Angelo, a young circus performer with a disfigured face, is in love with Dea, a beautiful blind girl. While performing, the troupe is attacked and Angelo and Dea are separated. This searching drama stars Jean Sorel and Lisa Gastoni.

(b) **TARZAN AND THE JUNGLE BOY** - When a beautiful reporter finds evidence that a small boy believed drowned in a jungle canoeing accident may yet be alive, Tarzan's aid is sought. Stars Mike Henry and Rafer Johnson.

Sunday, Monday

(a) ***DAY OF THE WILD GUN** - Glen Ford stars as a retired gunfighter who wants to hang up his guns and live peaceably, only unexpected turns change his ideas.

(b) ***THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY** - Story of three dangerous men looking for a cashbox containing \$200,000. They have no loyalties except to their own violent and impulsive ends, and will either wear the Union or the Confederate uniform for brief periods, only as part of their schemes.

Tuesday

(a) **TARZAN AND THE JUNGLE BOY** - See above.

(b) **GOP-OUT** - **GOP-OUT** stars Geraldine Chaplin as a mod-teen who finds dropping out of convention and traditional English ways full of thrills, wild nights and reckless days, until murder ends the fun.

Wednesday

(b) **PROJECT X** - A science fiction chiller which takes place in the year 2118. It is not a space story, for it happens here on earth, in a world as it may well be 150 years from now.

Wednesday, Thursday

(a) ***THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY** - See above.

Thursday, Friday

(b) ***THE DOUBLE MAN** - A suspense drama set in the Austrian Alps where an ambitious project in psychobiology is underway. The project.....? You will have to see the movie to find out. A clever spy thriller.

Friday

(a) **GOP-OUT** - See above.

CAMP HANSEN CLUB NEWS

Looking for a change in pace from the "ville" or a way to spend an inexpensive night and still enjoy yourself? Why not get together with a bunch of friends and make your "bird" down to one of the many clubs located at Camp Hansen?

For the privates, PFC's and lance corporals, there are two Mf clubs located in very convenient locations - one near the main gate and the other near the transit barracks. Both clubs offer snack-bars, where a veritable feast can be had for only a few cents. Drinks? They have 'em, both beer and mixed, and at prices to fit anyone's pocket book.

For corporals and sergeants, there is the 4-5 Club, just up from the 9th MAB headquarters building. They too have fine food and a wide variety of beer and mixed drinks to choose from.

The Staff NCO Club, located near the library and theatre, and the "O" Club, overlooking "Officer's Country" and Camp Hansen, also provide senior Marines with food and drink at moderate prices.

All of the clubs offer nightly entertainment for the Marines and their guests.

So, if you're looking for something to do tonight, or any other night for that matter, drop by your respective club.

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CAPTAIN JONES, USN, MC, RECEIVES LEGION OF MERIT

Captain Roland W. Jones, Medical Corps, USN, who is presently serving as Brigade Surgeon, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB), was presented the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" by Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th MAB, during ceremonies at Camp Hansen August 16.

Captain Jones received the award for his "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service" while he was Division Surgeon, 1st Marine Division, from June 28, 1967 to July 2, 1968. "During this period," the citation proclaims, "Captain Jones exhibited superior professional ability in the performance of his demanding duties. With outstanding leadership and seemingly tireless energy, he directed and supervised the Division's medical units from Chu Lai to Quang Tri, a distance of 150 miles in the northern sector of the 'I' Corps Tactical Zone."

Early in his tour of duty with the division, Dr. Jones had directed that all meaningful statistics be kept on the usage of medical supplies in order that a more accurate estimate of medical supplies and requirements could be kept up.

"As a result of this study," according to the (See LEGION, page 3)

9TH MAB MAJ. GETS DFC

Major Anton E. Therriault, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Aviation Logistics Officer, was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross by Colonel James A. Etheridge, Chief of Staff, 9th MAB, during ceremonies at Camp Hansen August 12.

The Nation's fourth highest award for combat valor was presented to Maj. Therriault for "heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight" in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. At the time covered in the citation, Major Therriault was serving as a pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-262, Provisional Marine Aircraft (See DFC, page 4)

CAMP GETS MAB'S HELP

A summer camp for Okinawan school children on the western side of the island had a successful five-day season due, partially, to the efforts of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's (9th MAB) People to People Program.

