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

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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) FMFPac ltr dtd 27 April 1967

Encl: (1) Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade Command Chronology

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

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

Command Chronology

1 May 1968 to 31 May 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TF 79

BGen W.C. CHIP
1May68 to 31May68SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company/TG 79.0

Capt E.F. DUNNE
1May68 to 25May68
Maj D.W. WILSON
26May68 to 31May68Communications Support Company
(Rein) TG 79.1Capt C.C. ENTWISTLE
1May68 to 31May68

26th Marines

Col B.F. MEYERS
1May68 to 31May68

RLT-26 (Rear)/TG 79.2

LtCol J. ERWIN
1May68 to 31May68

First Battalion Thirteenth Marines

LtCol J.A. HENNELLY
1May68 to 23May68
LtCol A. NOVAK
24May68 to 31May68

Marine Aircraft Group 15/TG79.3

Col W.C. KELLOGG Jr.
1May68 to 31May68

Special Landing Force Alfa/ TG 79.4

LtCol P.R. FIELDS
1May68 to 2May68
Col A.I. THOMAS
3May68 to 31May68

Special Landing Force Bravo/ TG 79.5

Col W.A. BUTCHER
1May68 to 31May68

Provisional Service Battalion/TG 79.8

Col T.W. BURKE
1May68 to 31May682. LOCATION

1 May to 31 May 1968: Okinawa

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff	Col J.A. ETHERIDGE 1May68 to 31May68
Staff Secretary	Capt H.D. SULLIVAN 1May68 to 31May68
Aide-de-Camp	1stLt J.L. KOLKANA 1May68 to 31May68
Sgt Major	SgtMaj T.H. HUGHES 1May68 to 31May68
G-1	LtCol P.H. SIMPSON 1May68 to 31May68
Adjutant	Capt H.W. HIGGINS 1May68 to 31May68
AG-1	Capt O.M. THOMPSON 1May68 to 8May68
Chaplain (Protestant)	Cdr L.J. MAC DONALD 1May68 to 25May68 Cdr G.W. FULFER 26May68 to 31May68
Chaplain (Catholic)	LCdr J.H. FRATES 1May68 to 31May68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Maj H.S. JOLLEY 1May68 to 31May68
AG-2	Capt W.N. FOWLER 1May68 to 31May68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	Col J.A. CONWAY 1May68 to 31May68
AG-3	LtCol A. NOVAK 1May68 to 20May68 Maj L.A. DES JARDINES 21May68 to 31May68
Air Officer	LtCol W.D. SMITH 1May68 to 31May68
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	Col M.W. SCHMIDT 1May68 to 31May68

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

Silver Star Medal	15
Legion of Merit	2
Distinguished Flying Cross	18
Bronze Star Medal	75
Air Medal	9
Navy Commendation Medal	51
Navy Achievement Medal	21
Purple Heart Medal	345
Certificate of Commendation	2
Letter of Appreciation	1
Meritorious Unit Commendation	1
Treasury Department Highest Award	1

2. FMF organizations not committed to combat.

a. Personnel

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

(2) Special Services

One hundred fifty books (paperback) and a varied number of magazines were boxed and delivered weekly via the 9th MAB courier to the 26th Marines and the two SLFs.

(3) Career Advisory

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

<u>1st Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
30.0	100.0	45.6

(4) Education

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

<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Course Completion</u>
12.0	7.5

(5) Marine Corps Association Membership

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Three Officers and two enlisted personnel performed OJT with the III MAF. Two Officers of the Vietnamese Marine Corps participated in OJT with Brigade units on Okinawa as part of the Military Assistance Program. A total of 62 9th MAB Marines were enrolled in various schools and courses during the month.

The USS RONQUIL, SS 396, provided reconnaissance training for Co A, 5th Reconnaissance Battalion on 15 and 16 May.

LVT embarkation and debarkation training was conducted aboard the USS TERREL COUNTY, LST 1157, on 28 to 30 May.

Planning and liaison for the BLT rehab to be conducted at Subic Bay in June was commenced during this period.

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 Chronologies of subordinate units attached as appendices hereto.

b. Casualties inflicted upon the enemy:

KIA (Conf)	KIA (Prob)	POW
888	47	15

c. Casualties sustained:

KIA	WIA	MIA
103	90	0

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

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LtCol K.M. SCOTT
1May68 to 31May68

Brigade Surgeon

Cdr E.J. SULLIVAN
1May68 to 31May68

Medical Admin Officer

LCdr H.M. GOON
1May68 to 10May68
LCdr J.R. SOLLMAN
11May68 to 31May68

The Comptroller

LtCol P.P. PIRHALLA
1May68 to 31May68

Communications - Electronics Officer

Maj R.D. BLOOMFIELD
1May68 to 27May68
Capt O.L. CAUDILL
27May68 to 31May684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	MAY		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
HqCo (79.0)	57	251	5	6
CommSptCo	7	165	0	2
ProvServBn	23	435	1	10
RLT-26 (Rear)	35	461	7	25
MAG-15	205	1986	7	29
SLF "A"	124	1955	9	91
SLF "B"	110	1776	9	96
Total	561	7029	38	260

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May, 1968, the Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade continued performance of assigned missions. These missions include 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.

