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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION.COMMANDER

III Marine Amphibious Force

Lieutenant General Robert
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18Oct-31Dec67SUBORDINATE UNITS

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Major General Donn J.
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1Jun-31Dec67

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27Nov-31Dec67

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Major General Norman J.
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6Oct-31Dec67

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Brigadier General Samuel
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29th Civil Affairs Company	Lieutenant Colonel T. SEXTON, U.S. Army
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2. <u>LOCATION.</u>	
1-31 December 1967, East Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam	
3. <u>STAFF OFFICERS.</u>	
Chief of Staff	Brigadier General Robert G. OWENS, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps 1Apr-20Dec67
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Deputy Chief of Staff	Colonel Duane L. FAW, U.S. Marine Corps 11Aug-31Dec67
Deputy Chief of Staff, Air	Colonel John E. HAYS, U.S. Marine Corps 1Nov-31Dec67
Deputy Chief of Staff, Dye Marker	Colonel George W. ELLIS, U.S. Marine Corps 1Nov-31Dec67
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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	Colonel Thomas L. RANDALL, U.S. Marine Corps 14Nov-31Dec67
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	Colonel Rex O. DILLOW, U.S. Marine Corps 3Jun-31Dec67
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5	Lieutenant Colonel James L. BLACK, U.S. Marine Corps 1Nov-31Dec67
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6	Colonel Joseph F. HOLZBAUER, U.S. Marine Corps 14Nov-31Dec67
Psychological Operations Officer	Colonel Michael J. DUNBAR, U.S. Marine Corps 1Sep-31Dec67
Force Supply Officer	Colonel Frederick A. QUINT, U.S. Marine Corps 10Jul-31Dec67
Communications-Electronics Officer	Colonel Sanford B. HUNT, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps 8Apr-31Dec67
Force Legal Officer	Colonel Duane L. FAW, U.S. Marine Corps 30Jul-31Dec67
Force Engineer	Colonel Thirl D. JOHNSON, U.S. Marine Corps 5May-31Dec67
Force Adjutant	Major Deward E. SHELTON, U.S. Marine Corps 2Aug-31Dec67
Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller	Major Charles O. PITTS, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps 17Aug-31Dec67
Force Chaplain	Captain Ralph W. BELOW, U.S. Navy 11Oct-31Dec67

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 Combat Information Bureau

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Lieutenant Colonel Billy D.
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Captain Robert H. LEMMON,
 U.S. Navy
 1Jul-31Dec67

Force Dental Officer

Captain Jan F. KING,
 U.S. Navy
 1May-31Dec67

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Lieutenant Colonel George M.
 WILSON, U.S. Marine Corps
 16Aug-31Dec67

Force Ordnance Officer

Colonel Ralph D. CAIL,
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Lieutenant Colonel Hugh C.
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Lieutenant Colonel Thomas H.
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7Jun-31Dec67

USMC Liaison Officer, MACV

Colonel Edward L. FOSSUM,
U.S. Marine Corps
3Aug-31Dec67

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

a. 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>
H&S Company, Hq III MAF	11	1		288	4	
Hq Staff, III MAF	185	10		351	9	
SU#1, 1stRadBn	11			229		
CAGS	27			1079	94	
29th CA Co.(Att)			38			104
244th PsyOpsCo (Support)			17			62

b. III Marine Amphibious Force

<u>USMC</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>			<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>		<u>USAF</u>
	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>USAF</u>		<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>	
4831	429	2445	37	67951	2732	25120	46

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a. GENERAL. During December 1967, III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters was located in East Danang, Republic of Vietnam. The average personnel strength was 103,591, an average of 4,203 over 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 December 1967.

2. OVERALL EVALUATION.

a. In December, during the early weeks the enemy conducted limited ground attacks of up to company strength units by fire along the DMZ area. Areas of heaviest fighting were in the NE sector of the DMZ; coastal Quang Tri Province (above Cua Viet); Go Noi Island and on the border of Quang Nam/Quang Tin Provinces.

b. On 5 December the enemy overran and destroyed the Binh Son District Headquarters in Quang Ngai Province.

c. During the latter part of December, the enemy assumed a more defensive type posture and it was during this period when he received his heaviest casualties.

d. The enemy's attempt to attack the Danang area by use of rockets was thwarted when a squad from D/1/7, on the night of 20-21 December, ambushed a large column of VC carrying 122mm rockets toward the Danang Area, killing 17 VC and capturing two 122mm rocket tubes, one with sights and tripod, as well as 1 LMG and 4 rifles while suffering 2 KIA.

3. OPERATIONS. During December, the primary objectives were to deny entry of NVA units into the ICTZ; to deny NVA/VC forces located in ICTZ use of Base Areas 101 and 114; to destroy enemy forces within ICTZ.

a. To Deny Entry of NVA Units into ICTZ. Four major unit

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operations were conducted in the northern portion of Quang Tri Province in and around the DMZ during the month. The main areas of conflict were north of Con Thien and Gio Linh in Operation KENTUCKY and north of Cua Viet in Operation NAPOLEON. Construction effort in the DYE MARKER area continued throughout the month with A-3 area receiving enemy initiated action in the way of incoming mortar and artillery. Search and destroy operations were continually being conducted in, around and north of A-3 during the entire month. All units in these operations in northern Quang Tri Province conducted numerous patrol, ambushes, reconnaissance missions and platoon, company, battalion and multi-battalion search and destroy operations and continue to control the high ground and avenues of approach in efforts to accomplish this mission.

b. To Deny NVA/VC Forces located in ICTZ use of Base Areas 101 and 114. Operations OSCEOLA and NEOSHO conducted search and destroy operations in Base Areas 101 and 114 respectively during the month of December. Operation OSCEOLA accounted for 24 KIA (Conf), 25 KIA (Prob) while capturing 3 POW's and 5 Weapons. Operation NEOSHO accounted for 34 KIA (Conf), 96 KIA (Prob), capturing 5 POW's and 5 weapons. Both operations continued into the month of January 1968.

c. To Destroy Enemy Forces within ICTZ. During the month of December, III MAF conducted 11 large unit operations within its tactical zone. These operations accounted for 1,237 enemy KIA (Conf), 701 KIA (Prob), 77 POW's and 362 Weapons captured while the forces of III MAF lost 96 KIA. This mission is an ever-continuing one but the significant results of the large unit operations as well as the many small unit operations is indicative of limited successful accomplishment of this mission. Enemy losses during 1967 to U.S. Forces within ICTZ were 25,452 KIA (Conf) and 23,363 KIA (Prob) which is a monthly average of 2,121 KIA (Conf), while U.S. losses for the same period averaged 302 KIA per month for a ratio of 7:1. Enemy losses in 1967 were 14,728 KIA (Conf) more than the 1966 total.

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a. Operation WHEELER-WALLOWA. During the period 1-31 December, Americal Division continued search and destroy operations in Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces with moderate to significant contact for the period. At 030845H, Brigade scouts from 3/1 engaged 4 VC w/SA fire killing all 4. At 051650H, B/1/9 engaged an unknown size enemy force and 10 minutes later the Blue Team (Inf Plt) was combat assaulted into the area. Contact was broken at 051745H with 2 USA WIA (MedEvac). Enemy losses during this contact were 17 NVA KIA (Conf) and 3 Weapons Captured. (One of the Enemy KIA's was identified as Major Tran-Goc-Toan, Commanding Officer, 3rd NVA Regiment, 2nd NVA Division.) At 060830H the Blue Team from B/1/9 was again inserted to secure a downed OH-13 helicopter and engaged and killed 8 VC with SA. At 081505H, B/1/9 engaged 4 VC accounting for 4 VC KIA (Conf). At 091000H, C/2/20 ARA gunships while firing artillery prep for B/1/35 combat assault, observed 4-5 NVA evading from the area. B/1/35 made the contact and killed all 4. Between 091015H and 091555H, gunships engaged NVA units throughout the area. 97 NVA KIA (Conf) were reported on the 9th and an additional 14 were found upon police of the area on the 10th. At 131705H, A/4/31 had a Hoi Chan lead them to a weapons cache consisting of 6 LAAW's, 3 M-60's w/tripod, 1 BAR, 2 AK-47, 1 M-1, 1-350 type SMG, 1 RPG rocket launcher, and 1 unknown type MG. At 141742H, A/5/7 engaged 4 NVA accounting for 4 NVA KIA (Conf) and also found 3 NVA KBA in the same area while capturing 3 AK-47's, 1 carbine, two .45 cal pistols and 1 RPD. At 161330H, Brigade scouts from 3/1 observed 7 VC (3 in a boat, 4 in bunkers along the river bank). Both groups were engaged resulting in 2 VC KIA (Conf) from the boat and all 4 VC in the bunkers were KIA (Conf). On the 26th a Chieu Hoi lead A/3/21 to a weapons cache of 87 individual and 53 crew served weapons. At 271835H, D/3/21 observed and engaged 15 VC by SA and artillery accounting for 12 VC KIA (Conf). From 281125 to 281630H, B/2/1 engaged an unknown size VC force. B Co. used artillery and gunships throughout the contact. Results were: USA: 1 KIA, 5 WIA (MedEvac); Enemy: 13 KIA (Conf), 2 Detainees and 10 IWC. Casualties for the period were: USA: 13 KIA, 268 WIA, 5811 Refugees (from commencement); Enemy: 717 KIA (Conf), 13 KIA (Prob), 41 PW/VC, 25 PW/NVA, 132 Civil Defendants, 758 Innocent Civilians and 273 Weapons captured. Cumulative results are: USA: 258 KIA, 1190 WIA, 5811 Refugees; Enemy: 3188 KIA (Conf),

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155 KIA (Prob), 2362 Detainees, 87 PW/VC, 39 PW/NVA, 8 Returnee/VC, 2 Returnee/NVA, 232 Civil Defendants, 1936 Innocent Civilians and 743 Weapons captured.

b. Operation KENTUCKY. During the period 1-31 December, the 3rd Marine Division (9th Marines(-)(Rein)) continued search and destroy operations with moderate contact for the period. On the afternoon of 1 December, 2/9 found an extensive bunker complex with field kitchen, ammunition and equipment. Some of the ammo found included 3 RPG rocket rounds, 2 Chicom grenades and AK-47 ammo; Equipment included 3 packs, 3 raincoats, 2 helmets, 3 utility jackets (marked 90th Regt), etc and 20 pounds rice. On 9 December air strikes controlled by Division AO's accounted for 16 NVA KIA (Conf) and 10 NVA KIA (Prob). 1/3 providing security for the engineer effort around A-3 received 104 rounds of 85mm artillery on 14 December suffering only 2 USMC WIA (Minor). At approximately 151300H, B/1/1 called in a 81mm mortar mission on 3 NVA and when they started checking out the area, were engaged by an estimated enemy battalion using SA/AW, 60 and 82mm mortars, RR fire and heavy artillery fire. Co A/1/1 with tanks in support was sent forward to assist Co B who had 11 WIA (Med Evac). At 151600H, Co B broke contact and withdrew with their dead and wounded while Co A covered the withdrawal. AO's observed and conducted A/S and artillery (VT) missions on enemy troops in open just north of original contact. By 151625H all units had broken contact and were withdrawing towards the trace. Friendly losses were 3 KIA and 32 WIA while enemy losses were 46 NVA KIA (Conf) and 135 NVA KIA (Prob). At 231046H, 1/4 was hit by 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in 31 WIA (MedEvac) and 8 WIA (Minor). On 25 December, Dong Ha AO's observed 50 NVA on each side of a river with 10 trying to cross. Three flights of fixed wing aircraft were controlled by AO accounting for 10 NVA KIA (Conf) and 19 NVA KIA (Prob). At 251700H, 3rd Recon Team observed 4 NVA, 700 meters SW of their position. The NVA also spotted the Recon Team and a USAF AO on station informed the Recon Team that the 4 NVA were within 75 meters of their position and moving toward them. At 251730H, AO advised the Recon Team that an additional 10 NVA were approximately 100 meters from them and closing. The Recon Team moved north to a new position. At 251830H AO observed 10-15 NVA approximately 200 meters NE of position and ten minutes later informed team they were being surrounded. Fixed wing aircraft made runs and received SA/AW fire. At 251910H Recon Team moved again and set up a defensive position. Fixed wing aircraft made napalm runs and at 252030H Spooky aircraft came on station and fired 360 degrees around the Recon Teams position. At 252150H fixed wing aircraft

