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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8

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

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b) 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 Dec 1968 to 31 Dec 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TF 79

BGen J.E. WILLIAMS
1Dec68 to 31Dec68SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company/TG 79.0

Maj D.W. WILSON
1Dec68 to 15Dec68
Maj J.C. CREGAN
16Dec68 to 31Dec68Communications Support Company
(Rein) TG 79.1Capt R.K. GREENOUGH
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

26th Marines

Col C.W. HUNTER
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

RLT-26 (Rear)/TG 79.2

LtCol R. DELACROZ
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

First Battalion Thirteenth Marines

LtCol J.D. CANTIENY
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

Marine Aircraft Group 15/TG 79.3

Col C.T. CORCORAN
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

Special Landing Force Alfa/TG 79.4

Col J.F. ROMANON
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

Special Landing Force Bravo/TG 79.5

Col R.R. WILSON
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

Provisional Service Battalion/TG 79.8

Col W.C. DOPY
1Dec68 to 31Dec682. LOCATION

1 Dec 68 to 31 Dec 68: Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff	Col J. LOWMAN 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Staff Secretary	Capt J.R. FURLIGH 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Aide-de-Camp	1stLt G.R. YOUNG 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Sgt Major	SgtMaj F.W. BLISS 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
G-1	Maj W.H. GROESBECK 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Adjutant	Maj R.E. DOLAN 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
AG-1	Capt R.H. AMEROSE 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Chaplain (Protestant)	Cdr G.W. FOLFER 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Chaplain (Catholic)	Lt F.J. GILL 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	LtCol A.L. LUMPKIN 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
AG-2	1stLt E.J. BOYSER 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	LtCol C.C. KLIEFOTH 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
AG-3	LtCol W.M. ROLL 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Air Officer	Maj D.E. JACOBSEN 1Dec68 to 31Dec68

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

LtCol S.B. MCCARTY
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

AG-4

LtCol S.H. SCOTT
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

Brigade Surgeon

Capt R.W. JONES
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

Medical Admin Officer

LCdr J.R. SOLLMAN
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

Comptroller

LtCol V.A. RUVO
1Dec68 to 31Dec68

Communications - Electronics Officer

LtCol R.C. STOCKTON
1Dec68 to 31Dec684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

December

	USMC	OFF	USMC	NAVY	NAVY
	AG	NA	ENL	OFF	ENL
HqCo, 9th MAB	69	5	410	6	9
CommSptCo	14	0	198	0	2
ProvServBn	39	0	740	1	15
RLT-20	27	0	552	4	69
MAG-15	108	114	1644	7	20
SLF A	66	54	1882	9	69
SLF B	66	44	1692	9	69
Total	389	217	7110	36	252

Part II

Narrative Summary

During the month of December 1968, the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade continued to fulfill 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.

During the period 4 to 9 December 1968, BGen WILLIAMS, CTF79/CG Ninth MAB, visited 9th MAB units at Subic Bay, R.P.I. and RVN. On 27 December 1968 BGen WILLIAMS made a one day working inspection of MAG-15 units at MCAS, Iwakuni. During the last week of December 9th MAB staff sections conducted preliminary planning for upcoming Operation BOLD MARINER, utilizing both SLF BLT's under CTF 79 control.

During the month of December, the 26th Marines again experienced large contacts and sightings. These contacts were brought about by aggressive patrolling and effective utilization of killer ambush teams.

On 8 December 1968 BLT 2/26 withdrew from Operation MEADE RIVER and commenced backload of ARG shipping. After loading of BLT and HAM 362 limited rehab was conducted aboard ship until 15 December 1968 when the force was committed to Phase I Operation VALLIANT HUNT. This phase continued until 24 December 1968 when BLT returned to shipping for limited rehab at sea. On 27 December 1968 BLT landed for Phase II Operation VALLIANT HUNT which was expected to continue into early January 1969.

On 5 December 1968 BLT 2/7 chopped from 1st MarDiv to CTG 79.5 leaving Operation MEADE RIVER. On 6 December 1968 BLT chopped to III MAF and further to CG 1st MarDiv for operations ashore in Operation TAYLOR COMMON. During the remainder of the period planning continued for rotation of BLT 2/7 with BLT 3/26.

VMFA 122 continued conventional weapons training at Cubi Pt, R.P.I. until return of aircraft to MCAS, Iwakuni on 15 December 1968. During remainder of period normal training and upkeep was conducted at MCAS, Iwakuni.

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
187	0	21

c. Casualties sustained:

KIA	WIA	MIA
28	123	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 December:

Navy Cross	2
Legion of Merit	4
Silver Star	20
Distinguished Flying Cross	6
Bronze Star Medal	67
Air Medal	47
Navy Commendation Medal	77
Navy Achievement Medal	48
Purple Heart	251
Certificate of Commendation	1
Foreign Awards	10
Treasury Departments Highest Award	1
Letter of Appreciation	1

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 December was as follows:

<u>1st Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
38.0%	100.0%	46.0%

(3) Education

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

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Course Completion</u>
11.8%	4.9%

(4) Marine Corps Association Membership

Participation within the Marine Corps Association in the month of December for officers was 49.4%. Staff NCO participation showed 30.0%. Average for both staff and officers was 38.2%..

(5) Savings Bonds

Total participation in the Savings Bond Program for the month of Dec was 71.3%.

(6) Legal

General Courts-Martial tried	3
Article 32 Investigation	3
Article 32 Investigations Reviewed	3
Special Courts-Martial Tried	13
General Courts-Martial reviewed	0
Special Courts-Martial (BCD) reviewed	3
Special Courts-Martial (NON-BCD) reviewed	9
Summary Courts-Martial Reviewed	20
Admin Board representations	1
NJP Appeals Reviewed	5

Admin Discharges Reviewed	6
Investigations Reviewed	23
Legal Assistance Cases Handled	43
Offense/Incident Reports	11
Lawyers off island assisting subordinate unit CO's	3

b. Training

(1) During the period 1-31 December 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

Supporting Documents

Appendices

A. Command Chronology of Supporting Units

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- (1) - Staff Sections GTF 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 229-68
- (2) - Release Number 230-68
- (3) - Release Number 231-68
- (4) - Release Number 232-68
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*From: Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3*

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1968

Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1C

1. Location: Camp Hansen, Okinawa

2. Organizational Data

- a. *Commanding General - Brigadier General John E. Williams (1-31 Dec 68)*
- b. *Aide-de-Camp - First Lieutenant G. R. Young (1-31 Dec 68)*
- c. *Chief of Staff - Colonel John Lowman (1-31 Dec 68)*
- d. *Staff Secretary - Captain James R. Furleigh (1-31 Dec 68)*
- e. *Sergeant Major - Sergeant Major Frank W. Bliss (1-31 Dec 68)*

3. Narrative Summary

a. During the month of December BGen Williams visited III MAF and the 9th MAB units in-country. On 14 December LtGen Buse, CG, FMFPAC visited BGen Williams, leaving on the 15th. On 17 December LtGen Buse again visited BGen Williams, leaving on the 18th. On the 28th of December, LtGen Cushman, CG, III MAF visited BGen Williams, leaving on the 30th of December.

4. Sequential listing of significant events

- a. *6 Dec 68 - BGen Williams departed for Danang*
- b. *9 Dec 68 - BGen Williams returned from Danang*
- c. *14 Dec 68 - LtGen Buse arrived in Okinawa*
- d. *15 Dec 68 - LtGen Buse departed Okinawa*

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- e. 15 Dec 68 - BGen Williams departed for Tokyo
- f. 17 Dec 68 - BGen Williams returned from Tokyo
- g. 17 Dec 68 - LtGen Buse arrived Okinawa
- h. 18 Dec 68 - LtGen Buse attended party in his honor and then departed Okinawa
- i. 27 Dec 68 - BGen Williams departed for Iwakuni and returned the same day
- j. 28 Dec 68 - CG, III MAF visited BGen Williams
- k. 30 Dec 68 - CG, III MAF departed Okinawa

Very respectfully,



PARKER B. GRIFFITH

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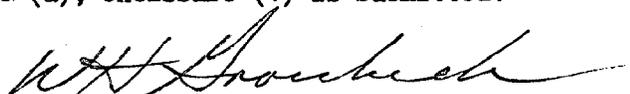
From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1B

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

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


W. H. GROESBECK

Br 1, 9th MAB

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CHRONOLOGY

Part I

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| 1. <u>Designation</u> | G-1 |
| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 | Maj W. H. GROESBECK
1-31 DEC 1968 |
| 2. <u>Location</u> | |
| 1-31 December 1968; Okinawa | |
| 3. <u>Staff Officers:</u> | |
| Assistant G-1 | Capt R. H. AMBROSE
1-31 DEC 1968 |
| Personnel Officers | Capt D. O. O'DELL
1-31 DEC 1968 |
| | 1stLt J. E. GARAVAGLIA
1-31 DEC 1968 |
| Civil Affairs/Community Relations Co-ordinator | 1stLt W. R. YOUNG
1-31 DEC 1968 |
| Legal Officer | Maj L. G. BOHLEN
1-31 DEC 1968 |
| Provost Marshall | 1stLt W. R. YOUNG
1-31 DEC 1968 |
| Adjutant | Maj R. E. DOLAN
1-31 DEC 1968 |
| S&C Officers | 1stLt G. P. THOMPSON
1-31 DEC 1968 |
| | 1stLt G. P. OSPER
1-31 DEC 1968 |
| Career Advisory/Education/Special Services Officer | 1stLt W. R. YOUNG
1-31 DEC 1968 |
| Informational Services Officer | CWO-3 W. F. DRISCOLL
1-31 DEC 1968 |

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Chaplain (Protestant)

Cdr G. W. FULFER
1-31 DEC 1968

Chaplain (Catholic)

Lt F. J. GILL
1-31 DEC 1968

4. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

	USMC AG	OFF NA	USMC ENL	NAVY OFF	NAVY ENL
HqCo	69	5	410	6	9
CommSptCo	14	0	198	0	1
ProvServBn	39	0	740	1	15
RLT-26	27	0	552	4	69
MAG-15	108	114	1644	7	20
SLF A	66	54	1882	9	69
SLF B	66	44	1692	9	69
TOTAL	389	217	7110	36	252

Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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

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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.

Navy Cross-2
 Silver Star Medal-20
 Legion of Merit-4
 Distinguished Flying Cross-6
 Bronze Star Medal-67
 Air Medal-47
 Navy Commendation Medal-77
 Navy Achievement Medal-48
 Purple Heart Medal-251
 Certificate of Commendation-1
 Treasury Department's Highest Award-1
 Letter of Appreciation-1
 Meritorious Unit Commendation-0
 Foreign Awards-10

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(2) Casualty Reporting

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

(3) Legal The following legal work was performed.

General courts-martial-3
 Article 32 investigations-3
 Article 32 investigations reviewed-3
 Special courts-martial tried-13
 General courts-martial reviewed -0
 Special courts-martial (BCD) reviewed-3
 Special courts-martial (NON-BCD) reviewed-9
 Summary courts-martial reviewed-20
 Admin Board representations-1
 NJP Appeals reviewed-5
 Admin Discharges reviewed-6
 Investigations reviewed-23
 Legal Assistance cases handled-43
 Offense/Incident reports-11
 Lawyers off island assisting subordinate unit CO's-3

(4) Special Services

(a) Two hundred books and a varied number of magazines were delivered via 9thMAB courier to 26th Marines and to the two SLF's.

(5) Career Advisory

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

<u>1st Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
38.0%	100%	46.0%

(6) Education

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

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

(7) Saving Bonds

(a) Total participation for the period was 71.3%

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(8) Marine Corps Association

- (a) Officer participation - 49.4%
- (b) Staff NCO participation - 30.6%
- (c) Total participation - 38.2%

(9) PMO

- (a) Offense/Incident reports - 35
- (b) Traffic Violations - 9

b. Medical

(1) The Brigade VD rate for this period was 16.83% per 1000 men for Okinawa based Units.

c. Community Relations

(1) RLT-26 (Rear)

a. On 2 December 1968, this unit furnished two dump trucks to haul gravel and coral from Nago to the Kubi School in Henoko. The commitment was completed within a week.

b. From 13-18 December 1968, this unit furnished two dump trucks to haul 65 loads of coral surfacing material for use on the road leading to Kisembaw Village, north of Camp Hansen. The road is used by both Okinawans and Marines. The coral was used to provide a lasting road surface.

c. The city of Nargo School project continued to be the local point of the civil affairs activity during the month of December. Approximately 185 working hours were spent on the job, and the entire project was well over half completed. The Government of the Ryujuan Islands is taking over completion of the ground leveling on 1 January 1969, so our commitment was terminated as of 31 December 1968.

d. A letter of appreciation was presented to LtCol R. DEL-ACRUZ, thanking him and the Marines from Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear) for their contribution in the past to the Kuba School in Henoko. The letter was presented by Koichi SHINZATO, principal of the school.

e. On 23 December 1968, this unit donated and delivered Christmas gifts to the Catholic Mission School in Nago. The gifts included a T.V. set, dolls, toys, steam irons, and candy. They were made possible through the donations from the members of RLT-26 (Rear).

