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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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 to 31 January 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Major R. C. HAGERTY

ATTACHED UNITS

1. UNIT

1st Marine Air Wing Band (1-31 Jan 1968)

2. LOCATION - 1 to 31 Jan 1968, Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. OFFICERS - Commanding Officer R. C. HAGERTY

4. AVERAGE JANUARY 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> |
| 89 | 456 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 39 |

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. This unit's activities for the period covered by this report were those of Administrative and training support for the members assigned and attached to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company of 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF, FPO San Francisco 96602.

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF organizations not committed to combat.

A. Personnel.

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

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | | <u>OTHERS</u> | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 92 | 495 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 |

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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 | 11 | | 0 |

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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Encl: (1) Communication Support Company Command Chronology

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2. This letter becomes unclassified upon detachment of Enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 January 1968 to 31 January 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

Major R. C. KELLEY JR.

1 January 1968 - 31 January 1968

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | USMC | | USN | |
|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|
| | OFF | ENL | OFF | ENL |
| JAN | 08 | 184 | 00 | 02 |

PART II

NARRATIVE STATEMENT

During the month of January this command conducted intensive MOS training and required GMS training in order to maintain a state of combat readiness despite the continued high rate of personnel turnover. During January the command transferred 15 enlisted personnel while joining 15 enlisted personnel and transferring 2 officers.

A foot march to the field was conducted on 10 and 12 January for Port and Starboard sections respectively. GMS training, including the basic Marine rifleman, was conducted on the one day exercise.

Make-up General Military Proficiency Testing was conducted 18, 20 and 22 January.

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A company communication exercise was conducted 23-25 Jan 68 to increase efficiency of communication personnel in Command Post communication installation. The exercise included Radio Relay sites at Camp Schwab, Hansen Training Area #2 and Camp Hansen which was tied in the company switchboard and MAG-line through the Camp Hansen switchboard. A Comm Center was positioned at Hansen Area #2 and traffic was sent from the field site to the Camp Hansen Comm Center. The Radio Platoon established three drill nets.

Cross training in voice radio procedure was conducted for Radio Relay personnel and a special class was presented to all company personnel on field message book procedure during the week of 15-19 Jan.

A second foot march was conducted on 31 Jan and 2 Feb 68 with GMS training in the field.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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|--------------------|--|
| 10 & 12 Jan 68 | Foot march with GMS training in the field |
| 18, 20 & 22 Jan 68 | Make-up General Military Proficiency Testing |
| 15-19 Jan 68 | Cross training conducted for Radio Relay Platoon |
| 23-25 Jan 68 | Company communication exercise |
| 31 Jan & 2 Feb | Foot march with GMS training in the field |

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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Operation BADGER CATCH commenced on 23 January with the landing of BLT 3/1 by helicopters and landing craft in Quang Tri Province, RVN. On 26 January OPCON for BLT 3/1 less 1st Plt Co "A", 1st MT Bn, Clearing Plt Co "C" 1st Med Bn and Dental Co 9th MAB, LSU passed to CG III MAF, who passed OPCON to CG 3rd MarDiv who passed OPCON to 1st Amtrac Bn. On 31 January the BLT was still engaged in Operation BADGER CATCH.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF organizations committed to combat and the SLF.

a. Combat missions assigned: SLF/TG 79.4 conducted REHAB/TRNG at Subic Bay R.P. from 6-15 January. On 23 January BLT 2/4 was landed and Operation BALLISTIC ARMOR/FORTRESS ATTACK was commenced, continuing through the remainder of the month. SLF/TG 79.5 conducted REHAB at Danang from 3-10 January. On 23 January, BLT 3/1 was landed to participate in Operation BADGER CATCH which continued through the end of the month.

b. Casualties inflicted upon the enemy:

KIA (Conf)

6

KIA (Prob)

7

c. Casualties sustained:

KIA

2

WIA*

13

d. A detailed analysis of new techniques employed, command relations, equipment, logistics, civic action, administration, personnel, intelligence, communications, fire support, air support, and weather for Operations BALLISTIC ARMOR/NEOSHO II can be found in the After Action Report appended to the SLF 79.4 Command Chronology.

e. A detailed analysis of new techniques employed, command relations, equipment, logistics, civic action, administration, personnel, intelligence, communications, fire support, air support, and weather for Operation BADGER CATCH/SALINE can be found in the After Action Reports appended to the Command Chronology of SLF 79.5.

*Casualty figures for BLT 3/1 are not presently available. These figures will be forwarded upon receipt for inclusion in the Command Chronology.

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2. FMF organizations not committed to combat.

a. Personnel

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

(2) The following awards were presented/recommended for presentation during the month of January.

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Silver Star Medal | 5 |
| Legion of Merit | 1 |
| Distinguished Flying Cross | 1 |
| Bronze Star Medal | 14 |
| Air Medal | 172 |
| Navy Commendation Medal | 28 |
| Navy Achievement Medal | 9 |
| Certificate of Commendation | 1 |
| Letter of Appreciation | 6 |
| Purple Heart Medal | 119 |

(3) Special Services

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

(4) Career Advisory

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

| <u>1st Term</u> | <u>Career</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 22.9% | 81.2% | 37.5% |

(5) Education

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

| <u>Enrollment,</u> | <u>Course Completion</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 15.1% | 9.4% |

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The 26th Marines continued to execute Operation SCOTLAND during the month of January. On 17 January, the Second Battalion, 26th Marines (2/26) arrived and was placed under the operational control of the 26th Marines, thus bringing the entire Regiment together for the first time since its arrival in Vietnam. The operation, which began on 1 November 1967, saw enemy sightings and contacts increased slightly during the first two weeks of the month, and emphasis was shifted from harassing and reconnaissance activities to probes. Reconnaissance teams consistently made sightings or saw indications of heavy enemy activity, and contact was made frequently. Each sighting or contact added to an evolving pattern which indicated that the enemy was increasingly interested in the defensive posture of Hills 950, 881S, 861, the Combined Action Company, the District Headquarters at Khe Sanh Village, and the Combat Base itself.

Operational control of BLT 2/4 was passed from CG III MAF to CTG 79 at 020600H Jan68, and OPCON of BLT 2/4 was passed from CTF 79 to CTG 79.4 at the same time. Embarkation of BLT 2/4 was completed at 040810H Jan68, and all ARG/SLF ALFA ships departed RVN for Subic Bay, R.P. on 6 January. Vehicles and personnel were debarked, and a ten day REHAB/TRNG period commenced immediately. On 13 Jan, CG III MAF requested ARG/SLF ALFA return to I CTZ waters as soon as possible. On 14 Jan, Colonel B.F. MEYERS relieved Colonel J.A. CONWAY in an informal ceremony, and all ARG/SLF ships were underway for RVN by 15 January. At 152318Z, COMSEVENTHFLT issued the initiating directive for Operation BALLISTIC ARMOR. The USS IWO JIMA, with TG 79.4 embarked, arrived in the I CTZ waters on the evening of 16 January. During the Vietnamese New Year Celebration (TET), ARG/SLF 79.4 was prepared to reinforce any one of a number of possible areas of employment in the event of an NVA/VC attack. On 22 January, CG III MAF requested ARG/SLF ALFA to land BLT 2/4 at Camp Evans in Thua Thien Province in order to provide security for the Camp and to commence Operation BALLISTIC ARMOR. CLF reported that BLT 2/4 (-) was firmly established ashore at 231130H. On 24 January, the SLF was reconstituted, and Operation FORTRESS ATTACK commenced at 270930H with the BLT's landing in the 9th Marines' area of operation. The ARG/SLF remained in support of operations ashore during the remainder of the month of January.

ARG/SLF Bravo underwent a REHAB period at Danang, RVN from 3 - 10 January 1968. On 10 January 1968 HMM-262 was rotated in-country to the First MAW. On the same date HMM-165 embarked aboard ARG BRAVO shipping to become the SLF squadron. From 11 - 23 January the ARG/SLF maintained a 24 hour reaction status for operations in I CTZ, RVN.