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again made napalm run receiving SA fire on each run. At 252250H USAF AO was shot down killing both pilot and AO. Recon Team recovered both bodies and all documents, weapons and log book and were extracted without further contact. On 28 December Dong Ha AO's controlling fixed wing air strikes accounted for 15 NVA KIA (Conf) and 13 KIA (Prob). At 301700H Regimental sniper team engaged 7 NVA accounting for 3 NVA KIA (Conf). Casualties for the period were: USMC: 30 KIA, 473 WIA; Enemy: 235 KIA (Conf), 381 KIA (Prob), 41 Detainees, 1 PW/NVA, 1 Civil Defendant, 39 Innocent Civilians, 28 Weapons captured. Cumulative results are: USMC: 67 KIA, 687 WIA; Enemy: 373 KIA (Conf), 550 KIA (Prob), 54 Detainees, 3 PW/NVA, 1 Returnee/VC, 1 Civil Defendant, 49 Innocent Civilians and 51 Weapons captured.

c. Operation NAPOLEON. During the period 1-31 December, 1stAMTRAC Bn continued search and destroy operations in the Cua Viet area, with light contact for the period. On 4 December at 0930H a squad patrol was hit by an unknown size enemy force with heavy SA/AW fire, inflicting a wound in the left eye of their scout sniper. Patrol withdrew under fire covered by an A/S which accounted for 1 NVA KIA (Conf). At 1245H F/2/4 moved forward to check out the area when they came under SA/AW fire from approximately 35 NVA. An artillery mission was called and two squads went forward to check area. Results of the contact were: 1 USMC WIA; 13 NVA KIA (Conf), 5 NVA KIA (Prob). On 10 December two squads from F/2/4 in day ambush site exchanged heavy SA/AW fire with an enemy force. Two additional squads were dispatched to sweep the area, finding 8 NVA KIA (Conf), 2 NVA KIA (Prob), while friendly forces had 1 KIA and 3 WIA. From 110800H to 111645H, 2 platoons from F/2/4 and 2 platoons from Co B, 1st AMTRAC Bn were in previous nights ambush position when they observed 40 NVA moving south. As the units prepared to conduct a sweep on enemy's rear, 11 NVA were observed digging in mortar positions and an artillery mission was fired, neutralizing the position. Again, as they prepared to sweep south, 15 NVA were observed to the west and 5 from the south probed the position of F/2/4. NVA units taken under fire by LVTH-6's, .50 cal MG and AW fire. As F/2/4 commenced sweep south they encountered frontal fire from approximately 16 NVA, attack from north by 20 NVA and from NW by 8 NVA. Heavy fighting ensued with F/2/4 firing counter battery and direct fire with LVTH-6 while receiving approximately 38 mortar rounds. F/2/4 had now established dug in positions when the enemy launched another attack. It was repulsed by AW fire. Enemy activity ceased except for sporadic sniper fire. Casualties for this engagement were 20 USMC WIA (7 MedEvac); Enemy: 54 NVA KIA (Conf), 37 NVA KIA (Prob). On 16 December 1st

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AMTRAC CP received 130 rounds of 100mm or larger artillery and possible rocket fire, causing 5 KIA and 31 WIA (11 MedEvac), damaging 4 LVTP-5, 1 generator, destroying 2 water trailers and damaging or destroying 11 tropical huts. Casualties for the period were: USMC: 10 KIA, 100 WIA; Enemy: 79 KIA (Conf), 58 KIA (Prob), 17 Detainees, 1 PW/NVA, 12 Innocent Civilians, 1 Weapon captured. Cumulative results: USMC: 10 KIA, 100 WIA; Enemy: 83 KIA (Conf), 63 KIA (Prob), 35 Detainees, 1 PW/NVA, 13 Innocent Civilians, 4 Weapons captured.

d. Operation SCOTLAND. During the period 1-31 December, 26th Marines continued search and destroy operations with light contact for the period. On 191010H 3rd Recon Team ambushed 7 NVA resulting in 4 NVA KIA (Conf) capturing 1 AK-47 rifle while having 1 WIA (Minor). At 241615H, 3rd Recon Team observed 2 NVA approximately 30 meters from their position. Five minutes later they were being surrounded by 15 or more NVA. The team moved to a new position setting up a defensive perimeter and awaiting extraction. The NVA closed with the team and initiated SA/AW fire and threw grenades. Gunships came on station and strafed the area until Recon Team was extracted at 241745H. An artillery mission was also fired on the area of the contact. Total enemy casualties were 4 NVA KIA (Conf) and 6 NVA KIA (Prob). At 271350H 3rd Recon Team was spotted and fired on by 15-20 NVA/VC. The team returned SA fire calling an artillery mission while moving to a defensive position. Gunships from VMO-3 came on station and strafed area in addition to calling in additional artillery mission. Recon Team was extracted at 271535H after which an artillery mission was called in on area again by gunships. Casualties for the period were: USMC: 3 KIA, 14 WIA; Enemy: 15 KIA (Conf), 24 KIA (Prob), 6 Weapons captured. Cumulative results are: USMC: 3 KIA, 14 WIA; Enemy: 15 KIA (Conf), 29 KIA (Prob), 8 Detainees, 8 Innocent Civilians, 6 Weapons captured.

e. Operation NEOSHO. During the period 1-31 December, 4th Marines continued search and destroy operations in Thua Thien Province with light contact for the period. On 4 December, AO controlled an A/S accounting for 3 NVA KIA (Conf) and 4 NVA KIA (Prob). At 041330H, a patrol from I/3/26 exchanged SA/AW fire from sampans. The sampans were sunk and patrol accounted for 2 NVA KIA (Conf). At 051310H, D/1/9 patrol observed 15 VC and engaged enemy with SA fire and conducted artillery mission, accounting for 3 VC KIA (Conf), 4 VC KIA (Prob), 1 M-1 carbine. On 10 December I/3/26 patrol engaged 7-8 VC. SA fire was ex-

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changed and patrol called in gunship resulting in 1 VC KIA (Conf), 2 VC KIA (Prob), 2 Detainees, 1 Weapons captured and documents. At 261545H the 3rd Recon Team called in gunships on 2 VC, accounting for 2 KIA (Conf). At 271305H, Hq, 4th Marines Scout Sniper patrol called in an artillery mission of 87 rounds of 105mm plus an A/S on 63 VC, accounting for 5 VC KIA (Conf) and 15 VC KIA (Prob). On 28 December, A/1/9 had 4 contacts with small groups of VC, accounting for 5 VC KIA (Conf), 13 VC KIA (Prob), capturing 1680 pounds of rice and assorted VC clothing while suffering 1 USMC WIA (MedEvac). During the period, at the water security point, Vietnamese civilians turned into Marines the following items: 11-M2A4 mines, 8½ pounds TNT, 5 Chicom grenades, 7 M-26 grenades, 1 rifle grenade, 9 M-79 rounds, detonators, 42 rounds 60mm mortar, 3 rounds 81mm mortar, 1 round 105mm artillery, and over 5100 rounds assorted SA ammo. Casualties for the period were: 4 KIA, 66 WIA. Enemy: 34 KIA (Conf), 96 KIA (Prob), 13 Detainees, 5 PW/VC, 1 Returnee/VC, 2 Innocent Civilians, 5 Weapons captured. Cumulative results are: USMC: 5 KIA, 89 WIA; Enemy: 47 KIA (Conf), 120 KIA (Prob), 27 Detainees, 5 PW/VC, 1 Returnee/VC, 3 Innocent Civilians, 6 Weapons captured.

f. Operation LANCASTER. During the period 1-31 December, 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Marines (-)(Rein), continued search and destroy operations in Quang Tri Province with light contact for the period. On 14 December, 3rd Recon Team observed 10-12 NVA and called in a fixed wing A/S accounting for 10 NVA KIA (Prob). At 171545H, 3rd Recon Team observed 5 NVA walking east along a river, called in a 105mm artillery mission accounting for 1 NVA KIA (Conf) and 4 NVA KIA (Prob). On the 19th a convoy consisting of 2 tanks, 11 engineer vehicles and 2 vehicles from 3/9 with a security patrol going from Thon Son Lom to Ca Lu was ambushed. Lead tank received 1 RPG round then convoy came under SA and 10 rounds of 60mm mortars which disabled 1 truck. A second truck detonated a mine and was destroyed. The lead tank and 2 trucks continued to Ca Lu while the remainder turned back to Thon Son Lom. Friendly casualties were 1 KIA, 9 WIA (7 MedEvac). Casualties for the period were: USMC: 1 KIA, 22 WIA; Enemy: 1 KIA (Conf), 14 KIA (Prob), 8 Detainees, 8 Innocent Civilians. Cumulative results are: USMC: 2 KIA, 45 WIA; Enemy: 2 KIA (Conf), 17 KIA (Prob), 8 Detainees, 8 Innocent Civilians, 2 Weapons captured.

g. Operation OSCEOLA. During the period 1-31 December, 1st Marines (-)(Rein), 3rd Marine Division continued search and destroy operations in Quang Tri Province with light contact for

