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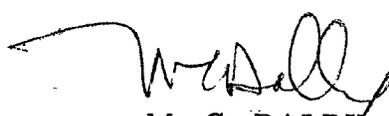
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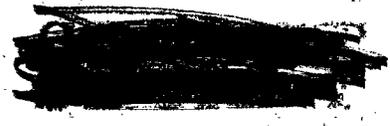
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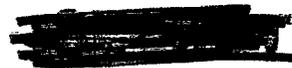
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1 September 1967 - 30 September 1967

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

III Marine Amphibious Force

Lieutenant General Robert
E. CUSHMAN, JR., U. S.
Marine Corps
1Jun-30Sep67

DEPUTY COMMANDER

Major General Herman
NICKERSON, JR., U. S.
Marine Corps
1Jun-30Sep67

SUBORDINATE UNITS

First Marine Division

Major General Donn J.
ROBERTSON, U. S. Marine
Corps
1Jun-30Sep67

Third Marine Division

Major General Bruno A.
HOCHMUTH, U. S. Marine
Corps
18Mar-30Sep67

First Marine Aircraft Wing

Major General Norman J.
ANDERSON, U. S. Marine
Corps
2Jun-30Sep67

Force Logistic Command

Brigadier General James
E. HERBOLD, JR., U. S.
Marine Corps
30Oct66-30Sep67

AMERICAL DIVISION

Major General Richard T.
KNOWLES, U. S. Army
25Jun-21Sep67

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Headquarters and Service Company
III Marine Amphibious Force

Brigadier General Samuel
W. KOSTER, U.S. Army
22-30Sep67

Major Robert E. FINNEY,
U. S. Marine Corps
27Mar-23Sep67

Lieutenant Colonel Hugh
C. SCHRYVER, JR., U. S.
Marine Corps
24-30Sep67

ATTACHED UNITS

Sub-Unit #1, First Radio
Battalion

Major Williard I. CRUMBACK
U. S. Marine Corps
1Mar-11Sep67

Lieutenant Colonel Alfred
M. GRAY, JR., U. S. Marine
Corps
12-30Sep67

29th Civil Affairs Company,
U. S. Army

Lieutenant Colonel T.
SEXTON, U. S. Army

244th Psychological Operations
Company, U. S. Army

Major T. H. MC CAIG, U. S.
Army

2. LOCATION.

1-30 September 1967, Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic
of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Chief of Staff

Brigadier General Robert
G. OWENS, JR., U. S. Marine
Corps
1Apr-30Sep67

Deputy Chief of Staff

Colonel Duane L. FAW,
U. S. Marine Corps
11Aug-30Sep67

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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1

Colonel Poul F. PEDERSEN,
U. S. Marine Corps
16Jul-30Sep67

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

Colonel Kenneth J. HOUGHTON,
U. S. Marine Corps
10Jul-30Sep67

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Colonel Fred E. HAYNES, JR.,
U. S. Marine Corps
3Jul-30Sep67

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Colonel Rex O. DILLOW,
U. S. Marine Corps
3Jun-30Sep67

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Colonel James A. GALLO, JR.,
U. S. Marine Corps
2Jul-5Sep67

Lieutenant Colonel James L.
BLACK, JR., U. S. Marine Corps
6-14Sep67

Colonel Joseph F. HOLZBAUER,
U. S. Marine Corps
15-17Sep67

Colonel John E. HAYS, U. S.
Marine Corps
18-30Sep67

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6

Colonel Franklin L. SMITH,
U. S. Marine Corps
28Jun-30Sep67

Psychological Operations Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Michael J.
DUNBAR, U. S. Marine Corps
1-30Sep67

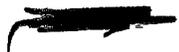
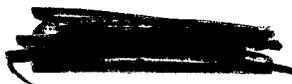
Force Supply Officer

Colonel Frederick A. QUINT,
U. S. Marine Corps
10Jul-30Sep67

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Communications-Electronics Officer

Colonel Sanford B. HUNT,
JR., U. S. Marine Corps
8Apr-30Sep67

Force Legal Officer

Colonel Duane L. FAW,
U. S. Marine Corps
30Jul-30Sep67

Force Engineer

Colonel Thirl D. JOHNSON,
U. S. Marine Corps
5May-30Sep67

Force Adjutant

Major Deward E. SHELTON,
U. S. Marine Corps
2Aug-30Sep67

Assistant Chief of Staff,
Comptroller

Major Charles O. PITTS, JR.,
U. S. Marine Corps
17Aug-30Sep67

Force Chaplain

Captain Earl V. LYONS,
U. S. Navy
11Oct66-30Sep67

Combat Information Bureau

Colonel Karl E. FASER,
U. S. Marine Corps
1Aug-30Sep67

OinC, Combat Operations Center

Lieutenant Colonel Russell
E. BLAGG, U.S. Marine Corps
1Aug-30Sep67

Food Services Officer

Captain Thomas A. NOLEN,
U. S. Marine Corps
1May-8Sep67

Lieutenant Colonel Billy D.
BRIDGES, U.S. Marine Corps
9-30Sep67

Force Surgeon

Captain Robert H. LEMMON,
U. S. Navy
1Jul-30Sep67

Force Dental Officer

Captain Jan F. KING,
U. S. Navy
1May-30Sep67

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| Force Motor Transport Officer | Major George M. WILSON, U. S. Marine Corps 16Aug-30Sep67 |
| Force Ordnance Officer | Lieutenant Colonel John C. THOMAS, U. S. Marine Corps 21Jul66-5Sep67 |
| | Colonel Ralph D. CAJL, U. S. Marine Corps 6-30Sep67 |
| Headquarters Commandant | Major Robert E. FINNEY, U. S. Marine Corps 23Apr-23Sep67 |
| | Lieutenant Colonel Hugh C. SCHRYVER, JR., U. S. Marine Corps 24-30Sep67 |
| Protocol Officer | Major James T. HARRELL, III, U. S. Marine Corps 9Apr-30Sep67 |
| Special Services Officer | Lieutenant Colonel Earl B. SUMMERLIN, JR., U. S. Marine Corps 3Jun-30Sep67 |
| Embarkation Officer | Major Robert H. THOMPSON, U. S. Marine Corps 19Jul-30Sep67 |
| Inspector | Colonel William R. CURAND, U. S. Marine Corps 7Jun-30Sep67 |
| USMC Liaison Officer, MACV | Colonel Edward L. FOSSUM, U. S. Marine Corps 3Aug-30Sep67 |

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY 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 | 181 | 13 | | 353 | 4 | |
| H&S Company | 11 | 1 | | 181 | 6 | |
| SU #1 1st RadBn | 12 | | | 218 | | |
| 29th CA Co | | | 49 | | | 96 |
| 244th PsyOps Co | | | 14 | | | 66 |

III Marine Amphibious Force

| <u>USMC</u> | <u>OFFICER</u> | | | <u>USMC</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> | | |
|-------------|----------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| | <u>USN</u> | <u>USA</u> | <u>USAF</u> | | <u>USN</u> | <u>USA</u> | <u>USAF</u> |
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. INTRODUCTION.

a. GENERAL. During September 1967, III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters was located in East Danang, Republic of Vietnam. The average personnel strength was 96,511 an average of 2,027 under the previous month.

b. ACTIVITIES. III MAF continues to be guided by COMUSMACV Letter of Instruction (LOI 3-66) dated 30 March 1966, in pursuit of III MAF objectives for September.

2. OVERALL EVALUATION.

a. In September, the enemy continued to focus his efforts on the I Corps Tactical Zone. For the third time in six months, the enemy mounted a major combined arms effort against III Marine Amphibious Forces in the DMZ region. In his September failure to drive the Marines from their Con Thien strongpoint, following his April defeat in the Hill 881-861 complex north of Khe Sanh and the failure of his combined arms thrust against Con Thien in July 1967, the enemy was denied once again the military and propaganda victory he is seeking.

b. The enemy effort and prestige in I Corps Tactical Zone suffered another substantial defeat in September 1967 when he failed to attain his objective of disrupting the National Elections, as evidenced by the high percentage of registered voters who cast their ballots. 86.3% of all registered voters in I Corps Tactical Zone voted in spite of a concerted effort on the part of the enemy during the month of August and early September 1967 to prevent them from so doing.

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DECLASSIFIEDPART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

a. Operation KINGFISHER. During the period 1-30 September the 3rd Marine Division continued search and destroy operations in northern Quang Tri Province with significant contact. Although there were only a few sharp engagements with enemy forces, all friendly forces were subjected to most extensive enemy artillery, rocket and mortar barrages throughout this period. This consistent bombardment accounted for the bulk of friendly casualties sustained during this period. The ever present mines and booby traps inflicted light casualties on friendly forces also. Counter mortar and artillery fire along with air strikes took a heavy toll of enemy forces operating in the KINGFISHER area. At 041032H Co's I and M/3/4 made contact with an unknown size enemy force and uncovered an extensive bunker complex in hedgerows and wooded terrain. Contact was maintained until about 041736H when it was broken off by the enemy. Artillery fire was then received by both units. Enemy casualties for this contact were 37 KIA (Conf) and 10 KIA (Prob). A sharp contact was made at 071010H when a resupply convoy was attacked near Ca Lu OP. Units moving in from Ca Lu received a heavy volume of fire from both sides of Route #9. Contact was maintained until approximately 1800H. Artillery fire missions and air strikes were utilized throughout. Casualties for this period were 5 friendly KIA and 65 WIA, Enemy; 92 KIA (Conf) and 93 KIA (Prob). One significant contact was gained by 3/26 at 101845H with an estimated enemy regiment, later identified as the 812th NVA Regiment. All companies were in heavy contact until approximately 102200H. Light probes and H&I fires were experienced throughout the night of 10 September and morning of the 11th. Casualties for this contact were: USMC; 34 KIA and 185 WIA; Enemy: 140 KIA (Conf) and 315 KIA (Prob). Total casualties for this period were: USMC: 212 KIA, 2077 WIA; Enemy: 485 KIA (Conf), 920 KIA (Prob), 20 Detainees, 2 PW/NVA, 10 Civil Defendants, 4 Innocent Civilians and 48 Weapons captured. Cumulative casualties for this period were: USMC; 285 KIA, 2788 WIA and 1 MIA; Enemy; 1036 KIA (Conf), 1791 KIA (Prob), 93 Detainees, 2 PW/NVA, 10 Civil Defendants, 44 Innocent Civilians and 127 Weapons captured.

b. Operation FREMONT. During the period 1-30 September, 4th Marines continued search and destroy operations in Thua Thien

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Province with light contact throughout most of the period. However, on 7 September significant contact was experienced with small groups of the enemy. At 071245H Co E/2/4 observed 2 VC and fired small arms resulting in 2 VC KIA (Conf). While searching the area, 3 VC were found in a hut. A grenade was thrown into the hut accounting for 3 VC KIA (Conf). At 080840H Co F/2/4 found an enemy base camp. A search revealed 400 Chicom grenades and 1000 lbs of rice. At 171130H and 171300H Recon Teams made two sightings of approximately 140 enemy. Artillery missions resulted in 60 VC KIA (Conf). Results for this period were; USMC: 2 KIA and 68 WIA; Enemy: 56 KIA (Conf), 127 KIA (Prob), 11 Detainees, 2 PW/VC, 1 PW/NVA, 1 Civil Defendant, 8 Innocent Civilians and 9 Weapons captured. Cumulative results for this period were; USMC: 15 KIA, and 230 WIA; Enemy: 115 KIA (Conf), 226 KIA (Prob), 79 Detainees, 2 PW/VC, 2 PW/NVA, 2 Civil Defendants, 72 Innocent Civilians and 32 Weapons captured.

c. Operation ARDMORE. During the period 1-30 September the 26th Marines continued search and destroy operations in Quang Tri Province. One significant contact was experienced. At 021900H a Recon Team engaged an estimated 60-70 NVA. Utilizing air strikes and artillery, 39 NVA KIA (Conf) resulted. Casualties for this period were: USMC: 4 WIA; Enemy: 45 KIA (Conf), 16 KIA (Prob), 3 Detainees, 4 Innocent Civilians and 10 Weapons captured. Cumulative results for this period were: USMC: 9 KIA, and 38 WIA; Enemy: 109 KIA (Conf), 205 KIA (Prob), 6 Detainees, 4 Innocent Civilians and 10 Weapons captured.

d. Operation CUMBERLAND. During the period 1-15 September, the 4th Marines concluded clearing operations in Thua Thien Province. Contact during this final period was extremely light with only small encounters with enemy forces. Casualties for this period were: USMC: 8 WIA; Enemy: 2 KIA (Conf) and 2 KIA (Prob). Cumulative results for this period were: USMC: 5 KIA and 96 WIA; Enemy: 8 KIA (Conf), 13 KIA (Prob), 21 Detainees, 1 PW/VC, 20 Innocent Civilians and 2 Weapons captured.

e. Operation YAZOO. During the period 1-5 September, the 7th Marines conducted search and destroy operations in Quang Nam Province with negative contact. During this operation a total of 31 tactical air sorties and 308 artillery missions were provided in support. Casualties for this period were: USMC: 1 WIA; Enemy: None. Cumulative results for this period were: USMC: 4 KIA and 7 WIA; Enemy: 2 KIA (Conf), 8 KIA (Prob) and 1 Weapon captured.

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f. Operation BEACON POINT. During the period 1-3 September, BLT 1/3 conducted search and destroy operations in Thua Thien Province with two contacts reported. These contacts occurred at 021003H and 030003H when Co D/1/3 encountered one VC during each contact. Small arms fire resulted in 2 VC KIA (Conf). At 021227H Co A/1/3 was led to a one ton rice cache by two detainees and at 021530H Co A/1/3 uncovered another cache of approximately 30 tons of rice. At 030800H BLT 1/3 chopped to 4th Marines and joined Operation FREMONT. Cumulative results were: USMC: 1 KIA and 23 WIA; Enemy: 2 KIA (Conf), 1 KIA (Prob), 9 Detainees and 1 Weapon captured.

g. Operation COOK. During the period 2-10 September, Task Force OREGON conducted search and destroy operations in Quang Ngai Province with moderate contact with enemy forces. Numerous contacts were made with small VC units resulting in from 1 to 4 KIA's (Conf) during each contact. However, at 050630H Co C/2/327 engaged 10 VC and at 051125H Co A/1/327 engaged an unknown size enemy force. Results of these two contacts were 19 VC KIA (Conf) and no friendly casualties. During this operation there were 118 tactical air sorties and 498 artillery missions provided in support. Cumulative results were: USA: 3 KIA and 13 WIA; Enemy: 54 KIA (Conf), 5 Detainees, 1 PW/VC, 1 Innocent Civilian and 13 Weapons captured.

h. Operation SWIFT. During the period 4-15 September the 5th Marines conducted search and destroy operations in Quang Nam Province in the vicinity of Que Son. Operation SWIFT began as a result of Co D/1/5 making contact with a large NVA force believed to be the 3rd NVA Regiment. Additional companies were moved into the area and were almost immediately engaged in heavy contact. Significant contact was maintained through 4 September and the resulting casualties for this day were 54 USMC KIA and 143 NVA KIA (Conf). Moderate to significant contact was experienced during the early phases of the operation but tapered off toward the end. Numerous heavy contacts resulted in high casualties for both friendly and enemy forces. Intelligence reports indicated that the 1st, 3rd and 21st NVA Regiments were in this area of operation. Airstrikes and artillery missions inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy forces during the period. On 9 September one large cache of enemy ammunition was found in a cave and subsequently destroyed. There were over 500 tactical air sorties and over 1100 artillery missions provided in support of this operation. Cumulative results were: USMC: 127 KIA and 352 WIA; Enemy: 571 KIA (Conf), 529 KIA (Prob), 58 Detainees, 8 PW/NVA, 15 Civil Defendants, 11 Innocent Civilians and 85 Weapons captured.

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i. Operation WHEELER. During the period 11-30 September, Task Force OREGON commenced search and destroy operations in Quang Tin Province. Contacts during this period were largely composed of small frequent engagements with 1 to 10 of the enemy. These small contacts resulted in the bulk of casualties inflicted on the enemy. However, some encounters with larger forces were experienced. At 211450H Co C/1/14 received 20 to 30 rounds of sniper fire. Air strikes and gunships accounted for 11 VC KIA (Conf). At 241415H "F" Troop 2/11 received 57mm RR fire from an estimated VC company. G/1/11 joined the contact and both units accounted for 45 VC KIA (Conf) with only a loss of 2 KIA and 8 WIA. At 281115H G/2/11 engaged an unknown number of VC in the open with small arms and AW fire. Results for this contact were 29 VC KIA (Conf) and 11 VC KIA (Prob). At 281000H Co C/2/327 engaged 10 VC with small arms fire resulting in 6 VC KIA (Conf). Casualties for this period were: USA: 41 KIA and 198 WIA; Enemy: 442 KIA (Conf), 39 KIA (Prob), 118 Detainees, 14 PW/VC, 17 Civil Defendants, 87 Innocent Civilians and 88 weapons captured. Cumulative results for this period were: USA: 41 KIA and 198 WIA; Enemy: 442 KIA (Conf), 39 KIA (Prob), 118 Detainees, 14 PW/VC, 17 Civil Defendants, 87 Innocent Civilians and 88 Weapons captured.

j. Operation SHELBYVILLE. During the period 22-28 September the 1st Marine Division conducted search and destroy operations southwest of Hoi An. Contact during this period was moderate to significant. Although there was no major contact with enemy forces, significant small scale contacts were experienced with small numbers of the enemy, ranging in size from 1 to 4. There were numerous cases of Marines detonating mines and booby traps which resulted in light casualties. There were 184 tactical air sorties and 263 artillery missions provided in support of this operation. Cumulative results were: USMC: 10 KIA and 69 WIA; Enemy: 50 KIA (Conf), 95 KIA (Prob), 59 Detainees, 1 PW/VC and 9 Weapons captured.

