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From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 Nov to 30 Nov 1969

1. Forwarded. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness and the document listed below was found to be missing:

* a. HMM-363 Command Chronology of SLF/TG 79.4 was not received by 9thMAB as stated in TAB 3.

2. By copy hereof, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, is requested to submit the missing document to CMC, via the appropriate chain of command, within 30 days.

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

To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 Nov to 30 Nov 68

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

Encl: (1) 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Command Chronology

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

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

Command Chronology

1 Nov 1968 to 30 Nov 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TF 79

BGen J.E. WILLIAMS
1Nov68 to 30Nov68SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company/TG 79.0

Maj D.W. WILSON
1Nov68 to 30Nov68Communications Support Company
(Rein) TG 79.1Capt R.K. GREENOUGH
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

26th Marines

Col C.W. HUNTER
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

RIF-26 (Rear)/TG 79.2

LtCol R. DELACRUZ
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

First Battalion Thirteenth Marines

LtCol A. NOVAK
1Nov68 to 15Nov68

Marine Aircraft Group 15/TG 79.3

Col C.T. GORCORAN
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Special Landing Force Alfa/TG 79.4

Col J.F. MCMAHON
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Special Landing Force Bravo/TG 79.5

Col R.R. WILSON
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Provisional Service Battalion/TG 79.8

Col W.C. DOTY
1Nov68 to 30Nov682. LOCATION

1Nov to 30Nov 1968: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff

Col J. LOWMAN
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Staff Secretary

Capt J.E. LIVINGSTON
1Nov68 to 12Nov68

Aide-De-Camp

Capt J.R. FURLEIGH
13Nov68 to 30Nov68

Sgt Major

1stLt G.R. YOUNG
1Nov68 to 30Nov68SgtMaj T.H. HUGHES
1Nov68 to 2Nov68SgtMaj F.W. BLISS
3Nov68 to 30Nov68

G-1

Maj W.H. GROESBECK
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Adjutant

Maj R.E. DOLAN
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

AG-1

Maj O.M. THOMPSON
1Nov68 to 21Nov68Capt R.H. AMBROSE
22Nov68 to 30Nov68

Chaplain (Protestant)

Cdr G.W. FULFEBR
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Chaplain (Catholic)

LCdr J.H. FRATES
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

LtCol A.L. LUMPKIN
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

AG-2

1stLt E.S. DAWSON
1Nov68 to 3Nov681stLt E.J. BOYSER
4Nov68 to 30Nov68

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

LtCol G.C. KLIEFOTH
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

AG-3

LtCol F.R. SMOKE
1Nov68 to 11Nov68LtCol W.A. KULL
12Nov68 to 30Nov68

Air Officer

Maj D.E. JACOBSEN
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

LtCol S.B. MCCARTY
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

AG-4

LtCol S.H. SCOTT
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Brigade Surgeon

Capt R.W. JONES
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Medical Admin Officer

LCdr J.R. SOLLMAN
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Comptroller

LtCol V.A. RUVO
1Nov68 to 30Nov68

Communications - Electronics Officer

LtCol R.C. STOCKTON
1Nov68 to 30Nov684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

November

	USMC		NAVY	
	AG	OFF NA	ENL	OFF ENL
HqCo, 9thMAB	71	3	435	6 9
CommSptCo	15	0	201	0 2
ProvServBn	35	0	974	1 15
RLT-26	27	0	603	4 55
MAG-15	119	115	2068	7 24
SLF A	72	45	1840	9 93
SLF B	71	41	1683	9 92
TOTAL	410	204	7804	36 290

Part II

Narrative Summary

During the month of November 1968, the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade continued to fulfil its assigned mission. In addition to in-country operations, these 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.

Commencing with the month of November, the 26th Marines experienced considerably larger contacts and sightings as compared to the previous month. Aggressive patrolling of the Rocket Belt continued, as well as effective utilization of KILLER Ambush Teams.

On 7 November 1968, 3d Battalion, 26th Marines commenced operation NICOLLET BAY. Significant results of this operation, which terminated on 14 November 1968, were the discovery of 4,845 pounds of rice, 4 VC/NVA KIA and the location of 19 large base camps/harbor sites containing numerous bunkers and living complexes.

On 19 November 1968, 3d Battalion, 26th Marines was chopped to the 1st Marines for participation in Operation MEADE RIVER which commenced on 20 November 1968. M Company, 3d Battalion, 26th Marines was chopped to 1st Battalion, 26th Marines assumed control of the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines portion of the 26th Marines AO.

During the latter portion of November, the 26th Marines continued to experience large contacts and sightings in the AO. Casualties inflicted on the enemy during the month of November by the 26th Marines were 61 VC/NVA KIA, 29 detainees, 14 individual weapons captured and 1 NVA POW.

Throughout the month of November 1968, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines (Rein) remained in position north of Danang in support of the 26th Marines.

BLT 2/26 continued in Operation GARRARD BAY which terminated on 16 November 1968. On 20 November 1968 BLT 2/26 commenced Operation SWIFT MOVE/MEADE RIVER as part of a larger force.

On 1 November 1968 BLT 2/7 participated in Operation SABINE DRAW.

Between 2 November and 6 November 1968 BLT 2/7 reembarked aboard assigned ARG shipping. A modified rehabilitation of BLT equipment was conducted aboard ship and at the Force Logistics Command, Danang during the period 5-7 November 1968. The period 4-9 November 1968 was utilized as the planning phase for future amphibious operations. The assigned mission initially was to participate in Operation VALIANT THRUST in the Batangan Peninsula area South of Chu Lai; however on 7 November the mission was changed and BLT 2/7 was directed to participate in Operation DARING ENDEAVOR, commencing on 10 November and terminating on 17 November 1968. From 20 November to 30 November 1968, BLT 2/7 participated in Operation MEADE RIVER.

On 15 November 1968, the main body of VMFA-122 departed MCAS Iwakuni for a 30 day air-to-air/air-to-ground weapons deployment at NAS Cubi Point. During this AAMEX, AIM-9B and AIM-7D Sparrow missiles were utilized with excellent results.

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
57	0	38

c. Casualties sustained:

KIA	WIA	MIA
21	88	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 there of are reported by the in-country unit concerned.

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

Legion of Merit	4
Silver Star	11
Distinguished Flying Cross	11
Bronze Star Medal	45
Air Medal	70
Navy Commendation Medal	56
Navy Achievement Medal	32
Purple Heart	133
Certificate of Commendation	1
Foreign Awards	2
Treasury Departments Highest Award	3
Meritorious Unit Commendation	2

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 November was as follows:

<u>1st Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
40.0%	100.0%	43.0%

(3) Education

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

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Course Completion</u>
12.0%	5.0%

(4) Marine Corps Association Membership

Participation within the Marine Corps Association in the month of November for officers was 49.0%. Staff NCO participation showed 32.2%. Average for both staff and officers was 36.2% as compared to 26.7% in October

(5) Savings Bonds

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

(6) Legal

General Courts-Martial tried-1
 Article 32 investigation-3
 Article 32 investigations reviewed-1
 Special Courts-Martial tried-4
 General Courts-Martial reviewed-0
 Special Courts-Martial (BCD) reviewed-0

Special Courts-Martial (NON-BCD) reviewed-4
 Summary Courts-Martial reviewed-19
 Vacation of suspension reviewed-0
 Admin Board representations-0
 NJP Appeals reviewed-1
 Admin Discharges reviewed-0
 Investigations reviewed-7
 Legal Assistance cases handled-58
 Offense/Incident reports-12
 Lawyers off island assisting subordinate unit CO's-5

b. Training

(1) During the period 1-30 November 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.

c. Intelligence

(1) The intelligence brief was presented to the Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, on 19 November 1968.

(2) This section conducted daily Intelligence/Operations Briefs for Officers and Staff NCO's in transit to RVN. During November, 335 Officers and 120 Staff NCO's were briefed.

(3) Staff Counterintelligence provided fifty-three Defense Against Mechanical Entry (DAME) surveys, for General Staff sections and subordinate units.

d. Community Relations. See supporting Command Chronologies.

e. Communications-Electronics

(1) The Communications-Electronics Office conducted routine business during the period 1-30 November 1968. Planning comprised the bulk of the sections activities.

f. Financial

Significant fiscal transactions during the month were as follows:

(1) BPN 08 - Aviation Consolidated Allowance List (Supply Officer's Stores). Funds in the amount of \$27,741 were received during this reporting period. Total OPTAR to date \$24,741.

