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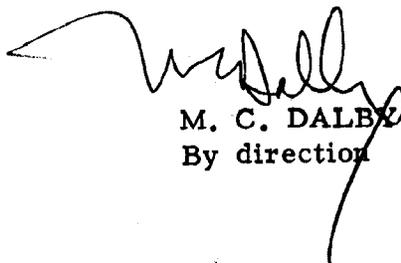
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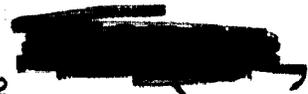

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PART ONE

ORGANIZATION DATA

III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

DANANG REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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COMMANDING

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR PERIOD 1-31 OCTOBER 1966

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SURGEON

FORCE DENTAL OFFICER

MOTOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER

ORDNANCE OFFICER

PROTOCOL OFFICER

SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER

TRANSPORTATION/EMBARKATION OFFICER

FORCE INSPECTOR

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1ST MARINE DIVISION

3RD MARINE DIVISION

1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND

7TH ENGINEER BATTALION(REINF)

9TH ENGINEER BATTALION

5TH COMMUNICATIONS BATTALION

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PART TWO
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

I. INTRODUCTION.

A. GENERAL. During October the III MAF Headquarters was located at (BT 041784) in East Danang, Republic of Vietnam. The average personnel strength for October was 61,099, an increase of 2,382 over September.

B. ACTIVITIES. III MAF continued to be guided by COMUSMACV Letter of Instruction (LOI 3-66) dated 30 March 1966 in the pursuit of III MAF objectives for October.

II. OVERALL EVALUATION.

A. During October a major redistribution of III MAF forces was accomplished by the movement north of both the 1st and 3rd Divisions. The 3rd Marine Division moved from the Danang TAOR to Phu Bai and assumed responsibility for operations in Quang Tri and Thua-Thien Provinces. The 1st Marine Division retained the Chu Lai TAOR, under Task Force X-RAY, and moved to Danang. The 1st Marine Division now has the responsibility for operations in Quang Nam, Quang Tin, and Quang Ngai Provinces. This redistribution provides for improved command and control over III MAF forces in their large area of deployment. It allows for a continuance of the present high tempo of operations, both large and small against the enemy forces.

The entire shift of personnel and materials were accomplished smoothly without interruption of command functions. Although accomplished during a period identified by heavy monsoon rains, the movement was performed with no difficulty.

B. October introduced the first impact of the monsoon season upon III MAF for 1966. The coastal plain rivers and streams throughout the I CTZ rose to unprecedented heights and presented flood conditions throughout the areas of operations. In several places the roadways became submerged and in some areas impassable. Bridges became submerged and/or washed away. An increased load was placed upon III MAF to aid flood refugees where required. This did not however develop into a major problem area.

C. New forces have provided another innovation in III MAF with the arrival of the 4th Battalion, 503 Airborne Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade. This U. S. Army unit was placed under the direct operational control of the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division for employment within the Danang TAOR. It functioned in the identical manner of III MAF Marine battalions in conducting small unit operations in its TAOR.

Other United States Army units have been added to the forces in III MAF and have added to the ability of this force to resist enemy actions and infiltration. The 2nd Battalion (-), 94th Artillery Regiment and the 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery Regiment have been assigned to the operational control of the Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division in the Dong Ha

combat base area. The increased artillery capability has now provided an artillery fan that covers the entire area from LAOS to the sea. It greatly reduces the enemy movement capability in that area. Battery A of the 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery has been placed in the Chu Lai TAOR under the operational control of the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division.

III. OPERATIONS.

A. DISCUSSION. During October III MAF continued to pursue three major objectives: 1. Destruction of Enemy Forces; 2. Revolutionary Development; 3. Base Defense.

(1) Destruction of Enemy Forces.

(a) Throughout October, III MAF conducted 9 major unit operations. Two of these, Macon and Prairie were continued from September. III MAF forces conducted 10,685 small unit operations, resulting in 1,087 small unit contacts. III MAF forces in all operations inflicted 777 enemy KIA confirmed and 759 KIA probables. Of the total confirmed enemy KIA, 320 were inflicted during small unit operations. A comparison of August, September and October's results is shown in Table I.

TABLE I

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SMALL UNIT OPS</u>	<u>MAJOR OPS</u>
August	973	319	654
September	1733	466	1267
October	777	320	457

There were 306 infantry battalion days recorded by III MAF forces in October as compared to 204 in September and 177 in August.

(2) Revolutionary Development. The 10,685 small unit operations (patrols, ambushes, clearing) saturated the areas of guerrilla activity in support of I CTZ revolutionary development operations. There were five (5) County Fair operations during October in areas made secure by small unit operations.

(3) Base Defense. The 1st MP Battalion continued to provide security for the Danang Air Base Complex. The Chu Lai Defense Command performed a like function for the Chu Lai Air Base Defense Complex. The small unit patrolling mentioned in paragraph (2) also continued to be most important to base defenses in both complexes.

B. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

(1) Major Operations.

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a. MACON: During the period 1-31 October 1966, the [redacted] operation in the An Hoa Industrial Area continued with small infrequent contacts with small groups of VC. Results for 1-28 October were: USMC: 2 KIA, 12 WIA; Enemy: 66 KIA (Conf), 103 KIA (Prob), 6 VCS, 1 weapon captured. Final results were: USMC: 24 KIA, 172 WIA; Enemy: 507 KIA (Conf), 678 KIA (Prob), 5 VCC, 53 VCS, and 26 weapons captured.

b. PRAIRIE: During 1-31 October 1966 contact in Operation Prairie, a six battalion search and destroy operation in the Khe Sanh, Cam Lo, Dong Ha area, has been limited to engagements with company and platoon sized NVA units. The most significant occurred during the period 11 through 15 October when elements of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines made repeated contact with NVA units in sharply fought contests accounted for 60 NVA KIA (Conf), and 22 weapons captured. Fixed Wing aircraft flew 1406 sorties and expended 2259.2 tons of ordnance in support of the operation. Due to weather during this period, a large number of these sorties were radar controlled drops, and as a result the EDA is still to be determined. Helicopters flew 6928 sorties, carrying 12,603 passengers and 1431.5 tons of cargo. Results to 31 October are: USMC: 32 KIA, 226 WIA; Enemy 270 KIA (Conf) (5 KBA), 141 KIA (Prob), 14 KBA (Prob), 1 NVAC, 1 VCC, 60 weapons captured. Cumulative results of operation from 3 August to 31 October are: USMC: 169 KIA, 765 WIA; Enemy: 1213 KIA (Conf), (26 KBA), 1526 KIA (Prob), (221 KBA Prob), 3 NVAC, 3 VCC, 160 weapons captured.

c. KENT: On 10 October 2/7th Marines added a command group and one company to the already initiated Company G/2/7 search and destroy operation and conducted Operation Kent, 10 kilometers east of Tra Bong during 10-15 October 1966. Little contact was made and the operation terminated after five days with no significant results. There were no tactical air sorties flown in support. Final results were: USMC: 3 WIA; Enemy: 5 KIA (Conf), 5 KIA (Prob), 1 VCC, 7 VCS, 3 weapons captured.