The 9th MAB Community Relations committee provided four military busses to get the 150 children to the camp on August 12 and bring them home five days later.

In addition, two transportable water tanks belonging to the Brigade were stationed at the camp throughout its brief season, assuring the children of an adequate supply of fresh water at all times.

Run by the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, a Christian Missionary organization, the camp gave the children of the Ishikawa and Koza areas a change of environment during their brief summer vacation from school.

The request for assistance was made by Miss Edna Prinsell, a missionary of the Far Eastern Gospel (See CAMP, page 2)

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U.S. ELECTIONS UNIQUE BUT RIGHT JUST THE SAME

Americans are currently engaged in that quadrennial phenomenon unique in the annals of political history and practice -- our national elections.

This is not to say that other countries don't have national elections or that they are either more - or less - effective than those in the United States.

It is to say that our elections and the processes leading up to them are, to say the least, different.

Starting with the first Presidential Primary early in the election year, our populace is hallooed, hammered and harangued with the pleas, promises and protestations of potential presidents.

The show really gets on the road with the major conventions. These are a combination of a Ziegfeld Revue, the World Series, a TV spectacular, the Constitutional Convention and a Fourth of July picnic all rolled into one.

From these emerge the final candidates, selected on the basis of popular support by the majority of individuals in that particular political party.

Then until election day, the American people have the chance to concentrate on the opinions, views and policies of the major candidates.

By way of newspapers, radio and television, we are able to study, dissect, question, sift and determine the candidates' views on everything from aardvarks to zymurgy. From the mass of information, claims and counter-claims, we are able to arrive at a decision as to which man, in our own opinion, would be best suited

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CAMP...

Crusade who helps operate the camp.

As a gesture of thanks for the aid, Miss Prinsell invited Colonel James A. Etheridge, 9th MAB chief of staff and chairman of the Community Relations Committee, to a lunch in his honor.

Accompanying Col. Etheridge were Commander George W. Bulfer, 9th MAB Chaplain, and Sergeant Major T. H. Hughes, Brigade Sergeant Major. Both are members of the Community Relations Committee.

Following the noon meal, Col. Etheridge was presented a small platter, hand-painted in Okinawa, as a token of the camp's appreciation.

CHANGES

In a few command changes around the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, LtCol. R. R. Smoke became the new Air Officer and LtCol. G. C. Kliefoth is now the G-3 Officer. ProvServBn came under the command of the battalion's exec, LtCol. J.F. Conlon when Col. R.R. Wilson departed to take command of CTG-79.5. The new commander of CTG-79.4 is Col. J.F. McMahon.

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52 GRAD AT 3RD FSR

Joint graduation exercises for two different three-week courses were held at the Ordnance School of 3rd Force Service Regiment (3rd FSR) on August 9 at Camp Hansen.

Lance Corporal Johnnie L. Evans, a Marine serving with 1st Reconnaissance Battalion in Vietnam, came to Okinawa only for the duration of the Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course and graduated with the highest average ever attained at the Ordnance School. His 99.1 average eclipsed the old record of 98.84 established by a previous class honorman. There were 27 Marines in the Infantry Weapons Repair Course.

Sergeant Michael R. Malton, Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, was honorman for the Ammunition Technicians Course, finishing at the top of a class of 25 students.

Lieutenant Colonel L. I. Fein, commanding officer, Maintenance Battalion, 3rd FSR, gave the graduation address to the graduates and presented the diplomas.

When a poor man finds a long-hidden quarter-dollar that has slipped through a rip in his vest lining, he sounds the pleasure of life with a deeper plummet than any millionaire can hope to cast. - O. Henry

LEGION... citation, "a stock of emergency resupply items was established so that adequate supplies were readily available at appropriate logistic support areas to support each combat operation."

Captain Jones also organized a team which trained medical department personnel in aid station management, administration and supply. The results of this program became apparent during Operation Hue City when the high casualty and low mortality rate attested to the excellence of medical care provided.

When the Division's area of responsibility increased to include Phu Bai, Captain Jones sent a self contained transportable medical unit to provide immediate medical support.

Recognizing fully the importance of his unit's Civic Action Program, Captain Jones ably supervised an extensive Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) which provided "outstanding medical care in response to the needs of the Vietnamese people."

