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- Encl: (1) Part III "Sequential Listing of Significant Events" to 1st
Battalion 13th Marines Command Chronology for October 1968
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(2) Part IV "Supporting Documents" to 1st Battalion 13th Marines
Command Chronology for October 1968

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded
for inclusion in subject command chronology.

2. Part IV "Supporting Documents" to 26th Marines Regiment Command
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I. The following documents, listed as supporting documents to the subject chronology, were not included in the materials forwarded to this Headquarters:

- A. All the (Supporting Documents) (Part IV) of the 26th Marines Regiment Command Chronology to the 9th MAB Command Chronology.
- B. (Part III) (Sequential listing of Significant Events) and (Part IV) (Supporting Documents) of 1st BN, 13th Marines Command Chronology to the 9th MAB Command Chronology.

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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade Command Chronology

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

John E. Williams

HEADQUARTERS
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF and
Fleet Marine Force, SEVENTH Fleet (CTF 79)
FPO, San Francisco 96602

Command Chronology

1 Oct 1968 to 31 Oct 1968

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- Part IV Supporting Documents

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TF 79

BGen J.E. WILLIAMS
10Oct68 to 31Oct68SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company/TG 79.0

Maj D.W. WILSON
10Oct68 to 31Oct68Communications Support Company
(Rein) TG 79.1Capt R.K. GREENOUGH
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

26th Marines

Col C.W. HUNTER
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

RLT-26 (Rear)/ TG 79.2

LtCol J. ERWIN
10Oct68 to 19Oct68
Maj J.E. ANDERSON
20Oct68 to 27Oct68
LtCol R. DELACRUZ
28Oct68 to 31Oct68

First Battalion Thirteenth Marines

LtCol A. NOVAK
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

Marine Aircraft Group 15/ TG 79.3

Col W.C. KELLOGG
10Oct68 to 12Oct68
Col C.T. CORCORAN
13Oct68 to 31Oct68

Special Landing Force Alfa/ TG 79.4

Col J.F. MCMAHON
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

Special Landing Force Bravo/ TG 79.5

Col R.R. WILSON
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

Provisional Service Battalion/ TG 79.8

Col W.C. DOTY
10Oct68 to 31Oct682. LOCATION

1 Oct to 31 Oct 1968: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff	Col J. LOWMAN 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Staff Secretary	Capt J.E. LIVINGSTON 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Aide-de-Camp	1stLt G.R. YOUNG 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Sgt Major	SgtMaj T.H. HUGHES 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
G-1	LtCol P.H. SIMPSON 10Oct68 to 16Oct68 Maj W.H. GROESBECK 17Oct68 to 31Oct68
Adjutant	Maj R.E. DOLAN 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
AG-1	Capt O.M. THOMPSON 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Chaplain (Protestant)	Cdr G.W. FULFER 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Chaplain (Catholic)	LCdr J.H. FRATES 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Maj. A.L. LUMPKIN 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
AG-2	1stLt E.S. DAWSON 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	LtCol G.C. KLIEFOTH 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
AG-3	LtCol F.R. SMOKE 10Oct68 to 31Oct68

Air Officer

Maj D.E. JACOBSEN
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Col M.W. SCHMIDT
10Oct68 to 11Oct68
LtCol S.B. MCCARTY
12Oct68 to 31Oct68

AG-4

LtCol K.M. SCOTT
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

Brigade Surgeon

Capt R.W. JONES
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

Medical Admin Officer

LCdr J.R. SOLLMAN
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

The Comptroller

LtCol V. A. RUVO
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

Communications - Electronics Officer

LtCol R.C. STOCKTON
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

October

	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
HqCo (79.0)	56	313	6	9
CommSptCo	15	215	0	2
ProvServBn	37	1027	1	15
RLT-26 (Rear)	28	576	8	74
MAG-15	217	2071	7	33
SLF"A"	105	1933	10	92
SLF "B"	124	1837	10	91
Total	403	7972	42	316

Part II

Narrative Summary

During the month of October 1968, the Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade continued to fulfill its assigned missions. 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.

During 5-8 October BGen WILLIAMS visited 9th MAB units in-country and at Subic, R.P.I., in addition to conducting liaison visits to elements of TF 76. On 28 October BGen WILLIAMS met LtGen WALT and LtGen NICKERSON during a brief stop-over enroute to RVN and on 29 October met and briefed LtGen BUSE during his visit to Okinawa.

October was a relatively quiet month for the 9th MAB staff and elements of 9th MAB located on Okinawa and Japan. Revision of TF 79 Oplan 120-YR, the basic plan used for BEACH BARON IV in September, was completed early in the month and planning continued for the rehab of BLT 2/26 until the rehab was cancelled due operational requirements levied by III MAF for the BLT to remain in-country. Routine operations prevailed for the remainder of the month.

26th Marines with 3rd Battalion 26th Marines in Operation OWEN MESA and 1st Battalion 26th Marines in defense of the Danang Air Base continued combat operations in the Danang area. OWEN MESA terminated on 14 October and 3/26 remained in the Danang TAOR throughout the remainder of the month. Contact was light and few casualties occurred on either side.

Throughout October 1st Battalion 13th Marines remained in position north of Danang and provided support for 26th Marines. In a major realignment of command and control, on 1 October "A", "C" and Mortar Batteries, 1/13 and K/4/13 were returned to the command less opcon of 1/13 from 3rd Mar Div while K/4/12 command less opcon was returned to 3rd Mar Div from 1/13. This shift effectively reconstituted the artillery assets of 9th MAB.

VMFA-122 of MAG-15 is now in an operational/training status, but training has been restricted due to aircraft availability. MATCU-66 was not operational from 9-31 October due to deployment of most of the personnel to RVN during September, expeditionary equipment not being calibrated and controllers not being qualified.

During October, SLF ALFA participated from 1-16 October in Operations SWIFT PURSUIT II/SCOTLAND II/TROUSDALE NORTH/LANCASTER II in support of BLT 2/26. From 17-21 October the SLF supported BLT 2/26 in Operation SWIFT PURSUIT II/NAPOLEON SALINE. On 22 October the BLT commenced backloading and rehab of personnel and equipment.

During 1-4 October SLF BRAVO support BLT 2/7 in Operation SWIFT PLAY II. Upon termination of the operation, the SLF/ARG departed for Subic for rehab/upkeep followed by a port visit to Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

On 23 October Sub Unit #1 of Provisional Service Battalion was formed to provide a holding facility for approximately 1045 Marines awaiting transfer to RVN

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
73	0	0

c. Casualties sustained:

KIA	WIA	MIA
18	104	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 OPCON to III MAF or subordinate units 'thereof' are reported by the in-country unit concerned.

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

Legion of Merit	8
Silver Star	12
Distinguished Flying Cross	17
Bronze Star Medal	67
Air Medal	30
Navy Commendation Medal	46
Navy Achievement Medal	26
Purple Heart	13
Certificate of Commendation	2
Letter of Appreciation	1
Foreign Awards	3

2. FMF organizations not committed to combat.

a. Personnel(1) Special Services

Two hundred 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 October was as follows:

<u>1st Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
49.0%	100.0%	59.0%

(3) Education

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

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Course Completion</u>
15.0%	2.0%

(4) Marine Corps Association Membership

Participation within the Marine Corps Association in the month of Oct for officers was 43.9%. Staff NCO participation showed 15.3%. Average for both staff and officers was 26.7% as compared to 26.1% in Sept.

(5) Savings Bonds

Total participation in the Savings Bond Program for the month of Oct was 72.4%

(6) Legal

General Courts-Martial Tried:	4
Legal Assistance Cases Handled:	45
Summary Courts-Martial Reviewed:	16
Special Courts-Martial (Non-BCD) Reviewed:	13
General Courts-Martial Reviewed:	2

Investigations Reviewed:	18
Offense/Incident Reports:	24
Special Courts-Martial Tried:	4
NJP Appeals Reviewed:	2
Special Courts-Martial/(BCD) Reviewed:	1
Article 32 Investigation (Reviewed):	1
Article 32 Investigation:	2

b. Training

(1) During the period 1-31 October 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.

Part IV

Chronology of Supporting
Command and Supporting Documents

Appendices

A. Command Chronology of Supporting Units

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- (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 Marines 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

B. News Releases

- (1) Release Number 169-68
- (2) Release Number 170-68
- (3) Release Number 171-68
- (4) Release Number 172-68
- (5) Release Number 173-68
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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 October 1968

Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1C

1. Location: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

*2. Staff Officer: Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, First
Lieutenant Geoffrey R. YOUNG, 095328, USMC*

3. Narrative Summary:

*During the month of October, the Commanding General made one
trip to the Republic of Vietnam to visit 9thMAB in-country units, CG,
1stMarDiv and CG, 3rdMarDiv.*

4. Sequential listing of significant events:

*3 Oct - MajGen CHANG, Chinese Marine Corps, visited 9thMAB
Headquarters*

*5-8 Oct - BGen WILLIAMS off-island, visiting 9thMAB units
operating in the Republic of Vietnam*

*21 Oct - Mr. WRIGHT, Fiscal Director of the Marine Corps, visited
with BGen WILLIAMS*

*28 Oct - BGen WILLIAMS greeted Lieutenant Generals WALT and
NICKERSON on their arrival aboard Okinawa*

*28 Oct - BGen WILLIAMS met LtGen BUSE on his arrival aboard
Okinawa*

*29 Oct - BGen WILLIAMS attended command reception in honor of
CG, FMFPAC.*

Very respectfully,

G. R. YOUNG
G. R. YOUNG

Aide-de-Camp to the CG, 9th MAB

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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 October 1968

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


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Part I

1. Designation

G-1

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

LtCol P. H. SIMPSON
1-16 Oct 1968Maj W. H. GROESBECK
17-31 Oct 19682. Location

1-31 October 1968: Okinawa

3. Staff Officers

Assistant G-1

Capt O. M. THOMPSON
1-31 Oct 1968

Personnel Officer

Maj W. H. GROESBECK
1-16 Oct 1968Capt D. O. O'DELL
17-31 Oct 19681stLt J. E. GOODINE
1-31 Oct 19681stLt J. E. GARAVAGLIA
25-31 Oct 1968

Civil Affairs/Community Relations Coordinator

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

Legal Officer

Maj H. T. RENICHE
1-3 Oct 1968Maj L. G. BOHLEN
4-31 Oct 1968

Provost Marshall

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

Adjutant

Maj R. E. DOLAN
1-31 Oct 1968

Assistant Adjutant (Awards Officer)

Capt H. W. HIGGINS
1-31 Oct 1968

Career Advisory/Education/Special Services Officer

2ndLt S. E. COX
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Informational Services Officer

CWO-3 W. F. DRISCOLL
1-31 Oct 1968

Chaplain (Protestant)

Cdr G. W. FULFER
1-31 Oct 1968

Chaplain (Catholic)

LtCmdr J. H. FRATES
1-31 Oct 1968

4. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

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Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

Part III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF organization not committed to combat.

a. Administration

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

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 Bronze Star Medal-67
 Air Medals-30
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 Navy Achievement Medal-26
 Purple Heart Medal-13
 Certificate of Commendation-2
 Letter of Appreciation-1
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(2) Casualty Reporting

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

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

General Courts-Martial tried-4
 Article 32 investigations-2
 Article 32 investigations reviewed-1
 Special Courts-Martial tried-4
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(7) Marine Corps Association

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 (b) Staff NCO participation - 15.3%
 (c) Total participation - 26.1%

(8) Savings Bonds

(a) Total participation for the period was 72.4%.

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(9) PMO

(a) Offense/Incident reports - 28

(b) Traffic Violations - 7

b. Medical

(1) The Brigade VD rate for this period was 12.4% per 1000 men for Okinawa based Units.

c. Community Relations

(1) RLT-26 (Rear)

a. The school site leveling project at the Seventh Day Adventist was completed the last week of October.

b. A 5 man team from Company A, 5th Engineer Battalion has completed the original clearing project for the city of Ishikawa. A 100 meter area was cleared of rocks and coral using 800 pounds of TNT.

c. On 10 October 1968 this organization delivered three 6X6 truck loads of clothing and used boots to Father Jose of Nago, who aided in distributing the clothing to the poor people from the northern part of the Island.

d. On 11 October 1968 this organization supplied drinking water and a water trailer to the Junior High School in Sadke, due to the lack of water pressure at the school.

e. A 300 foot fence is now completed and encloses the play area at the Ryukuan American Cultural Center at Nago.

f. On 21 October 1968 the first phase in the leveling of the city of Nago Technical School project was completed.

g. Several truck loads of sand were delivered to the Kube School in Henoko. The sand was spread on the athletic field and track at the school.

h. Twenty dolls were donated and delivered to Father Jose for the children of the Catholic School at Nago.

i. English classes are being conducted at the Ryukuan American Cultural Center at Nago. Commencing at 1600 each Saturday, the classes are under the supervision of two Marine NCO's.

j. At a sayonara dinner for LtCol ERWIN, Hosted by Mayor OSHIRO, LtCol ERWIN was presented a Letter of Appreciation from the people of Nago-Cho.

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k. A sayonara dinner for LtCol ERWIN was also hosted by Mayor MATSUNAGA, Mayor of Kushi-Son. A Letter of Appreciation was presented to LtCol ERWIN thanking him and the Marines from RLIT-26 (Rear) for their work and contribution in the past.

(2) MAG-15

a. On the 12th of October 1968, 12 Marines visited the Orphanage at Tsuda, and on 26Oct68 3 Marines visited the Orphanage at Hiroshima for general maintenance work.

b. Twenty-five Marines conducted classroom sessions in English aboard MCAS Iwakuni and throughout Yamaguchi and Hiroshima Prefectures.

(3) PSB

a. Truck Company has provided 1 water tanker daily to Kin Village Hospital to help suppliment their water supply.

b. English Language classes are still being taught at Ishikawa High School.

(4) CommSptCo

a. One Officer is presently participating in a program organized by the Brigade Chaplain to teach the English Language to the Okinawan people.

b. Captain STOUGHTON teaches 1 hour a week, 1800-1900, at the Kin Baptist Church. The students are mostly teenagers ~~each~~ who are studying the English Language in school.

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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) G-2 Section Command Chronology

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


A. L. LUMPKIN

G-2, 9th MAB

Oct 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Staff Officers:

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|--|---|
| a. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
LtCol A. L. LUMPKIN | 1-31 October 1968 |
| b. Assistant G-2
1stLt E. S. DAWSON | 1-31 October 1968 |
| c. Combat Intelligence Officer
1stLt J. B. BROOKS
1stLt B. P. CONWAY
GySgt J. A. DARR | 1-31 October 1968
1-25 October 1968
1-31 October 1968 |
| d. Special Intelligence Officer
1stLt E. J. BOYSER | 1-31 October 1968 |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Briefs

a. Three special intelligence briefs were presented to the command section of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, during the month of October.

b. Two intelligence briefs were presented to the Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade on 8 October and 22 October 1968.

c. This section conducted daily Intelligence/Operations Briefs for officers and staff NCO's in transit to RVN. During October, 204 officers and 164 staff NCO's were briefed.

