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(12)-CO, 1st RadBn (-), FMF ltr 3:LKR:gwn Ser: 00149-68 of 29Nov68 (S)

(13)-CO, 1st ANGLICO, FMF ltr PLE/DFB:jtd over 5231/3500 Ser: 580-68 of 22Nov68 (S)

1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), the Commander's Quarterly Combat Readiness Report for the Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 1969 is submitted.

2. (s) Overall, the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific continues to be a highly effective combat force. WestPac commands are accomplishing their primary missions. Major deficiencies

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of MidPac and EastPac forces, however, adversely affect their capabilities to fully respond to contingency plans. MidPac and EastPac commands continue to experience shortages in personnel, equipment and supplies. Until such time as sufficient assets are available with which to fulfill the requirements of these commands, as well as the requirements of commands with a greater priority, only gradual improvement can be expected.

3. (U) The self-evaluations of FMFPac commands reporting combat readiness are described in detail in enclosures (1) through (13). Comments on significant items reported in the enclosures follow.

4. (S) WestPac Forces

- a. First Marine Division. The First Marine Division is capable of performing its assigned mission and will continue in a high state of readiness for the foreseeable future.
- b. Third Marine Division. The Third Marine Division continues to be combat effective and will maintain a high / state of readiness in the foreseeable future.
- c. First Marine Aircraft Wing. The First Marine Aircraft Wing will continue to be capable of performing its assigned mission although personnel shortages and supply deficiencies will not allow an increase in aircraft readiness. This headquarters is aware of the deficiencies noted in enclosure (4) and every means of assistance is being provided.
- d. Force Logistic Command. The Force Logistic Command/1st Force Service Regiment will continue to be capable of performing its mission.

e. Ninth MAB

(1) <u>Communications Support Company</u>. Information available at this headquarters indicates that this unit

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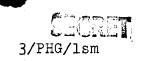
possesses its authorized equipment. The provision of equipment and personnel to deployed organizations is consistent with the mission of this unit. A T/E revision is currently under study at this Headquarters.

- (2) MACS-8. The computer equipment associated with the MACS-8 MTDS was deployed to MACS-4 in RVN for use while the computer equipment of the latter squadron underwent field modification. This modification was completed during the last week of December 1968, and the equipment drawn from MACS-8 is being returned.
- (3) MATCU-66. Authority was granted by COMNAVAIR-SYSCOM to deploy the AN/TPN-14 Tacan sets and associated PU-344 generators to MATCU-67 to support operations at An Hoa airfield in RVN. Replacement equipment will be provided at MATCU-66, when available, by the Director, Naval Electronics System Command, Western Division.
- f. Third FSR. This unit will continue to provide the support necessary to ensure sustained logistic support to all FMF WestPac Forces.

5. (S) MidPac Forces

a. First Marine Brigade

- (1) The personnel shortages addressed in enclosure (11) are recognized. Personnel input is being effected as rapidly as availability and overriding priorities of combat committed commands permit.
- (2) It is anticipated that MAG-24 will become marginally combat ready (C-3) during the forthcoming quarter and BLT 1/27 will be able to accomplish limited reinforcing wissions in spite of shortages of personnel and logistical deficiencies.
- (3) Logistic deficiencies derive from the priority of other forces on assets which are scarce. Appropriate requisitioning action has been taken to procure those items in which the 1st Marine Brigade is deficient, and the appropriate shortages have been reflected in MARES reports.



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- b. <u>First ANGLICO</u>. The limitation of the electronic maintenance capability of the 1st ANGLICO has been previously noted. Should the command be deployed in support of a contingency plan without the maintenance and test equipment presently deployed with Sub Unit-1, replacement equipment will be required.
- c. First Radio Battalion (-). This command is capable of accomplishing its assigned mission.

6. (S) EastPac Forces

- a. Fifth Marine Division. The relatively rapid recovery of the combat capability of RLT-27 units is largely due to the Priority 02 requisitioning authority authorized by CMC 311542Z/AUG68 (S). It is noted that logistic deficiencies specified in the evaluation of 5th Marine Division units are primarily related to equipment whose operation requires high repair parts support; e.g., tracked vehicles and engineer equipment. Requisitioning and MARES reporting actions pertinent to these deficient areas have been accomplished. However, no significant improvement is projected while units committed to combat continue to require the preponderance of available assets in support of their operations.
- b. Third Marine Aircraft Wing. No significant overall improvement in the logistic readiness of the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing can be expected until it is provided a higher priority for existing assets or until additional assets become available.
- c. Force Troops, FMFPac. This headquarters is aware of the shortfalls that exist in Force Troops Pacific capability to respond to contingency situations. Upon notification of alert for implementation of a contingency requirement, this headquarters will effect necessary adjustments or request augmentation from external sources, as appropriate.
- d. Fifth FSR. FMFPac is aware of the possible deficiencies in $\overline{5\text{th}}$ FSR contingency support capabilities in the event implementation of more than one plan is directed. Force adjustments will be directed within FMFPac assets or appropriate

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request for force augmentation will be initiated upon notification of alert for execution of a contingency plan or plans requiring support in excess of existing 5th FSR capabilities.

- 7. (C) During the forthcoming quarter, emphasis will be directed toward:
- Continued logistic support, with all means available, to those forces in Vietnam committed to combat.
- b. Continued close supervision of newly activated units to ensure that these units attain a combat ready posture.
 - Continued supply and maintenance discipline.
- d. Continued evaluation of training to ensure that it reflects experience gained in Vietnam.

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1. In compliance with the instructions contained in reference (a), the subject report is forwarded.

PART I

- 1. The 1st Marine Division is fully combat ready (C1) within the personnel and training fields, however, the supply and equipment readiness is substantially combat ready (C2) due primarily to repair parts shortage. The 1st Marine Division is providing BLT 2-7 to SLF Bravo under the Command less OPCON of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. BLT 2-7 is presently OPCON to this Division. The Division combat readiness is further enhanced by having OPCON of Headquarters, 26th Marines, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines, 3d Battalion, 26th Marines and temporary OPCON of BLT 2-26. The Service Battalion of the Division has been absorbed by the Force Logistic Command. This Division has a limited amphibious capability due primarily to the loss of the 1st Service Battalion and the lack of amphibious training. Readiness ratings are based on FORSTAT standings as applied to the Division's present mission.
- 2. Personnel. This Command currently has more than 90% of the personnel authorized by the M Series Tables of Organization present and physically fit for duty. The personnel readiness rating of this Command is C-1 and, based on present personnel assets and projected gains and losses, the 1st Marine Division is and will remain fully ready to accomplish its assigned mission.
- 3. Logistics. Barring any unforeseeable supply or maintenance problems the projected logistical level of readiness for the forthcoming quarter is substantially ready (C-2) to support combat operations.

PART II

1. The following units of the 1st Marine Division are considered not combat ready C-4 or marginally combat ready (C-3) based on FORSTAT readiness ratings.

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- a. The 7th Marines are not combat ready (C-4) as a regiment in total due to the loss of the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines assigned to SLF Bravo under the Command less OPCON of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. Upon the return of the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, the regiment in total will attain a fully combat ready (C-1) status.
- b. The 26th Marines are not combat ready (C-4) as a regiment in total due to the loss of the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines deployed with SLF Alfa under Command less OPCON of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. It is anticipated that the 26th Marines will not improve in combat readiness due to the continuous rotation of 26th Marines units with the SLF.
- c. The 3d Battalion, 11th Marines is considered marginally combat ready (C-3) due to the loss of two batteries deployed with SLF Bravo. Upon the return of these two batteries, a fully combat ready (C-1) status is anticipated.
- d. The 1st Armored Amphibian Company is not combat ready (C-4) as a company in total, due primarily to the loss of two platoons. One platoon is deployed and operating with the 2d Brigade, Korean Marine Corps and an additional platoon under the operational control of the 3d Marine Division. Upon the return of both platoons, a fully combat ready (C-1) status is anticipated.

PART III

The 1st Marine Division is not committed or required to provide forces for any contingency plans.

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1. In accordance with references (a), and (b) the following report is submitted:

Title. The Quarterly Combat Readiness Report, 3d Qtr, FY69 is a report prepared and submitted in the last month of 2d Qtr, FY69. The 3d Qtr, FY69 is the reporting period covered in this report.

Part I. This command is Combat Ready. Daily combat operations agains the enemy maintain a finely honed edge on the combat skills at techniques that make the division a superb fighting machine.

Part II. The 3d Marine Division anticipates that all subordinate units will be capable of accomplishing their combat missions during the 3d Quarter, FY69.

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COMMANDER'S COMBAT READINESS REPORT, 3D QUARTER, FISCAL YEAR 69

Part I. EVALUATION OF THE COMMAND

1. <u>Personnel</u>

a. Existing Status

- (1) Officer Personnel. Shortages exist in the Administrative, Infantry (Company Grade), Artillery, Engineer, Supply and Motor Transport fields. The 27th Marines (-) is currently at 59% officer strength with their total shortages being in the Company Grade Officer ranks. In accordance with the criteria contained in MCO 1300.11E, 28% of the om-board officer strength is deployable.
- (2) Enlisted Personnel. A shortage of enlisted supervisory personnel exists in the senior ranks of Sergeants Major and First Sergeant together with Staff NCO ranks in the area of Administrative, Logistics, Communications and Supply. In the ranks of Sergeants and below, significant shortages exist in the Administrative, Ordnance Repair, Communications, Electronics, Maintenance, Supply and Food Services areas. In accordance with the criteria contained in MCO 1300.11E, 22% of the on-board enlisted strength is deployable.

b. Predicted Status

- (1) Officer Personnel. Predictions are that the present officer strength will remain the same through 31 March 1969 with the present shortages continuing to exist.
- (2) Enlisted Personnel. In the staff NCO ranks it is anticipated that the current shortages will continue to exist and that the losses in those ranks, will in all probability, exceed the input during the quarter. Known gains and losses projected through the end of the quarter indicate that the enlisted strength in ranks of Lance Corporal and below will exceed the Table of Organization except in the Administrative, Logistics, Communications and Food Services fields.

2. Training

- a. Existing Status. Individual and small unit training readiness within this command continues at an acceptable level although subject to fluctuations due to a continuing personnel turnover, input of untrained personnel, a lack of officers and critical MOS shortages. Training readiness is a function of personnel readiness. Experience during the past quarters indicate that training readiness will lag approximately one month in equalling personnel readiness.
- b. <u>Predicted Status</u>. With the receipt of T/E items presently in short supply and the input of ITR personnel from the Training Regiments at Camp Lejeune and Camp Pendleton, training readiness throughout the Division will show a marked improvement during the quarter.

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3. Logistics

- a. Existing Status. Supply and equipment readiness downgraded to C-3 due to high deadline rate and shortages of existing operating stocks and mount-out spare parts as a result of redeployment of RLT-27. High deadline rate of M-48 and M-103 tanks severely reduces armored support.
- b. <u>Predicted Status</u>. Expedited supply action on requisitions related to RLT-27 should result in upgrading of logistic readiness to C-2 by the end of the quarter.

Part II. EVALUATION OF UNITS

27th Marines (-). This regiment is in readiness category C-4 based upon 59% officer and 66% enlisted authorized present, 33% of operating stocks and 38% of mount-out stocks on hand, and 90% equipment undergoing maintenance/repair. A rapid build-up of personnel is currently underway which coupled with a programmed, phased training and exercise schedule provides for a projected C-2 training readiness status in the month of April.

13th Marines (-). The 2nd Battalion of the Regiment is in readiness category C-4 and is currently undergoing reorganization resulting from its recent return in a cadre status from WestPac. This category is based on shortages of company grade officers and certain critical MOS's and the need for rehabilitation of major items of equipment, scheduled for completion during January 1969.

5th Anti-Tank Battalion (-). This battalion is in readiness category C-4 although 82% personnel authorized are present. Due to a high turnover rate of personnel, only 33% of assigned Ontos crewmen are fully trained. In addition, 15-25% of Ontos are on deadline at any given time. Because of the lack of fully trained crews and the high deadline rate for their main armament, B and C companies are not considered operationally ready.