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2. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY.

| <u>AUGUST</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>TF OREGON</u> | <u>CIDG</u> | <u>ARVN</u> | <u>ROK</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| KIA (Conf) | 1139 | 922 | 42 | 685 | 121 |
| KIA (Prob) | 1878 | 173 | 0 | 389 | 70 |
| Detainees | 916 | 985 | 13 | 296 | 121 |
| PW/NVA | 6 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PW/VC | 39 | 57 | 3 | 138 | 20 |
| Returnee/NVA | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Returnee/VC | 7 | 8 | 0 | 173 | 46 |
| Civil Defendants | 133 | 148 | 0 | 0 | 55 |
| IWC | 188 | 314 | 28 | 260 | 24 |
| CSWC | 21 | 19 | 0 | 65 | 2 |
| Innocent Civilians | 588 | 701 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| <u>SEPTEMBER</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>TF OREGON</u> | <u>CIDG</u> | <u>ARVN</u> | <u>ROK</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| KIA (Conf) | 2296 | 816 | 26 | 1331 | 404 |
| KIA (Prob) | 2504 | 137 | 20 | 249 | 83 |
| Detainees | 1606 | 938 | 29 | 280 | 80 |
| PW/NVA | 14 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PW/VC | 65 | 39 | 0 | 133 | 14 |
| Returnee/NVA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Civil Defendants | 330 | 146 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| IWC | 312 | 144 | 10 | 266 | 26 |
| CSWC | 35 | 11 | 0 | 40 | 2 |
| Innocent Civilians | 1167 | 748 | 0 | 0 | 65 |

3. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES SUSTAINED.

a. Battle

| <u>KIA</u> | | | <u>WIA</u> | | | <u>MIA</u> | | | <u>DOW</u> | | |
|------------|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|
| USMC | USA | USN |
| 418 | 59 | 16 | 3951 | 480 | 148 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 1 | 1 |

b. Non-Battle

| <u>DEATHS</u> | | <u>INJ/ILL</u> | |
|---------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> |
| 31 | 1 | 92 | 2 |

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4. PERSONNEL.a. Special Services.(1) Freedom Hill Recreation Center.

(a) Library. On 30 September 1967 the library had a total of 22,136 books. Of this total 9,501 were hard bound books of which 6,604 were catalogued. There are presently 2,000 paper back books on the shelves and 10,635 in storage.

(b) Hobby Shops. There has been no change in the status of the hobbycraft shops since the last report. During the period 6 September to 30 September, 1,119 1800 feet tapes were reproduced.

(c) Theater. Theater attendance increases steadily and well over 1000 people per day enjoy good movies.

(d) Bowling Alleys. There has been no change to the status of the bowling alleys since the last report.

(2) R&R Activities.

(a) Out-of-Country. Of 6,221 seats allocated to III MAF (including Naval Forces in I Corps) 6,289 were filled for a 101 percent utilization. Total allocations for Danang R&R Center consisted of 9,328 seats of which 9,339 were filled for utilization percentage of 100.1 percent. This is the third consecutive month of no empty seats and constitutes (with the over utilization) 4 months of 100 percent or over utilization. Another new record for R&R departure points in MACV.

(b) In-Country (China Beach). Quotas of 3,670 were allocated of which 835 were used. This does not include daily users. Daily users for the month of September totaled 49,305.

(3) Entertainment. The following entertainers visited I Corps units during September 1967:

| <u>ENTERTAINER(S)</u> | <u>DATES</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Roll N' Soul | 7-13Sep | Musical (Military) |
| Roberta Darren and Los Elegantes | 12-17Sep | Musical |
| Ina Balin | 16-21Sep | Handshake |
| America's Children | 24-29Sep | Musical |

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(4) MARS Activities (15 Stations in I Corps).

- (a) Messages sent: 6521
- (b) Messages received: 3331
- (c) Phone patches sent: 5649
- (d) Phone patches received: 138
- (e) Hospital calls: 170

(5) R&R Program (out-of-country). The following are the September statistics for III MAF and I Corps R&R usage for each out-of-country R&R site:

| <u>SITE</u> | <u>III MAF</u> | <u>I CORPS</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Bangkok | 966 | 517 | 1483 |
| Kula Lumpur | 244 | 88 | 332 |
| Hong Kong | 1025 | 386 | 1411 |
| Okinawa | 315 | 29 | 344 |
| Taipei | 1030 | 462 | 1492 |
| Singapore | 372 | 127 | 499 |
| Manila | 254 | 183 | 437 |
| Hawaii | 1120 | 673 | 1793 |
| Tokyo | 790 | 506 | 1296 |
| Penang | <u>177</u> | <u>72</u> | <u>249</u> |
| TOTAL | 6293 | 3043 | 9336 |

b. CHAPLAIN ACTIVITIES.

On 5 September a conference and retreat for Christian Science Personnel of I Corps area was held at the Retreat Center, China Beach. Captain BOND, USN (Ret) reader for the Christian Science Church led the conference.

On 5 September the monthly conference for Army and Navy Chaplains (including those serving with the Marines) serving in the Chu Lai area was held at the Naval Support Activity, Chu Lai. The Force Chaplain and Americal Division Chaplain led the conference.

On 7 September Chaplain (LT) Sheldon M. KIRSCH reported for duty as the Jewish Chaplain.

On 10 September the Force Chaplain attended the meeting of the Vietnamese Education Scholarship Committee. The meeting was held in the American-Vietnamese Cultural Association Building,

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Danang. Scholarships were approved and awarded to deserving students. The Force Chaplain serves as the American Military Sponsor.

On 10 September the Buddhist Chaplains of I Corps and the Chaplains of III MAF had a dinner meeting and discussion.

On 12 September the Force Chaplain assisted in dedicating the Chapel for the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

On 13 September the Force Chaplain represented the command at the Memorial Mass held for Chaplain Vincent Capodanno held in the 1st Marine Division Chapel. Chaplain Capodanno is the first Navy Chaplain to be killed in combat since World War II.

On 16 September Chaplain (CDR) John R. HERSHBERGER was detached as Assistant Force Chaplain.

On 18 September the Force Chaplain represented the command at the Autumn Festival for children of ARVN soldiers held at I Corps Headquarters. Gifts of candy, cookies and chewing gum were presented by the Force Chaplain in the name of the command.

On 20 September the monthly meeting of the Supervisory Chaplains of I Corps was held in the conference room of III MAF.

On 24 September the Force Chaplain led the dedicatory litany at the dedication of the new 3rd Marine Division Chapel at Phu Bai.

On 26 September the Force Chaplain attended the quarterly meeting of Force Chaplains at MACV Headquarters in Saigon, met with Buddhist and Christian leaders and made calls at ARPA and conferred with Dr. Norshel of Ambassador Comer's office on the personal response project.

On 28 September Chaplain (CDR) Leon DARKOWSKI reported for duty as the Assistant Force Chaplain.

On 28 September the Force Chaplain and Assistant Force Chaplain made an official call on Bishop Peter Chi, Bishop of Danang.

5. INTELLIGENCE.

- a. General Enemy Situation. The enemy effort and prestige

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in the ICTZ suffered a substantial defeat early in September, when he failed to attain his objective of disrupting the national elections, as evidenced by the high percentage of registered voters who turned out to cast their ballots. Over 83% of all eligible voters in ICTZ voted in spite of a concerted effort on the part of the enemy during the month of August and early September to prevent them from so doing.

Along the DMZ, the enemy maintained major elements of two divisions in the eastern portion, with the primary concentration in the vicinity of Con Thien - Gio Linh. Sufficient evidence was gathered during the month to list the 270th Separate Regiment/ Brigade as a probable unit, operating along the coastal area from the Cua Viet north to the DMZ.

During the month, the enemy made maximum use of his heavy weapons along the DMZ, directing over 7,800 rounds of mixed artillery, rocket and mortar fire at units and installations in that area. This figure represents the largest number of rounds received during a monthly period since the enemy's introduction of artillery into the conflict during March of this year, and is more than double the 2,900 rounds received during August. The principal enemy effort centered around the Marine installation at Con Thien. Con Thien was also the scene of principal enemy ground action during the month of September. The enemy initiated a probing action by the forward elements of an estimated regiment at Con Thien early in September, and the defensive positions were probed by small units on numerous occasions during the first two weeks of the month. All indications pointed toward a determined effort on the part of the enemy to mount a large scale offensive against the Con Thien position. However, due to a combination of friendly action and adverse weather conditions, the enemy effort failed to materialize.

In ICTZ south of the DMZ, the first week of the period saw the enemy attack the FLC installation at Red Beach with 122mm rockets while at the same time eight 140mm rockets impacted on the Danang Airbase. Also in this same time frame, Quang Tin Province was the scene of major engagements. Operation SWIFT exacted a heavy toll of casualties from elements of the 2nd NVA Division, and ARVN forces decisively repulsed a coordinated attack on installations in and near Tam Ky City. Following these engagements, the tempo of enemy activity dropped off sharply for the balance of the period. Available intelligence indicates that the enemy is devoting a maximum effort toward resupply and reorganization of his forces.

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prior to the monsoon season. One indication of the enemy requirement for food is the continued presence of the 2nd NVA Division in eastern Quang Tin Province, ostensibly gathering rice from the harvest which started in late September.

Interrogation of returnees and prisoners continues to point up the enemy shortages of food, medical supplies and ammunition. Almost all reports point up a high incidence of Malaria, and a general lowering of morale of the common soldier. These problems are expected to multiply during the coming months due to the advent of the monsoon season with its attendant limitations of movement and resupply, and added health and comfort problems.

b. Enemy Action Statistics. Facts pertaining to enemy activities in Allied operating areas, including combat bases, for the month of September are as follows:

| | <u>III MAF</u> | <u>CIDG</u> | <u>ARVN</u> | <u>ROKMC</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Attack | 18 | 1 | 55 | 1 |
| Ambush | 3 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Assault by Fire | 140 | 4 | 71 | 4 |
| Harassing Fire | 552 | 11 | 139 | 52 |
| Mine/Booby Trap | 226 | 1 | 43 | 11 |
| Sabotage | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| Terrorism | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0 |
| AA Fire | 705 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

c. Enemy Order of Battle. Enemy forces operating in the ICTZ on 30 September are as shown below, broken down by province.

(1) Quang Tri Province. Confirmed enemy units in Quang Tri Province include only those considered to be operating south of the DMZ. Major units are the 812th and 90th Regiments of the NVA 324B Division and the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 31st Regiment, NVA 341st Division. In addition, the 29th and 95th Regiments, NVA 325C Division, the 5th NVA Regiment, and four independent companies are located within the province. Total confirmed enemy strength in Quang Tri Province is 10,465.

(2) Thua Thien Province. The Northern Front Headquarters, 6th NVA Regiment, three independent battalions, and four independent companies are located within the province. Total confirmed enemy strength in Thua Thien Province is 3,460.

(3) Quang Nam Province. The 3rd NVA Regiment,

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Artillery Regiment, four independent battalions, and five independent companies are located in the province. Total confirmed enemy strength in Quang Nam Province is 4,440.

(4) Quang Tin Province. The 2nd NVA Division Headquarters and support units, 1st VC Regiment, 21st NVA Regiment, one independent battalion and seven independent companies are located in the province. Total confirmed enemy strength in Quang Tin Province is 4,905.

(5) Quang Ngai Province. Military Region 5 Headquarters, the 2nd VC Regiment of the 3rd NVA Division, six independent battalions, and ten independent companies are located in the province. Total confirmed enemy strength in Quang Ngai Province is 4,665.

d. Counterintelligence.

(1) Propaganda and Subversion. Propaganda activity during the month of September increased slightly over the preceding period. Propaganda appeared in the form of leaflets and lectures which were directed at the local populace and ARVN/U.S. military forces. Significant items of interest include three instances where incoming projectiles directed at U. S. forces contained propaganda leaflets, and a report that a VC variety show is active in Hoa Vang (D), Quang Nam (P), which is propagandizing the local villagers.

(2) Terrorism. Acts of terrorism were occurring at a significant rate prior to the 3 September national elections, but decreased during the remainder of the month. Terrorism was directed at GVN hamlet/village officials, villagers who fail to abide by VC policies, and Vietnamese who are suspected of providing ARVN/U.S. forces with information concerning VC activities.

(3) Espionage and Sabotage. Acts of sabotage increased slightly over the preceding month. Sabotage was primarily directed against lines of communication. The espionage effort consisted of low level agent activity designed to collect information on military installations.

6. LOGISTICS.

a. Logistics efforts in northern ICTZ were degraded slightly with the onset of the monsoon season. Primary logistical requirements remain centered in that area. Heavy rains during the latter

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part of the month impeded construction progress and engineering efforts, for the most part, were involved in road and bridge maintenance.

b. Dental.

(1) Dental Civic Action (MEDCAP II) conducted by III MAF Dental Companies during reporting period:

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|--------------------|--------|
| Patients treated: | 10,103 |
| Dental Procedures: | 24,063 |

(2) 9 September - Fourth Dental Professional and Administration Conference was conducted at III MAF. Commenced field test of air filter system for encore dental units (portable dental operating equipment).

(3) 15 September - Authorization for ticonium installation in ICTZ requested from Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

(4) 19 September - Visited Force Logistic Command to identify dental equipment and to direct distribution to dental companies.

(5) 27 September - 11th Dental Company directed to procure and install ticonium installation.

(6) Visits to 3rd Dental Company, Combined Action Platoon, ASP #1, and NSA Hospital conducted throughout the month.

c. Embarkation.

(1) The following units arrived in-country during September:

| | | |
|----------|---------|--------|
| VMFA-122 | VMA-121 | K/4/12 |
|----------|---------|--------|

(2) The following units rotated out-of-country:

| | |
|---------|---------|
| HMM-163 | VMA-211 |
|---------|---------|

(3) The USNS Walker departed 3 September with the September rotation surface draft consisting of 352 Marine rotatees. The USNS Geiger debarked ROKMC replacements 11

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September and embarked ROKMC rotatees for Korea on 12 September.

(4) Surface Operations Summary.

35 Deep Draft ships debarked/embarked at Danang
 41 MSTs LSTs debarked/embarked at Danang
 28 US Navy LSTs debarked/embarked at Danang
 9 Barges unloaded at Cua Viet Ramp
 54 LSTs moored at Chu Lai
 181 LCUs from Danang to Dong Ha
 10 LSTs unloaded at Cua Viet Ramp
 125 LCUs from Danang to Hue
 15 Barges from Danang to Hue

TOTAL PORT THROUGHPUT CARGO

| LOCATION | <u>Monthly Total</u> | | <u>Daily Average</u> | |
|----------|----------------------|---------|----------------------|--------|
| | S/T | M/T | S/T | M/T |
| Danang | 210,640 | 363,788 | 7,021 | 12,123 |
| Chu Lai | 50,603 | 59,447 | 1,687 | 1,981 |
| Hue | 19,662 | 34,108 | 655 | 1,137 |
| Dong Ha | 24,944 | 39,312 | 831 | 1,310 |
| Total | 305,849 | 496,655 | 10,194 | 16,551 |

(5) Air Operation Summary.

PASSENGERS AND CARGO AIRLIFTED DURING PERIOD

| | <u>USAF</u> | | <u>USMC</u> | | <u>TOTAL</u> | |
|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | <u>PAX</u> | <u>S/T</u> | <u>PAX</u> | <u>S/T</u> | <u>PAX</u> | <u>S/T</u> |
| Fixed Wing | 2716 | 54339.9 | 31505 | 2757.4 | 34220 | 8191.3 |
| CH-53 | 0 | 0 | 21769 | 5165.3 | 21769 | 5165.3 |
| Total | 2716 | 54339.9 | 53274 | 7922.7 | 55989 | 13356.6 |

d. Engineer.

(1) Road and Bridge Resume Enemy interdiction and harassment caused closing of several primary highways, principally

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route #1, for periods of several days by destroying or damaging 9 culverts and 15 bridges during September. Repair of the Song Cau Lau and Nam O bridges progressed with minimal difficulties, while 1026 feet of new bridge was completed and 1580 feet of bridge repairs were effected throughout ICTZ.

NMCB-4 completed construction of a 2040 foot, pile bent "Liberty Bridge" across the Song Thu Bon, providing access along Route # 5 from Danang complex into An Hoa. Moderate progress continues on the upgrading of Route # 1, which spans 387 kilometers from the DMZ southward to the I/II Corps Boundary. Twenty-six inches of rain, during September, fell in the Cam Lo-Con Thien area necessitating intensified efforts in forming Route # 561 into an all weather, Class 60 thoroughfare from Route # 9 to Con Thien. Daily engineer mine sweeps of many highways throughout the ICTZ were required to maintain a relative assurance of accessibility.

(2) Major Construction. Significant progress in the expansion of airfield facilities at Danang and Phu Bai and the refurbishing of several large ammunition supply points for FLC was attained. 11th Engineer Battalion devoted 100% of its effort in the construction required in OPLAN 12-67. High priority efforts were also concentrated on the repair and expansion of the Khe Sanh airfield and combat base. Construction commenced on a new C-130/ helicopter airfield complex at Quang Tri.

e. Food Services.

(1) 8 September - Major BRIDGES reported in as the new Food Services Officer.

(2) 23 September - Meeting of ration dump personnel was conducted.

(3) Modified subsistence operational analysis form was designed and adopted for easier and more intelligible reporting.

(4) 21 September - Bakery at Dong Ha in operation with an output of 2,000 pounds of bread per day.

(5) Ration dump at Dong Ha is in the process of moving in the new covered storage area. New reefer banks are now in operation.

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(6) The III MAF subsistence operational analysis report for August was submitted to HQMC on 23 September.

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| (7) Number of messes in operation | 164 |
| Issues of "A" & "B" rations | \$4,194,825.96 |
| Issues MCI's | \$1,086,157.92 |
| Lbs of bread produced | 731,040 |
| Gals of ice cream produced | 7,928 |
| Gals of ice cream purchased | 41,738 |
| Gals of milk purchased | 425,722 |

f. Motor Transport.

(1) During August, 37 rough rider convoys were conducted over 2,436 kilometers of ICTZ land LOC's.

(2) During September, 32 rough rider convoys were conducted over 2,272 kilometers of ICTZ land LOC's.

(3) Motor Transport statistics for the month of August were:

| | | |
|------------|---|-----------|
| Mileage | - | 2,162,146 |
| Tonnage | - | 424,062 |
| Passengers | - | 728,916 |

(4) 8-10 September - Force MTO coordinated shuttle movement of 2,300 SLF troops to China Beach Recreation area and back to Tien Sha LST Ramp.

(5) 21 September - Coordinated movement of 115 tons of popular forces supplemental foodstuff to Thang Binh and Tam Ky.