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(6) Marine Corps Association Membership

Participation within the Marine Corps Association in the month of January for officers was 73.0%. Staff NCO participation showed 35.4%. Average for both staff and officers was 53.1% as compared to 47.7% in December.

(7) Savings Bonds

Total participation in the Savings Bond Program for the month of January was 75.9%.

(8) Legal

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

| | |
|--|----|
| Legal Assistance cases handled: | 54 |
| NJP appeals reviewed: | 2 |
| Summary Courts-Martial reviewed: | 3 |
| Special Courts-Martial (Non-BCD) reviewed: | 6 |
| General Courts-Martial reviewed: | 0 |
| Special Courts-Martial (BCD) reviewed: | 0 |
| Investigations reviewed: | 27 |
| Offense/Incident Reports: | 17 |
| Traffic Violations: | 10 |

b. Intelligence

(1) During this period, this section conducted daily intelligence briefings for officers and staff NCO's in transit to RVN. A total of 188 officers and 22 staff NCO's were briefed.

(2) The G-2 section also continued to conduct its monthly intelligence briefings for the officers of Camp Butler. A total of 43 officers were briefed during the reporting period.

(3) The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 participated in a planning conference in RVN with CTF 76/79 on 30 and 31 January 1968.

(4) Projects which required continued attention in their development during the reporting period are as follows:

(a) Special Intelligence studies.

(b) The up-dating of contingency intelligence plans and studies.

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(c) Rapid Intelligence Incident Reporting System utilizing data processing assets within this Command.

(5) The section conducted two different informational lectures on "Why Vietnam" for the enlisted personnel of Camp Butler.

c. Training

(1) During the period 1-31 January 1968, Headquarters, 9th MAB continued its role of providing training support to units of the 9th MAB. This support includes the scheduling of school firing ranges, and other training requirements not available to units from within their own resources.

(2) OJT: Three officers and two enlisted Marines of 9th MAB performed OJT with III MAF during the month of January in the following fields: MASS 3, FLC/1st FSR, III MAF, 3rd Tank Battalion.

(3) Schools. The schools and courses attended by personnel of the 9th MAB are included in Appendix C.

d. Logistics

Significant tasks undertaken by the G-4 and the G-4 cognizant staff sections are as follows:

(1) The most significant coordinated program under the auspices of the G-4 during the month of January was the highly successful rehabilitation of BLT 2/4. A substantial number of major items of equipment were exchanged to include ordnance, engineer, electronics, motor transport, and general supply. In addition, certain major modifications were completed such as the installation of the AN/VRC-71 Radio Set in five (5) Ontos. A great deal of effort was displayed by the supply, ordnance, and embarkation sections under the cognizance of the G-4 in the support of the program.

(2) From 3 to 6 January, LtCol JOHNSON was at Subic Bay as an advisor to the BLT 2/4 rehabilitation. Upon his return, the staff was directed to prepare a study to determine the optimum cycle for future rehabilitation at Subic Bay from the 3rd FSR and 9th MAB standpoint.

(3) Colonel BUTCHER, ACofS, G-4, conducted a liaison trip to FMFPac in order to brief cognizant personnel on the recent BLT 3/1 rehabilitation at Subic Bay, to discuss the staff study on the rehab program, and to effect liaison with respect to Operation FORMER CHAMP.

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(4) The ordnance section rendered assistance to the 9th MAB Units on various occasions during the reporting period, especially with reference to the inspection of weapons.

(5) The Brigade Embarkation Section coordinated the shipment of personnel and cargo, both surface and air, in conjunction with the rehab of BLT 2/4 at Subic Bay. The section was also instrumental in effecting the surface offload of ACB-1 and in the subsequent airlift of the unit to RVN. The Embarkation Officer accompanied the Assistant G-4 to the Seventh Fleet Scheduling Conference at John Hay Air Base, R.P.

(6) The Brigade Surgeon's office accomplished all normal administrative functions for Navy personnel of the 9th MAB. During the month, the Brigade received thirty-five hospital corpsman, most of whom were transferred to Company "A", 5th Medical Battalion, Camp Schwab. Six corpsman were reassigned to BAS, BLT 3/1 as replacements for casualties sustained during January 1968. The remaining corpsmen are to be used as replacements for units of the 9th MAB or as directed by EPDOPAC. Eight officers were detached and seven officers joined. The Brigade Surgeon, Capt R.M. MORGAN, USN, was detached on 17 January for duty at the USNH Oakland, California.

e. Embarkation

(1) In support of the Rehab of BLT 2/4, the Embark Office coordinated with PSB the movement of necessary supplies and equipment to and from Subic Bay.

(2) This section coordinated the air shipment to Subic Bay of training ammo for BLT 2/4 and VMA 223 with FMFPAC (FWD) and VMGR-152.

(3) The loading and unloading of LFORM continued to require the coordination and close supervision of this section.

f. Community Relations

(1) MACS-6

(a) Twice weekly English language classes were conducted for 45 Okinawan students and 90 children from Ginoza.

(b) During the month of January, the entire Henoko Village school house was repainted and all sanitation problems were rectified.

(2) RLT-26 (Rear)

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(a) Eight English Classes were conducted during the reporting period at the American Cultural Center in Nago.

(b) On 30 January, two pieces of unserviceable canvas were donated to the Leper Colony on Yagaji Island.

(3) PSB

(a) On 9 January, Truck Company provided a wrecker for the Kin Village fire truck and brought it to Camp Hansen for repairs.

(b) Personnel from PSB continued to conduct English Language classes for Ishikawa, Afuso, Ohna, and Okuma Schools.

(4) Hq Co

(a) Repairs commenced on the Kin Village fire engine on 9 January. An estimate of repair time required will run until late February.

(b) A nine man working party was provided to assist the Brigade Civil Affairs Officer in the distribution of Project HANDCLASP materials at the Leprosarium on Yagaji Island.

(5) MAG-15

(a) Relations were established with the Shin Sei Gakuen Orphanage in Hiroshima, resulting in three visits and the expenditure of over 180 man-hours. Projects included painting window trim, cutting fire wood, and constructing a small recreation/storage building.

(b) Over 70 man-hours were expended in ground-clearing at the Tsuda Orphanage.

(c) During a visit to the Ako Bono Ryo Orphanage, drainage ditches were cleared of materials that were obstructing proper flow.

(d) Thirty-five hours of English Language instruction was given during the reporting period by personnel from MAG-15.

g. Communications-Electronics

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

h. Financial

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

(1) BPN 01 - Flight Operations. Third quarter funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 were received. This grant is partial funding and funds were distributed to 9th MAB aviation units in a ratio where all units should run out of funds approximately 15 March. A request for additional funds is due CG FMFPAC not later than 5 March 1968.

(2) BPN 08 - Aviation Consolidated Allowance List (Supply Officers' Stores). Funds received to date for this project are \$169,134 which appears adequate for the first three quarters of the fiscal year.

(3) BPN 09 - General Aviation Collateral Equipment. This project has been funded at 100 percent of requirements to date.

(4) BPN 21 - Aeronautical TAD. Estimated third quarter requirements are \$31,394. Total funds received this quarter are \$28,000. A request for additional funds is due CG FMFPAC not later than 20 Feb 1968.

(5) BPN 50 - Aviation Maintenance. Partial funding received to date is \$70,000. A request for additional funds is due CG FMFPAC on 5 March 1968.

(6) BPN 11 - Maintenance of Aviation Expeditionary Equipment. Funds authorized for this quarter are \$168,209 for a total to date of \$486,892. This funding appears at present to be adequate but CG FMFPAC requests reassessment in early March.