(2) BPN 21 - Aeronautical TAD. Funds in the amount of \$90,000 were received during this reporting period. Total OPTAR to date \$90,000.

(3) BPN 11 - Maintenance of Aviation Expeditionary Equipment.
 No additional funding was received during this month; however \$1,000.00 was reprogrammed as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
L	1,000.00
U	(1,000.00)

3. Chronological Listing of Events

- 5Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS met LtGen WALT and LtGen NICKERSON on the latter's arrival at Futema. BGen WILLIAMS briefed LtGen WALT and NICKERSON and hosted a dinner in their honor in the evening.
- 6Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS met with Vadm BRINGLE, COMSEVENTHFLT, at Camp Courtney.
- 7Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS relieved as Deputy CG FMFPAC (FWD) and Deputy Commander Marine Corps Bases Pacific by BGen WEBSTER.
- 7Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS departed for RVN for meeting with BGen FEELEY, CG FLC and MGen QUILTER, CG First MAW. (RON)
- 8Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS met with BGen DRYER, ADC First MARDIV; Col HUNTER, CO 26th Marines; MajGen YOUNGDALE, CG First MARDIV; Col MCMAHON, CTG 79.4 and Col WILSON, CTG 79.5.
- 9Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS met with BGen HOFFMAN, Asst C of S, G-3, III MAF.
- 9Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS returned to Okinawa and attended ceremonies commemorating the 193rd Birthday of the Marine Corps.
- 11Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS departed Okinawa for SEVENTH FLEET Quarterly Scheduling Conference at Yokosuka.
- 16Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS returned to Okinawa.
- 21Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS departed for Saigon. On arrival called on Vadm ZUMWALT, COMNAVFORV.
- 22Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS returned to Okinawa.

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- 26Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS departed Okinawa to visit MAG-15 at Iwakuni.
- 27Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS attended dinner at Ft Buckner Officers Mess given in honor of Senator ELLENDER hosted by the High Commissioner USARYIS.
- 30Nov68 BGen WILLIAMS attended a formal Change of Command ceremony VMGR-152, MCAF Futenma during which LtCol F.R. SMOKE relieved LtCol F.G. MCLENAN as Commanding Officer.

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Part IV

Chronology of Supporting
Command and Supporting DocumentsAppendices

A. Command Chronology of Supporting Units

- (1) - HqCo TG 79.0, 9th MAB Command Chronology
 (2) - CommSptCo, TG 79.1, Command Chronology
 (3) - 26th Marines Regiment, Command Chronology
 (4) - RLT-26 (Rear), TG 79.2 Command Chronology
 (5) - 1st Bn, 13th Marines Command Chronology
 (6) - MAG-15, TG 79.3, Command Chronology
 (7) - SLF/TG 79.4, Command Chronology
 (8) - SLF/TG 79.5, Command Chronology
 (9) - ProvServBn, TG 79.8, Command Chronology

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✓ B. News Releases

- (1) Release Number 199-68
 (2) Release Number 200-68
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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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26 Dec 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 - 30 November 1968

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

Encl: (1) Command Chronology Report

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

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J. C. GREGAN
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Nov 1968

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 30 November 1968

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Enclosure (1)

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 5750
 26 Dec 1968

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

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

Major J. C. CREGAN

ATTACHED UNITS

1. UNIT - None
2. LOCATION - N/A
3. OFFICERS - N/A
4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

<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>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
75	412	6	14	0	0

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b. Training.

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

<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	
<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Pistol</u>	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Pistol</u>
2	1	25	1

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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4 Dec 68

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 November to 30 November 1968

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

Encl: (1) Communication Support Company Command Chronology

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

R. K. Greenough
R. K. GREENOUGH

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Tab A - #2

Common Support Co, 9th MA AB, 9 Dec 1968

No. 10188

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

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 November to 30 November 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 November 1968-30 November 1968

2. LOCATION

1 November 68-30 November 68: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
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PART II

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

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

On 5-8 November, the PFT was satisfactorily completed by 120 personnel in this unit.

On 19-20 November, M-16A1 FAM Firing and Indoctrination Training was conducted by S-3 Training, Provisional Service Battalion. A total of 30 personnel attended the training.

From 26 November to 2 December, Service Platoon, Provisional Service Battalion conducted a seven day generator school. A total of 16 personnel from this unit attended. All 16 qualified as generator operators at the termination of the instruction. They are due to receive Generator Operator Licenses from Provisional Service Battalion in the near future.

On 29 November, 3 Republic of the Philippines Marine Sergeants terminated five weeks of operational communication training under the Marine Corps Military Assistance Program (MAP).

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

5-8 November 68	Physical Fitness Test
19-20 November 68	M-16A1 Indoctrination and FAM Firing
26 November - 2 December 68	Generator School
29 November 68	Termination of training for 3 Republic of the Philippines Marine Sergeants

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

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5750
31 Dec 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1 November to 30 November 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

From Service Rm, 9th MAB

Nov 1968

Tab A #9

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

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Colonel W.C. DOTY
1 Nov 68 to 30 Nov 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

Capt. R.C. HUGHES
1 Nov 68 to 30 Nov 68

Supply Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major R.C. KARGOL
1 Nov 68 to 30 Nov 68

Maintenance Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major W.C. FIGERE Jr.
1 Nov 68 to 30 Nov 68

Truck Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Capt. R.J. JARLOWSKI
1 Nov 68 to 30 Nov 68

2. 1 November 1968 to 30 November 1968, Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

Colonel W.C. DOTY
1 Nov 68 to 30 Nov 68

Executive Officer

Major W.G. GOUTY
1 Nov 68 to 30 Nov 68

S-1 Adjutant

1stLt. C.H. ASHLEY
1 Nov 68 to 30 Nov 68

S-2/S-3

Major M. BEARDEN
1 Nov 68 to 30 Nov 68

S-4

Major P.R. STINGLEY
1 Nov 68 to 30 Nov 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	218	1	13
Supply Company	9	184	0	2
Maintenance Company	8	229	0	0
Truck Company	4	105	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

During the month of November, two M-50 Water Tankers were assigned for an indefinite period to the Kin T.B. Sanitarium, and the Kin Mental Hospital.

On 8 November, personnel from Provisional Service Battalion assisted the Camp Hansen Fire Department in fighting a brush fire in the Yaka Beach area. Two M-50 Water Tankers were furnished from Truck Company.

On 18 November, Sub-Unit #1 began transferring their personnel to the Republic of Viet Nam. By 26 November, the Sub-Unit had decreased from a strength of 4 officers and 1035 enlisted personnel, to 14 enlisted. The 14 enlisted were personnel on medical and legal hold.

Throughout the month of November, Maintenance Company continued work on items of equipment turned in for repair by the Sub-Unit from Provisional Service Battalion previously deployed to Viet Nam. Status of the equipment is listed below:

<u>No. Item Rec'd</u>	<u>No. Repaired</u>	<u>No. Undergoing Repair</u>	<u>No. to be Evacuated</u>
78	24	11	18

In addition, a total of 25 pieces of equipment are awaiting parts.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Nov 1968: Maintenance Company began repair work on equipment turned in by the Sub-Units from Provisional Service Battalion previously deployed to the Republic of Viet Nam.

1 Nov 1968: Two M-50 Water Tankers assigned to Kin T.B. Sanitarium and Kin Mental Hospital.

8 Nov 1968: Personnel from Provisional Service Battalion assisted in fighting a brush fire at Yaka Beach.

18 Nov 1968: Sub-Unit #1 began transfer of personnel to the Republic of Viet Nam.

INFORMATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE
9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE
FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96602

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communication support company
Release No. 199-68
By: Cpl Wm. A. McCombs

For additional information
call CWO3 W. F. Driscoll
phone 28-4310

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov 1 -- On May 24, 1844 Samuel Morse transmitted the words "What hath God wrought!" from Washington to Baltimore. From that one line, Congress-sanctioned experiment, telegraphy became a multibillion dollar operation linking all the world together in instant communications.