(6) 24 September - Following Army MT augmentation arrived in ICTZ:

| |
|----------------------------------|
| 515th Transportation Co (5 ton) |
| 534th Transportation Co (12 ton) |
| 556th Transportation Squad (POL) |

Moved from Danang to tactical area in northern ICTZ by rough rider convoys.

(7) 24 September - FMFPac MTO and CO, Maintenance Bn, 3rd FSR conducted informal staff visit to discuss current motor

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transport matters and maintenance programs.

(8) 26 September - M-76 Otter (Marginal Terrain Vehicle) placed in service throughout ICTZ in support of monsoon operations.

g. Ordnance. The following modifications, rounds per tube per day, were established by CG III MAF 071226Z Sep 67.

| <u>WEAPON</u> | <u>PREVIOUS ASR</u> | <u>CURRENT RATE</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 81mm Mortar | 17 | 26 |
| 155mm Howitzer | 20 | 32 |

| <u>WEAPON</u> | <u>PREVIOUS RATE</u> | <u>CURRENT ASR</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 60mm Mortar | 10 | 8 |
| 4.2" Mortar | 20 | 17 |

(1) 2 September - Requested initial provisioning for 8" howitzer SP M 110 to be shipped from 3rd FSR to FLC for positioning prior to replacement of the M 55 8" howitzer by the new 110's.

(2) 19 September - CG III MAF granted authority to 5th Provisional Artillery Battery to place 2 M 110 SP 8" Howitzers into service in support of the ROKMC.

(3) 24 September - CG III MAF granted authority for the 3rd MarDiv to place 6 M 110 Howitzers in service.

h. Medical.

(1) The total daily average patient load for the two medical battalions and the first hospital company was 310, with a total of 809 patients admitted, 316 patients evacuated out of country; 359 pints of whole blood and 4 pints of frozen blood were expended to use.

(2) As of the end of the month, information relative to III MAF in-patient treatment facilities is as follows:

| <u>TAOR</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>AVERAGE NO BEDS</u> | <u>AVERAGE CENSUS</u> | <u>%OCC</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Dong Ha | CoD, 3dMed Bn | 30 | 10 | 33 |
| Fhu Bai | Co's A,B,C(-) 3dMedBn | 170 | 113 | 66 |

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| Danang | Co A, B(-) C, D 1st Med Bn | 180 | 86 | 48 |
| Chu Lai | 1st Hosp Co | 160 | 110 | 69 |
| TOTAL | | 540 | 219 | 41 |

(3) One clearing platoon (no beds) from 5thMedBn is located at Khe Sanh.

(4) 1-16 September - USS Repose on station daily average patient census (all categories) was 380 with an average length of stay per discharge of 16 days.

(5) 9-30 September - USS Sanctuary on station daily average patient census (all categories) for the month was 363 with an average length of stay per discharge of 28 days.

(6) 15-17 September - Vice Admiral G. C. BURKLEY, MC, USN, the White House physician and party, visited I Corps area.

(7) 15-16 September - Rear Admiral J. S. COWAN, MC, USN, CINCPACFLT Surgeon, visited III MAF.

i. Supply.

(1) Significant quantities of some monsoon requirements were received and incremental issues were commenced in accordance with the major commands priorities as consolidated by this Headquarters.

(2) An additional 19,000,000 \$VN was committed for commercial procurement and contractual arrangements were concluded for 68,000 cubic meters of crushed rock (of which 29,000 cubic meters have been delivered.)

(3) M-16A1 rifle repair parts and cleaning supplies continued to be in short supply throughout the month. Late in the month, units were authorized to submit requisitions for all items in limited quantities on an as required basis.

(4) The retrofit program for the M-16A1 rifle buffer is underway and is scheduled for completion no later than 15 October 1967. Two shipments of buffers totalling 22,220 were received from the Army's 1st Logistic Command in Saigon. Distribution has been effected to all northern ICTZ units (3rd Marine Division). An

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additional quantity of 2,500 buffers has been requested in order to retrofit the 2nd Brigade ROKMC.

(5) An inventory gain of thirty shipping containers was accomplished. The 400 Marine owned containers were arriving in country in small lots as the month ended. It is planned to replace Army/Air Force containers used for essential storage with Marine Corps containers as they are received.

(6) Chronological Listing of Events.

3Sep- CG, III MAF msg 031431Z Sep67 (C) to CG, FMFPac gives status of M16 cleaning rods.

6Sep- CG, III MAF msg 060630Z Sep67 to major commands provided requisitioning instructions for the lightweight rainsuits.

6Sep- CG, III MAF msg 060836Z Sep67 to CG, 1st MAW required report of desired distribution by RUC and Ship to/mark for quantity 246 buffers, M16A1 rifle.

6Sep- CG, III MAF msg 060840Z Sep67 to CG, 1stMarDiv req report of desired distribution of 6,554 buffers for M16A1 rifles.

6Sep- CG, III MAF msg 060842Z Sep67 to CG, FLC req report of desired distribution of 147 buffers for M16A1 rifles.

10Sep- CG, III MAF msg 100130Z Sep67 to CG, FMFPac request advise on the feasibility of using "999" for the requisitioning of critically needed items for CAP units.

10Sep- CG, III MAF msg 100136Z Sep67 to COMUSMACV verifies the inventory of CONEX containers in III MAF.

11Sep- CG, III MAF msg 112320Z Sep67 to CMC provided shipping instruction for Radar Set AN/PPS-6.

12Sep- CG, III MAF msg 120836Z Sep67 (C) to major commands request advise of any problems which exist in obtaining repair parts and cleaning supplies for M16A1 rifle.

13Sep- CG, III MAF msg 140154Z Sep67 (C) to CG, FLC requested that this Headquarters be advised immediately for any reason, when normal supply support is seriously disrupted due to

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the computer program difficulty.

18Sep - CG, III MAF msg 180716Z Sep67 to CG, FLC req that future reports on monsoon requirements status be submitted bi-weekly to reflect status of all items.

23Sep - CG, III MAF msg 230634Z Sep67 to all major commands. Procedure for the use of the Navy SERV-MART by Marine units located at NSA, Danang and NSAD, Chu Lai.

23Sep - CG, III MAF msg 231034Z Sep67 to CG, 1st Log Cmd reports on receipt of 10,000 buffers and simultaneously requested increase in quantity to 12,500.

30Sep - CG, III MAF msg 300228Z Sep67 to major commands forwarded issue priorities in sequence for all issues of monsoon requirements.

7. COMPTROLLER.

a. Significant Events.

(1) Major E.G. PORONTO assigned duties as Assistant Comptroller on 1 September 1967.

(2) 1stLt W.D. FRANKS assigned duties as Fiscal Officer on 3 September 1967.

(3) SSgt C.F.J. SEHL assigned duties as Fiscal Chief on 11 September 1967.

(4) GySgt R.V. REYES departed RVN on 17 August 1967 in accordance with PCS Orders.

(5) Statistics gathered for the month of August indicate a personnel piaster expenditure of \$4.48 per man for Marines in III MAF. This represents a further decrease in per capita piaster expenditures by Marine personnel of III MAF. Again, to be noted, this is a significant dollar value below the MACV goal of \$10.00 per man per month.

(6) Submitted the Assistance-in-Kind (AIK) Budget for III MAF to COMUSMACV on 10 September 1967.

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(7) The Comptroller attended a piaster expenditure workshop at MACV Headquarters, Saigon on 7-8 September. ANNEXES A and B represent the topics discussed during workshop sessions together with certain specified areas for concentration of effort incident to reduction of piaster expenditures. Copies of these ANNEXES were furnished to the Comptrollers of III MAF major subordinate commands at the monthly Piaster Expenditure Control Committee Conference held on 28 September 1967.

(8) The office of the Comptroller was moved to its present location (NE corner of Bldg 10A) during the week of 10 September.

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8. CIVIL AFFAIRS

a. Objectives. The basic objectives of the III Marine Amphibious Force Civil Affairs Program remain the same.

b. Staffing. On 6 September 1967 Lieutenant Colonel James L. BLACK, Jr. 051735/0302 USMC assumed duties as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 relieving Colonel James A. GALLO, Jr. 024108/9906 USMC who rotated to CONUS. On 17 September 1967 Colonel John E. HAYS, 012735/9907 USMC assumed duties as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 relieving Lieutenant Colonel BLACK who was assigned duty as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

c. I Corps Joint Coordinating Council (JCC)

(1) The Council met four times during September and dealt with the following major topics:

(a) The Council concluded monitoring the shipment of equipment from Saigon to Chu Lai for the Quang Ngai Sugar Mill. The final shipment of equipment for the Sugar Mill arrived at Chu Lai on 22 September 1967.

(b) The Council continued to monitor the progress made in selection of a site for a U. S. Army sponsored 400 bed hospital for civilian war wounded. Final arrangements are underway for the siting of the hospital.

(c) The Council initiated efforts to eliminate the sale of narcotics to U. S. service personnel.

(d) The Council monitored the progress on the development of an island detention center.

(e) The Council monitored progress on U. S. support of Christmas and Tet. A committee was formed to develop an informational paper for indoctrination of troop units on Christmas and Tet traditions in Vietnam and to publish an overall plan for support of holidays.

(2) On 19 September 1967 the JCC visited Hoi An, Quang Nam Province.

(3) The JCC received reports from, monitored and directed programs of the following committees:

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- (a) Refugee Committee
- (b) Public Health Committee
- (c) Commodities Distribution Committee

(4) Minutes of JCC meetings are attached as Annexes C, D, E, and F.

e. Civic Action

(1) During September the III Marine Amphibious Force Civic Action Program continued to show a significant increase in distribution of commodities. 492,904 pounds of food were distributed during the month as compared with 408,721 pounds during August. Distribution of other significant commodities include 1,826 school kits, 2,333 pounds of soap and 659 pounds of clothing. Medical treatment decreased slightly with 145,723 persons treated as compared with 150,629 during August. Dental treatments compared at a high level with 11,617 persons treated. Significant civic action construction accomplished during September include one bridge, four rice drying courts, eight schools, a 750,000 gallon capacity water reservoir, seven chicken coops, a sewing center and two pig farms.

(2) On 28 September 1967, Lieutenant Colonel J. F. NELSON, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, Civic Action Project Officer for Marine Corps Reserve Officer's Association, visited ICTZ for the purpose of observing progress of projects undertaken using resources of the Marine Corps Reserve Civic Action Fund in Vietnam. He considered the refugee problem in ICTZ as one of the major problems. Lieutenant Colonel NELSON indicated that as available land for the refugees is limited, some civic action funds could be programmed in resettlement projects by providing refugees with the means of acquiring new skills. Consideration will be given for the provision of civic action funds to assist with the establishment of such projects. Lieutenant Colonel NELSON was favorably impressed by the attitude and understanding of the civic action program by Marines at all levels.

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a. Chieu Hoi Program. 73 enemy personnel rallied in the month of September. The following is a breakdown by Province:

| <u>PROVINCE</u> | <u>MILITARY</u> | <u>NON-MILITARY</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Quang Tri | 10 | 1 | 11 |
| Thua Thien | 12 | 10 | 22 |
| Quang Nam | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Quang Tin | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| Quang Ngai | <u>13</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>20</u> |
| TOTAL | 52 | 21 | 73 |

b. Training. The ninth III MAF PSYOP Orientation Course was from 19-21 September 1967. The course attendance was 14 students. Student critique sheets stated that the course was highly beneficial to them.

c. Ground Operations.

(1) During this reporting period, 5 POET's were dispatched resulting in 4 leaflets and 3 tapes.

(2) Total leaflets hand-delivered: 1,659,738.

(3) Total number hours ground/waterborne loudspeaker broadcast: 464:15.

(4) Total posters produced: 40,550.

(5) Total movies shown: 110.

(6) Total Cultural Team performances: 134.

d. Air Operations.

(1) Total campaign leaflets dropped:

| | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| (a) NVA Campaign: | 4,630,000 |
| (b) B-52: | 1,780,000 |
| (c) Chieu Hoi: | 110,555,000 |
| (d) Rewards: | 9,677,000 |

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e. Tactical PSYOP in support of brigade size and larger operations:

- (1) Operation KINGFISHER:
 - (a) 15,545,000 leaflets dropped.
 - (b) 24:45 airborne loudspeaker time.
- (2) Operation ARDMORE:
 - (a) 8,020,000 leaflets dropped.
 - (b) 2:20 airborne loudspeaker time.
- (3) Operation SWIFT:
 - (a) 12,110,000 leaflets dropped.
 - (b) 9:40 airborne loudspeaker time.
- (4) Operation WHEELER:
 - (a) 6,000,000 leaflets dropped.
 - (b) 17:35 airborne loudspeaker time.
- (5) Operation BALLISTIC CHARGE:
 - (a) 935,000 leaflets dropped.
 - (b) 5:30 airborne loudspeaker time.

f. PSYOP Intelligence. During the reporting period, rallier returns revealed three areas for special attention. In Quang Ngai Province, two districts had significant ralliers. Mo Duc District produced seven ralliers from the hamlets in the vicinity of BS 7154 and Nghi Hanh District had ten ralliers from the vicinity of BS 6758. In Quang Nam Province, Loc Quan village, Dai Loc District (AT 7956) had five ralliers in the last four days of September. These ralliers have been interrogated in detail and the information gained passed to the operating units in the local areas for further exploitation. All interrogation reports from both ralliers and PW's indicate a continuing shortage of food, clothing and medicine in the enemy units in I Corps. In Quang Ngai Province the PW reports indicate the use of aerial broadcast is the most effective means of reaching the VC and the lack of medicine should be stressed.

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g. Kit Carson Scout Operations.

| (1) Kit Carson Scouts | 1stMarDiv | 3rdMarDiv |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| On Rolls 30Sep67 | 33 | 34 |
| No. in training 30Sep67 | 10 | 0 |
| Prospective Scouts | 12 | 33 |

(2) Three Kit Carson Scouts from the Third Marine Division were wounded during the month. Two were from the 9th Marines in the Con Thien area and one from 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion near Phu Bai.

(3) KCS NGUYEN CHINH, while on patrol with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion monitored a series of Vietnamese radio transmissions during a four day patrol, 16-20 September 1967. He discovered the patrol was being observed by an enemy OP on a ridge above them. The OP was passing information concerning the patrols movements to a second enemy unit which was attempting to intercept the patrol. KCS CHINH provided his patrol with timely and vital information which enabled them to evade an enemy ambush.

h. Narrative Summary.

(1) During September, III MAF and I Corps formed a Combined PSYOP Coordination Committee which meets weekly to provide centralized planning and coordination of all PSYOP activities in ICTZ. PSYOP activities at all levels will be combined to achieve maximum coordination and cooperation.

(2) An Armed Propaganda Liaison Team has been established at Quang Tri to coordinate the PSYOP activities of the Quang Tri Province APT with the 3rd Marine Division. The team consists of a First Lieutenant, team leader who speaks Vietnamese and assistant team leader, Sergeant, and Lance Corporal, radio operator/driver.

i. Narrative Campaign Summary.(1) Chieu Hoi Campaign.

(a) As of 30 September 1967, there have been 1,799 ralliers reported in the ICTZ. The majority of ralliers come from local guerrilla units. Reported lack of food, medicine and clothing continue to indicate that these are the outstanding VC vulnerabilities. Reports continue to indicate that the VC are conscripting women and young boys.

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(b) Leaflets based on letters from ralliers with pictures and signatures seem to have the greatest influence on the VC audience.

(c) Most ralliers interviewed stated that leaflets and loudspeaker appeals influenced their decision to rally.

(d) The Safe Conduct Pass (SP 893) still remains the most highly valued leaflet among the VC. Ralliers feel that the GVN and Allied Forces recognize this leaflet immediately and that the Chief of Government's signature adds validity.

(2) Rewards Campaign.

(a) During the month of September, there have been 82 incidents of Vietnamese nationals responding to the rewards program; reporting and turning over a variety of small arms and munitions to Marine units of III MAF.

(3) Post Election Campaign.

(a) III MAF and I Corps have jointly executed an extensive Post Election campaign to exploit the GVN political defeat of the National Liberation Front. Six leaflets and a poster have been designed by the 10th Political Warfare Battalion and the 244th PSYOP Company. To date over 20,000,000 leaflets have been printed by 244th PSYOP Company and 10th Political Warfare Battalion and dropped, and 2:05 hours of aerial broadcasts by U. S. units and 640 hours of waterborne/ground broadcasts by ARVN and U. S. Forces have been made. The general themes of the Post Election campaign are "GVN congratulations to the people for their fine showing at the election" and publication of results of the election. Radio broadcasts were also utilized to announce results and commend the people for their fine showing in the face of VC threats.

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10. COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Message volume through the III Marine Amphibious Force Communications Center during September 1967 showed a large increase. Traffic totals were:

| | <u>August</u> | <u>September</u> | <u>Increase</u> |
|----------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Incoming | 28,278 | 31,925 | 3,647 |
| Outgoing | 27,405 | 29,373 | 1,968 |
| Totals | 55,683 | 61,298 | 5,615 |

b. Command Operations Center Communication Center traffic showed an increase also during September:

| | <u>August</u> | <u>September</u> | <u>Increase</u> |
|----------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Incoming | 4,743 | 5,345 | 602 |
| Outgoing | 5,209 | 5,577 | 368 |
| Totals | 9,952 | 10,922 | 970 |

c. During September the COC switchboard was transferred to the main Parchment board. This increased the daily average call rate to 5,300 for the month of September.

d. Two regular Area Coordinator Communication Conferences were hosted at III MAF for representatives from all the services, DCA and I Corps Advisory Group.

e. In conjunction with GO, 37th Signal Battalion, hosted BGen VAN HARLINGEN, the Commanding General, 1st Signal Brigade (USASTRATCOM) during his visit to I Corps communication facilities 4-5 September 1967.

f. The 37th Signal Battalion, U. S. Army, assumed responsibility for the Chu Lai area switchboard from the 7th Communications Battalion on 10 September 1967.

g. The M-8 cable from 31 Test to FLC was damaged by fire on the night of 8 September. Complete restoration was effected by 1100, 9 September 1967.

h. A 10 day class in AN/PPS-5 and AN/PPS-6 surveillance

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radars was completed on 1 October 1967. Two officers and 47 enlisted personnel completed the course. This marks the first time Marine field forces have been trained in this equipment for use under combat conditions.

i. CEO representatives attended weekly DCA conferences, a meeting of the Danang Cable Coordinating Committee, planning preparation for OpPlan 12-67 and planning conference for COC bunker.

j. The Communication-Electronics Officer attended and addressed the Senior Signal Officers Conference at MACV Hq on the subject of "Coordination of Communications in I Corps Tactical Zone".

k. Hosted Colonel VESTAL, U. S. Army, from Electronics Command, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, for general communication discussion.

l. Hosted Mr Hunter DUNN of Communication Security CINCPAC. He was accompanied by CEO representative on visits to First Marine Aircraft Wing and First Marine Division for discussion of AUTOSEVOCOM, KY-8, and operational codes.

m. Provided representation to Defense Communication Planning Group meeting at DCA SAM on Dye Marker.

n. Change 9 to JANAF 119 (Voice Call Signs) was received and preparations for new voice call sign lists are being made. Estimated date of publication is 7 October 1967.

o. A KG-13 secure voice circuit was established in support of Dye Marker.

p. Enlargement of the III MAF Command Operation Center to accommodate new circuits was begun.

q. Ten new DCS circuits were activated in support of III MAF and seven circuits were deactivated. III MAF now has 215 circuits over DCS system.