"In February, 1968," the citation continued, "the village of Cam Lo had seven deaths which were believed to be the result of plague, and many villagers of Cam Lo were reported extremely ill.

"Without regard for his own safety, Captain Jones immediately organized a medical team and proceeded to the village to combat a potential epidemic--immunizing 5,200 persons and providing medical care for the sick."

AGRILLING THING-B-BQ'S MADE AT FSR

The next time you're in the market for a charcoal grill, look around for an old 35-gallon metal drum instead of rushing out to a hardware store.

That's what the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB) Civil Affairs Office did when asked to supply four outdoor barbecue grills to a local Okinawan school.

To make four grills they took two metal drums, cut them in half lengthwise with an acetylene torch, and welded steel legs to each of the halves. The result was four completely functional deep pans, which when filled with charcoal make perfect beds for barbecue fires.

The barbecue pits were made by Marines from 3rd Force Service Regiment's Welding Shop. These Marines also made grills to cover the open pits by welding long metal rods together in criss-cross fashion.

When completed, the grills were given to the Ishikawa Cultural Center by the 9th MAB Community Relations Team. The Cultural Center will distribute the barbecue pits to a local school.

Not every man is so great a coward as he thinks he is - nor yet so good a Christian. - Stevenson

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ELECTIONS...

to guide this nation in the coming four years. The final choice is made on election day when we exercise our right as a citizen to vote.

There may be better ways to choose the President of the United States -- no system is perfect. Although at times, our presidential campaign seems to lack the dignity and solemnity of the high office to which the candidates aspire, the campaign process is the free expression of free people exercising their right to have a voice in their future.

Although the campaign may have its entertaining aspects, it's a serious business. Use the coming weeks wisely so you can make an intelligent choice on election day.

Our system may not be perfect, but it is certainly the best history has produced. Choice, even under a possibly imperfect system, is far better than no choice at all. (AFPS)

DRAFT CALL DOWN

FOR OCTOBER

WASHINGTON (AFPS) - The Department of Defense has requested Selective Service Commission to provide 13,800 inductees during October. All inductees are assigned to the Army.

This figure is one of the lowest draft calls for 1968.

I have found some of the best reasons I ever had for remaining at the bottom simply by looking at the men at the top. - Colby

SSGT DEL RIO WINS
BRONZE STAR FOR HEROISM

Staff Sergeant Reymundo Del Rio, career advisor for Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB), was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" today by BGen. John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th MAB, during a brief ceremony at Camp Hansen August 17.

The award was for his heroic achievement on the afternoon of April 30 of this year, while SSgt. Del Rio was serving as Company Gunnery Sergeant of Company "G", 2nd Battalion, Fourth Marine Regiment.

On that day SSgt. Del Rio was supervising the loading of equipment belonging to another company while "G" Co. was preparing to move by helicopter to the Bn. base camp. Throughout the loading process, the entire area was subjected to enemy artillery fire which constantly increased in volume and intensity.

Soon the hostile fire became so intense the company commander ordered a withdrawal from the area and the company began moving on foot to the base camp.

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DFC...

Group-39, 1st Marine Air Wing.

On February 5, 1968, Major Therriault was launched as Flight Leader of a section of two helicopters assigned to resupply the hill outposts surrounding the Khe Sanh Combat Base. At the time, units of the North Vietnamese Army were entrenched within 50 meters of the landing zones, and numerous enemy anti-aircraft and mortar emplacements surrounded the outposts.

As he began his resupply run, his citation reads, in part, "Undaunted by the heavy volume of fire, he landed on Hill 861 and delivered the urgently needed resupplies, and remaining exposed to the increasing intensity of hostile fire, he steadfastly maintained his position in

the landing zone to embark wounded Marines before expeditiously departing the area.

"Without the covering fire from fixed-wing aircraft," the citation continued, "he resolutely maneuvered his helicopter through North Vietnamese fire to deliver supplies to Hill 881 and again braved hostile fire to remain in the landing zone until medical evacuees had been placed aboard his aircraft before lifting out of the fire-swept area.

"Throughout the day, he landed at the Logistic Support Area at the Khe Sanh Combat Base, despite repeated enemy rocket, mortar and artillery fire, and dropped thirty tons of resupplies during more than seven continuous hours while evacuating numerous Marine casualties.