Acting as the communication link that joins the Camp Butler system to the rest of the world is Communication Support Company, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

Commanded by Captain R. K. Greenough and located at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, CommSupCo. is a highly technical organization whose mission consists of not only being the mouth and ears of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, but also standing by for emergency communication hook ups and training personnel throughout the Brigade in Marine Corps communications.

The Communication Center has the job of transmitting, receiving, recording and distributing messages throughout the Brigade.

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communication support company
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Captain D. R. Stough^{1st} and the center's Marines administer a complex program that is capable of speeding messages throughout the world.

The message center deals with all of the unclassified and classified "traffic" and, upon occasion, gives Western Union a hand by accepting telegrams to personnel in the Brigade.

With the threat of typhoons seasonally lingering over Okinawa the possibility of communications breakdown is a menace.

When a breakdown in communication is probable the company is standing by, as it was during typhoon Della, to fill in any communication gap. By committing their six M-38 jeeps, equipped with M-83 high frequency radios and their two multithousand dollar TSC-15 vans they were able to insure complete communications throughout the Camp Butler system during all conditions of the storm.

Although the job of the remainder of the company is not as massive as that of the Communications Center, it is still an essential cog in the operating of communications throughout the Brigade.

Trained in operation of the complex communication vans and radios, the Marines of Radio Platoon are on constant alert to perform their duties at any time under any situation.

The Radio Platoon, led by 1stLt R. T. Egusa, controls the actual transmission and receiving of radio signals. They also train personnel in direct support of Marine Corps units in Vietnam.

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From time to time the Radio Platoon is called on to maintain communications within activities involving visiting dignitaries when they tour Okinawa. Connections are made with them in Hawaii and continuous contact with them is kept throughout their tour.

The Marines that get the call when there is pole climbing to be done are members of the Wire Platoon.

With nothing more than leather belts and metal spikes supporting them they work high above the ground in cramped positions keeping lines up and functioning.

When they are not correcting malfunctions they're testing and inspecting the complex maze of intercommunication systems on Okinawa.

Wire Platoon also controls a unique system of intercompany communication. A telephone switchboard is set up to handle phone calls within the company area. The switchboard keeps the outside lines free of congestion and acts as a training aid in teaching the function of operating telephone equipment.

In the field and under combat situations the Wire Platoon is responsible for insuring that communication wire is strung and functioning between all sections of the command.

The most costly and complex piece of equipment that CommSupCo maintains is a versatile technological creation called the "TSC-15" van. The TSC-15 is able to transmit on seven different channels at one time: three voice medias and four telegraph frequencies - the van is a complete portable communication center in itself.

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Another unit of CommSupCo., the Radio Relay Platoon, trains men who function and control this van and other electrical masterpieces. When standing by for emergencies the Radio Relay Platoon can receive a conventional telephone signal and, by means of radio, "shoot" it to any switchboard in the world.

Backing the platoons and masterminding the operation of each item of communication are the trouble-shooting electrical technicians.

The "Techs" find themselves faced with the problems of maintaining the equipment in working condition and repairing the equipment once it is down.

Each of the technicians are graduates of the year long electrical technicians course given at MCRD San Diego, and well trained to decipher electrical diagrams, keep informed on Marine Corps publications and in the art of setting up circuits.

Communication Support Company - able to reach almost any location throughout the world instantly. Did somebody say something about it being a small world?

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5th medical battalion
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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Nov. 1--Say the word "Marines" and a civilian conjures up an image of unshaven, combat-hardened platoons of men charging from amphibious landing crafts or helicopters to assault an enemy-occupied position.

Too often forgotten by the civilian is the fact that two members of each of these platoons are not Marines at all, but members of the United States Navy assigned to the Marines as Hospital Corpsmen.

These men look like Marines because they wear the same field uniform. They live with Marines in the field. Sometimes they die with them there.

Because they live as Marines they must go through the same intensive training as leathernecks -- those hard charging individuals so familiar to the civilian.

On Okinawa there is a unit that exists for the sole purpose of familiarizing Corpsmen with the life they will soon share with Marines at various duty stations throughout the Far East.

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They call the unit "A" Company, 5th Medical Battalion, and it is stationed at Camp Schwab as a sub-unit of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear).

The unit consists of about 60 people, but of these 60, all but 10 or 12 are "transient" personnel, who will stay on Okinawa only about two weeks before being deployed to other Far Eastern duty stations.

While here, almost all of the transient Corpsmen go to the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Northern Training Area (NTA), a reservation of land in the sparsely-populated upper half of the island. There they are introduced to jungle terrain and different tactics of guerrilla warfare.

While in the NTA, the Corpsmen attend classes on such subjects as hand and arm signals, jungle survival, land navigation, booby traps, and civic action.

They also spend many hours in the field undergoing various field exercises.

They learn to "rapell" down the sides of steep cliffs -- descending by rope with a few quick jumps.

They have night compass marches during which they must find their way from one point to another by traversing the dense jungle terrain of the NTA without the aid of landmarks or daylight.

Night ambushes are practiced, as are village search and clear missions.

Enemy "prisoners", enacted by the permanent personnel of the NTA, are flushed from their hiding places in a mock village and interrogated by the trainees.

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Though the Corpsman remains in the NTA for only a few days, by the time he leaves he has learned much about the life of a field Marine.

By the time he has completed his entire training, it is understandable that a civilian often forgets that two members of every Marine platoon are in the Navy.

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nco school
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 1, 1968--Colonel William C. Doty, Provisional Service Battalion commander, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, told 106 graduates of the Camp Butler Non-commissioned Officer Leadership School here, Oct. 26, that knowing their men was one of the most important facets of leadership.

"Know the strengths and weaknesses of your men," the colonel, a former enlisted Marine, said, "and help them fulfill their potential."

His audience had just completed a rugged, three-week course on small unit tactics, weapons and general military subjects with a constant emphasis on leadership.

The school's top graduate was Sergeant Thomas J. Harman, "K" Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, who took the academic honors with a 92.85 average. The competition is based on a series of written tests given throughout the course.

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Sergeant Curtis C. Guetti of Marine Aircraft Group-12 was named the school's top NCO leader. The school's five instructors choose the winner of this award on the basis of demonstrated initiative and leadership ability. Guetti was the class commander.

Topping the physical fitness competition was Sgt. Leroy H. Huff from Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station Atsugi, Japan. Huff scored 494 points out of a possible 500 on the physical fitness test to earn the honor.

The students, who ranged in rank from private first class to sergeant, came to the school from Fleet Marine Force units throughout the Far East.

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repro feature
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, November 1 — Throughout the world, most professionals frown on "copycats" as unethical and unimaginative.

But the Marine Corps has a military occupational specialty (MOS) which puts this practice to work. That field, reproduction, specializes in copying official material for distribution.

Here at 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, for example, Brigade "repro" is responsible for publishing material for dissemination to all Brigade sections, supporting sub-units which do not have duplicating facilities, and making copies of material ranging from Top Secret messages to providing chapel parishioners with church bulletins each Sunday.

Brigade repro is a small shop, administratively located within the Brigade Adjutant Section. It is manned by three men: Staff Sergeant Alvin Littlejohn, and Corporals Richard J. Adler and Bobby J. Hickey, Jr.

Yet these three Marines, equipped with two offset lithographs, one mimeograph and one photostatic copier, turn out more than 350 job orders and 28 miles of printed paper monthly.

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Describing the section's job, SSgt. Littlejohn explains, "Basically we're the middle-men for the staff sections. If a section has a piece of information for distribution, they bring it to us and we supply the necessary number of copies. That's all there is to it."

But more is involved. Once the repro specialist (lithographer) receives the original to be copied along with its job order, he notes the type of duplication required, the number of copies necessary for distribution and the importance of the job. Only then does he prepare to duplicate the stencil, matte or photocopy.

Let's say that the original is a mimeograph stencil, used by most offices because of its low cost of reproduction and ease in handling. The lithographer involved rips off the stencil's paper backing, places the stencil on the mimeograph machine, centers it and makes a preliminary "run" to determine if it prints legibly throughout.

If a part of the stencil is not getting enough ink to make it readable, he makes a few adjustments in the ink flow, or adjusts the cylinder space on the machine until it is correct. Then he makes the final run.

If the original is a matte, the job becomes more technical. Offset is a delicate process, involving more than squeezing ink through holes in a stencil, as in mimeographing.