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11. COMBAT INFORMATION BUREAU.

a. Background. During September 1967, 561 escorted visits were accomplished by the CIB. The escorts covered the Danang and Hue/Phu Bai elections, the rocket attack on Danang airfield, civic action, combined action platoons, and I Corps ground and air operations. The Danang Press Center (CIB) hosted 226 correspondents during the subject month.

b. Motor Transport. Of the 7 vehicles assigned, 5 are operational. One M-38 jeep is awaiting regulator repairs at the III MAF motor pool. One M-151 jeep is deadlined at the 85th Maintenance Battalion (USA) awaiting engine replacement. Vehicles assigned the CIB are one M-37 truck, one station wagon, two M-151 jeeps, and three M-38 jeeps.

c. Photography. Below is a breakdown of the photographic efforts within III MAF for the subject month:

| | <u>NEGATIVES</u> | <u>PRINTS</u> | <u>MOPIC</u> |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| CIB | 1,860 | 5,295 | 6,700 ft. |
| 1stMarDiv | 1,927 | 7,194 | 3,800 ft. |
| 3rdMarDiv | 1,973 | 4,744 | 4,000 ft. |
| 1stMAW | 2,299 | 13,108 | 440 ft. |
| FLC | 779 | 4,850 | 0 |
| I Corps | 471 | 904 | 0 |
| Total | 9,309 | 35,095 | 14,940 ft. |

d. Radio/TV. The figures below show the number of features and news radio tapes and Fleet Hometown News interviews from III MAF commands submitted during the month of September:

(1) Radio Production:

| | <u>Tapes Submitted</u> | <u>Tapes Unsuitable</u> | <u>Tapes Produced & Edited</u> | <u>FHTN</u> | <u>Radio/TV Personnel in command</u> |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| CIB | 26 | 0 | 566 | 112 | 4 |
| 1stMarDiv | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 3rdMarDiv | 14 | 4 | 0 | 11 | 2 |
| 1stMAW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| FLC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 230 | 1 |

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(a) Not shown in the above figures for the CIB Radio/TV Section were fourteen special "Personal Response" promotions and seven TV promotions for the same program. These promotions were produced at the request of the III MAF Chaplain. The promotions are for use by AFRTS in Saigon and are aired throughout Vietnam. Copies of the promotions were given to Chaplain SCHNEIDER for distribution to FMFPac and the Chief of Chaplains, Washington, D. C.

(b) Also, a special radio promotion entitled "The American's Creed", was produced for the Chaplain. It is being used for Sign-On and Sign-Off by the AFRTS stations in Vietnam. The III MAF Chaplain made the same distribution of this promotion as for the "Personal Response" material.

(c) During September the Radio/TV section produced a fifteen minute radio show called "Vietnam Silhouettes". The show contains news and features, drama, and humor, from Marines throughout I Corps. Letters to our radio distribution list have been sent asking if they want the program. So far, the response has been excellent. LtCol MCDANIELS, currently TAD to CIB from the Audio/Visual Section, HQMC, auditioned the program and plans to send it to stations on his distribution list in the States.

(d) More than sixteen Fleet Hometown Radio News features on Marines on R&R in Penang, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore were made this month in conjunction with a special television project. In addition to these lengthy features, some 450 feet of color film with sound was made to prepare a feature story on R&R in the above areas. The film will be processed by the audio/visual section of HQMC for national distribution to television broadcasters.

(e) Earlier this month, we produced a sound-on-film feature about a Combined Action Platoon's relocating an entire village. Video and audio were sent to the Los Angeles Marine Corps Information Office.

(2) Television production:

(a) Of the 2,900 feet of television footage shot by the section this month, a total of 2,200 feet was distributed.

(3) Maintenance data:

(a) Machine hours are those that tape machines are used by CIB personnel. Field work is not included in this figure.

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| | <u>Machine Hours</u> | <u>Maintenance Hours</u> |
|--------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| CIB | 248:50 | 14 |
| Others | | 8 |

(b) Maintenance hours are those spent to overhaul and maintain equipment used by CIB and field units as well as those of visiting news media. This is accomplished by qualified CIB personnel.

(4) The AFVN Channel 11, in Danang continues to seek the voluntary aid of this section in the production of "Nightbeat" a local television series. Guests on the show included VIP's and entertainment groups. Three consecutive weeks of "Nightbeat" was devoted to airing the "Personal Response" program presented by III MAF Chaplain SCHNEIDER.

e. Escorts. Major operations covered included: SWIFT, KINGFISHER, FREMONT, COOK, ARDMORE, CUMBERLAND, BEACON POINT, WHEELER, BALLISTIC CHARGE, SHELBYVILLE, COCHISE AND YAZOO. Also staff briefings were conducted by G-2, G-3, 1stMedBn, CORDS, the CAP Director, CG III MAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, III MAF, Chief of Staff III MAF, G-3 1stMarDiv, the USO Director, CG, I Corps and 1stMAW.

Notable news media representatives hosted/escorted during September included: Ken Gale, James Koetz, Don North, Roger Peterson, ABC; Dave Schoumacher, Keith Kay, Jack Lawrence, Bob Schakne, CBS; Jack Russell, Wilson Hall, Greg Harris, Dean Brelis, NBC; Bob Ohman, Al Chang, John Lengel, Henri Huet, Edwin White, Peter Arnett, Kim Kisam, AP; Bill Hall, Tom Corpora, Dana Stone, Al Webb, Charles Eggleston, Dick Oliver, Bob Taylor, John Coates, Frank Johnston, Tom Cheatham, James Deckard, UPI; Hugh Lunn, Bruce Pigott, Reuters; John Dittman, John Olson, Stars and Stripes; Bruce Martin, Leatherneck Magazine; James Ridgeway, Contact Magazine; Russell Hill, Radio Free Europe; Phillip Jordan, IPS Francois Mazure, Robert Wildau, Claude Loreaux, AFP; Robert Stokes, John Gordon, Bob Ellison, Ray Cranbourne, Empire News; Bob Considine, Karl Diettlem, Bert Spielvogel, Hearst Newspaper; Yoshiki Hidaka Fumio Shimizu, NHK-TV Tokyo; Jim Douglas, San Juan, Puerto Rico Star; Bernard Weinraub, Peter Braestrup, Sid White, Charles Mohr, Tom Buckley, New York Times; Dave Greenway, David Duncan, Don Sider, Dan Coggins, Time-Life; Francois La Phoung, Constellation Magazine France; Mike Novak, Associated Church Press; Tran Dulsuc, Independent TV News; Dennis Warner, Reporter Magazine; Fred Childress, Youngstown Ohio Vindicator; Howard Handleman, U. S. News and World Report; Joe Janot, KPLZ-TV Lake Charles; Ian Adams, McLeans Magazine; Charles Doe, Philadelphia Bulletin; Charles Wadsworth, Orlando, Florida Sentinel; Nathalie Kuhn, Maison De

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Dames; Henry Brandon, Mike Pinto, London Times; Don Kirk, Business Week; Peter Studer, Tages Anzeiger; Karl Purnell, Harrisburg Patriot; Virginia Anderson, Seattle Times; Isa Barnett, Jacques Guillet, William Rosa, Combat Art; Erick Von Dorp, Bruce Allen, John Schneider, Rabinder Dharmarj, Cathy LeRoy, Robert Perrin, Jurate Kazickas, Michael Renaud, Marty Green, Kurt Rolfes, David Powell, Free Lance; Denby Fawcett, Honolulu Advertiser; John Donnelly, Everett Martin, Richard Steele, Newsweek; Ernie Zaugg, Hometown Feature Service; William Thomas, Memphis Commercial Appeal; James Keat, Baltimore Sun; Eugene Mannoni, France Soir Paris; Giorgio Torchia, IL Tempo, Rome; Jay Reed, Milwaukee Journal; Michael Sewell, Columbia State; Olin Sans, WBTV-TV Florence, NC; Elizabeth Pond, Christian Science Monitor; E. L. Alaoui, Morocco; Angelo Fidrauantti, Westinghouse Broadcasting; Jesse Cooper, North Dakota Broadcasting; Claude Johner, Nouvelles Da Dimanche; Peter Youngusband, London Daily Mail; Albert Weinstein, Frankfurter, Allgemeine; Thomas Capra, Bill Pitcock, Roger Laregie, KXTV, Oklahoma; Orr Kelly, Washington Star; Lee Lescaze, Joe Alsop, Washington Post.

f. Press. The Press Section processed a total of 438 releases from III MAF units during September for release to military and civilian news media. Of this total, 255 included photographs and 54 were concerning civic action.

(1) At the end of September, 2,847 releases have been made to the civilian news media this year, matching the output through 30 December 1966.

(2) During September, 6,263 Fleet Home Town News Releases were forwarded with 73 containing art. 71,813 FHTNC Releases have been forwarded through September, compared with 53,374 for the entire year of 1966.

| | <u>News Releases by Unit</u> | <u>FHTN Releases by Unit</u> |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CIB | 13 | 204 |
| 1stMarDiv | 132 | 3,805 |
| 3rdMarDiv | 104 | 3,078 |
| 1stMAW | 152 | 2,907 |
| FLC | 37 | 508 |
| Total | 438 * | 11,633 ** |

* Includes 255 photos and 54 releases on civic action

** Includes 244 photos

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g. Combat Art. During the month of September the following personnel were part of the Marine Corps Combat Art Team in Vietnam: LtCol P. GISH, Maj A. LEAHY, 1stLt L. DERMOTT, Sgt K. CORSLEY, Cpl J. BUTCHER, Mr. I. Barnett, Mr. D. Rosa.

(1) The Combat Art Team (exclusive of civilian personnel) produced 32 watercolors, 4 oil paintings, 30 pen and ink drawings, 5 charcoals and 1 pastel. An exhibit of ten pieces of art was sent with LtGen V. H. KRULAK to Hawaii for exhibition.

h. Miscellaneous. Coverage of combat operations in ICTZ increased significantly as the interests of the news media shifted to the Marine combat base in the northern I Corps area. The combat base at Con Thien in particular, was the most extensively covered subject during the month. Each TV network, wire service and practically every major newspaper and magazine representative in I Corps paid at least one visit to Con Thien to report on the Marines mission there.

(1) On 4 September, LtGen V. H. KRULAK, CG, FMFPac, conducted a news conference at the CIB, attended by representatives of most major news media.

(2) The following work was completed within the CIB compound during September;

- (a) Plastic siding installed on back bar roof, press tent, and enlisted strong back.
- (b) Installed exhaust fan(blower) in kitchen.
- (c) Enclosed and air conditioned Combat Art Studio.
- (d) Rain guttering installed on compound building.
- (e) Installed exhaust extension on generator to channel fumes.
- (f) CIB Chain of Command photo board erected.
- (g) Installed new portable water tank.
- (h) Roof on Combat Art shack replaced.
- (i) Renovated old Stars and Stripes distribution

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room into new SNCO quarters.

(j) New gas storage tank installed.

(k) New cement patio installed.

12. I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (RVNAF)

a. Overall Evaluation. ARVN activities for September were highlighted by Lien Ket 114/Dragonfire, a five battalion, 6th Regiment controlled, combined search and destroy operation in Quang Ngai Province; 12 platoons completing MIP/RD training; 15 RF companies undergoing training at Dong Da and Hoa Cam Training Centers and by 72,581 MEDCAP treatments being performed during the month.

(1) The major combat effort of all ARVN units was directed during the first part of the month, to provide security for lines of communication and polling locations. Maximum use was made of RF/PF forces to provide local security.

(2) During the latter part of the month, ARVN and RF/PF units were subjected to increased enemy attacks against outposts, Province Headquarters and installations. The enemy suffered large casualties as a result of these attacks, although he was successful in overrunning several positions.

(3) The deserter rate among ARVN combat forces increased from 418 in August to 584 in September. Overall average strength available for operations for ARVN combat forces in ICTZ was 76.0% for the month. There were 73 ralliers for the month, a decrease of 140 from August.

b. Ground Operations. I Corps conducted 34 large operations during September as compared to 47 in August. Enemy contact was established in 23 of these operations. There were two combined and two heliborne operations included in the above figures.

(1) Total enemy losses credited to ARVN and RF/PF forces during September were 1,331 KIA, 128 PW's and 288 individual and 29 crew served weapons captured.

(2) Lien Ket 114/Dragonfire, a 6th Regiment controlled combined search and destroy operation east of Quang Ngai commenced on 7 September and terminated on 25 September. The 1st and 2nd Battalion, 6th Regiment; 2nd Battalion, 4th Regiment; 1st Squadron, 4th Armored Cavalry; and the 2nd Division Steel Company were

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committed. At 1415 hours on 10 September, the 2nd Battalion, 6th Regiment made contact with local force elements resulting in friendly losses of 1 KIA and 27 WIA. Enemy losses for the action were 39 KIA and 6 Captured. Later on the 10th at 1800 hours the 2nd Battalion, 4th Regiment and 1/4 APC made heavy contact with local force elements. This action continued until 0225 hours on the 11th of September. USMC flaeships, U.S. Army helicopter gunships and artillery supported the operation. The remainder of the operation consisted of light and sporadic contact. Friendly losses included 24 KIA and 101 WIA plus 17 weapons lost. Enemy losses were 138 KIA, 27 PW's and 56 Weapons captured.

(3) Lien Ket 116/Swift, a 2nd Division controlled combined search and destroy operation was conducted southwest of Thang Binh in Quang Tin Province, 8-15 September. The 3rd Battalion, 6th Regiment; 3rd Squadron, 4th Armored Cavalry; and the 1st Ranger Group consisting of the 21st, 37th and 39th Ranger Battalions were committed. On the morning of 10 September, the 37th Rangers came under heavy mortar and ground attack from elements of the 2nd NVA Division, resulting in friendly casualties of 13 KIA, 33 WIA and 9 MIA. Enemy losses were 70 KIA. At 1700 hours on 13 September, an estimated two battalions of the 2nd NVA Division attacked the Ranger Group employing B40 rockets, recoilless rifles and .50 caliber machineguns. At times, during the action, ground units were engaged in close combat and fighting at hand grenade range. Heavy contact continued until 1930 hours with sporadic contact throughout the night. USAF and USMC tactical air, C-47's=(Spooky) and U.S. Army gunships supported the operation. Friendly losses were 28 KIA, 102 WIA and 12 MIA. Enemy losses were 119 KIA, 1 PW and 16 Weapons captured.

(4) Lam Son 120, a 3rd Regiment controlled search and destroy operation was conducted east of the city of Hue, 5-8 September. The 4th Battalion, 2nd Regiment; 3rd and 4th Battalion, 3rd Regiment; 7th and 9th Airborne Battalions and the 3rd Squadron 7th Armored Cavalry were committed. One significant contact was made with the 804th Main Force Battalion on the 5th. The 7th Airborne Battalion and 3/7 APC contacted an estimated enemy company killing 26 and capturing 10 weapons. Friendly losses for the contact were 13 KIA and 42 WIA. Contact was light and sporadic throughout the remainder of the operation. Friendly losses were 15 KIA and 65 WIA. Enemy losses were 78 KIA, 11 PW's and 18 Weapons captured.

c. Regional Forces/Popular Forces.

(1) There was a significant increase in RF/PF units

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which engaged in operations during September. Seventeen RF companies and 16 PF platoons participated in active operations against the enemy. Additionally, 10 RF companies were actively utilized to provide election security during the period 2-4 September.

(2) During September, four RF companies were trained by RD/MTT teams. To date a total of 84 RF companies have received training by this means.

(3) No RF companies completed refresher training, but three companies commenced refresher training during September.

(4) Twelve RF companies are presently receiving basic training at Dong Da Training Center and Hoa Cam PF Training Center.

(5) During September, a total of 535 short tons of foodstuffs was distributed to PF as compared to 413.8 last month.

