



**LANDING FORCE**  
**SOLANT AMITY**

It is a great privilege for us, The United States Marine and Navymen of the Landing Force, SOLANT AMITY, to visit you and your country. We have looked forward with much pleasure to making your acquaintance and to the opportunity of learning your customs, traditions and way of life. We are most proud to have been selected as representatives from our country and we are honored to be your guests.

## THE LANDING FORCE SOLANT AMITY

The Landing Force, SOLANT AMITY, is composed of Marine and Army personnel from the 2d Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, as well as other units of the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic. It is organized and equipped as a light, versatile and highly mobile force capable of accomplishing a variety of tasks.

Major factors in providing mobility are the helicopters organic to the Landing Force. These aircraft permit rapid tactical movement of troops with their supplies and equipment from ship to shore, as well as furnishing rapid means of casualty evacuation, reconnaissance and liaison. An alternate method of landing is provided by amphibian tractors, vehicles usually at home afloat or ashore. These "AMTRACS" are supplemented by naval landing craft.

The nucleus of the Landing Force is formed by a Marine Rifle Company with mortar and flame thrower detachments reinforcing a normal armament of rifles, rocket launchers and machine guns. The Marines of this company are typical of the highly-trained, durable infantrymen who have been the backbone of the Marine Corps throughout its history.

The Force also contains indispensable supporting elements, among which are motor transport, communications, medical and logistic detachments, each equipped to play its part in diverse situations.

## THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

The United States Marine Corps is a separate service within the U. S. Naval Establishment. Founded in 1775, the Marine Corps is a highly versatile, volunteer military organization. Known throughout the world for its fighting ability and esprit de corps. Marines are specialists in the art of amphibious warfare and vertical assault, and the Corps maintains a constant state of battle readiness as well as a well trained, mobile force of many capabilities.

The colorful history of the Marine Corps dates back to the days of the American Revolution when Marines served as sharpshooters and boarding parties aboard ships of the fleet.

A later generation of Marines fought in the Meuse-Argonne forests of France during World War I where they won the title of "Teufelhunden" from their German foes. Translated the word means "Devil Dogs" and was used to describe ferocity in battle.

During WW II, the Marines were the first to carry the fight to the enemy. Their pioneering in the development of amphibious operations was rewarded by victories in the Island Campaigns of the South Pacific.

Today, the Marine Corps stands as a balanced air-ground team, which is capable of assaulting a hostile shore, using the most modern concepts and equipment of amphibious warfare.

Although Marines are of diverse background and from different geographic areas of our nation, the soldiers of the sea are welded together by bonds of pride, tradition, mutual confidence, and loyalty to Country and Corps. This is best stated in the Marine Hymn:

"First to fight for right and freedom  
And to keep our honor clean  
We are proud to claim the title  
of United States Marine"