d. TETON: Based on intelligence that indicated the existence of an enemy camp within the 1st Marines TAOR, the 3rdBn, 1st Marines conducted a search and destroy operation during 12-20 October 1966 in an area of about 8 kilometers square, 10 kilometers south of Danang and east of Highway #1, the first several days produced little of note, but on the 16th a cordon was established around TRA KHE (2) and a thorough, methodical search was initiated. Contact increased sharply, many tunnels were found and large storages of rice, medical supplies, and canned milk were captured. Each night groups of VC attempting to break through the cordon attacked the Marines with little success. A bulldozer proved to be a valuable asset in uncovering and destroying tunnels and caves. No tactical air sorties were flown in support. Final results were: USMC: 2 KIA, 15 WIA; Enemy: 37 KIA (Conf), 9 VCC, 26 VCS, and 17 weapons captured.

e. MADISON: Acting on intelligence that there were 400 VC located in the village of Cam Ne (3), six kilometers southwest of Danang airfield, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines established a cordon around the area on 21 October and began Operation Madison. The succeeding two days produced [redacted]

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no results and the operation was terminated on 21 October 1966. There were two (2) tactical air sorties in support of Operation Madison.

f. BACON: To prevent acts of sabotage against the National Railroad and National Highway #1, and to clear the area in preparation for the expansion of the Phu Bai TAOR, the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines conducted search and destroy operations in the Loc Son area of Thua Thien Province during 19-28 October 1966. There was one contact of note which occurred at 271500H when a Company H/2/26 squad patrol engaged 10 VC resulting in 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA, and 1 VC KIA (Prob). Final results of the operation were: USMC: 1 KIA, 1 WIA; Enemy: 1 KIA (Prob). There were no tactical air sorties in support of Operation Bacon.

g. DOVER: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Reinf) conducted search and destroy operations in an area 10 kilometers south of Tam Ky during 19-30 October with intention of destroying enemy supplies and personnel and reducing enemy influence. The operation progressed with light contact throughout. Due to adverse weather affecting both air and ground mobility, operations were suspended for several days. In general Dover was characterized by infrequent engagements with small numbers of VC and extensive searching of caves and tunnels located within the area. 14 Fixed Wing sorties prepared the landing zone with 10 tons of ordnance. BDA was not available. Helicopters lifted 886 passengers to the LZ in 23 transport sorties escorted by 4 armed Helo's. Final results were: USMC: 3 KIA, 12 WIA; Enemy: 3 KIA (Conf), 2 KIA (Prob), 10 VCS, and 2 weapons captured.

h. KERN: As a reaction to heavy enemy contact made with a large size VC force by the 51st Regiment of the 1st ARVN Division the 9th Marines began a coordinated USMC/ARVN operation 36 kilometers southwest of the Danang Airfield during 21-25 October 1966, with I/3/9th Marines as the USMC unit. Weather was a factor throughout as the monsoon rains, heavy fog, and low clouds hampered both air and ground activities. Contact was steady, and at times heavy, as the Marines successfully assaulted a series of key objectives. There were no tactical air sorties in support of Operation Kern. Final results were: USMC: 8 KIA, 25 WIA; Enemy: 75 KIA (Conf), 115 KIA (Prob), 2 VCS, and 10 weapons captured.

i. PAWNEE III: 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines (-) (Reinf), initiated a search and destroy operation on 29 October to prevent acts of sabotage against National Highway #1 and the National Railroad. On 31 October an AO observed VC in a boat and directed 2 A-4 aircraft on the VC resulting in 6 VC KBA (Prob). PAWNEE III continued into November. Results (29-31 Oct 66) were: USMC: None; Enemy: 6 KBA (Prob).

(2) Air Operations.

The First Marine Aircraft Wing flew a total of 5090 fixed wing sorties in support of RVN operations during the month of October. The total tonnage delivered was 5850. III MAF forces received 3963 (77.9%) of

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the total sorties, for a sortie rate of 6.1 sorties per battalion per day. The Rolling Thunder/Tally Ho programs were supported by 556 sorties and 67 sorties were flown in the Steel Tiger/Tiger Hound area. Seventh Fleet was supported with 102 Electronic Warfare sorties and the 7th Air Force received 14. There were 139 photo sorties flown for III MAF. ARVN forces received 358 sorties, or 7% of the total sorties flown.

Helicopters of the First Marine Aircraft Wing flew 30,905 sorties in 10,856 hours carrying 43,518 passengers and 3440 tons of cargo in support of III MAF, ARVN and Republic of Korea Marine Corps operations.

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IV. INTELLIGENCE.**SECRET**

A. General Enemy Situation. During October, both the intensity and size of enemy contacts dropped from the tempo of the past three months. Cumulative enemy casualties for the period were 777 VC/NVA KIA (Confirmed) and 759 KIA (Probable), which represents an approximate 50% decrease from casualties inflicted during July, August or September. VC incidents involving harassing fire, anti-aircraft fire, and mines/booby traps as well as acts of terrorism, decreased sharply during the period.

B. Quang Tri, Thua Thien, Phu Bai TAORS.

Contact in Operation Prairie during the first half of the period consisted of several company and numerous platoon sized engagements. The most significant of these actions occurred between 11 and 15 October when six fairly sharp contacts accounted for 60 NVA KIA (Confirmed). ARVN forces in the area met an estimated NVA regiment on 4 October in the vicinity of (YD 148703) and a multi-company unit on 16 October at Bao Cong OP (YD 2846). During the latter portion of the period, Marine contact was limited to platoon sized encounters. NVA casualties for the month in Operation Prairie totaled 270 KIA (Confirmed) and 141 KIA (Probable). Cumulative casualties for Operation Prairie at the end of October were 1213 NVA KIA (Confirmed) and 1526 (Probable). Operation Pawnee III commenced on 29 October in the Phu Loc area, but reported no enemy ground contact by the end of the period. VC initiated activity in the Phu Bai TAOR was limited to isolated, small scale incidents.

C. Quang Nam, Danang TAOR.

Operation Macon continued in the vicinity of the An Hoa Industrial Complex, and secured on the last day of October. Infrequent contacts with small groups of VC resulted in 66 VC KIA (Confirmed) and 103 KIA (Probable) for the period. Total casualties for Operation Macon were 507 VC KIA (Confirmed) and 678 KIA (Probable). In Operation Teton during the period 12-20 October, a cordon was established around Tra Khe (2) Hamlet, 10 kilometers southeast of Danang City at (BT 0769). A subsequent search produced sharp contacts and cumulative casualties of 37 VC KIA (Confirmed) and 9 VCC. On 17 October, RF, PF and ARVN in Nong Son OP area (AT 848392) in southern Quang Nam were attacked by an estimated battalion size force from the 3d NVA Regiment. Moderate intermittent contact continued until 21 October, at which time Operation Kern was commenced. Marine contact during this operation was generally light. Upon termination on 25 October, total casualties were 75 NVA KIA (Confirmed) and 115 KIA (Probable). Small scale activity continued throughout the Danang area with the majority of the incidents occurring in the southern portion of the TAOR.

D. Quang Tin, Quang Ngai, Chu Lai TAOR.

Operation Kent established only minor contact in an area 10 miles east of Tra Bong from 10-15 October. Total casualties were 5 VC KIA (Confirmed) and 5 KIA (Probable). Light infrequent contact also characterized Operation Dover, which was conducted from 29-30 October in an area 10 kilometers south of Tam Ky, resulting in total casualties of 3 VC KIA (Confirmed) and 2 KIA (Probable). Only minor VC initiated incidents occurred in the Chu Lai TAOR during the period.