5th Motor Transport Battalion (-). This battalion is in readiness category C-3, and is composed of H&S Company and C Company with 11 of 13 officers, and 139 of 140 enlisted present of that authorized by manning level. Approximately 85% of the Battalion (10 officers and 119 enlisted) were just received from Staging and must complete training.

5th Medical Battalion (-). This battalion is in readiness category C-4 due to shortages of key medical personnel (medical officers and operating room technicians) plus a high deadline rate of combat essential equipment. B Company has a clearing platoon and 1/3 of a collecting platoon deployed with BLT 1/27. D Company has a clearing platoon and 1/3 of a collecting platoon deployed with 9th MEB.

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5th Reconnaissance Battalion (+). This battalion is in readiness category C-3. Headquarters and Service Company, C Company, and D Company are capable of accomplishing their mission, however B Company, recently returned from RVN, is incapable of performing its mission due to personnel shortages and a requirement for additional training.

5th Shore Party Battalion (-). This battalion is in readiness category C-4. Although 94% personnel authorized are present, only 73% MOS 1381 (Shore Party Man) are on board. This battalion consists of Headquarters and Service Company, B Company, and C Company. B Company has no operational capability and is currently in a cadre status. The capability of the remaining two companies is limited due to the deadline of engineer equipment including 2 of 6 2N Koehring cranes, and 1 of 2 MRS-100 tractors.

5th Service Battalion (-). This command is in readiness category C-3 due to critical shortages of certain military occupational specialties, primarily in occupational fields 21 and 30. The capability to accomplish its mission and support the Division is reduced in the areas of 3rd echelon maintenance, supply, and data processing support due to a shortage of personnel in occupational field 40.

5th Tank Battalion (-). This battalion consisting of Headquarters and Service Company, and B, C and D companies is in readiness category C-4 due to certain critical MOS shortages. Residual combat capability is 55% that of a fully combat ready tank battalion. 6 of 19 M48A3 90mm gun tanks are projected as deadlined during reporting period, and 5 M103A2 Range Finders have been at MCSC Albany for repair for over one year. In addition, 16 M48A3 gun tubes and 12 M103A2 gun tubes have less than 50% life remaining, and will require replacement after the next major firing exercise. 4 M48A3 and 6 M103A2 tubes are currently on order. Operational effectiveness is further reduced due to a shortage of replacement track sections and spare parts.

13th Engr Battalion (-). This battalion is considered to be 65% effective and in readiness category C-4 due to certain officer shortages and training status of recent joinees. C company is in a cadre status with 2 officers and 43 enlisted. Training readiness is reduced due to shortages and turnover of personnel.

13th Motor Transport Battalion. This battalion is in readiness category C-3. Although 91% personnel authorized are present, a rapid turnover of personnel keeps training readiness at a marginal level.

lst Civil Affairs Group. This unit is in readiness category C-4, currently having 63% of authorized personnel present. Predictions are that 4 of 7 authorized functional teams and 3 of 6 authorized civil affairs platoons will be in existence during this reporting period. The lack of officer and enlisted personnel with proper ranks and MOS will reduce the effectiveness of those units. Lack of personnel precludes activation of the remaining 6 units.

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5th Military Police Battalion (-). A shortage of officers and personnel turnover reduces the combat capability of this unit to readiness category C-3. 60% of the battalion's personnel are considered trained military policemen. D Company is in a cadre status. The battalion has no scout/sentry dog capability.

5th Force Reconnaissance Company (-). This unit is 60% combat ready with 3 of 5 T/O reconnaissance platoons manned and is in category readiness C-3. 32 of 45 Marines are scuba qualified and 31 of 45 Marines are parachute qualified in the operational platoons. 88% of equipment and 90% of supply items are on hand.

9th Separate Bulk Fuel Company. This company is in readiness category C-4. Based upon MOS shortages and lack of formal and informal training the residual combat capability is 60%. The capability exists to deploy 2 of 4 combat ready bulk fuel platoons reinforced with an engineer equipment and packaged fuel section. 4 scooploaders are on administrative deadline pending receipt of initial issue repair parts.

5th Bridge Company. This unit is in readiness category C-4 due to certain personnel shortages and the training status of recent joinees. The shortage of one bridge erection boat, and complete lack of spare parts to support on hand bridge erection boats and 5 KW floodlight units materially affects the command. 1 of 3 bridge platoons is currently in a cadre status due to critical MOS shortages.

5th Hospital Company. This unit is in readiness category C-4 due to a shortage of medical officer specialists, Navy enlisted technicians, insufficient generator power to support the entire company and lack of a laundry unit to support the laundry section.

13th Counterintelligence Team. This team is in readiness category C-3, although 86% aughorized personnel are present. 1 officer and 3 NCO's have just completed basic training and require additional OJT.

19th Counterintelligence Team. This team is in readiness category C-3 due T/E shortages of 5 AN/CRC-125.

21st Interpreter Team. This team is in readiness category C-4 due to only 50% of authorized personnel present.

19th Interrogation Translator Team. This team is in readiness category C-4 due to 64% personnel authorized present.

13th Interpreter Team. This team is in readiness category C-4 due to 33% personnel authorized present.

21st Interrogation Translator Team. This unit is in readiness category C-4 due T/E shortage of three of three trailers M-100.

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17th Interpreter Team. This unit is in readiness category C-4 due to 33% personnel authorized present.

23rd Interrogation Translator Team. This unit is in readiness category C-4 due to T/E shortages of three of three ½T trucks M38Al, three of three trailers M-100 and one motor generator PU-143 CU.

19th Interpreter Team. This team is in readiness category C-4 due to 33% personnel authorized present.

25th Interrogation Translation Team. This team is in readiness category C-4, due to shortage of three of three trucks M38Al and three of three trailers M-100.

PART III. EVALUATION OF OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

- 1. Reference (b) provides information which directly affects the status of contingency planning and the ability to evaluate the combat readiness of this command to provide forces for the accomplishment of specific missions. In addition, for each plan listed below, the 5th Marine Division has been tentatively tasked to provide supporting, versus primary, forces on order (enclosure (1), reference (b)). Accordingly, only a general narrative evaluation is included at this time.
- 2. List of current contingency plans for which this Command may provide forces:
 - a. CINCPACFLT/FMFPAC General War Plans
 - b. ALCANUS-ADP-66.
 - c. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 25
 - d. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 27
 - e. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 33
 - (1) COMUSMACTHAI OPLAN 32 Phase II
 - (2) COMUSSEASIA OPLAN 32, Phase II/IV
 - f. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 37
 - g. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 39
 - h. COMUSTAFF OPLAN 1/66
 - i. SEATO FIELD FORCES OPLAN 6 AND CENTRAL REGION SFF OPLAN 4
 - j. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 81

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k. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 82

- (1) USCINGSO OPLAN 6300
- (2) COMFIRSTFLT OPLAN \$2-68
- (3) V MEF OPLAN 82-(YR)
- 3. Narrative Evaluation. The above plans call for force requirements at levels ranging from a BLT to a MEF. 5th Marine Division OPLAN 303-68 is a readiness mount out plan for BLT(s) and a RLT headquarters for movement by airlift, and BLT, RLT or Division (-) by sealift. Change number 1 to this OPLAN satisfies the requirement set forth in V MEF 82-(YR) for the ground element of a MEB. Utilizing the total resources of the Division, without applying deployment restriction, it is considered that up to one RLT by sea or airlift could be deployed.
- 4. <u>DEPLOYABLE CONSIDERATION</u>. Utilizing the maximum criteria for permanent deployment as outlined in Marine Corps Order 1300.11E, the following is the status of the 5th Marine Division:

		OFF	ENL
a.	T/ 0	906	14,744
b.	T/O deficit of total chargeable strength	232	1,559
c.	Non-deployable IAW above criteria	490	10,212
d.	Deployable	184	2,973
e.	Total personnel required for authorized strength (T/O less T/O deficiencies in sub-para b above and non-deployables in sub-para c above).	722	11,771
f.	On board available in 72 hours with no deployment criteria imposed.	651	12,325

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Hat's (a) MCO P3000.2B

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) the following report is submitted.

PART I

This command has continued to provide support for III Marine Amphibious Force throughout the past months and this level of operations is predicted to continue for the 3d Quarter Fiscal Year 1969. Adverse weather during the monsoon season may somewhat derogate daily operations. Operational reports reflect a slight decrease in sorties flown throughout I Corps during October and November for this reason. Although support provided both Marine and Army units will continue at a high rate, certain limitations exist which degrade the overall performance of this command. These limitations are highlighted herein and shall continue throughout the reporting period. The overall readiness categories relative to personnel, aircraft availability and training status are covered by readiness reports such as FORSTAT, MARKS etc.

a. Parsonnel. In the area of officer strength requirement, significant shortages exist. Detailed reporting by this command concernating this subject has been submitted. Overall, 1st MAW is above established Manning Level. However, specific skill shortages exist. The pancity of time precludes adequate retraining to derive useful talent from total personnel available. At present the T/O for Naval Aviators is 1220, and assigned strength is 1007. This total, minus 33 Naval Aviators assigned on a continuing basis to FAC quotas reduces effective strengths to 79 percent of T/O. This equates to C3 in personnel readiness. Also 11 Naval Flight Officers are assigned continually to ALO quotas reducing total NFO strengths to 84 percent. To further affect officer shills the following MCS's are degraded: 0202 (13 percent of Manning Level), 0402 (7 percent of Manning Level) and 5702 (25 percent of Manning Level).

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Enlisted personnel breakdown into individual MOS's indicates that this command currently has strength ratios which are 70 percent or less in 39 MOS's. These shortages are further aggravated by SNCO shortages. Shown below are MOS's which are down to 56 percent of the Manning Level or less. 1121, 1141, 1316, 1341, 2157, 2816, 2861, 3052, 3372, 3381, 3441, 4099, 5977,5978, 6214, 6234, 6244, 6272, 6379 and 6711. The following MOS's represent an overall enlisted strength of 70 percent of the Manning Level or less except those preceded by an asterisk (*) which indicates 50 percent of Manning Level or less. 0111, *0161, 0221, 0441, *1142, 116*, 1341, 1345, *2157, *2576, 2812, 2841, 2843, *2861, *3052, 3081, 3095, 3241, 3261, *3381, *4013, 4099, 5917, *5942, *5977, 6214, 6219, 6227, 6236, *6239, 6271, 6316, 6379, 6761 and 7041. Input information is not sufficiently adequate to forecast a status for the forthcoming quarter.

While the overall total strength of the 1st MAW is good, the specific skill shortages are detrimental to readiness and below the minimum standards for C2.

b. Logistics

- (1) This command anticipates the arrival of ten new model 550 road graders, thirty-nine PU-657 generators and ten PU-658 generators, thirty-six 6000 pound RT forklifts, twenty Fordson Tow Tractors and thirty-four MC-2 Floodlight units. The PU-657 generators, tow tractors and floodlight units were scheduled for 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 1969 delivery and have slipped until 3d Quarter. If the forklift delivery date for 3d Quarter slips in already critical problem of old equipment will be further compounded. Present equipment will require an excessive amount of maintenance versus operating hours.
- (2) PU-648/608 generators are slated for an sepelerated rebuild program and slippage of this rebuild shall seriously curtail operations. This is a continuing problem, as noted by paragraph d. of this report.
- c. Supply. Supply support continues to be adequate to support operations but some critical areas exist which may limit overall readiness.
- (1) The aircraft MORS rate is within expected tolerance for the tempo and theater of operations. In addition to normal supply system response to NORS requirements, COMFAIRWESTPAC is providing excellent procurement/expediting assistance upon request. In addition, lateral support from USA and USAF activities in RVN and Thailand has been very good in providing NORS requirements for F-4, OV-10, O-1, UH-1E and CH-53 aircraft and some common ground support equipment.