(7) BPN 11 - OM&MC. Third quarter authorization for this project amounts to \$148,820 for a total to date of \$535,390. Principal areas underfunded were Program Codes "D" (Emergency Leave) \$10,000, "C" (TAD) \$8,000 and "M" \$30,000.

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(8) BPN 11 - OM&MC OpBud. Third quarter authorization was \$2,463,000 for a total of \$5,655,000.

(9) Project 10 OpBud Medical and Dental. Third quarter authorization was \$29,400 for a total year to date of \$89,600. Adequacy of these funds is still under review since Vietnam based units requirements for care of the sick and Medcap have not been funded previous to the second quarter.

3. Chronological Listing of Events

- 2JAN68 - CTG 79.4 received OPCON of BLT 2/4 from CG III MAF and passed OPCON of BLT 1/3 to CG III MAF (Annex 7).
- 10JAN68 - HMM-262 (ARG/SLF BRAVO) was rotated in-country and replaced by HMM-165 (Annex 8).
- 13JAN68 - ARG/SLF ALFA was directed to return to RVN for employment in the 3rd MARDIV area of operations (Annex 7).
- 14JAN68 - Col B.F. MEYERS relieved Col J.A. CONWAY as CTG 79.4 (Annex 7).
- 15JAN68 - CMC briefed by 9th MAB.
- 18JAN68 - Gen GLICK departed Okinawa to assume duties as ADC 3rd MARDIV.
- 20JAN68 - Gen CHIP arrived to assume duties as CG, 9th MAB.
- 22JAN68 - ARG/SLF ALFA commenced Operation BALLISTIC ARMOR (Annex 7).
- 23JAN -
31JAN68 - SLF BRAVO participated in OPERATION BADGER CATCH (Annex 8).
- 26JAN68 - Re-embarked BLT 2/4 (Annex 7).
- 27JAN68 - ARG/SLF ALFA commenced Operation FORTRESS ATTACK (Annex 7).
- 28JAN68 - CG, 9th MAB off island; visits 9th MAB units in RVN.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUPPORTING
COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Appendices

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, TG 79.2, Command Chronology
 - (4) RLT-26 (Rear), TG 79.2, Command Chronology
 - (5) 1st Bn, 13th Marine, Command Chronology
 - (6) MAG-15, TG 79.3, Command Chronology
 - (7) SLP/TG 79.4, Command Chronology
 - (8) SLP/TG 79.5, Command Chronology
 - (9) ProvServBn, TG 79.8, Command Chronology
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B. News Releases

- (1) Release No. 1-68
- (2) Release No. 4-68
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- (4) Release No. 8-68
- (5) Release No. 9-68
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- (13) Release No. 17-68

C. Training Statistics

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By direction

14g Co, 9th MAB

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SILVER STAR MEDAL
 Release No: 4-68
 D_v: LCpl Joseph O. Paraley

Additional Information
 Major J.L. Karshner
 Phone: 4310

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Camp Hansen Okinawa, Jan. 16 - Marine Corporal Gary E. Gruerman was awarded the Silver Star Medal in ceremonies conducted recently by Brigadier General Jacob E. Glick, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade commander, at Camp Schwab.

Corporal Gruerman, of Company "C", 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, received the medal for his actions while attached to Company "B", 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam. Cpl. Gruerman was at the time a member of a 9 man reconnaissance patrol "operating deep in Viet Cong controlled territory in the Phu Bai area" the citation read.

When the patrol came under ambush from an enemy force of approximately 30 men, Cpl. Gruerman and his team reacted quickly and "launched a bold assault on the enemy to their front. In a seemingly impossible advance, he and his companions maneuvered across 200 meters of fire-swept terrain, continually exposed to heavy enemy automatic weapons fire.

"Firing his weapon with extreme accuracy and shouting words of encouragement to his companions, Cpl. Gruerman continued forward until he overran the enemy position. As he reached the top of the hill and came face to face with a Viet Cong soldier, his weapon jammed. Without hesitation, he dropped his weapon and advanced with only his knife which was shot out of his hand by the enemy.

"Undaunted, Cpl. Gruerman was preparing to physically engage the enemy when

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one of his fellow Marines came to his assistance and killed the Viet Cong.

"Recovering his weapon, Cpl. Guerman rejoined his companions and directed fire on the other enemy positions, forcing the numerically superior enemy to flee in panic and confusion."

Cpl. Guerman was also awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds he sustained in that action.

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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade FMF
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Lt. Col. T. W. BURKE
1 Jan 68 - 31 Jan 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

Major E. L. DICKSON
1 Jan 68 - 31 Jan 68

Supply Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major J. M. WINBERG
1 Jan 68 - 31 Jan 68

Maintenance Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major D. W. WILSON
1 Jan 68 - 31 Jan 68

Truck Company
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Capt. A. S. EVERISS
1 Jan 68 - 31 Jan 68

Sub Unit #1
Provisional Service Battalion
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

Major W. H. METSCHER
1 Jan 68 - 31 Jan 68

2. 1 Jan - 31 Jan 1968, Camp Hansen, Okinawa

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Commanding Officer

Lt. Col. T. W. BURKE
1 Jan - 31 Jan 1968

Executive Officer

Lt. Col. J. F. CONLON
1 Jan - 31 Jan 1968

S-1 Adjutant

Lt. R. W. FULLER
1 Jan - 31 Jan 1968

S-2/S-3

Major A. V. ROCHA
1 Jan - 31 Jan 1968

S-4

Major P. R. STINGLEY
1 Jan - 31 Jan 1968

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 Company | 18 | 235 | 1 | 9 |
| Supply Company | 9 | 217 | 0 | 1 |
| Maintenance Company | 9 | 213 | 0 | 0 |
| Truck Company | 4 | 79 | 0 | 0 |
| Sub Unit #1 | <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
| | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
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Part II

Narrative Summary

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

In addition this Battalion commenced the initial phases of formulating plans for an up coming Battalion field problem to be held at Kin Blue Beach on March 6-7-8 1968.

A demonstration was held for the Japanese Self Defense Forces by Units of this Battalion consisting of Aerial Delivery performance, the setting up of a tactical fuel dispensing system and Static displays organic to this Battalion with resumes given by appropriate sections. Also in attendance was the Chief of Staff of 9th MAB.

The rehabilitation project of BLT 2/4 was completed in a ten day period. In all 2170 end items were received, of this 2169 were repaired with a percentage of 99.95%. This does not include the repair of M-16 rifles, magazines, cleaner, rod and 45 caliber pistols with magazines. Message R 181133 Jan 68 of congratulation received from CTG-79.4 for a job well done by the Sub Unit at Subic Bay. Elements of Sub Unit #1 were returned in increments with the final portion of personnel returned on 31 January 1968 bringing the Sub Unit to a zero personnel basis. Sub Unit was again revisited by Brigadier General J. E. GLICK, CG 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade with highly favorable comments.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 Jan - 14 Jan 1968: CG, 9th MAB, BrigGen. J. E. GLICK visited Sub Unit #1 Subic Bay Phillipines.
- 1 Jan - 31 Jan 1968: Increments of Sub Unit #1 returning to Okinawa from Subic Bay Phillipines, with last increment returning on 31 Jan 1968.
- 16 - 30 Jan 1968: 782 Gear was issued to all Companies of this Battalion where it will be issued and maintained on Company levels.
- 14 Jan 1968: Second rehabilitation project completed by Sub Unit #1 on BLT 2/4. In all 2170 items received and 2169 of these items repaired.
- 18 Jan 1968: New Supply Operations Procedures published by the Organic Supply Section.
- 25 Jan 1968: Riot Control training held by this Battalion.



Colonel James A. Etheridge (left), Chief of Staff, 9th MAB, displays the citation and the Joint Service Commendation Medal he has just received from Brigadier General Jacob E. Glick, 9th MAB commander.

