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OPERATION NEWLIFE CHAPLAINS' SERVICES

Camp Pendleton, California

Mission: To provide and facilitate a life-support system to refugees who are tramatized* by their sudden transplacement from the past, bewildered by the strangeness of the present, and frightened by the uncerntainties* of the future.

Facilities:

- * Newlife Chapel and Office (building 64382, telephone 725-7616/7674)
- * Counseling Center (at Camp Talega, serving entire population)
- * Religious and Education Centers (in all camps, featuring seating for 600, PA system, Buddhist locker, Christian locker, blackboards, bulletin boards, desk, permanent altar/table, lights)
- * Buddhist Center (all camps)

Human Services:

- * Library Center
- * Counseling Center
- * Sewing Center
- * Education Center (religious)
- * Clothing and Magazine Center

A Typical Day....in the primary mission:

12 Roman Catholic Masses:	3000 attend
6 Buddhist Ceremonies:	1250 attend
12 Additional (Assy of God, CMA, Watch Tower LDS)	750 attend
First service, 9 AM.....final service, 9 PM	
Add a baptism or two	

A Typical Camp....Camp 5

Saint Francis Parish, Pastor Peter Cho, Parish Council, CCD, morning and evening prayers, census, self-help*

Our Growth:

Where it is

30 April, one Mass, 25 attend...
11 May, 12 Masses, 3000 attend
4 May, 8 Navy chaplains staff.....
11 May, 3 Navy chaplains staff

*Corrections: traumatized
uncertainties
self-help

15 May 1975

CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA

The world's largest amphibious training base is situated in North San Diego County, on what was once a Spanish land grant called, "The Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores". Bounded by San Clemente on the north and Oceanside on the south, the base has a 17 mile coastline and extends inland 12 miles to the Santa Margarita mountains.

Home of the famed 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton has the responsibility to provide training facilities, housing, and logistical support for Fleet Marine Forces and other units assigned to the base. Major commands include the 4th Marine Division Headquarters, Headquarters I Marine Amphibious Force, Naval Regional Medical Center, Naval Dental Clinic. Many other activities are located on the base and utilize its facilities.

General Information:

Area:	194 sq. miles or 125,000 acres
Population:	27,292 Marines 3,380 Civilian employees 7,945 Military dependents
On-base schools:	4 Elementary
Utilities:	11 sewage treatment plants 120 miles of water mains 231 miles of power transmission lines
Roads:	500 miles
Buildings:	4,330
Airfield:	Auxillary; 6,000 ft runway
Medical:	600-bed Naval Regional Medical Center and dispensaries in each area

DAILY ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

DEPARTURES

ARRIVALS

29 April	406
30 April	918
1 May	712
2 May	1884
3 May	609
4 May	826
5 May	555
6 May	557
7 May	268
8 May	192
9 May	175
10 May	109
11 May	33
12 May	60
13 May	129
14 May	104
15 May	244
16 May	11
17 May	20
18 May	41
19 May	40

29 April	813
30 April	2309
1 May	4200
2 May	2037
3 May	2204
4 May	2465
5 May	2623
6 May	2606
7 May	2960
8 May	3116
9 May	377
10 May	180
11 May	0
12 May	0
13 May	148
14 May	0
15 May	0
16 May	1
17 May	0
18 May	0
19 May	0

HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD
ENGLISH LANGUAGE SURVEY

5,298 HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD ON RECORD

2,762 RESPONDED TO ENGLISH SPEAKING ABILITY SURVEY

2,048 SPEAK ENGLISH

435 DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH

SCIENTIFIC SAMPLE OF POPULATION

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
1-15	5452	38%
16-25	3267	23%
26-35	2454	17%
36-45	1624	11%
46-55	798	6%
56-65	456	3%
over 65	217	2%
1-25	8719	61%
26-65	<u>5332</u>	37%
	14,668	

REFUGEE OCCUPATIONAL LISTING

I. Of the 19,248 Vietnam Refugee records on file 10,285 contained blanks for occupation. Of the 8,963 records filled in a partial listing has been accumulated.