2. Intelligence Training

a. This section currently carries three Marines in the basic 0200 MOS's. It is planned that these three Marines receive thorough instruction in the operations and functions of an S-2 section before being assigned to 9thMAB in-country units. All photo interpretation personnel assigned to the section are also being cross-trained in intelligence administration and order of battle to increase their knowledge of intelligence functions and facilitate their intergration into subordinate sections.

b. Section Technical Training was conducted as indicated below:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Administrative Procedures	11Oct68	1Hr
S&C Procedures	11Oct68	1Hr
Scouting	11Oct68	1Hr
Photo Interpretation	18Oct68	1Hr
Counterintelligence	18Oct68	2Hr's

3. Combat Intelligence

a. Continued liaison with U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force on-island units.

b. Published and distributed 4 issues of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Weekly Intelligence Summary.

c. Published and distributed an Intelligence Digest on 29 October 1968.

d. Completed and published a site update study for incorporation into FMFPac (Fwd) Contingency Plan.

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4. Counterintelligence

a. Staff Counterintelligence provided seventeen Defense Against Mechanical Entry (DAME) surveys, for General Staff sections and subordinate units, totaling 9 man hours.

b. Staff Counterintelligence in participation with 9th Counterintelligence Team conducted a security evaluation of the Brigade S&C from 13 October to 16 October 1968.

5. Administration

a. In addition to routine administrative tasks, the G-2 Admin section initiated six Personnel Security Clearances, issued thirty-five Certificates of Clearances and processed twenty-one personnel accesses to facilities within the brigade.

6. Trips, Inspections, and Liaison Visits

a. During the period 7-12 October 1968, the ACofS G-2, LtCol A. L. LUMPKIN attended the Marines Corps Intelligence Symposium, hosted by CG, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific at MCAS, Kaneohe, Hawaii.

b. During 5 to 11 October 1968, an inspection/liaison team visited the following units:

- (1) 5th 155 Gun Battery
- (2) "K" Battery, 4thBn, 12th Marines
- (3) "A" Battery, 4thBn, 12th Marines
- (4) "B" Battery, 4thBn, 12th Marines
- (5) G-2, III MAF
- (6) 7th CI Team
- (7) 15th CI Team
- (8) 5th CI Team
- (9) 13th CI Team

c. During 7 to 12 October 1968, an inspection/liaison team visited the following 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade in-country units:

- (1) SLF BRAVO
- (2) 26th Marines
- (3) 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

5-11 October 1968	Inspection Team to RVN
5, 12, 19, and 26 October 1968	Published Weekly Intelligence Summary
7-12 October 1968	LtCol LUMPKIN to Hawaii for Marine Corps Intelligence Symposium
8 and 22 October 1968	Intelligence Briefs presented to the Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
11 and 18 October 1968	Conducted section Technical Training
11, 18, and 23 October 1968	Special Intelligence Briefs presented to the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Command Section.
29 October 1968	Published Intelligence Digest

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FPO, San Francisco 96602

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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
To: Commanding General, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 Oct to 31 Oct 1968
Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1C
Encl: (1) In accordance with the instructions contained in
reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith:

A.C. McInerney

9-3, 928 mms

Oct 1968

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Part I

Organizational Data

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	LtCol G.C. KLIEFOTH 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
AG-3	LtCol F.R. SMOKE 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Air Officer	Maj D.E. JACOBSEN 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Artillery Officer	Maj J.M. UPDYKE 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Operations Officer	LtCol J.A. HENNELLY 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
NGF Liaison Officer	LCdr D.J. MONTGOMERY 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Plans Officer	LtCol L.E. WATSON 10Oct68 to 31Oct68
Training Officer	1stLt J.F. ROMEO 10Oct68 to 31Oct68

Part II

Narrative Summary

During the period 1-31 October 1968, the G-3 Section continued in its duties of conducting training, contingency planning and supervision of matters relating to aviation, naval gunfire support, artillery and MARES/OPSTAT.

Following the execution of BEACH BARON IV CPX on 26-28 September, the G-3 staff reviewed results of the CPX to determine deficiencies and initiate corrective action as required. CTF 79 Oplan 120-YR, used as the basis for the CPX, was reviewed and corrections made as a result of lessons learned.

During the first part of the month planning continued for the scheduled rehab of BLT 2/26 on Okinawa. However, planning terminated on 15 October when COMSEVENTHFLT approved a revised ARG/SLF employment schedule deleting the Okinawa rehab and substituting a brief rehab at sea to permit SLF employment in-country late in October.

On 29 October BGen WILLIAMS briefed CG, FMFPac on current status of 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

NONE

Part IV

Supporting Documents

1. ✓ Air Input
2. ✓ Plans Input
3. ✓ NGF Input
4. ✓ Training Input
5. ✓ CTF 79 Weekly Summary msg 060226Z Oct 68
6. ✓ CTF 79 Weekly Summary msg 130115Z Oct 68
7. ✓ CTF 79 Weekly Summary msg 201030Z Oct 68
8. ✓ CTF 79 Weekly Summary msg 270158Z Oct 68

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4 December 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 F.R. SMOKE 1 Oct 68 to 31 Oct 68

PART II

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

AO, G-3

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PART III

REQUESTOR			TYPE MISSION	PADS	
1	OCT	68	PAC(FWD)	CODE 3	USCAR IZENA
1	"	"	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA HANSEN
2	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 6 & 7	HANSEN KADENA COURTNEY
2	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 2	NAHA(CAT) USARYIS
2	"	"	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5 & 6	COURTNEY NAHA(CAT) USARYIS
3	"	"	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5	COURTNEY HANSEN NTA
3	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 5	NAHA OVERFLY NAHA
3	"	"	PAC(FWD)	CODE 7	USCAR COURTNEY NTA
4	"	"	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5 & 6	COURTNEY FOSTER USARYIS
4	"	"	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA
5	"	"	PAC(FWD)	CODE 3	NAHA(CAT) USARYIS
5	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 6 & 7	HANSEN KADENA COURTNEY
8	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 6 & 7	HANSEN KADENA COURTNEY
8	"	"	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA
10	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 6	HANSEN USARYIS COURTNEY
10	"	"	9th MAB	TROOP INSERT	NAHA(NAF) NTA
11	"	"	3rd FSR	CODE 7	FOSTER COURTNEY NTA
11	"	"	PAC(FWD)	TROOP EXTRACTION	NTA FUTEMA
12	"	"	9th MAB	TROOP EXTRACTION	NTA NAHA(NAF)
13	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 7	KADENA HANSEN
13	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 7	HANSEN COURTNEY NAHA
15	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 7	NAHA(NAF) HANSEN
15	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 7	COURTNEY HANSEN(CAT)
15	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 6	COURTNEY KUE
15	"	"	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA
15	"	"	9th MAB	PARADROP	YOMITAN
16	"	"	PAC(FWD)	CODE 6	COURTNEY HANSEN NAHA(CAT)
18	"	"	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA
18	"	"	STATCOMPAC	CODE 7	HANBY YAETAKE
18	"	"	9th MAB	GROUND SUPPORT	HANSEN SCHWAB
19	"	"	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5	COURTNEY NAHA(CAT)
19	"	"	PAC(FWD)	CODE 7	FUTEMA MACS-8 NAHA(CAT)
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21	"	"	COMSTS	CODE 4 & 5 & 6 & 7	NAHA PORT NAHA(NAF) TOUR OF ISLAND
21	"	"	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5 & 6 & 7	COURTNEY HANSEN FOSTER
22	"	"	9th MAB	CODE 7	FUTEMA HANSEN
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26	"	"	9th MAB	FIRE RECON	COURTNEY FIRE AREA
26	"	"	9th MAB	FIRE RECON	FUTEMA HANSEN FIRE AREA
27	"	"	9th MAB	FIRE RECON	COURTNEY HAGUE FIRE AREA
28	"	"	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4 & 6	COURTNEY FUTEMA TOUR OF ISLAND

PART III CONT

<u>REQUESTOR</u>	<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>PADS</u>
28 OCT 68	PAC(FWD) FIRE RECON	HANSEN FIRE AREA
28 " "	PAC(FWD) PHOTO MISSION	FUTEMA FIRE AREA
29 " "	9th MAB FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA
29 " "	PAC(FWD) CODE 4 & 6	COURTNEY FUTEMA
30 " "	PAC(FWD) PHOTO MISSION	COURTNEY FIRE AREA
30 " "	PAC(FWD) CODE 4 & 6	COURTNEY FUTEMA
30 " "	VMGR-152 ADMIN	FUTEMA HANSEN
31 " "	3rd FSR ADMIN	FOSTER NTA
31 " "	VC-5(USN) CODE 7	TOKASHIKI I. NAHA(OPS)

PART IV

NONE



D.E. JACOBSEM
MAJ USMC

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11 Dec 1968

MEMORANDUM

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

Subj: Command Chronology; Plans input for

Ref: (a) A C/S, G=3 memo 3/dcb over 1000 Oct 1968

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

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Plans Officer

LtCol L.E. WATSON
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

Asst Plans Officer

LtCol C.A. JORGENSEN
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

None

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

22 Oct Briefed Col COCHORAN, C.O. MAG-15 on CTF-79 and 9th MAB Plans.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None


L.E. WATSON

Plans O, G-3, 9th MAB

Oct 68

HEADQUARTERS
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FPO, San Francisco 96602

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20 Dec 1968

MEMORANDUM

From: Naval Gunfire Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Subj: Command Chronology for Oct 1968; submission of
Ref: (a) G-3 memo 1000 of Oct 1968

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

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer

LtCmdr D.J. MONTGOMERY
10Oct68 to 31Oct68

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

SFCP Subic: Ninth MAB NGF Team, Subic provided the following spotting services to NGFS ships, Seventh Fleet:

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>NGFS EXERCISE</u>
USS DAVIS (DD-937)	2 OCT	Z40G, Z42G, Z43G, Z44G
USS POWER (DD-839)	2 OCT	Z40G, Z42G, Z43G, Z44G
LMAS PERTH (D-38)	3 OCT	Z40G, SID
USS DUPONT (DD-941)	3 OCT	Z40G, Z42G, Z43G, Z44G
USS HUGH PURVIS (DD-709)	7,8 OCT	SID, Z44G, Z46G
USS JENKINS (DD-447)	25 OCT	DIRECT, SID
USS COCONINO CTY (LST-603)	27 OCT	Z40G

PART III

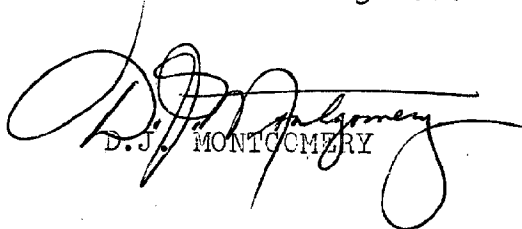
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

<u>Team Training</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
Field Duty (Tabores)	1,2 Oct	36
Organization of NGF (Lecture)	5 Oct	1

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Supporting Arm, NGF (lecture)	5 Oct	1
Basic Map Reading (Lecture & Film)	5 Oct	2
Military Grid Reference System (Lecture)	5 Oct	1
Azimuth & Declination (Lecture & Film)	6 Oct	2
Military Symbols & Map Situation (Lecture)	6 Oct	1
Aids to Study of Terrain (Lecture)	6 Oct	1
Orientalation & Location (Lecture & Film)	6 Oct	1
Binoculars & Compass (Lecture)	6 Oct	1
Prefire Briering Tabones (Lecture)	7 Oct	1
Spotting Terminology (Lecture)	7 Oct	2
Field Duty (Tabones)	7, 8 Oct	36
Ships Visit (DD)	9 Oct	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
OP Selection (Lecture)	10 Oct	1
Naval Ammunition (Lecture)	10 Oct	1
Classification of Fires (Lecture)	10 Oct	1
Shipboard Procedures NGFS (Lecture)	10 Oct	1
Conduct of Fires (Lecture)	10 Oct	1
Radio Procedures (Lecture)	11 Oct	1
Antennas (Lecture)	11 Oct	1
NGF Communication Equipment (Lecture)	11 Oct	2
Radar Beacon (Lecture)	11 Oct	1
NGF Communications (Lecture)	11 Oct	1
NGF Reports (Lecture)	11 Oct	1
Review	14 Oct	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ships Visit (LSMR)	14 Oct	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Waterproofing (Lecture)	16 Oct	1
General Military Subjects (Lecture)	16 Oct	2
Ships Visit (DD)	22 Oct	3
Shipboard Procedures Direct Fire (L)	24 Oct	2
Spotting Terminology (Lecture)	24 Oct	2
Direct Fire (PW)	24 Oct	2
Field Duty (Tabones)	25 Oct	10
Field Duty (Tabones)	27 Oct	7
Organization of Anglico (Lecture)	29 Oct	1
Naval Ammunition (Lecture)	29 Oct	1
M-16 Rifle (Lecture/Demonstration)	29 Oct	1
Organization, NGFS (Lecture)	30 Oct	1
Supporting Arms, NGF (Lecture)	30 Oct	1
OP Selection (Lecture)	30 Oct	1
Conduct of Fires (Lecture)	31 Oct	1
Radio Telephone Procedures (Lectures)	31 Oct	1
Antennas (Lecture)	31 Oct	1


D.J. MONTGOMERY

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MEMORANDUM

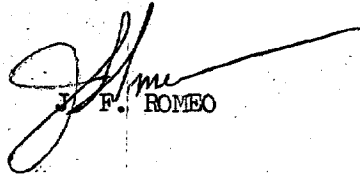
From: G-3 Training
To: G-3 Operations

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

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

Encl: (1) 1 October through 31 October 1968 Command Chronology

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


J. F. ROMEO

Trng. G-3. 924 MAB

Oct-1968

ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATIONNAME AND RANK

Training Officer

1stLt J.F. ROMEO
1 Oct - 31 Oct

Asst. Training Officer

1stLt C.C. BUSICK
1 Oct - 31 Oct

Briefing Officer

1stLt C.C. BUSICK
1 Oct - 31 Oct

Training NCO

GySgt M. GONZALEZ
1 Oct - 31 Oct

Asst. Training NCO

SSgt J.D. CRIDER
1 Oct - 31 OctNARRATIVE SUMMARY

Training

(1) During the period 1 Oct through 30 Oct 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.

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Schools. The following is a list of the schools and courses attended by 9thMAB during the period 1 through 31 October 1968:

<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
NCO LEADERSHIP SCHOOL	20
BASIC AIRBORNE SCHOOL	11
REGISTERED PUBLICATION SCHOOL	5
TELETYPE TRAINING AND REPAIR	2
CAREER PLANNER	6
16 MM PROJECTIONIST SCHOOL	5
BASIC INFANTRY WEAPONS REPAIR COURSE	2
COMM/SEC CRYPTO SCHOOL	3

2. Military Assistance Program. (2) officers from the Republic of Vietnam Marine Corps completed on-the-job training (WCN 313) Staff Procedures at Regimental Level from 7 Oct through 18 Oct. (3) officers from the Republic of Korea Marine Corps were briefed by G-3 Operations, and a tour of Prov Serv Bn was conducted on 28 Oct. RLT 26(Rear) was host unit.