13. CHRONOLOGY OF VIP VISITS.

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK/SERVICE/BILLET</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|--|
| 1Sep67 | George L. MURPHY | Senator, Republican of Calif. |
| 1Sep67 | William L. GUY | Governor of North Dakota |
| 1Sep67 | Joseph M. BARR | Mayor of Pittsburgh, Pa |
| 1Sep67 | Theodore MCKELDIN | Major of Baltimore |
| 1Sep67 | Joseph SCERRA | Incoming Commander, VFW |
| 1Sep67 | Werner GULLANDER | President, National Association of Manufacturers |
| 1-2Sep67 | R.W. STRONG JR. | Major General, U. S. Air Force, Deputy Director for Inspection Services to RVN |
| 1-3Sep67 | W.M. ENGER | Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy, Vice Commander, Facilities Engineering Command |
| 1-4Sep67 | Victor H. KRULAK | Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps, CG FMFPac |

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| 3Sep67 | Edmund S. MUSKIE | Senator, Democrat from Maine, Chairman, Senate Democratic Campaign Committee |
| 3Sep67 | Lester L. WOLFF | Representative, Democrat from New York |
| 3Sep67 | Richard D. MCCARTHY | Representative, Democrat from New York |
| 3Sep67 | Richard HUGHES | Governor of New Jersey |
| 3Sep67 | Thomas MCCALL | Governor of Oregon |
| 3Sep67 | James ANTELL | President, United States Junior Chamber of Commerce |
| 3Sep67 | Eldon JAMES | Former National Commander, American Legion |
| 3Sep67 | John S. KNIGHT | President, Knight Newspapers |
| 3Sep67 | L. R. ELSON | Reverend |
| 3Sep67 | Edward MUNRO | County Commissioner, King County (Seattle); President Nat'l Association of Counties |
| 3Sep67 | Eugene PATTERSON | Editor, Atlanta Constitution |
| 3Sep67 | William H. MARSH | Department of State |
| 3Sep67 | Robert LEVINE | State Department Escort Officer |
| 3Sep67 | Walter R. HJELLE | Accompanying Expert to the U. S. Observer Group |
| 4-5Sep67 | William H. VAN HARLINGEN | Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Commanding General, 1st Signal Brigade (USASTRATCOM) |
| 5Sep67 | Frederick A. BARDSHAR | Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, Commander, Carrier Division 7 |
| 5-7Sep67 | Robert E. DRAKE | GS-17, Deputy Chief, NSAPAC |

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| 6Sep67 | Jack B. MATTHEWS | Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Director of Organizations, Unit Training and Readiness. Asst Chief of Staff, Force Develop- ment, Department of the Army |
| 6Sep67 | G. F. BLOOD | Major General, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, 7th AF |
| 6-7Sep67 | Benjamin B. BLACKBURN | Representative, Republican of Georgia |
| 7Sep67 | W. C. WESTMORELAND | General, U. S. Army, COMUSMACV |
| 7Sep67 | KIM, Chung Ho | Brigadier General, ROK, Chief of Staff, ROK Forces, Vietnam |
| 7-8Sep67 | M.E. GATES | Brigadier General, U.S. Army, MACV Director of Construction |
| 9-10Sep67 | A.R. BROWNFIELD, JR. | Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Acting MACV J-3 |
| 10Sep67 | C.W. ABRAMS | General, U.S. Army, DEPCOMUSMACV |
| 10-12Sep67 | R.B. ALLISON | Major General, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations, CINCPAC |
| 10-13Sep67 | J. G. ROUKER | Major General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commanding General, FMFPAC (FWD) |
| 11Sep67 | J.V. EDMUNSON | Lieutenant General, U.S. Air Force, Vice Commander, PACAF |
| 12Sep67 | Nguyen Cao KY | Premier of South Vietnam |
| 12Sep67 | Paul VANNUXEN | General, Retired French General |
| 12Sep67 | Gao Van VIEN | Lieutenant General, RVNAF, Minister of Defense and Chief of JGS, RVNAF |

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| 13Sep67 | W.C. WESTMORELAND | General, U.S. Army, COMUSMACV |
| 13Sep67 | John R. CHAISSON | Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps, Director, MACV COC |
| 14Sep67 | C.W. ARRAMS | General, U.S. Army, DEPCOMUSMACV |
| 14Sep67 | E.M. FLANAGAN JR. | Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Director of Training, MACV |
| 14-17Sep67 | Jacob E. GLICK | Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps, CTF 79 |
| 15Sep67 | U.S. Grant SHARP | Admiral, U.S. Navy, CINCPAC |
| 15-17Sep67 | George G. BURKLEY | Vice Admiral, MC, U.S. Navy, White House Physician |
| 15-17Sep67 | Dr. James V. CAIN | GS-18, Personal Physician to the President |
| 15-17Sep67 | Dr. Oscar P. HAMPTON | GS-18, Orthopedic Consultant to Surgeon General of the Army |
| 15-17Sep67 | R.L. TOWNSEND | Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, COMNAVAIRSYSCOM |
| 16Sep67 | Stuart SYMINGTON | Senator, Democrat of Missouri, Chief, Legislative Affairs |
| 18Sep67 | John J. HYLAND | Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy, COMSEVENTHFLT |
| 18-19Sep67 | Roy L. JOHNSON | Admiral, U.S. Navy, CINCPACFLT |
| 18-20Sep67 | Charles P. BROWN | Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding General, USAAMC, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma |
| 19Sep67 | S.G. QUILL | Air Commodore, OBE, DFC, Royal New Zealand Air Force |
| 20Sep67 | Thomas H. SCOTT | Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding General, 1st Logistics Command |

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| 20Sep67 | J.N. SHAFFER | Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, Deputy Chief of Staff, Military Assistance, Logistics and Administration, CINCPAC |
| 20Sep67 | A.R. BROWNFIELD | Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Acting J-3, MACV |
| 21-22Sep67 | S.R. KOSTER | Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Commanding General, Americal Division |
| 22Sep67 | W.C. WESTMORELAND | General, U.S. Army, COMUSMACV |
| 22Sep67 | William W. MOMYER | Lieutenant General, U.S. Air Force, Commander, 7th AF |
| 22Sep67 | Bruce PALMER, JR. | Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Deputy CG, USARV |
| 22Sep67 | R.L. IRBY | Brigadier General, U.S. Army, ADC, 1st Cavalry Division |
| 22Sep67 | Jones E. BOLT | Brigadier General, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, 7th AF |
| 22Sep67 | A.P. ROLLINS | Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Commanding General, 18th Engineer Brigade |
| 22-23Sep67 | Thomas H. KUCHEL | Senator, Representative of California, Member, Senate Committee on Appropriations |
| 22-23Sep67 | David STEWARD | GS-17, Special Assistant to Assistant SECDEF (Manpower) |
| 22-23Sep67 | John C. BROGER | GS-16, Director, Armed Forces Information and Education, DOD |
| 22-23Sep67 | John E. MERRIAM | Legislative Assistant to Senator KUCHEL |

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| 27-29Sep67 | H.L. MILLER | Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Information |
| 28Sep67 | W.C. WESTMORELAND | General, U.S. Army, COMUSMACV |
| 28Sep67 | W.B. ROSSON | Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Commanding General, I Field Force, Vietnam |
| 28Sep67 | W.G. MCMILLAN | GS-18, Science Advisor to COMUSMACV |
| 28Sep67 | J.S. HARDIN | Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Chief, Army & Air Force Exchange |
| 28Sep67 | H.L. MOORE JR. | Brigadier General, U.S. Army, USARV Provost Marshal |
| 28Sep67 | John R. CHAISSON | Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps, Director, MACCOC |
| 28-29Sep67 | W.H. RAUMBERGER | Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy, DEPCINCPACFLT |
| 29Sep67 | John TOLSON | Major General, U.S. Army, Commanding General, 1st Air Cavalry Division |
| 29-30Sep67 | James M. MASTERS SR. | Lieutenant General, U. S. Marine Corps, Commandant Marine Corps Schools, Quantico |
| 29-30Sep67 | Edward H. HURST | Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps, Director, Landing Force Development Center |
| 30Sep67 | Alfred D. STARBIRD | Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Director, Defense Communications Planning Group |
| 30Sep67 | A. L. MACDONALD | Major General, Adjutant General of the Australian Army |
| 30Sep67 | D. VINCENT | Major General, Commander, Australian Forces, Vietnam |

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James R. REEDY

Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Defense Communications
Planning Group Liaison Officer

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L.H. CARUTHERS

Brigadier General, U.S. Army,
Chief of Special Projects
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14. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS.

- 1 September - Operation YAZOO - Continuing
Operation CUMBERLAND - Continuing
Operation FREMONT - Continuing
Operation ARDMORE - Continuing
Operation KINGFISHER - Continuing
Operation BENTON (USA) - Terminated
Operation BELT DRIVE - Terminated
Operation BEACON POINT - Initiated
- 2 September - Operation COOK (USA) - Initiated
- 3 September - Operation BEACON POINT - Terminated
- 4 September - Operation SWIFT - Initiated
- 5 September - Operation YAZOO - Terminated
- 10 September - Operation COOK (USA) - Terminated
- 11 September - Operation WHEELER (USA) - Initiated
- 15 September - Operation CUMBERLAND - Terminated
Operation SWIFT - Terminated
- 22 September - Operation SHELBYVILLE - Initiated
- 28 September - Operation SHELBYVILLE - Terminated

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SECRETPART FOURREFERENCES

- (A) Third Marine Division Command Chronology, September 1967
- (B) First Marine Division Command Chronology, September 1967
- (C) First Marine Aircraft Wing Command Chronology, September 1967
- (D) Force Logistic Command Command Chronology, September 1967

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- NIF→(1) III Marine Amphibious Force Command Directory, September 1967
- (2) September 1967 Editions, III MAF Newspaper; "SEA TIGER"
→ *Removed. Record copy are maintained in A&S D-Library. 14/2/2006*
- (3) ANNEXES "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F" to Part III.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
APO San Francisco 96222

MACCO-FAF

14 September 1967

SUBJECT: Piaster Expenditure Reduction Program Workshop, 7-8 September 1967

TO: Deputy Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam, APO 96375
Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, FPO 96602
Commander, 7th United States Air Force, APO 96307
Commander, Naval Forces Vietnam, APO 96214

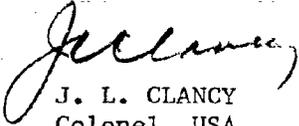
1. Reference COMUSMACV message 290031Z August 1967, subject, Piaster Expenditure Reduction Program Workshop.

2. The workshop was conducted as scheduled and was a very constructive session in all respects. The sense of purpose, interest and spirit of participation were very gratifying and hold much promise for the future of the program. In addition, the development of a oneness of purpose and a meeting of minds has cemented the efforts of all units. The participants are to be commended for their parts in the conduct of the workshop.

3. As a final act of the workshop, a summary report, along with the workshop agenda and list of attendees is attached.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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J. L. CLANCY
Colonel, USA
Comptroller

ANNEX A

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PIASTER EXPENDITURE REDUCTION PROGRAM WORKSHOP SUMMARY REPORT

1. Discussion covered all aspects of the Piaster Expenditure Reduction Program, from reasons for its conception to plans for the future. This was followed by a work period in which attendees covered four significant problems in seminar fashion. A summary of material covered, problems discussed, and recommendations for the further conduct of the program follows:

a. CY 1967 EXPENDITURES.

(1) A relatively constant level of expenditures has been experienced, with a backdrop of vastly increasing troop strength. This success has been achieved by concerted effort to keep piaster expenditures at a minimum. This is a unique achievement, since it would have been all too easy to have expended all or a greater part of the assigned expenditure ceiling. As a consequence, expenditure projections for CY 1967 are 6.5 billion piasters below ceiling.

(2) There will be no resting on laurels as time passes. Continuing force buildups and changing requirements call for increasing expenditures. In addition, the free spending in the coming Christmas shopping period will stretch personal spending habits. Greater attention will have to be given to seeking out every last possible opportunity to retard spending in the official and personal spending areas.

(3) O&M and other expenditures appear to be on an upswing. This is expected because of changing strength, the pending Local National pay adjustment and the requirement for increased recreational facilities.

(4) Construction has completed its phase down effort and is stabilized at the current level of expenditures for an indefinite period.

(5) Personal expenditures, in total, have maintained a constant level despite increasing troop strength. The coming holiday season will affect this and increasing expenditures are expected. On a per capita basis, the MACV target of \$20 per man per month was achieved in February 1967. A new target of \$10 was set by COMUSMACV in April 1967. Achievement of this target will require concerted effort by all personnel.

b. EXPENDITURE REDUCTION ACTIONS.

(1) MACV Directive 37-21 has been published and distributed. The directive clarifies responsibilities and reporting procedures. A new procedure is the submission of a single Format A instead of the previous two section report. In addition, Format B is to be submitted semi-annually instead of quarterly. The most significant change from current procedures is the breakout of Accommodation Rate Expenditures into Military and Civilian Categories.

(2) A Spending Habit Survey is to be conducted throughout the command. The intent of the survey is to determine where and how personal expenditures are being made. Such information will assist materially in concentrating reduction efforts where they will do the most good.

(3) A TDY study will be conducted by HQ MACV. A recent review highlighted 5,880 persons in TDY status in-country on a single day. The personal piaster expenditures related to this number is most significant. Efforts will be made to reduce numbers on TDY, the length of stay and where necessary, provide government quarters and messing.

(4) An overtime study will also be conducted by HQ MACV. Overtime accounts for 25% of the current payroll, and with the pending pay adjustment, this area becomes even more critical.

c. SEMINAR DISCUSSIONS.

(1) The conduct of the Spending Habit Survey was discussed and recommendations received as follows:

(a) 10% of personnel to be surveyed covering all ranks and all localities.

(b) Questionnaires to be collected and consolidated at all levels, with HQ MACV having final analysis responsibility.

(c) Narrative requirements would be deleted from the questionnaire and reference made to the appropriate service suggestion program.

(d) The basic form, to be printed by HQ MACV, would be used for the consolidated report.

(e) Organization, number of personnel surveyed and location would be annotated on the consolidated report.

(f) Distribution will be made by random selection, proportioned by grade. Grade will not be considered in consolidated report.

(g) Component and uniservice commands would issue instruction for distribution, completion and assembly of report.

2. The Review and Analysis to accompany Format A is to stress specifics of planning and accomplishment. Percentage distribution and related statistics to be used only when a necessary part of narrative. Minor corrections in format to be published by HQ MACV. Component and Uniservice Commands are responsible for reporting MBF expenditures and sales of Accommodation Rate Piasters.

3. Expenditures by U.S. civilian personnel are disproportionate to strength comparisons. While civilians constitute 1.6% of total strength, their expenditures are estimated at 12% of total expenditures. For this reason, sales to civilian personnel will be separated from military personnel and the \$10 per capita target will apply only to military personnel. Accounting practices if not already in effect, will be revised accordingly and separate reports submitted. This procedure is effective as soon as possible and reports annotated appropriately.

4. Suggestions for affecting further reductions were in the following areas:

a. A presentation was made by LTC Wilson, 1st Logistics Command highlighting efforts to increase capacity for handling laundry. Capacity has been increasing but has been offset by increasing requirements. However, steps such as procurement of additional equipment are underway and further progress is expected.

b. Queries have been made on possibilities of providing haircuts and gift shop items in MPC facilities. Increased stockage of basic, small priced items, such as wash basins, irons, umbrellas, etc., was recommended. Added outlets are desired to relieve congestion. Particular emphasis was made to high prices charged for basic items.

c. Changes in curfew hours, similar to those at Bien Hoa (2000-0400).

d. Increased Military Banking Facilities for easier access by personnel.

e. Improve eating facilities by making messes and PX snack bars more attractive.

f. Requesting some form of price controls from GVN.

g. Publicity for program directed more toward economic situation, rather than to personal savings aspects.

h. Expedited improvement to recreational facilities.

i. Inadequacies of present limit of \$250 equivalent in piasters to contracting and procurement practices were discussed. HQ MACV will investigate this area.

5. The interchange of ideas and recommendations made were constructive. These suggestions are appropriate at all levels of Command and should be acted upon promptly. Each level should have a Piaster Expenditure Control Working Group capable of taking and acting on the ideas and suggestions developed during the workshop.

6. Copies of the Agenda and list of attendees follow.

WORKSHOP AGENDA

7 SEPTEMBER 1967

| | | |
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| 0845 | KEYNOTE | COLONEL CLANCY |
| 0855 | WORKSHOP PROGRAM | COLONEL HEFFELFINGER |
| 0900 | VIETNAM ECONOMIC REPORT | MR. JOHN WILHELM |
| 0930 | COFFEE BREAK | SGT STONE |
| 0945 | CY 1967 EXPENDITURES | LTC MARKOWITZ |
| 1000 | PROGRAM PROBLEMS | |
| 1115 | LUNCH | |
| 1400 | SEMINAR ASSIGNMENTS | |
| 1415 | SEMINAR WORK PERIOD | |
| 1545 | SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS | |
| 1830 | NO HOST COCKTAIL HOUR/DINNER | |

8 SEPTEMBER 1967

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| 0830 | SEMINAR SUMMARY | LTC MARKOWITZ |
| 0900 | AIK PRESENTATION | MAJ BRETSCHNEIDER |
| 0930 | COFFEE BREAK | SGT STONE |
| 0945 | MBF PRESENTATION | MAJ BARRETT |
| 1000 | CIVILIAN PAY PRESENTATION | MR. HERMAN |
| 1015 | ATTENDEE PRESENTATIONS | AS APPROPRIATE |
| 1130 | WORKSHOP SUMMARY | COLONEL HEFFELFINGER |
| 1145 | CLOSING REMARKS | COLONEL CLANCY |

PIASTER EXPENDITURE REDUCTION PROGRAM WORKSHOP

ATTENDEES

USARV

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| COL Packett | - | Dep. Comptroller |
| LTC Schisler | - | G-4 |
| CPT Martin | - | Budget |
| CPT Mitchell | - | G-1 |
| LTC Sorensen | - | USAMAC - Comptroller |
| LTC Oberhausen | - | 1st Log. Command |
| MAJ Conzelman | - | 1st Log. Command, Procurement |
| MAJ Napper | - | 1st Log. Command, PA&E |
| MAJ Danley | - | 1st FFV, G-1 |

7TH AIR FORCE

| | | |
|----------------|---|--------------------------|
| MAJ Sara | - | Budget Office |
| MAJ Denniston | - | Budget Office |
| TSGT Brown | - | Budget Office |
| LTC Fippen | - | TSN Base Comptroller |
| MAJ Law | - | TSN Accounting & Finance |
| CPT Summerhill | - | TSN Budget Office |
| MAJ Sedlak | - | Bien Hoa - Comptroller |
| MAJ Cole | - | Nha Trang - Comptroller |
| MAJ Wintzerhan | - | Phan Rang - Comptroller |
| TSGT Sablan | - | Binh Tuy - Comptroller |

NAVFORV

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|-------------------|---|---------------------------|
| LCDR Austin | - | Fiscal Officer |
| Mr. Sper | - | Naval Support Activity |
| LCDR Jones | - | 3rd Naval Construction Bn |
| CPT Goetzke (USN) | - | 3rd Naval Construction Bn |

III MAF

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| MAJ Pitts | - | Comptroller |
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MACV

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| MAJ Lynn | - | Construction Dir |
| LTC Larson | - | J-1 |
| MAJ Boeman | - | IG |
| MAJ Bridges | - | J-4 |

DISCUSSION PAPER INCIDENT TO PIASTER EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS

1. On 7 and 8 September 1967, the Comptroller, III MAF attended a "program workshop" at MACV Headquarters, Saigon, relative to Piaster Expenditure Reductions. The following subjects/topics were discussed during the workshop and are provided to subordinate command comptrollers for information.