II. Here' a list of some of the prominent professions:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. Attorney - 6 | u. Reporters - 19 |
| b. Assistant Professors - 11 | v. Senator - 1 |
| c. Dentists - 10 | w. Students - 3,363 |
| d. Doctors - 107 | x. Supervisor Hospital - 3 |
| e. Executive - 3 | y. Teachers - 223 |
| f. Ex-Governor - 1 | z. Vetermerians - 4 |
| g. Hospital Administration - 3 | |
| h. Journalists - 11 | |
| i. Judges - 2 | |
| j. Lawyers - 18 | |
| k. Librarians - 11 | |
| l. Magistrate - 1 | |
| m. Minister - 20 | |
| n. Music Teacher - 6 | |
| o. Pharmasists - 90 | |
| p. Police Officer - 57 | |
| q. Priests - 4 | |
| r. Prime Minister - 1 | |
| s. Proffessors - 72 | |
| t. Reporters- 19 | |

RELIGIONS

9193 RESPONDED

5053 BUDDHIST

2901 CATHOLIC

551 PROTESTANT

688 OTHER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

On 11 May there were

12 Catholic masses

6 Buddhist Services

9 Protestant Services

total Attendance exceeded 5,000

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CAMP	CATHOLIC	BUDDHIST	PROTESTANT
1,2,3 TALEGA	0900 * 1700	1500	1000 ① 1800 * ④ 1230 * ② 1930 * ④ 1400 * ③ 1630 ②
4	1000 * 1600	1700	0900 Sun, M, W, Fri AT Camp 6 1930 * ④ A+ Camp 6
5	1000 * 1600	0900	1000 (A+ Talega) 1800 * ④
6	1000 * 1600	1400	0900 Sun, M, W, Fri 1930 * ④
8	1000 * 1600	1100	1500 Sun, Tu, Thur, Sat 1930 * ④
Process- ing Center	1400 *		1500 *
SAN ONOPRE	1600	1800	1600 Sun, M, W, Fri

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All services daily (7 days) unless indicated * Sunday only
① CMA

② Assy of God
③ MORMON
④ General Protestant

Motor Transport in support of Logistics Operation in camp

Equipment in use:

37 Busses

20 Tractor Trailers

40 3 ton trucks

20 Pickups and Vans

166 drivers working an average of 12 hours per day.

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FOOD SERVICES

1. 22 Serving lines
2. As of breakfast today, Meals served to date in excess of 500,000.
3. 203 Cooks and 700 messmen working in mess facilities.
4. Vietnamese assisting in messhalls in serving and diet preparation.
5. Food cost approximately \$2.00 per person per day.

Utilities

1. Twenty miles of electrical distribution lines laid
2. Approximately 200 telephone poles erected.
3. 35,000 feet of water mains and feeder lines laid to date.
4. Water is obtained from the San Mateo reservoir field which consists of 4 wells with sealed pumps and shafts.
5. Fourteen shower huts have been rehabilitated and 8 portable shower units installed.
6. 3 sewage plants in operation- chemical analysis daily to ensure EPA standards are met.

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
PROJECT NEW HORIZONS
CAMP PENDLETON, CA.

More than a hundred American Red Cross volunteers along with 36 career staff are providing comfort, communications and health services for Southeast Asian refugees at Camp Pendleton.

In its sixteenth day of operation here, the Red Cross had at least 35 volunteer nurses working on a 24-hour basis in temporary infirmiries at each campsite. The Nurses, in conjunction with Navy Corpsmen and Vietnamese and Cambodian medical personnel, have assisted an average of 850 cases daily. The requests for assistance have ranged from colds to treatment for minor abrasions.

The Family Services of Red Cross has assisted 2,906 cases involving 14,530 persons. Most requests to this unit have been for communications between refugees and sponsors, or prospective sponsors. An average of 250 wires have been sent daily and received through Red Cross communications service.

Red Cross is accepting telegrams from refugees. This services is related primarily to communications and messages are transmitted through the Red Cross telecommunications system and its local chapters.

To help arriving refugee youngsters cope with the contrasting temperatures of Southeast Asia and Southern California, the Red Cross has distributed 15,200 sleepers and children's blankets. Over 34,000 diapers have been given out and 20,000 male and female comfort kits with petroleum jelly and lip balm have been given to adult refugees.