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f. On Christmas Eve, the members of RLT-26 (Rear) sponsored a party at the Leprosarium on Nagadgene Island for all members of the colony. A gift including soap, tooth paste, tooth brush, candy, cookies and fruit was distributed to all 750 lepers. Clothes, shoes, handbags, toys, and a bicycle, were distributed to the children of the colony. A television set and three steam irons were presented to the colony director. Entertainment was provided by the Staff NCO Club house band. Gifts were made possible through the donations from members of RLT-26 (Rear). LtCol R. DELACRUZ was guest speaker at the Christmas Party.

g. On 30 December 1968, a dinner hosted by Mayor OSHIRO, and a letter of appreciation was presented to the Commanding Officer of Company A, 5th Engineer Battalion, RLT-26 (Rear), for their work in the city of Nago.

h. English classes are being conducted at the Ryukuan American Cultural Center at Nago, commencing at 1600 each Saturday, under the supervision of two Marine NCO's from RLT-26 (Rear)

i. The personnel of Headquarters Company contributed \$201.32 to the Airaku-Eh Leprosarium for Christmas gifts.

(2) COMMUNICATION SUPPORT COMPANY (REIN)

a. During December the men of CommSpt Company participated in a Christmas Party for 13 children and 7 adults. The adults are employed as house girls within the company and the children are members of their families. The party was held on the 24th of December complete with a Santa Claus and presents for all who attended. Response by both the children and the men was excellent.

b. Both the officers and men of Communication Support Company stand eager to participate in civic action programs.

(3) MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15 (REIN)

a. On the 21st of December 1968, 14 Marines visited the Orphanage at Tsuda for general maintenance work.

b. Thirty-eight Marines conducted classroom sessions in English aboard MCAS, Iwakuni and throughout Yamaguchi and Hiroshima Prefectures.

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Encl: (1) G-2 Section Command Chronology

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


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g-2, 9th MA B

Dec 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 December 1968 |
| b. Assistant G-2
1stLt E. J. BOYSER | 1-31 December 1968 |
| c. Combat Intelligence Officer
1stLt J. B. BROOKS
GySgt J. A. DARR | 1-31 December 1968
1-31 December 1968 |

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Briefs

a. One intelligence brief was presented to the Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, on 17 December 1968.

b. This section conducted daily Intelligence/Operations Briefs for officers and staff NCO's in transit to RVN. During December, 273 officers and 71 staff NCO's were briefed.

2. Intelligence Training

a. This section currently carries two Marines in the basic 0200 MOS's. It is planned that these two Marines receive thorough instruction in the operations and functions of an S-2 section before being assigned to 9th MAB 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 integration into subordinate sections.

3. Combat Intelligence

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

b. Two 1 hour lectures on Intelligence functions on 26 and 28 December 1968 given to EMFPac (Fwd).

4. Counterintelligence

a. Staff Counterintelligence provided seventeen Defense Against Mechanical Entry (DAME) surveys, for General Staff sections and subordinate units, totaling 3 man hours.

5. Administration

a. In addition to routine administration tasks, the G-2 section initiated seven Personnel Security Clearances, issued seventeen Certificates of Clearance and processed forty personnel accesses to facilities within the brigade.

6. Trips, Inspections, and Liaison Visits

a. During 9-16 December 1968, 26th Marines and 1st Battalion 13th Marines was inspected by a team from G-2, 9th MAB.

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b. On 16 and 17 December 1968, the S-2/S-3 sections of Provisional Service Battalion was inspected by a team from G-2, 9th MAB and graded satisfactory with discrepancies.

c. On 19 December 1968 9th MAB G-2 assisted Major Jassica FMFPac G-2 representative relative to a JSPC Orientation at Torri Station.

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Sequential Listing of Significant Events

7, 14, 21, and 28 December 1968	Published Weekly Intelligence Summary
9-16 December 1968	Team from G-2, 9th MAB inspected 26th Marines and 1st Battalion, 13th Marines
16 and 17 December 1968	The S-2/S-3 sections of Provisional Service Battalion were inspected by a team from G-2, 9th MAB and graded satisfactory with discrepancies
17 December 1968	Intelligence Brief was presented to the Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
19 December 1968	Assisted Major Jassica FMFPac G-2 rep relative to a JSPC Orientation at Torri Station
26 and 28 December 1968	2 one hour lectures on Intelligence functions presented to FMFPac (Fwd)

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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
To: Commanding General, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade

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Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.1C with change 1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

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


C.W. HUNTER

g-3, 9th MAB

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Part I

Organizational Data

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	LtCol G.C. KLIEFOTH 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
AG-3	LtCol W.M. KULL 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Air Officer	Maj D.E. JACOBSEN 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Artillery Officer	Maj J.M. UPDYKE 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Operations/MGF Liaison Officer	LCDR D.J. MONTGOMERY 1Dec68 to 31 Dec68
Plans Officer	LtCol C.A. JORGENSEN 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
Training Officer	1stLt J.F. ROMLO 1Dec68 to 31Dec68

Part II

Narrative Summary

During the period 1-31 December 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/Forstat.

During the latter part of the period preliminary planning for Operation BOLD MARINER was initiated, in reaction to III MAF warning orders.

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 080120Z Dec68
6. ✓ CTF-79 Weekly Summary msg 150040Z Dec68
7. ✓ CTF-79 Weekly Summary msg 220230Z Dec68
8. ✓ CTF-79 Weekly Summary msg 292313Z Dec68

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19 Oct 1968

MEMORANDUM

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

Subj: Command Chronology: Air input for

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

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

PART I

Maj D.E. JACOBSEN 1 Dec 68 - 31 Dec 68

PART II

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

Div O, G-3, 9th MAB

Dec 1968

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT REQUESTING</u>	<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>PADS</u>
1 DEC	PAC(FWD)	TROOP INSERT	FUTEMA YOMITAN
2 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 2	USARYIS TOUR OF ISLAND
2 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 6	COURTNEY SCHWAB
3 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4	NAF NAHA HANBY
3 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 2	USAF NAHA USCAR
3 DEC	9th MAB	ADMIN	FUTEMA HANSEN COURTNEY
3 DEC	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA
4 DEC	9th MAB	CODE 7	COURTNEY HANSEN VIP
4 DEC	PAC(FWD)	PHOTO MISSION	OVERFLY ISLAND
4 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5	NAHA(OPS) USARYIS
5 DEC	3RD FSR	ADMIN	FOSTER NTA 17
5 DEC	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA
6 DEC	9th MAB	CODE 7	FUTEMA HANSEN VIP
9 DEC	9th MAB	CODE 6	NAHA(OPS) COURTNEY
10 DEC	9th MAB	CODE 7	COURTNEY KADENA
10 DEC	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN COURTNEY NTA
10 DEC	9th MAB	CODE 7	HANSEN NAHA(OPS)
10 DEC	9th MAB	PARAJUMP	YOMITAN
11 DEC	MCAF FUTEMA	PHOTO MISSION	FUTEMA
12 DEC	9th MAB	CODE 7	KADENA COURTNEY
12 DEC	3rd FSR	ADMIN	FOSTER NTA
12 DEC	9th MAB	ADMIN	HANSEN NAHA(OPS)
13 DEC	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA
14 DEC	9th MAB	ADMIN	HANSEN COURTNEY KADENA
14 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4 & 6	HANSEN COURTNEY FUTEMA
14 DEC	MCAF FUTEMA	ADMIN	FUTEMA
15 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4 & 5 & 6	COURTNEY FUTEMA(OPS)
15 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 7	COURTNEY FUTEMA
15 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4 & 5 & 6	COURTNEY FUTEMA NAF NAHA
15 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 6 & 7	COURTNEY FUTEMA NAF NAHA
16 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 3 & 7	NAF NAHA USARYIS
16 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5 & 6	COURTNEY HANSEN FOSTER
17 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 7	FUTEMA COURTNEY
17 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4 & 6	COURTNEY FUTEMA
17 DEC	9th MAB	CODE 6	COURTNEY KADENA
17 DEC	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA 13
17 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 6 & 7	COURTNEY USARYIS NAHA(CAT)
17 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 3 & 7	NAHA(OPS) USARYIS
18 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 7	COURTNEY FUTEMA
18 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4 & 6	COURTNEY FUTEMA
18 DEC	9th MAB	CODE 6	HANSEN NAF NAHA
18 DEC	PAC(FWD)	PARAJUMP	YOMITAN
18 DEC	PAC(FWD)	TROOP INSERT	HARDY GE-957355 924326
19 DEC	3rd FSR	ADMIN	FOSTER NTA
19 DEC	PAC(FWD)	PARAJUMP	YOMITAN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT REQUESTING</u>	<u>TYPE MISSION</u>	<u>PADS</u>
20 DEC	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA
20 DEC	PAC(FWD)	PARAJUMP	HANBY(OPS) CORDELL TRG
21 DEC	PAC(FWD)	PARAJUMP	YOMITAN
21 DEC	PAC(FWD)	PARAJUMP	HANBY(OPS)
24 DEC	9th MAB	ADMIN	SCHWAB #2 YACACHI
24 DEC	9th MAB	CODE 5 & 6	COURTNEY USARYIS NAF NAHA
25 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 5 & 6	COURTNEY USARYIS NAF NAHA
26 DEC	9th MAB	CODE 6	HANSEN NAF NAHA
27 DEC	PAC(FWD)	PHOTO MISSION	KINSER ASP 2
27 DEC	9th MAB	CODE 6	HANSEN NAF NAHA COURTNEY
27 DEC	9th MAB	FOOD RESUPPLY	HANSEN NTA
27 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4 & 6	COURTNEY NAF NAHA USARYIS
28 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4 & 6	COURTNEY FOSTER HANSEN
30 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4&7	COURTNEY USARYIS NAF NAHA
31 DEC	PAC(FWD)	CODE 4	COURTNEY USCAR

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MEMORANDUM

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

Subj: Command Chronology Information for Dec 1968

1. The following information was obtained from LtCol C.A. Jorgenson, presently the Ass't C of S, G-2, who had been the Plans Officer during Dec 1969.

Part I

Organizational Data

Plans Officer	LtCol L.E. WATSON 1 Dec 68 to 25 Dec 68 LtCol C.A. JORGENSEN 26 Dec 68 to 31 Dec 68
Ass't Plans Officer	LtCol C.A. JORGENSEN 1 Dec 68 to 25 Dec 68

Part II

Narrative Summary

None

Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

Continued Draft of 120 and 101 Plans

Part IV

Supporting Documents

None


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Planned, G-3, 9th MAB

Dec 1968

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 21 Feb 1969

MEMORANDUM

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

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

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer LtCmdr D.J. MONTGOMERY
 1Dec68 to 31Dec68

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 TOM GREEN COUNTY(LST-1159)	8 Dec	Z-40-G
USS LOFBERG (DD-759)	11,12 Dec	SID, Z-44-G (MOD)

PART III

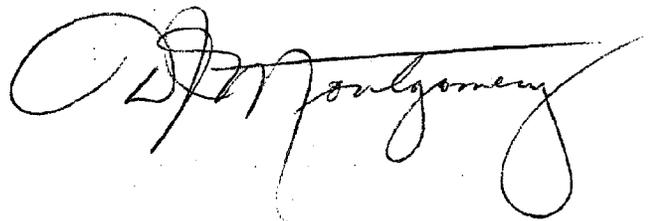
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

<u>Team Training</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Hours</u>
Supporting Arm, NGF (lecture)	10 Dec	1½
Spotting Terminology (lecture)	10 Dec	1½
Binoculars & Compass (lecture)	10 Dec	1
Naval Ammunition (lecture)	10 Dec	1
Conduct of Fire (lecture)	10 Dec	1½
Pre-fire Briefing (lecture)	10 Dec	½
Field Duty(Tabones)	11 Dec	15
Field Duty (Tabones)	12 Dec	24
Field Duty (Tabones)	13 Dec	4