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the period. At 050135H approximately 1 squad of VC attacked Co E/2/1 defensive position with SA, rifle grenades and hand grenades. Co E/2/1 returned SA fire, 60mm/81mm mortars and artillery mission. Total casualties for the encounter were 12 USMC WIA (4 MedEvac), 1 VC KIA (Conf), 2 VC KIA (Prob) and 1 AK-47 rifle captured. At 070200H, H/2/1 received 1 grenade and numerous satchel charges from approximately 8-10 VC during a heavy rain storm, killing 2 USMC while wounding 3 (MedEvac). SA/AW fire was returned along with grenades; moaning could be heard along with dragging noises. Area was searched at 070800H and 30 blocks of TNT, 1 AK-47 w/magazine, 1 cloth hat, 1 plastic hat and 1 NVA helmet were found. At 081032H, H/2/4 found six 55 gal drums full of rice in a Vietnamese house. At 152220H, the Quang Tri Airfield complex received approximately 60 rounds 82mm mortar fire from 2 separate enemy positions. Total Casualties for 2/4 and MAG-36 were 1 KIA, 30 WIA (MedEvac) and 12 WIA (Minor). At 230330H, C/1/1 observed boat in river moving downstream with 6 VC. Boat was challenged with no response and then engaged boat and occupants with SA fire, M-79 and 60mm. Boat was destroyed and 4 VC KIA (Conf). At 280145H, C/1/1 again engaged a boat with 5 VC, accounting for 4 VC KIA (Conf). Casualties for the period were: USMC: 6 KIA, 70 WIA; Enemy: 24 KIA (Conf), 25 KIA (Prob), 50 Detainees, 1 PW/VC, 2 PW/NVA, 57 Innocent Civilians, 5 Weapons captured. Cumulative results are: USMC: 17 KIA, 173 WIA; Enemy: 56 KIA (Conf), 69 KIA (Prob), 134 Detainees, 1 PW/VC, 2 PW/NVA, 2 Returnees/NVA, 2 Civil Defendants, 122 Innocent Civilians, 23 Weapons captured.

h. Operation PITT. During the period 5-12 December, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines conducted an helicopter assault in Elephant Valley encountering no opposition in the Landing Zone with insufficient contact for the period. Contact was negative until 091930H when a squad ambush from G/2/7 engaged 3 VC, killing one with one probable while capturing one .45 cal pistol. On 101415H, Co E(-) 2/7 while on a search and destroy mission observed and engaged 2 VC with SA. During search of the area 1 VC KIA (Conf) was found along with 1 AK-47 rifle, 1 hammock, 1 poncho, 1 clothing bag, 1 camouflaged blanket, 1 mosquito net, 1 cartridge belt, 2 Chicom grenades, 3 AK-47 magazines, 1 green uniform, 1 field jacket, documents and communications wire. Three small contacts on 11 December by F/2/7 accounted for 1 VC KIA (Prob). Operation PITT terminated operations at 120600H with negative contact. Casualties for the period were: USMC: 1 KIA, 1 WIA; Enemy: 2 KIA (Conf), 2 KIA (Prob), 2 Weapons captured.

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i. Operation CITRUS. During the period 15-23 December, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines conducted search and destroy operations with moderate contact for the period. On 15 December, three sightings by Recon Teams accounted for 1 VC KIA (Conf), 13 VC KIA (Prob). On 16 and 17 December, Division AO controlled fixed wing air strikes and helicopter gunships accounted for 10 NVA and 1 VC KIA (Conf), 4 NVA and 5 VC KIA (Prob), while destroying 12 structures. At 181305H, K/3/7 exchanged SA fire with an estimated 6 VC resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 2 VC KIA (Conf), while capturing 2 AK-47 rifles. At 201540H, 1st Recon Team observed 4 VC and conducted an artillery mission killing all 4 enemy. On the morning of the 23rd, Div AO observed 3 VC and conducted an artillery mission accounting for 2 VC KIA (Conf). Operation CITRUS terminated at 231000H. A total of 100 tactical air sorties were flown while artillery units fired 591 missions expending 5,039 rounds of ammunition. Casualties for the period were: USMC: 4 KIA, 50 WIA; Enemy: 35 KIA (Conf), 75 KIA (Prob), 47 Detainees, 2 PW/VC, 3 Weapons captured.

j. Operation MUSCATINE. During the period 19-31 December, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry (-) (USA) conducted search and destroy operations in the southern portion of the Chu Lai TAOR in Quang Ngai Province. From the 19th to the 23rd, contact was light and scattered with engagements with small 2-3 man groups of NVA/VC. On the 24th, a gunship engaged and killed 8 VC. At 261600H, A/1/52 engaged 3 VC killing one, apprehending two and capturing 3 weapons. Also on the 26th, C/2/35 found a camouflaged trap door leading into a tunnel which, when searched, yielded 3 individual weapons and miscellaneous ammunition and mines. At 281600H, A/1/52 received sniper fire and engaged an unknown size enemy force accounting for 5 VC KIA (Conf) and 2 Detainees. At 301125H, B/2/35 engaged 3 VC w/SA fire, killing all 3 and capturing 6 weapons. Casualties for the period were: USA: 2 KIA, 19 WIA; Enemy: 58 KIA (Conf), 7 Detainees, 34 Weapons captured.

k. Operation AUBURN. During the period 28-31 December, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines commenced a combined coordinated search and destroy operation in the Duy Xuyen/Go Hoi Island area with moderate contact in the LZ areas and on 29 December, the 5th Marines assumed control of units within Operation AUBURN. From the initial landing by E/2/3 and continuing throughout the landing of I/3/5 and 3/5 command group, all units in the LZ received continuous enemy fire. At 281130H, E/2/3 moved into the attack and was hit by mutually supporting fortified areas and I/3/5 moved forward to assist. Heavy fighting continued until

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1700H when Marine units set up defensive positions. Contact continued into the next day and friendly casualties for this period were 22 KIA, 46 WIA (MedEvac), 1 WIA (Minor), while enemy casualties were 33 KIA (Conf), 11 KIA (Prob), 5 Weapons captured. At 301525H, 5th Marine Regiment Command Group with 2/5 Command Group and Co I/3/5 extracted passing Opcon to 3/5. Casualties for the period were: 22 KIA, 53 WIA; Enemy: 37 KIA (Conf), 13 KIA (Prob), 2 Detainees, 5 Weapons captured.

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2. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY.

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>AMER DIV</u>	<u>CIDG</u>	<u>ARVN</u>	<u>ROKMC</u>
KIA (Conf)	618	1194	54	464	40
KIA (Prob)	1237	47	40	88	19
Detainees	373	999	22	266	14
PW/NVA	7	23	0	0	0
PW/VC	5	42	22	248	2
Returnee/NVA	4	1	0	0	0
Returnee/VC	46	9	0	138	3
Civil Defendants	29	117	0	0	0
IWC	139	187	14	198	2
CSWC	14	32	0	7	1
Innocent Civilians	180	816	0	0	0

<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>AMER DIV</u>	<u>CIDG</u>	<u>ARVN</u>	<u>ROKMC</u>
KIA (Conf)	680	1043	100	958	37
Detainees	363	1571	108	529	1
PW/NVA	3	22	0	0	0
PW/VC	19	80	40	182	0
Returnee/NVA	1	1	0	0	0
Returnee/VC	6	0	3	362	2
Civil Defendants	55	188	0	0	0
IWC	87	297	31	253	2
CSWC	13	59	1	22	0
Innocent Civilians	271	1256	0	0	0

3. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES SUSTAINED.

a. Battle

<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>
<u>USMC/USA/USN</u>	<u>USMC/USA/USN</u>	<u>USMC/USA/USN</u>	<u>USMC/USA/USN</u>
164/24/3	697/191/19	6/5/0	12/8/0

b. Non-Battle

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>INJ/ILL</u>
<u>USMC/USA/USN</u>	<u>USMC/USA/USN</u>
25/3/0	92/42/0

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Summary:	78
Special:	105
General:	9

b. Awards Presented:

MOH	3
Navy Cross	2
DSM	1
Silver Star	14
Legion of Merit	19
DFC	15
Navy and Marine	1
Bronze Star	98
Air Medal	1456
Joint Svc	0
NCM	134
NCA	31
Purple Heart	1512
Army Commendation	1
Single Mission Air Medal	2

c. Short tons of mail sent and received by III MAF:

Sent:	450
Received:	2,071

d. Special Services Activities.(1) Freedom Hill Recreation Complex.

(a) Library. On 31 December the library had a total of 21,723 books. Of this total 9,741 were hard bound books of which 7,312 are catalogued. There are presently 11,412 paper back books on the shelves and 9,844 in storage.

(b) Hobby Shops. The Photo Hobby Shop is now operational. It is anticipated that the Wood Craft Hobby Shop will become operational in the near future. During the period 1-31 December a total of 848 - 1800' magnetic tapes were reproduced.

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(c) Theater. Attendance declined slightly during the month of December. An average of 854 personnel per day enjoyed good movies.

(d) Bowling Alley. There has been no change in the status of the bowling alley since the last report.

(2) R&R Activities.

(a) Out-of-Country. Of 5,969 seats allocated to III MAF 5,734 were filled for 96.06% utilization. Of 7,453 seats allocated to III MAF (including Naval Forces in I Corps) 7,096 were filled for 95.21% utilization. Total allocation for Danang R&R Center consisted of 10,092 seats of which 9,488 were filled for a utilization percentage of 94.01%.

(b) R&R Program/Out-of-Country. The following are the December statistics for III MAF and I Corps R&R usage for each out-of-country R&R sites:

<u>SITE</u>	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>I CORPS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bangkok	1,019	634	1,653
Hong Kong	894	520	1,414
Taipei	658	372	1,030
Tokyo	563	437	1,000
Manila	168	156	324
Singapore	309	137	446
Kuala Lumpur	93	56	149
Penang	209	128	337
Okinawa	289	43	332
Hawaii	1,135	858	1,993
Sydney	397	413	810
TOTAL	5,734	3,754	9,488

(c) In-Country R&R (China Beach). Quotas of 4,000 were allocated of which 1,321 were used. This does not include daily users. Daily users for the month totaled 26,293.

(3) Entertainment.

<u>Entertainers</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Holy Buckets	7-14Dec	Musical Variety
Dave Garo	8-11Dec	Handshake/Musical

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Bob Hope Troupe	18Dec	Comedy/ Musical Variety
Chris Noel	20-24Dec	Handshake
Martha Raye	25-29Dec	Handshake
Johnny Grant & his friends	27-30Dec	Handshake

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

Messages sent:	16,609
Messages received:	8,787
Phone patches sent:	6,881
Phone patches received:	416
Hospital calls	328
"Hi-Mom" calls	6

(5) The Force Special Services/USO project, "Christmas Gift Wrap" for personnel in the field and in I Corps area consisted of 40,634 gifts wrapped and delivered to the units listed below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF GIFTS</u>
1stMarDiv	12,349
3rdMarDiv	15,000
AmerDiv	10,450
NSA Hospital	600
Seal Team #1	50
Monkey Mountain	41
NSA MT	45
MAG-16 Helo drop to men at DMZ by LtCol ANDERSON	700
Special Forces Sub-Sector	279
Marine Security, Danang	120

e. CHAPLAIN ACTIVITIES.

2 December - Visited Hoa Hai Village, south of Marble Mountain to speak with Administrative Committee Chief concerning assistance in Village for Christmas and TET. \$200.00 worth of gifts purchased with assistance of LtCol B.P. VEAL.

4 December - Visited Tan Lap School to view progress of construction; 8 rooms almost completed; plans drawn for sixteen more rooms. Visited ARVN Hospital compound.

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5 December - Took clothing, toys and supplies to Sacred Heart Orphanage.

6 December - Chaplain L.S. DARKOWSKI, Commander, USN, promoted to rank of Captain by LtGen R.W. CUSHMAN Jr., to date from 1 July 1967. Force Chaplain attended and spoke at Staff meeting and attended luncheon at FLC.

8 December - Attended board meeting of Vietnamese Scholarship Committee at Vietnamese-American Cultural Center, Danang. Had conference with local school board re: English teaching program.