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E. Mine and Booby Trap Incidents. Mine and booby trap incidents during October decreased 45% from the previous period to a record low for 1966. Only 49 incidents were reported during October.

F. New Enemy Tactics, Weapons, and Equipment. CAC-31 platoon reported discovering a booby trap in the vicinity of (AT 953687) which consisted of M-26 grenades secured to a bamboo tree on each side of a trail and placed about five feet above the ground. The pins had been almost completely removed and small branches from a bush (positioned on the trail) were hooked to the rings. Anyone attempting to remove this bush from the trail would detonate the grenade.

G. Anti-Aircraft Incidents Occuring in I CTZ.

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>Pct Change</u>
Incidents:	507	410*	-19%
Aircraft Hits:	117	108**	-7.7%

* (310 Helo, 100 F/W)

** (92 Helo, 16 F/W)

H. Enemy Statistics. Statistics pertaining to enemy activities in Marine operating areas, including combat bases, for September and October are compared below:

Enemy Initiated Incidents

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Ambush	0	0
Attack	1	0
Assaulting Fire	0	0
Harassing Fire	751	545
Mines and Booby Traps	89	49
Hamlet Harassment	2	0
Sabotage	4	4
Terrorism	8	1
AA Fire	507	410
Totals	1,362	1,009

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	<u>September</u>		<u>October</u>	
	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Probable</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Probable</u>
KBGF	829	1004	509	343
KEMA	314	516	148	333
KBMTOWS	168	70	120	77
KBAA(Army Air)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
Totals:	1,311	1,590	777	759
VC/NVAC	35		45	
VCS	156		328	
Rallier (NVA)	1		1	
Weapons				
Individual	103		92	
Crew Served	13		7	

I. Weather. Heavy northeast monsoon rains fell throughout the period on the I CTZ coastal plain, piedmont, and much of the mountainous areas. Road trafficability was restricted by inundation, road and bridge washouts, and mud. Flight operations on many days were hampered by varying periods of reduced visibility. Weather data for the period follows:

	<u>DONG HA</u>	<u>PHU BAI</u>	<u>DANANG</u>	<u>CHU LAI</u>
Temperature (Average °)				
High	88	85	86	87
Low	74	75	75	76
Rainfall (Total inches)	20.83	22.65	27.64	34.74
Visibility (Averages miles)	7	8	8	6
Winds (Average Knots)	5	4	5	4

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J. Enemy Order of Battle.

1. Changes to Confirmed Units:

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- a. No new enemy units were confirmed in I CTZ during October.
- b. The status of the following confirmed units has been changed as indicated:

holdings: (1) 95th B NVA Regiment has been dropped from III MAF OOB

(2) 4thBn, 270th Regiment (or Brigade) has been dropped from III MAF OOB holdings.

2. Unit Recap as of 31 October:

<u>Confirmed</u>	<u>Probable</u>
1 Military Region Hq	1 Regiment Hq
1 Military Sub-Region Hq	5 Battalions
2 Division Hq	6 Separate Companies
7 Regiment Hq	
33 Infantry Battalions	
14 Support Battalions	
31 Separate Companies	

3. Comparison of September/October Estimated Enemy Strength in I CTZ:

	<u>As of 30 September</u>	<u>As of 31 October</u>
Confirmed VC/NVA Units	32,030	30,580
Probable VC/NVA Units	2,505	2,485
Guerrillas	<u>15,000</u>	<u>20,121</u>
Totals:	49,535	53,186

K. Counterintelligence.

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1. Propaganda and Subversion. The reporting period showed a marked decline in the number of propaganda incidents. The few propaganda leaflets that were found emphasized the "Sadness of the American War efforts in Vietnam and the student riots in the U. S. against involvement in the war in Vietnam".

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2. Terrorism. Only one major act of terrorism occurred and subsequent investigation failed to reveal the act as VC initiated. This incident consisted of the detonation of a hand grenade in a theatre in the City of Quang Tri, resulting in eight ARVN soldiers being killed, 38 ARVN wounded and six civilians injured.

3. Espionage and Sabotage. The month of October showed a general decrease in VC espionage activities, although there was an increase in the number of sabotage incidents outside of Marine operating areas. There were several reports of VC espionage schools being established for women, young girls, and young boys. One report indicated that the women graduates of one espionage school were being given small vials containing a sleeping potion. Several reports were received reporting the apprehension of Vietnamese Nationals who have acted as lookouts for the VC. The majority of the sabotage incidents were directed toward the lines of communications and consisted of the destruction of culverts and bridges along National Route 1 and the railroad.

4. Civil Disturbances. One minor civil disturbance occurred near Hue. Approximately 50 elderly persons attempted to march to the Headquarters of the 1st ARVN Regiment in Hue. However, the participants were diverted to the District Headquarters, Huong Thuy, without incident.

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V. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION.

A. STRENGTH. Table VIII outlines the average personnel strength for III MAF during October, 1966:

TABLE VIII

Average Personnel Strength
III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters

	<u>OFFICERS</u>			<u>ENLISTED</u>		
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>
HQ III MAF	147	10		260	5	
H&S Company	11			262	3	
29th Civil Affairs Co (Attached)		30				88

III Marine Amphibious Force

<u>OFFICERS</u>			<u>ENLISTED</u>		
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	
4,013	443		54,453	2,190	

B. CASUALTIES. III MAF casualties are shown in Table IX:

TABLE IX

1. Battle.

<u>KIA</u>		<u>WIA</u>		<u>DOW</u>		<u>MIA</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
99	11	780	38	16	0	1	0

2. Non-Battle.

<u>DEATHS</u>		<u>INJ/ILL</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
16	0	118	3

C. OPERATION HOMEFRONT. 3,000 copies of catalog numbers 1, 3000 copies of catalog supplement and 16 boxes of order blanks were received on 1 October from MCAS, El Toro for use in participating in the El Toro Exchange Christmas Mail Order Program. 5,000 copies of a composite catalog were received 15, 16, and 17 October. Distribution was made on a pro rata basis to all III MAF units.

D. CAMELBACK INN. A quota of 12 was received for volunteers who are eligible for rotation in December to receive a one-week vacation at the Camelback Inn, Phoenix, Arizona during the period 10 to 17 December. Quotas were sub-allocated to III MAF units based on number of personnel due for rotation during that month.

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E. SPECIAL SERVICES.**SECRET**1. Shows:

- (a) "HONDELLS" - rock and roll singing group played III MAF 7-12 October.
- (b) ROKMC Swing Band performed 10-16 October.
- (c) Roy Rogers and Dale Evans appeared at III MAF units 18-21 October.
- (d) The All Army Show (Black Patches) group of musicians appeared 20-26 October.
- (e) John Gavin, TV and motion picture performer, made personal appearances 20-26 October.
- (f) "The Australian Show", male and female singing group, appeared 24-26 October.
- (g) Martha Raye, movie comedienne, arrived 28 October 1966.

2. China Beach: In country R&R program commenced 3 October.

3. R&R Program (Out-of-Country):

(a) R&R flights to Manila were cancelled 11-28 October, flight to Kuala Lumpur on 29 October cancelled, all due to tour of President of U. S.