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WELCOME TO OPERATION NEW ARRIVAL AT CAMP PENDLETON

We wish to be as helpful as possible in locating for you the person you are sponsoring or seeking. We hope you will understand that because of the size of the camp it will not be possible for you to enter the areas where evacuees are quartered, but our Visitor Information Center will assist you in making the necessary contact. Please follow the steps listed below:

1. After receiving your entrance pass from the Marine Guard, go to the Visitor Information Information Trailer.
 2. At the Trailer, inform the personnel on duty of the name of the evacuee you are seeking, and, if you know it, the number of the area where he or she is quartered.
 3. We will locate and bring to the Visiting Area the evacuee you are seeking. We ask you to be patient, as many parts of the camp are distant from the Center.
 4. When the evacuee is brought to you by bus at the Visiting Area, he will inform you whether he has completed his processing. Those who have done so will possess an immigration clearance card which permits them to leave Camp Pendleton.
 5. If the evacuee you are sponsoring has the necessary clearance, he may leave with you and surrender his clearance card at the Marine check point where you obtained your visitor's permit. You should return your permit to the guard as you depart.
 6. We regret that evacuees who have not yet obtained a clearance card will not be able to leave Camp Pendleton.
- Persons who are close relatives of U.S. citizens and resident aliens can normally complete their clearance in a matter of hours. For other evacuees with verified sponsors, the clearance process should take seven to ten days.

BRIGADIER GENERAL PAUL G. GRAHAM, USMC
Commanding General, Marine Corps Base
Camp Pendleton, California

Brigadier General Paul G. Graham, a native of New York, was born July 23, 1922. Attending the University of Richmond when World War II began, he enlisted in the Marine Corps Officer Candidate Program and was commissioned a second lieutenant in April 1944.

As an infantry platoon commander with the 1st Battalion, 21st Marine Regiment, 3d Marine Division, Lieutenant Graham took part in combat operations on Guam and Iwo Jima. Following the war, he served in a number of assignments including duty at the Marine Barracks, New York Naval Shipyard, command of a Marine Detachment Afloat, and an instructor in the Department of Ordnance and Gunnery at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

After completion of the Junior Course in 1951 at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia, Captain Graham was assigned to the 3d Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, as Aide-de-Camp to the Division Commander. In November 1953, he became the commander of Company "C", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.

In Korea, he served as Company Commander, Company "H", 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division, until September 1954. Upon his return to the United States, he was assigned to the Basic School, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico as a Company Commander and later as the Assistant Plans and Analysis Officer. He was promoted to major in December 1954.

Major Graham completed the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, in June 1958; subsequently, he was assigned as Officer in Charge, Officer Selection Office in New York City until 1961.

Promoted to lieutenant colonel in July 1961, he joined the 2d Marine Division and served as the Commanding Officer, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion. In June 1962, he was reassigned as the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 2d Marines, which deployed as the Landing Force, 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean. Upon his return to CONUS in the early part of 1963, he was assigned as the Assistant G-3, 2d Marine Division.

In August 1964, Lieutenant Colonel Graham attended the NATO Defense College in Paris, France, and subsequently reported to Allied Forces Northern Europe as the Chief of Plans Section, Northern Area. He was promoted to colonel in November 1966.

In September 1967, Colonel Graham was transferred to the 1st Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam, where he served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 and, later, as Commanding Officer of the 5th Marine Regiment. Returning to the United States in November 1968, he was assigned to command the Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C.

Prior to his detachment from the Marine Barracks, he was advanced to the rank of brigadier general on April 12, 1971. That same month, Brigadier General Grham was assigned as Commanding General, Force Troops, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific/Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, California.

From November 1972 to November 1973, Brigadier General Graham served as Assistant Division Commander, 3d Marine Division on Okinawa, Japan. Upon his return to the United States in December 1973, Brigadier General Graham was assigned Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton.

He assumed duties as Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton on August 9, 1974.

Brigadier General Graham and his wife, Evelyn, have four children; Maureen, married to Captain Joseph Holzbauer, USMC; 1stLt. Paul Scott Graham, USMC; 1stLt. Brian Graham, USMC; and Robert Kelly Graham.

(Revised Aug 1974)

NARRATIVE BIOGRAPHY
OF
R. P. COFFMAN

DOB: 20 December 1925

Place of Birth: Cap Haitian, Haiti

Schooling:

Navy V-12 Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology;
Recruit Training, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego;
and Marine V-12, University of California, Berkeley, commissioned
without degree, June 1946.