The Brigade continued to provide intelligence and friendly situation briefings for Officers and Staff NCO's in transit to RVN. A total of 253 Officers and 198 Staff NCO's were briefed during this period.

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Participation within the Marine Corps Association in the month of May for officers was 54.4%. Staff NCO participation showed 14.7%. Average for both staff and officers was 34.5% as compared to 30.5% in April.

(6) Savings Bonds

Total participation in the Savings Bond Program for the month of May was 76.6.

(7) Legal

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

Legal Assistance Cases Handled:	40
NJP Appeals Reviewed:	1
Summary Courts-Martial Reviewed:	16
Special Courts-Martial (Non-BCD) reviewed:	9
Special Courts-Martial (BCD) reviewed:	0
General Courts-Martial Reviewed:	0
Investigations Reviewed:	11
Offense/Incident Reports:	7
Traffic Violations:	5
Article 32 Investigations:	1
Special Courts-Martial Tried:	7
General Courts-Martial Tried:	1

b. Intelligence

(1) During this period the G-2 section continued development of:

(a) An enlargement of intelligence-information data for the support of possible contingency requirements. In this area, special attention is directed toward southeast Asia and Indonesia.

(b) Weekly Intelligence Summary production.

(c) 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Intelligence Digest to include possible expansion and wider dissemination.

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(d) Daily orientation briefs to RVN bound Officers and Staff NCO's.

(e) Counterintelligence Orientation.

c. Training

(1) During the period 1-31 May 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 of schools, firing ranges and other training areas.

(2) OJT: 3 officers and 2 enlisted performed OJT with III MAF during the month of May.

(3) Schools: The schools and courses utilized by the 9th MAB are listed below.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
NCO Leadership School	28
Vietnamese Language School	4
Registered Publication School	6
Comm/Sec Crypto School	5
Basic Inf Wpns Repair Course	2
16mm Projectionist School	3
Embarkation School	
Officer	3
Enlisted	11

d. Community Relations

(1) RLT-26 (Rear)

(a) Two English Classes were conducted each Saturday by members of RLT-26 at the Americal Cultural Center of Nago.

(b) English Classes at Nago Government Hospital are being conducted by Company A, 5th Medical Battalion.

(c) On 18 May 1968, Armed Forces Day, an "Open House" was conducted, and approximately eighty (80) persons viewed the various displays. Also, a relations meeting was held with the Kushi-Son-Nago-Cho representatives.

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(d) On 31 May 1968, Company A, 5th Engineer Battalion delivered fourteen (14) loads of dirt to Kobe High School in Henoko, using one (1) M-51A2 dump truck and one (1) TL-16 Scoop Loader.

(e) The grading of the Meomori School playground in Ishikawa is still pending. Upon return of the Adams 550 grader, work will commence on this project and can be completed within five (5) days.

(f) Planned projects include the building of a basketball/volleyball court at the American Ryukyuan Cultural Center of Nago.

(2) MACS-8

(a) Functions this month devoted to the organization of English language instructors for school children of the Henoko area in basic and intermediate level English classes. Average class attendance was eighty (80) students. One officer, three enlisted, and one civilian technical representative are involved in the twice weekly English instructions.

(b) On 16 May, 108 children from the Henoko area were guests for entertainment and refreshments.

(c) During the month of May it was noted that the personnel of MACS-8 displayed an enthusiastic willingness to conduct themselves in accordance with the spirit of BrigO 5710.2A.

(3) PSB

(a) Community Improvement. No significant activity reported in this period.

(b) People to People Education. Activities in this area have been a continuation of the English Language assistance classes at Ishikawa High School.

(4) CommSptCo (Rein)

(a) On 22 May, we contributed approximately 200 notepads to "SAIBO YOSH INN" Mission. Notepads were made from scrapp paper and stapled by communication center personnel.

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(b) On 29 May, 10 Marines working at "SAIBO YOSHI INN" Mission painted jungle gyms and erected seesaws. Brushes and turpentine were bought and paid for by the staff and officers of Communication Support Company.

(5) MAG-15 (Rein)

(a) Orphanage Support. There were no visits to orphanages conducted during the month of May 1968.

(b) Japanese/American Cultural Friendship Association. Fifteen Marines conducted classroom sessions in English aboard MCAS Iwakuni and throughout Yamaguchi and Hiroshima prefectures.

e. Communications-Electronics

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

f. Financial

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

(1) BPN 01 - Flight Operations. No additional funds were received during this reporting period.

(a) On 17 May 1968 \$282,200 was withdrawn due to rotation of squadrons between 9th MAB and FMAW.

(2) BPN 08 - Aviation Consolidated Allowance List (Supply Officers' Stores). Funds in the amount of \$4,079 were received in addition to those funds which were previously provided to fund fourth quarter requirements. It is anticipated that no additional funds will be required in this project for the remainder of FY-68.

(3) BPN 09 - General Aviation Collateral Equipment. Additional funding in the amount of \$938 was requested to purchase a Jack, A/C Axle. These funds were provided.

(4) BPN 21 - Aeronautical TAD. Funds in the amount of \$4,800 were received to fund fourth quarter requirements.

(5) BPN 50 - Aviation Maintenance. Fifteen

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thousand of the estimated \$39,000 additional fourth quarter requirements was received during this reporting period.