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Dec 1968

<u>Team Training</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>No of Hours</u>
Basic Map Reading (lecture-film)	16 Dec	2
Azimuth & Declination (lecture-film)	16 Dec	2
Military Symbols and Situation Map (lecture-film)	16 Dec	2
Aids to Study of Terrain (lecture)	16 Dec	1
Military Grid Reference System (lecture)	16 Dec	1
Orientation & Location (lecture-film)	17 Dec	2
Organization of Anglico (lecture)	17 Dec	1
Organization of NGF (lecture)	17 Dec	1
Classification of Fires (lecture)	17 Dec	1
Shipboard Procedures (lecture)	17 Dec	1
Target Location (lecture)	17 Dec	1
OP Selection (lecture)	18 Dec	1
Radio Telephone Procedures (lecture-demonstration)	18 Dec	2
Antennas (lecture)	18 Dec	1
Waterproofing (lecture)	18 Dec	1
NGF Equipment (lecture)	18 Dec	2
Radar Beacon (lecture-demonstration)	18 Dec	1
Comm Drills (PW)	19 Dec	3
NGF Communication	19 Dec	2
Critique & Examination	19 Dec	2½



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MEMORANDUM

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

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

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

Encl: (1) 1 December through 31 December Command Chronology

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


J. F. ROMEO

Training, G-3, 9th MAB

Dec 1968

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>NAME AND RANK</u>
Training Officer	1stLt J.F. ROMEO 1 Dec - 31 Dec
Asst. Training Officer	1stLt C.C. BUSICK 1 Dec - 31 Dec
Briefing Officer	1stLt C.C. BUSICK 1 Dec - 31 Dec
Training NCO	GySgt M. GONZALEZ 1 Dec - 31 Dec
Asst. Training NCO	SSgt J.D. CRIDER 1 Dec- 31 Dec

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Training

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

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

<u>SCHOOLS</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
NCO LEADERSHIP SCHOOL	18
TELETYPE TRAINING AND REPAIR	2
REGISTERED PUBLICATION SCHOOL	3
TELETYPE TRAINING AND REPAIR	2
CARRIER PLANNER	2
COMM/SEC CRYPTO SCHOOL	1
EMBARKATION (OFFICERS)	6
EMBARKATION (ENLISTED)	6

2. Military Assistance Program. (3) enlisted Marines from the Republic of the Philippines completed training at NCO Leadership School on 14 Dec 1968. Host unit was Comm Spt Co. (3) officers of the Nationalist China Marines are attending instruction in Staff Procedures at Bn and Regt levels (WCN 313). (1) enlisted member of the Nationalist China Marines is presently receiving training in Communications Equipment Repair (WCN 316). The names, ranks, service numbers and countries of the students are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER NUMBER</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
MANUEL S. VINLUAN	Sgt	541964	Philippines
NARCISCO M. IOMIBAO	Sgt	541941	Philippines
OSME DELOSREYES	Sgt	540847	Philippines
CHEUNG-YA WU	Col	017409	China
TO-YING FING	LtCol	050202	China
FANG-HUA SUNG	1stLt	034114	China
CHIH LI	Cpl	549256	China

3. LVTP-5A1 Training. (30) Marines from Company "A" 5th Amtrac Bn, RLT-26(Rear), completed training in embark/debark procedures, water formations (tactical), vehicle exercises, emergency water drill, preventive maintenance, vehicle tie-down and dogging while underway, shipboard life, CIC training, wave guide and communication training, and LVT amphibious landings, utilizing the USS TOM GREEN COUNTRY LST 1159 during 3-4 Dec 68.

4. Submarine Training. (13) Marines and (1) Navy corpsman from Company "A" (Rein) 5th Recon Bn, RLT-26(Rear), completed training in proper handling of rubber boats, command signals and emergency procedures, dry and wet deck launches and recoveries, pick-up and tows, and a night tactical insertion on the island of HIRA SHIMA island utilizing the USS TUNNY during 5-7 Dec 68.

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5. LVTE-1 Training. Marines from Company "A" (Rein) 5th Antrac Bn, RIM-26(Rear) completed training of crews in proper procedures for preparing line charge for firing culminating to the actual firing at HIRA SHIMA island on 6 Dec 68.
6. Generator Contact Instruction Team. On 18 Dec a Generator Contact Instruction Team from Marine Corps Supply Center, Barstow California, conducted on-the-spot informal instruction regarding generators. The following units were visited by the team: Ho Co, Comm Spt Co, Prov Serv Bn, and MACS-8.
7. Parachute Training. The Air Delivery Platoon of H&S Company, Prov Serv Bn, conducted parachute jumps at the Yonitan Training Area on 10, 24, and 31 Dec 1968.
8. Truck 10 Ton ML23A1C. A Mobile Instruction Team from MCB, Camp Lejeune, conducted training on the operations, and organizational and field maintenance of the ML23A1C tractor at Camp Foster. The team was hosted by 3rd FSR. (10) enlisted from Prov Serv Bn received instruction during the period 9-13 Dec 1968.
9. NBC School. (5) enlisted Marines completed NBC training from 9thMAB hosted by U.S. Army at Camp Kuc on 2-7 Dec 1968.
10. Jungle Survival Training. (51) students from SIF Bravo completed Jungle Survival Training at Subic Bay Philippines on the 17th and 19th of Dec 1968.
11. Naval Gunfire Training. Shore Fire Control (SFCP) from 12th Marines completed this training utilizing the USS TOM GREEN COUNTY (LST 1159) on 8 Dec and USS LOFBERG (DD-759) during the period 11 through 13 Dec 68.
12. Communications Exercise. Comm Spt Co conducted a Communications Exercise utilizing Camp Hansen and Kin Blue Beach during the period 18 through 20 Dec 1968.
13. Landing Force Planning and Landing Force Medical Staff Planning. A Mobile Training Team from Amphibious Training Command, Pacific Fleet U.S.N.A.B. San Diego, California, conducted training in Regimental Staff Procedures and Medical Staff Planning. Host unit for this training was RLE-26 (Rear) at Camp Schwab. (21) officers attended Landing Force Planning (RLE) and (14) officers and (22) enlisted attended Landing Force Medical Staff instruction during the period 2-13 Dec 1968.
14. Special Weapons Training. (5) enlisted Marines are attending training conducted at Camp Hansen on the MK-33. Host unit for this training is 3rd Force Service Regiment, Special Weapons Platoon. Convening 31 Dec 1968.

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RUMFWQH/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
ZEM PROVSERV BN
RUAUDB/MAG ONE FIVE
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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 4-10 DEC 68 (10)

- 1. COMSEVENTHFLT OPOD 201-68, ANNEX DELTA
- 1. (S) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED IAW REF A FOR THE PERIOD 4-10 DECEMBER 1968.
- 2. BGEN WILLIAMS, CTF 79/CG NINTH MAB LOCATED AT CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, ON 4 DEC CONFERRED WITH VADM BRINGLE, COMSEVENTHFLT. AT 0700 ON 6 DEC BGEN WILLIAMS DEPARTED MCAF FUEMA FOR A 4-DAY TOUR OF TF 79/9TH MAB UNITS AT SUBIC, R.P.I. AND IN-COUNTRY. ON 6 DEC BGEN WILLIAMS VISITED VMFA-122 AND OBSERVED CAS TRAINING AT SUBIC. BGEN WILLIAMS VISITED III MAF HEADQUARTERS AND MAG-15 UNITS IN THE DANANG AREA ON 7 DEC. ON 8 DEC BGEN

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- WILLIAMS WILL VISIT TG 76.4/79.4 AND DEPART THAT AFTERNOON FOR TAIPEI, TAIWAN. ON 9 DEC, BGEN WILLIAMS WILL VISIT COMUSDC AND DEPART TAIWAN TO RETURN OKINAWA ON THE EVENING OF 9 DEC.
- 3. TG 79.3/MAG-15 AT IAWKUNI, JAPAN; VMFA-122 WITH 12 F4B A/C DEPLOYED TO CUBI PT, RPI CONTINUED AIR-TO-AIR AND AIR-TO-GROUND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TRAINING. VMGR-152 COMMENCED PROVIDING 2 KC-132 TANKER AIRCRAFT IN ADDITION TO THE PREVIOUS 4 ACFT TO 1ST MAF FOR IN-COUNTRY AERIAL REFUELING/LOGISTIC MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF FIRST MAF. COL C. T. CORCORAN, CO MAG-15 VISITED VMFA-122 AT CUBI PT PERIOD 3-6 DEC. LTCOL K. M. SCOTT RELIEVED LTCOL D. GRAF AS CO OF H&MS-15 AT IAWKUNI ON 7 DEC IN CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY ATTENDED BY COL CORCORAN.
- 4. TG 79.4/SLF ALFA: DURING 4-6 DEC SLF ALFA STAFF CONTINUED ORGANIZING ABOARD NEW ARG SHIPPING IN PREPARATION FOR SPECOPS. ON 6 DEC, THE SLF DEPARTED SUBIC BAY ABOARD THE ARG AND COMMENCED PREPARATION TO BACKLOAD BLT 2/26 AND HMM 363 O/A 6 DEC FOR A LIMITED REHAB AT SEA PRIOR TO INITIATION OF SUCH OPERATIONS AS MAY BE DIRECTED. BLT 2/26 WITHDREW FROM PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION MADE RIVER AND MADE PREPARATIONS TO COMMENCE BACKLOADING ABOARD ARG SHIPPING 8 DEC. HMM 363 REMAINED UNDER OPCON OF 1ST

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 MAW. RELIEF OF HMM 363 BY HMM 362 SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE ON 8
 DEC WHEREUPON HMM 362 WILL EMBARK IN OVINAWA AND ASSUME THE
 MISSION AS SLF ALFA HELICOPTER SQUADRON.
 5. TG 79.5/SLF BRAVO: SLF BRAVO STAFF REMAINED ABOARD TRIPOLI
 IN SUPPORT OF BLT 2/7 AND HMM 165 PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION
 SWIFT MOVE. PLANS WERE MADE TO REEMBARK BLT 2/7 FOR A SHORT
 REHAB AT SEA PRIOR TO CHOPPING TO III MAF/1ST MARDIV FOR
 FURTHER OPERATIONS ASHORE. AT 051000H BLT 2/7 CHOPPED FROM
 1ST MARDIV TO CTG 79.5 LEAVING OPERATION MEADE RIVER. FOLLOWING
 THE OFFLOADING OF BLT 2/7 AND HMM 165 ON 6 DEC THE STAFF WILL
 DEPART FOR HONG KONG PORT VISIT AND SUBIC FOR UPKEEP. ON 5
 DEC BLT 2/7 (-) WAS HELILIFTED TO AN NOA AND CHOPPED TO III MAF/
 1ST MARDIV FOR OPERATIONS ASHORE DURING ASC/SLF PORT VISIT HONG
 KONG AND UPKEEP SUBIC. HMM 165 OFFLOADED TO MABLE MTN AND CHOPPED
 OPCON III MAF FOR CONCURRENT CHOP TO 1ST MAF AT 061200H. OPERA-
 TION SWIFT MOVE, IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION MEADE RIVER, TERMINATED
 BY COMSEVENTHFLT AT 060400Z DEC 68.
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WEEKLY SUMMARY (U)

- A. CONSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-68, ANNEX DELTA.
- 1. (C) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED IAW REF A FOR THE PERIOD 11-17 DEC 1968.
- 2. (S) BGEN J.E. WILLIAMS CTG 79/CG NINTH MAB AT CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA. AT 141130I BGEN WILLIAMS MET LTGEN BUSE, CG FMFPAC ON HIS ARRIVAL AT MCAS FUTEMA, AND PRESENTED COMMAND BRIEFING TO LTGEN BUSE AT FMFPAC (FWD) HEADQUARTERS, CAMP COURTNEY. ON 15 DEC BGEN WILLIAMS WILL SEE LTGEN BUSE OFF FROM MCAS FUTEMA FOR RVN, AT 0730, AND THEN DEPART FOR TAD ATSUGI. BGEN WILLIAMS IS

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SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO OKINAWA ON 18 DEC.