Summary of Duty Assignments:

Completed Basic school, January 1947. Assigned Machine Gun Platoon
Leader, "F" Co, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, Peking, China. Moved with
5th Marines, when transferred from China, April 1947, to Guam, Marianas
Island. Returned to China, November 1948, in redesignated unit "A" Co,
9th Marines. Departed China, January 1949. Returned to United States
to attend Photo Interpretation and Photogrammetry Course in Washington,
D. C. Upon completion of course, assigned G-2 Section, 1st Marine
Division, Camp Pendleton. Served with Division in Korea from September
1949 - June 1951. Transferred back to Photo Interpretation School for
duty on faculty. Returned to Korea in April/June 1953 with Department
of Army, Operations Research Office. Transferred to G-2 Section, FMFPac
Hawaii in 1954. Duties involved Intelligence Requirement Determination
and Special Weapons Employment. Transferred to Amphibious Warfare School,
Junior Course, in 1956. Upon completion of class, June 1957, transferred
to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, Camp Pendleton, as Battalion Operations
Officer. In October 1958, transferred to 1st FSR, assigned as Assistant
S-3 (Tactics). In April 1959, transferred to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines
(2nd Transplacement Battalion). Deployed with Battalion to Okinawa in

June 1959. Served as Battalion Executive Officer, December 1959 - July 1960.

Attended University of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, in the College Degree Program September 1960 to June 1961, where I received a BA in General Education majoring in Mathematics and Psychology. Transferred to NROTC, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, as Marine Officer Instructor. Upon completion of tour in July 1964, attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia. In January 1965, transferred to USMACTHAI, Bangkok, Thailand, assigned as Planning Officer to work in bilateral planning. In July 1967 transferred to U. S. Army War College as a student. Upon completion of class, transferred to Headquarters, 1st Marine Division in Vietnam, serving as Plans Officer, G-3 Section. In November 1968, became G-3 Task Force Yankee. Upon completion of "Operations Taylor Common" reassigned Executive Officer, 7th Marines. In August 1969, transferred to the U. S. Army War College, Pennsylvania, as a member of the faculty. In August 1971, transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, to assume duties as Executive Officer, Recruit Training Regiment. Became Commanding Officer, Recruit Training Regiment, MCRD, San Diego, in September 1972. In July 1973, served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, MCRD. I assumed the present duties of Base Inspector, Camp Pendleton, in August 1974.

My wife, Sheila, and I have two sons, ages 21 and 18 years, and reside in Solana Beach, California.

PERSONAL PROFILE

NAME: COFFMAN, R. P. (RAY)

RANK: Colonel

DOR: August 1969

MOS: 9906

AGE:

DUTY ASSIGNMENT: Base Inspector, 1 September 1974

CIV EDUC: B. A. in Education

MIL EDUC: Amphibious Warfare School	Unk
Armed Forces Staff College	1964
Army War College	1967

MARITAL STATUS: Married

SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS:

NROTC MOI, University of Wisconsin, 1961-1964; Ass't Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans USMACV, 1964-1967; RVN - Plans Off, G-3, 1stMarDiv; G-3 Task Force Yankee; X.O., 7thMar; Faculty of the Army War College, 1969-1971; X.O. RTR, MCRD, San Diego; CO, RTR, MCRD, San Diego, 1972-1973; Ass't C/S, G-4, MCRD, San Diego, 1973-1974.

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General Graham's Letter

Dear Friends:

In my capacity as commanding general of this Base, and on behalf of all the military personnel here, welcome to the United States and to Camp Pendleton. Let me assure you that I and my staff will do all in our power to ease this difficult period of transition for you. We are responsible for your lodgings, food, medical care and transportation around the Base. Should you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to ask the American military officer in the area where you will be temporarily housed. We are all here to help you during your first days in the United States.