(b) The following are the statistics of the total III MAF R&R usage for each out-of-country R&R site:

TABLE X

Bangkok	1007
Hong Kong	999
Singapore	381
Manila	68
Okinawa	918
Taipei	700
Kuala Lumpur	286
Penang	0
Hawaii	341
Tokyo	<u>794</u>
Totals:	5594

F. CHAPLAIN.

1. 6-7 October - Mr. Richard CHASE, Representative of the Christian Science Church to the Armed Forces visited the Command and conducted a Religious Retreat for Christian Science personnel within I Corps.

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2. 11 October - Captain E. V. LYONS JR, CHC, USN reported for duty as Force Chaplain relieving Captain F.L. GARRETT, CHC, USN.
3. 12 October - Bishop William MCRAN of the Roman Catholic Military Ordinariate visited the Command for a six hour period during which he met and consulted with Roman Catholic Chaplains within I Corps.
4. 14 October - Captain F. L. GARRETT, CHC, USN detached from Command enroute to CONUS.
5. 25 October - A familiarization visit by Mr. Dan PIATT, advance agent for Dr. Billy GRAHAM, in preparation for tentative visit of Dr. GRAHAM on Christmas Day.

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A. GENERAL. Logistics operations for the month of October were highlighted by the upgrading of Khe Sanh and Dong Ha airfields to C-130 capability; the increased logistic effort northward due to the shifting of the 3rd Marine Division to the northern provinces; and the increased engineer efforts put forth due to the beginning of the Monsoon Season.

B. COMPTROLLER.

(1) The III MAF Comptroller and his Assistant attended a WesPac Financial Seminar at the 3d Force Service Regiment, Okinawa concerning the preparation and submission of the Annual Phase I and II budgets.

(2) The following orders were issued:

(a) Force Order 7020.1 - Procurement of Supplies and Services for use in South Vietnam, Balance of Payments Implications.

1 Provisions of the order are established in SECNAV INSTR 7020.9 of 16 Sep 1966 (same subject), which authorizes the Commanding General, III MAF to:

a Approve individual foreign procurements estimated not to exceed one million dollars in foreign cost on the basis of non-availability of United States end products or services within time frame required to meet urgent military requirements for use in Vietnam.

b Redesignate to III MAF Force Procurement Offices or to comparable authority, authority to approve individual urgent foreign procurement estimated not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars in foreign costs on the basis of non-availability of United States end products or services within time frame required to meet urgent military requirements for use in Vietnam.

2 Authorization is granted to the Force Logistics Command and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing to approve individual urgent foreign procurements estimated not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars in foreign costs to be guided by provisions established in SECNAV INSTR 7020.9, and on the basis contained in same.

(b) ICCI 4480.1 - DOD Activities Cost Index.

1 Provisions for this order were established in COMUSMACV Directive 37-14 of 27 August 1966.

2 This Order requires Force Logistics Command and Naval Support Activity, Danang to submit reports concerning;

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to Headquarters, III MAF for consolidation and submission to higher headquarters.

(3) The following reports were prepared and submitted as follows:

(a) Calendar Year 1967 Assistance-In-Kind Budget to the Commander, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

(b) A recommended Ceiling/Manning Level of Local National Civilians to be Employed in Calendar Year 1967 to the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

C. ORDNANCE:

(1) The III MAF Ordnance Officer attended a Ground Munitions Conference at CinCPac on 3-4 October. Methods of identifying potential shortages were discussed, as were means of coordinating the allocation of critical items to attain maximum effectiveness of available assets.

(2) III MAF Ordnance Section met on 6 October with representatives from the 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery (USA). Class V support was discussed to insure common understanding.

(3) USA and DAC representatives arrived on 23 October and gave a preliminary briefing on "Beehive" munitions. The 35 minute briefing was attended by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, representatives from the G-2 and G-3 Sections and by a representative of the III MAF Surgeon's Office. The physical characteristics of the Beehive round, its projected employment and effectiveness were discussed. USA representatives will return to I CTZ in the future to begin a series of user briefings and field demonstrations of the Beehive round.

(4) From 17-29 October, USA and Civil Service representatives from USAAPSA and Picatinny Arsenal visited III MAF units to observe ammunition storage facilities and handling practices. The Team visited field units in the Danang, Chu Lai and Dong Ha areas to gain firsthand information on:

(1) The actual environmental conditions and handling practices to which ammunition is exposed from the time it is received in-country until it is expended; (2) The effectiveness of ammunition packaging in preventing deterioration due to moisture, exposure or aging; (3) User suggestions for improvements in the packaging or design of the ammunition to increase reliability, effectiveness or ease of handling.

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D. ENGINEER.~~SECRET~~

(1) General. The month was notable for both its successes and setbacks. The completion of the installation of AM-2 matting at both Khe Sanh and Dong Ha airfields was the peak event of the month. The onset of the Monsoon reduced the remainder of the period to a constant struggle versus the weather to maintain open land routes of communications. Flooding caused bridges and ferries to be closed and, in some cases, completely inundated whole sections of road rendering them impassable.

(2) Significant Events.

(a) 1 October - A 45 foot M4T6 Fixed-span Bridge was erected at Coordinates (BT 042622).

(b) 4 October - Last of 1,385 bundles of AM-2 matting airlifted to Khe Sanh.

(c) 5 October - Khe Sanh closed to all traffic for installation of AM-2 matting.

(d) 6 October - Received permission from COMUSMACV to grind sharp edges on M8A1 matting located at Dong Ha (712 bundles) and Khe Sanh (49 bundles), and utilize same for Parking Apron at Dong Ha and Hard Stands at Khe Sanh.

(e) 6 October - Completed laying of AM-2 matting at Dong Ha. Field was operational during entire period of installation of matting.

(f) 10 October - Completed laying of AM-2 matting at Khe Sanh. Field upgraded to C-130 capability.

(g) 14 October - 400 foot M4T6 Float Bridge erected across Song O Lau at My Chanh, Coordinates (YD 460400).

(h) 17 October - An 80 foot M4T6 Fixed-span bridge was erected at Coordinates (YD 148604).

(i) 20 October - A 30 foot M4T6 Fixed-span bridge was erected at Coordinates (YD 234594).

(j) 24 October -

1 Danang River Float Bridge separated from east abutment.

2 Song Thu Bon River level rose 26 feet, closing ferry operations and cutting off An Hoa from land communications.

(k) 25 October - Received Commanding General's permission to remove Danang River Float Bridge. This removal was to forestall the possibility of this bridge, if left in place, breaking loose and destroying the bridges downstream.

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E. SURGEON.

(1) The daily average patient-load for the two medical battalions was 214, with a total of 1,747 patients admitted.

(2) 441 patients were evacuated out of country.

(3) 519 pints of whole blood were expended to use.

(4) The following unit movements occurred:

(a) Company "A", 1st MedBn to Danang.

(b) Company "D", 3rd MedBn embark-loaded and remains Danang.

(5) The following units continue to provide support as follows:

(a) Companies "B", "C", and "D", 1st MedBn at Chu Lai.

(b) Companies "A" and "B"(-), 3rd MedBn at Phu Bai.

(c) Companies "B"(-) and "C", 3rd MedBn (OpCon to 1stMarDiv) in Danang TAOR.

(6) The USS REPOSE remained on station off Dong Ha for the entire month.

(7) A Corps Epidemiological Reference Officer (CERO), a sub-committee of the I Corps Public Health Committee, was formed in compliance with a joint COMUSMACV/State Department Directive. The purpose of this committee will be to expedite the prompt exchange of epidemiological-type information between medical personnel from USAID, U.S. Military, RVN Military, GVN, and other Free World Health agencies.