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- (2) Readiness of MAG supply departments is being adversely effected in three main areas which relate to each other, e.g., BPN OS funding, adequate numbers/skills of personnel, and material management policies. The funding problem is caused primarily at this time by the migration of material from APA to NSA. Sales generated procurement authority does not allow for rapid response to an adjustment of requisitioning objectives. Personnel numbers/skills for 3M operation are still required. The reduction of the requirement for AVCAL insurance items would materially aid the capability of management in the funding and personnel areas.
- (3) Supply support of the Radio Set AN/TRC-97 continues to improve. Factory turn around time has shown very little improvement. One set remains on permanent deadline with all repair part deficiencies related to that set. Expected receipt of three sets from the Repair and Evacuation program (R&F 69) has not materialized, arrival is anticipated during the last of the and Quarter or early in the 3rd Quarter FY-69.
- (4) Slow factory turn around time also continues to be a problem with the Radar Course Direction Control AN/TPQ-10. The receipt of seven (7) air conditioners eliminates the previously reported problems in this area.
- (5) Serious problems anticipated within the MTDS system have not developed as of this time. Considering the age and operational usage, problems could develop at anytime. Module repair and replacement are hindered by the need to return many of the items to CONUS. Blower motors for the TYA-11 have become critical, eleven (11) radio sets are insperative due to this item. Requisitions for blower motors have been submitted and message traffic follow-ups are in process.
- d. Communications/Electronics. It is estimated that the Communications/Electronics system throughout the 1st MAW will continue to be marginally satisfactory throughout the 3d Quarter Fiscal Year 1969. Specific functional areas are:
- (?) Telephone systems will remain in a degraded state until installation of AN/TTC-28 or the change over to Danang Air Base DCO. The presently used equipment is limited due to extensive use without replacement and worn out condition. It is anticipated that forthcoming dial system installation will alleviate this problem to some degree.
- (2) Long lead time for procurement of repair parts for low density radar will continue as a problem area. No output from the R&E Program for AN/TPQ-10 or AN/UPS-1 is expected soon.

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- (3) Replacement of the 60 and 400 HZ generators will be curtailed until modification kits become available for new equipment. Both 60 and 400 HZ generators will continue to be used to the maximum capability.
- (4) Radio Relay Communications are expected to improve upon receipt of AN/TRC-97 radio relay equipment. Radio set AN/TYA-11 parts availability and component replacements continue as problem areas.
- (5) Increased card traffic via AUTODIN is expected to relieve somewhat the fixed plant teletype assets which are fully utilized.
- indicated in paragraph a. coupled with the paucity of spare parts have coduced the aircraft readiness of this command to 49 percent. Considering full system aircraft by readiness standards the overall tactical availability 48 percent.

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All units of this command are considered effective for combat and capable of performing assigned missions.

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Fiscal Year 1969 (U) (RS MC 3000-11)

Ref: (a) MCO P3000.2B

In compliance with reference (a) the following report is submitted:

PART I

The overall readiness of the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing is estimated to be 65%. This percentile is expected to improve somewhat throughout the reporting period. Factors which presently influence reduced readiness are shortages of Naval Aviators, Aviation Ground Officers and qualified Staff Non-Commissioned Officers in certain critical MOS's. Aircraft shortages, lack of combat essential equipment and qualified maintenance personnel are additional factors affecting Wing readiness.

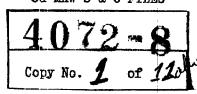
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- a. H&HS-38: Unit short 28 pieces major support equipment, including 16 trucks and 3 generator sets. Critical qualified personnel shortages exist in 6 MOS's. Anticipate C-2 late in quarter.
- SU MACS-1 (NBCWS): Unit C-4 in TE, QM6 and COSAL items. Only support maintenance facility available this unit is manufacturer. Chemical mission is not operationally ready due to lack of spare parts and non-existence of a formal school for mix and fill training. Improvement anticipated by end of this period.
- MACS-7: Shortage of operable major equipment critically affects this unit's readiness and training capabilities. Anticipate C-2 in 4th Quarter FY 69.

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- d. MASS-5: Shortage of 2 AN/TPQ-10 radars, critical support equipment and repair parts restrict this unit's capabilities. Anticipate C2 1st Quarter FY 70.
- e. 2d LAAM: Critical shortage of qualified personnel due to recent retrograde. Estimate C3 early in 4th Quarter FY 69.
- f. 5th LAAM: Unit C4 due to shortages in equipment and material. Unit scheduled to deactivate during this period.
- g. VMCJ-3: Unit C4 due to shortage of combat ready aircrews and continuous input of untrained aircrews. Unit has 4 EF-10B's vice 9 authorized and is critically short of repair parts for both EF-10B and RF-4B aircraft. Unit also critically short of Staff NCO's in 11 MOS's.
- h. VMFA-232: Critical personnel shortage exists in 8 MOS's. Ground test equipment is limited. Anticipate C-l prior to 3rd Quarter WestPac deployment.
- i. VMFA-531: Unit has insufficient crews combat ready due to critical shortages in all categories. Unit has 60% of IMRL on hand, 38% of maintenance SNCO's on hand. Unscheduled maintenance is high due to condition of A/C transferred from WestPac. Forecast C4/C3 through 4th Quarter FY 69.
- j. VMA-214: Shortage of qualified personnel in 10 MOS's plus projected transfers of qualified pilots and technical personnel to WestPac will maintain this unit C4 throughout period.
- k. VMGR-352: Unit readiness C3 due to critical shortage of pilots and high maintenance requirements on aircraft transferred from WestPac. Anticipate C-2 near end of period.
- 1. H&MS-56: Unit C3 primarily due to incomplete allowances (71% IMRL, 65% TBA). Training is adversely affected by rapid turnover of personnel and lack of qualified personnel. Anticipate C-2 late in period.
- m. MABS-56: Critical shortage of enlisted personnel and support equipment are primary causes of C4 readiness. Anticipate C2 near end of period.

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- n. MATCU-74: Shipment of equipment to WestPac holds this unit C-3 until late in quarter. Anticipate C-2 upon resumption of training in 4th Quarter.
- o. HMM-163: Unit recently returned from WestPac in a zero personnel/aircraft/equipment status. Expect C-3 midway through period.
- p. HML-267: Unit C-3 primarily due to shortage of UH-1E pilots/instructors. Training also affected by personnel shortages plus support equipment shortage. Estimate C-2 4th Quarter FY 69.

PART III

- a. CINCPACFLT GWP-1 (YR) Third MarineAircraft Wing tasked to support V MEF and deploy on order. No specific units are designated.
- b. ALCANUS EDP (YR) Third Marine Aircraft Wing tasked under V MEF, no specific units designated.
- c. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 25 Fifth Marine Expeditionary Force tasked to provide back up support for this plan. Wing assets (3 VMF/VMFA) are not on hand to provide all units as specified under V MEF requirements, but are available as specified for CG, 3d MAW support (1 VMF/VMFA).
- d. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 27 Resources available (1 VMA/VMFA) to support this plan if needed.
- e. <u>CINCPACFLT OPLAN 32 (PHASE II)</u> Third Marine Aircraft WIng tasked to provide one VMCJ detachment which is available at present.
- f. <u>CINCPACFLT OPLAN 37-65</u> Third Marine Aircraft Wing (-) tasked under V MEF to mount out full strength units as required.
- g. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 71 Third Marine Aircraft Wing is tasked to provide 12 KC-130F aircraft for refueling services. This capability does not exist since 3d MAW has an average on-hand of only 10 aircraft. Although authorized 16 aircraft, par schedule averages 4 aircraft, 1 aircraft is configured with FMFPac Command module and 1 aircraft continuously down due to parts shortages.

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- h. CINCPACELT OPLAN 81 SUPPORTS CINCLANT OPLAN 303, 304, 313, & 315 This plan calls for 2 VMA, detachment VMCJ, and detachment VMGR. Presently only one VMA (VMA-214) in 3d MAW.
- i. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 82 SUPPORTS USCINESO 6300 PLANS Fifth Marine Expeditionary Force Oplan 82 supports these plans and tasks 3d MAW with a Landing Force (Brigade) Aviation Element. Present assets preclude providing HMH support. No fixed wing units are carrier qualified as required for support of these plans.
- j. SEATO FIELD FORCE (SFF OPLAN 6 AND CENTRAL REGION SFF OPLAN 4) Third Marine Aircraft Wing tasked under Fifth Marine Expeditionary Force for mount out in support of these plans. No individual units specified.
- k. FMFLant OPLAN 2303 (YR) Third Marine Aircraft Wing is tasked to provide one VMCJ (ECM) detachment of 9 aircraft. Present EF-10B assets are 4 aircraft assigned.

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Ref: (a) MCO P3000.2B

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- 1. The following report submitted pursuant to instructions contained in references (a) and (b), constitutes an evaluation of the combat readiness of the Force Logistic Command/1st Force Service Regiment.
- a. Part I EVALUATION OF THE COMMAND. The Force Logistic Command/
 1st Force Service Regiment is capable of performing its mission of providing essential supply, maintenance and service support to the III
 Marine Amphibious Force. However, if the tactical situation changes, the
 Force Logistic Command/1st Force Service Regiment has a limited capability
 to furnish two fully ready Force Logistic Support Groups to support III
 Marine Amphibious Forces.

b. Part II - EVALUATION OF UNITS.

- (1) Force Logistic Support Group Alpha is capable of performing its currently reduced mission.
- (2) All other units are capable of fulfilling their assigned missions.

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Ericl: (1) Part I - Evaluation of the Command

(2) Part II - Evaluation of Units
 (3) Part III - Evaluation of Operational Commitments

1. In accordance with reference (a) the subject report is hereby submitted.

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PART I - EVALUATION OF THE COMMAND

During the Third Quarter, FY 69, the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade will be marginally combat ready (C-3) to perform assigned missions due to the deployment of its major combat elements, (air and ground). Non deployed elements of the Brigade will retain the capability to:

- (1) Train replacement personnel for 9th MAB units committed to combat in RVN as required.
 - (2) Conduct contingency planning.
- (?) Plan and execute BLT rehabilitation in conjunction with other Okinawan based Marine Corps activities.
- (4) Command and control MEB level operations provided operational control of an Infantry Regiment Headquarters and an Artillery Battalion Headquarters is returned to 9th MAB and the SIF's are not otherwise committed.

During the quarter the Brigade is expected to restore its capability to perform 3rd and limited 4th echelon maintenance for 9th MAB units (ground). The achievement of this capability is contingent upon restoring the equipment returned with the PSB sub unit to a serviceable condition.

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PART II - EVALUATION OF UNITS

RLT-26 (Rear) - This unit retains the capability of performing the assigned unit mission of training replacement personnel for deployed 9th MAB units as required and locally assigned missions such as support of civil disturbance plans. RLT-26 (Rear) is considered to be C-2 for its assigned mission. However, it is not capable of performing the normal mission of an RLT Headquarters, due to deployment of Headquarters, 26th Marines and Headquarters ist Battalion, 13th Marines to RVN. It is anticipated that its readiness category (C-2) will remain valid throughout the quarter.

Provisional Service Battalion - At the present time the battalion remains not combat ready. The return of Sub Unit #1 from RVN has greatly enhanced the capabilities of the battalion in terms of personnel readiness. However, equipment returned with Sub Unit #1 is currently undergoing inspection, checkout, and rehabilitation and is in a generally poor condition. The overall operational readiness condition is expected to improve to a C-2 combat readiness category early in the 3rd Quarter FY 1969.

Communication Support Company - This unit has had considerable delay in obtaining end items, component parts, and equipment accessory items to replace shortages. Deployment of combat essential items to the SLF's, and deadlined equipment, limits this units ability to perform its mission. Its combat readiness category will remain C-3 during the 3rd Quarter FY 1969.

Marine Aircraft Group-15 - The overall readiness of this unit will remain C-2 through the 3rd Quarter, FY 1969. Problem areas are:

- 1. VMGR-152 with 13 KC-130 aircraft remains under operational control of CG, FMFPAC(FWD). Six KC-130 aircraft have been deployed in RVN to provide continuous in-country support of III MAF. The return of these aircraft is required for VMGR-152 to attain a substantially combat ready posture.
- 2. MACS-8 is operational without an MTDS capability. The loss of MTDS is due to the transfer of operational computer equipment to MACS-4 in RVN. The squadrons present capability is limited to manual mode only. Improvement from a C-4 status is dependent upon replacement of this computer equipment.
- 3. VMFA-122 This squadron will attain a C-2 combat status during the Third Quarter FY 1969. However, if VMFA-122 is rotated as a unit to III MAF during the quarter scheduled, the VMFA capability of the air group will then be commensurate with readiness of the replacement squadron received from III MAF.