3. Mobile Training Team. A Mobile Training Team from LFTC Coronado conducted classes at Camp Schwab, Okinawa during the periods of 14 through 18 October and 21 through 25 October 1968. The students received Air Liaison Officer/Forward Air Controller Training. The students were from the following units: 1st MAW (48), MAG-15 (1), 79.4 (1), VMGR-152 (2). RLT 26(Rear) hosted the Mobile Training Team from Coronado during their stay on Okinawa.

4. Embarkation Condensed Course. During the period of 14 through 16 October, a condensed Embark Course was conducted for (13) officers and (11) Staff NCOs. The MTT from Coronado initiated the course upon request from 9thMAB Training.

5. Submarine Training. Exhibition dives and tours of the USS Cusk (SS 348) were conducted for (15) Marines of A Co 5th Recon Bn, (2) Vietnamese Marine Corps officers and (13) Special Forces personnel on 19 Oct 1968.

6. Parachute Training. A parachute jump for personnel of H&S Co Air Delivery Platoon of Prov Serv Bn was conducted at the Yomitan Training Area on 1 Oct 1968 and a parachute air delivery and jump on 15 Oct 1968.

7. LVT1 Embark/Debar Training was conducted by Co A 5th Amtrac Bn utilizing the USS Whitfield County LST 1169. during the period 15 Oct 68.

8. A6 Delivery Pilot Refresher Course. (8) officers of MAG-12 completed the course during the period 14 through 19 Oct 68 and 28 through 31 Oct 68.

9. Weapons Loading Refresher Course. (1) officer and (4) enlisted of MAG-12 completed the course during the period 28 through 31 Oct 68.
10. A4 Delivery Refresher Course. (5) officers of MAG-12 completed this course during the period 14 through 19 Oct 1968.
11. Weapons Handling Course. (5) officers of H&MS Iwakuni and (4) enlisted and (1) officer of H&MS-15 completed this course during the period 14 through 19 Oct 68 and (1) officer and (5) enlisted from MAG-15 during the period 7 Oct through 11 Oct.
12. Weapons Courier Course. (3) officers from VMGR-152 and (4) officers from MAG-15 completed this course during the period 7 Oct through 11 Oct 68.
13. Aero-14B Loading Course. (5) enlisted from MAG-15 completed this course during the period 7 through 11 Oct 68.
14. Counter Guerrilla Warfare School. (60) Hospital Corpsmen from A Company 5th Medical Bn received Counter Guerrilla Warfare Training during the period 10 Oct through 31 Oct 68.
15. Predeployment Training. (12) Marines from 9thMAB units completed this training during the period 1 Oct through 31 Oct.
16. Naval Gunfire Training. Shore Fire Control Party (SECP) from 2/26 completed this training utilizing the USS Hugh Purvis (DD 709) during the period 7 through 8 Oct 68. (SECP) personnel from 2/12 and 2/26 also received subject training during the period 6 through 14 Oct 68.

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 WEEKLY SUMMARY (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-68, ANNEX DELTA A.

1. (S) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED IAW REF (A) FOR THE PERIOD 1-8 OCT.

A. BGEN J. E. WILLIAMS CTF 79/CG NINTH MAB AT CAMP HANSEN. ON 2 OCT BGEN WILLIAMS HOSTED A COCKTAIL PARTY AND DINNER IN HONOR OF MAJ GEN CHANG, CG, NCO SCHOOL, CHINESE MARINE CORPS AT THE CG'S MESS CAMP COURINEY. THE FOLLOWING DAY, 3 OCT 68, A CMD BRIEFING WAS HELD AT PAC (FWD) FOR MAJ GEN CHANG.

B. BGEN WILLIAMS DEPARTED OKINAWA 5 OCT FOR DANANG. THE GENERAL PLANS TO FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY.

WHILE IN RVN:

5 OCT: - DEPART FOR USS PRINCETON UPON ARRIVAL BRIEF BY 76.4 AND 79.4 VISIT SHIPS OF PHIBRON; RON USS PRINCETON.

5 OCT: - VISIT BLT 2/26; CALL ON 3RD MARDIV; LUNCH 3 RD MARDIV

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(CP); VISIT HQ 26TH MAR AND HQ 1/13; VISIT 2/7; CALL ON CG 1ST MARDIV; RON 1ST MARDIV.

7 OCT: - ATTEND 1ST MARDIV BRIEF; VISIT G-3, III MAF; VISIT DET VMGR-192. BGEN WILLIAMS PLANS TO FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING SUBIC ITINERARY:

7 OCT: - ETA SUBIC 081315H OCT 68. CALL ON COMNAV BASE SUBIC; VISIT SLF CAMP; 9 TH MAR NGF TEAM AND 2/26 SECP; RON NAV BASE SUBIC.

C. IN VIEW OF ARG/SLF BRAVO PREPARATION FOR SUBIC REHAB, SELECTIVE OFFLOADING OF BLT 2/7 ELEMENTS CONDUCTED 2-3 OCT 68. BLT 2/7 CASUALTY REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY PASSED TO 1ST MARDIV. HMM 165 OFFLOADED AND RELOCATED MARBLE MTN, DANANG. HMM 165 CASUAL REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY PASSED TO FMAW. CTG 79.5 DEPARTED SLF BRAVO 3 OCT 68 FOR LIAISON WITH CTF 79 ON OKINAWA. ARG/SLF BRAVO DEPARTED FOR SUBIC 4 OCT 68. ETA SUBIC 6 OCT 68.

D. BLT 2/26 REMAINS OPCON CG THIRD MARDIV. PROPOSED SCHEDULE BY 7THFLT INCLUDES OKINAWA REHAB OF BLT 2/26 (24 OCT - 7 NOV). BACKLOAD OF BLT TO COMMENCE 19 OCT 68.

E. BLT 2/7 UNDER OPCON 1ST MARDIV CONDUCTING OPN SWIFT PLAY II TALLADEGA CANYON IN THE 7TH MARINES AREA OF OPERATIONS. ASSAULT

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- C. IN VIEW OF ARG/SLF BRAVO PREPARATION FOR SUBIC REHAB, SELECTIVE OFFLOADING OF BLT 2/7 ELEMENTS CONDUCTED 2-3 OCT 68. BLT 2/7 CASUALTY REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY PASSED TO 1ST MARDIV. RMM 165 OFFLOADED AND RELOCATED MARBLE MTN. DANANG. RMM 165 CASUAL REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY PASSED TO IMAW. CTG 79.51 DEPARTED SLF BRAVO 3 OCT 68 FOR LIAISON WITH CTG 79 ON OKINAWA. ARG/SLF BRAVO DEPARTED FOR SUBIC 4 OCT 68. ETA SUBIC 6 OCT 68.
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- E. BLT 2/7 UNDER OPCON 1ST MARDIV CONDUCTING OPN SWIFT PLAY/TALLADEGA CANYON IN THE 7TH MARINES AREA OF OPERATIONS. ASSAULT ELEMENTS LANDED APPROX 010100Z OCT 68, AFTER ARG WIGHT PREP OF LZ, ENCOUNTERED LIGHT RESISTENCE.
- F. AS OF 010800 OCT 68, ~~CG~~ PASSED ADCON OF K BTRY, 4TH BN, 12 MAR TO CG 3RD MARDIV.

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 WEEKLY SUMMARY (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-68, ANNEX DELTA
 1. (S) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED IAW REF (A) FOR THE
 PERIOD 8-15 OCT.

A. BGEN J.E. WILLIAMS CTF-79/CG 9TH MAB AT CAMP HANSEN
 OKINAWA. ON 8 OCT BGEN WILLIAMS RETURNED TO OKINAWA FROM LIAISON
 VISIT TO VARIOUS MARINE UNITS IN-COUNTRY AND NAVAL BASE, SUBIC.

B. ON 11 OCT BGEN WILLIAMS PRESENTED AWARDS TO 9TH MAB STAFF
 OFFICERS IN CEREMONY HELD AT 9TH MAB HQ CTR'S.

2. (C) A. ON 12 OCT COL. C.L. CORCORAN RELIEVED COL. W.C. KELLOGG,
 JR. AS CTF-79.3/CO MAG-15 AT MCAS IWAKUNI. CHANGE OF COMMAND
 CEREMONY ATTENDED BY COL. LOWMAN, CHIEF OF STAFF 9TH MAB, SEVERAL
 HIGH RANKING JAPANESE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE OFFICERS AND LOCAL
 CIVILIAN OFFICIALS.

B. M-21 ARRESTING GEAR WAS UTILIZED FOR THE FIRST TIME BY ANY

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 FACILITY IN JAPAN WHEN TWO F4B FROM VMFA-122 AND ONE F4B FROM
 VMFA-115 WERE SUCCESSFULLY ARRESTED AT MCAS IWAKUNI. THE ARRESTING
 GEAR IS NOW OPERATIONAL AND AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY USE ON 24 HOUR
 BASIS.

C. MACS-8 AT CAMP SCHWAB OKINAWA CONTINUES CONDUCTING MIDS/
 MIDS TEST WITH SEVENTH FLEET UNITS FOR UTILIZING DATA LINK
 CAPABILITY.

3. (S) SLF ALFA/TG-79.4 CONTINUES PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION
 LANCASTER II IN THIRD MARDIV TAOR. SLF CONTINUES IN SUPPORT OF BLT
 2/26 WITH HMM-363 ON MEDEVAC STANDBY AND PROVIDING 8 AUGMENTATION
 ACFT TO FMAW. PLANNING FOR BACKLOAD AND REHAB/TRNG OF BLT-2/26 ON
 OKINAWA CONTINUES.

4. (S) SLF BRAVO/TG-79.5 WITH BLT 2/7 AND HMM-165 CONTINUES
 PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION MAUI PEAK IN FIRST MARDIV TAOR WHILE
 ARG AND AFLOAT ELEMENTS OF TG-79.5 CONTINUE REHAB/UNKEEP AT SUBIC.
 OFFLOADING OF BLT 2/7 SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT ABOARD MERRICK COM-
 PLETED 9 OCT. AT SUBIC. FOLLOWING VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR,
 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES WILL BE LOADED IN SEMINOLE COMMENCING 14 OCT.

5. (C) FROM SERV BN/TG-79.8 WILL COMMENCE OFFLOADING EQUIP/
 VEHICLES FROM WHITFIELD CTY (LST-1169) ON 14 OCT AND FROM USNS LST-

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4. (S) SLF BRAVO/TG-79.5 WITH BLT 2/7 NAD HMM-165 CONTINUES PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION MAUI PEAK IN FIRST MARDIV TAOR WHILE ARG AND AFLOAT ELEMENTS OF TG-79.5 CONTINUE REHAB/UNKEEP AT SUBIC. OFF-LOADING OF BLT 2/7 SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT ABOARD MERRICK COMPLETED 9OCT. AT SUBIC. FOLLOWING VEHICLE MAINTAINENCE AND REPAIR, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES WILL BE LOADED IN SEMINALE COMMENCING 14 OCT.

5. (C) PROV SERV BN/TG-^{79.9}~~79.5~~ WILL COMMENCE OFFLOADING EQUIP/VEHICLES FROM WHITFIELD CTY (LST-1169) ON 14 OCT AND FROM USNS LST-1067 ON

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 WEEKLY SUMMARY (U)

A. CONSEQUENTLY OFCD 201-08, ANNEX DELTA
 1. (C) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED IAW REF A FOR THE
 OPERICD 15-02 OCT.

A. BGEN J. E. WILLIAMS OFF TS/CG STH MAB AT CAMP HANSEN
 OKINAWA. ON 16 OCT BGEN WILLIAMS MET BGEN FEELEY AT HAF NANA.
 BGEN FEELEY GAVE COMMANDER BGEN WILLIAMS AT FMFPAC (SWO) HQ H-10
 TO HIS DEPARTING FOR P.O. DANANG. JAY MORG CIVIL ADMINISTRATION (C)
 RYUKYUS CALLED ON BGEN WILLIAMS AT CG STH MAB H-10.

B. BGEN WILLIAMS WAS DINNER GUEST OF MR. BRAND, POLITICAL
 ADVISOR TO HIGH COMMISSIONER, AMEMB, AT MR. BRANDS QTRS. ON 17
 OCT.

C. ON 19 OCT BGEN WILLIAMS PREPARED AS UN 10-15, 16-18, FROM
 DIRECTOR, MARINE CORPS AT HAF NANA FOR (C) WILLIAMS
 OKINAWA. THE (C) RECEIVING F. MORTAL SLEEPINGS (C) HAF NANA
 WAS THE (C) FOR OKINAWA.

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D. ON 21 OCT. EGEN WILLIAMS WILL GREET EGEN OLSON, FORMER CG, POC, DANANG ON THE LATTERS STOPOVER ENROUTE CONUS. EGEN WILLIAMS WILL ALSO HOST DINNER IN HONOR OF MR. WRIGHT AT CG MESS, CAMP COURTNEY SAME DAY.

2. (S) SLF ALFA/IG 79.4. EFFECTIVE 151200H BLT 2/26 CHIPPED OPCON FROM 3RD WARD IV TO FIRST BRIGADE FIFTH INFANTRY DIV. LEAVING OPERATION LANCASTER. IN JOINING OPERATION NAPOLEON SALINE. BACK LOAD OF BLT 2/26 IN ARG SHIPPING COMMENCED 1800Z VIA BOAT COM VOY FROM DCS HA TO ARG OFF CDA VIET. TROOP EMBARKATION IN ARG SHIPPING COMMENCED VIA HELICOPTER AND ARG HOATING AT 181200H. MM 363 MAINTAINING MED EVAC POSTURE AND PROVIDING 8 ACFT AUGMENTATION TO 1ST MAW. BACKLOAD TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE WEATHER, BUT UPON COMPLETION A SHORT REHAB AT SEA WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PREPARATION FOR AMPHIB OP IN AREA TO BE DETERMINED BY CG III MAF WITH TENTATIVE D-DAY 25 OCT.

3. SLF BRAVO/IG 79.5. BLT 2/7 REMAINS IN OPERATION MAUI PEAK IN FIRST MAR DIV TACR. ARG COMPLETED UPK/REHAB AT SUBIC. WITH SEMINOLE REPLACING MERRICK. TRIPOLI DEPARTED FOR DANANG 180600Z FOR OFFLOAD OF SELECTED BLT 2/7 PERS/EQUIP AND DELIVERY OF MM-165 CH-46 ACFT TO 1ST MAW. WHILE REMAINDER OF ARG CONTINUED EMBARKATION BLT 2/7 PERS/EQUIP AT SUBIC. IN VIEW OF CG III MAF

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PROPOSED REVISION TO ARG/SLF BRAVO EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE CONCURRED IN BY COMNAVFORV ON 15 OCT. ARG/SLF BRAVO ENROUTE TAIWAN 21-00 OCT FURTHER RECEIPT OF KAOHSIUNG PORT VISIT CLEARANCE. H GR-4

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WEEKLY SUMMARY (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-68, ANNEX DELTA

1.(C)THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED IAW REF A FOR THE PERIOD
15-22 OCT.