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

Command Chronology

1 January 1968 to 31 January 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

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| 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TF 79 | BGen J.E. GLICK 1Jan68 to 18Jan68 BGen W.C. CHIP 20Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

| | |
|--|---|
| Headquarters Company/TG 79.0 | Maj R.C. HAGERTY 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Communications Support Company (Rein) TG 79.1 | Maj R.C. KELLEY JR. 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| RLT-26 | Col D.E. LOWNDS 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| 26th Marines (Fwd) | Col D.E. LOWNDS 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| RLT-26 (Minus) (Rear)/TG 79.2 | LtCol R.D. ALEXANDER 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| First Battalion Thirteenth Marines | LtCol J.A. HENNLEY 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Marine Aircraft Group 15/TG 79.3 | Col W.C. KELLOGG JR. 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Special Landing Force Alfa/TG 79.4 | Col J.A. CONWAY 1Jan68 to 14Jan68 Col B.F. MEYERS 14Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Special Landing Force Bravo/TG 79.5 | Col M.W. SCHMIDT 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Provisional Service Battalion/TG 79.8 | LtCol T.W. BURKE 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |

2. LOCATION

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| 1 January 1968 to 31 January 1968: | Okinawa |
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3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Chief of Staff | Col J.A. ETHERIDGE 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Staff Secretary | Capt P.M. BURTON 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Aide-de-Camp | 2Lt W.O.P. SNEAD III 1Jan68 to 18Jan68 2Lt W.R. PAINTER 20Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Sgt Major | SgtMaj T.H. HUGHES 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| G-1 | LtCol G.H. BENSKIN 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Adjutant | Capt G.H. HIGGINS 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| AG-1 | Capt O.M. THOMPSON 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| PerO | Maj. R.G. LEIDICH 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| APerO | 1Lt D.H. STEPHENS 1Jan68 to 24Jan68 1Lt J.E. GOODINE 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 1Lt J.M. WOODS 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Civil Affairs Officer | Capt R.J. SEXTON II 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| S&C Officer | 1Lt R.J. MARIZ 1Jan68 to 25Jan68 1Lt T.L. PRICE 26Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Registered Pub Officer | 2Lt W.R. PAINTER 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Legal Officer | Capt C.B. COX 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |

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| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 | Maj J.V. KNAPP 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| AG-2 | Maj H.S. JOLLEY 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Combat Intelligence Officer | Capt B.J. BORCHELT 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 1Lt J.F. AUDERER III 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 1Lt M. TOMA 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Special Security Officer | Maj H.S. JOLLEY 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 | LtCol B.F. MEYERS 1Jan68 to 14Jan68 Col J.A. CONWAY 14Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| AG-3 | LtCol A. NOVAK 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Operations Officer | LtCol L.C. WITT 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Assistant Operations Officer | LtCol D.J. QUICK 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Plans Officer | Maj R.T. MAC PHERSON 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Training Officer | Maj R.W. COCHRAN 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Air Officer | LtCol J.H. REINHART 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Assistant Air Officer | Capt T. TAFOYA 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Assistant Plans Officer | None |
| Artillery Officer | Capt G.D. BERGER 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| NBC Officer | Capt J.A. MURRAY 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |

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| Naval Gunfire Officer | LCdr J.R. LOMAX 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 | Col W.A. BUTCHER 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Assistant G-4 | LtCol P.R. FIELDS 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Assistant G-4 (AVN) | LtCol J.H. WAGNER 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Logistics Officer | LtCol J.A. COMO 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 Maj W.T. COOK 1Jan68 to 29Jan68 Maj J.J. O'BRIEN 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 Capt N.J. LADUCA ← 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 Capt W.J. FLEMING 30Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Aviation Logistics Officer | Maj R.G. BUSTOS 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Embarkation Officer | Maj J.R. CATON 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Supply Officer | LtCol W.R. JOHNSON 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Assistant Supply Officer | Maj I.C. HILL 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Ordnance Officer | Maj W.L. LANG 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Aviation Ordnance Officer | None |
| Motor Transport Officer | Maj W.L. SNYDER 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| Brigade Surgeon | Capt E.M. MORGAN 1Jan68 to 17Jan68 |
| Medical Admin Officer | LCdr H.M. GOON 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |
| The Comptroller | LtCol P.P. PIRHALLA 1Jan68 to 31Jan68 |

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Budget Officer

CWO-4 P.H. HEAHY
1Jan68 to 31Jan68

Communications - Electronics Officer

LtCol R.M. STEWART
1Jan68 to 31Jan68

Assistant Comm Electronics Officer

Maj W.B. LUDWICK
1Jan68 to 31Jan68
Maj R.D. BLOOMFIELD
1Jan68 to 31Jan68

Brigade Informational Services Officer

Capt J.L. KERSHNER
1Jan68 to 22Jan68
Capt D.M. REPP
23Jan68 to 31Jan68

Brigade Chaplain

Cdr L.L. MC DONALD
1Jan68 to 31Jan684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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| | <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
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| | Off | Enl | Off | Enl |
| Hq. Co. (79.0) | 89 | 461 | 5 | 7 |
| Comm Spt Co | 8 | 196 | 0 | 12 |
| Prov Serv Bn | 42 | 765 | 1 | 10 |
| RLT-26 (Rear) | 37 | 600 | 8 | 80 |
| MAG-15 | 253 | 2117 | 7 | 31 |
| SLF "A" | 120 | 1858 | 9 | 89 |
| SLF "B" | 123 | 1796 | 9 | 89 |
| Total | <u>672</u> | <u>7793</u> | <u>39</u> | <u>308</u> |

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of January, the 9th MAB continued to perform the assigned missions of intra-theater rotation of selected ground and aviation units, the rehabilitation of equipment, the replacement of personnel, training of rotating squadrons, and contingency planning as the Fleet Marine Force component of the SEVENTH FLEET.

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JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL
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 By: LCpl Joseph O. Parmley

Additional Information
 Major J. L. Kershner
 Phone: 4310

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Camp Hansen, Okinawa Jan. 2 - Marine Colonel James A. Etheridge, Chief of Staff, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB), received the Joint Service Commendation Medal recently for services while Chief, Military Assistance Program Training Branch, Hawaii.

Colonel Etheridge was presented the medal during ceremonies conducted in the office of Brigadier General Jacob E. Glick, 9th MAB commander.

The citation praised Col. Etheridge for his "outstanding managerial abilities and unusual enthusiasm in the pursuit of his manifold responsibilities." His overall contributions to the success of the program were exemplified by his "successful efforts in emphasizing management training courses, increased utilization of career courses, and the use of military resources to influence youthful elements in foreign societies...."

"Also considered among his significant contributions" were a "Civic Action training program, the informational program, and improvement of the English Language Training Program."

"In the prosecution of these many programs, he spent long hours in travel and conference. Notwithstanding this, he never neglected his duties as the Chief of a branch."

The citation was signed by Admiral U. S. G. Sharp, Commander in Chief Pacific.

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Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Jan. 15 - General Leonard F. Chapman Jr., ¹⁵⁰
24th Commandant of the Marine Corps arrived here today to tour base facilities and attend a 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade briefing at the Brigade headquarters.

Included in the Commandants party were Major General Keith B. ^Mc-Gutcheon, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air, Headquarters, Marine Corps, Major General John G. Bruker, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific (Forward); and Sergeant Major H. J. Sweet, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.

Brigadier General Jacob E. Glick, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, was host for a luncheon held at the Camp Hansen Officer's Club.

Other stops included in General Chapman's tour were the Transient Facilities located at Camp Hansen and the 3rd Force Service Regiment Ordnance and Engineer Facilities.

Following his Camp Hansen tour the Commandant departed for a press conference with civilian press media at the Fatema Marine Corps Air Facility.

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Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Jan. 14 - General Leonard F. Chapman, Jr., 150
24th Commandant of the Marine Corps, arrived here at noon today for
a traditional luncheon with Staff Non-commissioned Officers at the
Camp Hansen SNCO Club.