2. 40% of the piaster expenditures in July (total South Vietnam) were in the personnel accomodation area. Distribution of \$VN expenditures is:

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Personnel | 40% |
| Payroll | 32% |
| Rent | 10% |
| Construction | 9% |
| Subsistence | 3% |
| Supplies | 3% |
| Other | 3% |

(Note: III MAF spends less than 3% of total \$VN in South Vietnam.)

It is to be noted that the increase in troop strength for July 1966 to June 1967 has not caused an increase in \$VN. The total \$VN expenditures have remained almost constant. There is a forseable increase now: troop strength will again increase plus there is a possible salary increase for LNC's (will average 13% across the board).

3. Personnel Expenditures - trend is up.

a. Total personnel expenditures (South Vietnam) in billions of \$VN:

| | |
|-----|------|
| Jan | 1.29 |
| Feb | 1.02 |
| Mar | .96 |
| Apr | 1.11 |
| May | 1.13 |
| Jun | 1.13 |
| Jul | 1.28 |

(Note: III MAF spends less than 2.5% of total in South Vietnam)

b. Per Capita/Per Month Expenditures - US\$:

| | <u>All U.S.</u> | <u>III MAF Marines</u> |
|-----|-----------------|------------------------|
| Jan | 23.18 | 5.56 |
| Feb | 18.21 | 6.04 |
| Mar | 16.44 | 4.83 |
| Apr | 19.09 | 4.77 |
| May | 17.87 | 4.70 |
| Jun | 17.46 | 4.96 |
| Jul | 19.75 | 4.57 |

ANNEX B

c. Per Capita expenditures on basis of strength in country:

| | <u>Strength</u> | <u>\$VN Expenditures</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| (1) U.S. Military | 88.3% | 82% of \$VN expenditures |
| (2) FWMAF | 10.1% | |
| (3) Contract U.S. Civ | 1.3% | 12% of \$VN expenditures |
| (4) DOD U.S. Civ | .3% | |

Obvious that by separating military from civilian expenditures, the military expenditure rate would decrease. 1.6% of U.S. strength in country is spending 12% of the \$VN.

4. MACV points to high spending areas:

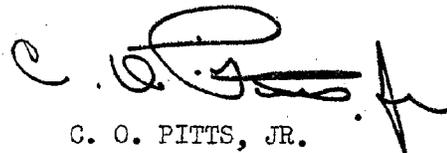
- a. Civilians (See 3c above).
- b. Military personnel living on the economy (no BOQ - Mess, etc.). (7th Air Force has 2,955 personnel in this situation.)
- c. Personnel on TAD. On 17 August there were 5,880 people on TAD status in country. 1,925 were Marines.
- d. Overtime to civilians amounts to 25% of payroll expenditures. (Don't think we have this in III MAF but should look into this area.)
- e. Rents/Leases. In most cases cannot cancel out, but if payment was monthly versus quarterly, semi-annually, annually, the expenditure rate would be on a more even plane. (This we will look into.)

5. Seminar Discussions in Workshop:

- a. There is favorable thinking among all service representatives and MACV Comptroller to conduct a personnel expenditure survey. Recommendation was made that it be a 10% survey of strength, down to small unit level. MACV will design and distribute format.
- b. It was agreed by all that the personnel accomodation expenditures should be broken out military vs civilians. Opinion by III MAF Comptroller is to break out civilian vs military and sub-breakout by service and/or organization. (This is essentially what we do now. However, it was obvious that MACV Comptroller does not breakout expenditure rate by service for COMUSMACV - Marines are totaled in with the average: e.g., July average \$19.75/man - Marines average \$4.57/man).
- c. Many long range recommendations were made incident to reduction of personnel expenditures. None were original, e.g., more contract final laundries, more goods in PX's, better R&R in country, etc.

6. MPC Conversion. Not eminent - has many political ramifications. Thinking in MACV is that a conversion would not break the black market.

7. Marine expenditures are really a small part of the \$VN being spent in Vietnam. Nevertheless, we cannot drop our guard - review and analysis of III MAF expenditures is a task of this office and should continue to receive attention by all commands of III MAF.



C. O. PITTS, JR.

MINUTES OF I CORPS JOINT COORDINATING COUNCIL5 SEPTEMBER 1967

1. The Council convened at 0905 with the following members present:
 - a. MGEN NICKERSON, USMC, Deputy Commanding General, III MAF (CHAIRMAN)
 - b. RADM LACY, USN, Commander, NSA, Danang
 - c. Mr. CROSS, Assistant Deputy CORDS
 - d. Mr. COLEBAUGH, POLAD, III MAF
 - e. Mr. HORGAN, Chief, RD Division, CORDS
 - f. Col HIDALGO, Deputy Commanding Officer, I Corps Advisory Group
 - g. LtCol BLACK, G-5, III MAF
 - h. LtCol THUAN, ARVN, DC of S for Current Affairs, I Corps
 - i. LT(jg) BENNETT, USN, CAO, NSA, Danang
 - j. Maj NELSON, USMC, III MAF (Recorder)

2. The following guests were present:
 - a. Mr. BARNETT, CORDS
 - b. Mr. CO, NP, GVN
 - c. Mr. GARZA, CORDS
 - d. Mr. KUE, NP, GVN
 - e. Dr. MATHEWS, CORDS (representing, Chief, NLD Division, CORDS)
 - f. Mr. RYDELL, CORDS (representing, Chief, Psychological Operations Division, CORDS)
 - g. Mr. TRACH, NP, GVN
 - h. Mr. ZAMBRANO, ~~USN~~ CORDS
 - g. Col WARREN, USMC

3. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. The CHAIRMAN opened the meeting, guests were introduced and welcomed and members were asked to comment on items previously brought before the Council.

 - b. Col WARREN introduced Col HIDALGO, the new Deputy Commanding Officer, I Corps Advisory Group.

 - c. Capt LEMMON, Chairman of the Public Health Committee, presented a report of that committee's meeting of 30 August 1967 (minutes attached to the 29 August minutes of the Council).
 - (1) Dr. MATHEWS noted that funds should be made available for installation of an autoclave at the Danang Surgical Hospital to ensure that the unit is properly installed and that Danang Building Codes are met. Mr. CROSS stated that CORDS would resolve the funding problem.

ANNEX "C"
ENCLOSURE (2)

d. Dr. MATHEWS informed the Council that DOD planning guidance for construction of hospitals stipulates that they will be self-sufficient with respect to utilities. Hence, the 15 hectares required for siting the U. S. Army sponsored 400 bed hospital is not excessive in size.

e. LtCol BLACK reported that funds have been requested from COMUSMACV to provide materials for a water pipeline from the An Hoa Complex to two adjacent hamlets. G-5, III MAF will continue to monitor this project.

f. The CHAIRMAN stated that the Chief of Staff, III MAF meeting with the Mayor of Danang on the control of narcotics was still scheduled for 6 September. He also noted that the Police Committee should devote some of their attention to this matter.

g. LtCol BLACK reported that the III MAF Engineer is planning, on a trial basis, the employment of approximately 100 refugees by Engineer Battalions in the 1st and 3d Marine Division Areas to work on Highway #1. G-5, III MAF is coordinating with CORDS Public Works on the details of refugee labor utilization.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Dr. MATHEWS stated that pilots of MEDEVAC helicopters have been delivering civilian as well as military casualties to the Naval Support Activity Hospital, thereby overloading that facility, while the Danang Surgical Hospital, the proper point of delivery for civilians, has not been fully utilized. One possible reason for this is the marginally suitable helicopter pad at the Danang Surgical Hospital. The CHAIRMAN requested Col WARREN to contact the Safety Officer, 1st Marine Air Wing to determine the adequacy of the helicopter pad at the Danang Surgical Hospital.

b. Dr. MATHEWS reported that GVN is planning the expansion of hospital facilities at the Danang Surgical Hospital. The current plans envision the expansion to be accomplished on a modular concept with one small unit being funded and constructed at a time. U. S. Public Health Advisors feel that the plans are inadequate and will ultimately result in a high cost facility which will be incompatible with the existing Surgical Hospital from both an engineering and medical standpoint. CORDS, Region I has prepared an architectural drawing of a 300 bed hospital that would be less costly, and at the same time better meet the hospital's needs. The CHAIRMAN requested the G-5, III MAF and CORDS to prepare a message to COMUSMACV expressing the Council's interest in this matter. Dr. MATHEWS stated that he will soon meet with MACCORDS Public Health Personnel and will encourage them to attempt to dissuade the Ministry of Health from proceeding with construction until both plans have evaluated.

c. After discussing problems attendant to obtaining security clearances for Vietnamese employees of U. S. agencies (particularly refugees), the Council passed a motion to expand the sphere of interest of the Police Committee by adding to its membership representatives from the Ministry of Security Service and appropriate RVNAF agencies.

d. RADM LACY noted that the demand for bags for captured rice is continuing to exceed available supplies. The CHAIRMAN requested CORDS to look into manufacturing and procurement sources for rice bags.

e. Mr. COLLEBAUGH reported that tentative nationwide presidential election results to date are as follows:

| <u>TICKET</u> | <u>PERCENTAGE</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| THIEU/KY | 35.7 |
| TRUONG-DINH - DZU | 17.1 |
| PHAN-KHAC-SUU | 10.7 |
| TRAN-VAN-HUONG | 9.9 |
| HA-THUC-KY | 7.4 |
| All others | 19.2 |

5. The Council adjourned at 1000.

6. Agenda items for the next meeting are:

- a. Review of unfinished business.
- b. Report of highlights of week's activities by all members.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for 0900, 12 September in the CORDS Building conference room.

Respectfully submitted,



H. M. NELSON
Major USMC
Recorder

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MINUTES OF I CORPS JOINT COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING12 SEPTEMBER 1967

1. The Council convened at 0900 with the following members present:

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- b. Mr. Nguyen Van DAI, Administrative Assistant to the Commanding General, I Corps
- c. BGEN OWENS, USMC, Chief of Staff, III MAF
- d. RADM LACY, USN, Commander, NSA, Danang
- e. Col NGHI, ARVN, Chief of Staff, I Corps
- f. Mr. COLEBAUGH, POLAD, III MAF
- g. Mr. HELMS, Chief, Psychological Operations Division, CORDS
- h. Mr. HORGAN, Chief, RD Division, CORDS
- i. Mr. WHELTON, Chief, NLD Division, CORDS
- j. Col HIDALGO, USA, Deputy Commanding Officer, I Corps Advisory Group
- k. LtCol BLACK, USMC, G-5, III MAF
- l. LtCol GARDNER, USA, G-5, I Corps Advisory Group
- m. LCDR CRICCHI, USN, CAO, NSA, Danang
- n. Maj NELSON, USMC, III MAF (Recorder)

2. The following guests were present:

- a. Mr. HOLDREN, CORDS
- b. Col WARREN, USMC (representing Assistant Deputy CORDS)
- c. Capt CHINH, ARVN (representing DC of S for Current Affairs, I Corps)
- d. LT(jg) BENNETT, USN
- e. SSgt AVILA, USAF (representing CAO, 366 TFW)

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. The CHAIRMAN opened the meeting, guests were introduced and welcomed and members were asked to comment on items previously brought before the Council.

b. RADM LACY introduced LCDR CRICCHI, the new Civic Action Officer, Naval Support Activity, Danang.

c. Mr. HOLDREN presented a report of the Refugee Committee Meeting and the SCR briefing held on 9 Sep (a report of highlights of the meetings is attached).

ANNEX "B"
ENCLOSURE (3)

(1) Col BLACK informed the Council that a committee composed of SCR and MACCORDS officials is being formed at Saigon to develop and promulgate to all Regions details on the employment of refugees for road repair projects.

(2) Mr. COLEBAUGH recommended that refugees be employed to manufacture rice bags. This would not only provide refugees with immediate employment and long term skills, but would also help to alleviate the current shortage of bags for captured rice. Mr. HOLDREN noted that looms have already been ordered from MACCORDS.

(3) The CHAIRMAN requested that G-5, III MAF continue to coordinate establishment of organizational procedures where-by refugees can be gainfully employed. He also requested CORDS to continue to request material support, such as looms, for refugee employment.

d. Mr. HELMS announced that the Vietnamese-American Association (VAA) Fall English classes had begun on 11 Sep with an enrollment of 1500 students. Mr. HELMS, on behalf of the VAA, expressed appreciation to military services in the Danang area for providing the majority of the 45 English instructors required for the classes.

e. Col NGHIE explained to the Council the procedures required for granting security clearances to Vietnamese employees of U. S. agencies. Prior to being hired, Vietnamese candidates for employment by U. S. agencies must be cleared by the National Police. If a U. S. military activity is hiring the employees, the Security Officer of the activity concerned must submit a roster of employees to MSS for a second security clearance. Col NGHIE stated that, in the case of refugee students at the Danang Polytechnical School, the security clearances can be conducted prior to enrollment. The CHAIRMAN requested that G-5, III MAF initiate action to inform all U. S. agencies in I Corps of GVN procedures in granting security clearances to Vietnamese employees.

f. The Council passed a motion for the Police Committee to include in its membership the Chief, Public Safety Team, 29th Civil Affairs Company.

g. Col BLACK reported that on 10 September the final shipment of equipment for the Quang Ngai Sugar Mill departed from Saigon via barge. ETA at Chu Lai is 14 September.

h. Mr. DAI announced that the resumption of Danang tours for Village/Hamlet officials will be delayed until after the 22 Oct elections. Col NGHIE stated that I Corps is still studying means to provide overnight accommodations for the officials.

i. Col BLACK informed the Council that the MACCORDS reply to a request for funds to purchase materials for the water pipeline at An Hoa stated that funds for projects of this nature are not available. Inasmuch as funding has previously been approved for other civic action projects, the Deputy for CORDS, Region I has included this problem on his agenda for discussion at MACCORDS.

j. Mr. WHELTON stated that MACCORDS Public Health officials have agreed that only 10 hectares are required for siting the 400 bed U. S. Army sponsored hospital for civilian war wounded. GVN has approved a 10 hectare site for the hospital near the Tien Sha Naval Base. 7 hectares of the selected site are on GVN property and 3 hectares are privately owned.

k. Col WARREN reported that the existing helicopter pad at the Danang Surgical Hospital has been determined to be unsafe by the MAG-16 Aviation Safety Officer. A more suitable location for development of a helicopter pad is at the soccer field located one block from the hospital. BGEN OWENS noted that to the rear of the spectator stands there is adequate room to construct a helicopter pad. The CHAIRMAN requested that CORDS contact the Mayor of Danang to determine what action is required to obtain permission to construct a helicopter pad at this site.

l. Mr. DAI announced that the Mayor of Danang and local National Police officials met on 6 Sep to discuss the problem of marijuana being sold to U. S. military personnel. They have intensified efforts to eradicate this practice. Col NGHI suggested that regulations be established whereby U. S. personnel will be prohibited from purchasing items from vendors outside bases, exchanges and other areas where U. S. military personnel congregate. The vendors are frequently suspected as the source of narcotics purchased by servicemen. The CHAIRMAN directed that G-5, III MAF initiate action to establish the recommended restrictions.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. BGEN OWENS requested that the JCC monitor progress on the development of an island detention center.

b. Col NGHI reported that a program to provide four weeks of medical first aid training to PF personnel has been initiated. The first class of thirty is underway in Hoa Vang District.

5. The Council adjourned at 1000.
6. The next meeting is scheduled at 0900, 19 Sep in Hoi An. Agenda items are:
 - a. Report of RD Progress.
 - b. Report on Hung Quang I Campaign.
 - c. Report on Status of Refugees.
 - d. Discussion of Province Problems, if any.
7. Loading time for air transportation to Hoi An is at 0825 at Danang Air Base Operations.

Respectfully submitted,



H. M. NELSON
Major USMC
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TO : DFC/CORDS/IIIMAF

DATE : 11 September 1967

FROM : Chief, Refugee Division, CORDS/IIIMAF, Danang

SUBJ : ICTZ Refugee Conference, 9 September

The ICTZ Commander's Conference on Refugees was successful beyond our expectations. The entire meeting was action oriented, with Dr. Que, the Refugee Commissioner making numerous announcements to execute GVN's refugee assistance to meet the crisis in ICTZ, and General Lam affirming his support in a most forthright manner.

A- Items displayed on briefing chart :

Difficulties and Recommendations :

a) Difficulties :

1. Lack of permanent supply of emergency commodities (such as rice, oil, corn, cloth, etc.) for the distribution to the refugees.
2. Lack of roofing for covering the houses.
3. Lack of means of transportation for commodities and materials (Vehicles).

b) Recommendations :

1. Request for additional 1967 Resettlement Budget because the number of refugees is too big (Quang Tin, Quang Ngai).
2. To build many more temporary camps to avoid the scattered status which make very difficult for the relief and control of refugees.
3. Request for 6 bulldozers to Cam Lo Relocation Center.
4. Request more roofing.

B- Decisions announced by Refugee Commissioner :

- 1) All people who have been dislocated to GVN controlled areas and thereby denied to VC control and exploitation are hereafter to be eligible for benefits from the Special Commissariat for Refugees (SCR).
- 2) SCR is distressed at the low rate of spending by SCR offices in ICTZ, SCR will make every effort to clear up obstacles and/or lack of understanding of program implementation procedures.
- 3) SCR will authorize Assistant SCR refugee Service Chief and heads of Refugee Relief Mobile Groups to make cash benefit payments and distribution of commodities.
- 4) SCR appeals for assistance from GVN/ARVN and Allied Forces to enable SCR personnel in being transported for field work of assisting refugees.
- 5) SCR authorizes for ICTZ Temporary relief per diem payments for two months, instead of only one month
- 6) Emphasis should be given to change temporary reception centers to permanent resettlement centers; and also to build more temporary reception centers to take care of the current huge number of scattered refugees.
- 7) In view of the shortage of farming land, and job opportunities in ICTZ, and especially in Quang Tri and Thua Thien, increased consideration should be given to relocation of refugees in other provinces and even other Corps areas.
- 8) Special attention should be given to providing assistance to refugees as they first come to GVN areas, to make an all important psychological impact. Dr. Que appealed for assistance from GVN/ARVN/Allied Forces in this effort.