(8) The III MAF Surgeon attended and chaired the I Corps Public Health meetings on 12 and 26 October.

(9) Arrangements were made for a weekly visit by an American Nurse to the POW Compound retaining females.

(10) The CinCPac Surgeon visited Medical facilities in ICTZ on 23-24 October.

(11) A Fixed-Wing aircraft for dispensing insecticide was used for the first time in ICTZ on 24 October in the Chu Lai TAOR. Previously only Marine helicopters were utilized.

(12) Construction of facilities for the 1st Hospital Company at Chu Lai continued.

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(1) Action was taken in specific instances to expedite receipt of critically needed supplies.

(a) 1st Radio Battalion was critically short of BA-404 batteries and facing increased commitments. Request to FMFPac for special assistance resulted in direct air shipment from Camp Pendleton, received within six days of request.

(b) Medium GP tents, critically short for some time, were the subject of a special message to FMFPac. The shortage was aggravated by recent unit displacements. Tents were redistributed to the maximum extent possible within III MAF. Other FMFPac units not deployed, were directed to ship their tents to III MAF. Special shipments were made from Barstow. Upon receipt of the latter, this problem will be completely resolved.

(c) Special components were ordered to fabricate public address sets to meet psychological operations needs.

(d) Expedited shipment of typewriters and creation of a re-build pool for typewriters were significant moves toward solution of the chronic shortage of typewriters throughout III MAF.

(2) Supply sources, channels and procedures have been developed and published for the support of the Navy-type Fixed-Plant Communications Center equipment now in use in III MAF.

(3) A proposed extension of the USA Red Ball Express procedures (not FMFPac's Red Ball System) has been studied at the invitation of COMUSMACV. No changes have been made.

(4) A recap of Red Ball during the month of October follows:

Total line items on Red Ball 1 October 1966	883
Total line items - - Added	186
Total line items - - Deleted	275
Total line items on Red Ball 31 October 1966	794

G. FOOD SERVICES.

(1) Arrangements were made through FLSG-A for 20 ounce packages of Kool Aid to be supplied with all MCIs.

(2) Construction of a Milk Plant has begun in the Naval Support Activities Covered Storage Area. BOD is 15 December 1966.

H. MOTOR TRANSPORT.

(1) 16 Trucks; 2½-ton, 6x6, M36, the first increment Rebuild Program, were received during October.

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(2) OpCon of 9th Motor Transport Battalion was transferred from III MAF to 3rd Marine Division. ~~SECRET~~

I. EMBARKATION AND PORT OPERATION.

(1) 53 MSTs ships and 17 USNS ships embarked/debarked cargo through Danang, and 29 LSTs moored at Chu Lai during the month.

(2) Between 6-20 October the USS COMSTOCK (LSD-19) was utilized to shuttle LCUs from Danang to the mouth of the Chu Viet River (a total of 39 LCUs were loaded with cargo, equipment and shuttled in this manner).

(3) During the month 6 LSTs departed both from Chu Lai and Danang with retrograde Class II and vehicles for Okinawa (621 S/T), Yoko (1441 S/T) and subic (233 S/T). One Subic shipment also contained ZUNI rockets.

(4) A total of 147 LCUs carried 13,285 S/T of cargo from Danang to Dong Ha during the month. 37 LCUs carried 3,633 S/T of cargo from Danang to Hue/Phu Bai.

(5) On 5 October Khe Sanh Airfield was closed to C-130 aircraft and upgrading commenced. Upgrading of airfield was completed and airfield reopened on 11 October. The airlifting of 1,385 S/T of matting into Khe Sanh was completed on 4 October.

(6) Movement of the 3rd Marine Division elements by LCU from Danang to Dong Ha and Hue/Phu Bai commenced on 5 October.

(7) Movement of the 1st Marine Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing elements from Chu Lai to Danang by LST commenced on 8 October.

(8) 364 USMC replacements arrived in-country on 27 October aboard the USNS BARRETT.

(9) USNS ships BLATCHFORD, GORDON, ELTINGE, and LENAWEE offloaded 1,266 ROKMC replacements, and loaded 1,254 ROKMC rotation personnel out of country during the month.

(10) On 28-29 October BLT 3/3 landed at Dong Ha. On 29 October HMM-163 went ashore at Phu Bai.

(11) TF 6/27, 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery and 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery (All USA) arrived Danang and were transshipped to Dong Ha and/or Chu Lai during the month.

(12) ISTs 47 and 1157 arrived Chu Lai on 11 October with elements of VMA-11 and VMFA-542.

(13) LST 901 departed Chu Lai on 8 October for Bangkok with Class V(A).

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(14) Elements of the 3rd Bridge Company arrived in-country on 17 October aboard the USNS SULTAN. Offloading was completed on 18 October.

(15) On 26-27 October the III MAF Embarkation Officer attended a BLT Rotation Conference aboard the USS IWO JIMA.

(16) USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8) offloaded elements of 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines at Danang (BLT Rotation) on 27 October.

(17) Airlifting of the remainder BLT 2/5 to Khe Sanh was completed on 1 October.

(18) BLTs 2/7 and 3/7 rotation was completed on 1 October.

(19) LST 1165 arrived Chu Lai with elements of MAG-13 on 1 October. Offloading completed on 3 October.

(20) IST 839 arrived at Danang on 22 October with elements of H&MS-17.

(21) Surface cargo throughput for the month as follows:

	TOTAL		DAILY AVERAGE	
	S/T	M/T	S/T	M/T
Danang	114,329	173,439	3,688	5,595
Chu Lai	29,937	41,413	966	1,336
Phu Bai	3,633	5,687	117	183

(22) Fixed-Wing airlift during the month in support of USMC forces was as follows (in pounds):

	<u>USAF (C-130)</u>	<u>USMC (C-130)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Khe Sanh	728,907	2,369,889	3,098,796
Dong Ha	379,408	1,141,328	1,520,736
Chu Lai		1,308,000	1,308,000
An Hoa	813,758		813,758
Phu Bai		625,000	625,000

J. DENTAL.

(1) FMFPac's Dental Officer completed inspection of III MAF Dental units on 3 October.

(2) II MAF Dental companies treated 5,429 patients, and performed 10,853 dental procedures for the Civic Action Program during the month.

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A. A continued increase in total message traffic through the III Marine Amphibious Force Communication Center was noted during October. Traffic totals follow:

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Incoming	39,090	41,428	
Outgoing	43,545	47,340	
Total	82,635	88,768	6133

B. Message traffic through the COC Communications Center showed a significant decrease. Traffic totals follow:

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Incoming	3,749	2,899	
Outgoing	3,725	3,357	
Total	7,474	6,256	1218

C. Planned and executed communication requirements for displacement of the 3rd Marine Division and 1st Marine Division Command Posts.

D. Provided communications detachment to support establishment of 3rd Marine Division (Fwd) Command Post at Dong Ha.

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VIII. CIVIC ACTION.

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A. OBJECTIVES. The basic objectives of the III MAF Civic Action Program remained the same during the month of October. Emphasis continued to be placed on improving the educational opportunities of the Vietnamese through extensive school construction and school renovation programs. The ever-present problem of refugee resettlement continued to receive attention in October.