- 3. IG 79.3/MAG-15 AT IWAKUNI, JAPAN. VMFA 122 WITH 12 F43 COMPLETED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TRAINING AT CUBI PT AND BEGAN RETURN OF SQUADRON ACFT TO MCAS IWAKUNI. MOVEMENT WILL BE COMPLETE ON 15 DEC WITH AIRLIFT OF EQUIP BEING PROVIDED BY 315 AIR DIV TACHIKAWA, TO BE COMPLETED 17 DEC. LATE ENTRY: DURING LIVE ORDNANCE CAS TRAINING UNDER CONTROL OF IACP/FAC ON 9 DEC AT WILD HORSE CREEK CAS RANGE, THREE FILIPINO NATIONALS WERE INJURED - ONE FATAL, ONE SERIOUS, ONE MINOR - FROM FALLING ROCKS AND STONES FROM BLAST OF AN ON TARGET BOMB. VICTIMS HAD BEEN WARNED BY PHILIPPINE COMSTABULARY OF DANGER OF UNLAWFULLY BEING IN UNAUTHORIZED AREA, THAT LIVE ORDNANCE WAS BEING DROPPED. SEPARATE INCIDENT REPORT HAS BEEN FILED.
- 4. IG 79.4/SLF ALFA: PREPARED FOR SPECOPS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF APC. CONDUCTED HELIBORNE ASSAULT VICINITY AN LAC/THI LAI ON 15 DEC AS PART OF FORCES COMMITTED TO OPERATION VALIANT HUNT. SIMILAR TO HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL OPERATION SWIFT MOVE/MEADE RIVER, THIS OPERATION IS EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT 14 DAYS. CINCPACFLT AND CONSEVENTHFLT VISITED ARG ON 14. DEC.
- 5. IG 79.5/SLF BRAVO: BLT 2/7 CONTINUES PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION

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OPCON CG FIRSTMAIDIV. HMM 165 PROVIDING AUGMENTATION TO FIRST SAM,
LESS ONE HELO EMBARKED IN LPH TO SUPPORT CTG 76.5/CTG 79.5. ARG
WITH SLF STAFF EMBARKED COMPLETED KROWE PORT VISIT 13 DEC AND DE-
PARTED FOR UPKEEP SUBIC. PLANNING CONTINUES FOR ROTATION OF SLT 2/7
AND BLT 4426 SCHEDULED 1 JAN 69, WITH HMM 164 SCHEDULED TO RELIEVE
HMM 165 ON 29 DEC ON RETURN OF ARG VICINITY DANANG. PLANNING FOR
SLF TRAINING SUBIC, DURING UPKEEP PERIOD CONTINUES WITH SLF STAFF
SECTIONS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND JUNGLE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVIVAL TRAIN-
ING COURSE 17 & 19 DEC, AND ONTOS PLATOON WILL CONDUCT LIVE FIRING
EXERCISE 18-19 DEC.

CG CTG 79.8/PROVSERVBN AT CAMP HANSEN: TWO 200 MEN COMPANIES
PLACED ON ALERT ON 14 DEC IN RESPONSE TO CG FMFPAC (FWD) FRAG ORDER
AS PART OF REACTION FORCE TO QUELL POSSIBLE CIVIL DISTURBANCES IN
CONNECTION WITH RYUKYUAN RALLY PROTESTING B52'S AT KADENA AB.
RESUMED NORMAL POSTURE ON 15 DEC 1968.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY (D)

A. CONSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-68, ANNEX DELTA

1. (C) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED IAW REF A FOR THE PERIOD 18-24 DEC 1968.

2. (S) BGEN F. E. WILLIAMS CTF 79/CG NINTH MAB AT CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA. ON 18 DEC LTGN BUSE, CG FMFPAC, CALLED ON BGEN WILLIAMS AT NINTH MAB HQ THEN DEPARTED FROM MCAF FUTEMA FOR RETURN FLIGHT TO HAWAII. CF 79 REP DANANG/CTU 79.0.1 DESIGNATED EFFECTIVE 23 DEC 68 ON ARRIVAL LTCOL WATSON AT DANANG. ON 19-20 DEC BGEN WILLIAMS OBSERVED COMMUNICATIONS FIELD EXERCISE CONDUCTED BY HQCO NINTH MAB, COMM SUPT CO AND RLT-26 (REAR).

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3. (S) TG 79.3/MAG-15 AT IWAKUNI, JAPAN: LTCOL J. R. CHRISTENSEN, 3RD MAW ORDNANCE OFFICER, DESIGNATED FMFPAC INSPECTOR, INSPECTED MAG-15'S NSC "STOCKPILE TO TARGET" CAPABILITY DURING THE PERIOD 16-21 DEC. ON 21 DEC 68, MAG-15 COMMENCED TRIAL RUN OF THE FIRST OF TWO ASSIGNED GR-14 LOX/NITROGEN GENERATOR PLANTS. OUTPUT IS EXPECTED TO BE 600 BALLONS PER DAY DURING IT'S FIVE DAY OPERATIONAL RUN.

4. (S) TG 79.4/SLF ALFA: SLF CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION GALIANT HUNT, A CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION IN THE VICINITY OF AN TAC/THI LAI IN SUPPORT OF III MAF ACCELERATED PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN. BLT 2/26, MEETING LIGHT RESISTANCE, HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT AMBUSHES, SWEEPS, LPS IN EXECUTION OF ASSIGNED MISSION. AS OF 202000H DEC 68, BLT 2/26 HAD SUSTAINED 26 KIA WHILE INFLECTING 7 ENEMY KIA AND COLLECTING APPROX 370 DETAINEES FOR SCREENING. RTM 362 PROVIDING TROOP LIET, RESUPPLY, MEDEVAC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE SLF.

5. (S) TG 79.5/SLF BRAVO: SLF STAFF AND SELECTED ELEMENTS CONDUCTED REHAB/MAINTENANCE OF BLT VEHICLES ASHORE AT SUBIC. ONTOS PLT CONDUCTED FFX ON 13 DEC. 51 PERSONNEL FROM SLF STAFF AND EMBARKED BLT UNITS ATTENDED JUNGLE SURVIVAL TRNG COURSE CONDUCTED 17 AND 19 DEC AT CUBI. CAPT JONES, USN(MC), BRIGADE SURGEON 9TH MAB, VISITED

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 CTG 79.5 TO DISCUSS MEDICAL ASPECTS OF FORTHCOMING REHAB. SLF BRAVO
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 CONF 20-22 DEC BETWEEN SLF STAFF, ARG CCO'S, HMM 164 AND FWR REPS WILL
 FINALIZE LOADING PLANS. BLT 2/7 REMAINS ASHORE IN OPERATION TAYLOR
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WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 25-30 DEC 68 (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-68, ANNEX DELTA

1. (S) THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS SUBMITTED FOR REF A FOR THE PERIOD 25-31 DECEMBER 1968.

2. (S) BGEN J.E. WILLIAMS CTF 79/CG NINTH MAB AT CAMP MANSER, OKINAWA.

AT 251100Z BGEN WILLIAMS MET VADM BRINGLE COMSEVENTHFLT AT NAF NAHA, AND ALSO THE FOLLOWING DAY AT 261215Z. AT 261300Z BGEN WILLIAMS CALLED ON MINISTER SCHOOT, US REP TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO GRI. AT 270930Z BGEN WILLIAMS DEPARTED NAF NAHA FOR NAAF IWERONT TO CONDUCT WORKING INSPECTION OF MAG-15, HAMB-15, HABS-15, AND VAG-15.

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122 RETURNING TO OKINAWA AT 271800Z. AT 281015Z LTJG LIGAN CUSHMAN, CG III MAF VISITED BGEN WILLIAMS AT NINTH MAB HQ, AND RECEIVED AN INFORMAL UPDATE BRIEFING FROM BGEN WILLIAMS. AT 301500Z BGEN WILLIAMS WILL BID FAREWELL TO LTJG LIGAN CUSHMAN, CG III MAF, ON THE LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR DANANG.

3. TG 79.3/ MAG-15 AT IWAKUNI, JAPAN: MAG-15 C-24 PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION FOR STAFF MEMBERS TF 75 DD 25 DEC FROM CPOI TO DANANG. DANANG AB RVN FOR OPERATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE, HORD 3. BGEN WILLIAMS CG NINTH MAB CONDUCTED A ONE DAY WORKING INSPECTION OF MAG-15 HQ, HAMB-15 AND HABS-15 ON 27 DEC.

4. TG 79.6/ SLE ALFA: DURING 25-26 DEC PERSONNEL REPAIR OF BLT 2/26 CONTINUED AT SEA. ON 26 DEC STAFF MEMBERS ATTENDED PLANNING CONFERENCE AT III MAF, AND PRE-SAIL CONFERENCE AND CRITIQUE BY AIRCRAFT OF VALIANT HUNT PHASE I. ON 27 DEC BLT 2/26 DELO LIFTED ANCHOR FOR PHASE II VALIANT HUNT. AS OF 28 DEC NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED WITHIN ASSIGNED GORDON AREA. OPERATION VALIANT HUNT EXPECTED TO CONTINUE UNTIL 0400Z 3 JAN 69.

5. TG 79.5/ SLE BRAVO: DURING 25-26 DEC SLE BRAVO REMAINED AT SEA. R. P. A. CTG 79.5 DEPARTED SEAIC SEA ON 26 DEC FOR OPERATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE AT III MAF. AIRCRAFT ENROUTE DANANG 2-28 DEC. ON

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

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MEMORANDUM

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

Subj: Command Chronology for the Period 1 December to 31 December 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).


R. MCARTHUR
By direction

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 December to 31 December 1968

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Part I

Organizational Data

Staff Officers

a. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 LtCol S. B. MCCARTY JR.	1 Dec - 31 Dec 68
b. Assistant G-4 LtCol K. M. SCOTT	1 Dec - 13 Dec 68
c. Assistant G-4 (Logistics) Major E. G. LOVE	1 Dec - 31 Dec 68
d. Assistant G-4 (Avn) Major M. R. CONROY	1 Dec - 31 Dec 68
e. Logistics Officer Capt L. C. VETTER Capt R. ROUGHGARDEN 1ST Lt P. W. BELLINI	1 Dec - 31 Dec 68 1 Dec - 31 Dec 68 1 Dec - 31 Dec 68
f. Embarkation Officer Major R. J. REEAN	1 Dec - 31 Dec 68
g. Supply Officer LtCol SHAKLEE	1 Dec - 31 Dec 68
h. Assistant Supply Officer Capt H. B. LANIS Capt S. B. THOMAS	27 Dec - 31 Dec 68 1 Dec - 15 Dec 68
i. Ordnance Officer Major J. E. C. LEAVITT JR.	1 Dec - 31 Dec 68

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j. Assistant Ordnance Officer CWO-2 J. V. NELSON	1 Dec - 31 Dec 68
k. Motor Transport Officer Major T. M. CULLIGAN Capt L. G. KINZER	1 Dec - 18 Dec 68 18 Dec - 31 Dec 68
l. Brigade Surgeon Capt R. W. JONES	1 Dec - 31 Dec 68
m. Medical Admin Officer LtQndr J. R. SOLLMAN	1 Dec - 31 Dec 68
n. Food Services Officer GySgt R. L. SHELTON	1 Dec - 31 Dec 68

Part II

Narrative Summary

A Brigade Inspection Team comprised of representatives from G-4 cognizance sections inspected 1/13, 4/12, 26th Marines, and CTG 79.4 on 1-10 Dec 68. Major CONROY reported aboard on 1 Dec and LtCol SCOTT was detached on 13 Dec. LtCol MCCARTY and LtCol SHAKLEE attended III MAF CommandLess Opcon Conference on 14 Dec 68. Capt JONES, USN, visited III MAF, 1st MARDIV, CTG 79.5, 26th Marines, and Subic Bay on Navy and Medical matters.

Forty-one Hospital Corpsmen reported for duty during the month and forty were detached. Thirty-seven Corpsmen were reassigned to 9th MAB units in RVN in conjunction with normal rotation and combat losses. The Brigade received one Dental Officer, two Medical Officers, and one Naval Gunfire Officer during December, with two Dental Officers and three Medical Officers being detached during the same period.

Inspections of several in-country and on-island units were made by the G-4 cognizant sections during this period.

Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1 Dec 68	Major CONROY REPORTED FOR DUTY
1-10 Dec 68	Major REGAN, LCdr SOLLMAN, Major LEAVITT, Lt BELLINI, Lt WISE, and MSgt ARTZ comprised Brigade Inspection Team which inspected 1/13, 4/12, 26th Marines, and CTG 79.4
6-9 Dec 68	LtCol MCCARTY TAD to RVN, Philippines, and Taiwan for Liason visit with CG

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6-11 Dec 68 Capt ROUGHGARDEN TAD to Subic Bay for Liason on Fire Team assult Boat matters

9-13 Dec 68 LtCol SHAKLEE, Capt HOUGGARD, and GySgt SELLARDS TAD to 5th 155mm SP Btry to provide supply assistance

10 Dec 68 Major REGAN coordinated the offloading of USS WINDHAM COUNTY at tengan Pier Okinawa

12-14 Dec 68 Major LOVE and Lt ERVIN TAD to FLC, 26th Marines, and 1/13 to make liason concerning R&E

13 Dec 68 LtCol SCOTT Detached

13-16 Dec 68 CWO-2 NELSON and Sgt BEANE TAD to VMGR-152 DANANG, RVN FOR MK-24 Flare Inspection

14-15 Dec 68 LtCol MCCARTY and LtCol SHAKLEE TAD to RVN to attend Logistics Conference at III MAF

15 Dec 68 Capt THOMAS Detached to PSB

16-18 Dec 68 MSgt ARTZ, GySgt BOWSER, and the Brigade Suooly Management Assistance Team Inspected PSB

17-20 Dec 68 Major CONROY TAD to MAG-15 in Iwakuni

17-20 Dec 68 Capt JONES TAD to III MAF, 1st MARDIV, CTG 79.5, 26th Marines, and Subic Bay on matters concerning Navy personnel administration and Medical matters

18 Dec 68 Capt KINZER relieved Major CULLIGAN

18-21 Dec 68 Capt VETTER, Lt ERVIN, and GySgt LIVELY TAD to Iwakuni to make Liason with MAG-15

23 Dec 68 SSgt SMITH reported for Duty

27 Dec 68 MSgt RICHARDS Transferred to RVN

27 Dec 68 Capt LANIS reported for Duty

28-30 Dec 68 Major LOVE TAD to 3/26 to Make Liason concerning R&E

Part IV

Supporting Documents

Chronologies of G-4 Cognizance Section

1. ✓ Ordnance
 2. ✓ Supply
 3. ✓ Motor Transport
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- 6. ✓ Food Services

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FPO. SAN FRANCISCO 96602

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3 January 1968

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

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

PART I

Ordnance Officer

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

PART II

1. Major LEAVITT was TAD with Brigade Inspection Team from 1 December 1968 to 10 December 1968. HQ Co. 26th Marines, 2nd Bn 26th Marines, HQ Btry, "A" Btry, "C" Btry, "W" Btry, 1st Bn 13th Marines and "K" Btry 4th Bn 13th Marines were the units inspected. Inspection reports were submitted to Brigade Inspector.
2. CWO-2 NELSON and Sgt BEANE TAD to VMGR-152 Sub-Unit # 1 RVN for MK-24 flare inspection. Trip report was submitted to Chief of Staff.
3. SSgt H. L. SMITH reported aboard for duty. (Replacement for MSgt RICHARDS)
4. MSgt RICHARDS was transferred from Brigade Ordnance to RVN for duty.

PART III

- 1 December 1968 Major LEAVITT TAD to RVN.
- 10 December 1968 Major LEAVITT returned from TAD.
- 13 December 1968 CWO-2 NELSON and Sgt BEANE TAD to VMGR-152 Danang, RVN.
- 16 December 1968 CWO-2 NELSON and Sgt BEANE returned from TAD.
- 23 December 1968 SSgt H. L. SMITH reported aboard for duty.
- 27 December 1968 MSgt C. E. RICHARDS transferred to RVN.

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

Order, G-4, per MAB

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

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5750
3 Jan 1969

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

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

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

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

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


H. G. SHAKLEE

Supply O, G-4, 9th MAB

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PART IORGANIZATION DATA

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

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

Lt WISE and SSgt KAPLE, Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team, inspected Hq 26th Marines, BLT 2/26 and 1st Bn 13th Marines during the period 1-10 December 1968. A grade of Satisfactory with discrepancies was assigned to all units.

LtCol SHAKLEE, Capt HOUGGARD and GySgt SELLARDS visited 5th 155MM SP Btry, and Hq 26th Marines during the period 9-13 December 1968. Purpose of trip was to discuss supply matters and to give supply assistance to 5th 155MM Gun Btry (SP).

Lt WISE and SSgt REED made a supply assistance visit to Stock Account, PSB, to review mechanized supply procedures 12-13 December 1968.

LtCol SHAKLEE attended III MAF Command Less OPCON Conference on 14 December 1968. Details in G-4 trip report 4/sbh 5700 dtd 18 Dec 68.

Lt WISE, MSgt SKINNER and SSgt KAPLE, Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team inspected the Organic Account, PSB, during the period 16-19 December 1968. A grade of satisfactory with discrepancies was assigned.

Capt THOMAS, former Assistant Brigade Supply Officer, was reassigned to PSB effective 15 December 1968.

Capt LANIS, H. G. 089226/3060/6302 reported aboard as Assistant Brigade Supply Officer on 27 December 1968.

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PART III

1. Not applicable
 2. FMF Organization not committed to combat
- 1-10 Dec 68 Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team inspected Hq Co, 26th Marines, BLT 2/26 and 1/13 Marines.
- 9-13 Dec 68 LtCol SHAKLEE, Capt HOUGGARD and GySgt SELLARIS visited 5th 155MM SP Batry and HQ, 26th Marines
- 12-13 Dec 68 Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team visited PSB
- 14 Dec 68 LtCol SHAKLEE attended III MAF Logistics Conference.
- 15 Dec 68 Capt THOMAS was reassigned to PSB.
- 16-19 Dec 68 Brigade Supply Management Assistance Team inspected PSB.
- 27 Dec 68 CAPT LANIS reported aboard as Assistant Brigade Supply Officer.

PART IVCHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Not applicable

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

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4 Jan 69

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

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

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

Encl: (1) Brigade Motor Transport Officer Command Chronology

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

L. G. Kinzer
L. G. KINZER
Capt USMCR

MTO, G-4, 9th MAB

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PART I

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. Brigade Motor Transport Officer - Major T. M. CULLIGAN (1-18 Dec 68)
Captain L. G. KINZER (19-31 Dec 68)
4. N/A

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period 1-10 Dec 68 the Brigade Motor Transport Chief traveled to RVN for the purpose of inspecting 1/13, 26th Marines, and CTG 79.4 motor transport items. During the period 16-18 Dec 68 the Brigade Motor Transport Chief inspected the motor transport assets of ProvServBn. On 18 Dec 68 Capt. L. G. KINZER relieved Major T. M. CULLIGAN as Brigade Motor Transport Officer.

PART III

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. 1-10 Dec 68 MSgt ARTZ to RVN to inspect M.T. assets of 1/13, 26th Marines, and CTG 79.4
16-18 Dec 68 MSgt ARTZ inspected ProvServBn M.T. assets
18 Dec 68 Captain L. G. KINZER relieved Major T. M. CULLIGAN as Brigade MTO

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

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

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

PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Embarkation Officer Robert J. REGAN MAJOR USMC
14 June 1968 - 31 Dec 1968

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December, events other than normally conducted office routine we as follows:

Major REGAN inspected 26th Marines, 1st Bn 13th Marines, "K" Btry 4th Bn 12th Marines, and CTG 79.4 in the Republic of Vietnam, coordinated the offloading of the USS WINDHAM COUNTY. GySgt BOWSER inspected Provisional Service Battalion.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS of SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 - 9 Dec 1968	Major REGAN inspected 26th Marines, 1st Bn 13th Marines, "K" Btry 4th Bn 12th Marines and CTG 79.4
9 - 10 Dec 1968	Major REGAN coordinated the offload of USS WINDHAM CTY at Tengan Pier Okinawa
16 - 18 Dec 1968	GySgt BOWSER inspected Provisional Service Battalion

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S. C. BOWSER
Embark Chief

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Embarkation Chief, G-4, 9th MAB

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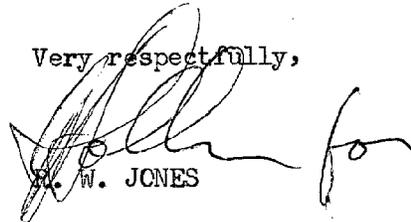
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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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5700
17 JAN 1969

From: Brigade Surgeon
To: Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF (G-4)
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 December 1968 to 31 December 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

Brig Surgeon, 9th MAB

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Not Applicable.
2. Not Applicable.
3. STAFF OFFICERS

Brigade Surgeon

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

Medical Administrative Officer

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

Forty-one Hospital Corpsmen reported to the Brigade during the month and forty were detached during the same period. Thirty-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 Dental Corps Officer (220X), two Medical Corps Officers (210X), and one Naval Gunfire Officer (110X) during December 1968. Three Medical Corps Officers (210X), and two Dental Corps Officers (220X), were detached during the same period.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 December 1968 LCDR John R. SOULMAN, MSC USN departed Okinawa TAD to 26th Marines, 1/13, "K" Battery, 4/12, and CTG 79.4 with Brigade Inspection team.

1 December 1968 HML E. C. BICKFORD, USN departed Okinawa TAD to 26th Marines, 1/13, "K" Battery, 4/12, and CTG 79.4 with Brigade Inspection team.

2 December 1968 to 9 December 1968 A negative report is submitted for the period.

10 December 1968 LCDR John R. SOULMAN, MSC USN returned to Okinawa from TAD assignment to 26th Marines, 1/13, "K" Battery, 4/12, and CTG 79.4, after completing TAD assignment and resumed his normal duties.

10 December 1968 HML E. C. BICKFORD, USN returned to Okinawa from TAD assignment to 26th Marines, 1/13, "K" Battery, 4/12, and CTG 79.4, after completing TAD assignment, and resumed his normal duties.

11 December 1968 to 16 December 1968 A negative report is submitted for the period.

17 December 1968 CAPT Roland W. JONES, MC USN departed Okinawa TAD to III MAF, 1st Marine Division, CTG 79.5, 26th Marines and Subic Bay on matters concerning Navy personnel administration and medical matters.

17 December 1968 HMC H. W. HOGGWIN, USN departed Okinawa TAD to 1/26, 3/26, 2/7, III MAF, 1st Marine Division, and 26th Marines on matters concerning Navy personnel administration and medical matters.

18 December 1968 to 19 December 1968 A negative report is submitted for the period.

20 December 1968 CAPT Roland W. JONES, MC USN returned to Okinawa from TAD assignment to III MAF, 1st Marine Division, CTG 79.5, 26th Marines, and Subic Bay, after completing TAD assignment, and resumed his normal duties.

21 December 1968 A negative report is submitted for the period.

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22 December 1968 HMC H. T. MCCOMAN, USN returned to Okinawa from TAD assignment to 1/26, 3/26, 2/7, III MAF, 1st Marine Division, and 26th Marines, after completing TAD assignment, and resumed his normal duties.

23 December 1968 to 31 December 1968 A negative report is submitted for the period.

PART IV

Not Applicable.

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HEADQUARTERS
9th MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE
P.O. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF 94602

18 January 1969

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

Subject: Command chronology for the month of December 1968

Reference: (A) BrigO 5750.1B

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

PART 1
ORGANIZATION DATA

Food Service Officer
GYSCT R.L.Shelton

21 December 1968 - 17 January 1969
PART 2

Sequential listing of significant events

- 1. Made frequent visits to 9th MAB Messhalls. They were found to be satisfactory condition. RLT 26 Rear at Camp Schwab was slightly overexpended showing an overexpenditure of \$ 252.43 for the month of December 1968.
- 2. On 22 December 1968 attended a menu planning board meeting at Camp Courtney for the month of Feb 1969.

R.L. Shelton
R. L. SHELTON
GYSCT USMC

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Food Service O, G-4, 9th MAB

Dec 1968

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FINANCIAL STATUS FOR 9th MAB MESSHALLS FOR DECEMBER 1968

	Messhall 2324 PSB	Messhall 3629 Rlt 26	'0' Mess Schwab	Consolidated Total
Total Rations Due	46032	23965	4506	74508
Total Ration Feed	30178	20771	4133	5508
Average Ration Fed Daily	973	670	133	1776
Percent actual Fed of Ration Due	65%	86%	91%	80%
Total Credits	41,929.51	25,984.53	5,170.38	73,084.42
Total Expenditures	39,406.98	26,302.00	5,065.37	70,774.35
Closing Inv Nov 1968	9,035.16	6,912.69	954.26	16,902.11
Closing Inv Dec 1968	9,648.96	9,829.11	1,115.13	20,593.20
Allowable Inv Dec 1968	6,035.60	4,154.20	826.60	11,016.40
Reserve	2,522.53		754.06	3,276.59
Overexpended		252.43		252.42
Average Cost of Feeding 1 man 1 day	1.33	1.25	1.19	1.25
Ration Value Dec 1968	1.215	1.215	1.215	1.215

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

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3 January 1969

From: Communication-Electronics Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Subj: Command Chronology (Communication)
Ref: (a) BrigO 5750.10

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

PART I

Organization Data

1. Communication-Electronics Officer	LtCol R. C. STOCKTON 1Dec68 to 31Dec68
2. Asst Communication-Electronics Officer	Major R. B. MASON 1Dec68 to 31Dec68 CWO R. L. CLAY 1Dec68 to 31Dec68

PART II

Narrative Summary

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

PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1-12 Dec 1968	LtCol R. C. STOCKTON went TAD to Hawaii, for CEO's conference.
2-6 Dec 1968	CWO R. L. CLAY inspected MAG-15
9-12 Dec 1968	CWO R. L. CLAY inspected SLF "A" and BLT 2/7.
20-28 Dec 1968	Major R. B. MASON went TAD to III MAF, SLF "A", and 1st Marine Division.