- 9) Increased supply of GVN rice for refugees. Province Chiefs should insure that there will be sufficient stocks on hand for refugees. SCR appealed for assistance of all military forces to move rice for refugees. Province Chiefs will be authorized to use resettlement funds to purchase rice. In isolated areas where it is difficult to transport rice on short notice cash payments of 15\$VN per kilo are authorized for refugees to purchase available rice. The amount of ration per person per day for ICTZ is increased to 700 grams.
- 10) SCR is quickly shipping vehicles so that province refugee services will average three each.
- 11) Liberalization of providing fuel for SCR vehicles will be effected, with SCR services authorized to purchase fuel from the national budget and/or their refugee relief imprest fund.
- 12) Dr. Que authorized each province to recruit ten competent and energetic young men, at salary of 8,000 to 10,000\$VN per month, to assist in the crash program of solving the refugee problem.
General Lam directed the Province Chiefs to act once on this proposal; to choose men free of political party affiliations and if these men joined a party they could be fired.
- 13) General Lam criticized the SCR Inspector and provincial staffs for their lack of performance to date, and stated that changes would be made to provide more competent leadership.
- 14) General Lam ordered Province Chiefs and SCR Chiefs to quickly submit project proposals and he would approve them for quick forwarding to SCR-Saigon for action.

The Province Chief, Quang Tin, very forcefully outlined the seriousness of the refugee crisis in Quang Tin, where one-third of the population are refugees. He deplored the fact that there are only 45 cadre to work with refugees, stating that there should be 200. He requested a vast increase in temporary reception centers, so as to enable control of refugees who now are largely scattered. He also appealed for trucks to move relief assistance, and for SCR cash assistance to PF security platoons for the camps.

Dr. Que replied that he has always approved provincial requests for temporary centers; stated that SCR staff can be assisted in their work by district refugee committees which are within the competence of a province chief to use; and that SCR could not authorize cash payments to PF troops.

The Deputy Mayor of Danang stated that there are 1900 refugee families in Danang, 1,200 families who are being resettled at the An Cu Resettlement Center. The other 700 families should be returned to the provinces from which they came.

The Province Chief, Quang Nam, noted that his province has 182,000 refugees; and that the refugees in Danang went there because they had hopes of finding employment there.

Mr. R. O'Melia, APR/Refugees, Thua Thien asked Dr. Que re temporary camps which have been built by refugees, without assistance from the SCR, and which camps are now their permanent camps. Would SCR consider resettlement payment to these people. Dr. Que replied in the affirmative.

General Lam then instructed all province Chiefs to choose a qualified man for SCR Service Chief, propose these names to ICTZ, and that he would forward these names to SCR-Saigon for concurrence.

C- At 2000 the same day a meeting was held at CORDS between Dr. Que, his ICTZ refugee service Chiefs, and CORDS refugee personnel. The following points were discussed :

- 1) Expanding the Refugee Sub-Committee of the Joint Coordinating Council, and that consideration be given to establishment of a refugee control center.
- 2) That military forces should help with initial phase assistance to newly created refugees, to make the maximum favorable psychological impact.
- 3) That CORDS/LOGISTICS handle SCR supplies in CORDS warehouses
- 4) That helicopter transport be assured for SCR staff to conduct work in isolated areas.
- 5) The 1967 budget for SCR-Quang-Nam would be released by ICTZ-RD Council within a week or so.
- 6) Lt. Col. Black, G-5, IIIMAF, proposed that a pilot program be instituted to use refugees to work on Highway 1. Re payment for such refugee labor, Dr. Que agreed to pay 100\$VN per daily worker, and requested CORDS to assist with cooking oil, etc as deemed suitable. The question of administration of such a work program was raised, and Mr. Hobson, Refugee Officer, Quang Ngai suggested that although funding must come from SCR, the actual payment and supervision should be conducted by Public Works. Dr. Que will take up the matter in Saigon and will reply soon on how payments will be arranged.
- 7) The question was raised of SCR paying refugees in Quang Ngai who work on sanitation teams, construction of housing, wells, and in security platoons. Dr. Que agreed to pay cash to these personnel, and requested that SCR-Quang Ngai submit a proposal for such, outlining the work performed, and who supervises the programs.
- 8) Captain Gemoto, Team Leader of the PHILCAG Team, Quang Tri sawmill gave a briefing on the operational status of the sawmill, the newly constructed vocational training center, and problem faced.
- 9) Mr. Hobson explained how in Quang Ngai they make three vertical crimps (v-shaped) to give an interlocking capability to the galvanized iron roofing.

At 1400 on Saturday Dr. Que, Mr. Goss, Mr. McLendon, Province Chief, Refugee Service Chief, CORDS Refugee Officer and others toured Quang Dien and Phong Dien districts, in Thua Thien Province. The refugees visited were residing in school buildings and have received little or no relief payments. The following was directed by Dr. Que and Province Chief :

- 1) Immediate relief payment to all refugees.
- 2) Immediate payment of resettlement allowance so that refugees can commence construction of houses.
- 3) Issuance of additional oil to refugees.
- 4) Other concession were made and Dr. Que will forward the entire list upon his return to Saigon .

At 0800, Sunday, Party constituted above visited Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces with the following results :

- A. Quang Nam Province : Release of 1967 Budget within 10 days.
- B. Quang Tin Province : Authorized one additional Refugee Relief Group from SCR Saigon and employment of an additional Refugee Relief Group from local personnel; Authorized increase in Refugee Resettlement payments from 5,000\$VN to 6,000\$VN; Authorized to purchase 70 additional tons of rice from the Ministry of Trade; Authorized 5,000,000\$VN for construction of refugee camp for reception, screening, registration and payment of refugees prior to moving them to Resettlement Centers; Authorized additional 6,000,000\$VN for refugee relief.

MINUTES OF THE I CORPS JOINT COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETINGQUANG NAM PROVINCE MEETING19 SEPTEMBER 1967

1. The Council convened at 0910 with the following members present:
 - a. MGEN NICKERSON, USMC, Deputy Commanding General, III MAF (CHAIRMAN)
 - b. Mr. Nguyen Van DAI, Administrative Assistant to the Commanding General, I Corps
 - c. BGEN OWENS, USMC, Chief of Staff, III MAF
 - d. RADM LACY, USN, Commander, NSA, Danang
 - e. Mr. CROSS, Assistant Deputy for CORDS
 - f. Col NGHI, ARVN, Chief of Staff, I Corps
 - g. Col HAYS, USMC, G-5, III MAF
 - h. Col HIDALGO, USA, Deputy Commanding Officer, I Corps Advisory Group
 - i. Col NHIEU, ARVN, DC of S for Psychological Operations, I Corps
 - j. LtCol THUAN, ARVN, DC of S for Current Affairs, I Corps
 - k. LCDR CRICCHI, USN, CAO, NSA, Danang
 - l. 1st Lt BRIAN, USAF, CAO, 366 TFW
 - m. Maj NELSON, USMC, III MAF (Recorder)
2. The following guests were present:
 - a. LTGEN LAM, ARVN, Commanding General, I Corps
 - b. LtCol BLACK, USMC
 - c. LtCol MOORE, USMC
 - d. Maj FISHER, USA (representing G-5, I Corps Advisory Group)
 - e. Maj MARTIN, USMC
 - f. LT(jg) BENNETT, USN
 - g. YMC L. G. DELOSSANTOS, USN
3. The following principal members of the Province Team were present:
 - a. Col HINH, ARVN, Commander, Quang Da Special Zone
 - b. LtCol TIN, ARVN, Province Chief
 - c. Mr. PUCKETT, Senior Province Advisor, CORDS
 - d. LtCol THUC, ARVN, Commanding Officer, 51st ARVN Regiment
 - e. LtCol JENKINS, USA, Assistant Senior Province Advisor

ANNEX "E"
~~ENCLOSURE (4)~~

4. Col HINH opened the meeting and welcomed the Council and guests. He then presented a report on the security situation in Quang Da Special Zone. It was noted that recent VC activity has had a deleterious effect on morale in the vicinity of Hoi An.

5. LtCol TIN presented reports on RD progress in Quang Nam and the Hung Quang I Campaign.

a. LtCol TIN pointed out that 1967 goals in the Quang Nam RD program envision completion of twenty-eight New Life Hamlets and eight Consolidated Hamlets. Currently, three New Life Hamlets and four Consolidated Hamlets have been completed. LtCol TIN stated that, although currently behind schedule, sixty percent of the overall RD goal is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

b. LtCol TIN reported that the current assigned strength of the twenty-eight RD teams in Quang Nam is 1,866 men. The twenty-eight teams are assigned to twenty-six New Life Hamlets and two Consolidated Hamlets.

c. LtCol TIN reviewed the RD Rural Development Program, noting the following statistics:

(1) Self-Help Projects

- (a) Projects Approved - 87
- (b) Projects Completed - 25
- (c) Projects Underway - 60

(2) Education

- (a) Teachers Recruited - 81
- (b) Classrooms Constructed - 20

(3) Agriculture

- (a) Number of Farmers Attending Courses - 1,027
- (b) Number of Demonstration Gardens Planted - 49
- (c) Number of Chickens Distributed - 5,160

d. LtCol TIN reviewed the progress made in Phase I and II of the Hung Quang I Campaign. He reported the following statistics:

| (1) | <u>Peace Hamlet</u> | <u>Number Families</u> | <u>Number Persons</u> |
|-----|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Yen Ne | 156 | 821 |
| | Le Son | 83 | 427 |
| | Duong Lam | 76 | 329 |
| | Binh Ky | 0 | 0 |
| | Kim Son | 44 | 250 |

(2) LtCol TIN noted that Duyen Son Peace Hamlet has previously been razed by the VC but would be rebuilt upon receipt of roofing materials. Mr. CROSS stated that CORDS would look into making roofing material available. The CHAIRMAN stated that III MAF, through the 1st Marine Division, would assist in providing security to Duyen Son Peace Hamlet.

6. The Quang Nam Refugee Service Chief, Mr. DUONG, presented a report on the status of refugees in the province. He noted that Quang Nam Province has a refugee population of 182,404 persons, the largest in I Corps. This figure includes 18,200 families that have been registered. Of this total 8,804 families have received refugee relief payments.

a. LTGEN LAM directed that, in order to preclude turn-over of relief commodities to VC, only those persons who have been relocated from contested areas should be considered as refugees and receive refugee relief. He also noted that 42,000,000\$VN are available for refugee relief for Quang Nam Province.

7. The Council adjourned at 1050.

8. Agenda items for the next meeting are:

a. Report of the Public Health Committee (a copy of the minutes of this meeting is attached).

b. Report of the Education Committee (a copy of the minutes of this meeting is attached).

c. Report of the Commodities Distribution Committee (a copy of the minutes of this meeting is attached).

d. Review of unfinished business.

e. Review of highlights of week's activities by all members.

9. The next meeting is scheduled for 0900, 26 September 1967 in the CORDS Building conference room.

Respectfully submitted,



H. M. NELSON
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MINUTES OF THE I CORPS PUBLIC HEALTH
COMMITTEE MEETING (JCC)
13 Sept 1967

1. The meeting convened at 0945 hours with the following members present.
 - a. Capt LEMMON, MC, USN, III MAF Surgeon, Chairman
 - b. LCDR NOURIGAT, MSC, USN, III MAF Med Monitor
 - c. Maj STOLTZ, MSC, USA, Senior Medical Advisor, I Corps (Recorder)
 - d. Capt DEDAKER, MC, 29th Civil Affairs Company

2. The following guests were present:
 - a. Maj TU, Commanding Officer Duy Tan General Hospital
 - b. Capt THE, I Corps Surgeon

3. OLD BUSINESS: Capt LEMMON called the meeting to order at 0945, and the minutes of 30 August 1967 were reviewed.
 - a. Capt LEMMON questioned the progress of drainage correction effort at the Da Nang Hospital. LCDR NOURIGAT stated that the survey being conducted by NSA was still in progress, and that he would keep the committee apprised of the situation as soon as details were available.

 - b. Capt LEMMON stated that the autoclave installation did not appear too difficult, but that Dr. MATTHEWS, presently in Saigon, may return with information which would offset the plan. Dr. MATTHEWS will report at the next meeting.

 - c. LCDR NOURIGAT informed the committee that only three Public Health Meetings were currently active; Quang Ngai, Tam Ky and Da Nang. The meeting at Quang Ngai, now similar to a hospital board, should be expanded to encompass a broader field of medical activity. Capt DEDAKER will act as a liaison representative and attend future meetings.

 - d. Medical feedback information: LCDR NOURIGAT has drafted a paper concerning this problem. It will be ready for publication in the immediate future, and will be entered into the committee minutes.

4. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Capt DEDAKER mentioned an unconfirmed cholera problem in Hue, and that the Preventive Medicine Unit was sending a team to investigate.

 - b. Maj STOLTZ stated that the trash dumps used by the U.S. Air Force and the city of Da Nang are located north of Duy Tan General Hospital. Recently the area has been expanding south toward the hospital and a fly problem is steadily increasing - a rodent problem is expected. Maj STOLTZ will contact concerned parties in an attempt to alleviate the situation.

c. Maj STOLTZ also apprised the committee of a severe road repair problem existing at Duy Tan. The entrance road (200 mtr) is unpaved and has reached a state of complete disrepair. Ambulances must continually use this entrance. Maj STOLTZ will contact the Roads Committee in an effort to obtain action prior to the monsoon season.

d. Capt DEDAKER discussed the problem of reimbursement for sanitary teams in the refugee camps. Capt THE reported that verbal approval for the payment had been granted, but that the formal request must be submitted from the province, through refugee channels to Saigon.

e. LCDR NOURIGAT raised a motion that the committee meet monthly rather than bimonthly. All present in agreement, the motion was seconded by Maj STOLTZ. The meetings are now scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month.

f. It has been determined that the helicopter landing pad at the Da Nang Hospital (Surgical Hospital location) is not suitable. Approval is being requested to move the pad to a more acceptable area.

g. Maj STOLTZ informed the committee that English-Vietnamese medical training books were being obtained through the I Corps Surgeon. They are to be used for CAP training.

5. The meeting adjourned at 1020 hours.

Respectfully submitted,



RICHARD B. STOLTZ
Major, MSC
Recorder

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COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE (CDC)
Minutes of meeting on 13 September 1967 at the
CORDS Regional Office, Danang

ATTENDING

F.F. Eubanks, Jr., Chief, Logistics, CORDS (Chairman)
Major J.B. Harris, III MAF, G-5 CAO
Major J.M. Kirk, I CORPS.
Capt. Brian M. Jenkins, C.O. 5th SFGA
Richard Holden, CORDS/Ref. Reg. I
John E. Frechette, CARE, Region I
William P. Schellstede, CARE
Cdr. John R. Hershberger, CHC, III MAF G-5
ENS K. E. Maoney, NSD Civic Action
Lt. William D.A. Musick, 25th CA Co. (Recorder)

GUESTS

Jack R. Burgess
Log/Tam Ky
George B. Gaines
Log/Q. Ngai
SFG Thomas P. Clark
Log/Q. Tri
Kermit J. Krause
Log/Thua Thien

Mr. Eubanks introduced all the Logistics Advisors present from the Provinces. He explained that they were present to answer any questions the members might have pertaining to logistical support in their province.

Mr. Eubanks brought the committee up to date on the status of material. He explained that Region tried to keep a 120 day supply level reserve on PL 480 commodities for two reasons: (1) As a reserve for flexibility and (2) Because of the upcoming monsoons. The continued increase in refugees and normal time lag for response has caused this supply level to diminish but Saigon is now building it back up. Region now has about a 50 to 60 day reserve in almost all commodities. The provinces are in fairly good shape at the present time. Example at Region:

| <u>Commodity</u> | <u>Operating Level</u> | <u>On hand</u> | <u>At Region</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bulgur 30 kg | 28,570 bags | 18,251 | 26,666 | 23,300 Via Orient Liner |
| Rolled Oats 10 kg | 25,000 | 25,861 | 43,750 | 3,125 Via Coastal vessel |
| Roofing sheets | 23,500 | 98,770 | 247,700 | |

Operating level for cement is 80,000 bags a month. The Navy (NSA, Danang) is giving outstanding support by providing 40,000 bags monthly and doubling that within a month. Sufficient quantities of cement are arriving in the future. Occasionally, the Region warehouse may be out of

cement, but this is because it is sometimes issued faster than it can be replaced and is only very temporary. There should be no problem with the supply of cement for the foreseeable future.

Maj. Harris informed the Logistics Advisor from Quang Ngai (George Gaines) that the ROK Marines needed 1600 paper blankets for refugees. The ROK's requested blankets from III MAF after trying to get them from CORDS, Quang Ngai. The representative from the ROK Marines was told that blankets were not available in Quang Ngai. Mr. Gaines told Maj. Harris that the blankets are now available in his warehouse. He was not familiar with the request by the ROK Marines but would see that they received the blankets.

John Frechette raised the question as to who exactly was eligible to receive cement and roofing from CORDS. Mr. Eubanks said that he would distribute a list of all approved issues of AID commodities to each member of the committee. (attached). Mr. Eubanks reported that the supply of rice bags was very low at the present time. He said that Region had one thousand 50 kilo bags on hand. There are 20,000 of the 100 kilo bags due in any day, and 1400 following. He said that 13,000 was the monthly estimate for captured rice. By the end of September there should be a three month supply in stock. It was noted that captured caches had not developed in over a month. This trend was expected to change since the autumn harvest was commencing within the next three weeks. Lt. Musick asked if the new commodity CSM had arrived yet. Mr. Eubanks said it was in, 3,00 bags, and for VNCS only.

Maj. Harris remarked that in order to avoid the last minute confusion everyone should start thinking about what support they are going to contribute during TET. He stated that the Marines had issued almost 30,000 gifts for the Children's Mid-Autumn Festival.

John Frechette, CARE, informed the committee that he had received a message direct from Quang Tri requesting 10,000 school kits. He told the committee that in order to save time these requests should be sent through Marine S5/G5 channel to Maj. Harris at III MAF. It is possible that requests could be placed and approved in both channels. Mr. Frechette pointed out that the avoidance of this duplication of effort was the prime reason for establishing the CDC.

Chaplain Hershberger, Ass't Force Chaplain, informed the committee that his replacement would be Chaplain Leon Darkowski on 15 September.

Capt. Jenkins, 5th SF, told the committee that he was engaged in making a survey of control of Special Forces issued commodities in I Corps. He said that when it was completed he would send a copy to each member. He also told the members that anyone interested in buying lumber should

contact him. A Special Forces Team in Quang Ngai has opened a sawmill and is producing 1500 board feet a day. He said that he is publishing a price list in English and will distribute it to all members.