The principle involved is based on the fact that oil and water don't mix. The mattes are prepared for printing by coating the original with platex, an etching solution which causes the unprinted sections of the matte to pick up water.

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When the original is placed on the machine and "run off," the unprinted part, coated with platex, accepts water and repulses the oil base ink. The unprinted part of the matte, which has already repulsed the platex, remains untouched by the water bath and accepts ink, transferring it to a rubber roller, which, in turn, transfers it to the paper shuttling through the machine.

This sophisticated process makes adjustments more frequent and painstaking, but the results, once the final run is made, are more legible and neater than those of the micrograph.

Besides all this, each of these three Marines is an expert in photoprocessing, letterpress and offset newspaper production and offset camera darkroom work.

Sound complicated? Why, any repro copycat can do it!

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embark school
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 1, 1968--To most Marines, loading a seabag is a frustrating task, but to the students of Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Embarkation School at Camp Hansen anything that small is strictly bush league.

The embarkation students are learning to load ships and aircraft with enough supplies, vehicles and personnel to support Marine units on amphibious and airlift movements.

The two-year old school is taught by Mobile Training Teams (MTT) from Landing Force Training Command, Pacific, in Coronado, Calif. on a rotating basis. The present three-man team, headed by Maj. M.H. Harrington, is slated for approximately two months of duty on Okinawa before being relieved by another MTT.

Students for the month-long courses, both Marines and Navymen, are sent on a quota basis from FMFPac units in the Far East. Many of them come from III Marine Amphibious Force units in Vietnam.

Two separate but similar courses are taught at the school, one for officers and one for staff non-commissioned officers and enlisted men.

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"The course is almost completely practical application," said Harrington. "We give the students a situation and let them work out a solution."

A relatively new embarkation technique known as Mechanized Embarkation Data System (MEDS) is taught at the school. Basically the system provides for statistics on personnel, cargo, vehicles, etc. to be compressed on Electrical Accounting Machine (EAM) cards which can be fed into computers.

The computers then produce accurate and speedy reports for the embarkation men on such vital subjects as the amount of weight to be considered and the amount of space needed. The 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Data Processing Platoon provides computer support for the student's problems.

"When a student graduates," said Staff Sergeant Edward Craig, the team's enlisted instructor, "he has been taught how to load four types of ships and three types of aircraft."

The team's third instructor is First Lieutenant R.E. Boerner.

"The students," commented Maj. Harrington, "leave here capable of working on an embarkation team, which would be responsible for loading one ship. They have to know all of the planning and preparation that goes into a unit's embarkation."

Enlisted graduates of the school are given a new Military Occupational Speciality (MOS) in the logistics field and officers receive a secondary MOS.

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operation firetruck
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CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, Nov. 2 -- Headquarters Company Motor Transport, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, has developed its own Civic Action program - "Operation Firetruck."

This unique operation was initiated early last spring to provide Kin Village's Fire Department with regular preventive and semiannual third echelon maintenance for its only firetruck - a 1950 model M-207.

"Since Kin has no maintenance capabilities for a project this size," First Lieutenant John G. Prillaman, Headquarters Co. Motor Transport Officer, points out, "we decided that we'd give them a hand."

After replacing the engine and overhauling the transmission last spring, the motor pool's mechanics found their hands full when they resumed the task three weeks ago.

Because the truck is old, replacement parts are scarce. Consequently, ordinarily easy repairs become mechanical nightmares.

Describing the problem, Gunnery Sergeant William R. Werntz, Motor Transport Chief in charge of the operation, comments, "Sometimes the job reminded me of repairing a Model 'T'."

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It took eight mechanics more than three weeks to put the truck back in operation this time, after "Gunny" Werntz noticed it boiling over Oct. 9, while he was on a run to Camp Schwab.

Once Lt. Prillaman had made the necessary arrangements with Kin's Mayor Akira Okamura and the men had hauled the truck back to the Motor Pool they soon found the overheating problem -- the transmission didn't shift properly.

One week later the transmission had been overhauled and the truck was ready for its semiannual checkup.

The inspection disclosed several problems: The water pump and wiring systems needed repair, the fan belt and carburetor needed replacing, the water reservoir required a thorough cleaning and the radiator lines were clogged.

The crew set to work immediately, and in less than a week everything was back in running order except the carburetor (which was later supplied by the U. S. Army) and the water pump.

The centrifugal water pump presented a special problem. No mechanic had worked on one before! To breach this gap, Lt. Prillaman called an expert for assistance, Camp Butler Assistant Fire Chief John Chur.

Mr. Chur designed a new system to replace the old one within days. This would give the truck firefighting capabilities it had once had. After by-passing several main water valves and plugging unnecessary lines which cut down pressure efficiency, the crew checked out the new system, finding it adequate.

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Next they put the finishing touches on the aging firefighter; checking hoses, repainting weathered parts, filling the water reservoir and double-checking all systems.

On October 31, the job was completed. Lt. Prillaman called Mayor Okamura and told him that they would return the truck that afternoon.

When the entire Motor Transport crew arrived at City Hall they were met by the Mayor, who thanked them for their help and asked that they stay for refreshments. Following an informal gathering, the crew was escorted to the Mayor's private car. There they met his personal driver, who drove them to a restaurant for dinner - compliments of City Hall.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 1, 1968—The formation of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade on March 1, 1966, marked the beginning of a new era of Marine Corps history on Okinawa.

Gone were the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions, whose Leathernecks had trained here for nearly a decade and in their place came an Amphibious Brigade to provide a force in readiness on Okinawa.

By nature, the Brigade is light and able to deploy its infantry, artillery and supporting units by both helicopter vertical assault and sea-borne assault methods to trouble spots in the Far East.

Headquartered at Camp Hansen, Okinawa, the Brigade is presently commanded by BrigGen. John E. Williams, who was formerly the Assistant 1st Marine Division commander in Vietnam.

Col. Herman Hansen Jr. first led the Brigade and later became its Chief of Staff when BrigGen. William A. Stiles took the helm. Other Brigade commanders have been BrigGen. Michael P. Ryan, BrigGen. Louis Metzger, BrigGen. Jacob E. Glick and BrigGen. William C. Chip, respectively.

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9th MAB trains infantry and artillery units at both Camps Hansen and Schwab, utilizing the Northern Training Area with its Jungle Lanes. Regimental Landing Team-26 (RLT-26) oversees the activities of three infantry battalions which are presently deployed to Far East assignments, as well as several company-size supporting units.

The Brigade's arsenal includes tanks, Ontos (anti-tank vehicles), Amphibian tractors, a Redeye Missile platoon, and the Corps' most effective and time-tested weapon, the individual Marine and his rifle.

Provisional Service Battalion (PSB) performs a function vital to all ground units. As supply and maintenance for 9th MAB, it handles the requisitions, accounting, storage, and issuing of equipment. It is also responsible for data processing and air delivery support.

In addition to ground forces on Okinawa, the Brigade provides two battalions of Marines to the 7th Fleet's Special Landing Forces which remain afloat in the South China Sea ready for action anywhere in the Far East on a moment's notice.

The Brigade's aviation arm is Marine Aircraft Group-15 stationed at Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan. The Iwakuni command includes Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron-15, Marine Air Base Squadron-15, and a Marine fighter attack squadron, VMFA-122.

Based at Camp Schwab, on the northern half of Okinawa, is Marine Air Control Squadron-8 and, at Marine Corps Air Facility, Futema, are Marine Aerial Refueler/Transport Squadron (VMGR)-152, Marine Air Traffic Control Unit-60, a medium helicopter squadron and a sub-unit from H&MS-15.

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VMGR-152 specializes in air refueling of Brigade jets and in long-distance transport flights throughout the Far East and Southeast Asia. The helicopter squadron aids in training exercises for the infantry and in search and rescue operations off Okinawa.

The 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade is represented by a crimson, blue and black emblem -- a color for each of the Brigade's capabilities: on land, on sea, in the air. The center of the emblem is a gleaming sword, binding all three forces together, sharp, swift, efficient and deadly to foes.

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Library
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 5--Occasionally, when the din of the club becomes too much to bear, the movie is running for the second consecutive night and it's too close to payday for liberty, we are forced to desperate measures.