(6) BPN 11 - Maintenance of Aviation Expend-
itionary Equipment. Funds authorized for this quarter are \$128,195 for a total to date of \$618,839. This increase represents about 70% of this quarter's requirements.

(7) BPN 11 - O&M, MC. Fourth quarter authorization for this project, to date, amounts to \$94,000 for a total of \$639,390. Funding received, to date, is partial funding for the period 1-31 May 1968.

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

(9) Project 10 OpBud Medical and Dental. An increase of \$15,000 for the fourth quarter authorization was received for a total, to date, of \$134,125.

3. Chronological Listing of Events

- 2May68 - CG called on General UNGER with Major General YOUNGDALE, Inspector General of the Marine Corps.
- 2May68 - Coordinated the airlift of VMF (AW)-235 from Cubi Point, P.I. to Iwakuni Japan.
- 8May68 - General CHIP off-island, visiting Japan and COMSEVENTHFLT.
- 9May68 - General CHIP returns to Okinawa.
- 9May68 - Coordinated with FMFPAC (FWD) for the airlift of VMFA-542 from Iwakuni Japan to Danang, RVN.
- 13May68 - General CHIP off-island, visiting RVN.
- 15May68 - General CHIP returns to Okinawa.
- 16May68 - VAdm J.B. SMITH, COMPHIBPAC visiting General CHIP.
- 22May68 - Coordinated with FMFPAC (FWD) for the airlift of detachment alfa MATCU-66 to RVN.
- 26May68 - Brigade G-2 conducted liaison visits with RVN
to located Brigade units.
- 31May68

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUPPORTING
COMMAND AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTSAppendices

A. Command Chronology of Supporting Units

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

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B. ✓ News Releases

- (1) Release Number 82-68
- (2) Release Number 83-68
- (3) Release Number 84-68
- (4) Release Number 85-68
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C. ✓ Training Statistics

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

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17 Jun 68

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

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 - 31 May 1968

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

Encl: (1) Command Chronology Report

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

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By direction

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2 May 68

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

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

Captain E. F. BUNNE Jr
1 - 25 May 1968
Major D. W. WILSON
26 - 31 May 1968

ATTACHED UNITS

1. UNIT

None

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

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
73	353	5	7	1	2

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, FMP, FPO San Francisco 96602

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMP organizations not committed to combat.

A. Personnel.

(1) The T/O for Headquarters and Headquarters Company is 91 officers and 298 enlisted men. Due to units attached and other assigned personnel responsibilities, the average strength of this unit has considerably exceeded the T/O Manning level. The average strength, attached units included, is as follows:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
73	353	5	7	0	0

B. Training

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

<u>RIFLE</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>PISTOL</u>	<u>RIFLE</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>PISTOL</u>
0		0	22		1

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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

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4 June 68

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

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

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

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C.C. ENTWISTLE

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

CAPTAIN C.C. ENTWISTLE
1 May 1968 - 31 May 1968

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
MAY	08	165	00	02

PART II

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

During the month of May this command continued to conduct intensive MOS and GMS training. There was a considerably high turnover rate for the month with 2 Officers and 26 enlisted men being transferred, and with 2 Officers and 31 enlisted men joining the company.

On Friday, 10 May 68, the Commanding General, 9th MAB, held an inspection of the Company barracks and personnel. The inspection was Satisfactory with Minor Discrepancies.

TRC-97 classes were conducted 13-17 May 68 at Camp Schwab for Radio Relay personnel by MACS-8.

A Motor March was conducted to the Motobu Training Area on 21 May 68 for the purpose of presenting GMS Instruction to Company Personnel.

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PART II (CONTD)

During the period 22-27 May Readiness Inspections were conducted by the Commanding Officer to prepare for a full Brigade Inspection prior to 30 June 68.

Personnel from this command participated in the betterment of community relations by volunteering to perform needed repair and paint work on the Awase Orphanage near Koza. The work was performed on 25 May 68.

Four Republic of the Philippine Marine Staff Sergeants arrived to begin operational communication training with this company under the Marine Corps Military Assistance Program (MAP) Training.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

10 May 68	CG, 9th MAB, INSPECTION of the Company
13-17 May 68	TRC-97 Instruction for Radio Relay Personnel
21 May 68	Motor March and GMS Instruction; Motobu Area
22-27 May 68	Readiness Inspections
25 May 68	Working party to Awase Orphanage near Koza
27 May 68	Arrival of 4 Philippine Marine Staff Sergeants

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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

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5750
29 Jun 1968

From: Commanding Officer

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 May to 31 May 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.