Sergeant Major T. H. Hughes, Sergeant Major, 9th Marine Amphibious
Brigade, was the host for the luncheon attended by more than 200
Staff NCOs.

General Chapman, in briefly discussing his recently completed five-
day visit to Vietnam, stated that the "overall condition of the Marine
Forces there is good and the overall condition of the Marine Corps in
general is excellent."

Describing the role of Okinawa-based Marines, he continued by saying
"The Staff NCOs here can take pride in the excellent support given to
our fighting men." He also gave a special tribute to the Women Marines
on Okinawa and lauded the fine job they are doing.

General Chapman also discussed general policies of the Corps as to
MOS structure, schools and the turn-around tours from the U.S. to WestPac.

Concluding his address, he re-iterated his policy as Commandant: "I
repeat what I said in a message sent to all Marine Corps units upon
accepting the post January 1: 'continue to march'. Our stride in the
past has been excellent."

General Chapman departed Camp Hansen by helicopter for a birds-eye
view of the Northern Training Area and various camps. His next stop on the
three-day visit of Okinawa will be 3rd Force Service Regiment, Camp Foster.

Release numbers five (5) and six (6) were called in by this office to the Camp Butler ISO for their release. This was during the Commandant's visit to Okinawa.

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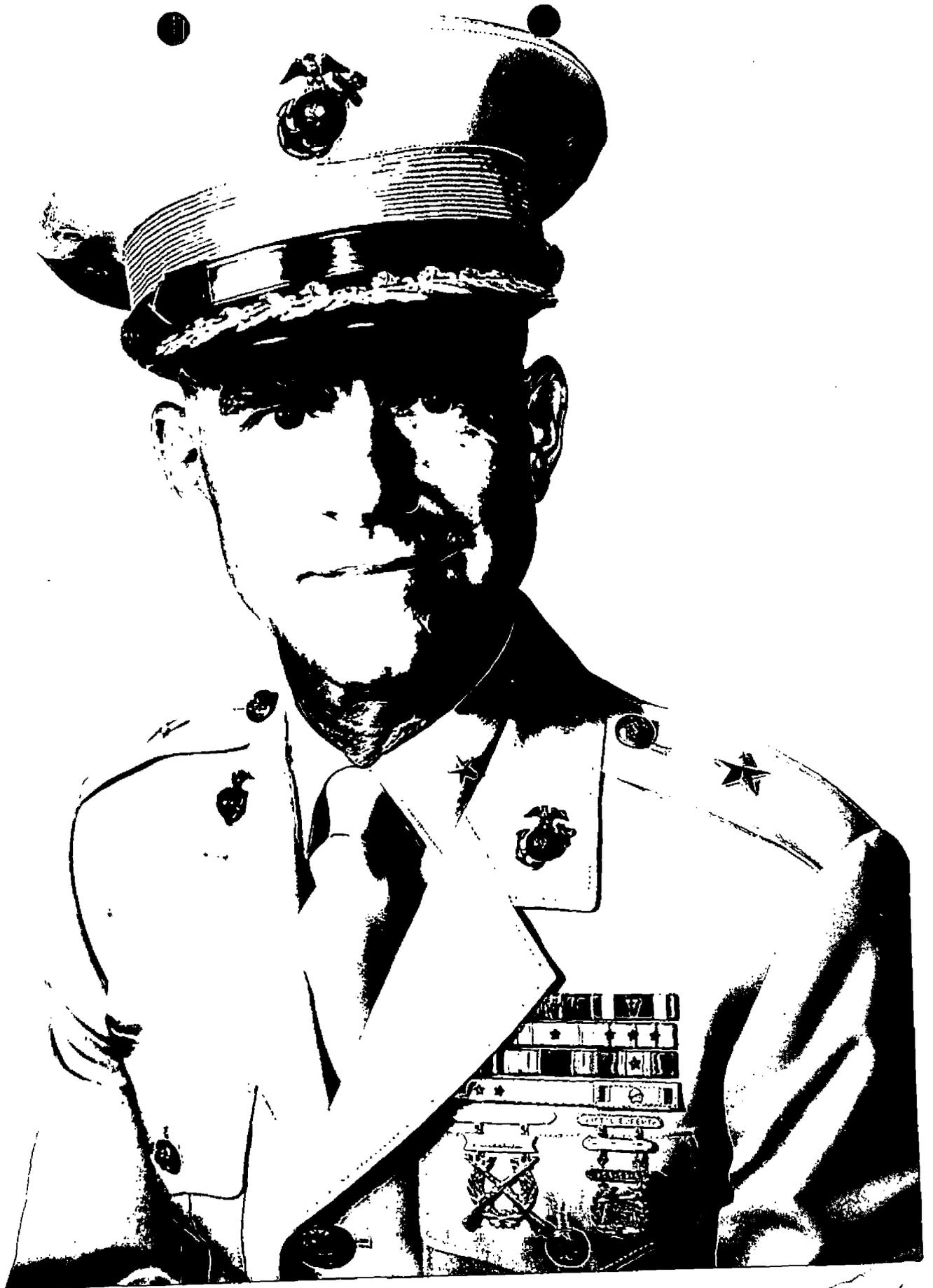
Additional Information
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Jan. 18 - Marine Brigadier General Jacob E. Glick Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade on Okinawa has been re-assigned to the Third Marine Amphibious Force in the Republic of Vietnam.

General Glick assumed command of the 9th MAB in May 1967 after serving on the staff of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Va.

A new commander for the Brigade will be named in the near future.



CHANGE OF COMMAND
 Release No: 8-68
 By: LCol J. O. Parmley

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Camp Hansen Okinawa, Jan. 22- Brigadier General William C. Chip assumed command of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade on Okinawa at formal ceremonies here today. He is the fourth commanding general since its activation in early 1966.

The former commander, BrigGen Jacob E. Glick, has been reassigned to the Third Marine Amphibious Force in the Republic of Vietnam.

General Chip entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1938 after attending one year at Duquesne University. Upon graduation from the Academy, he received a B.S. degree and was commissioned a U.S. Marine Corps second lieutenant.

After completing the Artillery Course at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. in August 1942, Lieutenant Chip sailed for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he served as a battery officer with the 13th Defense Battalion.

Later, after a brief tour in the U.S., he became commander of the Marine Detachment on the USS HONOLULU in May 1944, and took part in the bombardment of Saipan, Guam, Peleliu, and Leyte. Returning to the U.S. in early 1946, he served briefly with the Division of Reserve at Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

Two years after his promotion to captain in June 1946, he was named Assistant Inspector-Instructor, 16th Infantry Battalion, USMCR, Indianapolis, Ind. This was followed by duty as I&I, "C" Company, 16th Infantry Battalion, in Evansville, Ind.

In June 1949, he joined Marine Corps Schools as an instructor, serving in this capacity almost three years. While there, he was promoted to major.

The 1st Replacement Battalion, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, Camp Pendleton, was the major's next assignment and he sailed shortly thereafter for duty in

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Korea. He served as S-3 officer and later as Battalion Executive Officer of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. Major Chip was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Navy Commendation Medal, both with combat "V" for service in Korea.

Returning to the U.S. in July 1953, he attended the Junior Course at Quantico completing the course the following June. He was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps where he served as Head, Individual Training Unit, G-3 Division from August 1954 until June 1957. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in December 1954.