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- 4. The following unit will be ineffective if the air group is deployed to a site that would require the full use of all expeditionary equipment:
- A. MATCU-66. This unit has 4 officers and 56 enlisted personnel assigned of its T/O strength of 7 and 59. 1 officer and 13 enlisted personnel have been supporting MGAF Futema and the equipment has been administratively deadlined. Improvement in readiness could occur now that personnel have been stabilized and administratively deadlined equipment is exercised during the 3rd Quarter FY 1969. However, the unit is short two TACANS and two generators assigned MATCU-67.

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PART III - EVALUTATON OF OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

The Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade is required to provide forces for the contingency plans listed below. The ability of the Brigade to provide the required forces for each plan is evaluated based upon forces OPCON to 9th MAB or the command whose plan is to be supported.

PLAN	PL	Ā	N
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FORCE REQUIREMENT AND EVALUATION

COMSEVENTHELT

Force: MAB

General War Plan (GWP)

Evaluation: Not currently available to 9th MAB

or to COMSEVENTHELT

COMSEVENTHELT

Force: SLF

OPLAN 23

Evaluation: Available to COMSEVENTHFLT

COMSEVENTHELT OPIAN 25

Force: MAG - (one to three fighter squadrons, if available with supporting aviation units) Evaluation: Only one fighter squadron is avail-

able.

COMSEVENTHFLT

OPLAN 27

Force: MAG - (one to three fighter squadrons, if available with supporting aviation units)

Evaluation: Only one fighter squadron is avail-

able.

COMSEVENTHFLT

Force: MAB

OPLAN 32 PHASE II Evaluation: Not currently available to 9th MAB

or to COMSEVENTHELT.

COMSEVENTHELT

OPLAN 60

Force: SLF

Evaluation: Available to COMSEVENTHFLT.

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OPLAN 101

Force: SLF

Evaluation: Available.

COMSEVENTHELT

OPLAN 120

Force: SLF to full Brigade

Evaluation: Forces in excess of the two SLF's

OPCON to COMSEVENTHELT are not available.

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COMSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 105

Force: MAB (less fixed wing aircraft)

Evaluation: Not available to 9th MAB or to COMSEVENTHELT.

COMUSTAFF

Force: MAB augmented by a fourth BLT.

OPLAN 1/66 Evaluation: Not currently available to 9th MAB

or to COMSEVENTHELT.

FMFPAC OPLAN 100 Force: Provisional Battalion or less depending

on 9th MAB assets on Okinawa.

Evaluation: Available.

FMFPAC OPLAN 100B Force: Security force (approximately 1,00

Marines) for security of Northern Okinawa insta-

lations.

Evaluation: Available.

The following operations plans have been overtaken by events or are waiting revision by higher authority.

- 1. COMSEVENTHELT OPLAN 37
- 2. COMSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 39
- 3. COMSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 32 PHASE III/IV

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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

a. Part I Evaluation of the Command. The ability of this Command to perform its assigned mission will be limited during the forthcoming quarter because of the circumstances set forth herein.

b. Part II Evaluation of Units

- (1) The Fifth Dental Company (-) is not capable of performing its assigned combat service support mission in view of the personnel limitations imposed by the NAVY MANPOWER Authorization (NAVPERS 576/OPNAV 1000). This unit has a T/O of 18 officers and 30 enlisted. The current on board strength is 7 officers and 9 enlisted. The current allowance of personnel is sufficient to handle the dental needs of Force Troops and Marine Corps Base, Twentynine Palms, personnel while in garrison. However, if committed to combat it would be necessary to bring the Fifth Dental Company to full T/O strength in order to accomplish its assigned mission.
- (2) The Ninth Communication Battalion (-) is operating minus its Communication Support Company. The pool of communication assets to support the MEF Headquarters echelonment

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capability, normally provided by Communication Support Company, is unavailable. This organization's capability to support a MEF is further diminished due to a lack of 50% of the authorized VHF radio relay assets of the battalion. This equipment has been deployed to WestPac. This organization has 77% of its authorized personnel on board. Of this total, 33% are deployable based on the criteria contained in reference (a). This criteria, with the Vietnam returnee requirements reduced to twelve months in CONUS, reveals that 60% of its personnel are deployable. Critical personnel deficiencies include personnel in communication technical and operator MOS's and administration.

- (3) The Fifth Field Artillery Group, consisting of a Headquarters Battery, Fifth 8" Howitzer Battery (SP)(-) and Seventh 155mm Gun Battery (SP) is currently manned at 82% of its authorized strength. Critical personnel shortages within the Group are field artillery batterymen (MCS 0811), supply (MCS 3041 and 3051), and motor transport (MCS 3531). The continued shortage of these MCS skills and the insufficient time to train the large number of newly joined personnel precludes the attainment of full combat potential at this time. Of the on board strength of the Group, only 19% are deployable based on the criteria contained in reference (a). This criteria, with the Vietnam returnee requirement reduced to twelve months in CONUS, reveals that 42% of its personnel are deployable.
- (4) Company D (Rein), 13th Engineer Battalion, consisting of 3 Engineer Platoons and 1 Equipment Platoon, is currently manned at 79% of its authorized strength. Shortages of combat engineers (MOS 1371) and motor vehicle operators (MOS 3531) preclude Company D (Rein) from being fully combat ready. This unit is manned primarily by Vietnam returnees and its deployment capability based on the criteria contained in reference (a) is negligible.

c. Part III Evaluation of Operational Commitments

(1) This command supports the Fifth Marine Division's 303-68 Plan by providing a detachment with equipment from the Ninth Communication Battalion (-).

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(2) Reference (b) assigns this command as a contributing command in support of the V MEF 82-(YR) plans. The V MEF 82-(YR) plans require the following forces from Force Troops, FMFPac:

260 Man Support Co from 9th Comm Bn (-)

- 1 155mm Gun Battery (SP)
- 1 Platoon of 8¹¹ Howitzers (SP)

Additionally, Force Troops, FMFPac will be required to provide officer and enlisted personnel to the MEB Headquarters Staff and, when directed, provide the MEB Commander/CTF 19. The total number of personnel to be provided is unknown. This support can be provided; however, sustained operations would greatly reduce combat effectiveness.

(3) It is emphasized that if the total manpower assets of the command are called upon to support these plans, this support would be severely limited based on the criteria for deployment of personnel contained in reference (a). Of the total Force Troops personnel on board (1353), only 31% can be deployed. Using this criteria, with the Vietnam returnee requirement reduced to twelve months in CONUS, 61% of this command's personnel would be deployable. Percentages deployable are based on total officer and enlisted personnel.

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Combat Readiness Report, 3d Quarter FY-69

Ref: (a) NCO P3000.2B

(b) CG, FMFPac 1tr to CMC 4D/CWL Ser: 0109766 of Oct 66

1. The report required by reference (a) is hereby submitted:

PART I: In accordance with reference (b), Third Force Service Regiment is currently carrying out its assigned mission in support of operations in RVN and is combat ready.

PART II: In accordance with reference (b), subordinate units of this command are carrying out assigned tasks in support of Third Force Service Regiment mission and are considered combat ready.

PART III: Third Force Service Regiment provides forces and Logistical Support for Fleet Marine Forces Pacific Operation Plans 10-68, 62-68, 100-68, 100A-68, 100B-68, 101-68, and 201-(YR). Implementation of contingency forces under any of these Operation Plans will seriously curtail ability to continue T/O combat mission of PART I above.

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To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Commander's Combat Readiness Report (U)

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(a) MCO P3000.2B

Encl: (1) Commander's Combat Readiness Report, 3rd. QTR FY69

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is forwarded.

2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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THE QUARTERLY COMBAT READINESS REPORT, 3RD QTR, FY69 IS A REPORT PREPARED AND SUBMITTED IN THE LAST MONTH OF THE 2ND QTR, FY69. THE 3RD QTR, FY69 IS THE REPORTING PERIOD COVERED IN THIS REPORT.

PART I. EVALUATION OF COMMAND

5th Force Service Regiment (-) is capable of deploying and performing its assigned mission with the limitiations discussed in Part II. The significant factor contributing to these limitations is shortages of personnel. However, this command is capable of supporting a single Logistic Support Group for sustained operations.

While in garrison this unit can perform its assigned mission with minor limitations. Training readiness will improve as critical technical billets are filled.

PART II. EVALUATION OF UNITS

It is anticipated that the operational effectiveness of the following units will be limited during this reporting period:

Headquarters and Service Battalion. Shortages in Military Occupational Specialties 1141, 1341, 3111 and 3051 reduce the capability of the Support Company to fully perform its assigned mission.

Motor Transport capability is reduced due to the shortage of six (6) water tank trucks, M50A2. Critical shortage of personnel in MOS's 3516 and 3531 has contributed to the administrative deadlining of 143 pieces of equipment and does effect our ability to respond to contingency plans.

The capability of the Communication Company is somewhat reduced by the shortage of qualified personnel in occupational field 2800.

Supply Battalion. The battalion is presently operating on 55% enlisted personnel strength and 70% officer strength with respect to the latest manning levels.

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Maintenance Battalion. Shortages of personnel in occupational fields 3516, 2111, 1341, and 2861 constitute the significant factor for this units inability to fully perform its assigned mission.

PART III. EVALUATION OF OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

5th Force Service Regiment (-) has the capability to support contingency plans set forth in Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Plan 201-(YR), Commanding General, 5th Marine Division 303-68 and Commanding General, V MEF Plan 82-(YR) providing not more than one plan is executed during one given period. Fifth Force Service Regiment (-) has the additional capability of supporting several Civil Disturbance Plans; including Commanding General, 5th Marine Division Plan 100-69, and providing a Provisional Civil Disturbance Rifle Company for a Provisional Civil Disturbance Battalion. The Rifle Company is composed of one platoon from each battalion in the Regiment and the Headquarters for the company is from Headquarters and Service Battalion; 5th Force Service Regiment is also tasked with and prepared to provide logistic support for civil disturbance units when they are deployed to trouble areas.

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Commanders Combat Readiness Report, 3rd Quarter, Fiscal Year Subj: 1969 (U)

Ref:

(a) MCO 3000.2B

- (b) CG, FMFPac ltr 3/RJR over 3121 of 28 May 1968
- 1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.
- Part I (U) Evaluation of Command
- a. (C) The contingency plans requiring Brigade support/involvement are of a nature that requires evaluation of individual unit readiness rather than evaluation of the Brigade as an entity.
- Part II (U) Evaluation of Units
- a. (S) Marine Aircraft Group-24 is not combat ready (C-4) due to not receiving Aircraft Wespons Systems programmed personnel, supply support and maintenance/ground support equipment. It is anticipated that MAG-24 will become marginally combat ready (C-3) during this quarter.
- b. (5) H&MS-24 is not considered combat ready (C-4) due to shortages of trained personnel in essential ranks and MOS's, intermediate maintenance supply/support equipment and trained maintenance personnel for F4J and TA4F aircraft. Fresent shortages of qualified helicopter mechanics will restrict this unit's ability to fulfill helicopter commitments. It is anticipated that the unit will become marginally combat ready (C-3) during this quarter
- c. (S) MABS-24 is marginally combat ready (C-3) with major deficiencies in supply and equipment. This command is capable of deployment for only a short period of time and in support of very limited operations. With continued inputs of these items, MABS-24 will attain a (0-2) status in the 3rd Qtr FY-69.