A. BGEN J.E. WILLIAMS CTF 79/CG 9TH MAB AT CAMP HANSEN
OKINAWA. ON 16 OCT BGEN WILLIAMS MET BGEN FEELEY AT NAF NAHA.
BGEN FEELEY ~~WAS~~ GIVEN COMMAND BRIEFING AT FMFBAC (FWD) HQ PRIOR
TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR FLC, DANANG. AT 1400 CIVIL ADMINISTRATION
RYUKYUS CALLED ON BGEN WILLIAMS AT CG 9TH MAB HQ

B. BGEN WILLIAMS WAS DINNER GUEST OF MR BRUNS, POLITICAL
ADVISOR TO HIGH COMMISSIONER, RYUKYUS, AT MR BRUNS QTRS. ~~XXXX~~
ON 17 OCT.

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C. ON 19 OCT BGEN WILLIAMS GREETED MR WRIGHT GS-18, FISCAL
DIRECTOR, MARINE CORPS AT NAF NAHA. MR WRIGHT WILL REMAIN ON
OKINAWA UNTIL 23 OCT RECEIVING FINANCIAL BRIEFINGS FROM VARIOUS

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MARINE COMMANDS ON OKINAWA.

D. ON 21 OCT BGEN WILLIAMS WILL GREET BGEN OLSON, FORMER CG, FLC, DANANG ON THE LATTERS STOPOVER ENROUTE CONUS. BGEN WILLIAMS WILL ¹²⁵⁰ ~~EAT~~ DINNER IN HONOR OF MR WRIGHT AT CG MESS, CAMP COURTNEY ~~SAME DAY~~.

2. (S) SLF ALFA/TG 79.4. EFFECTIVE 161200H BLT 2/26 CHOPPED OPCON FROM 3RD MAR DIV TO FIRST BRIGADE FIFTH INFANTRY DIV, LEAVING OPERATION LANCASTER II JOINING OPERATION NAPOLEON SALINE. BACK LOAD OF BLT 2/26 IN ARG SHIPPING COMMENCED 18 OCT VIA BOAT CONVOY FROM DONG HA TO ARG OFF CUA VIET. TROOP EMBARKATION IN ARG SHIPPING COMMENCED VIA HELO AND ARG BOATING AT 181200H. HMM 363 MAINTAINING ^{ING} MED EVAC POSTURE AND PROVIDING 8 ACFT AUGMENTATION TO 1ST MAW. BACKLOAD TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE WEATHER, BUT UPON COMPLETION A SHORT REHAB AT SEA WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PREPARATION FOR AMPHIB OP IN AREA TO BE DETERMINED BY CG III MAF WITH TENTATIVE D_DAY 25 OCT.

3. SLF BRAVO/TG 79.5. BLT 2/7 REMAINS IN OPERATION MAUI PEAK

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IN FIRST MAR DIV TAOR. ARG COMPLETED UPK/REHAB AT SUBIC, WITH SEMINOLE REPLACING MERRICK. TRIPOLI DEPARTED FOR DANANG 180600Z FOR OFFLOAD OF SELECTED BLT 2/7 PERS/EQUIP AND DELIVERY OF HMM-165 CH-46 ACFT TO 1ST MAW, WHILE REMAINDER OF ARG CONTINUED EMBARKATION BLT2/7 PERS/EQUIP AT SUBIC. IN VIEW OF CG III MAF PROPOSED REVISION TO ARG/SLF BRAVO EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE CONCURRED IN BY COMSEVENTHFLT ON 15 OCT., ARG/SLF BRAVO ENROUTE TAIWAN 21-22 OCT PENDING RECEIPT OF KAOHSIUNG PORT VISIT CLEARANCE.

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 WEEKLY SUMMARY (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 280-68 ANNEX DELTA
 1. (S) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED JAW REF A FOR THE
 PERIOD 20-29 OCTOBER.

A. SLF ALFA/IG 79.4. FLT 2/26 COMPLETED FACLOADED IN ARG
 SHIPPING AND OPN SWIFT PURSUIT IT TERMINATED 2200DLM. LIMITED
 REHAB AT SEA AND AT DANANGS WITH SUPPORT OF FLC. CONTINUED
 CONCURRENTLY WITH PLANNING FOR OPN EAGER HUNTER. EXECUTED OPN
 EAGER HUNTER 29 OCT IN 1ST MAR AO. WITH L-HCL 230800H, NEGLI-
 GIBLE CONTACT AND AREA NEARLY DEVOID OF CIVILIANS. THREE MINES
 AND ONE SOCEY TRAP LOCATED AND BLOWN IN PLACE. AT 250500H CATF
 PASSED OPON OF SELECTED ELEMENTS FLT 2/26 TO CG. III MAF JAW
 COMSEVENTHFLT 231932Z OCT 68. AOA DISESTABLISHED WITH ARG AND
 HMM-368 REMAINING IN SUPPORT OF SLF. PLANNING CONTINUES WITH
 AMERICAN DIV AT CHU LAI FOR SUBSEQUENT OPNS.

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B. SLF BRAVO/IG 79.5. FLT 2/7 CONTINUING SEARCH AND CLEAR
 OPNS 1ST MAR DIV TACK, WITH HMM-165 PROVIDING HELICOPTER AUGMENTATION
 TO 1ST MAR. ARG ARRIVED KACHINUING 230800H FOR PORT VISIT AND
 WILL RETURN ICYE 30 OCT IN SUPPORT OF SLF ELEMENTS ASHORE, HMM
 165 WILL BE BACKLOADED 30 OCT.

C. PROV SERV TO 79.8. PROV SERV RN HAS ACTIVATED SUB UNIT ONE
 TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY FACILITIES FOR MARINES BOUND FOR RVN BUT
 NECESSARILY DETAINED ON OIL IN VIEW OF USMC PROGRAM SIX IN-
 COUNTRY CEILINGS. THESE PERSONNEL WILL BE PHASED INTO MAC COR
 UNITS IN RVN WHEN ATTRITION RATES IN NOVEMBER WILL PERMIT.
 PROGRAM SIX TRANSIENT STRENGTH AS OF 27 OCT 4 OFF AND 501 ENL.
 LATE ENTRY ON 10 OCT. PROV SERV RN WAS TASKED TO ORGANIZE AND
 TRAIN TWO 200 MAN COMPANIES FOR RIOT CONTROL AND MAINTAIN
 CLOSE-FOUR ALERT TO QUELL POSSIBLE CIVIL DISTURBANCES. (U)
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B. AT 231600Z EGEN WILLIAMS MET WITH EGEN OLSON, FORMER CG, FLC ON HIS STOPOVER ENROUTE CONUS.

C. AT 260400Z EGEN WILLIAMS GREETED ADM MCCAIN ON HIS ARRIVAL ON ENROUTE TO RVN, AND EGEN WILLIAMS MET ADM MCCAIN AT 270030Z ON THE ADMIRAL'S BRIEF STOPOVER ENROUTE TO HAWAII.

D. EGEN WILLIAMS WILL MEET EGEN WALT AND EGEN NICKERSON AT 280325Z ON THEIR BRIEF STOPOVER ENROUTE TO RVN. AT 281710Z EGEN WILLIAMS WILL MEET EGEN AND MRS RUSE ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT MCAN FUEMA.

E. AT 290800Z EGEN WILLIAMS WILL HOST RECEPTION FOR EGEN RUSE AT FT BUCKNER OFFICERS OPEN MESS.

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A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-68, ANNEX DELTA

1. (S) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED IAW REF A FOR THE PERIOD 22-29 OCTOBER.

A. SLF ALFA/TC 79.4. BLT 2/26 COMPLETED BACKLOADED IN ARG SHEEP-
PING AND OPN SWIFT PURSUIT II TERMINATED 22000HR. LIMITED REHAB
AT SEA AND AT DANANG, WITH SUPPORT OF FLC, CONTINUED CONCURRENTLY
WITH PLANNING FOR OPN EAGER HUNTER. EXECUTED OPN EAGER HUNTER 25
OCT IN 1ST MAR AG, WITH L-HOUR 250800H, NEGLIGIBLE CONTACT AND
AREA NEARLY DEVOID OF CIVILIANS. THREE MINES AND ONE BOOBY TRAP
LOCATED AND BLOWN IN PLACE. AT 251530H CTF PASSED OPCON OF SELECT-
ED ELEMENTS BLT 2/26 TO CG, III MAF IAW COMSEVENTHFLT 231932Z OCT 68.
AOA DISESTABLISHED WITH ARG AND HMM-363 REMAINING IN SUPPORT OF SLF.
PLANNING CONTINUES WITH AMERICAL DIV AT CHU LAI FOR SUBSEQUENT OPNS.

B. SLF BRAVO/TC 79.5. BLT 2/7 CONTINUING SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS

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1ST MAR DIV 2ND, WITH HQ 165 PROVIDING FIELD ACCOMMODATION TO 1ST MAR.
AND ARRIVED NAOMI 230300H FOR PONT VIEUX AND WILL RETURN 1002.
30 OCT IN SUPPORT OF SLF ELEMENTS SHORE, HQ 165 WILL BE BACKLOADED
30 OCT.

C. PROVERVEN/29 79.8. PROVERVEN HAS ~~RECEIVED~~ ACTIVATED
SUB UNIT ONE TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY FACILITIES FOR MARINES BOUND FOR
NAN BUT NECESSARILY DETAINED ON ONE IN VIEW OF USMC PROGRAM SIX IN-
COUNTRY BILLINGS. WHEN PERSONNEL WILL BE PLACED INTO MARCON UNITS
IN NAN WHEN ATTENTION BATES IN NOVEMBER WILL PERMIT. PROGRAM SIX
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18 OCT PROVERVEN WAS TASKED TO ORGANIZE AND TRAIN TWO 200 MAN COM-
PANIES FOR RIOT CONTROL AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH SIMILAR UNITS DES-
IGNATED BY 3RD FSB, MAINTAIN ONE-HOUR ALERT TO QUEL POSSIBLE CIVIL
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18-22 OCT.

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ON BGEN WILLIAMS AT 9TH MAB HQ.

B. AT 231655I BGEN WILLIAMS MET WITH BGEN OLSON, FORMER CG, FLC ON HIS STOPOVER ENROUTE CONUS.

C. AT 260445I BGEN WILLIAMS GREETED ADM MCCAIN ON HIS ARRIVAL ONI ENROUTE TO RVN, AND BGEN WILLIAMS MET ADM MCCAIN AT 270030I ON THE ADMIRAL'S BRIEF STOPOVER ENROUTE TO HAWAII.

D. BGEN WILLIAMS WILL MEET LGEN WALT AND LTGEN NICKERSON AT 280325I ON THEIR BRIEF STOPOVER ENROUTE TO RVN. AT 281710I BGEN WILLIAMS WILL GREET LTGEN AND MRS BUSE ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT MCAF FUTEWA.

E. AT 291830I BGEN WILLIAMS WILL HOST RECEPTION FOR LTGEN BUSE AT FT BUCKNER OFFICERS OPEN MESS.

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

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5700

NOV 27 1968

MEMORANDUM


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

Subj: Command Chronology for the Period 1 October to 30 October 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).


S. B. MCCARTY JR.
By direction

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G-4, 945 MAB

Oct 1968

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 October to 31 October 1968

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Part I

Organizational Data

Staff Officers

a. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	
Col M. W. SCHMIDT	1 Oct - 11 Oct 68
LtCol S. B. MCCARTY JR.	12 Oct - 31 Oct 68
b. Assistant G-4	
LtCol S. B. MCCARTY JR.	1 Oct - 11 Oct 68
LtCol K. M. SCOTT	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
c. Assistant G-4	
Major E. G. LOVE	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
d. Assistant G-4 (Avn)	
Major A. E. THERRIAULT	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
e. Logistics Officer	
Capt L. C. VETTER	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
Capt R. ROUGHGARDEN	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
1st Lt P. W. BELLINI	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
f. Embarkation Officer	
Capt R. J. REGAN	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
g. Supply Officer	
LtCol SHAKLEE	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
h. Assistant Supply Officer	
Capt S. B. THOMAS	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
1st Lt D. WISE	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
1st Lt B. LLOYD	1 Oct - 3 Oct 68

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i. Ordnance Officer Major J. E. C. LEAVITT JR.	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
j. Assistant Ordnance Officer CWO-3 BROUILLARD CWO-2 J. V. NELSON	1 Oct - 11 Oct 68 3 Oct - 31 Oct 68
k. Motor Transport Officer Major T. M. CULLIGAN	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
l. Brigade Surgeon Capt R. W. JONES	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
m. Medical Admin Officer LtCmdr J. R. SOLLMAN	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68
n. Food Services Officer GySgt R. L. SHELTON	1 Oct - 31 Oct 68

Part II

Narrative Summary

The Brigade G-4 Section participated in Brigade inspections of 5th 155 Gun Battery and VMGR-152 during 5-10 October 1968 and 15-18 October 1968 respectively. The LST's 1169 and 1067 were offloaded at Kin Red Beach LST ramp.

Seventy-seven hospital corpsman reported to the Brigade during the month and forty-one were detached during the same period. One Medical Officer reported aboard and two medical officers, one dental officer, and one Naval Gunfire Officer were detached during October.

Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

5 - 10 Oct 68	All sections, including LtCol SHAKLEE, Major LEAVITT, Major CULLIGAN, Capt REGAN, LtCmdr SOLLMAN, Capt VETTER, and Lt BELLINI inspected 5th 155 Gun Battery as part of the Brigade Inspection Team.
12 Oct 68	Col M. W. SCHMIDT rotated to CONUS, and LtCol S. B. MCCARTY JR. assumed duties as Brigade G-4.
12 Oct 68	CWO-3 BROUILLARD transferred to CONUS.
12 - 15 Oct 68	LtCol K. M. SCOTT participated in air operations in the Republic of Vietnam.

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14 Oct 68 Coordinated offload of USS Whitfield Cty (LST 1169) at Kin Red LST ramp.

15 - 18 Oct 68 All sections, including Capt JONES MC, USN, Major CULLIGAN, Capt VETTER, 1st Lt WISE, CWO-2 NELSON, and GySgt BOWSER, inspected VMGR 152 at Futema as part of Brigade Inspection Team.

17 Oct 68 Coordinated the offload of LST 1067 (MSTS) at Kin Red LST ramp.

17 - 20 Oct 68 Major E. G. LOVE TAD to the Republic of Vietnam.

17 - 19 Oct 68 CWO-2 NELSON TAD to VMGR 152, RVN.

21 Oct 68 1st Lt WISE conducted a supply assistance visit to VMGR 152.

24 Oct 68 Messhall 2601 activated to serve PSB Sub Unit# 1.

24 - 25 Oct 68 Major CULLIGAN participated in FMFPac Motor Transport Conference at Futema.

25 - 27 Oct 68 LtCol MCCARTY TAD to the Republic of Vietnam.

25 Oct 68 Major LEAVITT conducted Nuclear Safety Council Meeting.

29 - 30 Oct 68 1st Lt WISE conducted a supply assistance visit to CommSuptCo.

30 - 31 Oct 68 USS Merrick loaded LFORM for USS Okinawa and USS Duluth at Tengan Pier for transfer to Subic.