When such a series of tragedies befell us recently, we stumbled out of the barracks in search of something new, interesting and, above all, inexpensive. What we found was the Camp Hansen library, which, while not actually new, is interesting and absolutely inexpensive.

The only trouble is that we no longer can go to the club or on liberty with a clear conscience because we have several of the library's 9000 books yet to read.

Open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, the library has for the past three years been located in Bldg. 2412, near the camp theater and its mission, like that of the island's many fine libraries, is to provide servicemen here with facts, figures and fun.

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The tomes range from "The ABC's of Style" to novels on Yugoslavian history and in between are books of all sizes, shapes, styles and subjects, from best sellers to obscure novellas to reference materials.

Current reading material is also plentiful. More than 100 magazines and 16 stateside newspapers are subscribed to and kept on file for research purposes.

A record library is available at the facility along with stereo equipment for listening. The records can be checked out for three days.

"We have every kind of music from Beethoven to the Beatles here for playing and checkout," said Margaret Whitehill, the Hansen librarian. "You can imagine which is the most popular."

Miss Whitehill is one of several librarians in the Camp Butler system who was recruited from the U.S. specifically for library work. Prior to working here she served with an Army library in Germany.

A rental collection of recent bestsellers from the McNaughton Publishing Co. is also offered at the facility. The collection consists of 100 volumes, to which ten works are added and ten subtracted weekly. The McNaughton books are only available for one week, because of their popularity, but most other works can be taken for two weeks.

For Hansen's thousands of transient Marines, the library provides a rather unique service. Paperback books are given to anyone who happens to wander in to while away the waiting part of a transient's "hurry up and wait" existence.

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"We receive a large box of paperbacks each week just for this purpose," said Miss Whitehill, "and the travelling Marines really appreciate it."

Books come to the library from a variety of sources including automatic distribution from the Navy's Bureau of Personnel, orders from a Navy book depot in Norfolk, Va., Marine Corps purchases through BuPers and local non-appropriated fund purchases.

For the past few months, more than 200 books monthly have come to the Hansen facility, which Miss Whitehill said is enough to keep her and the library's trio of assistants busy processing and placing them in the library's stock.

"Selecting new books is a major part of my work," Miss Whitehill said. "I read hundreds of book reviews and try to keep track of what people are asking for."

Anyway, it presents a perplexing problem. It may take several more tours on Okinawa just to get through the fiction section.

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ordnance grad
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 4--"Sometimes we forget to tell you how important you are," Major W. Fieceri told 44 graduates of the 3rd Force Service Regiment Ordnance School, Nov. 1, "but, believe me, you Marines in the field are the key to proper maintenance."

The students, who had just completed a three-week school divided into two courses on ammunition and infantry weapons repair, listened as the commander of Maintenance Company, Provisional Service Battalion reminded them that the Marine infantryman and artilleryman in the combat zone is the focus of ammunition and weapons maintenance efforts up and down the line.

The ammunition course covered supply and salvage; transportation, storage and disposal of ammunition and handling and storage in combat areas.

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The infantry weapons repair class spent their time here assembling, disassembling and studying every type of weapon attached to or used by an infantry unit from mortars to the North Vietnamese AK-47 automatic rifle.

Competition in both courses was keen. In the weapons repair class, three Marines tied for first place with 98.76 averages. They were: Cpl. J.C. Corrigan, "B" Co., 1st Motor Transport Bn., 1st Marine Division; Cpl. D.R. Farmer, "K" Co., 3rd Bn., 5th Marine Regiment and Lance Cpl. J.A. Grass, Marine Observation Squadron-6, Marine Aircraft Group-39.

A two-way tie occurred in the ammunition course. Top students with 98.10 averages were Lance Cpl.'s R.C. Cristenson and M.J. Taddeo, both of Ammunition Co., Force Logistics Command.

Class average for the ammunition course was 92.77 and the infantry weapons repair course mark was 95.15.

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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Nov. 5—Lieutenant Colonel Rufino DeLaCruz, who became commanding officer of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear) (RLT-26) on October 28, met with Nago city officials for the first time on October 30 and toured the sites of two current civil affairs projects underway in the Nago area.

Formerly Brigade inspector, LtCol. DeLaCruz assumed a post vacated October 18 by LtCol. Jack Erwin who was reassigned after completion of his tour here.

LtCol. DeLaCruz, Mayor Oshiro of Nago and Major O. J. Butler, who recently became executive officer of RLT-26, inspected the grading project of the Northern Technical High School and Northern Industrial High School, one of the largest civil affairs projects ever undertaken on Okinawa.

They drove around the entire area of the project, and talked with members of RLT-26's 5th Engineer Battalion working there.

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Father Jose, a Catholic missionary who operates a school in the Nago area, served as an interpreter for the Marines.

After completing his tour of the Nago school project, LtCol. DeLaCruz visited the Ryukyuan-American Cultural Exchange at Nago, where Marines of "A" Company, 5th Shore Party Battalion, another unit of RLIT-26, recently completed construction of an enclosed basketball and volleyball court.

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SgtMaj. Change of Command
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 2 -- Sergeant Major Frank W. Bliss accepted the sword of office of sergeant major, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade from Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, during ceremonies here today.

Sergeant Major T. H. Hughes, Brigade sergeant major since October, 1967, parted with the words, "I don't want to leave, my tour here has been 'outstanding'." SgtMaj. Hughes is being reassigned to Marine Corps Base, 29 Palms, California.

SgtMaj. Bliss reported from Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

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Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Nov. 1 -- Lieutenant Colonel Harold G. Shaklee and Master Sergeant John L. Sapp were presented the Joint Service Commendation Medal and Navy Achievement Medal respectively by Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, during ceremonies here today.

Lt. Col. Shaklee, Brigade Supply Officer, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, was cited for exceptionally outstanding service as Chief, Perishable Subsistence Management Branch, Subsistence Directorate, Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia, Pa., from July 1965 to July 1968.

His citation read in part, "Colonel Shaklee displayed personal characteristics and professional competence of the highest order in the management of the perishable subsistence supply system during a period of greatly escalating requirements. His outstanding leadership ability, managerial skill and application of practical solutions to complex logistic problems made a major contribution to the Center's responsiveness to urgent demands for supplies."

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By: LCpl M. Gerstenberger

"The outstanding achievements and dedicated devotion to duty of Colonel Shaklee reflect credit upon himself and the Department of Defense."

Master Sergeant Sapp, Brigade Supply Chief, performed his duties from December 4, 1967 through August 31, 1968 in an exemplary and highly complimentary manner.

"Largely due to his exceptional skill and sound judgement, he was frequently assigned to conduct supply inspections and assist in other functions normally assigned to a commissioned officer. As a result of his diligence and seemingly unlimited resourcefulness, he gained the respect and admiration of all who observed him and contributed significantly to the accomplishment of his unit's mission."

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 7--Applying first aid to sick weapons in the heat of combat requires quick thinking, courage and a solid knowledge of weaponry.

The first two cannot be taught, but the third comes courtesy of 3rd Force Service Regiment's Infantry Weapons Repair course held here.

Part of FSR's Ordnance school, the course is designed to give Marines who range in occupational skills from Amphibian Tractor crewmen to riflemen a sound background in weapons repair and maintenance at the first and second echelon.

"You might call this weaponry first aid," said Gunnery Sergeant Douglas Fudge, non-commissioned officer in charge of the school. "We are teaching these Marines to patch-up malfunctioning weapons in the combat zone.

Students for the course come here mainly from units in Vietnam, but units on Okinawa also send their Marines to it. What the students are expected to learn in a mere three weeks is nothing short of everything about infantry weapons.

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Beginning with six hours on the fundamentals of maintenance and inspection of weapons, the course proceeds to cover ordnance publications, optical equipment, both the M-16 and M-14 rifles, the M-60 machinegun, .45 caliber sub-machinegun, .50 caliber machinegun and the .45 caliber pistol.

Attached weapons are next. The Marines are thoroughly briefed on the functioning and, particularly, the possible malfunctioning of the 60mm and 81mm mortars, flamethrower, M-79 grenade launcher, 3.5 inch rocket launcher, the M-72 light anti-tank assault weapons (LAAW) and the 106mm recoilless rifle.

After discussing in detail every weapon that belongs to an infantry battalion, the course covers one that doesn't. Wrapping up the class is a lesson on the North Vietnamese AK-47 automatic rifle.