KIDS SEE THEIR FIRST 'BASE' ON SCHWAB TOUR

Fifteen Japanese school children saw their first military base early this month when, as guests of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, they toured Camp Schwab. The children, all sixth graders from the Tokyo area, were visiting Okinawan students of the same age in response to a trip taken by the Okinawan children last year.

Lieutenant Colonel Jack Erwin, commanding officer of 9th MAB's Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear) (RLT-26) at Camp Schwab, learned of the children's visit from Mr. Higa, the Vice-Mayor of Nago, a town not far from the base. He was quick to invite the entire group, which numbered 22 with the adult escorts, on a guided tour of different areas of the military reservation.

The highlight of the tour was a demonstration of amphibious tractors of the 5th Am-Trac Battalion, a unit that is part of RLT 26. Several of these vehicles, known as LTV's, stood an inspection (both inside and out) by the wide-eyed 11 and 12 year olds.

Then two of the LTV's "battered down their hatches," started their engines, and moved down the beach, into the water, and out to sea. They performed briefly in the water, circling within sight of the children before returning to dry land.

In addition to the LTV demonstration, the students were treated to a

tour of the RLT-26 Motor Pool, Camp Schwab's medical and dental facilities, and the library.

While visiting the gymnasium, the youngsters entertained themselves, playing with a huge "push ball" and jumping on the trampoline.

Before completing their tour of the base, the visitors were taken to the Officer's Club, where Lt. Col. Erwin joined them for a lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs.

NAVY COMM - PURPLE HEART TO TWO RLT-26 MARINES

A Navy Commendation Medal and a Purple Heart Medal were presented to two Marines of Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear) (RLT-26) by Lieutenant Colonel Jack Erwin, commanding officer, in ceremonies at Camp Schwab August 9.

LtCol. Erwin presented the Navy Commendation to Private First Class John C. Lewis, a driver with "A" Company, 5th Motor Transport Battalion. The citation accompanying the medal cited PFC Lewis "for heroic achievement while serving as a rifleman with "F" Company, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, in connection with the operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam.

During the time covered in the citation, PFC Lewis's platoon was maneuvering into position to reinforce and assist a friendly unit that was under small arms and automatic weapons fire from a well entrenched enemy unit. As his unit was moving into position he noticed three wounded Marines and observed they were in a dangerously exposed area covered by heavy automatic weapons fire. (See NAVY COMM, page 6)

MEDAL..

Throughout the three hour march, conducted in darkness, SSgt. Del Rio moved among his men, giving them encouragement and administering first aid to the wounded.

His citation concludes: "Although his unit sustained 30 casualties, the entire company arrived safely at the battalion's base camp largely due to SSgt. Del Rio's tireless efforts and inspiring leadership."

LATE BULLETIN

Corporal Charles G. Faulk, the enlisted assignment clerk for G-1, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, was chosen as the "Marine of the Month" for August. Cpl. Faulk was presented a plaque and letter of commendation by BGen. John E. Williams here Aug. 23.

MOVIES

Starting time for the movies at the Camp Hansen and Camp Schwab Theatres is normally 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., with matinees Wednesday and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Regular admission is 35 cents. *Denotes increased admission. (a) Denotes Camp Hansen (b) Camp Schwab.

Saturday

(a) **TOO MANY THIEVES** - A tense and absorbing drama about the theft of a rare and costly museum from its native Macedonia. Peter Falk and Britt Ekland become involved in the deadly race to recover the priceless, one of a kind treasures.

(b) **IT'S A BIKINI WORLD** - In the dazzling Bikini world of Tommy Kirk, he reigns as King of the "in" group and is the first to admit it. A tiger and a lover, Mike suffers his first set back when the beautiful Deborah Walley relegates him to the out group.

Sunday, Monday

(a) ***YOURS, MINE AND CURS** - A comedy drama about a widow and a widower who, between them, have a total of 18 children. They meet, court and are married, and of course add more children of their own. There are many outright hysterical, amusing and awkward situations.

(b) ***WAIT UNTIL DARK** - A recently blinded woman is terrorized by thugs who believe she is adventantly hiding a shipment of smuggled heroin. A real thriller starring Audrey Hepburn and Alan Arkin.