Sincerely,

Mr. Wild's Letter

Dear Friends:

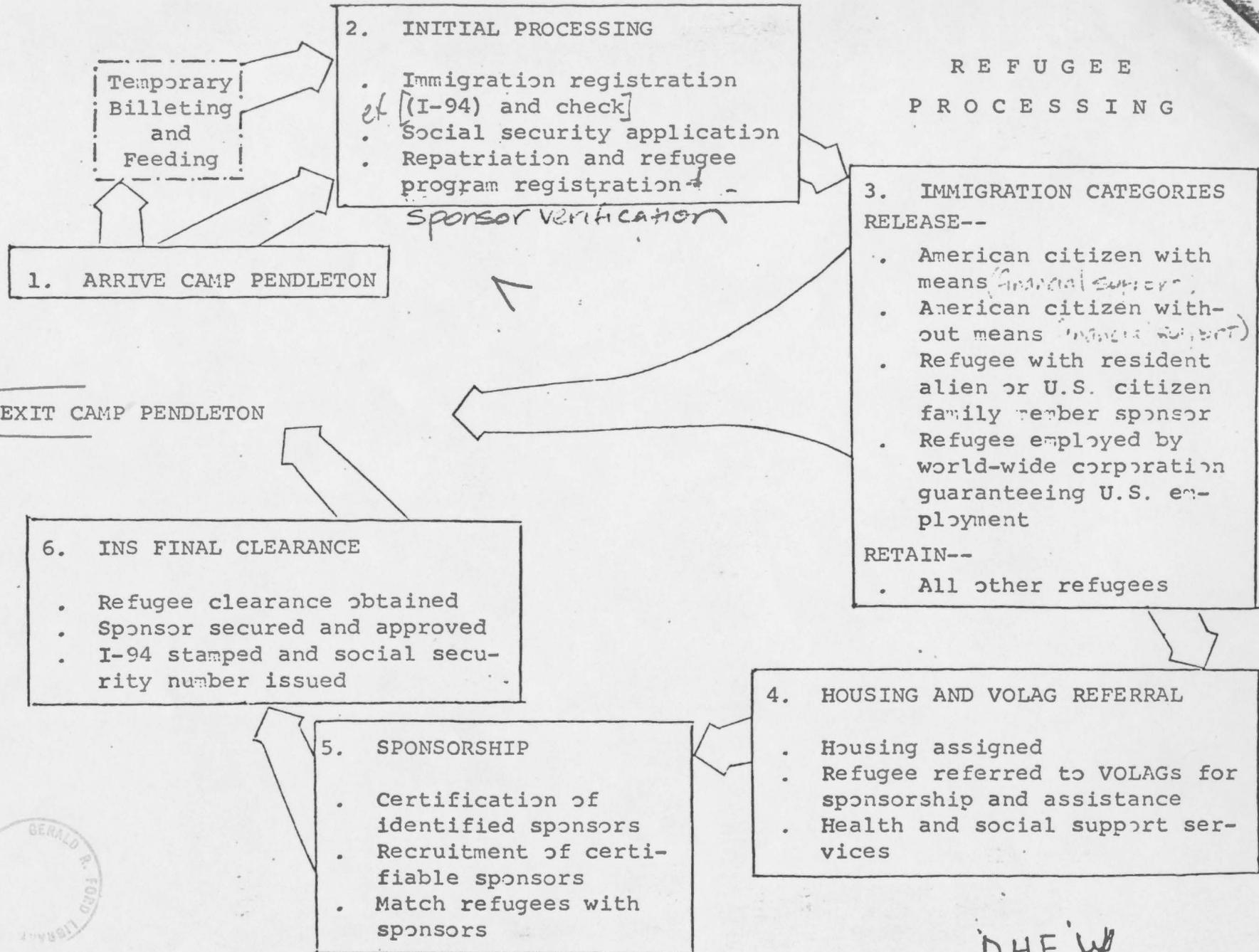
I want to welcome you to the United States and to Camp Pendleton where you will be staying temporarily. I am the coordinator of the various civilian government and voluntary agencies which are represented here. Our task is to complete your processing and to assist you to move onward as quickly as possible. We fully realize the difficulties you have encountered and the uncertainties you face. We will do all in our power to make this processing period as brief as possible but we ask for your understanding and patience if we cannot solve all your problems immediately. I am confident that with your cooperation, all obstacles will be overcome and you can soon establish yourselves in your new homes, and begin your new careers.

Again, on behalf of all the personnel here and myself, a very warm welcome to this country.

Sincerely,

The Camp Pendleton Reception Center has been established to assist you in the process of clearing the necessary formalities in anticipation of your entry into American life, and to provide you with housing and related services during the period of your stay. This newsletter' explains the various steps in this process as well as the services available to you while you are here.