B. I CORPS JOINT COORDINATING COUNCIL. The Council met four times during October. Of high interest to the Council were discussions regarding organization of Province level Joint Coordinating Councils and the briefing presented by Quang Tin Province officials during the Council's session in Tam Ky.

(1) The I Corps Council discussed and reaffirmed its position of supporting the concept of Province level Joint Coordinating Councils. The Council considered the guidance that could be given to these JCCs based upon experience gained during the one year existence of the I Corps Council. The organization, mission and functions of these provincial JCCs were envisioned as reflecting those of the I Corps JCC. It was not intended that these Province level JCCs be subordinate to the I Corps Council but rather that they function independently and perform parallel missions at the Province level. It was announced to the I Corps Council that Thua Thien Province Joint Coordinating Council, the first Province Council organized in I Corps, conducted its initial meeting on 24 October.

(2) The I Corps Council met at Quang Tin Province Headquarters, Tam Ky, where it was briefed on the security situation, the status of the Hamlet Construction Program for both 1966 and 1967, and on the number of Regional and Popular Forces and Revolutionary Development Cadre required to implement the Hamlet Construction Program. The current situation in regards to the Regional and Popular Force Program and the modifications required to adequately support the Revolutionary Development Plan for CY 1967 was also discussed. The Province Chief explained the various factors considered during the development of the Revolutionary Development Plan for CY 1967.

C. JOINT COORDINATING COUNCIL COMMITTEES. Three committees of the I Corps Council met during October.

(1) Commodities Distribution Committee. CARE announced the procurement of a set of Korean plans for the CINVA-RAM block making machine. When these plans are translated, efforts will be made to have machinery locally produced. There was general agreement that their widespread use would be a boon, since local cement blocks are structurally unsound. Use of ARVN transportation to assist in the distribution of commodities to the consumer was discussed. It was understood that CG, I Corps will issue a directive to all units regarding ARVN assistance in transporting commodities when their trucks are not required for military needs. Duplication of Civic

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Action efforts was also discussed. A sub-committee presented a list of all types of institutions aided by US organizations represented on the Commodities Distribution Committee. This list will serve as a basis for consultation among Committeemembers in handling future requests.

(2) Psychological Warfare Committee. The PsyWar Committee met once during the month of October. Of primary interest were discussions centered around employment of Hoi Chans to make the Chieu Hoi program more attractive. Several potential ideas were offered to the Committee; the strongest recommendation was for a stepped up vocational training program for ralliers. Psychological appeals to the Viet Cong such a home-sickness, broken promises of their communist bosses and exploitation of the Viet Cong's fear of hunger and death were considered by the PsyWar Committee. The effectiveness of the Drama Teams were also discussed. It was proposed that the stories written by the Drama Teams, which show the sacrifices of the American and Free World Forces in this war, be published in book form for nation-wide consumption.

(3) Public Health Committee. It was announced at the first of two Public Health Committee meetings conducted in October that no response has as yet been received on the letter of recommendation for environmental health improvements which was drafted by the committee and endorsed by the I Corps Council. This letter was prepared during August and hand carried to Minister of Health, GVN. Immunizations for various diseases and associated problems were discussed. The Inspector General, Ministry of Health/Region I reported that the scope of the present routine annual immunizations of the Region I population will be increased in 1967 from smallpox and cholera to include plague and typhoid inoculations.

D. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. Sixty-eight MEDCAP teams operated in 239 locations during October and provided medical and dental treatments to 99,233 Vietnamese civilians. Sixty-three health workers, including nurses, received informal training during the month. MEDCAP teams inoculated some 1,103 persons as a preventive medicine measure.

E. III MAF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. School construction continued to show progress during October. Although Monsoon rains and a shortage of building materials, particularly lumber, slowed the program somewhat, the impetus gained in previous months by the III MAF School Construction program continued, with four schools being constructed and three others repaired, for a total of thirty classrooms completed during October.

F. REFUGEE SUPPORT. A refugee resettlement project underway in Thu Bon Hamlet was completed. This project consisting of 300 structures and resettled approximately 1,500 people. Other projects in Ai Dong, Phung Trung and Hoa Lac are in various stages of progress. Ai Dong was hard hit by recent flooding, where the flood waters washed away previous work. Materials lost through flooding and vandalism are being replaced. Essentially, all of the work on these projects is achieved through self help efforts, materials being provided from III MAF Civic Action assets.

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A. 172 Ralliers were reported in I Corps during the month of October. This is an increase of 79 over Septembers figure of 95 and represents the largest monthly returnee figure reported in I Corps. PsyOp support in the form of printed materials and air/ground loudspeaker broadcasts for the Chieu Hoi program continued to be the major effort by III MAF units.

B. Audio-Visual teams from the 244th PsyOp Company provided PsyOp support for 13 Marine operations and activities lasting two to ten days in duration. The A/V teams supported small tactical unit operations, civic action activities, and County Fair operations.

C. October leaflet activity consisted of 15,786,000 leaflets dropped by the 5th Air Commando Squadron in support of Marine Units. 5,221,000 leaflets were printed by the 244th PsyOp Company to meet USMC requirements. JUSPAO and MACPD continued to supply the standard leaflets used to support the Chieu Hoi and NVA campaigns. 88 aircraft sorties were flown to distribute leaflets, pamphlets, and JUSPAO newspapers. The onset of the seasonal monsoon weather accounted for the cancellation of several aircraft sorties.

D. Labelled "Kit Carson Scouts", six Hoi Chanh (ralliers) joined Marines in the field on a trial program with the First and Ninth Marine Regiments of the First Marine Division. The scouts are all volunteers who have worked with Marines on County Fair and tactical operations in the past and have proved to be very successful in recognizing and identifying VC in areas where they once operated as VC. The scouts are living, eating, and working with Marines and will accompany them on patrols and sweeps to identify VC, hiding places, and routes of escape. The ralliers will speak with families of local VC to explain the merits of the Chieu Hoi Program.

E. Representatives from various units conducting psyop in the ICTZ attended Octobers III MAF PsyOp Conference. The regular monthly conference and PsyOp Newsletter have been very effective as a means of exchanging information, aiding in coordination, and introducing new ideas and lessons learned in the field of psychological operations.

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X. COMBAT INFORMATION BUREAU.~~SECRET~~

A. BACKGROUND. During October 1966, 366 escorted visits were accomplished by the Combat Information Bureau. The escorts covered operations, civic action, and various other subjects of interest to the Press. The Danang Press Center hosted 299 newsmen and VIPs during this period.

B. MOTOR TRANSPORTATION. Present transportation with the addition of one PC proved adequate throughout the month in meeting CIB and correspondent support requirements.

C. PHOTOGRAPHY. During the month of October, 27,020 feet of movie film was forwarded to Headquarters Marine Corps (Code A03P). Of this, 42% was exposed on operations, 22.2% on Civic Action and 35.8% on miscellaneous. Operations which were covered were Prairie, Allegheny and Golden Fleece. Of special interest is the arrival at Danang of Korean President Park Chung Hee on which 150 feet was exposed and President Lyndon B. JOHNSON's visit to Cam Rahn Bay on which 400 feet was exposed.

D. RADIO/TV. During the month of October, this section made a total of 28 releases. This included 16 Radio Features and 12 Fleet Home town interviews.