Tuesday

(a) **IT'S A BIKINI WORLD** - See above.

(b) **YOU'RE A BIG BOY NOW** - Stars E. Hartman and J. Harris, and is in cinemascope and color.

Wednesday

(b) **THE FEARLESS VAMPIRE KILLERS** - It's a biting comedy where a kindly old fanatic and his incompetent battle the evil Count, the ugly hunchback, the sissy vampire, the sexy vampire, the stupid vampire and all their batty friends.

Wednesday, Thursday

(a) ***WAIT UNTIL DARK** - See above.

Thursday, Friday

(b) ***GUNS FOR SAN SEBASTIAN** - After a Yagui raid in which San Sebastian is left in ruins and deserted, Leon Alastray (Anthony Quinn) rallies the few who are left and helps them to rebuild their homes, shows them how to construct a dam and erects a fortress like wall in protection against the enemy. Golden Lance, Chief of the Yaguis, leads another murderous charge against the town and when the wall begins to crumble, Quinn blows up the dam and creates a turning point in the battle.

Friday

(a) **YOU'RE A BIG BOY NOW** - See above.

NAVY COMRADES...

PFC Lewis's citation reads, in part, "Unhesitatingly exposing himself to the intense enemy fire, he seized an M-79 grenade launcher and fearlessly maneuvered across seventy five meters of fire swept terrain to an advantageous firing position. Displaying exceptional professionalism, he delivered a large amount of accurate fire upon the hostile positions, thereby silencing the weapon and enabling the injured men to be evacuated to positions of relative safety.

"His heroic and timely actions," the citation continues, "were instrumental in saving the lives of his wounded comrades and were an inspiration to all who observed him."

PFC Lewis is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

Lance Corporal Alvin I. Holomon was presented the Purple Heart Medal for "wounds received in combat action while in support of the Forces of the Republic of Vietnam in their struggle with the insurgent communist forces on May 23, 1968."

PROMOTION TO 1ST LIEUTENANT

1st Lieutenant Christopher C. Busick, assistant training officer, G-3, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, was promoted to his present rank by Colonel James A. Etheridge, Chief of Staff, 9th MAB, during ceremonies at Camp Hansen August 19.

Lt. Busick reported aboard Camp Hansen in June.

BRIGADE

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BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN E. WILLIAMS, USMC

PORTRAIT OF NEW 9TH MAB CG: GEN WILLIAMS

Brigadier General John Edward Williams assumed his current assignment as Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF, August 12, 1968.

General Williams was born Feb. 20, 1920, in Camden, N.J., and attended and graduated from elementary and preparatory schools in San Diego, Calif. Joining the Marine Corps in April 1937, he was discharged in July 1938 to be appointed a Midshipman, U.S. Navy. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in December, 1941.

During World War II, Lt. Williams served as a Battery Commander and Group Executive Officer with the 5th Amphibious Corps' 8th Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force, in the Gilbert Islands. Lt. Williams was promoted to first lieutenant in Oct. 1942, and to captain in May 1947.

Returning to the United States in July 1942, Capt. Williams became the company commander of Company "F", Marine Barracks, Kilauea (See CG, page 3)

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DRUGS AND TEAMWORK

Everyone in the armed forces knows how important teamwork is in military applications. Whether on a reconnaissance patrol or simply in the smooth flow of work through an office, it is readily apparent how teamwork makes for efficiency. Each person does his job; his efforts mesh neatly with those of others on the team, and the over-all mission of the team is accomplished.

Drug abuse can destroy that effective teamwork. If one member is under the influence of drugs, the efficiency of the entire unit is almost certain to be impaired.

According to the World Health Organization, among the more prominent effects of marijuana are carelessness, distortion of sensation and perception, impairment of judgement and memory and confusion.

Imagine the consequences to a combat patrol where each member is dependant upon the other, if one of them is a "pot" smoker, subject to any one or a combination of these effects.

The effects of marijuana or any of the other hallucinogens can be equally disastrous in non-combat situations. On a ship or an aircraft the lives of many men may depend on how efficiently the operator of a sophisticated piece of navigational equipment does his job. What happens if that operator decides to "take a trip" while he's on duty?