The school's five instructors use every training aid available to them including films, diagrams and mock-ups of weapons, but the course does not contain any field application.

"They'll get plenty of that in Vietnam," said Chief Warrant Officer Henry Walsh, officer in charge of the Ordnance school, "and that's where it counts."

Because of the rapid turnover in personnel in Vietnam, keeping a large supply of weapons repairmen on the scene means that units often send men to the school in a wide variety of occupational skills. Although the course cannot confer additional Military Occupational Specialities, it does provide excellent cross-training, said Walsh.

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The course is constantly looking ahead. As new problems arise and new weapons come into common use the school is ready to adjust.

"We've already been asked by students to add the .38 caliber revolver and the shotgun to the curriculum," said Walsh, "so we may be expanding in the future."

The school, though obviously difficult, has one aspect that few people planned on. The students get a chance, when their grades are high enough, for some liberty and a respite from the rigors of combat. The Marines return to Vietnam well-rested and armed with a wealth of lifesaving knowledge.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 15--Keeping an organization like the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (MAB) operating requires quick, accurate answers, answers and more answers to an assortment of problems too complex or time-consuming for the human brain to compute.

The MAB's staff sections, units and leaders present the problems, Data Processing Platoon-25 (DPP) finds the answers, and approximately \$200,000 worth of sophisticated computer equipment provides the information accurately and rapidly.

In addition to supporting 9th MAB units at Camp Hansen, the platoon services the Transient Facility here, Camp Butler, part of Marine Corps Air Facility, Futema, and Marine Aerial Refueler Squadron-152.

For these organizations, DPP computes personnel listings, supply inventories, fiscal reports, logistical information, baggage listings and many other documents which require lengthy and tedious work.

"The largest part of our work is doing personnel reports for the Transient Facility," said Master Sergeant G.M. Meyer, Installation Chief, adding, "They receive daily listings of men on hand, transferred, dropped, etc."

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The platoon's equipment includes a 1401 card computer system, owned by the Marine Corps, and a leased, supporting, Electrical Accounting Machine (EAM) card system consisting of two card punch machines, a card verifier, a sorter, a collator, an interpreter and a page reader.

The gear is sophisticated, second generation equipment, but trained Marines are still required to operate it. Three officers and 27 enlisted Marines, commanded by First Lieutenant Joe D. Moring, work in shifts around the clock to keep the information flowing.

On-the-job trainees are teamed with experienced operators for training and cross-training within the platoon. Exceptional operators are often selected for training in computer programming and are given self-study courses from civilian computer factories.

Organizations requiring the platoon's support first make a work request, stating what information is available, what kind of report is desired and when and how often the report is needed.

DPP's programming section then takes the request and devises a job procedure, which tells the operator what the source data is, what information must be computed and how often the job must be done.

The operations section takes the source data and transfers it to EAM cards via a card punch machine, which operates something like a typewriter.

Next the cards are cross-checked for possible errors on the card verifier and sent to the interpreter, which translates the information into language the computer understands.

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The cards then are sorted into the desired sequence and put into the collator for a sequence check. Like the card verifier, this machine checks on another machine's work to lower the possibility of error. Finally the information goes to the computer where it is summarized and the desired information is selected.

Though the process seems lengthy and complicated, speed is its greatest advantage.

"We can give a commander six accurate copies in approximately 30 minutes of a listing that would take a clerk three times that long just to organize," said Meyer.

There is no shortage of work for the machines even at that speed. The platoon's Marines keep the electronic brain going for about 250 operating hours per month.

Though DPP-25 seems like any other Data Processing unit in the Marine Corps, there is one distinctive difference: it's mobile.

Three expandable trailers, called M-313 vans, belong to the platoon. Each van can unfold into a 17 foot by 20 foot room that holds the unit's men and equipment. Two smaller vans are also available to the DPP.

The platoon has already moved once, from Vietnam to Okinawa in January, 1967, and, if necessary, could move again.

"Under ideal conditions," said Meyer, "the platoon could be packed and ready to travel two days after the go order is received."

As long as the complicated problems keep popping up, Data Processing Platoon-25 has to be ready, in a building or on wheels, to provide answers, answers and more answers.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 15--Sergeant William R. Hayes, of Jamaica, N.Y., is a quiet, unassuming young man who spends most of his working hours behind a typewriter as the senior court reporter for the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Like many Camp Hansen Marines, he goes to Kin Village, immediately outside the gate, when on liberty.

His destination, however, is a little unusual. He goes to a small school that conducts classes in Karate.

There, depending on the night, he either learns or teaches the age-old art of self-defense.

Not many people are qualified to teach Sgt. Hayes, because Hayes has been studying Karate for ten years and recently earned his third degree Black Belt, which qualifies him as an instructor.

The man who serves as Hayes' instructor is Eizo Shimabuku, one of a handful of people in the world able to wear Karate's highest award-- the Red Belt.

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It was under this man that Sgt. Hayes earned the third degree of his Black Belt. Since that time Hayes has served mostly as an instructor for the other students.

He's had quite a bit of previous experience teaching as well as learning the art.

A year ago, while serving with Force Logistics Command in Vietnam, Sgt. Hayes got together with 12 Republic of Korea Marines, who were all Black Belts themselves.

The 13 men toured the area around Quang Ngai City in Vietnam, giving Karate exhibitions to the local villagers.

Their team stayed together for the month of October, 1967, during which time they gave about 80 demonstrations to Vietnamese audiences.

For his efforts Sgt. Hayes received a Letter of Commendation signed by Lieutenant General Victor H. Krulak, then Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific. The letter cited him for his work with the Karate demonstration team and his "outstanding professionalism in legal matters" as a court reporter for Force Logistics Command.

Sitting at his desk or at a typewriter, Sgt. Hayes doesn't strike the casual visitor as the type who breaks bricks bare-handed.

Unless you look at the calloused knuckles on his hands you'd never suspect that he had a Black Belt.

But in April he won the Black Belt Championship in the All Japan Karate-Do League, an Okinawan-Japanese tournament held on the island.

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So it's pretty obvious, when it comes to unarmed self-defense, he's not a man to fool with.

As a matter of fact, Sgt. Hayes seems to know what he's doing when armed as well.

He broke the pistol range record at Camp Hansen this year by firing a score of 363 out of a possible 400 points.

He has a bar on his Expert Rifle Badge that signifies he has qualified as an expert rifleman for three years in a row, and when he was stationed with the 2nd Marine Air Wing at Cherry Point, N. C. he was a member of the Wing's rifle and pistol team.

A good man to have as a friend.

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hunting on okinawa
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, November 19 — If a season could be given to one particular type of person autumn would have to be given to the hunter. Whether in Wisconsin or on Okinawa he has to wait patiently for the hunting season to legally open.

Gunners here are faced with the problems of tall mountains, thick underbrush and the rapidly changing weather. They are going to have to work for their shooting. But there will be shooting because the northern reaches of Okinawa are alive with game. Eastern turtle dove, wild boar, big cats, Chinese Button Quail and an assortment of ducks abound.

Sergeant W. J. Maxwell, the Camp Smedley D. Butler Game Warden, planned on a trek up to a small brook that runs through the mountains behind Nago and invited us along. He was going to hunt the same area for two days and find out exactly what was in those hills and valleys.

The plan was to hunt the banks of the stream for Eastern turtle dove. We were going to be in the same area that a group of airmen from Kadena Airbase successfully hunted the week before.

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When we arrived on site we found the morning rains had turned the small stream into a river with a strong current and no banks. Thick brush made it impossible to walk along the sides of the hills so we were forced to wade.

The chill in our legs could have been avoided had there been hip boots in our paraphernalia. Weather and hunting conditions on Okinawa will change rapidly - prepare for it.

Spirits were high due to the sound of the doves chirping and whistling in the trees as we began sloshing our way down river.

"There! Up there in the fork of that tree." someone whispered, pointing at a large tree half way up the hill.

A dark body blended with the surrounding countryside so well that only a quivering wing and a quick flash gave away its position. It was a dove, about the size of an American quail.

The dove jumped. Sgt. Maxwell snapped off a quick shot before the bird disappeared behind the brush. Sgt. Maxwell stood at the ready position hoping for another shot, but the leary bird was far out of range when it came back into view.

We moved on.