John Prechette informed the members that he was leaving Vietnam on 29 Sept. '67. He expressed his gratitude for the cooperation and assistance he received for the past 17 months. Bill Schellstede has replaced John as the I Corps CARE Director.

It was decided that at least two members would present a 10 minute briefing on their particular aspect of operations in Viet Nam. The briefers for the October meeting will be Maj. Harris on III MAF 4-5 and Capt. Jenkins on Special Forces. Mr. Eubanks will also arrange to have a staff member of CORDS at each meeting to present a 10-15 minute brief on his activity. Mr. Eubanks gave a briefing on the entire CORDS Logistics Operation, to include mission, capabilities, problems, and future operations.

The next meeting will be at 1430 hours 18 October 1967 in the CORDS Conference Room.

MINUTES OF I CORPS JOINT COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING26 SEPTEMBER 1967

1. The Council convened at 0900 with the following members present:

- a. MGEN NICKERSON, USMC, Deputy Commanding General, III MAF (CHAIRMAN)
- b. BGEN OWENS, USMC, Chief of Staff, III MAF
- c. RADM LACY, USN, Commander, NSA, Danang
- d. Mr. CROSS, Assistant Deputy for CORDS
- e. Mr. COLEBAUGH, POLAD, III MAF
- f. Mr. WHELTON, Chief, NLD Division, CORDS
- g. Col HAYS, USMC, G-5, III MAF
- h. Col HIDALGO, USA, Deputy Commanding Officer, I Corps Advisory Group
- i. LtCol GARDNER, USA, G-5, I Corps Advisory Group
- j. LtCol THUAN, ARVN DC of S for Current Affairs, I Corps
- k. LCDR CRICCHI, USN, CAO, NSA
- l. 1st LT BRIAN, USAF, CAO, 366 TFW
- m. Maj NELSON, USMC, III MAF (Recorder)

2. The following guests were present:

- a. Mr. FULLER, CORDS (representing Chief, RD Division, CORDS)
- b. Col HUNT, USMC
- c. Capt LEMMON, USN
- d. LtCol ZIEGLER, USMC
- e. Maj MARTIN, USMC
- f. 1st LT MUSICK, USA

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. The CHAIRMAN opened the meeting, guests were introduced and welcomed and members were asked to comment on items previously brought before the Council.

b. Capt LEMMON, Chairman of the Public Health Committee, presented a report of that committee's meeting of 13 September 1967 (minutes attached to the 19 September minutes of the Council).

(1) Capt LEMMON reported that Provincial Public Health Committees are being formed in Hue and Quang Ngai. The JGC Public Health Committee will provide guidance to provincial public health personnel in establishing these committees.

ANNEX "F"
ENCLOSURE (5)

c. 1st LT MUSICK of the Commodities Distribution Committee presented a report of that committee's meeting of 13 September 1967 (minutes attached to the 19 September minutes of the Council).

d. Maj NELSON reported that barges with the final shipment of equipment for the Quang Ngai Sugar Mill arrived in Chu Lai on 22 September. The equipment is being trucked to Quang Ngai City. Mill officials have reported that the Japanese engineers who will assist in assembling the mill are scheduled to arrive in Quang Ngai City on 1 October.

e. The CHAIRMAN informed the members that the An Hoa Industrial Complex is proceeding with construction of the electrical power plant and high tension electrical distribution system on a priority basis.

f. Mr. WHELTON stated that the Mayor of Danang is currently in Saigon making final arrangements for GVN acquisition of the 10 hectares required for the U. S. Army sponsored 400 bed hospital for civilian war wounded.

g. BGEN OWENS reported that the III MAF Provost Marshal is continuing the campaign to eliminate the sale of narcotics to U. S. personnel.

h. Col HAYS informed the Council that 40 refugees are currently being employed in the repair of the Cau Lau Bridge. Mr. CROSS noted that the Special Commissariat for Refugees has resolved the minimum wage scales for refugee labor. The CHAIRMAN requested G-5, III MAF to continue efforts to employ refugees in gathering rocks for the repair of Highway #1.

i. Mr. FULLER reported that an engineer survey is being conducted at Cu Lao Re Island to determine work required to establish a detention center. The survey will include the following items:

(1) An assessment of work required to upgrade the existing 4000 foot airstrip to provide a C-123 capability.

(2) A determination of water availability.

(3) An appraisal of work required to widen the existing road to the proposed detention center site.

(4) Preparation of preliminary plans for camp construction.

(5) A survey of possible LCU landing sites.

Mr. FULLER also noted that National Police would provide the guard force for the proposed detention center and that two full time penal experts would be requested to serve as advisors for the camp.

j. LCDR CRICCHI reported that, although the Danang Museum is not yet formally opened, some visitors are being received. There is no admission charge for U. S. service personnel. However, Mr. COLEBAUGH pointed out that it is customary to offer a tip to guides. The CHAIRMAN requested NSA to ascertain when the museum will be formally opened and to look into the provision of a deposit box wherein visitors may leave monetary donations for the museum.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. A discussion was held on U. S. support of Christmas and Tet. It was agreed that a committee be formed to develop an informational paper for indoctrination of troop units on Christmas and Tet traditions in Vietnam and to publish an overall plan for support of the holidays. This committee will include representation from III MAF, CORDS, I Corps, I Corps Advisory Group, NSA, and the 29th Civil Affairs Company.

b. The CHAIRMAN requested that G-5, III MAF and CORDS make a survey of warehouse assets and ownership in Danang.

c. Col HUNT and LtCol ZIEGLER presented a comprehensive report on a proposed joint services/ARVN plan to remove old, unsightly communication cables from Doc Lop Street. The plan will result in better communications and improved appearance of Danang's main thoroughfare. The Council expressed enthusiasm in the proposed plan.

5. The meeting adjourned at 0950.

6. Agenda items for the next meeting are as follows:

a. Report of the Education Committee.

b. Report of the Agriculture Committee (a copy of the minutes of this meeting is attached).

c. Report of the Roads Committee (a copy of the minutes of this meeting is attached).

d. Review of unfinished business.

e. Review of highlights of week's activities by all members.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for 0900, 3 October 1967 in the CORDS Building conference room.

Respectfully submitted,



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MEETING OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE I CORPS
 JOINT COORDINATING COUNCIL
 11 SEPTEMBER 1967

1. The meeting was called to order, Dr. Tolle presiding, at 1330 hours, 11 September 1967, in room 301, CORDS Building, Danang. Members present were:

Dr. Tolle, CORDS/Educ. (Chairman)
 Capt. Dedeker, 29th CA CO
 ENS Mahoney, NSA
 Capt. Zaitkowsky, 1st MAW
 Mr. Von Goldberg, CORDS/Educ.
 SSGT Avila, AF (Acting recorder)
 Mr. Hung-Huu-Tieu, Chief Inspector, MOE (outgoing)
 Mr. Ho-van-Le, Chief Inspector (incoming)

2. The chairman opened the meeting and proposed that the Committee follow the agenda of:

- a. Youth Affairs - Lt. Kannegieter
- b. Health Programs, Region I - Capt. Dedeker
- c. Secondary School Science Curriculum - Mr. Tieu
- d. Essay Contest - Dr. Tolle
- e. Refugee Vocational Training - Mr. Von Goldberg
- f. Other business.

3. Old Business:

- a. Lt. Kannegieter was not in attendance, having been sent to Chu-Lai for the week. His report was postponed until the next meeting.
- b. Capt. Dedeker reported that he had acquired a small number of very good health films. They are complete with Vietnamese captions, and were originally produced by Walt Disney Studios. While the general background is not Vietnamese but Philippine, it is felt they are very closely allied with local problems and conditions and will be very effective. They will be shown in various primary schools in I Corps by members of the 29th/CA CO.

Dr. Tolle reported that a recent survey from his office showed that in the 76 hamlet school rooms built in Danang during the years of 1965-66-67 there are no rest rooms or wells. It was suggested that perhaps some military unit might wish to take on the correction of this situation as one of its Civil Affairs tasks.

Mr. Tieu asked consideration of supplying first-aid kits for schools in I Corps. He also mentioned the need for in-service training of teachers to use these materials. Capt. Dedeker recommended that such a project start with a small number of "Pilot Schools" and enlarge as the capacity to operate successfully might dictate.

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Mr. Tieu also mentioned that as many as 70% of all Vietnamese school children had eye defects, most of which were caused by infection. He asked if a program of eye care instruction might be instituted. Capt. Dedoker advised the committee that such a program was desperately needed, but that the existing sanitation conditions, polluted water, etc. made it very difficult to achieve significant success in a short period of time.

- c. Mr. Tieu spoke briefly of the need for science equipment in regional schools. Dr. Tolle agreed with this need, inserting the thought that in-service education was also needed as most Vietnamese instructors have never used any approach to the teaching of either chemistry or physics other than a mathematical one. The more modern demonstration-experimentation approach is unknown to most of those now teaching. It was suggested that a program in which American servicemen might spend a few hours each week teaching with and/or for Vietnamese teachers might do a great deal of good in this matter.

Mr. Tieu presented Dr. Tolle with a copy of the high school science curriculum. It will be translated in order that we may get some idea of the equipment needed.

- d. Dr. Tolle reported that the Sojourners Essay Contest was at last nearing completion. The new principal at Phan-Chu-Trinh High School who is also the head principal of Danang High Schools is reviewing the essays. A committee of three; as assistant from Dr. Tolle's office, the assistant principal of Phan-Chu-Trinh High School, and an official from the mayors office; is selecting appropriate prizes. The ceremony is to be held at the Danang City Hall in the very near future.
- e. Mr. Von Goldberg, CORDS/Educ., Vocational Advisor Region I briefed the group on the present status of refugee vocational education. All training centers, Danang, Quang-Tri, Hue, Quang-Ngai, have been either closed, or on limited schedules, during the month of August. Enrollment for the fall sessions is expected to be considerably larger than before.

The problem of security clearance of the refugees so that they may be employed after training is still very critical. Many of the graduated trainees must wait for months before they can acquire their clearances. They are, during this time, of no value in solving the man power problem and add to the rolls of those who must be supported by public funds. Mr. Von Goldberg stated that the training-employment picture could be changed appreciably if the Refugee Office were persuaded to clear the students during their time in school. A rather puzzling anachronism here is the fact that the students must be cleared before being allowed to enroll in the Courses. This clearance must be approved by SCR/Saigon and returned before an individual can enter a class. The need for another security clearance is not fully understood at this point.

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Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific (Attn: CEO)

Subj: Statistical Summary of 5th Comm Bn Functions

Encl: (1) Subject Summary

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for retention with CEO III MAF
Command Chronology for month of September.


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MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer
To: Communication Electronics Officer, III Marine Amphibious
Force

Subj: Statistical Summary of Battalion Functions

Ref: (a) Verbal Reg of III MAF CEO

Encl: (1) Statistical Summary for September

1. As requested by reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted
for the month of September.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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Narrative Summary. During the month of September the Battalion continued to perform its mission of providing communication operations for the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force. Limited support was provided to the 1st and 3d Marine Divisions, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and Force Logistic Command as required. Numerous "short term" operational communication commitments were issued in support of American/Free World Forces, i.e., public address system support, technical assistance, auger assistance, etc. Efforts to refine the III MAF Cable System continued. During September, 3.5 miles of 25-pair cable was installed with messenger and associated hardware. One hundred fifty eight forty foot wood and 8 metal poles were set in support of cable installations. Seventeen locals/trunks were repaired. Officer, Staff NCO representatives and contact teams visited and inspected Battalion personnel and equipment detachments in support of other organizations.

Significant Items not Included in the Chronological Summary.

Message Traffic. Message traffic increased by 4,511 messages over August for a September total of 61,298. This is within III MAF Communication Center capabilities but renewed efforts in this area, designed to keep the traffic level below 60,000, have been put into effect and include message review, recommendations for the use of US mail and Guard mail, and the use of speedletters rather than messages when time factors permit.

Teletype Circuit Availability. Teletype availability in the Communication Center and COC was 92.9 and 88.9 percent respectively. The COC availability figure of 88.9 percent is misleading in that the III MAF Command Net #2 "outage time" that is computed in this figure is actually a case of "no one on the other end" in many instances. The recent change promulgated by III MAF on this net will improve the reported COC communication reliability percentage.

Switchboard Call Count. The PARCHMENT switchboard averaged 5,243 calls per day during September. This approximates the accepted "average number" of calls handled per day and is well within personnel and equipment capability.

Equipment Capability. On 18 September the equipment availability of the Battalion dropped below 85 percent and placed the Battalion in an OPSTAT category of C-2 with an

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estimated attainment of C-1 during January 1968 based on past supply lead time in filling requisitions and return of equipment from higher echelons of repair. Within three days after filing OPSTAT change to C-2 previously requisitioned repair parts began arriving. An "around the clock" effort commenced throughout the Battalion and in seven days the equipment availability was in OPSTAT category of C-1 with 94.7 percent of combat essential equipment available to support III MAF.

Cable Restoration Assistance. During an enemy attack by fire on the Force Logistic Command's Red Beach Complex service on the M-8 (FLC to III MAF via 31 Test and AF DCO) and M-9 (FLC to 1st MarDiv) cables was completely disrupted. Battalion cable assistance teams arrived at FLC at 0630 and by 1000 service on both cables had been partially restored. At 1300 service on both cables was completely restored. Repair of the cables required one span of new cable but considerable time was required to "trouble shoot", visually and by feel, to locate shrapnel penetration points. Eight splices were required, 2 in the M-8 and 6 in the M-9.

Technical/Logistical Support.

Technical. A communication contact instruction team was provided to the Director, Combined Action Program. The team will be utilized to instruct CAP personnel in the operation and 1st/2d echelon maintenance of communication equipment.

Logistical. The Battalion was tasked to provide the Officer in Charge for a Marine/Army/Civilian instruction team conducting "in-country" instruction on Radar Sets PPS-5 and 6. In addition, the Battalion provided logistical, billeting and training aid support for the instruction team and students during September.

Chronological Summary.

1 Sep 67: Provided PA System support to USA STRATCOM Facility for a change of command ceremony.

Installed a MUTINY local in the Battalion Armory.

Provided a circuit path for DCS circuit SHM1 (PARCHMENT FCC - SHOVE FCC) via the AF05 and M-27 Cables.

2 Sep 67: Provided PA System support to MAG-16.

Restored cable communication from FLC to III MAF/1st MarDiv/DaNang that had been disrupted by an enemy attack by fire.

Conducted MRC-62 test with the 1st MarDiv from the III MAF Radio Relay Central for a two hour period. Equipment placed in a stand by status after test.

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- 3 Sep 67: Provided a circuit path for DCS circuit SJE9 (FLC Swbd - FLSG "A" Swbd).
Installed a MUTINY local in Bldg #409 (Off Qtrs).
- 4 Sep 67: Installed a PARCHMENT local in the SSO Communication Center.
- 5 Sep 67: Installed an additional trunk from PARCHMENT to DaNang Sub-Area, 1st Log Command, USA.
- 6 Sep 67: No new operational commitments issued.
- 8 Sep 67: Provided PA System support at China Beach for a presentation by the "Roll-N-Soul" show.
Assisted FLC in obtaining cable pair for PITCH-BLEND locals to the FLC EOD Platoon and the new transient facility in the RMK West Area.
Completed installation of two 25 pair cables from NSA Sea Anchor Communication Center frame to the PARCHMENT frame.
- 9 Sep 67: Commenced reroute of the M-8 Cable. It is expected that the proximity of the new cable to the road will reduce incidents of the cable being used for target practice.
Provided PA System support to III MAF Headquarters.
Rotated Radio Set AN/TSC-15 at Dong Ha. Dong Ha TSC-15 required extensive maintenance.
- 10 Sep 67: No new operational commitments issued.
- 11 Sep 67: Installed a PARCHMENT local with extension in the III MAF G-5 office.

Installed an extension off MUTINY 16 in Hospital
Corpsmen quarters.

Relocated two antennas near the III MAF COC to
new locations in the same general area.

- 12-13 Sep 67: No new operational commitments issued.
- 14 Sep 67: Installed a PARCHMENT local with extension in
the III MAF Dye Marker Representatives office.
- 15 Sep 67: Installed emergency electrical power lines in
the III MAF FCC which parallel power installed
in the Battalion Command Post Bunker.
- 16 Sep 67: Provided a circuit path for DCS circuit SGZ7
(Tan Son Nhut/7th AF - III MAF COC) from the
PARCHMENT frame to AF DCO.
- Provided a circuit path for Marine circuit MC-
116 (Wing Ln0 at FLC - Wing Serp0).
- Provided circuit paths for FLC circuits MC-418
(FLC - 3d MarDiv) and MC-419 (FLC - FLSG "A")
via the AN/TRC-97 and cable from MUTINY to
PITCHBLEND.
- 17 Sep 67: No new operational commitments issued.
- 18 Sep 67: Provided a circuit path for DCS circuit SKL7
(1st MarDiv COC - Chu Lai DASC) from ISHERWOOD
to AF DCO.
- 19 Sep 67: Relocated security telephones at the Deputy III
MAF CG's Guard and Security Barracks.
- 20 Sep 67: Provided PA System support at III MAF for a pre-
sentation of the "America's Children".
- Provided assistance to MAG-16 for the installation
of 10,000 feet of 6 and 12 pair cable.
- 21 Sep 67: Installed two PARCHMENT locals with extensions
in the CORDS Joint Staff Advisors Office.
- 22 Sep 67: No new operational commitments issued.
- 23 Sep 67: Provided two M-37 Trucks with drivers in support
of GEEIA for a period of about two weeks.

- 24 Sep 67: No new operational commitments issued.
- 25 Sep 67: Provided PA System support to the DaNang Sub-Area, 1st Log Command, USA.
- Installed an extension on III MAF G-3 main line 461.
- Provided SSgt 2542 for TAD III MAF CEO office during temporary shortage of personnel.
- 26 Sep 67: Designated one Officer and one NCO to be available to III MAF CEO to assist in the conduct of an ORI of switchboard facilities.
- Provided one Radio Set AN/PRC-41 to MAG-11 on temporary loan for a period of about 30 days.
- 27 Sep 67: No new operational commitments issued.
- 28 Sep 67: Relocated PARCHMENT locals 224, 324 and 405 to the Vietnamese Language School.
- Provided billeting accommodations and transportation for DCA/WECO engineering team involved in Talk Quick, III MAF.

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