**MAJOR H. RICHARD KURTH, JR.**

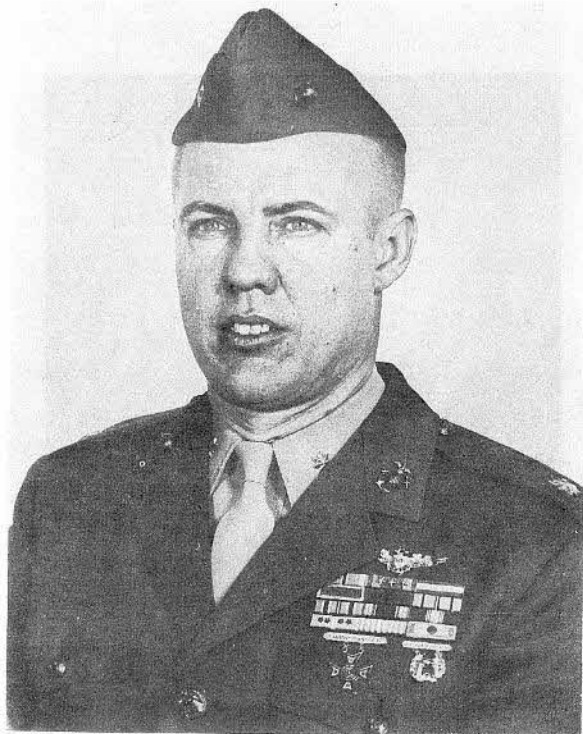
**COMMANDER**

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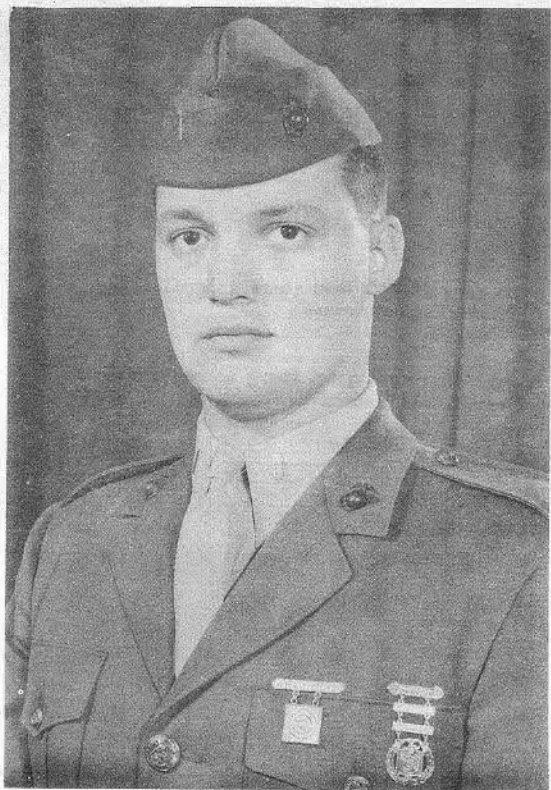


CAPTAIN K. J. SKIPPER

COMMANDER



MAJOR D. H. PEGUES  
COMMANDER  
HELICOPTER DETACHMENT



2D LIEUTENANT RAIFORD PITTMAN

COMMANDER



Marine infantrymen storm ashore during an amphibious exercise.

#### ROCKET LAUNCHERS..



Pfc Richard H. Hasting and Pfc Richard W. Erb aim in on an imaginary target with their 3.5 rocket launcher. Both men are members of the Landing Force, SOLANT AMITY.

## FLAME THROWER..

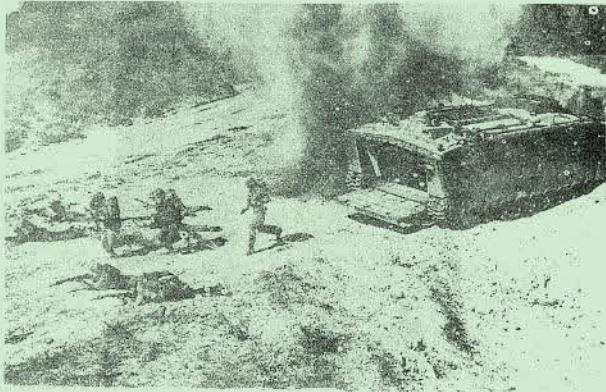


Pfc Philip W. Therrien of San Antonio, Texas demonstrates how the flame thrower is carried. Therrien is a member of the flamethrower detachment of the Landing Force, SOLANT AMITY.

## HELICOPTER..



Marine helicopters provide rapid movement to an objective, aid in the evacuation of



Amphibian tractors provide a rapid means of ship-to-shore and inland movement.

#### MORTARS..



LCpl. Paul Stokes and LCpl John A. Gour are members of the 81mm mortar section of the Landing Force, SOLANT AMITY.

## MOTOR TRANSPORT..



Pvt. Curtis J. Ray of the Landing Force Motor Transport Section takes a spin on a mechanical mule. This versatile vehicle can carry many times its own weight over rough terrain.

## COMMUNICATIONS..



**MISSION COMPLETED**