Two more doves jumped up and there was more shooting. But once again the birds evaded the shots.

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The afternoon began to fade away as we took positions in hastily constructed blinds to await the arrival of the birds as they came down to the river to drink and eat before heading for their nesting areas.

We were sitting silently when a large dove began winging his way slowly up the ravine. The gunners tensed in anticipation as another bird joined the dove and slowly came into range.

Now! Again the bark of the guns rang through the valley. But the speedy birds and the difficult angle were too much for the shooters once again.

The wind began whipping through the valley as the sun disappeared behind the crest of the mountain. This was duck hunting weather. A good sign that the Mergansers and Gossanders will be arriving shortly. Okinawa supports excellent habitat for ducks that winter here.

When the hunt was concluded the guns were slipped into their cases.

The shooting had been erratic and the doves had won the first round. But there will be more hunts. Hunting was good, the shooting was frequent and there was game - enough game and signs of game to convince anybody that hunting on Okinawa will make a fine sport.

The following day Sgt. Maxwell reported that the tide had changed and there were three fine doves and a red-breasted Merganser decorating his freezer.

Sgt. Maxwell explained that the bylaws for the newly formed Okinawa Marine Rod & Gun club had been endorsed and memberships were being accepted. Anyone interested can get in touch with him at Camp

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Even though you are a long way from your favorite duck blind or deer stand you can still get out for some fine hunting this year by knowing the regulations and obtaining a gun, your own or a special services loan.

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UP FROM THE RANKS -- Newly commissioned Second Lieutenant George J. Trautman, former "A" Company First Sergeant, 5th Amphibious Tractor Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, acquires the insignia of his present rank at Camp Schwab Nov. 14. The 36-year-old native of Westchester, Pa. is a veteran of 18 years service. Pinning on his new bars are Lieutenant Colonel Rufino DeLaCruz (left), Regimental Landing Team-26 Commanding Officer and Captain Robert G. Jones, 5th AMTRAC Commanding Officer. (USMC Photo By Cpl. J. V. Kinnaird)

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 19--Ask most people about a Marine Amphibious landing and they will talk about waves of infantrymen charging ashore to capture an enemy-held island.

Ask a member of 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Bulk Fuel Platoon, however, and he is likely to start a monologue about fuel farms, 10,000 gallon rubber tanks and measuring distances in hose lengths.

And with good reason. Because behind those charging Marines come hundreds of vehicles, from jeeps to jets, that require fuel just like men require food.

The platoon, part of Supply Company, Provisional Service Battalion, is responsible for receiving, storing and issuing the hundreds of thousands of gallons of fuel used in an amphibious landing.

Organized into an Amphibious Assault Fuel System (AAFS) and supporting operating and maintenance elements, the platoon can handle enough fuel to support an Amphibious Brigade, including air elements, on a sea-borne assault.

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The platoon's AAFS can store approximately 420,000 gallons of vital fluid and pump it ashore or into fuel farms at a rate of 350 gallons per minute. Several different types of pumps are used, including ones that can pump to as many as five tanks at once.

Packaged fuel, such as oil, kerosene and lubricants are also brought ashore and issued by the platoon. The dispersing points become combat zone gas stations which dispense fuel both to individual vehicles and to tank trucks.

The concept is relatively new to the Marine Corps. Prior to 1957, when the first bulk fuel unit was formed, giant drums were used to carry the fuel ashore. Naturally, the process was slow and difficult.

"It just wouldn't work today," said Gunnery Sergeant George Werts, Bulk Fuel Platoon commander. "Even a small operation would require a large number of drums."

Replacing the drums are 10,000 gallon tanks made of strong, lightweight rubber, which receive and store the fuel.

The tanks are arranged in a series of "fuel farms" linked by miles of hose, reinforced by pressure boosting pumps. The fuel is pumped inland from Navy tankers, then forced along a maze of hose lines to the fuel farms and dispersing points.

Handling fuel is not without its hazards. Safety is a prime consideration in the platoon's operations. The tanks are surrounded by dirt berms, which resemble giant foxholes, capable of containing the liquid in case a tank is destroyed.

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To combat the ever-present danger of fire, the platoon is equipped with a variety of extinguishing gear and the unit's Marines are given rugged fire-fighting training by the Camp Butler Fire Department here and in the Bulk Fuel School at Camp Pendleton, California.

"The biggest factor in safety, however," said Werts, "is not the training, but the conscientiousness of the individual."

Presently the unit is revamping an AAFS sent here from Vietnam and conducting constant training designed to maintain the proficiency of the platoon.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 19--A Marine lieutenant here is trying to beg, barter for or borrow. — something for which Marines are famous — enough material to improve living conditions for approximately 450 patients at the Kin Village Tuberculosis Sanitorium.

First Lieutenant William E. Woodman, civil affairs officer for the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Provisional Service Battalion, and nearly 300 Marines from the unit, are planning a four-step project to paint, landscape and repair parts of the facility, but they need materials.

The plan's first step involves fixing the sanitorium's windows by installing new screens, rebuilding window frames and sills. While Maintenance Company's Engineer Maintenance Platoon is doing that, Service Platoon will be replanting grass, trees and building benches and tables to spruce up the hospital's grounds.

Next, the Marines plan to reconstruct and plaster parts of the the TB sanitorium and repair the heating system. Then they hope to repaint the facility.

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The project's final step is a big one. The PSB Marines want to replace the water line from the village water tank to the hospital. A new line would increase water pressure in the facility.

"I'm glad we became involved in this," said Woodman. "Those people need so much and PSB's Marines are eager to help."

The officer, who also serves as Maintenance Company's executive officer, said he has no shortage of volunteers, but can always use more men, especially people with landscaping experience.

Material is his biggest headache now, but, Woodman said progress is being made.

"We still need a great deal of gear, though," he added, "for instance curtain material, wood of all types and sizes, nails, putty, cement, mortar -- almost every kind of building material."

Two items that are sought will have a more personal value to the patients. Picture magazines and Okinawan-language books are prized by the patients, most of whom are women, Woodman said, but the reading matter is hard to find.

Except for the new pipe system, which will be time-consuming, the project should take about four weekends, said the officer, and he estimated that the entire job can be completed in approximately six months once the material is obtained.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 15--Fifty-three Marines and Navymen graduated here today from the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Embarkation School. The school is divided into two separate but similar courses for officers and enlisted men.

Colonel J.R. Sloan, commander of Landing Force Training Command, Pacific, at Coronado, California addressed the 27 officers and 26 enlisted men.

Class commanders were First Lieutenant H.R. Morris of 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, and Gunnery Sergeant J.R. Donahue of Supply Company, Force Logistics Command.

The month-long course, taught by mobile training teams from the Coronado command, covers all facets of ship and aircraft embarkation, including the new Mechanized Embarkation Data System.

Enlisted graduates of the school are given new primary Military Occupational Specialities in the logistics field and the officers receive a secondary MCS.

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legal feature
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 20—When a Marine has a legal problem — no matter what its nature — directly or indirectly it is always handled by the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate of his command.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is the somewhat cumbersome name for each Marine Corps command's legal section. The office is responsible for legal problems that range in scope from General Courts Martial to minor traffic violations.

In addition, the section serves in a supervisory capacity for Special Courts Martial and Summary Courts Martial, which are less serious than General Courts Martial and are usually conducted on a company or battalion level. In such cases the section gives legal instruction to the unit commanding officer.

During a General Court Martial, officers of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate serve as trial counsel and defense counsel. The command's law officer, equivalent to a judge in a civilian court, presides over each General Court Martial.

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Enlisted men in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate serve as court reporters during a General Court Martial. The court reporter "takes" a court martial using a method known as "closed mike recording."

While a court martial is underway, the court reporter repeats every word spoken, whether it be by one of the lawyers, the defendant, a witness, or the law officer supervising the case.

He talks into the closed mike of a recording device which cuts a record of his voice as he speaks.

Later, when the formal court martial is not in session he listens to the record he has made and transcribes the formal word-for-word progress of the trial. When finally typed in its entirety, a General Court Martial can run several hundred pages.

However, a formal court martial is not the only function performed by an Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Legal problems of a personal nature, such as divorce proceedings, problems of citizenship and foreign claims are all handled by this section.