E. ESCORTS. During October 1966, 366 escorted visits were accomplished. Included were Operations Prairie and Teton, combat patrols, Mine School, Civic Action, CAC units, An Hoa Industrial Complex, Sentry Dogs, CNO visit, Secretary of Defense visit, CG FMFPac visit and the DMZ story. Notable Media representatives and VIPs who visited the CIB during the month included: CNO, Admiral MC DONALD; CG FMFPac, LtGen KRULAK; Peter BRAESTRUP, N. Y. Times; Adam RAPHAEL, CBS; Jim LUCAS, Scripps-Howard; Sam JAFFEE, ABC; Larry BURROWS, Time-Life; Roger PETERSON, ABC; Sims FENTRESS, Time-Life; John BERTHELSEN, Newsweek; Charles MOHR, N. Y. Times; Marvin STONE, U.S. News and World Report; Elliot BERNSTEIN, ABC; Lem TUCKER, NBC; Leon DANIEL, UPI; Dennis WARNER, Reporter Magazine; Howard CHERNOFF, Executive Assistant to USIA Director; Frank BARTHELEMUE, Board Chairman of UPI; Frank STARZEL, Retired Director of AP; Sherman HELMS, JUSPAO; Zalen GRANT, Time-Life; Bob HART, Reuters; Jo Ann HARDEE, Detroit News; Esther CLARK, Phoenix Gazette; William BRANNIGAN, ABC; Robert SHAPLEN, New Yorker; John RANDOLPH, L. A. Times; Jorma JARVENTAUS, Finland.

F. PRESS RELEASES. During the month of October, the Press Section processed and distributed 239 news releases. The majority of these concerned Operation Prairie. There were 38 releases made on civic action. In addition, 5,542 releases were forwarded to the Fleet Home Town News Center.

G. PRESS CENTER. A total of 299 correspondents and VIPs checked in at the Press Center during the period reported on.

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XI. I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE ACTIVITY (RVNAF).

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A. GENERAL. ARVN activities for the month of October were highlighted by Lam Son 318, a heliborne search and destroy operation south of the DMZ. The objective of this operation was to disrupt plans of the 324B NVA Division to mount a monsoon offensive in Quang Tri Province. Enemy activity generally decreased during the month in spite of a marked increase in attacks on roads and bridges in the southern half of the I CTZ. Attacks against friendly forces were confined to assaults on small isolated units. Revolutionary development received increased attention during the month and eight hamlets were upgraded to the secured category in Quang Nam Province. The overall logistical situation in the I CTZ was satisfactory although critical shortages continued to exist in selected items of Class IV and V.

B. OPERATIONS. I Corps conducted 43 battalion size operations during October as compared to 56 last month. There were 6 combined and 5 heliborne operations included in the above figures. Contact was made with the VC/NVA in 21 of these operations. ARVN combat losses were 220 KIA and 612 WIA as compared to 181 KIA and 483 WIA last month. Enemy losses were 916 KIA and 94 VCC as compared with 727 KIA and 121 VCC last month. ARVN captured 171 weapons and lost 172 compared with 200 captured and 155 lost last month.

Two significant operations took place in the I CTZ in October. Lam Son 318, a 1st Division controlled heliborne search and destroy operation southwest of Gio Linh, began on 3 October and continued into November. As of 31 October friendly casualties were 38 KIA, including 1 U.S. advisor; and 265 WIA, including 5 U. S. advisors. Enemy casualties were 47 NVA KIA, with an additional 105 KIA probable. Air strikes were credited with 114 KBA and an additional 93 KBA probable. There were 4 VC and 16 weapons captured.

C. An unnamed 51st Regiment controlled heliborne reaction operation was conducted south of Nong Song in October in response to a VC attack on an RF outpost. Friendly casualties were 27 KIA and 94 WIA, including 1 U. S. advisor. Five weapons were lost. Enemy casualties were 328 KIA with an additional 213 KIA probable. Air strikes were credited with 8 KBA and an additional 85 KBA probable. There was 1 NVA and 53 weapons captured.

C. ENEMY ACTIVITY. The number of VC initiated incidents in October dropped to the lowest level in four months with 194 incidents reported as compared to 310 incidents in September. There were two noteworthy incidents in the 11th DTA. On 3 October an unknown number of VC ambushed a four vehicle convoy two kilometers west of Phu Loc on Highway 1. Friendly losses were 1 KIA and 4 WIA. One armored car and three 2-1/2 ton trucks were destroyed. On 30 October a railroad security company guarding a bridge repair site eight kilometers west of Phu Loc was attacked by a VC company. Friendly losses were 12 KIA, including 3 civilians. Four civilians were wounded. Enemy activity in Quang Nam Sector was confined primarily to sniper fire. In the 12th DTA bridges and culverts on Highway 1 were the primary targets.

Enemy capabilities remained unchanged from the month of September. The enemy is capable of launching multi-regimental size attacks in the 11th DTA and regimental attacks in the 12th DTA. The enemy remains capable of conducting

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harassing operations, interdicting lines of communications, and terrorizing and propagandizing the local population throughout much of the I CTZ.

D. REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT. Significant progress was made in Revolutionary Development during the month of October. In Quang Nam Province eight hamlets with a population of 10,176 were upgraded to the secured category as a result of work by the Revolutionary Development Committee. Four of the eight hamlets were in the National Priority Area. This program was achieved despite the absence of the province chief most of the month, and reluctance of the provincial deputies to approve projects or release funds necessary for the implementation of programs in their respective fields.

The accelerated shipment of USAID commodities to all provinces resulted in a two month stockpile of most USAID supplies. Self-help projects continued at a fast pace in all provinces.

A strengthening of the RD effort occurred during the month when each province, except Quang Tin, formed a Joint Coordinating Council. These councils will provide direct and continuous coordination between GVN, RVNAF, U. S. Military forces, and civilian agencies. In addition, a Ministry of Revolutionary Development team visited all provinces and the city of Danang at the end of the month. This team met with RD committees and discussed the 1967 RD plan.

E. PSYOPS/CIVIC ACTION. In October the major efforts of the ARVN 10th Psywar Battalion and the 11th Civil Affairs Company were directed toward winning the support of the people of Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Sector. Civic action projects included general repairs in the hamlets, school repairs, and well digging. In addition to propaganda appeals, the 29th U.S. Civil Affairs Company provided food for ARVN distribution to the people. ARVN presses produced 2.1 million leaflets and newspapers during the month, including 60,000 copies of a weekly newspaper with eight pages in two colors. VNAF flew eight sorties, dropping 850,000 leaflets. VNAF loudspeaker support totaled 1 mission of 2 hours. The number of ralliers again increased with a total of 145 compared to 109 last month and 99 in August.

F. REGIONAL FORCE/POPULAR FORCE. There were no significant changes in RF/PF strength during the month. The Motivation Indoctrination Program for PF continued with an additional 32 PF platoons completing the course. To date 315 platoons totaling 11,970 soldiers have been trained. During October 522 tons of foodstuff were distributed to PF personnel compared to 219 tons last month. Over 210,000 recipes for food preparation were distributed to RF/PF personnel along with 16 bales of civilian clothing. MEDCAP teams treated 4,200 patients during the month. RF/PF casualties for the month included 101 KIA, 180 WIA, and 39 MIA. Enemy losses were 117 KIA and 2 VCC. 58 weapons and 2 AN/PRC-10 radios were captured, while 133 weapons and 1 AN/PRC-10 radio were lost.