REFUGEE
PROCESSING



DHEW
5/5/75

5/4/75

HEW COMPONENTS OF WORK FLOW

Public Health Service - Ward Cates

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Social Security Administration - The Social Security Administration is responsible for a wide range of social service programs ranging from health insurance for the aged to cash assistance for the disabled. They are also responsible for administering the basic Federal/employee/employer system of pension support for older Americans.

The process which you will go through today begins your involvement with this system which will be important throughout your life. This event will not entitle you to any benefits per se but will establish your account with the Social Security System. The event is called enumeration and through it you will be issued your Social Security Number {SSN for short}. Those of you who have been cleared by the I.N.S. will be given your cards at the time of registration. Those who have been held temporarily by the I.N.S. will have SSA Numbers issued but held pending clearance.

In addition to beginning your involvement with Social Security, your SSN will become your basic identity number for many other programs in America. You should know your SSN at all times.

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Social and Rehabilitation Service - The Social and Rehabilitation Services is performing two tasks during evacuee



PROCESSING

① PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

② ~~Base Medical Facilities~~

If you need medical care, the refugee base hospital is located in the main Talega No. 2 area. Each separate housing area has a dispensary. TREATMENT OF MEDICAL ILLNESSES WILL NOT KEEP YOU FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY. Any person who has any symptoms of fever, coughing, rash, or diarrhea should be seen by a doctor in order to receive treatment. Red Cross teams will circulate within each housing area for your convenience.

Wristbands will be issued to each refugee for medical identification. Please do not remove these wristbands. Individuals who are found to need additional medical care will be asked to return for further treatment. The names of these individuals will be published daily in the newsletter. TREATMENT OF MEDICAL ILLNESSES WILL NOT KEEP YOU FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY.



processing. The first is an initial registration of all refugees entering under current circumstances. This registration will serve as the basis for potential benefits which may be provided to the Republic of Vietnam refugees including public assistance programs of all kinds (i.e., medical care, education, employment}. These benefits have not yet been provided by the United States Congress but if they are, regulations here today will be the basis for your entitlement to aid. In addition, refugee registration will be used to inform many voluntary resettlement groups of the background and preferences of Vietnamese families who need sponsors in this country.

The second function of SRS is to provide assistance to returning U.S. citizens {repatriots} and their dependents who are in need of travel or cash assistance in getting to their destination. This aid is provided as a loan and repatriots served by this program will be expected to repay the money when they are able.

In conjunction with the State Department, SRS also reviews the need for travel assistance for both refugees and repatriots. Based on the need in each case, we can authorize reduce fare or free air transport to your destination.

cc: Mr. Hara



Those of you who are able to satisfactorily complete this process will then need to have your sponsor verified by the U.S. Catholic Conference. Following that, you may then proceed to the travel section to make arrangements for your onward travel. Those of you who do not have a sponsor will be given housing, and voluntary agencies will be available to assist you in finding a sponsor and the process of resettlement in the United States.



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SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Red Cross

The Red Cross is located in two vans in front of the processing center. One of these vans provide refreshments such as coffee, milk, and fruit, free of charge, to the refugees, and the other van is available for information referral and individual and family counseling services. In addition, Red Cross volunteers are present in each camp site offering nursing and related services.



VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

A number of voluntary agencies are available at Camp Pendleton to assist you in a number of counseling services, principally, locating a sponsor, recreational and educational activities, and the general ~~process~~ task of making your stay at the reception center more profitable.

The voluntary agencies are:

U.S. Catholic Conference

Lutheran World Council

United Hias Service

International Rescue Committee

Church World Service

Tolstoy Foundation

American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees

Church of Christ of the Latter Day Saints

United HIAS (Cambodians Only)



Please announce:

Catholic Program

GIO THO PHUONG CONG GIAO

UPPER TALEGA

0800 va 1100

At the yard between Messhall and
O san giua Messhall va Nha nguyen the Church

Camp #5

TRAI 5

Near the Command Post and the
Gan trai Chi-huy va Duong cai Main Road

Camp #4

TRAI 4

For the Messhall

Hop tai Messhall

0900

At ONOFRE

Tai ONOFRE

1100



Không chi bằng

Contact and Locator System

Each camp area has a "command post" which functions as a local point of activity. Vietnamese volunteers maintain a public address system which serves to make the command post an effective message and information center. Should you need a question answered or a message relayed, the command post is available to you.