9-10 December - Visit from Elder Marion Hanks, member of Council of 70, Latter Day Saints; Mr. Lawrence Epperson, President, LDS, Vietnam, Saigon and Mr. Keith Garner, LDS President, Southeast Asia, Hong Kong.

12-13 December - Visited Chu Lai to conduct conference with Chaplains in Chu Lai area. Paid calls on CO's of 2nd LAAM Bn; MAG-12, MAG-13, 1st Hosp Co., MCB-40 and 9th Engineers.

17 December - Attended Scholarship Committee meeting to award Scholarship, Quang Tin.

20-28 December - Visit to I Corps by Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Navy. Vists paid by Chief and Force Chaplain as Escort Officer to III MAF, NSA, Danang, Camp Tien Sha, Deep Water Piers, NSA Hospital, 3rd NavConstBde, FLC, 1stMAW, Chu Lai Chapel Dedication, TV appearance, 1stMarDiv, Phu Bai, Dong Ha, Quang Tin, Camp Evans and USS VALLEY FORGE, IWO JIMA, ARLINGTON, KITTY HAWK, CANBERRA, NEWPORT NEWS, CORAL SEA and destroyers and Service Force Ship.

23 December - Christmas concert, III MAF Chapel, 40 voice male chorus.

24 December - Chief of Chaplains spoke at 0900 service. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Communion.

25 December - Christmas Day Service at 0900.

5. INTELLIGENCE.

a. General Enemy Situation. Enemy activity during December was of a dual nature. During the early weeks of the reporting period, the enemy initiated a series of limited ground attacks of up to company strength by fire along the DMZ, and overran and

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destroyed the BINH SON District Headquarters on 5 December in Quang Ngai Province. However, during the latter two weeks of December, the enemy assumed a more defensive posture and suffered his heaviest casualties as a result of friendly initiated operations when he was forced to fight at times and places not of his choosing. Areas of heaviest activity were the northeast section of the DMZ; coastal Quang Tri Province where the 416th NVA Battalion was reduced to 30% effectiveness; GO NOI Island where the R20 and V25 Battalions received heavy casualties; and the southern Quang Nam-northern Quang Tin border area where the 2nd NVA Division received severe casualties when it could not disengage. Following the capture of an operation plan in which MR-5 tasked the 2nd NVA Division to destroy a U.S. Brigade in the Que Son Valley area, the enemy continued with preparations to implement this plan despite casualties. This action gave further substance to reports that the enemy had succeeded in infiltrating at least 24,000 NVA replacements into I Corps during 1967. Utilizing the truce period as a respite for his combat troops and as an opportunity to resupply, redeploy his forces and infiltrate replacements, the enemy remained poised to execute the Winter-Spring Campaign Plans of MR-5 and Tri Thien/Hue MR in the new year. Current intelligence indicates that the 2nd NVA Division is shifting its area of operations to Quang Nam Province, which will be a focal point in the Winter-Spring Campaign. Indications of the formation of a 4th Regiment in the Phu Loc area continue to be reported, and are in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 13, which calls for the severing of the Tri Thien Region from SVN.

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

	<u>Enemy Initiated Activity</u>			
	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>CIDG</u>	<u>ARVN</u>	<u>ROKMC</u>
Attack	0	0	19	0
Ambush	7	3	4	0
Assault by Fire	80	0	61	3
Harassing Fire	422	10	107	30
Mine/Booby Trap	174	2	19	5
Terrorism	0	0	21	0
AA Fire	622	0	0	0

c. Enemy Order of Battle. Enemy forces operating in ICTZ on 31 December are as shown below:

(1) QUANG TRI PROVINCE. Confirmed enemy units in

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Quang Tri Province include only those considered to be operating south of the DMZ. Major units are the 812th and the 90th Regiments of the NVA 324B Division, the 29th and 95th Regiments of the NVA 325C Division, and the 2nd Bn and Regimental Headquarters of the 9th NVA Regiment. In addition, the 5th NVA Regiment, the 27th NVA Independent Bn and four independent companies are located within the Province. The total confirmed strength of the enemy in the Quang Tri Province is 10,805.

(2) THUA THIEN PROVINCE. The Northern Front Headquarters, the 6th NVA Regiment, four independent battalions and four independent companies are located within the Province. The total confirmed enemy strength in Thua Thien Province is 3,645.

(3) QUANG NAM PROVINCE. The 368B NVA Artillery Regiment, four independent battalions and five independent companies are located in the Province. The total confirmed enemy strength in Quang Nam Province is 2,940.

(4) QUANG TIN PROVINCE. The 2nd NVA Division Headquarters and Support Units, the 1st MF Regiment, the 21st NVA Regiment, the 3rd NVA Regiment, three independent battalions and seven independent companies are located in the Province. The total confirmed enemy strength in Quang Tin Province is 6,075.

(5) QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. Military Region 5 Headquarters, the 97th Battalion of the 2nd MF Regiment, six independent battalions and nine independent companies are located in the Province. The total confirmed enemy strength in Quang Ngai Province is 3,645.

d. Counterintelligence.

(1) Propaganda and Subversion. Propaganda activity during the month of December increased sharply over the preceding month. Propaganda appeared in the form of leaflets, lectures and demonstrations directed at the local populace and ARVN/US Military Forces. Significant items of interest include five instances where the enemy utilized loudspeakers and six incidents throughout I Corps where demonstrations were staged on Christmas Day.

(2) Terrorism. There was a slight increase in terrorist activities when compared to the last reporting period. Again

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terrorism continued to be directed at GVN hamlet/village officials and villagers suspected of providing the friendly forces with information on VC activities. The most significant event during the reporting period took place on the Vietnam/Laos Border in Quang Tri Province when enemy forces abducted approximately 200 villagers.

(3) Espionage and Sabotage. Acts of sabotage increased slightly over the preceding reporting period, and continued to be directed against bridges and culverts. Incidents reported involving espionage indicate low level agent activity designed to collect information on U.S./FWMAF and installations. An interesting note is the enemy tactic of infiltrating young people into refugee camps as potential espionage agents, where they can be drafted by the Army or join the local police units.

6. LOGISTICS.

a. Northern ICTZ air LOC logistical support operations were severely limited by poor or marginal weather conditions during the month. This was particularly true in the Khe Sanh Combat Base area. Transshipment of construction materials and resupply by sea LOC was affected by the northeast monsoon but it failed to seriously impede movement requirements.

b. Dental.

(1) Dental Civic Action (MEDCAP II) conducted by III MAF Dental during calendar year 1967 exceeded calendar year 1966 as follows:

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Patients Treated:	33,524	85,809	52,285
Dental Procedures:	75,145	177,183	102,038

(2) 9 December - Staff Dental Officer COMNAVPHIL visited III MAF

(3) 10 December - Field testing of Air Filter System for Encore Dental Units completed.

(4) Periodic visits were made throughout the month of December to all III MAF Dental Companies, FLC, 1st FSR, 3rd NCB and NSA, Station Hospital, Danang.

c. Embarkation.

(1) Narrative Summary. As a result of channel silting

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the interim LST facility at Tan My was closed on 10 December. Cua Viet was also closed to LST's for the same reason during the period 7-29 December. Shipping efforts were further hampered by the northeast monsoon which prevented transshipment of materials for a total of 7 days during the month. Airlift operations were affected by weather, a total of 23 days during the month. High winds limited or curtailed C-123 operations during all 23 days. Duc Pho was opened for C-130 aircraft usage on 4 December and runway lighting was installed during the month.

(2) Surface Operation Summary.

- 78 Deep draft ships debarked/embarked at Danang
- 44 MSTs LSTs debarked/embarked at Danang
- 29 U.S. Navy LSTs debarked/embarked at Danang
- 343 LCUs debarked/embarked at Danang
- 32 Barges debarked/embarked at Danang

TOTAL PORT THROUGHPUT CARGO

	<u>Monthly Total</u> S/T	<u>Daily Average</u> S/T
Danang	202,894	6,545
Chu Lai	52,726	1,701
Hue	15,815	510
Dong Ha	32,577	1,051
TOTAL	304,012	9,807

(3) Air Operation Summary.

PASSENGERS AND CARGO AIRLIFTED DURING PERIOD

	<u>* USAF</u>		<u>USMC</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	<u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u> S/T	<u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u> S/T	<u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u> S/T
Fixed Wing	2,391	5,030	33,326	3,237	35,717	8,267
CH-53	0	0	10,502	3,718	10,502	3,718
TOTAL	2,391	5,030	43,828	6,955	46,219	11,985

* Includes passengers and cargo from Danang only.

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(1) Road and Bridge Resume. As a result of enemy action during December, seven bridges and eighteen culverts were destroyed. These losses were compensated for, by construction of 184 feet of bridging, installation of 166 feet of tactical bridging and repair of 1,622 feet of bridging. Moderate progress on the upgrading and repair of essential highways in ICTZ was made with engineer effort concentrated towards road maintenance to ensure land LOC availability in support of logistic requirements during the month.

(2) Major Construction. The development and expansion of several major facilities in ICTZ was continued during the month as were the major construction efforts required in the installation of the Anti-infiltration System in northern I Corps.

(3) Minor Construction. Many additional tasks, such as supplementary construction of messhalls, living quarters, camp access roads, improvement of fortifications, and development of Combined Action Program strongpoints has continued to fully exercise the capabilities of all engineer forces employed.

e. Food Services.

(1) 1 December - Survey of operations by FLC Food Service Team assisting ROK forces at Binh Son conducted by III MAF Food Services Officer.

(2) 22 December - MAG-16 provided aircraft to ferry 700 gallons of ice cream to Phu Bai and 900 gallons to Dong Ha from Danang. Ice Cream Plants at Phu Bai and Dong Ha were out of operation during December.

(3) The III MAF Subsistence Operational Analysis Report for November was submitted to HQMC on 20 December 1967. Summary of the report is as follows:

Issues "A" and "B" Rations	\$3,587,349.08
Issues MCI's	\$1,142,782.26
Lbs of Bread produced	768,990
Gal of Ice Cream produced	5,437
Gal of Ice Cream purchased	51,366
Gal of Milk purchased	414,480
Average daily meals fed "A" and "B"	72,695
Average cost per man per day	\$1.67

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f. Motor Transport.

(1) During December, 29 Rough Rider Convoys were conducted, traveling over 5394 kilometers throughout ICTZ.

(2) Motor Transport statistics for December (utilization of five Motor Transport Battalions) were as follows:

Mileage	538,261
Tonnage	66,365
Passengers	193,496

(3) 9 December - Maintenance Battalion, FLC conducted a Preventive Maintenance County Fair.

(4) 10 December - Motor Transport conference was held at III MAF with major command and unit MT and Supply representatives. Major J.W. BROWN (Code 132) from MCSA, Philadelphia and LtCol J.F. MINICLIER, Executive Officer, 3rd FSR were in attendance. Multifuel vehicles, engines, repair parts, rebuild program were primary topics of discussion.

(5) 12 December - ICCI 5560.2A was promulgated to establish security measures for vehicles.

(6) 19 December - Daily line-haul Rough Rider convoys were commenced.