We've only raised the question of what can happen through the so-called non-addictive drugs - the ones (See DRUGS, page 6)

MARINE LT. WINS MOH

WASH. - A Marine officer who was killed while helping defeat a Communist attack against his outnumbered unit, has been awarded the Medal of Honor.

During the ceremony held August 27, the parents of Second Lieutenant John P. Bobo of Niagara Falls, N. Y., were presented the nation's highest decoration by Secretary of the Navy Paul R. Ignatius at the Capital's Marine Barracks.

Lieutenant Bobo died March 30, 1967 during fighting in Quang Tri Province.

His unit, "I" Company, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, was setting in for the night when it was attacked by a North Vietnamese Army unit.

Despite murderous enemy fire, Lt. Bobo organized a hasty defense, and moved from position to position encouraging his outnumbered Marines.

He recovered a rocket launcher when his team was put out of action; organized a new team and directed its fire into the enemy machinegun positions.

When an exploding enemy mortar round severed his right leg below the knee, he refused evacuation.

"I saw Lt. Bobo kill at least five North Vietnamese soldiers although he (See HONOR, page 4)

math Falls, Ore. After attending Sea School at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., he became the commanding officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS CALIFORNIA, where he saw duty on Okinawa and in the East China Sea from March 1945 until Jan. 1946. Following his tour aboard the CALIFORNIA Capt. Williams became the commanding officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS LOS ANGELES, where he remained until March 1947.

Returning to the United States later that month, he reported to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, and assumed duties as a company and battalion officer, receiving his promotion to major in July 1947. Major Williams later served as the Assistant to the Commandant of Midshipmen, retaining that position until Nov. 1950 when he received orders to Europe.

Major Williams began his European tour of duty as Flag Secretary, U.S. Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean (CINCPAC), in London, England. Following his promotion to lieutenant colonel in July 1951, he became Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief, Allied Forces, Southern Europe (NATO), and served in this capacity until Dec. 1952.

Returning once again to the United States, LtCol. Williams reported to Camp Lejeune, N.C., and assumed duties as Assistant Executive Officer, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, and then as command-

ing officer of 4th Battalion, 8th Marines. Departing the 8th Marines in Dec. 1953, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he served as Secretary to the Chief of Naval Operations for Joint Chiefs of Staff Matters.

REPORTS TO MCRD

Reporting to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, in Sept. 1955, LtCol. Williams served successively as the commanding officer of 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Weapons Training Battalion and 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. Following these assignments, he became the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Recruit Training Command, MCRD, San Diego.

After completing the Command and Staff College, Senior Course, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., in June 1959, he became Staff Assistant for Doctrine and Development, serving in that capacity from June 1959 until Aug. 1960. He was then assigned duties as Assistant to the Coordinator, Marine Corps Landing Force Development Activities for Doctrine and Plans, and in May 1961, was promoted to colonel. Following his assignment with the Coordinator, MCLFDA, he became Chief, Plans, Programs and Requirements Section, Marine Corps Development Center, where he served until Feb. 1962.

Ordered overseas, Col. Williams began a one-year tour of duty as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF, on Okinawa. Upon his return to the United States in May 1963, he served as the Head of the Object-

ives Branch, Policy Analysis Division, Headquarters, Marine Corps, until Aug. 1965. After completing the National War College, Washington, D.C., in June 1966, he became Secretary of the General Staff, Office of the Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Marine Corps. For his service in this capacity, he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal.

Upon his promotion to brigadier general in Feb. 1967, he assumed command of Force Troops, FMF Atlantic, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He remained at that assignment until May 1968 when he assumed duties as Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF, in the Republic of Vietnam.

Returning to Okinawa in August 1968, BGen. Williams took over command of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF, which is headquartered there.

A complete list of the general's medals and decorations include: the Navy Commendation Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Fleet clasp, the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three bronze stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Asian and European clasps, the China Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Vietnam Service Medal.

General Williams is married to the former Patricia Louise Barnes of San Diego, Calif.

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HONOR...

had been seriously wounded," said First Sergeant Raymond G. Rogers, "I" Company's senior enlisted man.

"He also killed the NVA in the leg, and who was standing over me," said the First Sergeant.

"I pleaded with the lieutenant to crawl to the rear and try to stop the bleeding, but he refused. He asked me to tie his leg up and give him more shotgun ammunition. Then he asked me to pull him back up on the line.