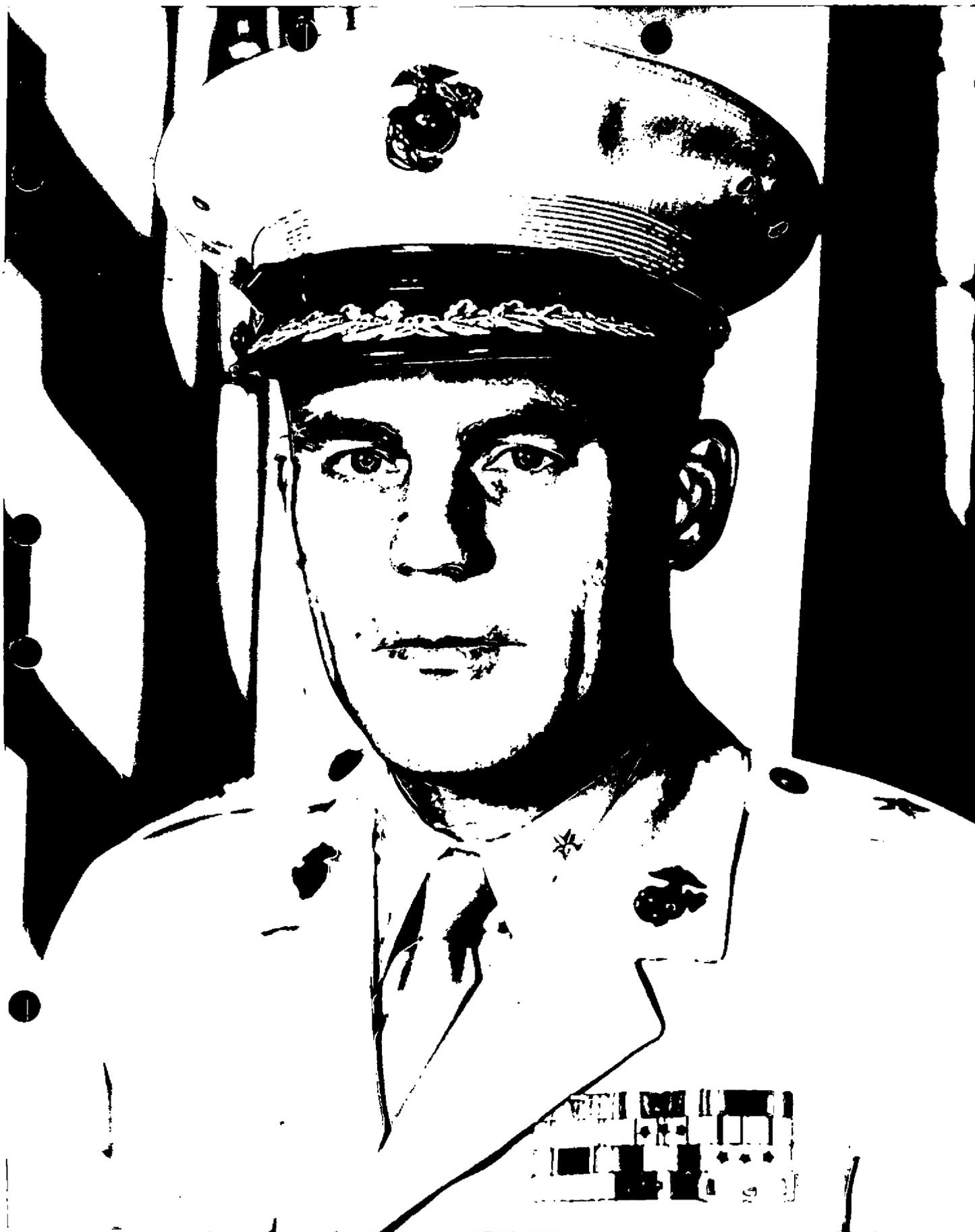
In July 1957 he reported to Camp Pendleton where he served as Commanding Officer, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division. In January 1959 Lieutenant Colonel Chip assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines-- the battalion designated to be the first unit to effect the Unit Transplacement Program between the 1st and 3d Marine Division.

Returning to the U.S. in June 1960, he became Assistant for Marine Expeditionary Force Operations, Ground Combat Section, Marine Corps Landing Force Development Center, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico. He served in this capacity until August 1962, then attended the Senior School there, graduating in June 1963.

He was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps and promoted to the rank of colonel. He served as Aide/Special Assistant for Marine Corps Matters to the Under Secretary of the Navy. In July 1965, he became Chief of Plans Branch on the staff of the Commander, Striking and Support Forces, Southern Europe.

Upon advancement to brigadier general in September 1967 he assumed duties as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Headquarters Marine Corps, a post he held prior to his assignment as Commanding General 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade.

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HANDCLASP

Release No: 9-68

By: LCpl. David A. Przybylski

Additional Information

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Phone: 4310

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Jan. 25-Handclasp is both an organization and an idea and as an idea it can find expression through individuals in many ways. The only prerequisite is a genuine concern for humanity.

It was this concern which prompted three 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Marines, Lance Corporals Leonard Rice (Canoga Park, Calif.), Deacon Flick (Eau Claire, Wis.) and Gordon Klemp (Springfield, Mass.), to come up with the idea of taking three children out of children's homes each weekend to entertain them for a day.

This is one expression of the handclasp idea, and it's a good idea because, as LCpl. Klemp said, "When they bring the children in you start to wonder whether they understand what you are trying to do for them, but when the child you asked for comes up and takes your hand and looks into your eyes you know that she understands just what's going on and she's glad to see that someone does care what happens to her."

There are as many ways of expressing Handclasp as there are people, and the experience can be most gratifying.

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DEMONSTRATIONS
Release No: 10-68
By: LCpl. Wayne Schwendner

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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Phone: 4310

Camp Hansen, Okinawa, January 24— Seventy-nine cadets and officers of the Japanese Air Self Defense Force (JASDF), under the command of LtGen. Fusakaichi Fueda, Commandant of the JASDF Officer Candidate School, viewed a demonstration of Marine air, ground, amphibious and supply capabilities yesterday afternoon at the Camp Hansen Athletic Field.

The JASDF men watched as Marines of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade staged demonstrations of aerial deliveries of supplies and men, tactics of the Marine rifle squad, amphibious delivery, and bulk fuel delivery. All of the exhibitions were carried out under simulated combat conditions.

The display was part of a military orientation tour for the JASDF group of United States military facilities on Okinawa. On January 22, 209 men of the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force, under the command of LtGen.

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Masayasu Kozuma, also viewed the Camp Hansen demonstration.

In addition to the realistic displays of tactics and modern Marine equipment, the JASDF cadets and officers heard a series of informative lectures on the various aspects of the program. Through the use of an interpreter, the Marine officer in charge of each segment of the demonstration gave an explanatory speech along with the visual presentation.