Part IV

Supporting Documents

Chronologies of G-4 Cognizance Section

1. Ordnance
2. Supply
3. Motor Transport
4. Embarkation

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5. ✓ Medical

6. ✓ Food Services

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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, 9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE, FMF
FPO, SAN FRANCISCO 96602

IN REPLY REFER TO

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8000
4 November 1968

From: Ordnance Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.10

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

1. During the month of October, Major LEAVITT was TAD with the Brigade Inspection Team to RVN to inspect K Battery 4/13 and 155 gun battery (SP) from 5 October 1968 to 10 October 1968.
2. CWO-2 J. V. NELSON reported aboard 3 October for duty as Aviation Ordnance Officer.
3. CWO BROUILLARD departed for states.
4. CWO NELSON and Sgt BEANE inspected the armory of VMGR-152 on 15 Oct 1968.
5. CWO NELSON and Cpl MULLINS TAD to VMGR-152 Sub Unit #1 RVN for MK-24 flare inspection. Trip report submitted to Chief of Staff and Brigade Inspector.
6. Major LEAVITT conducted Nuclear Safety Council meeting. Minutes of the meeting were submitted to CG, copy to FMF PAC and MAG-15.

PART III

- 3 October 1968 CWO-2 J. V. NELSON reported for duty.
- 5 October 1968 Major LEAVITT TAD to RVN.
- 10 October 1968 Major LEAVITT returned from TAD.

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12 October 1968 CWO-3 BROUILLARD left for states.

15 October 1968 CWO-2 NELSON and Sgt BEANE inspected VMGR-152.

17 October 1968 CWO-2 NELSON and Cpl MULLINS TAD to VMGR-152, RVN.

19 OCTOBER 1968 CWO-2 NELSON and Cpl MULLINS returned from TAD.

25 October 1968 Major LEAVITT conducted Nuclear Safety Council meeting.

J. E. C. Leavitt Jr.
J. E. C. LEAVITT JR.

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

21/hrk
5750
5 Oct 1968

From: Supply Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

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

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

Encl: (1) Brigade Supply Office Command Chronology for October 1968

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


H. G. SHAKLEE

Supply O, 9 Oct 1968

Oct 1968

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Not applicable
2. Not applicable
3. Brigade Supply Officer Lt.Colonel H. G. SHAKLEE (1 Sep 68 -)
4. Not applicable

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1stLt. LLOYD, OIC, Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team, detached for duty at HQMC, 3 Oct 1968.

During the period 5 - 10 October 1968, LtCol. SHAKLEE and MSgt. KLEMM visited: Hq 1st and 3rd MarDiv, Hq, 26th Mar, 5th 155MM Gun Battery, FLSG-B, FLC, CTG 79.4, Hq 1/13, Kilo Battery 4/13. The purpose of the trip was to effect liaison and supply matters.

1stLt. WISE, SSgt. FIERRO and Cpl. STACKOWICZ, Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team, visited RVN units during 5 - 10 Oct 1968. The primary purpose of their visit was to participate in the Brigade Inspection of 5th 155MM Gun Battery (SP) (Rein); however, they conducted liaison visits with "K" Battery 4/13, 1st Bn. 13th Marines, HqCo, 26th Marines. Brigade Supply Officer's trip report of 12 Oct 1968 refers.

SSgt. BUCK, Supply Admin Clerk, detached for duty at 3d MAW, 12 Oct 1968.

SSgt. FIERRO, NCOIC Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team, detached for duty at MCB, Quantico, 14 Oct 1968.

During the period 15 - 18 Oct 1968, Lt. WISE conducted an inspection of the supply account of VMGR-152 in conjunction with the scheduled Brigade Inspection of the unit.

On 21 Oct 68, Lt. WISE made a supply assistance visit to VMGR-152 for the purpose of providing instruction in calculating Inventory Control Data.

During the period 26 - 29 Oct 68, Capt. THOMAS and MSgt. SAPP visited: 1st FSR, FLC, Hq. 26th Marines, Hq. 1st Bn. 13th Marines, and Hq. BLT 2/7. The purpose of this trip was staff liaison with supply officers, and orientation of the Assistant Brigade Supply Officer.

During the period 29 - 30 Oct 68, Lt. WISE made a supply assistance visit to Comm. Spt. Co. for the purpose of reviewing Responsible Officer procedures for supply.

PART III

1. Not applicable.
2. FMF Organization not committed to combat.

3 Oct 68 1stLt. LLOYD, OIC, Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team, detached.

5 - 10 Oct 68 LtCol. SHAKLEE and MGySgt. KLEMM liaison trip to RVN.
Ref: Trip Report dtd 12 Oct 68 (Brigade Supply Office File)

5 - 10 Oct 68 1stLt. WISE, SSgt. FIERRO and Cpl. STACKOWICZ from the Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team visited RVN. Inspected Supply Account of 5th 155MM Gun Btry. (SP). Conducted staff visit to 1/13, Hq. 26th Marines, and Kilo Btry 4/13.

15 - 18 Oct 68 1stLt. WISE inspected Supply Account of VMGR-152.

21 Oct 68 1stLt. WISE made a supply assistance visit to VMGR-152.

26 - 29 Oct 68 Capt. THOMAS, Assistant Supply Officer, and MSgt. SAPP TAD to RVN for staff visit to 1/13, Hq. 26th Marines, BLT 2/7, and 1st FSR.
Ref: Trip Report dtd 31 Oct 68 (Brigade Supply Office File)

29 - 30 Oct 68 1stLt. WISE made a supply assistance visit to CommSptCo.

PART IVCHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Not applicable

HEADQUARTERS
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMP
FFO, San Francisco 96602

35/re
11240
5 Nov 68

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

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

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPac 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. Colligan
T. M. COLLIGAN
Major USMC

M.T.O. 96602

Out 68

PART I

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

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period 5-9 October 68 the Brigade Motor Transport Officer traveled to RVN to inspect the 1st Bn 13th Marines. During the period 16-17 October 68 the Brigade Motor Transport Officer and the Brigade Motor Transport Chief inspected VMGR-152 at Futema. During the period 24-25 October 68 the Brigade Motor Transport Officer attended an FMFPac Motor Transport Conference at Futema.

PART III

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. 5-9 Oct 68 Maj. CULLIGAN to RVN for inspection of 1/13
- 16-17 Oct 68 Maj. CULLIGAN and MSgt ARTZ to Futema for
inspection of VMGR-152
- 24-25 Oct 68 Maj. CULLIGAN to Futema for FMFPac Motor Transport
Conference.

ENCLOSURE (/)

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

39/dml
5700
1 Nov 1968

From: Brigade Embarkation Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
Subj: Command Chronology, 1 Oct 1968 - 31 Oct 1968
Ref: (a) BrigBul 5750.10

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 Oct 1968

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

Capt Regan made liaison visit to 5th 155 Gun Battery. Coordinated the offload of USS WHITFIELD CTY (LST 1169) and MSTs (LST 1067) at Kin Red Lst ramp. Gysgt Bowser inspected VMGR 152. The USS MERRICK (LKA 97) loaded LFORM at Tengan Pier.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS of SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

5 - 8 OCT	Capt Regan made liaison visit to RVN.
14 OCT	Coordinated the offload of USS WHITFIELD CTY.
17 OCT	Coordinated the offload of MSTs LST 1067.
15 - 16 OCT	Inspected VMGR 152, grade sat w/major discrepancies.
30 - 31 OCT	USS MERRICK loaded USS OKINAWA and USS DULUTH LFORM for transfer to Subic.

Very Respectfully

R. J. Regan
R. J. REGAN

Embarkation O, 9th MAB

Oct 68

OFFICE OF THE BRIGADE SURGEON
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

16/dlk
5700

06 NOV 1968

From: Brigade Surgeon
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 October 1968 to 31 October 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

Medical Section, 9th MAB

Oct 1968

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Not Applicable.

2. Not Applicable.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Brigade Surgeon

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

Medical Administrative Officer

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

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC
OFF ENL
-0- -0-USN
OFF ENL
-2- -7-OTHER
OFF ENL
-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, FMF, for the month of October 1968.

Seventy-seven Hospital Corpsmen reported to the Brigade during the month and forty-one were detached during the same period. Twenty-seven Hospital Corpsmen were reassigned to 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade units in Vietnam during the month in conjunction with normal rotation and combat losses.

The Brigade received one Medical Corps Officer (210), during October 1968. Two Medical Corps Officers (210), one Dental Corps Officer (220), and one Naval Gunfire Officer (110) were detached during the same period.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 October 1968 to 4 October 1968 for the period.	A negative report is submitted
5 October 1968 departed Okinawa TAD to 5th 155 Gun Battery, 1/13, K/4/13 with Brigade Inspection Team. Also visited with SLF "A" and BLT 2/26 on matters concerning Navy personnel and medical administration.	LCDR John R. SOLLMAN, MSC USN
5 October 1968 departed Okinawa TAD to 5th 155 Gun Battery, 1/13, K/4/13 with Brigade Inspection Team.	HML E.C. BICKFORD, USN
6 October 1968 to 9 October 1968 for the period.	A negative report is submitted
10 October 1968 returned to Okinawa from TAD assignment to 5th 155 Gun Battery, 1/13, K/4/13, SLF "A", BLT 2/26, after completing TAD assignment, and resumed his normal duties.	LCDR John R. SOLLMAN, MSC USN
10 October 1968 to Okinawa from TAD assignment to 5th 155 Gun Battery, 1/13, K/4/13, after completing TAD assignment, and resumed his normal duties.	HML E.C. BICKFORD, USN returned
11 October 1968 to 14 October 1968 for the period.	A negative report is submitted
15 October 1968 departed for VMGR 152 with Brigade Inspection Team.	CAPT Roland W. JONES, MC USN
15 October 1968 for VMGR 152 with Brigade Inspection Team.	HML E.C. BICKFORD, USN departed
15 October 1968 for VMGR 152 with Brigade Inspection Team.	HML H.I. PARKS, USN departed
16 October 1968 returned from VMGR 152 after completing assignment and resumed his normal duties.	CAPT Roland W. JONES, MC USN
16 October 1968 from VMGR 152 after completing assignment and resumed his normal duties.	HML E.C. BICKFORD, USN returned
16 October 1968 from VMGR 152 after completing assignment and resumed his normal duties.	HML H.I. PARKS, USN returned

17 October 1968 to 21 October 1968
for the period.

A negative report is submitted

22 October 1968
departed Okinawa TAD to 1/13, BLT 2/26, SLF "A" on matters of Navy personnel
and medical administration.

HMC Harry T. McGOWAN, USN

23 October 1968 to 25 October 1968
for the period.

A negative report is submitted

26 October 1968
returned to Okinawa from TAD assignment to 1/13, 2/26, SLF "A", after
completing TAD assignment, resumed his normal duties.

HMC Harry T. McGOWAN, USN

27 October 1968 to 31 October 1968
for the period.

A negative report is submitted

PART IV

Not applicable.

HEADQUARTERS
9th MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE
FPO SAN FRANCISCO CAL 96602

13 Nov 1968

From: Food Service Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-4

Subject: Command Chronology for the month of October 1968

Ref: (A) Brigo 5750.1b

1. In accordance with reference (A) the below chronology is submitted.

PART 1
Organization Data

Food Service Officer
GYSGT R.L.Shelton 13 October 1968 to 13 Nov 1968 sequential listing of significant events.

1. Made frequent visits to 9th MAB Messhalls. They were found to be in satisfactory condition. "O" Mess at Camp Schwab was slightly overexpended showing an overexpenditure of \$262.80 for the month of October 1968.
2. On October 22nd orders were recieved to open messhall 2601 to feed PSB Sub Unit 1. The first meal to be served on the 24th of October 1968.
3. On November 8th RLT 26 REAR and MACS 8 at Camp Schwab moved from messhall 3322 into messhall 3629 which has been reconditioned.
4. On 21 October Attneded menu planning board meeting at Camp Courtney for the month of December.

R.L. Shelton
R.L.SHELTON

Food Service O, 9th MAB

Oct 1968

FINANCIAL STATUS OF 9th MAB MESSHALLS FOR OCTOBER 1968

	Messhall 2324 PSB	Messhall 3322 RLT	'O' Mess 26 Schwab	Consolidated Total
Total Rations Due	53428	26315	4163	83906
Total Rations Feed	36912	23279	4043	64234
Average Rations Fed Daily	1190	750	130	2070
Percent Actually Fed of Ration Due	69%	88%	97%	84%
Total Credits	47948.69	30239.42	5236.27	83424.38
Total Expenditures	46550.56	29592.19	5499.07	81641.82
Closing Inv Sept 68	8585.68	4883.14	871.06	14339.88
Closing October 68	9413.51	5452.57	1185.23	16051.31
Allowable Inv October 68	9311.03	6047.88	1099.81	16458.72
Reserve	1398.13	647.23	—	204536
Over Expended	—	—	262.80	262.80
Average Cost of Feeding (1) Man (1) Day	1.26	1.25	1.29	1.26
Ration Value October 68	1.299	1.299	1.299	1.299

* Overexpenditure and reserve can be carried forward til the 31st of Dec 1968

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

10/del
5750
12 November 1968

From: Communication-Electronics Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Subj: Command Chronology (Communication)
Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1C

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

PART I

Organizational Data

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. Communication-Electronics Officer | LtCol R.C. STOCKTON
10Oct68 to 31Oct 68 |
| 2. Asst Communication-Electronics Officer | 1stLt J.K. BAIRD
10Oct68 to 25Oct68
CWO(3) R.L. CLAY
10Oct68 to 31Oct68 |

PART II

Narrative Summary

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

PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8-9 Oct 1968 | CWO(3) R.L. CLAY and GySgt T.E. JOHNSON inspected MAG-15 |
| 16-20 Oct 1968 | LtCol R.C. STOCKTON went TAD during this period to III MAF, FLC, 26th Marines and/or 1/13. |

Comm-Electronics O, 9th MA B


Oct 1968

21-25 Oct 1968

CWO(3) R.L. CLAY went TAD during this period to FLC.

21-18 Oct 1968

GySgt T.E. JOHNSON inspected Communication Support Company.



R.L. CLAY
By direction

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

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5700
18 Nov 1968

MEMORANDUM

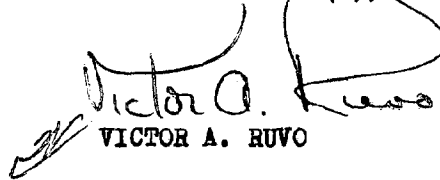
From: Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF (ATT: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 October 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.


VICTOR A. RUVO

Comptroller, 9th MAB

Oct 68

CHRONOLOGY FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1968

PART I

COMPTROLLER

LtCol VICTOR A. RUVO
1 OCTOBER TO 31 OCTOBER 1968

BUDGET OFFICER

CAPT HOWARD C. WOLFE
1 OCTOBER TO 31 OCTOBER 1968PART II

Significant fiscal transactions during the month were as follows:

- a. BPN 01 - Flight Operations. Funds in the amount of \$831,699 were received during this reporting period. New total OPTAR to date \$2,122,599.
- b. BPN 08 - Aviation Consolidated Allowance List. (Supply Officer's Stores). No funds were received during this period.
- c. BPN 09 - General Aviation Collateral Equipment. Funds in the amount of \$19,308 were received during this reporting period. Total OPTAR to date \$19,308.
- d. BPN 21 - Aeronautical TAD. No funds were received during this period.
- e. BPN 50 - Aviation Intermediate Maintenance. Funds in the amount of \$233,000 were received this period. New total OPTAR to date \$508,000.
- f. BPN 11 - Maintenance of Aviation Expeditionary Equipment. Funds in the amount of \$178,000 were received this period. New P.E. total to date \$346,800.
- g. BPN 11 - O&M, MC. Funds in the amount of \$226,500 were received this period. New P.E. total to date \$492,000.
- h. BPN 11 - O&M, MC OPBUD. Funds in the amount of \$500,000 were received this period. NTO to date \$4,630,200.
- i. BPN 10 - OPBUD Medical and Dental. Funds in the amount of \$38,000 were received this period. NTO to date \$80,200.