"The last time I saw Lt. Bobo alive," concluded 1st Sgt. Rogers, "he was in a half sitting position firing his weapon."

With shotgun blasting, a web belt around his leg serving as a tourniquet and his leg jammed into the dirt to curtail bleeding, Lt. Bobo fell, mortally wounded while firing into the main point of the enemy attack.

His valient spirit inspired his men to heroic

efforts, and his stand enabled the Marines to gain a protective position where they repulsed the enemy attack.

Lt. Bobo was born Feb. 14, 1943 at Niagara Falls, N.Y., and graduated from Bishop Duffy High School, Niagara Falls, in 1961.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve May 28, 1965 while attending Niagara University. He was commissioned a Marine Reserve second lieutenant Dec. 17, 1965.

After completing the Officers' Candidate Course at Quantico, Va., in May 1966, he joined the 9th Marine Regiment in Vietnam where he served until his death.

Besides his parents, Lt. Bobo is survived by three brothers and one sister: 2nd Lt. William M. Bobo, U.S. Army Reserve, St. Louis, Mo.; 2nd Lt. Timothy J. Bobo, U.S. Army Reserve, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. J. Patrick Bobo and Miss Mary J. Bobo, both of Niagara Falls.

Leprosarium Gets 9th MAB Donation

The Marines of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF, donated \$440.00 to the Airaku-en Leprosarium just off the coast of Okinawa Aug. 29.

Donations came from all of 9th MAB's units at Camp Hansen and Schwab during a ten-day fund drive that ended Aug. 23.

LtCol. Jack Erwin, commanding officer, Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear), to present the check for the funds gathered. Accepting the check was Mr. Ignatius Amoku, the mayor of the colony, who has lived there since its founding 30 years ago.

Life, misfortunes, isolation, abandonment, poverty, are battlefields which have their heroes; obscure heroes, sometimes greater than the illustrious heroes.

-VICTOR HUGO-

BOY SCOUTS SEE DEMO AT CAMP HANSEN

Twelve boy scouts ranging in age from 12 to 14 learned something about explosive ordnance and fire prevention at Camp Hansen August 21.

Members of the Far East Council's Troop 130, the Scouts spent the afternoon here learning what objects to avoid if inadvertently discovered in the training areas of Okinawa.

In addition to the instruction they received on explosive devices, members of the troop were shown a movie on fire prevention, given a demonstration of four different kinds of fire extinguishers, and treated to a dramatic display of the Camp Butler fire department in action when a fire truck rushed on the scene to extinguish a large oil fire that had been set, for demonstration purposes, in full view of the boys.

Fire Chief Frank H. Driskell, an ex-Marine who is in charge of the 73 people who make up the Camp Butler Fire Department, spent the entire afternoon with the Scouts. He supervised their tour, giving the demonstration on fire extinguishers, showing the many capabilities of the fire truck called a "pumper," and explaining the movements and precautions of his firemen as they extinguished the oil blaze. He also escorted the boys to a 9th MAB messhall where PSE treated them to a snack of cake and ice cream. (See SCOUTS, page 6)

CAREER ADVISOR

For over a century and a half, Americans have honored Marines.

Like so many other things the true meaning of being a Marine has become obscured. When you hear the old timers referring to the "Old Corps" one stops and listens in fascination to the tales of yesteryear. One can almost see Smedley Butler laying behind a mule in the jungles fighting his way to the Medal of Honor, I'm sure we have a thousand such tales.

Each day we are called Marines and the name passes by us without so much as a single thought, but whether you know it or not you are preparing the future. I don't care if you're part of the old breed, new breed, or future breed, which ever you are, you are playing a major role in making our nation the greatest in history.

The past, present and future of our country lies with you. By the sweat of your brow and the skill of your teachings you must carry on our proud name.

Prepare our future Marines to meet the challenges of wars, the atomic age, growth and the space age.

We Marines now have the obligation to carry out Espirit to the future breed. Right now he's probably in school but when the time comes he will us and together we will meet the threats of aggression and defeat them.