T. W. Burke
T. W. BURKE

Prov Service Bn, 9th MAB

May 68

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

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Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

COMMANDER

Col. T. W. BURKE
1 May 68 to 31 May 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

Maj E. L. DICKSON
1 May 68 to 22 May 68

Capt D. L. PARKER
23 May to 31 May 68

Supply Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

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

Maintenance Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Maj R. E. GARRETT
1 May 68 to 26 May 68

Lt L. L. YOUNG
27 May 68 to 31 May 68

Truck Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Lt J. L. WHITWORTH
1 May 68 to 3 May 68

Lt P. W. BELLENI
4 May 68 to 31 May 68

Sub Unit #2
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Maj E. L. DICKSON
22 May to 31 May 68

2. 1 May 68 - 31 May 68, Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

Col. T. W. BURKE
1 May to 31 May 68

Executive Officer

Lt. Col. James F. CONLON
1 May to 31 May 68

S-1 Adjutant

Lt. R. W. FULLER
1 May to 31 May 68

S-2/S-3

Major A. V. ROCHA
1 May to 31 May 68

S-4

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

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Headquarters and Service Co.	14	172	1	9
Supply Co.	5	72		1
Maintenance Company	2	62		
Truck Company	1	58		
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Sub Unit #2	3	56		4

PART II

Narrative Summary

During the period covered by this report normal garrison supply operations in support of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade continued.

L/Cpl WILLIAMS, R. L. of Provisional Service Battalion Personnel Section was selected as the Brigade "Marine of the Month".

Excess material with a total monetary value of \$408.10 was transferred to Ordnance Maintenance Company, Third Force Service Regiment, as stock for use in minor repair work.

On 18 May 1968 an open house was held by this Battalion with static displays of equipment organic to this Battalion.

22 May 1968 the Sub Unit #2 was formed with Major E. L. DICKSON as officer in charge. Augmentation of personnel coming from Third Force Service Regiment.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 7 May 68 L/Cpl WILLIAMS, R. L. of Personnel Section selected as the 9th MAB "Marine of the Month.
- 9 May 68 Material transferred from I.P. 99 to Engineer Maintenance Co., 3rd FSR.
- 18 May 68 Armed Forces Day Open House, with static displays of equipment organic to this Bn.
- 22 May 68 Formation of Sub Unit #2 for movement to Subic Bay Phillipines.

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COUNTER GUERRILLA TRAINING
Release No: 82-68
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Camp Hansen, Okinawa May 6 -- On the morning of May 3, a group of weary but high-spirited Marines marched proudly into a rendezvous area a few miles north of Camp Schwab. They had begun their march earlier that morning at the Northern Training Area of Okinawa, some 15 miles away, where the Marines' Counter Guerilla Warfare School is located.

Their hike was the conclusion of a five-day field exercise involving 68 Marines from "A" Company, 5th Tank Battalion; "A" Company, 5th Anti-Tank Battalion and "A" Company, 5th Engineer Battalion, all units of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's (9th MAB) Regimental Landing Team 26.

The entire field exercise was calculated to help keep a keen edge on the Brigade's overall capacity, in anticipation of the day when it will be called into action somewhere in the Western Pacific.

The operation began early Monday, April 29. Following an introductory talk by the commanding officer of the Counter Guerilla Warfare School, the Marines spent the morning learning the art of "rappelling" down the side of a cliff.

Slowly at first, the men would lower themselves over the edge of the cliff, cautiously descending one step at a time. Soon, however, they had developed and mastered their technique, and anxiously awaited the chance to go over the cliff again.

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The rest of Monday's training was classroom exercises: a class on mantraps and shelters, a class on arm and hand signals and a class on civic action.

Tuesday morning was spent learning about land navigation. It involved instruction in the reading of a military map and the operation and use of a compass. Then the students rehearsed the signals used to direct a helicopter during an aerial resupply operation.

After a midday break the Marines hiked to an outdoor classroom by the edge of a stream. There they watched a number of instructors demonstrate different aspects of "watermanship." The instructors, some of whom were members of the three units participating in the training, showed them various ways to cross a body of water, including how to build a makeshift liferaft capable of transporting both equipment and non-swimmers.

Several of the students were given the chance to try to cross over the water by a single rope that had been stretched across the stream. All of the students except the very last man made it across. Rather reluctantly, this man ended up swimming part of the way.

A class on combat first aid was also given Tuesday afternoon. It was made more realistic for the Marines by the use of simulated casualties that were specific examples of different types of wounds incurred in combat.

Instruction in jungle protection -- how to survive by making the elements of the jungle work for you -- was given, as was a class on the makeup of a guerilla base camp.

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Tuesday night the Marines had a chance to put to use the knowledge they had absorbed from the first two days of their training. A jungle orientation movement, scheduled from 7 p.m. until midnight, was in actuality a night compass march, with the Marines broken down into squad size units led by the sergeants from among their own ranks. Movement was difficult because of the almost complete absence of moonlight. Nevertheless, each squad completed the march successfully.

Wednesday the entire day was devoted to classes. Included were classes on immediate action, Viet Cong tactics, ambushes, patrolling, the platoon patrol base, cave clearing and village search techniques.

Thursday, the Marines' last full day of training, was spent learning demolitions. Following an extensive class in the morning, 20 of the men were given the chance to set up and then detonate their own individual charges. The balance of the group set to work on a separate project: a series of charges that all exploded in sequence without a flaw when detonated.

Although application of the demolition training had taken the remainder of the day, that night the Marine students found themselves in the field once again, divided into six reconnaissance patrols. Two areas had been set up and were to be patrolled by the staff members of the units being trained.

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Three of the patrols were sent to scout each area, attempting to remain undetected before returning to their base camp with the information they had gathered.