Communication - Chronology, 9th MAB

Dec 1968

26-28 Dec 1968

LtCol R. C. STOCKTON went TAD to 1/26, 3/26, 26th
Marines.

26 Dec 1968

MGySgt A. E. BENJAMIN reported aboard as Brigade
Comm-Chief.

29 Dec 1968

MSgt S. J. STACEY transferred to TG 79.5.



R. L. CLAY
By direction

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

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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 December 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.

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Victor A. RUVO

Comptroller, 9th MAB

Dec 1968

CHRONOLOGY FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1968

PART I

COMPTROLLER

LTCOL. VICTOR A. RUVO

BUDGET OFFICER

CAPT. HOWARD C. WOLFE

PART II

Significant fiscal transactions during the month were as follows:

a. BPN 01 - Flight Operations. Due to the rotation of squadrons and a \$56,000 Authorization, the amount of \$106,801 was received during this reporting period. New total Optar to date \$2,229,400.

b. BPN 08 - Aviation Consolidated Allowance List (Supply Officer's Stores). Funds in the amount of \$18,985 were received during this reporting period. New total Optar to date \$43,726.

c. BPN 09 - General Aviation Collateral Equipment. No funds were received during this reporting period.

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

e. BPN 50 - Aviation Intermediate Maintenance. No funds were received during this reporting period.

f. BPN 11 - Maintenance of Aviation Expeditionary Equipment. No additional funding was received during this month; however \$7,000 was reprogrammed as follows:

<u>Program Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
M	\$(7,000)
U	\$ 7,000

g. BPN 11 - O&M,MC. Funds in the amount of \$25,000 were received during this reporting period. New P. E. total to date \$517,000; also, \$36,000 was reprogrammed as follows:

<u>Program Code</u>	<u>Amount</u>
B	\$35,000
C	\$(1,000)
D	\$ 1,000
M	\$(15,000)
Q	\$(20,000)

h. BPN 11 - O&M,MC OPBUD. No funds were received during this reporting period.

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i. BPN 10 - OPBUD Medical and Dental. No funds were received during this reporting period.

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NEGATIVE

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

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27 Jan 1969

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

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 - 31 December 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.

J. C. Cregan
J. C. CREGAN
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Attn: G-3, 9th MAB

Attn: 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Headquarters Company 1 - 15 December 1968:
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF Major D. W. WILSON
FPO San Francisco 96602 16 - 31 December 1968:
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>
85	460	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>
3	5	8	4

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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

Comman Support Co, 9th MAB

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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 December 1968-31 December 1968

2. LOCATION

1 December 68-31 December 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 December, this command conducted MOS technical training and GMS training in order to maintain the state of individual proficiency.

From 2-6 December, the GMSPE test was administered to company personnel with the rate of N.C.O. The test was given to determine what subjects to emphasize in future GMS training, and to determine exemptions from GMS training for Non-Commissioned Officers proficient in the General Military Subjects.

On 3 and 5 December, the PFT was satisfactorily completed by 60 personnel in this unit. The PFT was conducted for personnel unable to attend or unable to satisfactorily complete the PFT from the month of November.

From 9 December 1968 to 3 January 1969, a communication training course was conducted for three officers of The Chinese Marine Corps. Communication Support Company acted as host unit as training was carried out with this unit, PSB, MAGS 8, and 3rd FSR. Highlighting the training, the Officers were given a first hand demonstration of installation,

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operation and organization of communication equipment and procedures.

Also, from 9 December to 3 January, a communication repair course was conducted for one Corporal of The Chinese Marine Corps.

Communication Support Company participated in a COMDEX held from 18-20 December involving PSB, RLT 26 (REAR), and MAG 15. The purpose of the COMDEX was to maintain and improve the technical proficiency of the communication personnel of 9th MAB, and to familiarize new personnel in communication installation and field operational procedures.

In the interest of betterment of relations with the Okinawan People, on 24 December, a Christmas party was given for the children of the Okinawans who are employed in personal services throughout the Company barracks.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2-6 December 68	GMSPE Test
3-5 December 68	Physical Fitness Test
9-December 68 to 3 January 69	Communication Training for three Chinese Marine Officers and one Enlisted
18-20 December 68	COMDEX
24 December 68	Christmas Party

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade FMB
FPO San Francisco, California 96602.

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31 Jan 1969

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1 December to 31 December 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

Photo. Serv. BN, 9th

MAB

Dec 1968

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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 Dec 68 to 31 Dec 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

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

Supply Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major R. C. KARGOL
1 Dec 68 to 31 Dec 68

Maintenance Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

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

Truck Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

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

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

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

Executive Officer

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

S-1 Adjutant

1stLt. C. H. ASHLEY
1 Dec 68 to 9 Dec 68

1stLt. B. J. GRIGGS
9 Dec 68 to 31 Dec 68

S-2/S-3

Major M. BEARDEN
1 Dec 68 to 31 Dec 68

S-4

Major P. R. STINGLEY
1 Dec 68 to 2 Dec 68

Capt. E. P. ROTCHFORD
2 Dec 68 to 31 Dec 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.	16	223	1	14
Supply Company	9	158	0	2
Maintenance Company	5	196	0	0
Truck Company	4	126	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 26 December 1968, Provisional Service Battalion was given a commitment to provide stevedore assistance to the Naha port. Provisional Service Battalion provided 20 forklift drivers and 80 stevedores to assist in loading and unloading supplies and equipment on various U. S. Naval vessels. The assistance was requested for 26, 27, and 28 December, but was concluded after 24 hours, on 27 December 1968.

On 26 and 27 December 1968, all enlisted personnel were transferred from Sub-Unit #1. This reduced the strength of the unit to zero enlisted, and one officer, pending final approval to reduce the Sub-Unit to zero strength.

On 27 December, a meritorious mast was awarded to Sergeant Gunar FREIMAN, 1996446, USMC. The award was presented in recognition of the performance and proficiency exhibited by Sgt FREIMAN while serving as Maintenance foreman of the Material Handling Equipment section of this battalion. Sgt FREIMAN was commended for maintaining a 96 per cent average vehicle readiness record. Sgt FREIMAN was further commended for outstanding performance while serving as supervisor of the crew assigned loading of LFORM aboard Navy vessels in support of 9th Amphibious Brigade Units.

On 30 December 1968, one officer and twenty-three enlisted personnel from Supply Company, Provisional Service Battalion were assigned to 3rd Force Service Regiment on Temporary Additional Duty in support of supply and logistic operations at that command.

On 6 December 1968, members from Service Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, began the initial phase of a four step clean-up and improvement campaign of the Kin Village Tuberculosis Sanitarium. The ultimate goal is to improve living conditions for the 450 patients now hospitalized at the institution. The plans include general grounds improvement and landscaping, providing trash barrels and picnic tables, install window screens, repair the heating system, reconstruct and replastering parts of the facility in poor condition, and finally, replace the waterline from the village water tank to the hospital. The water pressure is now unsatisfactory, and replacing the lines will serve to increase the pressure. Repair items and building equipment are being sought through donations. It is anticipated that the project will require approximately 6 months for completion.

On 4 December 1968, Provisional Service Battalion was assigned the responsibility to perform rehabilitation of a Battalion Landing Team, specifically, BLP 3/26, on Okinawa. Colonel W. C. DOTY was appointed BLP Rehabilitation coordinator, to act as a Special Staff Officer to the

Commanding General. Upon notification of the assignment to perform the BLT Rehab, members of the Provisional Service Battalion staff proceeded immediately to formulate comprehensive plans to effect a successful Rehab program. This included plans for the movement of the BLT equipment and supplies from ports of debarkation into the appropriate maintenance/staging facility, the return of equipment and supplies to the BLT as Rehab was completed, and movement of the BLT equipment and supplies to ports of embarkation when the BLT would be scheduled to reembark. Upon completion of the Provisional Service Battalion Staff study, a Bulletin was drafted, and prepared on duplicating mats, outlining in detail the procedures to follow in order to successfully carry out the Rehab. The subjects covered included the following:

FACILITIES

Instructions concerning administrative and logistical requirements necessary to accommodate a Battalion Landing Team on Okinawa. This includes billeting, officer and enlisted, messing, motor pool, warehouse space, class rooms, laundry, medical services, landing zones, and staging areas.

TRANSPORTATION

Provide for debarkation, training, reembarkation. Includes plans for transfer of personnel to Camp Hansen, BLT vehicles (operable) convoy, transportation of supplies and equipment, transportation of optical equipment, crew served weapons, compasses and radios in padded trucks. Transportation of explosives. Complete coordinating instructions for training convoy control groups, movement tables, convoy routes, communication check points, and command and communications electronics.

MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES POLICY

Detailed instructions on turn in of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th echelon levels of repair including documentation on Engineer, Ordnance, Electronics, General Supply, and Motor Transport equipment. Also instructions on preparation of NAVMC 10245-SD, Tactical Equipment Repair Order.

The orders and plans for the BLT Rehab were completed and ready for printing and distribution, within the time frame allotted.

Upon notification from higher authority, the scheduled BLT Rehab program was cancelled, and the records retired.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

4 Dec 1968: Provisional Service Battalion assigned responsibility to perform BLP Rehabilitation on Okinawa. Planning completed. BLP cancelled.

6 Dec 1968: Service Platoon, H & S Company began initial phase of a four-step clean-up and improvement campaign at the Kin T. B. Sanitarium.

16 Dec 1968: Provisional Service Battalion provided one hundred men including twenty fork-lift drivers as stevedores at Naha port.

26-27 Dec 1968: All enlisted personnel transferred from Sub-Unit #1.

27 Dec 1968: Sgt Gunar FREIMAN awarded a Meritorious Mast for performance as Materials Handling Equipment Supervisor, and for outstanding performance while serving as supervisor of a loading crew during LFORM loading.

30 Dec 1968: Provisional Service Battalion provided one officer and twenty-three enlisted personnel to 3rd FSR for support of supply and logistics operations at that command.

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mine field operation
Release No. 229-68
By: Sgt. Russ Cavender

For additional information
call CW03 W. F. Driscoll
phone 28-4310

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Dec. 1 -- Laying a mine field on a sandy strip of beach with the incoming tide constantly licking at one's heels presents unique problems.

But to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team (EOD) of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's 5th Engineer Battalion, the task is far from unique.

The team tackled this particular task Nov. 26 when it was assigned to lay an anti-tank mine field on a deserted beach here. The mine field was to be used the next day for a 5th Amphibian Tractor Battalion tactical exercise.

The operation was made up of three phases: First, laying the mine field. Second, finding and unearthing the mines. And third, disarming and clearing them.

EOD Marines involved in the operation were: Gunnery Sergeant M. Vega, Corporal Mike Mastbaum, Privates-First-Class Ralph C. Moore, Jack L. Bishop, Harrison B. Jones and Hardy Mercer, and Private Lynn D. Messmore.

Loaded with "live" mines, a box of blasting caps, 20 pressure detonating devices, a huge spool of detonating cord and five shovels, the Marine EOD experts set to work.

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Under the supervision of Gunny Vega, three Leathernecks placed the 20 mines in a zig-zag fashion at pre-set intervals. While they worked, Cpl. Mastbaum made a chart of the field's location and the exact position of each mine within it. By this time, the tide had begun to cover the first mine. Mastbaum took his time, however, realizing that his chart would be invaluable if they had to relocate the field after it had been armed. When the chart was complete, he quickly gave the signal to start digging.

The team quickly dug small, deep, circular holes for the mines closest to the incoming tide. Extending from these, they dug one-foot wide trenches four-feet long.

Working hurriedly in water that was already near knee-deep, they finished digging, dropped the shovels, and placed the mines into the circular holes. To these they attached eight-foot lengths of detonating cord, folded-in-two and armed with electric-detonated blasting caps. Then, as carefully as possible in the swirling current, they covered the mines with the wet sand. Once armed, the charges were pre-set to go off with a mere eight pounds of downward pressure. The resultant explosion would be barely felt by the amtracs the next day, but could easily blow a man's leg off if detonated.

Completing the mine field ahead of the tide, the team marked off the area and placed warning signs around it, then inspected the handiwork from a safe distance. A guard was posted to keep unsuspecting personnel away from it during the night.

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Meanwhile, the sea, heretofore a menace, became a friend, camouflaging the mine field naturally during the evening.