Naturally, personnel in an Office of a Staff Judge Advocate are all carefully chosen and highly educated in legal training.

The officers in a legal section are all graduates of certified law schools and most have had experience as civilian lawyers. Enlisted men are usually graduates of the Naval Justice School at Newport, R. I., where they have taken a seven-week in legal administration and court reporting.

Due to recent changes in the Manual for Courts Martial, the caseload of the officers acting as lawyers is expected to increase from 100-150 per cent.

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This is because lawyer counsel will now be provided for Special and Summary Courts Martial.

An Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is a busy section at any Marine Corps command because of the reams of paperwork involved.

But it is essential paperwork -- necessary for the welfare of all Marines -- because this is the section that handles a Marine's rights under the Uniform Code of Military Justice -- the United States serviceman's legal protection.

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chinese marines
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PLACES TO NOTE--Lieutenant Colonel Rufino De La Cruz, commanding officer, Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear) (RLT-26), center, points out island military landmarks to four Chinese Marine Corps officers at the termination of the visitors' two week tour at Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Nov. 9.

"A very fine system. The experience the tour here has given us will help us in carrying out our jobs in the Chinese Marine Corps." Captain Lam (right) commented.

The Chinese officers are (left to right), Captain Yung, Lieutenant Colonel Hsiao, Lieutenant Colonel Fung, and Captain Lam.

The four are currently stationed at Chinese Marine Corps Base, Tsoying, Taiwan. (Official USMC photo by Cpl. J. V. Kinnaird).

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marine of the month
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa ^(Nov. 19) "I am extremely pleased to have a
Marine of your caliber in this command," was said of Corporal
Joseph L. Burden, Okinawa's Marine of the Month for October, by
Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th Marine
Amphibious Brigade, during ceremonies here Nov. 19.

The 20 year-old leatherneck, formal accountant for organic
supply, Provisional Service Battalion, was chosen from among
approximately ten Marines recommended for the honor.

The award included an engraved plaque and a trip to Japan.

The citation read in part, "Your assigned duties have required
a great deal of responsibility. You have not only accepted this
responsibility but have accepted additional responsibility with an
enthusiasm that is very exemplary. Your desire and devotion to
duty have given your fellow Marines an outstanding example to follow."

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Leprosarium thanks Marines
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 26 -- More than 100 Marines of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade and Regimental Landing Team-26 journeyed to the Airaku-en Leprosarium Nov. 20 for an awards ceremony dedicated to them by the "Peaceful Garden's" 783 patients.

The leprosarium, located on the island of Yagahi-Shima 6½ miles NNE of Nago, also celebrated its 30th anniversary by presenting visiting USARVIS Headquarters dignitaries and hospital staff with special awards for their aid during the past year.

Doctor Jiro Minato, Leprosarium First Director, conducted the awards ceremonies.

Lieutenant Colonel Rufino DeLaCruz, RLT-26 commanding officer, and First Lieutenant Robert Young, brigade civil affairs officer, accepted the Letters of Appreciation on behalf of the thousands of Marines who participated in the civil affairs program.

Lieutenant Young accepted RLT-26's two awards for "warm kindness" extended during the past year, when they presented the Leprosarium with clothing, construction materials, a TV, kerosene stoves, an amplifier for its loud speaker system and several personal items for the patients' welfare.

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Lieutenant Colonel DeLaCruz accepted an award for 9th MAB's contribution - an automatic washing machine.

The day's festivities included: the awards presentation, guest speeches, the colony's thank you message delivered by Mayor Sashin Ameku, and ceremonial souvenir tree planting commemorating the celebration and the unveiling of the patients' new greenhouse.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 26--Several times in the past few months, members of 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Explosive Ordnance Disposal team have been called upon to teach Marines here how to use high power explosives and do it safely.

The EOD Marines are excellent teachers, because they know their subject. They must. In their business, their first mistake could very well be their last.

The team members conduct a class on basic demolitions to give students a general idea of how to handle explosives and use them in combat.

The class has been given to the Camp Butler Non-commissioned Officer Leadership School, Marine Air Control Squadron-8 and 9th MAB's Sub Unit #1.

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Part one of the instruction consists of a formal class which begins with a lecture on types of demolitions, such as C-3 and C-4 explosive, TNT, and ~~am~~monium nitrate. Next the class covers electrical and non-electrical firing devices, which include blasting caps. Finally, charge-setting procedures are taught.

Part two of the class is practical application. The students are given a chance to ~~v~~blow ~~v~~a block of C-4 explosive under the watchful eyes of the instructors.

Safety and respect for the explosives are the most important part of the instruction, according to Sgt. Donald R. King, one of the teachers and a three-year veteran of the Explosive Ordnance field.

"We concentrate on teaching safety on the ranges and in combat situations. Teaching the students to follow correct and safe procedures is the most important aspect of the class," said King.

The class is not designed to make experts of the Marines, but it does give them a basic idea of how to care for demolitions and utilize them to the best advantage.

"We try to teach these Marines to be able to do the job if it becomes necessary for them," said King.

The EOD team also occasionally teaches a class on foreign weapons used in Vietnam and it has given explosives safety lectures to groups such as the Boy Scouts.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Nov. 23 -- Corporal Charles J. Johnson was named top scholastic performer of a 67-man class which graduated from Non-commissioned Officers School here today.

The 21 year-old Leatherneck, serving with Headquarters and Service Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan, turned in an average of 92.72. The competition is based on a series of written tests given throughout the course.

The NCO Leadership category winner was Sergeant Stephen M. Judy of "F" Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment. The school's five instructors choose the winner of this award on the basis of demonstrated initiative and leadership ability.

The Physical Fitness phase winner, Lance Corporal James M. Freeman, Headquarters Company, Transit Facility, Camp Hansen, earned the honor by scoring 474 out of a possible 500 points on the physical fitness test.

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Guest speaker at the graduation was Lieutenant Colonel
Louis Fein, Commanding Officer, Maintenance Battalion, Camp Foster.

"You as non-commissioned officers, through your hard work,
make the Marine Corps the fine organization it is today," he said.

The six-week school, designed to equip NCO's and future NCO's
with precise know-how in basic military subjects, is made up
of Marines from units throughout the Far East.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa -- Long hours, a 270-pound cake and more than 2,000 pounds of turkey are just a few of the ingredients that go into preparing Thanksgiving dinner for Marines here.

For most Camp Hansen servicemen the dinner will highlight an annual holiday, but for the Marines who operate the base's three messhalls, the Thanksgiving repast climaxes several weeks of hard work.

Approximately three weeks ago the three Hansen mess sergeants began ordering foodstuffs for Thanksgiving.

For Master Gunnery Sergeant Charles Rodblat, a 28-year veteran of food services, that meant ordering more than 1600 pounds of turkey, 450 pounds of ham and a like amount of beef not to mention the trimmings, to feed the 2,000 Marines expected to eat in Transit Facility's messhall Thursday.

Eleven cooks, 20 messmen and 82 Okinawan workers, led by Rodblat, will begin preparing the dinner the night before Thanksgiving. The messhall will be open all day to serve Marines passing through the Transit Facility.

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A 270-pound cake, baked and decorated by Staff Sergeant Lester J. Vallo, tops the menu at Provisional Service Battalion's messhall. The cake will be served in addition to 20 turkeys, 700 pounds of prime rib of beef and 400 pounds of baked ham. An estimated 1400 Marines from PSB and 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Headquarters Company will eat in the messhall, run by Gunnery Sergeant Kendall E. Payne.

Thanksgiving just would not be Thanksgiving without pumpkin pie, so Staff Sergeant J. W. Dabney, chief of 3rd Force Service Regiment's messhall, has 19 sheet pans full of pie waiting for FSR's hungry Marines.

Dabney and his crew of three cooks, three messmen and 16 Okinawans will also roast 32 turkeys, 150 pounds of beef and bake 150 pounds of ham for the 900 Marines expected to be served.

The 1968 Thanksgiving menu includes: Chilled shrimp cocktail, turkey noodle soup, roast young Tom turkey, Virginia baked ham, roast prime rib of beef, candied sweet potatoes, snow flaked potatoes, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, chilled cranberry sauce, buttered whole kernel corn, buttered green beans, a relish tray, assorted salads, hot dinner rolls, mince meat and pumpkin pies, ice cream, mixed nuts and hard candies.