Early Friday morning the Marines broke camp and at 7 a.m. began the long walk back. Setting a forced march pace at the outset, they maintained that pace for the next three and a half hours before a halt was finally called. Only then was the field exercise considered completed.

The Marines, each with the self-satisfied feeling of having done a job and done it well, returned to their barracks at Camp Hansen.

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Bowling League
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CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, May 7 - Camp Schwab's Wednesday Night Handicap Bowling League concluded May 4 with trophies being presented to the season's high bowlers and teams at a bowling banquet at the Camp Schwab Surf Side Club.

The high individual scratch game went to Tim Cooper who bowls for the Yanks. High average and high individual scratch series went to Clarence Myers bowling for MACS-8. Myers had an average of 177. The high individual handicap game went to David Harwood who bowls for the Tractor Rats. Robert Acher, bowling for the Rebels, took the high individual handicap series.

The Rebels finished in first place while the Toss-Tigers captured second. Both teams were given trophies for their season's performance. Major O.L. Myers, executive officer of RIF*26 (rear), made the trophy presentations.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

<u>TEAM POSITION</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>
1. Rebels	32	12
2. Toss-Tigers	29	15
3. Gutter Guys	26	18
4. Crusaders	24	20
5. Dead-End Boys	22	22
6. MACS-8	21	23
7. Gearbusters	18	26
8. Tractor Rats	18	26
9. Yanks	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. Dunda Birds	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$

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A RELATIVE REMEMBERED -- Airman First Class Robert A. Southcomb, a native of Rockville, Md., visits Camp Schwab, a Marine Corps station on Okinawa. A1C Southcomb, presently stationed on the island, is the second cousin of Marine PFC Albert E. Schwab, the Medal of Honor winner for whom the camp was named. PFC Schwab was posthumously awarded the nation's highest combat decoration for his actions on May 7, 1945, on Okinawa, when he singlehandedly knocked out two machinegun nests before being fatally wounded.

(USMC Photo by Cpl. F.O. Robb)

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MERITORIOUS MAST
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Cpl. Thomas F. Ebel was presented a Meritorious Mast May 8 by Col. T. W. Burke, commander of Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, for his outstanding performance during the past five months with the S-2/S-3 Section.

Cpl. Ebel was cited for his "outstanding initiative and perseverance at seeing any given task through to its successful conclusion has contributed considerably to the support of this Battalion..." Cpl. Ebel has always been the first person called on to do a job because of his "thoroughness and willingness" to get the job done and done right.

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SAFE DRIVING AWARDS
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CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, May 11 — Two Marines from 9th MAB Headquarters Company Motor Transport were presented Safe Driving Awards during ceremonies held Tuesday at Headquarters Company.

Corporals Burley Y.C. Holder and Ernest J. Boren were awarded their citations for having driven 10,000 miles without having had either an accident or a moving violation charged against them.

First Lieutenant J.G. Prillaman, Jr., motor transport officer and executive officer of Headquarters Company, presented them with their citations.

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PEOPLE TO PEOPLE IN KUSHI
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CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, May 13 -- Five enlisted men of "A" Company, 5th Engineer Battalion were presented plaques and framed citations by the mayor of Kushi during a ceremony held at Camp Schwab on May 8.

The awards were presented as a token of appreciation for the work done by the five Marines from March 13 to April 25 in clearing an area of land for the citizens of Kushi to use as a corral for livestock.

Also honored at the ceremony were Lieutenant Colonel Jack Erwin, commanding officer of Regimental Landing Team 26, and First Lieutenant L.D. Kane, commanding officer of the 5th Engineers.

Staff Sergeant J. Williams, Sergeant F. Jones, and Lance Corporals R.C. Hoffman, R.K. Dixon and R.T. Schroeder were the five Marines of RLTF 26's 5th Engineers who worked on the land as part of the People to People program on Okinawa. Their personal citations thanked them for their efforts in employing heavy equipment and applying their engineering skills to the land that had been given to the people of Kushi by Yoshito Kiyuna, president of the Yukari Industry Company.

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Hoichi Matsunaga, the mayor of Kushi, made an introductory speech before presenting the awards. He expressed his own gratitude and that of the people of Kushi, saying that the corral project will benefit all of the citizens of his city.

LtCol. Erwin, when accepting the award as commanding officer of RLT 26, was quick to pass on all the credit to his men. "These are the people who did the real work," he said.

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MIHARA SCHOOL
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA, May 13—More than one-hundred dollars worth of athletic equipment was presented to the students of Mihara School, Mihara, Kushi-son, May 10, by the Marines of Camp Schwab as part of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB) Community Relations program there.

The Marines, made aware of the shortage of athletic equipment at the school through the mayor of Kushi-son, Mr. Matsunaga Hoichi, at a community meeting, took up a collection to purchase the equipment.

LtCol. Jack Erwin, Camp Schwab commander, 1st Lt. J.J. Lacey, personnel officer, BLT-26 (rear), and MSgt. E.A. Calabani, the community relations coordinator at Camp Schwab, made the presentation on behalf of the Camp Schwab Marines. They were greeted on arriving at the school by Mr. Matsuda Yashitaro, the principal.

Some of the athletic equipment included: baseball equipment for an entire team, footballs, basketballs, volleyballs and several games.