G. PERSONNEL. During October I Corps received 746 replacements. There were 300 deserters reported but most of these personnel were apprehended and are awaiting trial. Results of the I CTZ military tribunals held in October indicated most deserters received 3 to 5 years sentences in the I Corps Battlefield Labor Battalions.

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H. LOGISTICS. The overall logistical situation in I CTZ was satisfactory. Stock levels of Class I and III were above safety levels. However, shortages in selected items of Class V, 12 volt batteries, repair parts for vehicles, and fortification materials continued to deteriorate. Shortages of medical supplies developed during the reporting period although shipments by air and water from Saigon, and the arrival of the initial direct shipment of medical supplies from CONUS late in October helped to relieve the situation. Resupply within the I CTZ was curtailed by weather conditions which caused wash-outs along the main road supply routes and restricted air resupply operations. No rail movements were accomplished. A total of 4,338 tons of supplies were moved to the DTA's during the month.

I. ENGINEER. The number of enemy attacks against roads and bridges in the I CTZ increased from 10 in September to 32 in October. ARVN engineer reaction time continued to be excellent. In spite of heavy seasonal flooding, Highway 1 was open from the DMZ to Quang Ngai 75 percent of the month. There were 10 enemy attacks against the railroad in the I CTZ during October. The railroad was closed between Danang and Hue 80 percent of the month.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/SERVICE</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
10Oct66	William C. WESTMORELAND	Gen USA	COMUSMACV
10Oct66	William K. JONES	BGen USMC	Director, COC Saigon
10Oct66	Richard SALANT	Mr.	CBS News
1-30Oct66	James E. HERBOLD Jr	BGen USMC	Incoming CG, FLC
1-6Oct66	R. G. DAVIS	MGen USMC	HQMC Evaluation Team
2-30Oct66	Donald G. MCDONALD	Mr.	Director, USAID RVN
4Oct66	Leonard SULLIVAN	Dr.	Asst Director for Tactical Warfare Program
6Oct66	George A. PASSELLA	Mr. GS-16	DofA Special Asst for Readiness of Comm & Elec
6-70Oct66	Howard HAUGERUD	Mr.	Deputy Insp Gen Foreign Asst DofS
6-80Oct66	D. A. DUNBAR-NASMITH	Commodore RN	COMAF
6-70Oct66	Richard H. CHASE	Mr.	Manager, Christian Science Activities for the Armed Forces
6-70Oct66	Michael P. RYAN	BGen USMC	CG, 9th MAB
6Oct66	John A. HEINTGES	LGen USA	Deputy COMUSMACV
8Oct66	William C. WESTMORELAND	Gen USA	COMUSMACV
10Oct66	J. J. HYLAND	VAdm USN	COMSEVENTHFLT
10-11Oct66	Robert G. OWENS	BGen USMC	
10-11Oct66	William MCMILLAN	Mr GS-18	Mbr, Research and Engineer DOD
11Oct66	J. S. HARDIN	BGen USA	Chief of Army and Air Force Exchange Service
12Oct66	William J. MORAN	Bishop	Military Ordinarate Armed Forces Chaplains Board
12-13Oct66	William C. WESTMORELAND	Gen USA	COMUSMACV

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12-13Oct66	LGen CO	LGen	Deputy Chairman Central Executive Council
13Oct66	Robert S. MCNAMARA	SecDef	Secretary of Defense
13Oct66	Nicholas D. KATZENBACH		Under Secretary of State
13Oct66	Earl G. WHEELER	Gen	Chairman JCS
13Oct66	U. S. Grant SHARP	Adm USN	CINCPAC
13Oct66	Arthur SYLVESTER	Mr.	ASA (PA)
13Oct66	Sam V. WILSON	Mr.	Coordinator American Embassy
13Oct66	George S. BROWN	LGen USAF	Special Asst to CJCS
13Oct66	G. C. BROWN	MGen USAF	CINCPAC J2
13Oct66	H. G. HUTCHISON	BGen USMC	CINCPAC J3
13Oct66	A. J. F. MOODY	BGen USA	Military Asst to SecDef
13Oct66	Jack ROSENTHAL	Mr.	Asst to Under Sec of State
13-15Oct66	Edwin B. HOOVER	RAdmin	COMSERVPAC
16Oct66	Creighton W. ABRAMS	Gen USA	Vice Chief of Staff
17Oct66	A. M. SHINN	VAdm USN	Prospective COMNAV-AIRPAC
17Oct66	P. A. HOLMBERG	RAdm USN	NAVAIRSYSCOMREPAC
18Oct66	George S. ECKHARDT	MGen USA	OG 9th Infantry Division
19Oct66	Don W. WULZEN	RAdm USN	(GTF-76)
21Oct66	William C. WESTMORELAND	Gen USA	COMUSMACV
23-26Oct66	Sammel S. SHAW	BGen Retired	Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee Senate Committee on Armed Services
23-26Oct66	Robert M. NEAL	Mr.	-do-

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23-25Oct66	John S. COWAN	RAdm USN	GINCPAC Surgeon
23-24Oct66	John HART	Mr. GS-17	
24-25Oct66	Austin MONTGOMERY	BGen USA	Cmdr Eastern Area Military Traffic Management
24-27Oct66	J. T. BURKE, Jr	RAdm USN	Commander, Amphibious Group Three
25-26Oct66	N. G. WARD	RAdm USN	COMNAVFORV
25-26Oct66	Jerome ALDERMAN	Mr. GS-18	General Counsel
25-26Oct66	Phillip W. MORGAN	Mr. GS-18	Chief Counsel for the Minority
28Oct66	J. E. ENGLER	LGen USA	Deputy CG, USARV
28Oct66	H. L. MOORE	BGen USA	Provost Marshal, USARV
28-31Oct66	H. N. WALLIN	RAdm USN	Deputy Cmdr for Facilities Engineering
29-30Oct66	D. L. MCDONALD	Adm USN	Chief of Naval Operations
29-30Oct66	Thomas W. MCKNEW	Dr.	Chairman, Board of Trustees, National Geographic Society
29-30Oct66	B. J. SEMMES	VAdm USN	Chief of Naval Personnel
29-30Oct66	I. J. GALANTIN	VAdm USN	Chief of Naval Material
29-30Oct66	G. E. MOORE II (SC)	RAdm USN	DEPCOM, Supply Operations NAVSUPSYSCOM
29-30Oct66	M. W. CAGLE	RAdm USN	Director, Aviation Programs Division OPNAV
30-31Oct66	Victor H. KRULAK	LtGen USMC	CG, FMFPac
31Oct66	Phillip B. DAVIDSON	BGen USA	A/CofS G-2, USARPAC

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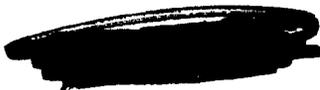
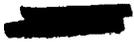
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PART THREE

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- 1 October - Operation Macon continuing
Operation Prairie continuing
- 10 October - Operation Kent initiated
- 12 October - Operation Teton initiated
- 15 October - Operation Kent terminated
- 19 October - Operation Bacon initiated
Operation Dover initiated
- 20 October - Operation Teton terminated
- 21 October - Operation Madison initiated
Operation Kern initiated
- 23 October - Operation Madison terminated
- 25 October - Operation Kern terminated
- 28 October - Operation Bacon terminated
- 29 October - Operation Pawnee III initiated
- 30 October - Operation Dover terminated
- 31 October - Operation Macon terminated

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