PART III

NEGATIVE

PART IV

NEGATIVE

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

6/REFD/dpj
5750
25 Nov 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 - 31 October 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.

B. R. Holmes
B. R. HOLMES
By direction
th

44 Co, 9th MAB

Oct 1968

Tab A - #2

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 31 October 1968

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ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

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

Major D. W. WILSON

ATTACHED UNITS

1. UNIT

None

2. LOCATION - N/A3. OFFICERS - N/A4. 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>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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>
76	433	7	14	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>
3		3	21		2

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 Nov 68

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 October 1968 to 31 October 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPAC O 5750.8
(c) BrigO 5750.1c

Encl: (1) Communication Support Company Command Cronology

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

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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 October to 31 October 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 October 1968-31 October 1968

2. LOCATION

1 October 68-31 October 68: Camp Hanson, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
OFF		ENL	OFF	ENL
12		204	00	02

PART II

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

During the month of October, this command conducted MOS Technical Training and GMS Training in order to maintain the state of individual proficiency.

On 2 October, a guest instructor from 3rd FSR conducted a 3 hour period of instruction on Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare.

On 7 October, an inspection team from 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade conducted a general inspection in the Administration Office. The Office passed the inspection satisfactorily.

An officer from this company, associated with personnel from the Chaplain's Office, 9th MAB, are conducting English classes at Kin Village Baptist Church. Starting from 10 October, the classes were held for one hour every Thursday evening throughout the month. These classes will continue indefinitely.

From 14-16 October, The GMSPE Test was administered to company personnel with the rate of LCpl or below. The test was given to determine exemptions from GMS Training for personnel of the stated rates, proficient in The General Military Subjects.

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From 14-16 October, two officers and one SNCO attended Embarkation School. This course is given to familiarize Marine Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers with embarkation techniques.

On 15 October, Motor Transport Platoon conducted classes familiarizing Motor Transport Operators concerning safety aspects of The M-151 3/4 Ton Truck.

On 19 October, the Ryukyuan Armed Forces Police conducted three hours of briefing on Okinawan Liberty. The Briefing reviewed proper conduct while on Liberty on Okinawa, and commuted general information on Okinawan Liberty.

On 20 October, three Republic of the Philippines Marine Corps Sergeants arrived to begin operational communication training with this company under The Marine Corps Military Assistance Program (MAP) Training.

On 29 and 31 October, a Gas Chamber Exercise was conducted by this command. This exercise was administered to familiarize company personnel with "Tear Gas" and instruct them on the use of the Gas Mask.

On 29 October, an inspection team from 9th MAB, conducted a general inspection in the company's supply section. The Supply Section passed satisfactorily.

Due to the shortage of licensed generator operators, Service Platoon, Provisional Service Battalion conducted a seven day Generator School. Six personnel from this unit attended from 30 October to 5 November. All six personnel recieved Generator Operators License at the termination of the instruction.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 October 68	Instruction on Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare
7 October 68	General Inspection in Administration Section
10 October 68	Commencement of English classes at Kin Village Baptist Church
14 - 16 October 68	GMSPE Test
14 - 16 October 68	Two officers and one SNCO attended Embarkation School
15 October 68	Classes conducted for M-151 Operators
19 October 68	Briefing on Okinawan Liberty by Ryukyuan Armed Forces Police

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PART III (CONTD)

20 October 68	Republic of the Philippines Marine Corps Sergeants arrived for training
29 October 68	Gas Chamber Exercise
29 October 68	General Inspection of Company Supply Section
30 October - 5 November 68	Generator Operators School

PART IV
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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

3/MB/JAF/jlr
5750
30 Nov 1968

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1 October to 31 October 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.

W. C. Doty
W. C. DOTY

Chas. Brown, Jr., 9th MAB

Oct 1968

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HEADQUARTERS
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

COMMANDER

Colonel W. C. DOTY
1 Oct 68 to 31 Oct 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

Capt. D. L. PARKER
1 Oct 68 to 9 Oct 68

Capt. R. C. HUGHES
10 Oct 68 to 31 Oct 68

Supply Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Capt. A. R. GASSER
1 Oct 68 to 2 Oct 68

Major R. C. KARGOL
2 Oct 68 to 31 Oct 68

Maintenance Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major W. G. FICERE Jr.
1 Oct 68 to 31 Oct 68

Truck Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

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

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

Colonel W. C. DOTY
1 Oct 68 to 31 Oct 68

Executive Officer

Major W. G. GOUTY
1 Oct 68 to 31 Oct 68

S-1 Adjutant

1stLt. C. H. ASHLEY
1 Oct 68 to 31 Oct 68

S-2/S-3

Major M. BEARDEN
1 Oct 68 to 31 Oct 68

S-4

Major P. R. STINGLEY
1 Oct 68 to 31 Oct 68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>ENL.</u>	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>ENL.</u>
Headquarters & Service Co.	18	277	1	11
Supply Company	8	284	0	2
Maintenance Company	8	339	0	0
Truck Company	3	150	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period covered by this report, normal supply and maintenance operations continued.

Memorial services for SSgt S. MAAFALA, 1300673/0369 USMC, were held at the Camp Hansen Chapel on 4 October. SSgt MAAFALA was a member of S-2/3 Section of Provisional Service Battalion Headquarters. He died on 2 October 1968 as a result of an apparent heart attack. Approximately 40 persons attended the ceremony.

During the month of October, fresh water was delivered daily to the Kin T. B. Sanitarium, and the Kin Mental Hospital. This was done as an effort to supplement their normal water supply, which was in short supply. Personnel from Truck Company delivered one trailer load of fresh water daily to each institution.

On 14 October, the Data Processing Platoon #25 moved from building 2217, to their new location in building 2444. Additional space and more desirable facilities were provided.

During the period 10 to 14 October, two other units were re-located. Fleet Stock Account moved from 2217 to building 2444, and the OIC Organic Supply, moved his office from building 2208 (warehouse) to building 2217, which was vacated by DPP #25, and Fleet Stock Account.

On 25 October equipment and personnel from Provisional Service Battalion were provided to support fire fighting operations in a fire in Camp Hansen training area #2. The fire was of major proportion, and three (3) M-50 Water Tankers and 30 personnel were involved in supporting the regular fire department. The assistance was continued on 26, 27, and 28 October.

On 29 October, three officers from the Republic of Korea Marine Corps arrived at Provisional Service Battalion for an orientation visit. The three ROKMC officers were Colonel CHANG Chin Hwan, Colonel KIM Yong Baek, and Lt. Colonel OH Heung Yull. Colonel W. C. DOTY, Commanding Officer, Provisional Service Battalion, officially welcomed the visitors aboard.

The visiting ROKMC officers were briefed on the mission and organization of Provisional Service Battalion, prior to a tour to the various units within Provisional Service Battalion. The tour included visits to Fleet Stock Account, warehouses, GSM/Motor Transport, Maintenance Shops, and a trip to Electronics Maintenance Platoon, Camp Courtney. The visiting officers departed Camp Hansen for 3rd Force Service Regiment on 30 October.

LCpl Patrick J. HOGAN, Admin Clerk, Provisional Service Battalion, received two Meritorious Masts during October. The awards were presented by Colonel W. C. DOTY, Commanding Officer, Provisional Service Battalion, for outstanding performance while serving as admin clerk to Sub-Unit #1, and for commendable skill and duty while attached to 5th Communications Battalion during September.

During the month of October, commencing on 23 October, Provisional Service Battalion assumed the logistical support of Sub-Unit #1, comprised of 1045 officer and enlisted personnel. The support includes medical, messing, billeting, administrative, and a vigorous special services program. The training provided is geared towards operations in the Republic of Viet Nam. This training includes ordnance, jungle trails, identification of mines and booby traps, and other training incident to possible operations in the Republic of Viet Nam.

On 14 October, the pier at Red Beach was initially placed in service with the debarkation of vehicles and equipment from the LST Whitfield County. Subsequent debarkation operations occurred on 17 October from LST MSTs #1067. The pier at Kin Red was constructed by Army Engineers and is presently on lease to the Naval Port Authorities at White Beach. It is ideally situated for the conduct of operations involving Camp Hansen and adjacent bases and considering the unserviceable condition of equipment recently debarked at Kin Red, the use of this pier was highly desirable especially from an economic viewpoint.

Personnel and equipment from Provisional Service Battalion were used in both unloading operations. The facilities at Kin Red, its close proximity to Camp Hansen, the success of past operations, and the abilities of Provisional Service Battalion personnel to operate on short notice, are factors that prove the overall value of the pier. Future operations at Kin Red can readily be accomplished without assistance from Naval Installations other than normal liaison procedures.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

4 Oct 1968: Memorial Services held for SSgt Sio MAAFALA, 1300673/0369 USMC (Deceased)

4 Oct 1968: Began providing fresh water to Kin T. B. Sanitarium, and Kin Mental Hospital.

14 Oct 1968: Data Processing Platoon #25, Fleet Stock Account, and Organic Supply Office relocated.

14 Oct 1968: Double Meritorious Mast awarded to LCpl Patrick J. HOGAN, USMC by the Commanding Officer of Provisional Service Battalion.

14 Oct 1968: Initial use of Kin Red Beach for debarkation of supplies and equipment.

23 Oct 1968: Assumption of Logistical support by Provisional Service Battalion of Sub-Unit #1.

25 Oct 1968: Equipment and personnel from Truck Company provided to fight brush fire in Camp Hansen training area #2.

29 Oct 1968: Orientation visit by three officers from the Republic of Korea Marine Corps.

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gun fighters
Release No. 169-68
By: Cpl Wm. A. McCombs

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9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE, 1968 -- When Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany directed a Dutch engineer, H. G. Fokker, to synchronize machine gunfire through the propeller arc of German airplanes he wrote Chapter One to the of air combat.

As the end of the year approaches, Marine All Weather Squadron -- 235 will trade in the last of the "gun fighters," the F-8 Crusader, for superior aircraft featuring rocket firepower.

With the removal of the F-8 Crusader from the Marine Corps arsenal that chapter which, for 50 years, pitted man and machines against each other comes to a close.

The first of the "gun fighters" were flown by American volunteers who blasted their way to glory in the famed Lafayette Escadrille. The "gun fighters" flew one-man, kill-or-be-killed missions across Europe where the pilot's skill was the only assurance that they would return to their squadrons to fly again the next day.

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gun fighters
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They flew by the seat of their pants with an intimate code of chivalry that directed them to entertain downed enemy pilots with an evening dinner before shipping them off to prisoner of war camps.

The men and machines of the Lafayette Escadrille were to take a back seat and let progress bring faster and more maneuverable aircraft into the next war.

World War II brought with it the British Spitfire that courageously defended Britain during its darkest hour by successfully harassing Hitler's Luftwaffe. Single-man fighters also escorted the Allied bombers which helped curb the German tide in Europe.

In the Pacific the Hellcat, Corsair and Lightnings were spearheading the advance of amphibious landings to capture Japanese strongholds.

This year the "last of the gun fighters," the F-8 Crusader is being replaced, once again by progress.

Perhaps guns are becoming obsolete in this day and age of rockets and missiles but to the Marines in the trenches and rice paddies of Vietnam the Crusader was an angel from the sky when she arrived on the scene with her guns blazing.

The F-8 Crusader with its 20mm cannons is a single-engine, one-man airplane. One Crusader pilot expressed his feelings for her by commenting; "She's a good bird. I'm really going to miss her."

The phasing out of the F-8 Crusader closes the book that Kaiser Wilhelm II opened. The Rickenbackers, Baron Von Richthofens, and shouts of 12 o'clock high settle into the pages of history.

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merit masts
Release No. 171-68
By: Sgt. Russ Cavender

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9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE, 1968 -- Three young Marines of the Logistics Section of Headquarters, Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, received Meritorious Masts October 4 for their parts in combating typhoon Della.

The three, Sergeant Joseph A. Krzak (Assistant S-4 Chief) and Corporals Donald L. Jernigan and John C. Gregor (Logistics Clerks), distinguished themselves during preparations for and during the course of the storm, ensuring the safety of the battalion's men and equipment.

Making the presentation for their actions was Colonel W. C. Doty, Provisional Service Battalion Commanding Officer.

According to his citation, Sergeant Krzak, 20 year-old native of Chicago, Illinois, "worked tirelessly, disregarding fatigue" in directing and controlling the operation of the damage control center.

Twenty-one year-old Corporal Jernigan presented himself to the Battalion Control Center at the public announcement of Typhoon Condition II, and worked continuously for three days "without respite" prior to, and during the full force of the storm. According to his citation, the native of North Webster, Indiana's "knowledge of emergency plans, initiative and professional competence contributed significantly to the early and orderly readiness of the battalion."

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merit masts
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Corporal Gregor, 18, of Hutchinson, Minnesota, assumed the initiative for performing a variety of voluntary tasks with only short periods of rest during a two-day period to help ready the battalion for the emergency.

According to all three citations, the actions of these Marines were "amply rewarded by the fact that only negligible damage was sustained by the battalion during the typhoon."

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marine of the month (carson)
Release No. 172-68
By: Cpl. R. M. Henson

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, October 1 -- A Marine Air Control Squadron-8 (MACS-8) Leatherneck was selected at the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's (9th MAB) "Marine of the Month" for September.

Corporal Eugene E. Carson was presented a plaque and citation naming him as "Marine of the Month" by Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th MAB, during ceremonies at the Brigade Headquarters, Camp Hansen.

Cpl. Carson, whose home is Washington, D.C., is the Assistant Truck Master and License Examiner for the Marine squadron.

The "Marine of the Month," a monthly presentation, is presented to a Marine voted by a board to have done an "exceptional job" in performing his duties. He will join other "Servicemen of the Month" in a tour of one of the Armed Forces bases on Okinawa, and will be treated to a little "special liberty" in Japan.

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civic communication
Release No. 174-68
By: Sgt. Russ Cavender

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CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, October 25 -- "See the pretty dog. His name is Spot. See Spot run." The little girl gleans each word from the textbook with some difficulty in pronunciation, stumbling little, and flashing a disarming smile before taking her seat, proud of her ability to read aloud.

Just a typical scene in any American first grade class? Hardly! This scene takes place here on Okinawa, and the little girl is an 11-year-old Ryukyuan school girl who is struggling, with excellent results, to learn one of the world's more difficult languages.

This young lady is part of Camp Hansen's semi-annual English Introductory Classes, offered by the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Chaplain's Office. Taught by Marine volunteers, the conversation course is offered free of charge to all Ryukyuan school children between the ages of 11 and 18.