At the conclusion of the presentation a young Okinawan student who represented the school's student body thanked the Marines for their gifts. He said the students are very grateful to the Marines.

LtCol. Erwin concluded by saying, "We hope that in this small way the Marines of Camp Schwab can help in building strong bodies as well as a strong lasting friendship between the Marines of Camp Schwab and their Okinawan neighbors."

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AMPHIBIOUS BEACH LANDING
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CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA, May 13 - At 0530, May 7, 1968, the USS Whitfield County (LST 1169), was poised silently off the coast of Tsugen Jima, a tiny island of the Ryukyuan Island chain.

It was almost dawn. There was rain pounding on the deck and it was foggy. The wind made the 68 degree temperature seem colder. It was a south-south east wind blowing at 10 to 18 knots, making the usually-calm waters of Buckner Bay choppy and hard to navigate.

On deck this dreary morning, Marines and Navy men gathered after morning chow to observe the outline of the small island about 4000 meters off the ship's bow. Minutes later the island's beaches became shrouded as increasing rain and fog made visibility nearly impossible from any distance.

At 0545, the PA system aboard ship crackled, "Man your battle stations". Unhesitatingly and deliberately, as if some Hollywood director had given the cue for action, each man moved himself into position for what was to take place - - an amphibious beach landing.

Below, in the ship's spacious interior, more than 50 Marines prepared eleven armored personnel carriers (LVT's) for launch. The Leatherneck's represented "A" Company, 5th Antrac Battalion, a unit

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AMPHIBIOUS BEACH LANDING

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of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade's (9th MAB) Regimental Landing Team 26, located at Camp Schwab.

At 0610, the steel bow doors of the LST yawned and the span of ramp dipped into the water like a giant tongue. Now-1000 meters from the beach, the first amphibian tractor rumbled down the ramp and momentarily sank from sight into the water. A moment later, with its 810 horse power, V-12, Continental engine roaring laboriously, the armored craft reappeared on the surface as it approached a predesignated rendezvous area. The rendezvous area was a point at which all tractors assembled prior to "jump off" - movement to the beach.

In a "follow the leader" fashion, the remainder of the amphibious tractors negotiated the ramp and plummeted into the water making the rendezvous circle larger.

With all tractors out, the circle broke and the two lines of LVT's came abreast and churned toward the beach.

The ship's bridge maintained control of the tractor movements through a radar system much the same as the system used during the World War II amphibious assault landings. By use of the radar system and communications with the guide boats escorting the tractors, the LST was able to coordinate the timing of the beach landing.

At 0637 the bridge reported "touch down" of wave one. Three minutes later it indicated that wave two had hit the beach.

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Having established a beach head, inspected the tractors, and regrouped, the assault vehicles reversed their course and returned to the Whitfield County, "mission completed".

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MEALS AWARDED
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, May 21 - Major Martin E. Salter, Jr. was presented the Silver Star Medal and Lieutenant Colonel Parks H. Simpson was presented the Bronze Star Medal in ceremonies at Brigade Headquarters last Thursday. Making the presentations was Brigadier General William C. Chip, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade commander.

Major Salter, Commanding Officer of Sub-Unit #1, HEMS-15, was awarded the Silver Star Medal for his actions while serving as a pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 363, Marine Air Group 16, 1st Marine Air Wing in Vietnam.

On the afternoon of December 21, Major Salter set out with the helicopter he commanded on the first of six emergency medical evacuation missions. The first landing zone was under heavy fire and surrounded by 150-foot high trees. Major Salter successfully maneuvered his helicopter and evacuated two seriously injured men. Enroute to the nearest medical facility, he evacuated a wounded Vietnamese soldier.

Having completed that mission, Major Salter embarked on another to evacuate six wounded Marines. Upon arriving at the area, "he skillfully maneuvered his helicopter between three hills with his rotor blades dangerously close to the surrounding terrain." At takeoff, Major Salter carefully avoided obstacles on the ground and through "skillfully utilizing ground cushion whenever possible, successfully accomplished a translational lift out of the hazardous area and departed for the nearest medical facility."

Upon completion of a fourth mission, he was directed to another zone to evacuate three more injured men. Despite intense enemy fire directed at his helicopter, he landed and "steadfastly remained exposed to heavy enemy fire until the casualties were aboard his aircraft." As he left the area, the aircraft was struck by heavy enemy automatic weapons fire which caused an

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explosion and fire that severely damaged his helicopter. Deciding to attempt an emergency landing on a sandbar, he quickly briefed his crew on procedures for evacuating the wounded. Upon landing, he helped the crew off-load the wounded, ensured that all weapons were removed and organized a defensive perimeter.

When they had been evacuated to the Marble Mountain Air Facility, Major Salter obtained another helicopter and embarked on a night emergency medical evacuation of five casualties from a company engaged in heavy fighting. The heavy enemy fire forced him to abort his first attempt, so he extracted two men from an adjacent area and returned under cover of supporting fire from gunships and evacuated the casualties, guided in by a single strobe light after he had extinguished his external lights. Again he braved heavy enemy fire and remained in the zone until all five men had been rescued.

"Due largely to his determined and courageous actions, he was instrumental in saving numerous Marine lives and inspired all those who served him."