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- d. (S) MATCU-70 is considered not to be combat ready (C-4) due to major equipment shortages. Euch of said major equipment is expected to arrive shortly, but since it is returning from Viet Nam deployment a large part of it is expected to be inoperable. However, it is anticipated that the unit will attain a (C-3) status in the 3rd Qtr FY-69.
- e. (S) VMFA-212 is considered not to be combat ready (C-4) due to a lack of aviators and NFC's. The shortage of authorized T/O aircrews and the ability to practice Flight Operations in Thase II Missile Intercept Syllabus Training will cause training percentage to remain low until this squadron is in receipt of the AMG-10 Airborne Radar. It is anticipated that (C-3) will be reached during the next quarter even though this squadron is not scheduled to receive the AMG-10 Airborne Radar and its associated test equipment.
- f. (3) VEFA-235 is not considered to be combat ready (C-4) although the unit possesses an adequate instructor base consisting of nineteen (19) combat experienced Naval Aviators and Naval Flight Officers. Pifteen (15) aircraft arrived this command on 15 and 16 November 1968 and are now undergoing acceptance checks. Syllabus phase training will commence as aircraft are placed in an up status. A lack of operational ready F4J aircraft, supply/support shortages, and personnel shortages in rank/MOS constitute the reason for an overall readiness rating of (C-4). It is anticipated a (C-3) status will be reached during the 3rd Ctr FY-69.
- g. (5) AACS-2 is not combat ready (C-h) due to the critical shortage of repair parts. During this period the unit may achieve the copability of performing its mission as defined by 10^{10} M-8630 and JTF OPL/N 1-68. Unit Combat Readiness is expected to be upgraded to (C-2) status during the 3rd atr FY-69 if certain training, support, and equipment factors are favorably resolved.
- h. (C) 1st Battalion (Rein), 27th Marines, will not be able to accomplish any assi ned missions due to shortages of personnel and logistical deficiencies caused by the Command's recent redeployment from Viet Nom.
- i. (C) Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Marine Brigade, is not considered combat ready (C-4) due to the lack of any Field communication capabilities. In adcordance with reference (b), H&S Company has no embarkation plan, or the proper equipment (mount out boxes, etc.) for embarkation.

Part III - (U) Evaluation of Operational Commitments

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a. (S) MCP (FMFPac)

(1) Subject to the limitations stated in Part II above, this Command can provide the forces required.

ь. (S) JTF OPLAN 1-68

- (1) This CINPAC (JTF) Plan provides for all Navy/Marine units with an air defense capability to assist in the air defense of the Hawaiian area. This plan states that MACS-2 will augment the 326th Air Division's Radar Surveillance and Weapons Control capability.
- (2) MACS-2 will participate in this OPLAN and will have a Weapons Control capability to augment the 169th Air Control and Warning Squadron.

c. (C) COMSTAFF 1-66

- (1) As reflected in Fart II above, this command would be unable to provide the required forces for this plan.
 - d. (S) 326th Air Division OFLAN 5-68
- (1) This OPIAN supports PACAF OPLAN 1-68 and provides for the defense of the land areas of the Pacific Islands Air Defense Region. MACS-2 is listed within this plan as an augmentation unit. The procedures listed in this plan are compatible with JTF OPLAN 1-68.
- (2) MACS-2, during scheduled exercises, will perform those air defense functions of detecting, recording and reporting as an Augmentation Air Control Facility in support of the 169th Air Control and Warning Squadron.

W. C. MCGRAW, JR

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Commander's Combat Readiness Report (Report Symbol 3100.4)

Ref: (a) Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Order 3000.4A

1. This report is submitted in compliance with reference (a). The period covered is for the Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 1969.

Part I - Evaluation of the Command

- a. This command is considered combat ready for the execution of its assigned mission.
- (1) First Radio Battalion (-) has transferred most of its organic equipment and supplies to Sub Unit One in order to support III MAF Combat Operations. First Radio Battalion (-) has sufficient personnel and equipment to adequately perform that portion of its mission that pertains to Direct Support of a MEB/MAB.
- (2) The generator/power problem previously reported in the February, May, and August 1968 Commanders Combat Readiness Reports has not been resolved. The Criticomm Communications Centrals, AN/MSC-43 and Electronic Intercept Facilities, AN/TSQ-46, remain deadlined due to a lack of power.

Part II - Evaluation of Units

a. This command has 25 officers and 350 enlisted deployed with Sub Unit One, First Radio Battalion in the Republic of Vietnam who are Combat Ready and performing this Battalion's mission.

Part III - Evaluation of Operational Commitments

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This command is not considered prepared to support the maximum requirements of Phase III/IV of this plan because of the draw down of personnel and equipment stated in Part I

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L. K. RUSSELL By direction

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Subj: Quarterly Combat Readiness Report, 3rd Quarter, FY 69 (U)

Ref: (a) MCO 3000.2B

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- 1. In accordance with reference (a) the following report is submitted.
- 2. Part I Evaluation of the Command
- a. Considering the combined assets of 1st ANGLICO, MCAS Kaneohe and Sub-Unit One, 1st ANGLICO, Republic of Vietnam, it is my judgement that 1st ANGLICO could accomplish its combat mission as assigned in reference (b), upon the unification of these units in one geographical area. Sub-Unit One, 1st ANGLICO, is presently OPCON COMUSMACV.
- 3. Part II Evaluation of Units
- a. 1st ANGLICO, MCAS Kaneohe, consists of a reduced Headquarters section, a reduced Division Air/Naval Gunfire Platoon, and a reduced Brigade Air/Naval Gunfire Platoon. These elements are capable of providing the personnel and communications package for control and coordination of air and naval gunfire at a division headquarters, and within one of its brigades. This Command is required to maintain third echelon electronic maintenance capability. The equipment is deployed with Sub-Unit One, 1st ANGLICO, along with other combat essential test equipment. In the event another contingency plan is executed, 1st ANGLICO's electronic material readiness will be critically limited. This capability is presently maintained through 1st Marine Brigade Field Maintenance.
- 4. Part III Evaluation of Operational Commitments
 - a. Current Contingency Plan Commitments
 - (1) CINCPACFLT GWP Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
 - (2) CINCPACFLT 27 Support available as noted in paragraph 3a above.

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- (3) CINCPACFLT 32 Additional support limited as noted in paragraph 3a above.
- (4) CINCPACFIT 37 Additional support limited as noted in paragraph 3a above.
- (5) CINCPACFLT 39 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (6) CINCPACFLT 41 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (7) CINCPACFLT 42 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (8) CINCPACFLT 60 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (9) CINCPACFLT 81 Support available as noted in paragraph 3a above.
- (10) CINCPACFLT 82 Support available as noted in paragraph
 3a above.
- (11) SFF OFLAN 5 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (12) SFF OPLAN 7 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (13) SFF OPLAN 6 & CRSFF OPLAN 4 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (14) SFF OPLAN 99 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (15) COMUSTAFF 1/66 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (16) COMSEVENTHELT 104 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.

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Sub, 1: Commander's Quarterly Combat Readiness Report

(Report Symbol MC 3100-4) for the Fourth Quarter,

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Ref: (a) MCO P3000.2B

(1) CG, 1st MarDiv (Rein) 1tr 3/AEI/dpb over 3000 Encl: Ser: 0040-69 of 24Feb69 (S)

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(3). CG, 5th MarDiv (-)(Rein) ltr 3/CAS/jeg over

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(5), CG, 3d MAW 1tr 3:JAT:bae over 1500 Ser: 003A05969 of 28Feb69 (S)

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(9) CO, 3d FSR 1tr 3/APS/mas over 3480 of 18Feb69 (U) (10) CO, 5th FSR(-) 1tr 8/PGM/mjk Ser: 010-69 of

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(11), CO, 1st MarBrig ltr 3/CH/drt Ser: 006-69 of 28Feb69 (S)

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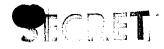
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1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), the Commander's Quarterly Combat Readiness Report for the Fourth Quarter, Fiscal Year 1969 is submitted.

2. (S) The Fleet Marine Force, Pacific continues to be a highly effective combat force. In certain units there are shortages of personnel and equipment and deficiencies in training which could adversely affect a full response to 5304793

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contingency plans. This headquarters is aware of the deficiencies and every means of assistance is being provided. All WestPac units will continue to be capable of performing their primary mission.

3. (S) The self-evaluations of FMFPac commands reporting combat readiness are described in detail in enclosures (1) through (13). Comments on significant items reported in the enclosures follow:

a. 9th MAB

- (1) Requisitioning action has been taken to procure the supply deficiencies noted and personnel are being provided on a "fair share" basis from assets made available to satisfy current manning authorizations. Adequate forces to support contingency requirements can be made available to 9th MAB by the return of operational control of its major combat elements and through other FMFPac sources.
- (2) The location for rehabilitation of BLT 1/26 scheduled for Subic Bay has been changed to Danang, however, the period of reduced effectiveness of Provisional Service Battalion remains unchanged.
- b. 1st Marine Brigade. The personnel and logistical problems associated with the marginal readiness of the 1st Marine Brigade are recognized. Appropriate requisitioning and MARES reporting actions have been accomplished for logistics deficiencies. Personnel input is being effected by HQMC as rapidly as availability and overriding priorities of combat committed commands permit.

c. 5th Marine Division

(1) The overall logistic readiness posture of the 5th Marine Division is expected to improve even though shortages of replacement parts will continue for several low density combat essential equipments. Due to the lower priority assigned the 5th Marine Division as opposed to combat deployed

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forces, the availability of replacement parts is expected to be poor for such items as the TD-15 and Eimco Tractors, Bridge Erection Boats and Koehring 2N Crane. The substitution of the PU-239 (20KW) Generator for the PU-482 (30KW) Generator which is an inadequate power source for the 5th Medical Battalion and the 17th Dental Company is a situation which can be improved with provisioning of the standard T/E item by supply sources.

- (2) The shortage of Medical Officers, Dental Officers and Operating Room Technicians addressed will have a deleterious effect on medical/dental training. It is the policy of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery not to fully staff medical battalions and dental companies until their deployment is imminent. This policy permits better utilization of highly trained medical and dental personnel and avoids their stagnation in a training environment which taxes only a small portion of their abilities. The shortage, therefore, is a planned one.
- d. 3d Marine Aircraft Wing. No improvement in the logistic readiness posture of the 3d MAW can be expected until sufficient assets are provided in response to outstanding requisitions or a higher priority is assigned for procurement of aeronautical materiel.
- e. Force Troops, FMFPac. It is noted that communications support for V MEF 82-(YR) plans can be accomplished on a non-sustaining basis even though the 9th Communication Battalion is operating minus its Communication Support Company. However, such support is contingent upon the capability of Force Troops to effectively consolidate its available assets to overcome the imposed deficit.
- 4. (C) During the forthcoming quarter, emphasis will be directed toward:
- a. Continued logistic support, with all means available, to those forces in Vietnam committed to combat.

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- b. Continued close supervision of newly activated units to ensure that these units attain a combat ready posture.
 - c. Continued supply and maintenance discipline.
- d. Continued evaluation of training to ensure that it reflects experience gained in Vietnam.

P. J. FONTANA, Deputy

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(a) MCO P3000.2B Rof:

1. (U) In compliance with reference (a), the subject report is forwarded.

PART I

- 1. (S) The 1st Marine Division is prepared to accomplish its missions in . faderoo
- 2. (S) The 1st Marine Division is fully combat ready (C1) within the personnel and training fields, however, the supply and equipment readiness is substantially combar ready (C2). The division combat readiness is further enhanced by having OPCON of Headquarters, 26th Marines, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and BLT 3/26. Readiness ratings are based on FORSTAT criteria as applied to the division's present mission.
- 3. (S) Personnel. This Command currently has more than 90% of the personnel authorized by the M Saries Tables of Organization. The personnel readiness rating of the command is C1 and, based on present personnel assets and projected gains and losses, the 1st Division is and will remain fully combat ready to accomplish its assigned mission.
- 4. (S) logistics. Barring any unforeseeable supply or maintenance problems, the projected logistical level of readiness for the forthcoming quarter is substantially ready (C2) to support combat operations.