At dawn the next day, even the most expert of observers would have found it impossible to locate the field. Then, at 8 a.m., two LVTE-1 Amtracs, specially equipped with wedge-shaped plows on their bows, began mine sweeping. Already aware of the field's location, their crews organized the assault and proceeded to cut paths into it.

The huge plows scraped the sandy surface away much the same as a snow plow pushes snow after a winter storm. Biting about two feet into the floor of the beach, they cleared paths in the field quickly, unearthing all 20 mines without a single explosion. When they finished, several of the live mines lay uncovered on the surface of the sand, and the remainder lay buried under a thin layer of sand. Phase two was a success.

Having completed their assigned task, the amphibians rumbled off, leaving the EOD experts the task of mopping up. The team, this time armed with mine detectors and probing rods, returned to work.

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ammo course
Release No. 230-68
By: Sgt. Jim Havelka

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 5--Getting the right kind of ammunition in the right quantity and condition to the right place at the right time could spell the difference between life and death for a Marine in combat.

That is one reason why hundreds of Marines will come out of the combat zone this year to attend the ammunition course of 3rd Force Service Regiment's Ordnance School.

Taught by Vietnam veterans from 3rd FSR's Ammunition Company, the class is designed to train Marines in the handling and storage of ammunition. While that sounds simple, it means three weeks of difficult work and absorbing a great deal of knowledge for the students.

Students come to the school primarily from Vietnam-based Marine units, but some organizations on Okinawa also send men. No particular occupational speciality is required, so the students often range from infantrymen to truckdrivers. When they rejoin their units, they are capable of handling almost any type of ammunition used by the Marine Corps' regimental-sized and smaller units.

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The class is divided into six subcourses consisting of several hours of instruction each. A test is given at the end of each subcourse, but the instructors toss in quizzes at will, so the students must remain alert.

Following an introduction to the fundamentals of handling ammunition, the students undergo 12 hours of instruction on the ammunition common to an infantry unit. This includes the study of military explosives and demolition material, hand and rifle grenades, mortar and small arms rounds and pyrotechnics.

Next, artillery and miscellaneous types of ammo are covered, including mines and their firing devices, chemical ammunition and the munitions for supporting arms, such as the 3.5 inch rocket launcher and the 106mm recoilless rifle.

A supply and salvage subcourse discusses the paperwork involved in ammunition handling, such as ammo requisitions and malfunction reports.

Subcourse five, which includes a field exercise, teaches the Marines how to transport, store and dispose of ammunition. The accent in this phase is on safety and the students are given a solid background in the Defense Department's safety regulations. Proper inspection methods and storage and disposal techniques are also taught in this part of the course.

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Finally, the Marine students are instructed in field storage of munitions which includes the selection and construction of ammunition supply points and the protection of "iron rations" in a combat zone.

In addition to the ammo course, Ordnance School conducts an infantry weapons repair course and students from both parts of the school receive some cross-training.

"The school's two classes go hand in hand," said Gunnery Sergeant Douglas Fudge, non-commissioned officer in charge of Ordnance school. "The ammo man needs to know about the weapons he is supplying rounds to and the weapons repairman has to know something about handling ammunition."

Probably the single most important thing the students take with them when they return to Vietnam or their on-island units is a wider knowledge and a new respect for ammunition, according to Corporal W.W. Fowler, the course's senior instructor and a veteran of three years in the ammunition technician field.

Yet, the course provides an additional benefit by giving the Marines a three-week rest from combat while on the island. The graduates return fresh and ready to be an increased asset to their organizations.

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rlt-26 yule drive
 Release No. 231-68
 By: Sgt. Russ Cavender

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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Dec. 5 -- With only ^{a few} ~~10~~ more shopping days left 'til Christmas, members of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Regimental Landing Team-26 are raising funds to hold a Yuletide celebration at the Airaku-en Leprosarium.

This year's project goal is \$1100. Donations will be used to provide the leprosarium's 813 patients with clothing, personal items and a television for their recreation room. Also included on Santa's list are candy, toys and bicycles for the colony's youngsters.

Highlighting the annual event is an aerial visit from Santa Claus, who will distribute the gifts and candy to the children. Members of the Brigade Band will also be on hand to provide entertainment.

According to Gunnery Sergeant E. K. Harrison, project spokesman. Marines here have already begun donating funds and gifts to the project at their company offices. By the time the drive ends Dec. 16, we hope to have enough money to make this year's celebration a merry one.

Anyone who desires to participate in the drive is encouraged to send personal items such as clothing, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and shaving gear to Lieutenant Colonel Rufino DeLaCruz, Commanding Officer, Regimental Landing Team-26, FPO, San Francisco, California 96602.

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civil service english course
Release No. 232-68
By: Sgt. Russ Cavender

For further information:
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phone 28-4310

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 5 — "From now on, any questions you may have will be asked in English!"

With this sentence, English instructor Toshio Higa signalled the opening phase of Camp Hansen's latest English Language Course Nov. 26.

Realizing the introductory material was over, twenty Ryukyuan civil service employees of Camp Hansen opened their notebooks and began copying the information Mr. Higa wrote on the blackboard.

The course, one of a series of specialized courses given to employees on all Marine and Navy installations on the island, meets five times each week in Building 2368. Sessions last for two hours each afternoon.

The instructor, Mr. Higa, is a veteran of 11 years civil service. For the past three years he has taught students how to improve their English reading, writing and speaking abilities.

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civil service english course
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The students, whose jobs range from waitresses to mechanics, were selected to attend this course by their American supervisors to improve their English conversation. Throughout the course, those missing work to attend the class will be paid their regular salaries while in class will be paid their regular salaries.

During the next two months the students will do virtually everything in English. They will take all their tests in English. The audio and visual aids they will be exposed to will be in English. Included in the course of study is English grammar, vocabulary and sentence structure.

In addition to extensive classwork each day, each student is encouraged to spend two hours off-duty time reviewing the day's material.

Multiply all this by the hours each student will spend each day on his job applying his newfound knowledge and one begins to realize how intensive this program can be.

"This curriculum will all but force each student to develop his own personal speech patterns and give him the added confidence he needs to express himself in English," explains Mr. Arvo Rahkola, Camp Butler course administrator.

"We have found this course highly effective in the past," he concludes. "Not only are the students happier for the experience, but their Marine supervisors have found them more capable in performing their jobs."

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minuteman
Release No. 233-68
By: Sgt. Russ Cavender

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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Dec. 5 -- "A" Company, 5th Amtrac Battalion, Regimental Landing Team-26, was awarded the U. S. Treasury Department's Minuteman Flag today for 98 percent participation in the U. S. Savings Bond Program.

Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, presented the award this afternoon.

Addressing company commander Captain R. G. Jones and the officers and men of the unit, General Williams congratulated them for their "outstanding forethought and patriotism in supporting the program" during the past two years.

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Marine Corporals L. A. Hill (Headquarters Platoon), M. V. Kubik (Maintenance Platoon) and L. J. Williams (Tractor Platoon) accepted the flag on behalf of the company.

This is the second time the unit has received the award.

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sanatorium
Release No. 234-68
By: Sgt. Jim Havelka

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 11--Marines from the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Provisional Service Battalion began the initial phase of a four-step project, Dec. 6, to renovate the Kin Village Tuberculosis Sanatorium and improve living conditions for its 450 patients.

Armed with hand saws, rakes and enthusiasm, 17 volunteers from Service Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, led by Second Lieutenant H.N. Kleis, went to the San torium and held a traditional Marine clean-up on the facility's grounds.

After removing the litter and tree branches strewn about the property, the Marines began pruning the trees and shrubbery. Within the coming weeks, they plan to re-landscape much of the area.

According to Lt. Kleis, too many trees cover the grounds and they prevent sunlight from entering, thus killing one another. The Marines intend to remove some of them, transplant those which are suitable and chop the rest into firewood.

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Kleis said the platoon also plans to thin a tree line which now blocks the patients' view of the ocean, plant grass and place trash barrels on the property.

While that is being done, another group from the platoon is building picnic tables and benches so the patients can sit outside comfortably and enjoy the fresh air. Supervised by Sergeant Larry Conley, the men should have the six-foot long tables ready in about 10 days.

Kleis said that the patients understand what the Marines are doing for them and they appreciate it. One man, Private First Class Robert Newcomb, cut a protruding tree limb which had been obstructing an elderly, bedridden patient's view. Grateful, the woman presented Newcomb with an item of needlework she had crocheted.

"It's like that, there," said Kleis. "We really feel appreciated."

According to First Lieutenant William E. Woodman, the battalion's civil affairs officer, the unit also plans to fix the sanatorium's buildings by installing new screens and rebuilding window frames and sills.

Next, they plan to reconstruct and plaster parts of the facility and repair the heating system. Repainting the buildings is also being considered.

The final step, and a major one, is to replace the water line from the village water tank to the hospital. A new line would increase water pressure in the facility.

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Coinciding with the project, the 3rd Force Service Regiment's Officers' Wives Club has begun collecting picture magazines and notion packages for the patients, most of whom are women.

Still being sought by Woodman, however, are building materials and people with landscaping experience.

The project should be completed within the next six months, according to Woodman, but the battalion plans to conduct projects like this at the hospital on a continuing basis.

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navy achievement (moore)
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By: Sgt. Jim Havelka

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 12—Marine Gunnery Sergeant Willie E. Moore received the Navy Achievement Medal here, Dec. 11, from Colonel M.J. Padalino, commander of 3rd Force Service Regiment, for his exemplary performance as maintenance chief of "B" Company, 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

The award, which covered the period from April 1 to September 14, 1968, was presented to Moore at a company formation.

The citation accompanying Moore's medal noted that he displayed outstanding professionalism and initiative as maintenance chief despite adverse conditions and the difficulties of a combat environment.

The citation further lauded Moore for exhibiting exceptional technical skill with which he frequently rebuilt spare parts to repair his unit's vehicles.

The Canton, Mississippi Marine, an 18-year veteran, now serves as production control chief for the tracked vehicle section of Ordnance Maintenance Company, 3rd FSR.

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certificate of appreciation
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 13--A Marine staff sergeant, whose career planning program within Provisional Service Battalion resulted in the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's highest re-enlistment rate, received a Certificate of Appreciation, Dec. 13, from the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Staff Sergeant Earl Valley, of Seekonk, Mass., was presented the certificate by Brigadier General John E. Williams, 9th MAB commander, on behalf of the commandant.

Valley, who is slated to become the Brigade's career planner next month, has re-enlisted 33 Marines from his unit within the past three months.

A 16-year veteran, Valley came to Provisional Service Battalion from the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

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NCO School graduation
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 16--One hundred five U.S. Marines and three Philippine Marines graduated from Noncommissioned Officer School during ceremonies here December 14.

They were presented their certificates of completion by the guest speaker, Lieutenant Colonel Robert D. Jones, commanding officer, Headquarters Battalion, Camp Butler.

The class honorman and runner-up were both military policeman from Marine Barracks, Atsugi, Japan. They were Sergeants Robert E. Robertson and Robert Torres respectively. Sgt. Robertson's combined average, which included physical fitness, academic, and leadership grades, was 94.54 percent, and Sgt. Torres' was 92.72 percent.

Receiving honors for attaining the highest physical fitness score was Lance Corporal Raymond H. Brodie of Company "A", Fifth Shore Party Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

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Joint service commendation medal
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 14--Colonel William C. Doty, Provisional Service Battalion commander, received the Joint Service Commendation Medal here, Dec. 14, from Admiral John S. McCain, Commander in Chief, Pacific.

The medal was presented to Col. Doty by Brigadier General John E. Williams, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade commander, on the behalf of the Admiral.

Col. Doty, a former enlisted Marine, earned the award for his actions with the Military Assistance Advisory Group, Republic of China, from August, 1966 to September, 1968. He served then variously as chief of the operations division, assistant chief of staff for operations, deputy assistant chief of staff for operations and senior J-1 advisor to the Ministry of National Defense for the group.

The citation accompanying Col. Doty's medal praised him for his insight into problem areas and his professional abilities. He was instrumental, it said, in establishing a joint, integrated anti-submarine warfare system which has increased the flexibility and extended the Republic of China's surface surveillance and surface early warning capability.

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The citation further stated that under Col. Doty's guidance a committee to study armed forces training requirements ~~made~~ a thorough analysis of all programmed Military Assistance Program (MAP) training for the Chinese military establishment. The committee identified areas where reductions of nearly \$375,000 in MAP training could be made in view of the increasing self-sufficiency of the Chinese.

A veteran of 27 years of service, Col. Doty assumed his present command on Sept. 9, 1968.