LtCol. Simpson, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, 9th MAB, received the Bronze Star Medal for his actions while serving as Executive Officer of Special Landing Force "A" during the period 28 September 1967 to 24 March 1968.

LtCol Simpson's "arduous work and tireless energy" were expanded in planning and coordination of four major amphibious operations: Bastion Hill, Ballistic Arch, Ballistic Armor and Fortress Attack I, as well as related in-country operations. He contributed "most significantly" to the successful accomplishment of the SLF's mission.

He worked tirelessly to maintain "excellent smooth-working relationships" with key personnel on the staff of the Task Group, the ships within the Task Group, the embarked Battalion Landing Team and the assigned Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron. His execution of this coordination was in "an extremely efficient manner, thus permitting the Commanding Officer of Task Group 79.4 to devote his attention to operational matters."

On a number of occasions, LtCol Simpson effected personal liaison with the commands in-country to ensure the maximum support and performance of the SLF in the execution of its mission. His timely actions ensured a continuous flow of supplies and ammunition to the units, and his effective utilization of supporting helicopters "assisted and expedited the rapid evacuation of battle-field casualties.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, May 21 - LCpl Ronald Lee Williams was chosen as the 9th MAB Marine of the Month Wednesday for his outstanding work with Personnel Office, Provisional Service Battalion, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

The Marine of the Month board convened Wed. and chose LCpl Williams from Brigade-wide nominations.

LCpl Williams was chosen because of the "drive and desire with which he attacks all tasks assigned" and his "high degree of professional ability."

In February 1967 LCpl Williams enlisted in the Marine Corps and underwent his basic training at the Marine Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. From recruit training he went to the 1st Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

On August 15, 1967 LCpl Williams reported to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division in Vietnam. During his 6 month tour he was assigned as point man for Platoon, Company, and Battalion operations. He also served as a fire team leader and squad radio operator. He performed in this capacity until returning to Okinawa in January 1968.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS IN KIN
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CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, May 22 — Robert Frost once wrote a poem called "Mending Wall," in which he proceeded to tear apart the old New England philosophy, "Good fences make good neighbors."

In all due respect to the great poet, good fences can, at least sometimes, make good neighbors, as was proved by the Marines at Camp Hansen on May 14 when they helped the children of Kin, the village outside their gates.

On that day the 702 students of Kin Junior High School were surprised to see a Marine Corps truck drive up to their school and unload a chainlink fence at the entrance.

The Marines at Camp Hansen had donated the fence to the school for seventh, eighth and ninth graders as part of the Ryukyuan-American Community Relations program.

The purpose of the fence is to provide an enclosure for the students' playing field. They've been losing too many baseballs down in a ravine at one end of the field.

It was not established how so many baseballs end up in the ravine. Either Kin has a heavy hitter or their shortstop needs more work.

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RLT-26 awards
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CAMP SCHWAB, Okinawa, May 27- - Two Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V"'s, a Purple Heart Medal and a Meritorious Mast were awarded to three Marines of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB) during ceremonies May 23 at Camp Schwab.

LtCol. Jack Erwin, RLT-26 (rear) and Camp Schwab commander, made the presentations to Cpl. Richard L. Todd, LCpl. Woodrow Wilson Doss, Jr. and Sgt. Howard R. Koenig, all of Headquarters Company, RLT-26, during a company formation.

Cpl. Todd was awarded both the Navy Commendation with Combat "V" and Purple Heart Medal for operations against insurgent communist forces in the RVN and for wounds received during that operation, respectively. The Purple Heart Medal was Cpl. Todd's second. His citation reads, in part, "Observing a wounded Marine, he ignored his painful injury and skillfully administered first aid to his comrade.

"Upon arrival of medical evacuation helicopters, he steadfastly refused evacuation and assisted in the moving of wounded men to the landing zone."

LCpl. Doss was also presented the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V". The medal was presented for operations against communist forces in RVN.

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LCpl. Doss's citation reads, in part, "...the North Vietnamese soldiers penetrated the Marine lines and under cover of darkness, attempted to exploit their success. When his section was directed to launch a counter attack, LCpl. Doss (then a PFC) unhesitatingly maneuvered through the intense hostile fire and exploding grenades and courageously attacked the hostile position.

"Disregarding his own safety and repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire, he delivered a heavy volume of accurate fire upon the North Vietnamese inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and forcing them to flee in panic and confusion."

Sgt. Howard R. Koenig, the administrative chief of RLT 26 (rear), was awarded a meritorious mast for the "noteworthy and creditable manner" in which he performed his duties.

Sgt. Koenig's citation reads, in part, "By your initiative and untiring efforts you have substantially reduced the voluminous administrative processing of replacements to an efficient, smooth operation. This has significantly contributed to the successful accomplishment of this command's mission."

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gen. chip's vietnam tour
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, May 28 - Brigadier General William C. Chip, Commanding General of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB), praised Brigade Leathernecks during a recent three-day tour in the Republic of Vietnam.

It marked the fifth visit for the 48 year old one star general since taking command of the 9th MAB four months ago.

Accompanying the General on the tour were: Colonel S.A. Conway, 9th MAB, assistant Chief of Staff, G-3; SgtMaj. T.H. Hughes, Brigade SgtMaj.; and Captains H.D. Sullivan and D.M. Repp, Brigade Staff Secretary and Informational Services Officer, respectively.