PART II

- 1. (S) The following units of the 1st Marine Division are considered not combat reacy (C4) Laued on FORSTAT readiness ratings.
- a. The 26th Marines are not combat ready (CL) as a regiment mue to the 2d Bautahion, 26th Marines and the 3d Fattalion, 26th Marines being deployed with SIFs under the semmand, less OPCON, of the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigada. It is anticipated that the 26th Marines will not improve in combat readiness due to the continuous rotation of 26th Marines units with the SLFs.

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- b. The 1st Battalion, 13th Marines is not combat ready (Ch) as a battalion due primarily to deployment of three batteries with the BITs assigned to SIFs. It is anticipated that the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines will not improve in combat readiness due to the continuous rotation of batteries with the BITs assigned to the SIFs.
- c. The 1st Armored Amphibian Company is not combat ready as a company due primarily to the deployment of one platoon to the 2d Korean Marine Corps Brigade and one platoon to the 3d Marine Division. Upon the return of both platoons, a fully combat ready (Cl) status is anticipated.

PART III

1. (S) The 1st Martine Division is not committed or required to provide forces for any contingency plans.

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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the following report is submitted:

<u>Title.</u> The Quarterly Combat Readiness Report, 4th Qtr FY69 is a report prepared and submitted in the second month of the 3d otr, FY69. The 4th Qtr, FY69 is the reporting period covered in this report.

Part I. This command is Combat Ready. The variety and scope of operations, from multi-battalion operations against conventional forces to fire teams integrated with Regional Forces/Popular Forces participating in the pacification program, provide a broad scope of knowledge and experience at all levels of Staff and Command. This provides a high degree of skill and flexibility in meeting the varying combat demands placed upon the Division.

Part II. It is anticipated that all subordinate units' capabilities to accomplish their combat missions will be enhanced and increased. This is due to the experience gained from operating under the varied type of combat situations existing in the Division AO.

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Encl: (1) Commander's Combat Readiness Report, 4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 1969

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

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COMMANDER'S COMBAT READINESS REPORT, 4TH QUARTER, FISCAL YEAR 1969

PART I. EVALUATION OF THE COMMAND

Certain basic factors continue to adversely affect the 5th Marine Division's ability to accomplish its combat mission.

Although over manning level in personnel strength, certain critical shortages in personnel continue. More significant is the continued personnel turbulence which has, in fact, been aggravated by the flow of personnel who have completed pre-deployment training with Staging Battalion and are assigned to the 5th Marine Division in a temporary hold status awaiting direct deployment to West Pac; implementation of the Phase II, accelerated release from active duty program for March through June 1969 will further aggravate this situation during the next quarter and may result in below-manning-level strength.

In the area of logistics, deficiencies in combat essential equipment and supplies continue due to greater priorities assigned to combat-deployed forces. Although this situation will improve due to increased availability of parts and supplies, certain equipment will continue to be characterized by high deadline rates, e.g., the EIMCO Forklift, and TD-15 Tractor. Current phase-out plans for the M422 "Mighty Mite", M38Al † Ton Truck, M50Al "Ontos", generators PU 348 and PE 197, scooploader TL-16, and EIMCO Tractor may result in increased deadline rates in this equipment. Nevertheless, except for the above specific areas, the logistic readiness of the Division is excellent as demonstrated by the projected C-1 status of RLT-27 units for the next quarter.

Due to the turbulence in personnel, emphasis continues on individual training. Nevertheless, minimum requirements for large unit exercises are being fulfilled. The transfer of CD responsibilities to the 27th Marines during the next quarter will improve the technical training readiness of combat support units previously assigned this mission. An everall training readiness category of C-2 will be achieved during the next quarter.

Despite the above adverse factors, a stabilization in the personnel situation, priority supply actions, and a short period of intensive unit-integrated training, would insure the Division's achieving a readiness posture capable of carrying-out it's combat mission.

PART II. EVALUATION OF UNITS

5th Medical Battalion (-). Current capabilities are limited due to a serious shortage of Medical Officers and enlisted Operating Room Technicians which drastically limits unit medical training. The logistics state of readiness is reduced by the substitution of PU-239 Generators for PU-482 Generators. No appreciable improvement in the status of this unit is anticipated during the quarter.

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5th Shore Party Battalion (-). The current capability of the command is limited due to the low percentage of MOS 1381 (Shore Party man) on board and the deadline of critical items of engineer equipment. Two (2) of six (6) Koehring 2N Crane Shovels, two (2) of three (3) TD-15 Tractors, and one (1) of six (6) KFK-60 Forklifts are deadlined. Limited improvement is anticipated in the area of deadlined equipment toward the latter part of the reporting period.

lst Civil Affairs Group. Current capabilities are limited due to the serious deficiency of both officer and enlisted ranks on board. A critical MCS shortage in both officer and enlisted ranks also adversely contributes to the current personnel readiness status. Training readiness is reduced and any attempt toward improvement is directly related to personnel shortages. The readiness category for supply and equipment is satisfactory with no decline anticipated. A very limited improvement in overall readiness is expected during the quarter based upon anticipated personnel input.

5th Bridge Company. Current capabilities are limited by certain MOS and personnel shortages. Existing training status plus the shortage of one (1) bridge erection boat and complete lack of spare parts to support three (3) bridge erection boats and four (4) 5 KW Floodlight units on hand contributes to current readiness status. One (1) of three (3) bridge platoons is currently in a cadre status due to critical MOS shortages. No improvement in the readiness status of this unit is anticipated through the reporting period.

5th Tank Battalion (-). Current capabilities are limited due to shortages in qualified personnel, insufficiently trained tank crewmen and equipment deadline rate. Nine (9) of thirty-five (35) M48A3 Tanks are projected for cembat deadline during the reporting period. In addition twelve (12) M48A3 and six (6) M103A2 gun tubes have less than 50% of tube life remaining. Replacement gun tubes are currently on order. A shortage of fifteen (15) M37 .30 Caliber machine guns exists; however, receipt is expected in the near future. The anticipated receipt of spare parts and reduction in deadline rate should result in improvement in training and logistic readiness categories during the quarter.

5th Hospital Company. Current capabilities are limited due to a shortage of Medical Officer specialists, Navy enlisted technicians and corpsmen, lack of a laundry unit, and insufficient generator power to support the entire company. No improvement in the status of this unit is anticipated during the quarter.

9th Separate Bulk Fuel Company. Current capabilities are adversely affected by a shortage in technically trained personnel. Personnel shortages contribute to a deficiency in training, thus reducing the residual combat strength of the unit. The unit is capable of deploying two (2) of four (4) combat ready bulk fuel platoons, reinforced with an engineer equipment and packaged fuel section. A gradual improvement in combat readiness capability is anticipated during the quarter.

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15th Dental Company. Current capabilities are limited due to a critical shortage of Dental Officers. No improvement is anticipated during the quarter.

17th Dental Company. Current capabilities are limited due to a shortage of Dental Officers and insufficient generator power produced by PU-239 generators currently utilized as a substitute item for PU-482 generators. No improvement is anticipated during the quarter.

PART III. EVALUATION OF OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

- 1. Reference (b) provides information which directly affects the status of contingency planning and the ability to evaluate the combat readines of this command to provide forces for the accomplishment of specific missions. In addition, for each plan listed below, the 5th Marine Division has been tentatively tasked to provide supporting, versus primary, forces on order (enclosure (1), reference (b)). Accordingly, only a general narrative evaluation is included at this time.
- 2. List of current contingency plans for which this Command may provide forces:
 - a. CINCPACFLT/FMFPAC General War Plans
 - b. ALCANUS-ADP-66
 - c. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 25
 - d. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 27
 - e. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 33
 - (1) COMUSMACTHAI OPLAN 32, Phase II
 - (2) COMUSSEASIA OPLAN 32, Phase II/IV
 - f. CINCPACELT OPLAN 37
 - g. CONCPACELT OPLAN 39
 - h. COMUSTAFF OPLAN 1/66
 - 1. SEATO FIELD FORCES OPLAN 6 AND CENTRAL REGION SFF OPLAN 4

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- 1. CINCPACELT OPLAN 81
- k. CINCPACELT OPLAN 82
 - (1) USCINCSO OPLAN 6300
 - (2) COMFIRSTFLT OPLAN 82-68
 - (3) V MEF OPLAN 82-(YR)

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- 3. Narrative Evaluation. The above plans call for force requirements at levels ranging from a BLT to a MEF. 5th Marine Division OPLAN 303-68 is a readiness mount-out plan for BLT(s) and a RLT headquarters for movement by airlift, and BLT, RLT or Division (-) by sealift. Change number 1 to this OPLAN satisfies the requirement set forth in V MEF 82-(YR) for the ground element of a MEB. Utilizing the total resources of the Division, it is considered that up to one RLT by sea or airlift could be deployed.
- 4. <u>Deployability Considerations</u>. Utilizing the criteria for deployment outlined in Marine Corps Order 1300.11E, the following is the deployability status of the 5th Marine Division as of 17 February:

	OFF	ENL
a. T/O	<u>906</u>	14,744
b. T/O deficit of total chargeable strength	<u>35</u>	0 (574 overage)
c. Non-deployable in accordance with above criteria.	564	10,728
d. Deployable	<u>307</u>	4,590
e. Total additional personnel required to deploy at T/O strength in accordance with above criteria.	<u>599</u>	10,154
f. Available for deployment with no criteria applied.	871	15,318

5. Civil Disturbance Contingency. The 5th Marine Division has been tasked to provide two (2) Civil Disturbance Regiments to support CONARC's Civil Disturbance Plan (Garden Plot). 5th Marine Division OPlan 100-69 sets forth the task organization and provides instructions to meet this requirement. Two (2) Civil Disturbance Regiments are available at T/O strength and are fully trained (Readiness Status CD-1). No deployment criteria are applied to Civil Disturbance personnel.

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Fiscal Year 1969 (U)

Refs (a) MCO P3000,2B

(b) FMFPacBul 3000 of 16 Dec 68

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in references (a) and (b) the following report is herewith submitted:

PART I

The lat Marine Aircraft Wing will continue to provide adequate support throughout the Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 1969 for III Marine Amphibious Force ground units. As in past reporting periods, the 7th Air Force out-of-country efforts (Steel Tiger and Commando Hunt programs) will also be supported with fighter/attack aircraft.

It must be noted that certain limitations do exist which degrade the overall performance of this command and it is predicted that these limitations will continue throughout the reporting period. These deficiencies have been reported by means of the operational reporting system such as MARES/FORSTAT Reports, and are highlighted hereins

- a. <u>Personnels</u> This Command is above established manning level strength overall but specific shortages exist in enlisted and officer skills. These deficiencies are detrimental to the readiness of specific units.
- b. Aircraft Availability: The lack of specific maintenance skills indicated in paragraph a., coupled with the paucity of repair parts and support equipment have reduced aircraft availability for this command.

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PART II

All units of this command are considered effective for combat and are capable of performing assigned missions throughout the Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 1969 although critical personnel shortages and support equipment and supply deficiencies will not allow for an increase in readiness categories.

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1. In compliance with reference (a) the following report is submitted:

PART I

The overall combat readiness of the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing is approximately 65%. This percentile is expected to remain the same throughout the reporting period. This Command is limited in its ability to perform its assigned mission on a sustained basis due to shortages of personnel, supply and equipment.

PART II

- a. <u>H&HS-38</u>: This unit's ability to perform sustained logistical support functions for the Marine Air Control Group is limited by shortages in the supply and equipment areas.
- b. SU-MACS-1 (NBCWS): This unit is effective with exception of its ability to perform the chemical portion of its mission due to a shortage of supplies and equipment.
- c. MACS-7: This unit is unable to provide sustained air surveillance and control of aircraft and surface-to-air missiles for anti-air warfare because of a shortage of equipment and spare parts that has precluded adequate training of personnel.
- d. MASS-5: The ability of this unit to provide required control of CAS or DAS aircraft is limited by shortages of trained personnel, equipment and spare parts.
- e. 2D LAAM BN: This battalion's effectiveness in either an integrated air defense system or as an independent battalion is critically limited due to recent relocations and activation of Detachment Alfa at MCAS, Yuma. Anticipate upgrade next reporting period.