(7) 25 December - Line-haul Rough Rider cancelled to assist in movement of ROKMC personnel and equipment to ROKMC area of responsibility in ICTZ.

g. Ordnance.

(1) M16A1 Rifles. Random inspection of first increment issue of M16A1 rifles revealed a large number of weapons with pitted and eroded chambers. Issuance of the second increment was terminated as a result. As of 17 December an FLC contact team had inspected 9,844 rifles. Of these, 6,603 required replacement for a replacement factor of 67 per cent. Based on a request by III MAF, HQMC has initiated a program to provide sufficient chrome chambered assets for all III MAF rifles by June 1968. To support this HQMC program, it is necessary for this Command to provide barrels for the CONUS rework production base.

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(2) 22 December - M109 deadline rate reduced to 4 from a high of 22 established on or about 20 November. Repair parts provisioning through the assistance of HQMC and the U.S. Army has materially aided efforts to lower this deadline rate.

(3) 24 December - Ammunition barge capsized in Danang Harbor, submerging 4,335 8 inch H.E. projectiles in 25 feet of salt water. The projectiles were recovered and are presently being inspected to determine replacement requirements. No ASR on 8 inch H.E. is envisioned at this time.

h. Supply.

(1) A MACV study proposing a reduction in certain stockage objectives was received early in the month. This study was unrelated to an earlier similar proposal by MACV in November (comment contained in Command Chronology report for November), however the basic theme was the same; i.e., downward revision in authorized stock levels with the expectation of reducing covered storage construction costs and achieving operating economies. The proposal was analyzed and CG FMFPac was requested to concur in the III MAF position and/or provide additional guidance. Concurrence was provided and comments were forwarded to MACV late in the month. The basic position of III MAF is that reductions in currently authorized stockage objectives would impair our operational capabilities and have an adverse impact on our readiness posture. (Concurrence was given for a downward adjustment in the stockage objective for Class I in Southern I Corps since adequate support is immediately available from NSA, Danang).

(2) The monsoon readiness status of III MAF for the current season continued to improve during December. Priority attention is being given at all levels to expedite handling and shipping of the several items which have not yet arrived in-country. The most significant deficiency is in tentage, General Purpose and Maintenance. However, expedited air shipments are expected to meet requirements on a timely basis. Detailed planning for the 1968-1969 monsoon was commenced during December when subordinate commands were requested to develop and submit special requirements for the 1968-1969 season.

(3) The short supply of repair parts for the multi-fuel vehicle family became an increasingly serious problem during the month. Intensive expediting action was taken at all echelons to achieve acceptable levels of equipment readiness.

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(4) An immediate inspection and exchange program was initiated to recover and replace pitted, unserviceable weapons contained within the first incremental issue of M16A1 rifles. The unissued portion of the second increment of M16A1's are being used as replacement weapons as are recently received M16A1 rifles with chrome plated chambers.

i. Medical.

(1) The total average daily patient load for the two Medical Battalions and First Hospital Company was 288, with a total of 1,757 admitted, 446 patients evacuated out-of-country; 1,673 pints of whole blood was expended to use.

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

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AVG NO BEDS</u>	<u>AVG CENSUS</u>	<u>% OCC</u>
Dong Ha	Cò D, 3rdMedBn	30	9	30
Phu Bai	Co A,B,C(-),3rdMedBn	170	91	53
Danang	Co A,D(-),C,D, 1st MedBn	210	99	47
Chu Lai	1stHospCo	130	81	62
TOTAL		540	280	51

(3) 1-7 December & 22-31 December - USS REPOSE was on station. The daily patient average (all categories) for the month was 153, with an average length of stay per discharge of 16 days.

(4) 5-31 December - USS SANCTUARY was on station. The daily patient average (all categories) for the month was 204, with an average stay per discharge of 21 days.

(5) During the month of December, the following officers made liaison visits to III MAF Surgeon:

- (a) USAR Surgeon, Japan
BrigGen K.D. ORR, MC, USA
- (b) Asst FltMedO, CINCPACFLT
Cdr N.E. WENGER, MC, USN
and
FltMedO, 7thFLT
Crd LANSINGER, MC, USN

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(c) Force MedO, FMFPac
 Capt W.A. WULFMAN, MC, USN

(6) 15-16 December - III MAF Surgeon attended special conference at MACV Headquarters.

7. COMPROLLER.

a. Significant Events.

(1) An On-Site reconciliation of Assistance-In-Kind (AIK) fund records was effected between this office and the Custodian, AIK funds, MACV, Saigon during 13-18 December 1967.

(2) The AIK funding allocation for the III Marine Amphibious Force was reduced 53%, necessitating a resubmission of Calendar Year 1967 budget requirements.

(3) The Computer Applications Study noted in my previous report of 1 December, was completed and submitted to CMC. Fifty-six proposed applications were submitted.

(4) The Piaster Expenditure Control Committee meeting was held at this Headquarters on 23 December. Representatives of all major commands within III MAF attended.

8. CIVIL AFFAIRS.

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

b. I Corps Joint Coordinating Council (JCC).

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

(a) The Council continued to monitor progress of Provincial Public Health Committees. Provinces have assumed the task of formulating their respective committees and Danang has developed a local committee which has been able to concentrate on specific problems.

(b) The Council continued to coordinate efforts to produce funds for the An Hoa Water Pipeline. Funds for construction of the Pipeline might be available through the Imprest Fund. The Council will initiate further action on the subject.

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(c) The Council is continuing its support of Christmas/TET activities. Approximately 45,000 toys were distributed by U.S. Forces during Christmas. 85,000 TET envelopes are available for distribution to U.S. Forces in I Corps. 100,000 toys, donated by U.S. toy manufacturers will be distributed during TET.

(d) The Council continued discussion on the subject of I.D. for fishermen, with current emphasis being placed on coordinating plans for a new fish market in the Danang area.

c. Civic Action. During the month of December, the III Marine Amphibious Force Civic Action Program continued to show significant progress in distribution of commodities. Commodities increased to attain a yearly high for one month's distribution. Food distribution increased in December with 454,631 pounds, as compared to 289,376 pounds for November. 15,061 pounds of soap were distributed during the month as opposed to 8,739 pounds for last month. Distribution of other significant commodities include 7,840 pounds of clothing, 2,686 school kits, 2,355 tin sheets, 187 sewing kits, 133,520 pounds of cement, and 35,278 board feet of lumber. During December, 130,217 persons were treated at MEDCAPS and 11,954 persons were treated at DENTCAPS. English language classes increased sharply this month with 606 classes and 4,676 persons in attendance, in contrast to 332 classes held with 2,786 persons in attendance during the previous month. Major civic action construction accomplished during December includes construction of 13 wells, 4 dispensaries, 13 dwellings for 13 families, 8 schools (16 classrooms), 29 school desks, 2 breeding farms, 1 heliport, 5 kitchens, and 1 police station.

d. Minutes of the JCC Meetings are appended as ANNEXES "A" thru "D".

9. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS.

a. Chieu Hoi Program. 375 enemy personnel rallied during the month of December. The following is a breakdown by province:

<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>MILITARY</u>	<u>NON-MILITARY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
QUANG TRI	9	4	13
THUA THIEN	10	10	20
QUANG NAM	65	64	129
QUANG TIN	95	85	180
QUANG NGAI	22	11	33
TOTAL	201	174	375

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b. Training. The 12th III MAF PSYOP Orientation Course was conducted during 26-28 December. The course attendance was 22 students. Student critique sheets indicated the course was highly beneficial and useful to them in their units.

c. Statistics.

- (1) Total leaflets distributed: 168,948,000
- (2) Total hand distributed leaflets: 2,067,020
- (3) Total number hours U.S. ground/waterborne loudspeaker broadcast: 743:15
- (4) Total number hours aerial loudspeaker broadcast: 376
- (5) Total posters produced: 18,580
- (6) Total movies shown: 587
- (7) Total Cultural Drama Team performances: 60

d. Campaign Support. (Number of leaflets):

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| (1) Chieu Hoi: | 87,740,000 |
| (2) Anti NVA: | 1,336,000 |
| (3) Rewards: | 19,535,000 |
| (4) Pro GVN: | 19,453,000 |

e. Tactical PSYOP in support of major operations.

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>LEAFLETS DROPPED</u>	<u>AIR BDCST HRS</u>
KENTUCKY	8,590,000	15:55
LANCASTER	5,410,000	7:00
SCOTLAND	2,330,000	:50
OSCEOLA	2,700,000	6:45
BALLISTIC ARCH	350,000	:30

f. PSYOP Intelligence. To assist subordinate units in exploiting the Khai Phong rewards campaign (Clear the area of danger), intelligence reports and SitReps are screened daily for mining incidents occurring within the ICTZ. As high density areas, where mines have been employed, develop information is passed to the Divisions for targeting and leaflet distribution. Information provided by children has accounted for a large percentage of mines and other ordnance items recovered by III MAF units.

g. Kit Carson Scout Activities.

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(1) <u>Personnel</u>	<u>1stMarDiv</u>	<u>3rdMarDiv</u>
(a) Kit Carson Scouts on rolls as of 31 December	35	97
(b) Number in training	16	0
(c) WIA during December	2	3
(d) KIA during December	0	2
(2) <u>Major Accomplishments.</u>	<u>1stMarDiv</u>	<u>3rdMarDiv</u>
(a) Mines and Booby Traps discovered	7	8
(b) Patrols participated in	513	512
(c) Classes conducted	6	21
(d) VCS apprehended	10	1
(e) VC KIA	0	3
(f) Grenades found	2	3
(g) Caves/tunnels discovered	0	1
(h) Caches discovered	0	2

(3) Narrative.

(a) During December both Marine Divisions conducted KCS recruit training courses which graduated 46 KCS.

(b) KCS continued to prove their value during the month through their aggressive patrol activities, utilizing fully their knowledge of the terrain and enemy tactics.

h. Employment of Armed Propaganda Teams.

(1) During December APT's were utilized in support of large operations, company sweeps and small unit search and destroy missions. They gathered valuable intelligence and distributed leaflets while conducting face to face propaganda operations. Some tangible results produced by APT's were 2 VC KIA and 10 VC captured, 4 VCS, 3 weapons and numerous mines and booby traps captured.

(2) APT strength by Province as of 31Dec67 was:

<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>ON BOARD</u>	<u>ARMED</u>	<u>TRAINED</u>
QUANG TRI	74	54	34	34
THUA THIEN	110	74	74	74
QUANG NAM	110	91	30	30
QUANG TIN	74	36	32	32

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QUANG NGAI	110	50	50	50
DANANG	74	44	44	44

i. Narrative Summary.

(1) The III MAF/I Corps Combined Monthly PSYOP Conference was conducted on 11 December with 65 persons in attendance. In addition to the major commands of III MAF and I Corps, conferees included representatives of CORDS PSYOP/Chieu Hoi and VIS. Significant topics included: presentation by the provincial representatives of CORDS PSYOP on their activities; plans for TET Chieu Hoi; presentation by 2nd ROK Brigade PSYOPS on their mission, organization and activities; and a TET briefing by the Director, Field Development Division, JUSPAO.