On arriving at Da Nang Air Base, his first stop, the General met with III Marine Amphibious Force (III MAF) commanders which included LtGen. R.E. Cushman, Jr., Commanding General, III MAF, and BrigGen. J.E. Glick, III MAF, assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, who commanded the 9th MAB prior to Gen. Chip. Talks with these commanders, said the General, "proved very informative to me as to the headway that has been made there since my last visit."

From Da Nang the General and his party boarded a C-130 Hercules aircraft for Dang Ha to confer with MajGen. R. McC. Tompkins, Commanding

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General, 3rd Marine Division.

Taking a Marine helicopter to the amphibious assault ships USS Iwo Jima and Valley Forge the General met with Colonels A.I. Thomas and W.A. Butcher, Commanding Officers of Special Landing Forces (SLF's), 'Alpha' and 'Bravo', respectively. He also visited wounded Leathernecks of Battalion Landing Team (BLT) 2/4 aboard the Iwo.

Returning 'in country' the General visited with Marines of BLT's 3/1 at Cau Lu and 2/4 positioned along the Cua Viet River. While with 2/4 he attended a briefing of unit operations and presented combat decorations to four of its members.

After a short stop over with 'Kilo' Battery, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines, commanded by Capt. P.M. Burton at Camp J.J. Carrol, the General moved on to Quang Tri headquarters of the 3rd Marine Division (rear). There he met with Colonel B.F. Meyers, new Commanding Officer of the 26th Marines and LtCol. J.A. Hennelly, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines commander.

Departing South Vietnam the General landed at Marine Corps Air Facility, Futema and took a helicopter back to 9th MAB headquarters at Camp Hansen.

Commenting later, the General pointed out that "the morale of the 9th MAB units in the RVN is fantastic and a credit to their commanders". He also added that "we (the 9th MAB Marines on Okinawa) should take pride in our Brigade's accomplishments in South Vietnam. By supporting them with 'hard work' here, we can lighten their burdens," the General concluded, "... "back them".

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promotions
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, May 23--Forty-eight Marines were promoted May 23 at Provisional Service Battalion (PSB), 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, by Colonel T. W. Burke, PSB commander. Of these, forty-three were promoted to lance corporal and five to corporal.

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new brigade chaplain
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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, May 31 -- Commander George W. Fulfer, OHC, USN, became the new 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Chaplain on May 27, replacing Commander Leo J. McDonald, OHC, USN, who has served as the Brigade Chaplain for the past 13 months.

Both chaplains are Southern Baptists.

Chaplain Fulfer, a veteran of World War II and Korea, is the holder of two Distinguished Flying Crosses, six Air Medals and the Purple Heart Medal. He came to Camp Hansen after serving a tour of duty at the Naval Air Station, Oceana, Virginia.

Chaplain McDonald, a former enlisted Marine and veteran of World War II and Vietnam, will leave here for a tour of duty at the Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Florida.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, May 31 -- Commander George W. Fulfer, OMC, USN, became the new 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Chaplain on May 27, replacing Commander Leo J. McDonald, OMC, USN, who has served as the Brigade Chaplain for the past 13 months.

Both chaplains are Southern Baptists.

Chaplain Fulfer, a veteran of World War II and Korea, is the holder of two Distinguished Flying Crosses, six Air Medals and the Purple Heart Medal. He came to Camp Hansen after serving a tour of duty at the Naval Air Station, Oceana, Virginia.

Chaplain McDonald, a former enlisted Marine and veteran of World War II and Vietnam, will leave here for a tour of duty at the Naval Air Station, Cecil Field, Florida.

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CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa, May 29--Servicemen of the month from each of the four major Armed Forces on the island were guests of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB) at Camp Hansen May 28.

After being greeted and congratulated by Brigade Commander, Brigadier General William C. Chip, the four men were conducted on an extensive tour of the Marine Corps training areas.

The Marine Corps was represented by Lance Corporal Robert Williams, Provisional Service Battalion, Camp Hansen; Petty Officer 1 Antonio Vesquez, named outstanding sailor of the month is assigned to the Naval Air Facility at Naha Air Base. The outstanding soldier award went to Specialist 4 Douglas McCready, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Sukiran, and the Air Force chose Airman First Class David Donovan, 824th Civil Engineer Squadron, to represent their branch of service.

First stop on the tour after leaving the general's office was the combat pistol range. Each of the men fired the course and turned in creditable scores.

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After the pistol range the men moved to the known distance rifle course where they punched some holes in the targets with the M-16.

Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade Sergeant Major T.H. Hughes hosted the men for lunch and took them on a short tour of the Camp Hansen area.

The afternoon opened with a helicopter ride to the Camp Schwab Amphibious Training Area, and a wet trip to a ship harbor aboard an LVT (Landing Vehicle, Tracked).

Another helicopter lift from Camp Schwab delivered the men to the Marine's Northern Training Area where they were briefed on the operation of the Counter Guerilla Warfare School. A tour of the training area in the rugged hills was followed by the display of weapons captured from Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers.

From the Northern Training Area the four men were taken to their parent units by helicopter, bringing to a close a full and interesting day with the Marines.

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