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- f. H&MS-33: This squadron is limited in its ability to supply logistical support for units of the Marine Aircraft Group due to shortages and instability of personnel.
- g. VMCJ-3: This unit is limited in its ability to accomplish its mission due to severe shortages in all areas.
- h. VMA-214: This squadron is limited in its ability to perform its mission on a sustained basis due to shortages and instability of personnel.
- i. VMFA-531: This squadron is unable to perform its mission as a result of critical shortages in all areas.
- j. VMFA-323: This unit will relocate to this Command from WestPac early in the reporting period and will be in an ineffective combat status throughout the period while reorganizing.
- k. VMGR-352: This squadron is capable of performing its assigned mission for a limited period of time. Sustained operations will be curtailed by a shortage of qualified aircrews. Limited augmentation is available within MWSG-37 assets to enhance the squadron readiness in order to maintain continued operations.
- 1. H&MS-56: This squadron's ability to provide logistical support for units attached to the Marine Aircraft Group is limited due to shortages of trained personnel.
- m. MABS-56: Initial outfitting deficiencies continue to restrict this unit's ability to provide air base facilities and services.
- n. MATCU-74: This unit is combat ineffective as it is reequipping. Prime shortages exist in all areas.
- o. MATCU-75: Due to recent activation this unit will remain ineffective throughout the period. Major shortages exist in all areas.
- p. HMM-163: This unit is still in the process of reforming and reequipping and effectiveness will continue to remain constant throughout this period.
- q. HMH-363: This unit reformed with zero personnel/equipment status, and will be ineffective throughout the period.
- r. HML-267: This squadron should attain a combat effective status by the end of this reporting period. Its prime deficiencies are personnel and aircraft shortages.





PART III

- a. CINCPACELT GWP-1 (YR) Third Marine Aircraft Wing tasked to support V MEF and deploy on order. No specific units are designated.
- b. ALCANUS EDP (YR) Third Marine Aircraft Wing tasked under V MEF, no specific units designated.
- c. <u>CINCPACFLT OPLAN 25</u> Fifth Marine Expeditionary Force tasked to provide back up support for this plan. Wing assets (3 VMF/VMFA) are not on hand to provide all units as specified under V MEF requirements, but are available as specified for CG, 3d MAW support (1 VMFA). VMFA-531 assigned as on call squadron for this plan.
- d. CINCPACELT OPLAN 27 Resources available (1 VMFA) to support this plan if needed. VMFA-531 assigned as on call squadron.
- e. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 32 (PHASE II) Third Marine Aircraft Wing tasked to provide one VMCJ detachment which is available at present.
- f. CINCPACELT OPLAN 37-65 Third Marine Aircraft Wing (-) tasked under V MEF to mount out full strength units as required.
- g. CINCPACELT OPLAN 71 Third Marine Aircraft Wing is tasked to provide 12 KC-130F aircraft for refueling services. This capability does not exist since 3d MAW has an average on-hand of only 10 aircraft. Although authorized 16 aircraft, par schedule averages 4 aircraft, l aircraft is configured with FMFPac Command module and l aircraft continuously down due to parts shortages.
 - h. CINCPACFLT OPLAN 81 SUPPORTS CINCLANT OPLAN 303, 304
 313, & 315 This plan calls for 2 VMA, detachment
 VMCJ, and detachment VMGR. Presently only one VMA (VMA-214)
 in 3d MAW.
 - i. <u>CINCPACFLT OPLAN 82 SUPPORTS USCINCSO 6300 PLANS</u> Fifth Marine Expeditionary Force Oplan 82 supports these plans and tasks 3d MAW with a Landing Force (Brigade) Aviation Element. Present assets do not include a VMA(AW). No fixed wing units are carrier qualified as required for support of these plans.





- j. SEATO FIELD FORCE (SFF OPLAN 6 AND CENTRAL REGION SFF OPLAN 4) Third Marine Aircraft Wing tasked under Fifth Marine Expeditionary Force for mount out in support of these plans. No individual units specified.
- k. FMFLANT OPLAN 2303 (YR) Third Marine Aircraft Wing is tasked to provide one VMCJ (ECM) detachment of 9 aircraft. Present EF-10B assets are 4 aircraft assigned.

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The following report, submitted parameters to instructions contained in references (a) and (b), constitutes so evaluation of the combat readiness of the Force Ligistic Command/ist Force Section Regiment.

Part - EVALUATION OF THE COMMAND. The Force Logistic Command/
fest Force Service Regiment to capable of performing its mission of providing essential supply, maintenance and excelse support to the III
Marine Amphibious Force. However, if how tectical situation changes, the
Force Logistic Command/let Force Services Regiment has a limited capability
to furnish two fully ready Force Logistic Support Groups to support III
Marine Amphibious Forces.

b. Part II - EVALUATION OF UNITS.

- (1) Force Logistic Support Group Alpha is espable of performing its currently reduced mission. Because of personnel limitations Force Logistic Support Group Alpha would not, at the present time, perform as a Service Battalion in support of a Marine Division.
- (2) All other units are dapable of shiftlines their assigned missions.

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Commander's Combat Readings Report, Fourth Quarter FY69 (Report Symbol MC 3000-11)

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Part II - Evaluation of Units Part III - Evaluation of Operational Commitments

1. In accordance with reference (a) the subject report is hereby submitted.

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Part I Braluation of the Command

During the Fourth Quarter, FY69, the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade will be marginally combet ready (C-3) to perform assigned missions due to the deployment of its major combet elements. (Air and Ground).

Bon-deployed elements of the Brigade will retain the capability to:

- (1) Train replacement personnel for 9th MAB units committed to combat in EVN as required.
 - (2) Conduct contingency planning.
- (3) Flan and execute SLT rehabilitation in conjuction with other Obinava based Marine Corps activities.
- (4) Command and Control MEE level operations, provided operational control of the assigned Infantry Regiment Headquarters and the assigned Artillery Battery Headquarters, i.e. Headquarters RLT-25 and Headquarters 1/13, currently under operational control of CG III HAF, are returned to 9th MAB.

Recent realignment of all units of the 9th MAB/5th Division lineage, under ecommond less CPCUM of the 9th MAB has enhanced the capabilities of the Brigade to be task organised as required to meet contingency commitments.

During the last quarter the Brigade restored a limited capability to perform 3rd and 4th echolon maintenance for 9th MAB ground units. It is expected that this capability will increase during the 4th quarter, contingent on receipt of repair parts for major items of equipment and component parts of shop wass belonging to MBB, and assignment of sufficient supervisory personnel of appropriate Military Occupational Specialties.

Part II Evaluation of Units

FLT-26 (Rear) - This unit continues to retain the capability of training replacement personnel for deployed 9th MAB units and for locally assigned missions as required. Some shortages of personnel have been experienced in key billets and it is not anticipated that this problem will be allowisted during this quarter. RLT-26 (Rear) remains in a C-2 overall combat readiness category and this rating should remain valid throughout the fourth quarter FT69.

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Provisional Service Battalion - At the present time this Battalion cannot perform the maintenance and support mission assigned. Personnel shortages and deadlined equipment dictate an operational readiness condition of C-4, even though limited third and fourth echelon capabilities have been obtained. An acute shortage of experienced supervisory personnel, lace of spare parts, and shop wans missing critical components, seriously reduce the capability of this unit. Increased combat effectiveness will be contingent upon personnel input and further restoration of equipment.

This command is currently planning to send a 300 man Sub-Unit to Subic Bay, Philippines, during March 1969 to rehabilitate the First Battalion, Twenty Sixth Marines. The Maintenance Company will provide the largest input of personnel and equipment, with assistance from 3rd Force Service Regiment. This sub unit will be able to perform its maintenance and support mission. However, during the period of rehabilitation the Provisional Service Battalian will not be able to perform all the missions for which it has been organised and designed.

Communication Support Commany - This unit has experienced considerable delay in obtaining commonly used parts, and items, component parts and equipment accessory items to replace shortages. As a result, this unit's ability to conduct sustained operations, in some sections has been reduced. Further, deadlined equipment and continued deployment of combat assential items to the SLF's, limit t is unit's ability to perform its mission. A combat readiness category rating of C-3 will continue during this 4th quarter FI69.

Marine Aircraft Group-15 (Brin) - Overall combet readingse for this unit is considered to be substantial and will remain C-2, although two units of the Group are below minimum readingse ratings this quarter. Units in the Group do have critical startages in qualified personnel and equipment. With the exception of shortages experienced in MacS-5, other units do not derogate the espability of the Group to perform any mission assigned commensurate with the units presently assigned to the group.

- 1. MACS-8: During this quarter, this unit's readiness rating should improve substantially due to command emphasis on personnel augmentation and by improvements in their equipment posture. To data, this unit is considered to have a limited capability because of critical shortages in the areas of equipment and qualified technical personnel.
- 2. NATCH-66: Continues to be relatively ineffective and has been relegated to an almost codre status. Due to a dearth of sin-traific and controlled air space, this unit is unable to set up or operate any organic equipment. Controllers do receive training on the parament control facilities located at Futura, Sahn and Kadena. This does not, however, perpense them to operate their own expeditionary equipment. This unit would

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experience grave iffiuelties in attempting to carry out its assigned mission, should the group be deployed to a site that would require full use of all expeditionary equipment.

Part III . Evaluation of Operational Counitments

The High Murine Amphibious Brigade is required to provide forces for the contingency plans listed below. The shility of the Brigade to provide the required forces for each plan is to evaluated based upon forces OFCON to 9th MAB or the command whose plan is to be supported.

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COMSEVENTHELT General War Plan (GWP)

Force HAB Evaluation: Not currently available to 9th MAB or to CONSEVENTRELT

COMSEVERTHELT

OPLAN 23

force: SLP

Evaluation: Available to COMSEVENTHELL

COMSEVERTHELT OPIAN 25

Force: MAG - (one of three fighter squadrons, if available with supporting aviation units)

Preluntion: Only one fighter squadron is available.

COMSEVENTRIFLE OPLAN 27

Force: MAG - (one to three fighter squadrons, if available with supporting aviation units)

Evaluation: Only one fighter squadron is available.

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OPLAN: 32 PHASE II Forme: HAB

Evaluation: Not currently available to 9th HAB or to

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OPLAN 60

Force: SLP

Evaluation: Available to COMSEVERTHELT.

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Evaluation: Available.

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OPLAN 120

Force: SLF to full Brigade

Evaluation: Forces in excess of the two SLF's OFCOM

to COMSEVENTHILT are no available.

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Forme: MAB (loss fixed wing aircraft) Evaluation: Not available to 9th MAB or to

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COMUSTATY OPLAN 1/66

Force: MAG augmented by a fourth MAG.

Evaluation: Not currently available to 9th MAB
or to COMMENTHIES.

PARTAG CPLAN 100

Parage Provisional Battalion or less depending on 9th MAB accets on Okinawa.

Brainations Available.

PROPAG OPLAN 1003 Forms: Security force (approximately 400 Merines) for security of Morthern Okinema installations.

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The following operations plans have been evertaken by events or are uniting revision by higher authority.

- 1. COMMENSATIVE OF LAN 37
- 2. COMMENTATILE OPLAN 39
- 3. COMEVENTRYLY OPLAN 32 PRAME III/IV

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1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

a. Part I Evaluation of the Command. This Command will be capable of performing its assigned mission during the forthcoming quarter with the exceptions noted in subparagraph b.

b. Part II Evaluation of Units.

- (1) The Fifth Dental Company (-) remains incapable of performing its assigned combat service support mission in view of the personnel limitations imposed by the NAVY MANPOWER Authorization (NAVPERS 576/OPNAV 1000). If committed to combat it would be necessary to bring the Fifth Dental Company (-) to full T/O strength in order to accomplish its assigned mission.
- (2) The Ninth Communication Battalion (-) is operating minus its Communication Support Company. The pool of communication assets to support a MEF Headquarters echelonment capability, normally provided by this company, is unavailable. The lack of the Communication Support Company coupled with T/O deficiencies within the battalion will make it difficult for the Ninth Communication Battalion to accomplish its primary mission for a sustained period. The Ninth Communication Battalion has 73% of its authorized personnel on board. Of this total, 36% are deployable based on the criteria contained in reference (a). This criteria, with the Vietnam returnee requirements reduced to twelve months in CONUS, reveals that 42% of its personnel are deployable.