(2) Chieu Hoi Campaign. The 375 ralliers during December in ICTZ represent an 86.5% increase over November, the majority of the ralliers coming from local guerrilla units. Fear of airstrikes, lack of food, medical supplies, the futility of a protracted war and Allied power as well as loss of faith in their leaders' promises for a victory continue to be the primary vulnerabilities. Reports continue to indicate that the VC are conscripting women and young boys.

(a) Leaflets in the form of a letter from a rallier together with his picture, have high credence value and are mentioned by ralliers as having a strong effect on their decision to rally.

(b) Of the ralliers interviewed, most stated that leaflets and/or loudspeaker appeals influenced their decision to rally.

(c) An NVA M/Sgt rallier lead elements of the 196th LtInfBde, Americal Division to a particularly large cache of weapons on 26 December.

(3) Anti NVA Campaign.

(a) Psychological vulnerabilities to be exploited with the NVA as a target audience include:

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Fear of death by bombs and artillery.
 Protracted war.
 Lack of food and medical supplies.
 Fear of not seeing their families again.
 Fear of being buried in an unmarked grave.
 South Vietnamese do not welcome the NVA.
 High rate of illness; i.e. 50% malaria
 incident rate in one unit.

(4) Anti VC Campaign. VC atrocities, including the mining of a civilian bus and shelling a Vietnamese church during services, were exploited by quick reaction special leaflets in the immediate locale of the incident.

(5) Support GVN Campaign.

(a) Health Program. During a DENTCAP on 28 December by 3rd Marine Division at Tay Loc Village, a bomb was exploded in the DENTCAP jeep. There were no injuries. Following the incident, the village chief and the District advisor were consulted and broadcasts were conducted emphasizing the villagers responsibility to provide warnings. The broadcasts were well received.

(b) 2nd ROK Marine Brigade conducted intense PSYOPS, utilizing broadcasts, leaflets and posters as well as face to face propaganda to encourage support of GVN and to introduce ROK elements in their new area of operations; the southern Danang TAOR.

j. Rewards Campaign.

(1) There has been a continued increase of rewards incidents which parallels the increased PSYOP effort in the rewards campaign. This signifies further increase in effort should bring increased results. This increased effort is planned.

(2) The following list represents only the highlights of the reward program: three 155mm rounds, two 105mm rounds, 40 M-26 grenades, 69 M-79 rounds, 66 60mm mortar rounds, 73 81mm mortar rounds, six 57 RR rounds, 11 plastic mines and 1,566 rounds of SA ammunition. These figures are exclusive of several large arms caches reported by Hoi Chanh.

10. COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Message volume through the III MAF Communications

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Center during December revealed a slight increase.

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Incoming	33,843	34,926	1,083
Outgoing	26,774	28,514	1,740
TOTAL	60,617	63,440	2,823

b. Command Operations Center Communication Center traffic revealed a slight increase during December.

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
Incoming	5,262	5,974	712
Outgoing	6,452	8,521	2,069
TOTAL	11,714	14,495	2,781

c. The daily average call rate through the III MAF switchboard was 5,485 calls.

d. The Area Coordinator Communication Conference was hosted at III MAF for representatives from all services, DCA and I Corps Advisory Group on 21 December.

e. On 18 December, Pac GEEIA commenced installation of cable for III MAF requirements to enter into the Danang East Dial Central Office. It was completed on 31 December.

f. A conference was held on 21 December with representatives from the 37th Signal Battalion and the 3rd Marine Division on U.S. Army cable responsibilities in the DHCb as assigned by COMUSMACV.

g. LtCol R.G. WILLIAMS attended an AUTOSEVOCOM Phase I implementation group meeting at the 1st Signal Brigade, Long Binh. The group met to discuss a charter, schedules, equipment, coordination and installation.

h. The Force Communication-Electronics Officer attended the Senior Officer Communication Conference at MACV Headquarters, Saigon on 14-15 December; chaired by Brig Gen Sam HUEY. The Force Communication-Electronics Officer offered two fifteen minute presentations.

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- i. The III MAF Battlefield Surveillance Radar School graduated 6 Marine officers and 24 enlisted during December.
- j. Commenced communication installations and activations in support of "Operation Checkers".
- k. During December the Force Communication-Electronics Officer made staff visits to the following I Corps Units:

1st Marine Division
 3rd Marine Division
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
 Force Logistic Command
 37th Signal Battalion (Danang)
 Army Comm Unit, Quang Tri
 Army Comm Unit, Quang Tri Airfield
 Army Comm Unit, Hue
 Army Comm Unit, Dong Ha
 Army Comm Unit, Quang Ngai
 Army Comm Unit, Phu Bai
 Army Comm Unit, Chu Lai

11. COMBAT INFORMATION BUREAU.

a. Background. During the month of December, 407 escorted visits were accomplished by the CIB. The escorts covered civic action, refugees, I Corps ground and air operations and the visit to Da Nang by Governor Romney. The MACV Press Center, Danang(CIB) hosted 172 correspondents during the month.

b. Motor Transport. Of the nine vehicles assigned, five are operational. These vehicles include two non-tactical pickup trucks which were procured during the subject month for use by the CIB Press Center Office (replenishment of restaurant supplies and other local runs as needed). Vehicles deadlined include: one M-151, one M-38, one M-37 truck, one Ford ½ ton pickup truck. Vehicles on board include: two M-151 jeeps, three M-38 jeeps, one station wagon, one M-37 truck, one Ford ½ ton pickup truck, one Dodge 3/4 ton truck.

c. Photography. The following is a compilation of photographic work accomplished within III MAF for December:

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NEGATIVES</u>	<u>PRINTS</u>	<u>MOPIC</u>
CIB	3,761	8,023	7,550
1stMarDiv	6,776	5,626	5,000
3rdMarDiv	1,338	3,990	2,500
1stMAW	2,274	7,039	1,950
FLC	2,652	3,964	0
I Corps	969	1,269	0
TOTAL	17,770	29,911	17,000

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

(1) Radio Production:

	<u>Tape Stories Submitted to CIB</u>	<u>Total Production for Distribution</u>	<u>FHTN</u>
CIB	27	535	27
1stMarDiv	12	N/A	73
3rdMarDiv	21*	N/A	128
1stMAW	2	N/A	20
FLC	0	N/A	180
TOTAL	62	535	436

* Tapes submitted directly to HQMC, not available for CIB use.

(2) Television Production:

(a) The Armed Forces Police, Danang, requested assistance in informing local troops about narcotics. A sixty second television spot was completed and is currently in use throughout the I Corps area. The Danang Mayor's Holiday Message was passed on to I Corps personnel through the use of a television spot which was produced and edited by the CIB Radio/TV Section.

(b) The CIB television unit also produced nine news featurettes during the month with a total of 2800 feet of film footage during December.

(c) Tape machine hours totaled 189 hours and 40 minutes, including a loss of time for major maintenance on all

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machines. The total maintenance hours are 18 for CIB equipment and 9 hours for other III MAF units. Machine hours were reduced this month due to sending a portion of our material to HQMC for dubbing.

e. Escort. Major combat operations covered during the subject month included: NEOSHO, KENTUCKY, LANCASTER, SCOTLAND, OSCEOLA, AUBURN, WHEELER/WALLOWA, CITRUS and FORTRESS RIDGE. Briefings were conducted by III MAF G-2, G-3 and personal interviews granted by the Commanding General, III MAF.

(1) Notable news media representatives hosted/escorted during the month included: Egar Needham, Ken Gale, Andrew Pearson, Peter Leyden, ABC; John Schneider, Jack Lawrence, Nelson Benton, George Syverston, Bob Schankne, Don Webster, CBS; Gary Moore, Wilson Hall, Paul Cunningham, Wells Hangen, NBC; John Wheeler, Bob Ohman, John Lengel, Kim KiSam, Rick Merron, George Esper, AP; Dana Stone, Kate Webb, Jim Deckard, Tom Corpora, Tom Cheatham, UPI; John Hlauacek, KMTV-Omaha; Jim Ridgeway, C.W. Briggs, Contact Magazine; Ernie Zaugg, Hometown News Service; Fred Farrar, Chicago Tribune; Howard Terping, Combat Artist; W. Stephens, KWTW-Oklahoma City; Paul Zenone, Lessesia, Italy; Jack Peterson, Student Life Newspaper, Utah State University; J. Randolph, L.A. Times; Hiroshi Fukita, Kyodo Press; Buck Lanier, Long Beach Independent Press Telegram; K. Shaker, Ed Hymoff, N.W. Lads Publishing Co.; Robert Stokes, Empire News; Dale Greer, WAVE-TV, Louisville, Ky; Ross Devenish, London TV; Nick Hurrock, Washington Daily News; Hiroshi Inoue, Taiyu Shinbun Japan; Jim Bishop, Capitol Press, Sacramento, California; P. Stephenus, G. Bellorget, Eloise Henkel, Martyn Green, Bruce Allen, Maude Dorr, Pat Walz, Theodore Matson, David Balsinger, Donald Cameron, Nick Wheeler, Claude Johner, Cathy Leroy, Free Lance; Roger Simms, Jeff Lentz, News-TV, Cleveland, Ohio; Richard Feagler, Cleveland Press; H. Schoute, S. Long, AURO-Radio/TV, Netherlands; T.A. Johnson, N.Y. Times; Max Close, Lefigaro, Rome, Italy; Bob Wildau, AFP; Eve Martin, John Donnelly, Newsweek; K. Kawamoto, Kyodo News, Japan; Sankei Shimbe, S. Tomoda, Japan; M. Williams, Twin Cities Courier, Minn; Tom Kilpatrick, Microwave Magazine; Lewis Elbinger, Michigan State News; W. Meyer, Abendzeitung, Germany; Gene Craft, Texas State Network; Virginia Anderson, Seattle Times; George Korenchen, KNUJ, Minnesota; Robert Blatchely, WBAL, Baltimore; Charles Penrson, KBMT-TV, Beaumont, Texas; William Brown, James Topping, Lloyd Cooney, KIRO-TV, Seattle; Freda Utley, National Review; Kwang Choi, Australian TV News; Larry Laybourne, S.

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Fentress, Armond Nuble, Dave Greenway, R. Clurman, Time-Life; Isabella Van Geem, Vietnam Nouveau; Mr. Tu, New York Magazine; Neil Adams, Vis News; Arthur Cooke, Radio Australia; Merton Perry, Newsweek; Derek Maitland, Copley News Service; Beryl Fox, Gerald Liles, PBL; Peter Schollatour, G. Merran, German TV; William Bantey, Montreal Gazette; Knowlton Nash, CBC; Claude Lauergne, Demanche Montreal; Ronald Ross, Charles Baily, Minneapolis Tribune; K. Morita, I.N.S, Japan; Ruth Knowles, Reader's Digest; Anders Ansdug, Goteborys Poston Sweden; Francois Theuerin, L'Opinion 24 Heures; Marion Ochs, Chattanooga Times; Gloria Nedham, Free Lance; Thomas Gilliland, Robert L. Cotts, Stars and Stripes; Raymond Cranbourne, Empire News; Wallace Terry, Time Magazine; Don Kirk, Washington Star; John Carroll, Baltimore Sun.

f. Press. The press section processed a total of 290 releases from III MAF units during December for release to military and civilian news media. This figure includes 106 separate photo releases. The following is a breakdown of news releases by unit:

1stMarDiv	96
3rdMarDiv	80
1stMAW	62
FLC	26
CIB	26
TOTAL	290

(1) A total of 5,226 FHTN releases were made during December. Of these, 162 were accompanied by photographs. The unit breakdown is shown below:

1stMarDiv	2,147
3rdMarDiv	1,351
1stMAW	1,140
FLC	535
CIB	53
TOTAL	5,226

g. Combat Art. During December the following personnel were a part of the Marine Corps Combat Art Team in Vietnam: Cpl James R. BUTCHER Jr., and LCpl Henry CASSELLI. A civilian, Mr. Howard Terping, under contract with HQMC, reported with the CIB Combat Art Section for a period of about 5 weeks. The

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following work was produced by the art team: 1 conte crayon drawing; 28 pencil drawings; 4 acrylic water color paintings; 10 felt tip pen drawings and 7 pen and ink drawings.

h. Miscellaneous. The following work was completed within the CIB compound during December:

- (1) New roof on enlisted quarters, bar and galley.
- (2) Construction of a passageway from one side of the compound to the other through the compound storeroom.
- (3) Relocation of supply storeroom.
- (4) New pressure system for potable water.
- (5) New hot water heaters installed in billeting spaces.
- (6) New pier.