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xmas party fund drive
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By: Cpl. Graham Ross

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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Dec. 18--Marines of Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear) (RLT-26) collected just short of \$1000.00 during an 18-day fund drive for this year's RLT-26 Christmas Party at the Airaku-en Leprosarium.

Funds from the drive, which ended December 17, will go toward the purchase of various items currently needed at the leprosy hospital. The gifts will be presented to the patients during the annual RLT-26-hosted Christmas Party on Dec. 24.

RLT-26 is a unit of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. Marine Air Control Squadron-8, another 9th MAB unit stationed at Camp Schwab, also contributed to the drive.

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multiple ceremony (lenz)
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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Dec. 19--A multiple ceremony involving three entirely different military honors was held at Camp Schwab on December 16, conducted by Lieutenant Colonel Rufino DeLaCruz, commanding officer, Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear) (RLT-26).

First Lieutenant Thomas R. Lenz, commanding officer, Company "A", 5th Reconnaissance Battalion, was promoted to his present rank.

Captain Walter C. Belcher, logistics officer, RLT-26, was sworn into the regular Marine Corps after serving as a reserve officer since March of 1966.

Sergeant Larry R. Davis, administration chief, RLT-26, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his professional skill and initiative while performing his duties since June of this year, when he assumed his present billet.

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hamahiga project
Release No. 241-68
By: Sgt. Russ Cavender

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 18 --During the week three Navy Corpsemen from this Marine base's dispensary look and act like regular doctor's assistants to the Marines here.

But to the 1000 inhabitants of Hamahiga-Shima, Hospitalman-2 Goodwin Bond, Hospitalman-3 Larry K. Rosebraugh and Dental Technician Danny Scarbough are very special indeed.

The two corpsemen and dental technician are the only "doctors" the small island has. Engaged in one of the most unique continuous people-to-people programs ever developed by the U. S. Armed Forces, these three provide medical aid to the island's two villages, Higa and Koniko.

Carrying medicines supplied by sympathetic Okinawan and American drug companies, the men leave the Hansen dispensary each Saturday and drive to Yakena Port, Okinawa. There they rent a small ferry or fishing boat and sail for either of the two island hamlets.

Upon landing, they walk to a small permanent house the Higa villagers have converted into an office, where they organize the day's activities.

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Resting for a few minutes after their long trek, they plan house calls, conduct a brief clinic for minor ailments, then pack their medical bags for emergencies and routine treatments.

"We always pack plenty of disinfectant, band-aids and aspirins," explains HM-3 Rosebraugh. "Band-aids are used extensively to treat minor cuts and abrasions. They also double as doctor's badges for the multitude of children who follow us wherever we go.

"The aspirins are effective pain-killers, and prove highly efficient in treating simple ailments."

Diseases and ailments the "doctors" run into most are decayed teeth, oral infections, arthritis and rheumatism in the aged and vitamin deficiencies, infected cuts, eye infections and scabies (sores caused by lack of proper nutrition) in the children.

"Treating these friendly and cooperative people is only a small part of the program," continues HM-2 Bond. "The hardest thing is judging if we can help the patient. If the ailment baffles us or is too serious or technical to treat there, we send him to the Ryukyuan National Hospital in Koza for further treatment."

Bond, who started the program early in August, sent one acute appendicitis case to the hospital for specialized treatment last month. "It's a good thing we caught it," he recalls.

The three medics practice one rule in treating common diseases or illnesses: If they're not sure how to treat it or what the proper amount of medicine to use is and the ailment isn't too technical or serious, they do their homework the following week and come back with the answer.

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All cases in which there is any doubt are also referred to a competent physician immediately.

Another facet of the extensive program involves teaching villagers proper nutrition and basic preventive medicine. This is done on an individual basis with each villager they aid. Since the islanders speak very little English, a young junior high school student named George acts as their interpreter.

Since the project began the corpsmen have become an integral part of the tiny communities. Villagers show their gratitude by inviting them to their homes for dinner each weekend. "On one occasion," Scarborough, "I ate six meals in one day." They are also invited to all weekend social functions.

Summing up his colleagues feelings on the subject, HM-3 Rosebraugh explains, "This project has become more than a mere project to us, it's a totally new way of life. I, personally, find it rewarding and am extremely grateful to be an active participant."

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road surfacing (civil affairs)
Release No. 242-68
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 19 — Men of "A" Company, 5th Engineer Battalion, Regimental Landing Team-26 (rear) are teaming up with Ryukyans of the Kisembaru village area to surface a road used extensively by both villagers and Marines.

The Marines have donated two dump trucks and, thus far, 65 loads of coral surfacing from the Camp Butler Coral pit to the combined effort. Ryukyuan farmers of the area are taking time out from the sugar cane harvest to spread and pack the coral into a lasting road surface.

The Okinawan-owned road, located $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Camp Hansen, serves a dual purpose. It is a major civilian transportation route of the area and provides Marines with access to portions of their Northern Training Area.

The project commenced Dec. 13 and the Marines have hauled an average of six loads a day, with as many as 25 Ryukyans working on the road at a time.

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Release No: 244-68
By: Cpl. Graham Ross

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 26--A communications exercise involving units of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB) stationed at Camp Hansen and Camp Schwab, Okinawa, and Iwakuni, Japan was conducted December 18 to December 20.

The purpose of the exercise was twofold: it provided useful training and experience for communications men relatively new to the field, and it allowed the Marines to insure that all their communications equipment was in top-notch working order.

The 215 members of Communications Support Company, stationed at Camp Hansen were all involved in the exercise. Their equipment was set up at Kin Blue Beach and the Tank Driving Range just outside the Camp. Seventeen members of Provisional Service Battalion operated their equipment from within Camp Hansen's gates.

About 40 Marines from the different units of 9th MAB's Regimental Landing Team-26 set up equipment at Camp Schwab in order to participate in the exercise.

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Marine Aircraft Group-15, a 9th MAB unit stationed at Iwakuni, Japan, were also involved in the exercise.

Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th MAB, inspected the communications exercise while it was in progress.

Field wiremen, radio operators, radio technicians and message center men all received additional training during the three-day period.

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track meet (Allen)
Release No: 245-68
By: Cpl. Herb Sharbel

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CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, Dec. 24--A 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade corporal of Provisional Service Battalion's Maintenance Company here ran away from a field of 207 other servicemen and Ryukyuan nationals Dec. 14 to finish first in a cross-country track meet at Naha University Golf Course.

Joe Allen, a former thinline at East Tennessee State University, forged into a precarious lead after three-quarters of a mile and then outkicked two challengers to win the grueling two and one-half mile race.

The winning time was 10 minutes and 19 seconds.

Allen's chief adversaries were a Ryukyuan national and an Air Force lieutenant who finished second and third, respectively. Both stayed doggedly on Allen's heels till the final 150 yards. However, neither had enough left to match the winner's final kick and finished a full 10 seconds behind.

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A native of Kingsport, Tenn., Allen started running competitively in high school and won numerous events in the 880, mile and two mile runs. He entered East Tennessee State on a track scholarship and attended classes there for one year before enlisting in the Marine Corps.

Allen still runs almost daily to stay in shape and was thus prepared for the meet which brought him his latest victory. At the present time, he is eagerly looking forward to future track meets.

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awards (brooks and cregan)
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 21 -- One officer was permanently commissioned and another awarded a Purple Heart Medal by Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, during a ceremony here December 20.

First Lieutenant J. B. Brooks, who had previously held that grade on a temporary basis, was awarded a permanent reserve commission. He works in the Brigade G-2 section.

The Purple Heart Medal was received by Major J. G. Cregan, who assumed duties as commanding officer of Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, December 16. At the time he was wounded, October 26, 1968, Maj. Cregan was commanding officer of Company "B", Second Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment.

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mayor's jeep
Release No. 247-68
By: Cpl. John H. Whitmoyer

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 27 -- The Mayor of Kin and the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Headquarters Company Motor Transport section continued their civic action programs at the Mayor's office in Kin Dec. 21.

First Lieutenant J. G. Prillaman, motor transport officer, presented the keys of a reconditioned "Mighty Mite," a $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton jeep-type vehicle, to Mayor Akira Okamura. The Mayor reciprocated with several cases of refreshments for the Marines who reconditioned the vehicle.

Previously the Motor Transport section had reconditioned Kin's fire truck. It was returned to the town Oct. 31. On that occasion the mayor showed his appreciation by treating the Marines who had worked on it to a dinner at a local restaurant.

Although this particular vehicle is new to Kin, it is replacing a jeep the town had been using for maintenance and work projects, especially those in areas which are inaccessible to other types of vehicles.

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The town's jeep was originally brought to the Motor Transport section's maintenance shop for a thorough reconditioning after 1st Lt. Prillaman learned that it was in poor operating condition. It was believed that the jeep could be rebuilt by utilizing used parts from discarded jeeps as had been done in reconditioning the fire truck.

However, after tearing the jeep down, it became apparent that it was beyond repair. Even if enough used parts could have been found, the poor condition of the frame made repairing the vehicle impossible.

At this time the Brigade's Chief of Staff, Colonel John Lowman, Jr. was consulted. It was known that the Marine Corps is phasing out the "Mighty Mite" by disposing of them in a manner that is in the best interests of the government. Usually they are disposed of by sale, but in this case Lt. Prillaman thought that giving one to his section to fix for Kin might be deemed in the best interests of the government. Col. Lowman agreed and made the arrangements for procuring a Mighty Mite for Kin.

Upon receiving the Mighty Mite, the Motor Transport section started reconditioning it. They performed an annual preventive maintenance on it, tuned it up, and replaced the sparkplugs. They also fixed several dents and repainted the entire body.

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In addition, it was necessary to make two modifications so it is more suitable for town's use. The ignition system was changed so that a key is required to start the motor, and the steering wheel was lowered four inches.

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Leprosarium Xmas party
Release No: 248-68
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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, Dec. 27--It was hard to tell who enjoyed themselves more.

The Christmas party was for patients of the Airaku-en Leprosarium, but their hosts, representatives of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's Regimental Landing Team-26 (RLT-26) were having just as much fun as everybody else.

The Christmas party for the leprosy patients at Airaku-en, a hospital on an island just off the coast of Okinawa, is an annual civic action project of RLT-26.

The unit holds a fund drive each year during the first part of December. This year they collected just under \$1000.

The money bought a television set and a bicycle. It bought steam irons, new clothes, toys and dental kits for the patients.

There was a band concert in the leprosarium's new auditorium during the party. The band, and Okinawan group who play regularly at the Camp Schwab Staff NCO Club, came all the way from Naha. They offered their own time and services in order to perform for the patients.

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Gunnery Sergeant E. K. Harrison and Staff Sergeant S. N. McDaniel, civil affairs coordinators for RLIT-26, who did the legwork in making all the arrangements for the party, were there to see that everything went according to plan. GySgt. Harrison, who was on Okinawa for last year's party, thought that this one was an even greater success.

Lieutenant Colonel Rufino DeLaCruz, commanding officer, RLIT-26 (Rear), was warmly greeted by the patients and staff at the leprosarium. He made a short speech thanking the Marines under his command for their generosity in contributing to the party and wished everybody a happy holiday.

For the Marines there, who saw the thankful smiles of the adults and the delighted giggles of the children, it was a little more like spending Christmas at home.

For the children at Airaku-en, it was Christmas at home.

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marine of the month (Smith)
Release no. 249-68
By: LCpl M. Gerstenberger

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 24 — Corporal Edmund R. Smith was chosen Okinawa's Marine of the Month for November from among approximately ten contenders.

Cpl. Smith received the honor for outstanding performance of duty while serving as a 2½-ton load cargo driver with Marine Air Control Squadron-8, Regimental Landing Team-26 (Rear), Motor Transport section.

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 responsibilities with an enthusiasm that is very exemplary. Your desire and devotion to duty have given your fellow Marines an outstanding example to follow."

The 20 year-old leatherneck is currently serving with Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB), Motor Transport section.

Brigadier General John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th MAB, presented the award during a ceremony held December 19.

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cg III maf visit
Release No. 250-68
By: Cpl. Herb Sharbel

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, Dec. 30 -- Lieutenant General Robert E. Cushman Jr., Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (MAF), paid a brief visit to this Marine installation Dec. 28, touring the FMFPac transient facility and the Marine Gift Shop.

Arriving at 10:15 a.m. by helicopter, the General was greeted by BGen. John E. Williams, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (MAB). General Cushman was accompanied by the III MAF Sergeant Major.

After a short conference with General Williams, General Cushman departed 9th MAB headquarters for his scheduled tour of the transient facility with a stopover at the Marine Gift Shop.

The commander of all Marines serving in Vietnam then departed Camp Hansen at 11:20 a.m. enroute to Camp Courtney.

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