In the coming years of
(See MARINES, page 6)

MARIAN'S MEMOS

Would you like to know what novels your library has about automobile racing, football, spies, your home state, ect? On top of the card catalogue in your local Special Services Library is a list of "FICTION BY SUBJECT". This list was compiled by checking every fiction book in the Camp Butler Libraries. Titles are added to the list every time a new shipment arrives. This list is compiled to help you locate your book.

Some new novels in your library are -

TUNC

Lawrence Durrell

Durrell has started a new series of novels since the completion of his "Alexander Quartet." This new book is set in Athens and concerns a scientist who has created a computer named Abel. The appeal of this novelist lies in his creation of a world of off beat characters.

GOD MACHINE

Martin Gaidin

A scientist designs the perfect "thinking machine" and he does such a good job that the machine decides it can do a better job of running the world than man is doing and it starts giving the orders.

HORSE'S HEAD

Evan Hunter

This is a novel of New York City and its gambling world. The hero has great dreams and schemes to get rich quick. "The laughs, the bodies, the girls come tumbling one on top of the other as Mulaney smooth-talks, wheedles and deals his way out of one dangerous situation into the next..."

VALE OF LAUGHTER

Peter DeVries

"Is human life a zoo in a jungle, as our here believes? It is indeed intrinsically absurd, can absurdity be lived by as a principle? If so, than the highest good is to be a clown, not a saint."

ALIAS BUTCH CASSIDY

Will Henry

Will Henry specializes retelling legends based on Western history. His latest book deals with a colorful Western outlaw - a villain or a Robin Hood - the versions vary. Where did he disappear?

LIGHT CAVAIRY ACTION

John Harris

A military career in England in 1939 hangs in the balance as a libel trial tells a combat story from conflicting points of view. In 1919, Lt. Gen. Prideaux received a D.S.O. and a promotion for his cavalry action in Russia. Now he is suing Major Higgins for publishing a letter charging he had in fact not been present when needed.

These books can be found at the Camp Hansen Library.

MOVIES

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Saturday

- (a) THE FEARLESS VAMPIRE KILLERS - Stars Jack McGowan and Sharon Tate.
 (b) SHAKIEST GUN IN THE WEST - Stars Don Knotts and Barbara Rhoades.

Sunday, Monday

- (a) *GUNS FOR SAN SEBASTIAN - Stars Anthony Quinn and Anjanette Comer.
 (b) *IN COLD BLOOD - Stars John Forsythe and Robert Blake.

Tuesday

- (a) SHAKIEST GUN IN THE WEST - See above.
 (b) THUNDER ALLEY - Stars Fabian and Fred Clark in this color movie.

Wednesday

- (b) A MAN CALLED DAGGER - Terry Moore and Jan Murray star in this movie.

Wednesday, Thursday

- (a) *IN COLD BLOOD - See above.

Thursday, Friday

- (b) *BLUE - Stars Terence Stamp and Joanna Pettet.

SCOUTS...

Sergeant D. L. Rose, a technician with Third Force Service Regiment's Explosive Ordnance Platoon, gave the lecture on live ammunition sometimes found in training areas on Okinawa.

A static display of hand grenades, artillery rounds and blasting caps was set up to familiarize the Scouts with the type of equipment that should always be reported to explosive ordnance disposal teams if found.

MARINES...

peace - or near peace - we must meet the challenges of progress. When the time comes we must supply our apprentice with the latest and best weapons and equipment we have. You have the obligations of training him, molding him, and making him a partner in the Corps. With him you can make our nation the richest, most progressive, safest and greatest nation in the world.

IT'S A GOOD CAREER...

...STICK WITH IT

DRUGS...

some people might tell you are "harmless!" Add to this the serious and addictive physical effects of narcotics, sedatives, tranquilizers and stimulants, and the picture becomes even more appalling.

The cold, hard facts about drugs and their effects are available from many sources. We recommend that each service man and woman become well-informed on the subject.

Armed with this knowledge, we doubt that any real "team player" will want to experiment with drugs. Nor do we feel he will long to tolerate on his team a member who has become what might be termed a "deadly dop-out." (AFPS)

Require in every good lover-the whole alphabet: Agreeable, Bountiful, Constant, Dutiful, Easy, Faithful, Gallant, Honorable, Ingenious, Kind, Loyal, Mild, Noble, Officious, Prudent, Quiet, Rich, Secret, True, Valiant, Wise...and Young and Zealous. - Cervantes