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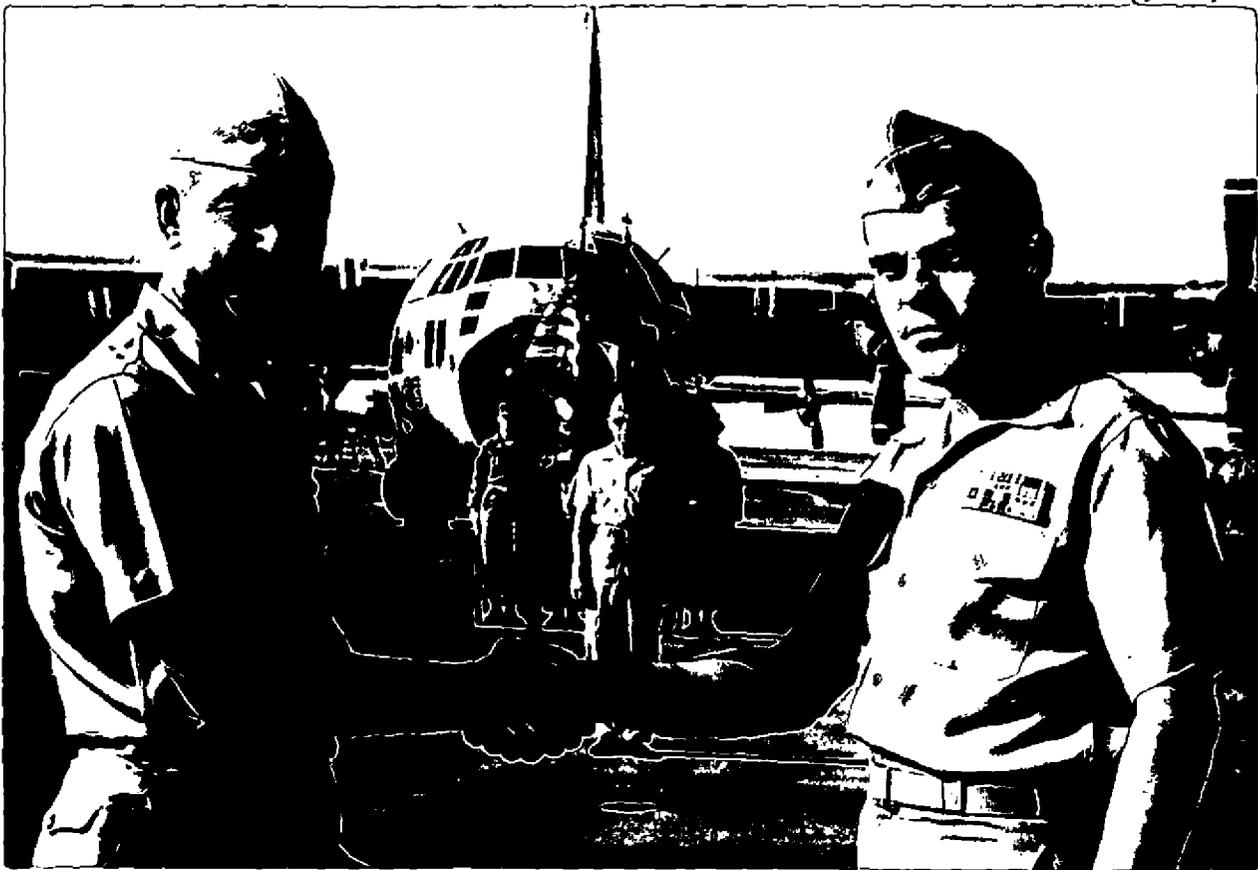
EXPLANATION--BrigGen. William C. Chip (r), Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, explains the construction of the M-16 rifle to LtGen. Masayasu Kozuma (2nd right), Commandant of the Officer Candidate School, Japanese Ground Self Defense Force, as Mr. Kazuya Hasogawa, an interpreter, examines the combat gear of Marine Sgt. Robert O'Bannon. (Official Marine Corps Photo by SSgt. M.A. Jones---PLEASE CREDIT)

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By SSgt Maxwell A Jones USMC

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VMF-152 Commendation
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 By: Sgt W. P. Vanzina Jr

Additional information
 Major J. L. Hornsman
 Photo: 4310

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COMMENTARY - Lieutenant Colonel R. H. Williams, left, Commanding
 Officer, Marine Aerial Refueler/Transport Squadron 152 is congratulated
 by Brigadier General William G. Ship, Commanding General, 9th Marine
 Amphibious Brigade upon receiving a Navy Unit Commendation on behalf
 of the squadron. The commendation was for "exceptionally meritorious
 conduct" in support of Operation Hastings in the Republic of Vietnam
 during the summer of 1966. (Photo by: Sgt R. A. Jones)

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UNITY SERVICES
 Release No: 12-68
 By: LCpl David A. Przybylski

Additional Information
 MAJOR J. L. KERSHNER
 Phone 4310

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAMP HANSEN, OKINAWA, Jan. 27 - The Camp Hansen West Chapel was the site of a week-long prayer services for the purpose of unity of Christ's Church.

Chaplains and lay leaders of various church organizations conducted services January 18 through 25 for Christian unity.

Army Major Howark W. Fritz, of the Presbyterian Church was the first of a long list of clergy to hold services throughout the week. On Jan. 19 Air Force Captain Lester G. Felder, Congregationalist Church held prayer services.

Clifton W. Jenkins, Servicemen's District President, Church of the Latter Day Saints, presided over the prayer services on Jan. 20. Following Mr. Jenkins, was Navy Lieutenant Charles T. Kelly, Catholic Chaplain at Camp Hansen.

Christian Science Chaplain Air Force Captain Robert J. Doughtie held services Jan. 22 and Army Colonel Richard R. Bell, Lutheran Church offered prayer services for church unity on Jan. 23.

Navy Chaplain Arthur W. Wingo, Lutheran Church, delivered a Christian Unity message to military personnel at the West Chapel Jan. 25 to "reach a real understanding of brethren who are joined by faith in Christ."

On Jan. 25 The Right Reverend Edmund Lee Browning, Episcopal Bishop of Okinawa concluded the week of Unity Services.



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SPEAKING ON CHRISTIAN UNITY-The Right Reverend Edmund Lee Browning, Episcopal Bishop of Okinawa concluded the week-long prayer services for the unity of Christ's Church at the Camp Hansen West Chapel Jan. 25.

BRONZE STAR
Release No: 13-68
By: LCpl. Wayne Schwendner

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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Phone: 4310

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Camp Hansen, Okinawa, January 27—Major Joseph J. O'Brien, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB), Logistics Section, was presented with a gold star in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal by Brigadier General William C. Chip, 9th MAB Commanding General, in ceremonies at Brigade Headquarters on Wednesday afternoon.

The award citation, signed by Fleet Marine Force Pacific Commanding General, Lieutenant General Victor H. Krulak, praised Major O'Brien "...for heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam while serving as Operations Officer of the Second Battalion, Third Marines, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade."

On Sept. 15, 1967, the battalion was ordered to launch an amphibious assault in the Gio Linh District of Quang Tri Province after a helicopter attack had been cancelled.

Major O'Brien, then a captain, had to completely revise the attack and landing plans for the operation. His citation states that he "...exhibited exceptional professional ability and resourcefulness," in completely finishing the new plans in less than 48 hours.

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After monsoon weather had scattered the landing force during the initial assault and forced elements of the battalion to land on different beaches, Major O'Brien took charge of the unit organization and deployed elements to successfully maintain momentum during the attack.

Throughout the seven-day operation, Major O'Brien skillfully deployed the units within his battalion to overrun positions of North Vietnamese troops and cut off avenues of hostile escape.

"Due largely to his outstanding tactical skill and bold initiative," the citation reads, "his unit was instrumental in routing the hostile force, killing eighty-nine North Vietnamese and capturing numerous weapons and tons of equipment and supplies."

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BRONZE STAR AWARD—Major Joseph J. O'Brien (l), a member of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Logistics Section, is congratulated by BrigGen. William C. Chip, 9th MAB Commanding General, after receiving a gold star in lieu of a second Bronze Star medal in ceremonies at Brigade Headquarters on January 24th. (Official Marine Corps Photo by SSgt. Maxwell A. Jones)

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NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
 Release No: 14-68
 By: LCpl. Wayne Schwendner

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Camp Hansen, Okinawa, January 29--Corporal Conrad T. Stevens, Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, was presented the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" by Major R.C. Hagerty, Headquarters Company Commander, in ceremonies Jan. 26th.

Corporal Stevens was cited for displaying "...exceptional technical skill, initiative, and a comprehensive knowledge of communications procedures and techniques," while serving as a radioman with Task Group 79.4 during operations in the Republic of Vietnam from Oct. 11 to 29, 1967.

The citation, signed by Lieutenant General Victor H. Krulak, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, states that Cpl. Stevens "...worked with seemingly tireless energy as a member of a liaison team to maintain and operate the numerous items of equipment needed to provide communications between his unit and a battalion landing team during Operations Bastion, Hill, Fremont, Medina, Liberty III and Granite."

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NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
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Because of his knowledge of communications procedures, vital messages were relayed with efficiency and speed. During the series of operations, Cpl. Stevens relayed seventeen medical evacuation requests, resulting in the rapid evacuation and treatment of 51 wounded Marines.