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(4) The 17th CI Team has equipment shortages, as reported in accordance with reference (a), which would make it difficult for the team to accomplish its primary mission in a combat environment.

c. Part III Evaluation of Operational Commitments

- (1) This command supports the Fifth Marine Division's 303-68 Plan by providing a detachment with equipment from the Ninth Communication Battalion(-). This plan can be supported.
- (2) Reference (b) assigns this command as a contributing command in support of the V MEF 82-(YR) plans. The V MEF 82-(YR) plans require the following forces from Force Troops, FMFPac:

270-man Communication Support Company from 9th Comm Bn(-)

1 155mm Gun Battery (SP)

1 8" Howitzer Platoon (SP)

Additionally, Force Troops, FMFPac will be required to provide 7 officers and 13 enlisted personnel to the MEB Headquarters Staff and, when directed, provide the MEB Commander/CTF 19. This support can be provided: however, sustained operations would greatly reduce combat effectiveness.

(3) It is emphasized that if the total manpower assets of the command were to be called upon to support these plans, this support would be severely limited based on the criteria for deployment of personnel contained in reference (a). Of the total Force Troops personnel on board (1381), only 43% can be deployed. Using this criteria, with the Vietnam returnee requirement reduced to twelve months in CONUS, 54% of this command's personnel would be deployable. Percentages deployable are based on total officer and enlisted personnel.

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commending General, Fleet Marine Ferce, Pacific

Subj: Combat Readiness Report, 4th Quarter FY-69

Ref: (a) MCO P3000.2B

(b) CG, FMFPac msg P1322392 Feb 69

(e) CG, FMFPac ltr to CMC 4D/CML Ser: 0109766 of Oct 66

1. The report required by reference (a) and (b) is hereby submitted:

PART I: In secondance with reference (c), Third Force Service Regiment is enreently earrying out its assigned mission in support of operations in RVN and is combat ready.

PART II: In eccordance with reference (a), subordinate units of this command are carrying out assigned tasks in support of Third Force Service Regiment mission and are considered combat ready.

PART III: Third Ferce Service Regiment prevides forces and Legistical Support for Fleet Marine Ferces Pacific Operation Plans 10-68, 62-68, 100-68, 1008-68, 101-68, and 201-(YR). Implementation of centingency forces under any of these Operation Plans will seriously curtail ability to continue T/O cembet mission of PART I above.

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(a) MCD F3886.28

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1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is forwarded.

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COMMANDER'S COMBAT READINESS REPORT 4TH OTR, FY69

THE QUARTERLY COMBAT READINESS REPORT, THE QTR, FY69 IS A REPORT PREPARED AND SUBMITTED IN THE LAST MONTH OF THE 3RD QTR, FY69. THE THE QTR, FY69 IS THE REPORTING PERIOD COVERED IN THIS REPORT.

PART I. EVALUATION OF COMMAND

5th Force Service Regiment (-) is capable of deploying and performing its assigned mission within the limitations discussed in Part II. The significant factor contributing to these limitations is availability of personnel resources. This command is capable of supporting a single Logistic Support Group for sustained operations.

While in garrison this unit can perform its assigned mission with minor limitations. Training readiness will improve as critical technical billets are filled.

PART II. EVALUATION OF UNITS

The operational effectiveness of the following units will be limited during the reporting period in the functional areas indicated.

Headquarters and Service Battalion: Graves Registration, Aviation Support Forward and Salvage capability as none are authorized in the manning level. Longshoreman capability due to manning level not being activated.

Supply Battalion: Capable of providing functional supply support from only one LSG in support of a MEB(RLT)/MAG.

Maintenance Battalion: Capable of providing only limited maintenance repair for radio relay equipment.

PART III. EVALUATION OF OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

5th Force Service Regiment (-) has the capability to support contingency plans set forth in Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Plan 201-(YR), Commanding General, 5th Marine Division 303-68 and Commanding General, V MEF Plan 82-(YR) providing not more than one plan is executed during one given period. 5th Force Service Regiment (-) also has the capability

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of providing a Provisional Civil Disturbance Rifle Company as part of the Provisional Civil Disturbance Battalion tasked to the Commanding General, MCRD, San Diego and providing EOD support to the Commanding General, 5th Marine Division Civil Disturbance Plan 100-69. 5th Force Service Regiment is also tasked with and prepared to provide logistic support of civil disturbance units if deployed.

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Commanders Combat Readiness Report, 4th Quarter, Fiscal Year

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Ref: (a) MCO P3000.2B

1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.

PART I - (C) Evaluation of Command

a. The contingency plans requiring Brigade support/involvement are of a nature that require evaluation of individual unit readiness rather than evaluation of the Brigade as an entity.

PART II - (S) Evaluation of Units

- a. 1st Battalion (Rein), 27th Marines, is not considered combat ready at this time due to the phased activation of subordinate units and the resultant variation in the units' training readiness. Shortages of 2nd and 3rd echelon repair parts and qualified personnel continue to keep combat essential equipment deadlined.
- b. Marine Aircraft Group-24 is not considered combat ready due to non-receipt of aircraft weapons systems, programmed personnel, supply support and maintenance/ground support equipment. It is anticipated that MAG-24 will be marginally combat ready (C-3) during the 4th Qtr FY-69.
- c. H&MS-24 is not considered combat ready due to shortages of trained personnel in essential ranks and MS's, intermediate maintenance supply/support equipment and trained maintenance personnel for F-4J and TA-4F aircraft. Present shortages of qualified helicopter mechanics will restrict this unit's ability to fulfill helicopter commitments.
- d. MABS-24 is marginally combat ready (C-3) with major deficiencies in supply and equipment. This command is capable of deployment for only a short period of time and in support of limited operations. With continued inputs of supplies and equipment, MABS-24 will attain a (C-2) status in the 4th Qtr FY-69.
- e. MATCU-70 is not considered combat ready due to the repair status and spare parts shortage of major equipment components recently received. Such equipment being inoperable renders the unit's air traffic control

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capability ineffective. However, it is anticipated that the unit will attain a (C-3) status in the 4th Qtr FY-69.

- f. VMFA-212 is not considered combat ready due to the lack of aviators and NFO's. The shortage of authorized T/O aircrews and the inability to practice Flight Operations in Phase II Missile Intercept Syllabus training will cause the training percentage to remain at a low level until the squadron is in receipt of the AWG-10 Airborne Radar. It is anticipated that a (C-3) status will be reached during the 4th Qtr FY-69 even though this squadron is not scheduled to receive the AWG-10 Radar and its associated test equipment during the quarter.
- g. VMFA-235 is not considered combat ready due to assigned aircraft being limited to an air-to-ground capability until the AWG-10 Airborne Radar Systems are installed and operational. Shortages of fully trained personnel in rank and MOS's are being remedied with maximum utilization of formal schools and OJT. It is anticipated a (C-3) status will be reached during the 4th Qtr FY-69.
- h. MACS-2 is not considered to be combat ready due to critical shortages of repair parts. During this period this unit will not be capable of carrying out the assigned mission as established by T/O M-8630 and JTF OPLAN 1-68. Unit combat readiness is expected to remain (C-4) until such time as the repair parts shortage is alleviated.

PART III - (S) Evaluation of Operational Commitments

a. MCP (FMFPAC)

(1) Subject to the limitations stated in Part II above, this command can comply with the provisions of MCP (FMFPAC).

b. JTF OPLAN 1+68

- (1) This CINCPAC (JTF) Plan provides for all Navy/Marine units with an air defense capability to assist in the air defense of the Hawaiian Area. This plan states that MACS-2 will augment the 326th Air Division's radar surveillance and weapons control capability.
- (2) MACS-2 will participate in this OPLAN only to the extent of performing those air defense functions of detecting, recording, and reporting as an augmentation air control facility in support of the 326th Air Division. The non-availability of the height finding radar and IFF/SIF equipment precludes a weapons control capability.
- (3) VMFA-212 and VMFA-235 are required to participate in this OPLAN when directed. However, these units possess no air-to-air capability at this time due to non-availability of AWG-10 radar and AERO

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3-A and LAU 7-A missile adapters.

c. 326th Air Division OPLAN 5-68

- (1) This OPLAN supports PACAF OPLAN 1-68 and provides for the defense of the land areas of the Pacific Islands Air Defense Region. MACS-2 is listed within this plan as an augmentation unit. The procedures listed in this plan are compatible with JTF OPLAN 1-68.
- (2) MACS-2 is capable of operating in this OPLAN with the same capabilities as listed above for participation in JTF OPLAN 1-68.
- (3) VMFA-212 and VMFA-235 are required to participate in this OPLAN when directed. However, the comments of the JTF OPLAN 1-68 participation by these units are applicable.

d. COMUSTAFF 2-68

(1) As reflected in Part II above, this command would be unable to provide the required forces for this plan.

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Quarterly Combat Readiness Report, 4th Quarter, FY 69 (U)

Ref: (a) MCO 3000.2B

(b) Rev. No. 2 to T/O M-4852

- 1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.
- 2. Part I Evaluation of the Command
- a. Considering the combined assets of 1st ANGLICO, MCAS Kaneohe and Sub-Unit One, 1st ANGLICO, Republic of Vietnam, it is my judgement that 1st ANGLICO could accomplish its combat mission as assigned in reference (b), upon the unification of these units in one geographical area. Sub-Unit One, 1st ANGLICO is presently OPCON COMUSMACV.
- 3. Part II Evaluation of Units
- a. 1st ANGLICO, MCAS Kaneohe, consists of a reduced Headquarters section, a reduced Division Air/Naval Gunfire Platoon, and a reduced Brigade Air/Naval Gunfire Platoon. These elements are capable of providing the personnel and communications package for control and coordination of air and naval gunfire at a division headquarters, and within one of its brigades. This Command is required to maintain third echelon electronic maintenance capability. The equipment is deployed with Sub-Unit One, 1st ANGLICO, along with other combat essential test equipment. In the event another contingency plan is executed, 1st ANGLICO's electronic material readiness will be critically limited. This capability is presently maintained through 1st Marine Brigade Field Maintenance.
- 4. Part III Evaluation of Operational Commitments
 - a. Current Contingency Plan Commitments
 - (1) CINCPACELT GWP Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
 - (2) CINCPACFLT 27 Support available as noted in paragraph 3a above.

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- (3) CINCPACFLT 32 Additional support limited as noted in paragraph 3a above.
- (4) CINCPACFLT 37 Additional support limited as noted in paragraph 3a above.
- (5) CINCPACFLT 39 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (6) CINCPACFLT 41 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (7) CINCPACFLT 42 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a ahd 3a above.
- (8) CINCPACFLT 60 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (9) CINCPACFLT 81 Support available as noted in paragraph 3a above.
- (10) CINCPACFLT 82 Support available as noted in paragraph 3a above.
- (11) SFF OPLAN 5 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (12) SFF OPLAN 7 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (13) SFF OPLAN 6 & CRSFF OPLAN 4 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (14) SFF OPLAN 99 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (15) COMUSTAFF 1/66 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.
- (16) COMSEVENTHELT 104 Support available as noted in paragraphs 2a and 3a above.

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1. This report is submitted in compliance with references (a) and (b). The paried covered is for the fourth quarter, Piscal Year 1969.

int 1 - Evaluation of the Command

This command is considered marginally ready to accomplish its assigned mindion. Hedesignated Sub Unit 2, First Radio Buttalion on 1 Shreb 1969, this unit provides SIGINT support to the Commanding General, Fleet Amrine Ferce, Facilie and is capable of providing direct support to a MCD/AAB.

Part II - Evaluation of Unite

This command has no detached units.

Part III - Evaluation of Operational Commitments

Since this unit's redesignation on 1 March 1969, it has not been tasked to support any specific CHECPACFLY OPLAND. Due to the limited number of personnel and equipment assigned, this unit can provide only a small SIGIHT support unit to a MES/MAB in the initial execution phases of the following OFLAND.

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