The course is designed to supplement the children's basic school program teaching pronunciation and fundamentals of grammar. It is offered each Thursday evening for approximately one hour, beginning at 5:45 p.m. at Kin Baptist Church.

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civic communication
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The program is one of several Camp Hansen Marines have initiated on their own off-duty time. Coordinated through the Chaplain's Office, the program has been in effect for about two years.

The program last week brought a response from the civilian populace for an advanced adult class. This class, once organized, will help interested adults advance themselves in Okinawa's modern, fast-paced society, giving them the ability to express themselves clearly in English, and according to recent sociological surveys, enhance their confidence to achieve their ambitions.

According to Chaplain George Fulfer, Brigade Chaplain and coordinator of the program, "It is our way of showing these people that someone cares.

"Not only is the program rewarding to the student, but fulfilling to the instructor as well. Utilizing this medium, each Marine who participates in the informal classroom finds himself learning the customs, traditions and culture of the Ryukyuan people.

"What's more, he develops a sense of accomplishment. It's the ideal situation for the Marine who wants to meet new people, develop lasting confidence or overcome his fear of public speaking.

"Even though well-established, the program is in a constant state of flux, with a constant flow of new teachers, students and varying approaches.

"What the program now needs are people who are genuinely interested in doing something constructive while stationed here. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact myself, Chaplain Fulfer, at extensions 28-4719 or 28-4832 for further information."

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hilltop project
Release No: 175-68
By: Cpl. Graham Ross

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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Oct. 11--There is a project underway on northern Okinawa that both Okinawans and Marines might find interesting were they to visit the job site. It is a people-to-people project in the real meaning of the words --- with benefits for both.

The project is one of the largest community relations efforts ever undertaken by the Marines on Okinawa. It involves the leveling of several large hills, which, until a few weeks ago, were mostly pineapple fields.

When completely cleared, some eight or nine months from now, there will be a large flat area that will serve as the grounds of the Northern Technical High School and the Northern Industrial High School a few miles north of Nago, the island's third largest city.

In return, the Marines will have gained realistic training and practical experience.

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hilltop project
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A handful of Marines from the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's (9th MAB) Regimental Landing Team-26 have been working, since August 24, on what has come to be known as the "Hilltop" project.

To really appreciate the project a visitor would have to spend some time there.

He'd have to get there quite early in the morning, before the sun had cleared the surrounding hills, in order to see the Marines first climb aboard their bulldozers and other heavy equipment.

If the visitor stayed with the Marines during the next 12 hours he'd sweat a little from the heat that builds during the day. If he rode on one of the bulldozers, he'd feel the hot blasts of air from the exhaust systems of the equipment, adding to the heat from the sun.

By the end of the day, when the shadows make the furrows of dirt seem deeper than they actually are, he'd finally see the Marines cease work. Only then would the visitor understand just how much individual effort had been expended that day.

But what would probably impress this visitor as much as these Marines from 9th MAB's 5th Engineer Battalion and 5th Shore Party Battalion is the graciousness of the Nago city officials and the way they have gone out of their way to give the Marines assistance where they can.

During the course of the working day the visitor would notice the canvas shelter set up alongside of the job site. It was erected by the Okinawans for the Marines' benefit.

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hilltop project
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An equipment operator who had just been relieved by his partner would go lie down in the sugar cane that cushions the ground beneath the tent and enjoy a cup of water or a soda from the portable soft drink cooler that is kept constantly filled.

At lunchtime the visitor would see the Marines head into the city of Nago to an excellent, air-conditioned restaurant, where they eat as guests of the city.

But it would be at dinnertime, after the day's work has been completed, that the visitor could really appreciate how gracious the Okinawan hosts are to these Marines.

They have living quarters provided for them in a Nago hotel. Each of the Marines has his own room. When they return from the job site and shed their dirty clothes, that will be laundered for them, they have a chance to get cleaned up before heading back to the restaurant for dinner.

But in the morning it is back to work for another 12-hour day. Late in the day, the local school children will arrive at the project to stare in wonder at the Marines with their gigantic, noisy machines. They will giggle with delight when a Marine stops work to joke with them.

The visitor to the project will have seen a people-to-people program as it was meant to be.

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easy access highway
Release No. 178-68
By: Sgt. Russ Cavender

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Phone 28-4310

CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA, October 8 -- Twenty Ryukyuan farmers may now plant, cultivate, harvest and transport their crops to market more quickly than they ever dreamed possible thanks to a cooperative community relations project between the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps.

The project, an easy-access highway in Ishikawa, was born when the aforementioned farmers spoke to the Ishikawa Mayor, Mr. Hirakawa, about their inability to travel to and from their cane and rice fields easily.

After inspecting the situation, Mr. Hirakawa promised them his support and asked the Community Relations Committee of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade for Marine Corps assistance.

They, in turn, contacted the 9th MAB Civil Affairs Officer, Second Lieutenant Steven E. Cox, for further action.

A meeting was planned at the site in question and Mr. Hirakawa, Lt. Cox and Gunnery Sergeant M. Vega, a demolitions expert of the 5th Engineer Battalion, 9th MAB, met and surveyed the problem September 2.

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easy-access highway
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"The problem seemed easy enough at first," explains Vega, who later was selected to be project foreman. "Then I viewed the site! Initially we were told that the job would be to construct a dirt road 150 yards long by 25 yards wide from Highway #13 (the main road between Kin Village and Koza City) to the farmer(s) fields, and provide an elliptical 150-yard by 50-yard turnabout and loading point at one end.

"The main problem was the blasting, which turned out to be a tricky job. We had to move approximately 300 tons of solid rock from between the main highway and the cane fields in order to finish. The entire project took six men armed with 1300 pounds of TNT, one bulldozer (loaned by Camp Kinser Navy Construction Battalion) and one dump truck forty hours to complete.

"To complicate the situation, we had to make certain that none of the exploded rock hit any travelers on the main highway who could not be rerouted around the area. Further intricacies involved the safety of civilians who were training for their motor vehicle licenses at the Ryukyuan Driver Education Course, not 30 yards from the site itself."

Demolition experts Cpl. M. D. Mastbaum, LCpls. A. J. Erdman and R. Medlock, and Pvt. J. C. Connelly were called in to assist on the project.

"It all took careful planning and well-placed charges," Mastbaum reiterates. Each day we would blast 30 to 40 tons of rock, then a Ryukyuan civilian would take over, driving the TD-24 bulldozer in to grade or level the area. Next we'd load up the dump truck and Cpl. R. K. Dixon would haul the dirt and rock to a pre-selected dump site.

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y-access highway
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"Some of the rock formations weighed as much as 40 tons," he continues, " and stood approximately 25 feet off the ground."

Actual earth-moving procedures came to a halt on October 5, and the project was deemed a success by the six-man crew.

"It wasn't easy. Sometimes I thought we'd never finish," Vega recalls. "But we kept at it, and the men proved able to handle the situation."

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language teacher
Release No. 179-68
By: Sgt. Russ Cavender

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CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, October 28 — When Lance Corporal Bruce Palmer of Maywood, California first joined the Marine Corps in September 1967, he, like many recruits, had visions of racing across a rice paddy to wipe out a Viet Cong re-enforced bunker singlehandedly, thus saving his company from possible annihilation.

Exposed to the emotional turmoil of Boot Camp at San Diego, the physical rigors of infantry training, and later, further training in Personnel Administration at Camp Pendleton, California, he clung wistfully to his dream.

Instead, the 19-year-old received orders to the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Chaplain's Office late last March.

"At first I was a little disappointed," he recalls, "but I have since learned that there is more to being a Marine than firing an M-16 rifle and leading a patrol in the jungles of Vietnam."

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Since his arrival, the new Chaplain's assistant has performed a variety of tasks, both during working hours and on his own, off-duty time. He has learned what every Marine must learn, that the Marine Corps has two equally important tasks, that of combat readiness and that of civic action. He has come to the realization that civic action, here, as well as in Vietnam, pays better dividends over all.

"With this in mind," he explains, "I became involved in the Department of Defense United States Administration Ryukyuan Island Education Program."

Palmer is presently the only 9th MAB representative participating in the program. Three nights each week since his arrival on Okinawa, he has taught English pronunciation to 25 Ryukyuan students at Camp Mercy, Okinawa for two hours per class.

"It wasn't easy at first," he says, "but I took the big step and committed myself to three classes a week. The first night was difficult, but each succeeding night became easier and more rewarding than the last. I soon found myself immersed in my job. My students displayed amazing interest in the subject.

"They were so adept at learning my native tongue that I soon began taking Japanese language courses at the Armed Forces Ishikawa Servicemen's Center to keep up and aid me in my class presentations. With this basic course, I have learned Ryukyuan customs and culture.

"I've come a long way in understanding myself and others since my arrival at Camp Hansen," he concludes. "I now know how much I have to learn."

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demolition devil dogs
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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, October 10 -- Armed with 800 pounds of trinitrotolulene (TNT), a case of electric blasting caps, several spools of wire, one pick, two shovels and one detonating device, the Marine demolition experts of the 5th Engineer Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade are presently blasting their way into the history of Ryukyuan progress.

Completing a Civic Action road construction project last week near Ishikawa, this team started and has nearly finished a blasting project on the outskirts of the city involving the clearing and subsequent grading of a future housing project site.

Blasting holes in several feet of solid rock isn't child's play, especially with homes close by, but the Marines take it all in stride.

The project site, similar to last week's completed access-road, has none-the-less presented some new and interesting problems to the Marines involved.

"On the first day of blasting," explains Corporal Mike Mastbaum, "our explosions disturbed a huge variety of small animals and snakes in the area. For a while the mass exodus took us by surprise, but we soon became used to it."

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Each day at 1 p.m. the seven-man crew departs from Camp Schwab to renew blasting.

"We've found that time of day best," reports Gunnery Sergeant M. Vega, project foreman, "since traffic on nearby Highway #13 is usually lightest in the afternoon."

Upon arrival on the site 'Gunny' Vega, Cpl. Mastbaum, Privates First Class James L. Ingram, Oris W. Denning, Wayne P. Swank, John P. Novakowsky and Private Joseph C. Connelly survey the previous day's work and break out the tools of their trade. Next they select a target, usually some boulder about 25 feet high and 30 feet in circumference.

A team of two men armed with pick and shovel begin digging a small hole deeply into the boulder and place a charge inside. The "charge" usually consists of a small bundle of TNT, carefully wrapped with friction tape, and armed with an electric, heat percussion blasting cap.

Once the charge is in place, the Marines cover it with a thick coating of mud, pat it neatly in place, and splice the cap's wires to those of the firing reel (wire spool).

Next they carefully insulate the connections with bits of cardboard tubing and walk back to the detonating device, trailing wire behind them. The detonating device is an electric battery, which has already been placed in a ^{'safe'} ~~safe~~ area, used for setting off the charge.

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Signaling a Ryukyuan policeman who awaits on the main highway, they ensure that no one will be hit by debris following the explosion. Once receiving word that all the traffic has been stopped and the area is clear, one of the men connects the firing reel wires to the detonating device and another produces a small handle from his pocket. This he inserts into the top of the detonating device.

A moment's pause.

A slight twist.

"Wham!" The earsplitting sound of the explosion shatters the afternoon stillness, the ground rolls beneath one's feet and debris is channeled for hundreds of feet in a predetermined trajectory.

When the smoke clears and the debris ceases to fall, the handle is secured, the men stand up and walk over to inspect their work. Satisfied, they select another blasting point while a bulldozer grades the remains of the boulder into the surrounding crevices.

To date the seven-man crew has accounted for the grading of 75 tons of rock and dirt. When they finish next week, the total ~~will approach~~ 150 tons. Not bad for a week's work.

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nago clothes
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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, October 14--Three truckloads of clothes and a laundry bin full of boots were delivered to the people of Nago, Okinawa's third largest city, by Marines of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Regimental Landing Team-26 (RLT-26) on October 10.

The donation, part of the Marines' civil affairs program on Okinawa, was presented to Father Jose, a Catholic missionary who serves as an interpreter and unofficial liaison between RLT-26 Marines and the Nago community.

Father Jose will distribute the clothing and boots where he feels they are most needed.

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ordnance graduation
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Oct. 14--Third Force Service Regiment's (3rd FSR) Ordnance School, located at Camp Hansen, held joint graduation ceremonies on October 11 for both an Ammunition Technicians Course and a Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course.

Lance Corporal Michael E. Sokolowski, who finished first in the Ammunition Technicians Course, established a new class record of 98.80 as a final average, eclipsing the old record of 97.11. He is a member of Supply Battalion, 1st FSR, in Vietnam.

In addition, a new overall class average record was established for the Ammunition Technicians Course. It was 90.35.

Private First Class William A. Byaras, who led the Weapons Class with an average of 98.88, is a member of Supply Battalion, 3rd FSR, here on Okinawa.

Major James E. C. Leavitt, Jr., ordnance officer, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, gave the graduation address and presented the diplomas to the students.

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The graduation was the 22nd of the two three-week courses held in 1968. The last nine of the concurrent courses have been supervised by Staff Sergeant J. W. Spratt, who will now be replaced by Gunnery Sergeant Douglas Fudge as non-commissioned officer in charge of the school and chief instructor for the majority of the classes.

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six merit masts (PSB)
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JOHN HANSEN, Okinawa, October 14 -- Six Marines of Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade received Merit Masts Friday from Colonel W. C. Doty, battalion commanding officer, for "outstanding performance of duty."

Twenty-six-year-old Sergeant Kermit K. Frost of Windsor, Michigan received his award for "outstanding professional and military ability" as Section Chief of the Radio Section, Electronics Maintenance Platoon since August 27, 1967; his "inspirational leadership" as Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge of troops to and from Subic Bay, Phillippine Islands (May 23-July 9) and his selection for the Brigade's "Marine of the Month" competition September 7.

Sergeant Ronald A. Hubbard of Stockbridge, Ga. was cited for his duties as administration chief of Sub Unit #1. The 21-year-old NCO organized the Marines under his command into an efficient and highly motivated administrative force; forming, processing and deploying 315 enlisted men and 15 officers during the period September 10 - September 30, 1968.

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Corporal Douglass L. Brann (Denver, Colorado); and Privates First Class Donald L. Myers (San Leandro, California), Phillip G. Mansfield (Memphis, Tennessee) and Larry L. Wynn (San Diego, California) were awarded Masts for their performances while attached to Sub Unit #1, under Sergeant Hubbard's direction. Their citations compliment their "knowledge of administration procedures, and sound, tireless efforts" in completing their jobs.

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general's awards
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, October 14 -- Four 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade officers were presented awards for outstanding service during informal ceremonies Friday.

Major Anton E. Therriault, 9th MAB Aviation Safety Officer and holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, received his first Single Mission Air Medal with Bronze Star for "courage, superb airmanship and selfless devotion to duty" while serving as a helicopter pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-262, Marine Aircraft Group-39, First Marine Aircraft Wing, Vietnam.

On a night emergency medical evacuation April 2 over Ca Lu, Quang Tri Province, the major "unhesitatingly" attempted extraction of a lone, injured Marine in a fire-fight below. After calling in flares three times and still being unable to land in the mountainous area due to heavy overcast and thick haze, Major Therriault spotted a hand flare marking the recovery site, landed and rescued the wounded man.