12. I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (RVNAF).

a. Overall Evaluation. ARVN activities for the 4th Quarter, 1967 were highlighted by Lam Son 138 and 166, two successful search and destroy operations conducted by the 1st Regiment, 1st Division; 151 Popular Forces platoons completing MIP/RD training; 12 Regional Force companies completing RD/MTT training; and by 267,258 MEDCAP treatments being performed.

(1) The major efforts of all ARVN units were directed to operations and security measures designed to provide a safe environment for the Senatorial Elections during the month of October. With the elections successfully concluded, ARVN mid-quarter activities were designed to protect the fall crop harvest. ARVN efforts, coupled with Free World "Golden Fleece" and crop herbicide operations, severely impeded enemy crop harvest efforts.

(2) During the latter part of December, ARVN and RF/PF units were subjected to increased enemy attacks against outposts, sector and sub-sector headquarters and installations. The enemy suffered large casualties as a result of these attacks, although he was successful in penetrating and damaging several positions.

(3) ARVN assigned strength in ICTZ increased from 94.7%, assigned versus authorized, in September to 101.7% by the

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end of December. This was due to the large influx of replacements, especially in the 1st and 2nd Divisions. Present for operations strength of combat and combat support units rose from 63.6% in September to 67.6% in December.

(4) ARVN desertions for the quarter totaled 2,085 as compared to 1,470 for the previous quarter. This increase in desertions is attributed to the arrival in this active Corps area of numerous replacements from other Corps areas. Desertions in October and November alone accounted for 24% of the entire 1967 total.

b. Ground Operations. I Corps conducted 141 large operations (battalion or larger) during the 4th quarter. These operations were executed as listed below:

	<u>LARGE OPNS CONDUCTED</u>	<u>ENEMY CONTACT</u>	<u>COMBINED OPNS</u>	<u>HELIBORNE OPERATIONS</u>
October	45	32	5	6
November	43	34	7	7
December	53	43	7	5
TOTAL	141	109	19	18

(1) Total enemy losses credited to ARVN and RF/PF forces during this period were 2,100 VC/NVA KIA, 571 PW's, 670 Individual and 59 Crew-served weapons captured.

(2) Lam Son 138, a 1st Regiment controlled heliborne search and destroy operation was conducted northeast of Quang Tri, 19-21 October 1967. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 1st Regiment; 2/7 APC Troop and the 11th Coastal Group were committed. On the morning of the 20th, 1/1 and 2/7 APC Troop contacted the 416th NVA Battalion. 2/1 and 3/1 were moved into the area and heavy contact was made by all units and continued throughout the afternoon and evening. Sporadic contact and enemy mortar fire continued through 21 October. The operation was supported by helicopter gunships and tactical air. Friendly losses were 18 KIA, 107 WIA and 3 APC's immobilized. Enemy losses were: 197 enemy KIA, 4 PW's and 47 Weapons captured.

(3) Lam Son 166, a 1st Regiment controlled search and destroy operation southeast of La Vang was conducted 26-28 December 1967. The 1st, 2nd Battalions and 2/7 APC Troop, and 4 RF companies were committed. On 26 December, heavy contact

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was established and maintained until 2200H, 27 December with the 416th NVA Battalion. The two ARVN battalions caught and blocked the enemy battalion with its back to the China Sea. Tactical air, Army helicopter gunships and artillery gave supporting fires as ARVN assaulted. The action continued throughout the evening with the aid of armed C-47's and flareships. Casualties for the operation were: Friendly: 15 KIA and 59 WIA; Enemy: 217 KIA, 6 PW's, 42 individual and 10 crew-served weapons captured.

c. Regional Forces/Popular Forces.

(1) During the quarter, 11 RF companies were trained by RD/MTT teams. A total of 105 companies received this training during 1967. Additionally, 6 RF companies received refresher training during the 4th Quarter.

(2) During the quarter, 907.1 tons of foodstuffs was distributed to I Corps PF units.

13. CHRONOLOGY OF VIP VISITS.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/SERVICE/BILLET</u>
1-3Dec	A.C. HUSBAND	Rear Admiral, USN, COMNAVFAC- ENCOM
1-3Dec	W.M. HEAMAN	Rear Admiral, USN, COMCBPAC
1Dec	R.A. HURWITCH	FSO-1, Dep Chief of Mission Amer Emb, Laos
2Dec	W.H. COOK	Counsel, House Armed Services Comm Re Military Const
3Dec	Wm.H. BATES	Congressman (R-Mass)
4-8Dec	J.G. BOUKER	Major General, USMC, CG, FMFPAC (FWD)
5-6Dec	K. WARE	Major General, USA, Dep CG (Desig), IFFORCV
5-6Dec	R.D. TERRY	Brigadier General, USA, Asst C/S, Comm-Elec, USARPAC
5-6Dec	C.M. HUBBARD (Mrs)	Dep Asst Sec for Public Serv, Bureau of Public Affairs, Dept of State

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6-7Dec	C.H. KEARNY	GS-18, MACSA Consultant
7Dec	W.C. WESTMORELAND	General, USA, COMUSMACV
7Dec	LEK	Lieutenant General, Thai Army,
7Dec	D.O. DARROW	Major General, USAF, Asst C/S, MACV Plans, J-5
7Dec	J.R. CHAISSON	Brigadier General, USMC, Director, MACV COC
7Dec	J.W. BAER	Brigadier General, Thai Army, Dep COMUSMACTHAI
7Dec	PHIN	Spec Col, Thai Army
8Dec	E. BUNKER	Amer Amb to Vietnam
8-11Dec	H. BALDWIN	Military Analyst for NY Times
8-9Dec	K.D. ORR	Brigadier General, USA, CG, USAR Med Cmd Japan, Surgeon USAR Japan
9-11Dec	W.E. GENTNER	Vice Admiral, USN(Ret), Sr-Mbr Naval Bd of Medals and Decorations
9Dec	W.F. BRINGLE	Vice Admiral, USN, COMSEVENTHFLT
9-10Dec	J.E. GLICK	Brigadier General, USMC, CG, 9TH MAB
9-10Dec	M.D. HANKS	Mbr of Council of Seventy Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon)
11Dec	W. ROPER	Brigadier General, USA, CG 18th Engr Bde
12Dec	A.D. STARBIRD	Lieutenant General, USA, Dir,DCPG
12-13Dec	R.C. PRIM	Dr, GS-18(E), Spl Asst C/S MACV
12Dec	J.D. LAVELLE	Major General, USAF, Dep Dir for Readiness, DCPG

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12Dec	L.A. CARUTHERS JR.	Brigadier General, USA, Dir, Spec Proj, MACV J-3
13Dec	H. ARNOLD	FSCR-1, PAO Belgrade
13Dec	R. LINCOLN	FSCR-1, PAO Ankara
13Dec	J. MOWINKEL	FSCR-1, PAO Rio De Janeiro
13Dec	E. SCHECHTNER	FSCR-1, PAO Caracas
13Dec	K. ADAMSON	FSCR-1, PAO Amer Emb, Saigon
13Dec	C. PERCY	Senator, (Republican-Illinois)
13Dec	L.T. SEITH	Brigadier General, USAF, C/S 7th Air Force
15-16Dec	W.F. DALY	PFS-16, Postal Insp, Post Office Department
16Dec	E.E. ANDERSON	Brigadier General, USMC, C/S (Desig), III MAF
17-18Dec	J.Y. RESNICK	Congressman (Democrat-NY)
17-18Dec	D. ROHER	Admin Asst to Rep RESNICK
17Dec	H.A. RASSMUSSEN	Brigadier General, USA, Asst C/S, MACV J-4
19Dec	S.H. KINNEY	Rear Admiral, USN, COMCRUDESGRU SEVENTHFLT
19-20Dec	R.W. HOMAN	Sr Vice Cdr-in-Chief, VFW
19-20Dec	R. GALLAGHER	Jr Vice Crd-in-Chief, VFW
19Dec	B.W. MCLAUGHIN	Brigadier General, USAF, CG, 834th Air Div
20-25Dec	J.W. KELLY	Rear Admiral, USN, Chief of Navy Chaplains
22Dec	G.V. MONTGOMERY	Congressman (Democrat-Miss)

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22Dec	L.H. CARUTHERS JR.	Brigadier General, USA, Dir, Spec Proj, MACV J-3
23Dec	H.K. JOHNSON	General, USA, C/S, U.S. Army
23Dec	H.J. LEMLEY JR.	Lieutenant General, USA, DC Ops
23-24Dec	S. SAMUELS	Natl Cmdr, Jewish War Veterans
23-24Dec	H.H. HAVES	Aide & Former Natl Cmdr Jewish War Veterans
25-26Dec	G. ROMNEY	Governor (Republican-Mich)
25-26Dec	J. MOORE	Chief, Foreign Aff Advisor
25-26Dec	J. KELLOGG	Deputy Foreign Aff Advisor
26Dec	W. COATS	Brigadier General, USA, Chief of Army Info, Dept of the Army
28-30Dec	R.C. WHITE	Congressman (Democrat-Texas)
28-30Dec	J.L. PETTIS	Congressman (Republican-Calif)
28-30Dec	H.W. POLLOCK	Congressman (Republican-Alaska)
28Dec	F.L. SAMPSON	Major General, USA, Chief of Army Chaplains
28Dec	A.P. ROLLINS	Brigadier General, USA, Dir, Construction, MACV
28Dec	H.E. RASSMUSSEN	Brigadier General, Asst C/S, USA, MACV J-4
30Dec	W.C. FRANKLIN JR.	Major General, USA, Dep Asst C/S, G-2, DA
30-31Dec	W. PEARSON	Major General, USA, Asst C/S, MACV J-3

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- 1 December - Operation WHEELER/WALLOWA (USA)-Continuing
Operation OSCEOLA-Continuing
Operation KENTUCKY-Continuing
Operation LANCASTER-Continuing
Operation SCOTLAND-Continuing
Operation NEOSHO-Continuing
Operation NAPOLEON-Continuing
- 5 December - Operation PITT-Initiated
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- 12 December - Operation PITT-Terminated
- 15 December - Operation CITRUS-Initiated
- 19 December - Operation MUSCATINE (USA)-Initiated
- 23 December - Operation CITRUS- Terminated
- 28 December - Operation AUBURN-Initiated

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- (C) First Marine Aircraft Wing Command Chronology, December 1967
- (D) Force Logistic Command Command Chronology, December 1967

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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- (2) December 1967 Edition, III MAF Newspaper; "SEA TIGER"
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- (3) ANNEXES "A", "B", "C" and "D" to Part III.