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Camp Hansen, Okinawa, January 29—Eight members of the Provisional Service Battalion (PSB) Data Processing Platoon were awarded certificates Jan. 26 by Lieutenant Colonel T.W. Burke, PSB Commanding Officer, for completing two IBM computer courses.

The men (l-r) Sgt. Gary A. Baird, SSgt. John J. Suppy Jr., Cpl. Michael Lloyd Brittain, Sgt. Gerald T. Sims, Cpl. Duane G. Barnett, Sgt. William A. Muos, LCpl. Walter L. Gronski Jr., and Cpl. John A. Meeker, completed three-week courses in Basic Computer Systems and the 1401 Autocoder. (Official Marine Corps Photo by SSgt. Maxwell A. Jones)



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Camp Hansen, Okinawa, January 29---A blood drive here Friday netted 129 pints of whole blood for the use of servicemen in Vietnam.

Marines from the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade at Camp Hansen and Camp Schwab, and Marines from the Camp Butler Transit Facility, also located at Camp Hansen, gathered during the seven-hour drive to donate the life-sustaining commodity.

Friday's drive at Camp Hansen was part of the USARYIS Whole Blood Program administered by members of the U.S. Army 96th Medical Detachment at Cue Hospital.

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CHERRYBLOSSOM FESTIVAL (NAGO)

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UP THE HILL.—Citizens of Nago and visitors to the village's
annual Cherry Blossom Festival follow the 9th Marine Amphibious
Brigade Band up Nago Mountain during the festive celebrations.

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第五回全琉貯蓄増強運動

しあわせの花は貯蓄の花

期間自一九三九年十一月一日 迄在琉

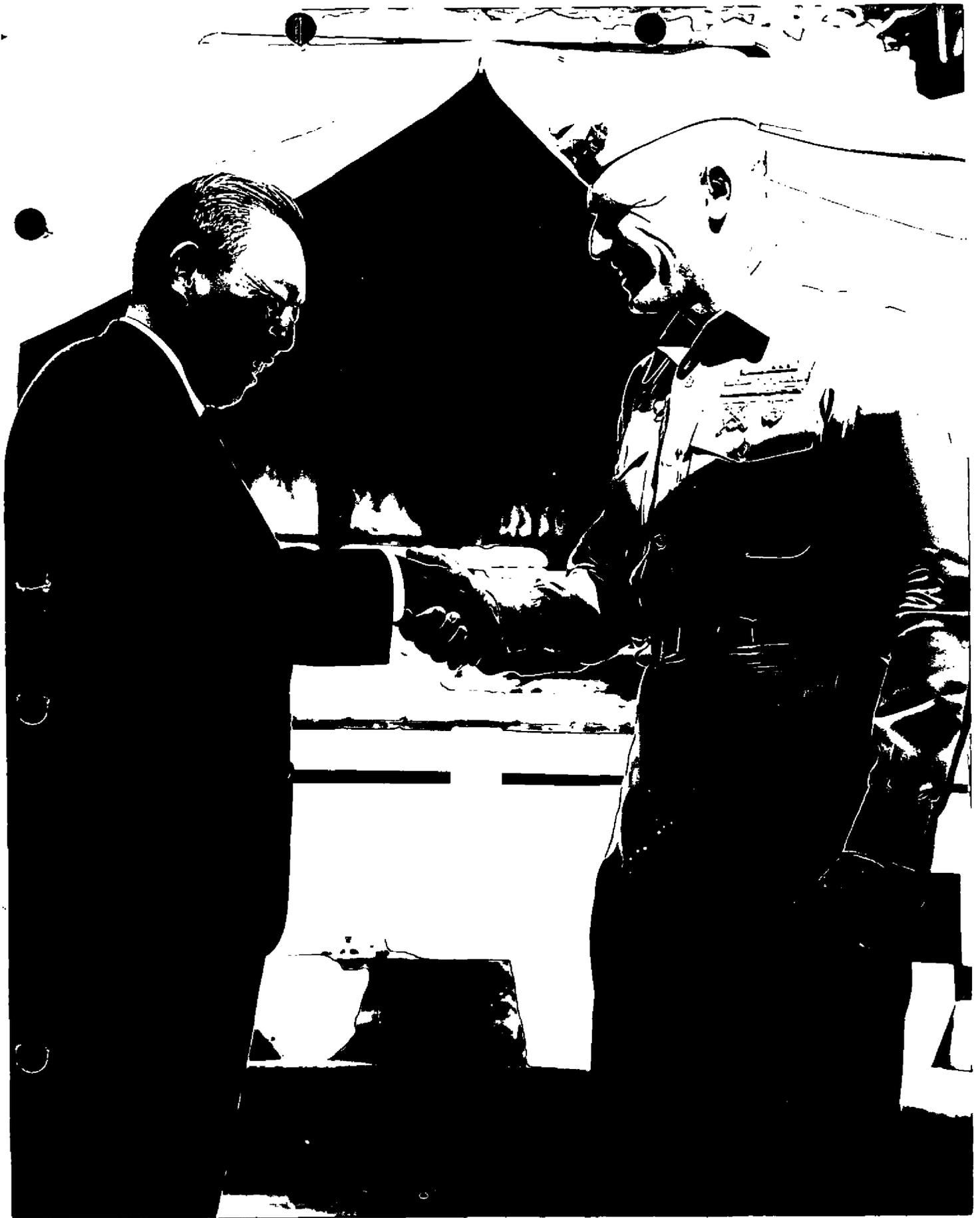
76 TROMBONES---^Trombonists of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Band became the center of attraction for a group of Nago citizens as they warm up for a parade during the village's annual Cherry Blossom Festival last weekend. (Official Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. F.O. Robb)

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**STRIKE UP THE BAND—First Lieutenant Charles Pearson directs the
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Band in a rendition of "Hello Dolly,"
during the sixth annual Cherry Blossom Festival celebration at Nagasaki.
(Official Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. F.O. Robb)**



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A JOB WELL DONE---Mr. Keichiro Higs (1), Vice-Mayor of Nago,
congratulates First Lieutenant Charles Pearson, director of
the 9th MAB Band, after the band had entertained villagers and
visitors to the sixth annual Cherry Blossom Festival with a
special concert. (Official Marine Corps Photo By Cpl. F.O. Robb)



PARADE—The 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Band marches down
Nago's Main Street to help the citizens and visitors enjoy
the festive spirit of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival.
(Official Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. F.O. Robb)

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MUSIC, THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE—An Okinawan youngster listens intently to the concert performance of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Band at the Nago Cherry Blossom Festival. (Official Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. F.O. Robb)

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APPENDIX C

TRAINING STATISTICS

1. OJT with III MAF

a. A total of 3 officers and 2 enlisted men completed OJT with units of III MAF during the period 1-31 January 1968.

| <u>UNITS TRAINED WITH</u> | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| MASS-3 1st MAW | 1 | |
| FLC/1st FSR | 1 | |
| III MAF | 1 | 1 |
| 3rd Tank Bn | | 1 |

2. Schools. The following is a listing of the schools and courses utilized by 9thMAB during the period 1-31 January 1967.

| <u>SCHOOL</u> | <u>STUDENTS</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| NCO Leadership | 19 |
| Vietnamese Language | 4 |
| Registered Publication | 3 |
| Comm/Sec Crypto | 2 |
| Basic Inf Wpms Repair | 2 |
| Career Advisory School | 3 |
| Embarkation | |
| Officers | 1 |
| Enlisted | 5 |
| 16mm Projectionist | 8 |

3. Reconnaissance Training. 9thMAB received and commenced training in the following reconnaissance units:

- "E" Co, 3rd Recon. 8 January for six weeks training.
- "E" Co, 1st Recon. 22 January for six weeks training.