For wounds received July 11, he also received a Purple Heart.

First Lieutenant Edward S. Dawson, Assistant G-2, was awarded a Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for his "tireless initiative and unwavering devotion to duty" while serving in various capacities with the 2d Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment at Qunag Tri and Camp Carroll, Vietnam.

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First Lieutenant Dawson organized defense of the battalion command post, coordinated resupply of field operating units and reconstructed both the Flame Thrower and 81 mm Mortar Sections after they sustained heavy casualties.

Major Russell E. Dolan was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his "professional competence, military knowledge, adaptability and sound judgment" while serving as an Administrative Inspector, Headquarters Marine Corps Feb. 26, 1964 - Aug. 15, 1968. According to his citation Major Dolan's ability "to quickly diagnose and evaluate a unit weakness... and his aid in constructing a guide for unit self-inspection" made quick, effective corrective action possible.

Lastly, Lieutenant Colonel John Hennelly, Operations Officer, received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Gold Star for "distinguished" actions in Vietnam.

Following the informal presentation, BrigGen. Williams congratulated the recipients and delivered a short address: "Although we, as Marines, have made many such presentations lately, their volume doesn't distract from the services rendered, and greatfully received from you and others.... These awards are given informally, and oftentimes taken lightly; but I would like to extend my personal thanks for the deeds you have all so generously given in the service of your country."

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double merit mast (Hogan)
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Oct. 15 — Lance Corporal Patrick J. Hogan, Provisional Service Battalion (PSB), 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Administration Clerk, achieved the unique distinction of receiving two Meritorious Masts in less than a week Oct. 15.

Receiving his first Mast Oct. 11 from Colonel W. C. Doty, PSB Commanding Officer, Hogan was cited for his "knowledge of administrative procedures and sound, tireless efforts" while serving as administrative clerk with Sub Unit #1, PSB during August.

His second Mast, also presented by Colonel Doty, was awarded for "commendable skill and devotion to duty" while attached to 5th Communications Battalion during September. Forwarded by the Commanding Officer of that unit, it reached PSB Headquarters Oct. 14.

While he was attached to 5th Communications Battalion, Hogan performed the jobs of two men, doubling as a unit diary clerk and correspondence clerk when the unit found itself short-handed. Working seven days per week, for extended hours each day, he kept administrative error percentages at a minimum; "proving himself an asset to the morale of the company."

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When asked what he thought of the distinction, the 21-year-old native of Erie, Pennsylvania replied modestly, "I still can't believe it. I just did my job."

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camp out
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By: Cpl Wm. A. McCombs

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9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE, 1968 — "Hey, I forgot my soap!
OK if I run down to town?"

"No!" One concordant voice comprised of 13 Explorer Scouts of
Post 190 rang out through the woods.

When Corporal Floyd O. Robb, Headquarters Company, 9th Marine
Amphibious Brigade, and his Explorer Scouts of Post 190 comprised
of dependents located at Kadena Airbase, had planned on camping out
for three days without running to town — they meant it.

After three weeks of planning, scheduling, rescheduling, selecting,
discussing and voting, Explorer Post 190 met at Kadena. They loaded
their tents, blankets, sleeping bags, hatchets, food, water, ropes,
square knots and laughter aboard trucks that were to transport them
to a reservoir surrounded by pine-covered hills located behind
Ishikawa, Okinawa.

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Arriving on location, crisp clear orders were given by Scout officials. Eager hands, more than willing to pitch in and do their share of work, began streaming into the woods to gather firewood, dig garbage pits and plot the exact location of the area.

Soon tents began to appear. Cpl Robb moved from tent to tent making suggestions. "Maybe if you tie it this way," or "Wouldn't it work better if the line was run in this direction?" suggestions that kept the Scouts doing their own thinking, making their own decisions, yet at the same time guiding them in the right direction.

When the camp was completed, chores turned to horseplay. Finally time for the kitchen to open up was at hand. Can of beef & potatoes, franks & beans, fried ham and chicken were opened and set next to hot coals to cook. Anxious stomachs and watering mouths waited impatiently as the food sent off warm fragrances spiked with the pine cone smell of the forest. At last the young Scouts were able to eat in an attempt to satisfy the inexhaustible appetite that is inevitably created by the out-of-doors.

After the evening meal was finished and the utensils cleaned and put away the boys began to gather together in groups to tell jokes, swap camping experiences and talk about the adventures that were awaiting them the following day when they would explore the neighboring mountains.

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The flames in the fire began to die down, the talking and laughter began to ebb and one-by-one the boys, with drooping eyelids, began to find their way to the sleeping bags that beckoned from the pup tents.

When the Okinawa rooster crowed its international language Troop 190 was already finishing breakfast, checking the water supply, cleaning the camp site and gathering the paraphernalia needed to compete in the games planned for the new day.

Stockings full of flour, that would leave a mark at the slightest touch, were handed to each member of previously selected teams. Packs were hoisted on the Scouts backs and they set off on their jaunt through the hills.

While the Post made its way up the slopes Cpl. Robb, acting in his role of advisor, was kept busy counting heads, checking first aid kits and giving a helping hand to those who packed just a little too much on their back.

The teams divided and went to their different areas. Once again the exact location was plotted and, in old indian fashion, lookouts were stationed to try and locate the opposing team members. Soon contact was made between teams and captives were taken on both sides.

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The captives were sent to the well-concealed dens where they were harbored for one hour. After the hour of detainment the Scouts were set free to once again roam the hillside in an attempt to capture their opponents. The game continued until the setting sun marked an armistice.

The Scouts made their way back down the hill to the main camp site. That evening they gathered around the campfire, jesting those captured during the day long competition.

Sunday morning, the last day of the camp out, found a band of reluctant Explorer Scouts "breaking camp" and picking up the odd pieces of trash. They were heading home to start another week of classes and books

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Oct. 21 -- Lieutenant Colonel Parks H. Simpson, who served as assistant chief of staff, G-1, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, (9th MAB) since April 10, completed his overseas tour of duty and left for the United States on October 19, where he will have temporary additional duties at Camp Pendleton, Calif., before reporting as a student at the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va.

Major William H. Groesbeck, formerly the Brigade's personnel officer, replaced him as 9th MAB G-1.

Before coming to Okinawa in April, LtCol. Simpson served as executive officer of Task Group 79.4, a special landing force stationed off the coast of Vietnam.

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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Oct. 21—Lieutenant Colonel Jack Erwin, who served as commanding officer of Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear) (RLT-26) since March of this year, has been transferred to the Landing Force Training Command, Coronado, Calif. He left Camp Schwab October 19.

His replacement at RLT-26 is Major J. E. Anderson, who was previously the executive officer of the unit.

During his tour of duty here, LtCol. Erwin greatly increased the scope of the RLT-26 community relations program, the unit which handles almost all of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's civil affairs projects.

His efforts in civic action did not go unnoticed by the Okinawans in the area of Camp Schwab.

The mayor of Nago, Mr. Oshiro, held a party in his honor on October 16, and LtCol. Erwin was presented with a plaque and a letter of appreciation from the people of Nago at that ceremony. Nago is Okinawa's third largest city.

On October 17, Mr. Matsunaga, the mayor of Kushi, a village near Camp Schwab, hosted a farewell party for the colonel, at which he too presented LtCol. Erwin with a plaque and a letter of appreciation from the people of his village.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, October 24--In the 107 years since Abraham Lincoln first authorized the Medal of Honor for heroism in combat, 258 Marines have earned the coveted award.

Traditionally, the award has been given sparingly. The requirements are stringent. A gallant feat must be witnessed by at least two persons, be clearly above and beyond the call of duty, be at the risk of the doer's life and be the type of action which, if not done, would not subject the Marine to any justifiable criticism.

World War II Marines earned only 80 medals in four years of bitter, island-hopping warfare and 30 of those were posthumous. Forty-two were presented during the Korean Conflict and again the majority of them were posthumous. Thus far in the jungles of Vietnam, 16 Marines have won the honor and nine of them died doing so.

The record, however, goes to a nasty little conflict known as the Boxer Rebellion. For in less than two months during the summer of 1900, 33 Marines received the nation's highest award.

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Among them was Pvt. Dan Daly, who was later to duplicate his gallantry in Haiti and become one of the few Americans to earn two Medals of Honor.

That war, though short, probably has no equal for sheer savagery. A group of Chinese rebels who opposed foreign influence in China terrorized thousands of westerners in China and laid seige to the city of Peking for nearly two months until an international relief force which included Marines could rescue the city.

On the way, fierce engagements were fought to the north where the relief force, consisting of Marines, Russian, British, Japanese and French troops captured the walled city of Tientsin.

Speaking of the valor of these first "old China hands," Maj. Littleton W.T. Waller, then a battalion commander, said, "I feel I can't do my men justice. They have made history marked with blood, still glorious and brilliant. They were the first in the field and, please God, they will remain until the last man, woman and child is relieved from the toils of these barbarians."

The battles with the Boxers marked the beginning of a new era in the history of the Marine Corps. It was not until the late 1940's that the last Marines vacated the China mainland and during those years thousands of Marines served in China. None, however, equalled the gallantry of the band of Marines who earned the nation's highest award 33 times in less than 60 days.

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military amateur radio station (Hansen)
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, October 23 — Camp Hansen, Okinawa, the Marine Corps' gateway to the Orient, doubles as a communications gateway to the world, thanks to the efforts of four "MARSMEN."

The term "MARSMEN" is not to be confused with those little, green Martians that we've all heard about. In this case, it refers to four Marines: Staff Sergeant "Dave" Littleton, Corporal John Hury and Privates-First Class "Chet" Park and Dennis Gwaltney of Camp Hansen's Navy/Marine Corps Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS), located in Building 2545.

Open from 8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. daily, Camp Hansen's MARS is one of four operating Marine units on the island. The three others are located at Camp Foster, MCAF Futema and Camp McTeureous.

Transmitting close to 40 phone calls and 60 messages per day, these four men spend an average of 12-14 hours per day making people all over the world happy. To accomplish this task requires patience, technical "knowhow" and nearly \$90,000 worth of Navy MARS equipment, plus another \$6,000 of Camp Butler Special Services' equipment.

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According to SSgt. Littleton, Communications Chief of the outfit, "Our job is basically to provide members of this base and Camp Schwab with a communications medium that will reach the continental U. S. Our service is not, by any means, limited to Marines; it is available to Navy personnel, civil service employees, and dependents who wish to use it."

Let's now take a close-up view of MARS, utilizing a fictitious character to make things less complicated.

Private Charles Youngblood, reporting for duty with the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, checks into Camp Hansen's Transient Facility. During processing, his troop handler hands him a form and provides the necessary information, "Fill it out!"

The form is almost as concise as the explanation:

To: _____

Address: _____

Dear _____,

Have arrived on Okinawa safely. Will write soon.

Signed _____.

Our young friend looks over the form and grins to himself. "Wow! What will they think of next?"

The form, one of Camp Hansen's MARS' newest services to the Marine, is then collected and hand-carried to Building 2545 (the home of Hansen MARS' operations), where it is quickly processed and broadcast, via teletype, to another MARS unit on the West Coast of the United States.

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That station receives the message and quickly relays it to its next point, the MARS unit nearest the message's destination. There it is processed and mailed to its final destination.

By the time Charlie has checked out of Transient Facility and reported into his unit, someone back home has already been informed that he has arrived safely and well.

But this is only the beginning of the services MARS has to offer.

Let's say that Charlie has a friend stationed in Vietnam, Japan or the Phillippines he would like to contact. MARS provides an additional "hotline" to each.

In case of an emergency, Charlie may contact his First Sergeant, Chaplain or Commanding Officer, explain the emergency and request permission to place a priority call. Once approved, MARS/Amateur will place the call as soon as possible.

When Charlie finishes checking in, he automatically ensures himself the opportunity to place one ~~three~~ minute phone call each week to whomever he wishes in the states.

In order to accomplish this feat, all that Charlie need do is fill out a personal information card at Bldg. 2545, and notify the station in person within 24 hours of the actual time that he wishes to make the call. Requests can be made between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. daily. Calls, called "phone patches" by the MARSMEN, can be made Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. - noon, and 9 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

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When the MARS operator is ready to place the call, he calls Charlie (using his reference card for information) and tells him that he will, or cannot, make the call at that time, depending on atmospheric and radio conditions.

Once the operator has established contact, he again notifies Charlie and places the call.

He transmits, calling fellow amateur radio operator Ken Hindleton in Phoenix, Arizona.

Ken, who works part time in a small Phoenix bakery, is blind. Working as much as 12-14 hours each day making phone patches, Ken has provided Okinawa-based Marines with continual, sustaining contact with loved ones back home for more than 8½ years. The MARSMEN have all come to know him well.

Once contact is assured, the MARS operator gives Ken the caller's request, which, he, in turn, relays to a long-distance telephone operator, informing her that it is a collect call.

Aware of the fact that Ken is one of America's communications links with Okinawa-based Marines, the operator places the call quickly. Barring any telephone tie-ups, she reaches the desired party within seconds.

"Will you accept a long-distance collect call from a Mr. Charles Youngblood," she asks.

Receiving a confirmation, she next addresses Charlie, "Go ahead, please."

"Hello, Mom? (over)"

"Charlie! How in the world...?"

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, October 25--A constant search for errors, ranging from imperfect weapons to improperly kept service record books, presents a massive task for the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Inspector's office.

The Inspector crew, headed by LtCol. Rufino DeLaCruz, who is slated to take command of Regimental Landing Team 26 (rear) Nov. 1, is charged with keeping the 9th MAB running smoothly with as few mistakes as possible. Col. A.E. Coffeen is scheduled to replace Col. DeLaCruz in the Inspector post.

To accomplish its mission, the section conducts nearly every kind of inspection imaginable, then documents its findings to let both unit commanders and the commanding general know what's wrong and what's right.

"The paperwork is the most difficult aspect of this job," said Cpl. Mark Benetsky. "Every inspection is accompanied by reams of paperwork."

Benetsky ought to know. He has been working in the Inspector's office since it was officially formed last December and is due to rotate back to the States shortly.

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LCpl. Mervin Showell emphasized another difficult part of the crew's work. "You have deadlines to meet and that can be rough. Sometimes after an inspection we have to work all evening. "

The Marines in the section actually have two jobs. They not only have to be skilled as clerks to handle the routine office work, which includes processing request mast forms and traffic citations, they also serve as inspectors in the field.

Much of their work entails finding qualified inspectors and preparing inspection checklists. The inspectors come from the Brigade's general and special staff sections and they must be schooled on what to look for.

For instance, a record book inspector might spot check only 15 record books out of a unit containing 800 men, but he must get a thorough cross-section of the unit.

"Inspecting is a big responsibility," said Benetsky. "You can't be wrong. It's not possible to correct a Marine in the conduct of his job if you aren't doing your duties right."

Once the actual inspection is completed, the real work begins for the section. Both informal and formal reports are given to unit commanders and a formal brief is given to the 9th MAB commander.

The job is a large one, but the section's Marines, including a few man, Pfc. Robert Goetter, enjoy it.

"Travel is what we enjoy most," said Showell. "We get to go somewhere once or twice a month, which makes all of the hard work worthwhile."

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