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Consular Service

CONSULAR SERVICE

If you need assistance in ~~progre~~ travel to other countries, an American consular officer and a Canadian consular officer, representing all commonwealth countries, are available to assist you.



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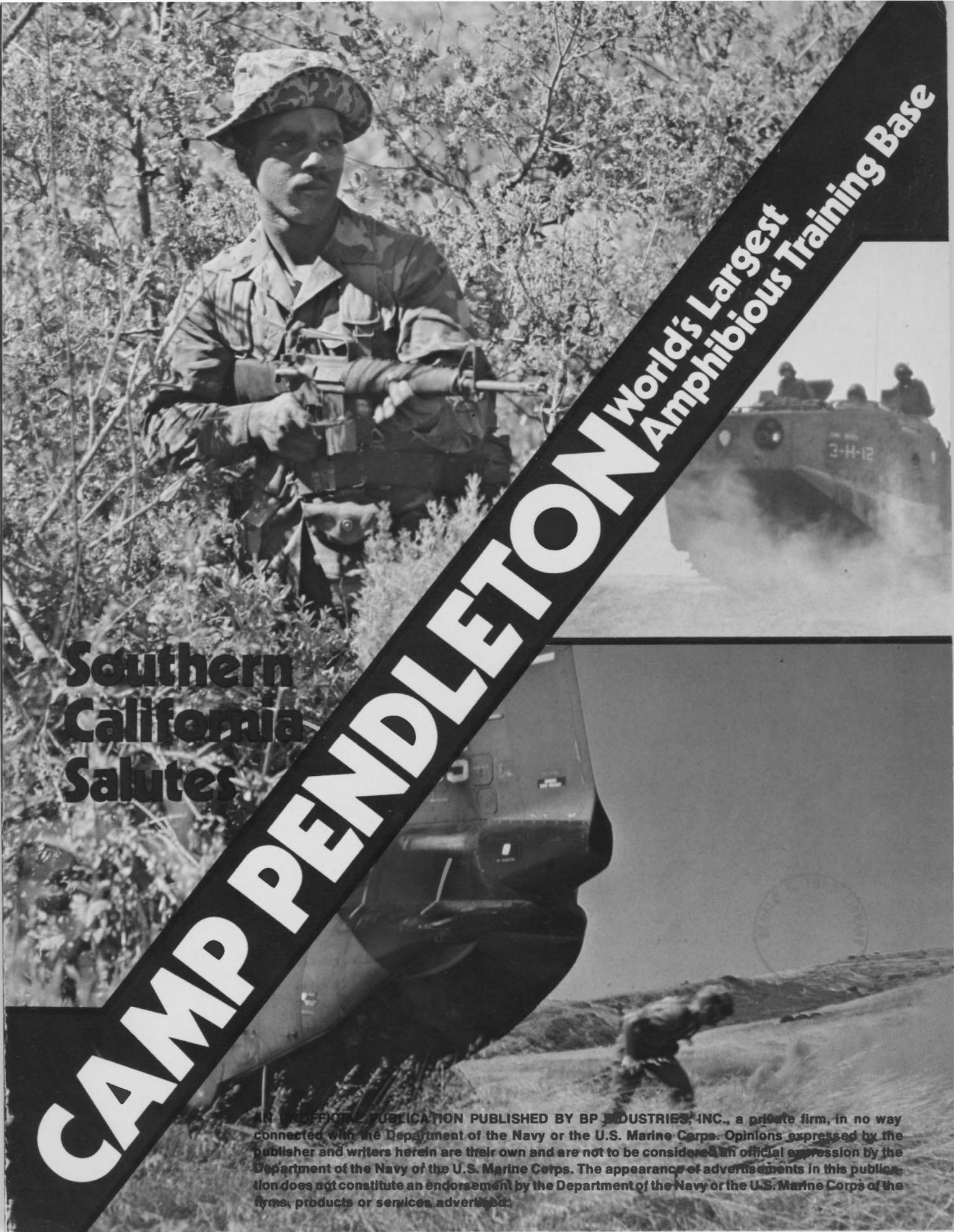
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