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HEADQUARTERS
 III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE
 MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
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 6 JAN 1968

COMMAND DIRECTORY

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBERS ARE III MAF UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED</u>	<u>RTD</u>
<u>COMMAND SECTION</u>				
CG III MAF	LTGEN	CUSHMAN, R E	306, DANANG 6100	5/68
DEPUTY CORD	MR.	KOREN, H L T	DANANG 6467/6639	
POLITICAL ADVISOR	MR.	RICHARDSON, K S	DANANG 6168/6169	
SENIOR AIDE	MAJ	EDWARDS, C	413, DANANG 6449	8/68
AIDE	MAJ	HAWKINS, H H JR	413, DANANG 6449	4/68
VN AIDE	2DLT	TUYEN, N V	413	
SERGEANT MAJOR	SGTMAJ	KROTKY, E M	409	6/68
<u>DEPUTY COMMANDER SECTION</u>				
DEP COMMANDER	MGEN	MURRAY, R L	260, DANANG 6516	11/68
SENIOR AIDE	1STLT	HOLMGREEN, J C	316, DANANG 6516	
<u>DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR AIR</u>				
DEP CG AIR	MGEN	ANDERSON, N J	DNG 6455 MOMENT 6	6/68
DEP C/S AIR	COL	HAYS, J E	365, DANANG 6456	9/68
<u>CHIEF OF STAFF SECTION</u>				
CHIEF OF STAFF	BGEN	ANDERSON, E E	405, DANANG 6383	1/69
DEP C/S DYEMARKER	COL	ELLIS, G W	363	9/68
DEP CHIEF OF STAFF	COL	FAW, D L	305, DANANG 6405	8/68
STAFF SECRETARY	LTCOL	PLATT, R M	438, DNG 6383, 6100	9/68
DYEMARKER ASST	MAJ	HAYDEN, W K	363	11/68
ADMIN ASST	MAJ	STEVENSON, S H	405	6/68
AIDE TO COMUSMACV	CAPT	SAMPSON, C W		5/68
ADMIN CHIEF			360	
<u>G-1 SECTION</u>				
ASST C/S G-1	COL	PEDERSEN, P F	DANANG 6586	8/68
MACV TMO	LTCOL	SCHOEN, J F JR	MOTLEY 153 DANANG 6156	8/68
ASST G-1	LTCOL	FRIDELL, J R	200	10/68
ASST G-1	LTCOL	ZORN, E J	200	10/68
ASST G-1	MAJ	HOLCOMB, C E	200	6/68
ASST G-1	1STLT	FELDERMAN, K L	200	7/68
ADMIN CHIEF			200	
<u>G-2 SECTION</u>				
ASST C/S G-2/SSO	COL	HOUGHTON, K J	222, DANANG 6512	3/68
INTEL OPNS O	COL	ELDER, T G	202	10/68
DEPUTY G-2/ASSO	COL	HALL, R M	222, DANANG 6512	8/68
INTEL COLL O	LTCOL	COOKE, M D	422, DANANG 6309	9/68
TAD CI UNIT	LTCOL	FULFORD, C J	472, DANANG 6309	9/68
TAD OPS UNIT	LTCOL	HOLBEN, W B	202	6/68

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INTEL PLANS/EST O	LTCOL	KELLY, J F J	472		8/68
STAFF CI O	LTCOL	VEAL, B P	472,	DANANG 6309	8/68
SPEC INTEL O ASSO	MAJ	BUTTOLPH, R D	402		11/68
INTEL WATCH SUPVR	MAJ	COOPER, F W	339	355	12/68
A/INTEL-PLANS/ESTO	MAJ	DAVIS, D L	472		11/68
GND RECON O	MAJ	FLOYD, W C	422,	DANANG 6309	5/68
A/INTEL PLANS/EST O	MAJ	HESTER, C E	472		9/68
ASST COL O	MAJ	HUTTER, H H	422,	DANANG 6309	6/68
AERIAL RECON IMAG	MAJ	KRAVET, R D	422,	DANANG 6309	2/68
ASST COL O	MAJ	SISLEY, F E	422,	DANANG 6309	12/68
ASST INTEL OPNS O	MAJ	SMITH, J M	202		11/68
TIO	MAJ	SMITH, M E JR	202		12/68
OOB/ASSO	MAJ	TOWNSEND, B E	322		6/68
INTEL WATCH O	CAPT	HEINZ, H R	355,	339	1/69
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AERIAL REC/PHOTO O	1STLT	GRINAGER, V L	424		11/68
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COL ANALYST O	1STLT	LEACH, H W	422,	DANANG 6309	10/68
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SIGNAL INT O	WO	TERRY, L W	402		7/68
TAD PIIC UNIT	WO	VOIGH, M	424		8/68
ADMIN CHIEF			222,	DANANG 6512	

5TH CI TEAM

CI O	1STLT	GREISEN, B R	480		1/69
TEAM COMMANDER	1STLT	WEBER, J E	480		10/68
CI O	CWO3	DUNCAN, S N	480		5/68
CI O	WO	BOUCK, G A	480		2/68

5TH IT TEAM

OIC 5TH IT	CAPT	HAYNES, S E	450		8/68
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11TH IT TEAM

OIC 11TH ITT	CAPT	BAILEY, K E	450		8/68
ASST OIC	CAPT	DONOHUE, E T	450		8/68
ITT O	1STLT	DAWSON, S L	450		12/68
ITT O	1STLT	WILLIAMS, R M	450		8/68
ITT O	1STLT	FASNACHT, J H	450		8/68

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ASST C/S G-3	COL	RANDALL, T L	303		7/68
DEPUTY G-3 AIR	COL	BERGE, J H	323,	DANANG 6489	6/68
LNO 7TH AF	COL	BROWNING, R C		TSN 3122	9/68
LNO MACV	COL	FOSSUM, E L		MACV 3406,	7/68
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EXEC ASST TO G-3	LTCOL	GOODSON, J P	203, DANANG 6232	11/68
TAD MCLFDC REP	LTCOL	HAYNES, G A P		
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TAD CHEMICAL O	MAJ	HENRY, R B		
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ASST AIR OPNS O	MAJ	MCCARTY, D J	303	6/68
ASST GND OPNS/SUP	MAJ	PETERSON, P M	273	10/68
ASST GND OPN/LNO	MAJ	SULLIVAN, T L	273	8/68
TAD ASST OPNS O	MAJ	WALKER, C V		
ASST OIC COC	MAJ	WELLS, V C	COC 103	6/68
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MAT READ O	MAJ	COOPER, F W	404	12/68
ASST LOG PLANS O	MAJ	WILSON, W E	204	6/68
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ASST C/S G-5	LTCOL	BLACK, J L	301, 446	9/68
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ASST CEO	LTCOL	BADAMO, F J	310	9/68
ASST CEO/AVIONIC O	LTCOL	FOYLE, R A	258	10/68
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COMM C 5TH COMM	MAJ	CLARK, G	211	3/68
ASST CEO	MAJ	EVERETT, J W	210	10/68
ADMIN CHIEF			259	

CORDS

ASST DEP CORDS	MR.	CROSS, C T	DANANG 6228 O/H	
SECRETARY	MRS.	GALLAS, V H	DANANG 6228	2/69

CORDS JOINT STAFF

SENIOR MBR	MR.	NEILSON, C R	217, MOTLEY 231	
MBR	COL	WARREN, R F	218, MOTLEY 231	6/68
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PLANS/PROGRAMS	MR.	ENTIN, D H	217, MOTLEY 231	6/68
REPORTS/ADMIN O	CAPT	DUDMAN, W R	217, MOTLEY 231	6/68
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ASST RD TEAM OPNS O	MAJ	KING, P F	MOTLEY 300	8/68
RD TEAM INSP	CAPT	NISSÉNSON, L	MOTLEY 300	7/68

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CHIEF, PUBL HEALTH	DR.	MATTHEW, W	MOTLEY 156	7/68
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CHIEF, DISPL PER	CAPT	JOHNSON, J C	280	5/68
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CO CACO KILO	2NDLT	BENCO, J E	CHU LAI 246	7/68
CO CACO LIMA	2NDLT	GREENFIELD, J W	CHU LAI 246	5/68
SUP/S-4 O	2NDLT	GRYCTKO, B J	111 CHU LAI 208	9/68
ADJUTANT	CWO3	JONES, S J	CHU LAI 308	7/68
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<u>CO 2ND CAG</u>	LTCOL	CARVER, I L	CAG SCHOOL CO	3/68
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S-3 OPNS O	MAJ	BURKE, F M	CAG SCOLS S-3	7/68
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CO CACO FOXTRO	CAPT	JOSELANE, H L		8/68
S-4	CAPT	WILKENLOH, L	CAG SCOLS S-4	7/68
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CO CACO BRAVO	1STLT	COCKRELL, E		5/68
ARTY O	1STLT	SINCLAIR, J W	CAG SCOLS S-3	5/68
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CO CACO GUEBEC	1STLT	VIDITO, P N		2/68
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MT O	1STLT	WIDGER, R O	CAG SCOLS MT	4/68
CO CACO PAPA	CAPT	HAINES, P D	3RDMARDIV HQBN CACO CAG	5/68
CO CACO HOTEL	CAPT	HALL, J K	3RDMARDIV HQBN CACO CAG	6/68
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MINUTES OF I CORPS JOINT COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING5 DECEMBER 1967

1. The Council convened at 0908 with the following members present:

- a. MGEN MURRAY, 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. HELMS, Chief, Psychological Operations Division, CORDS
- f. Col NGHI, ARVN, Chief of Staff, I Corps
- g. Col HIDALGO, USA, Deputy Commanding Officer, I Corps Advisory Group
- h. LtCol HARRIS, USMC, Chief, Military Civic Action Division, CORDS
- i. CDR CRICCHI, USN, CAO, NSA, Danang
- j. Maj MARTIN, USMC, CORDS, III MAF (Recorder)

2. The following guests were present:

- a. Mr. ACHILLES, CONSUL (representing POLAD, III MAF)
- b. Mr. JOHNSON (representing Chief, NLD Division, CORDS)
- c. Capt LEMMON, USN, Chairman, Public Health Committee
- d. LtCol MORLEY, USMC (representing Chief, RD Division, CORDS)
- e. LCDR FRENCH, USN, Medical Monitor, III MAF

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. Mr. JOHNSON, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee presented a report of that committee's meeting of 27 November (a report of highlights of the meeting is attached to JCC Minutes of 28 November). The purpose of the committee's meeting was to discuss Fisherman's Union problems. The Council conducted a discussion concerning the contents of the report.

(1) Col NGHI stated that a meeting was held with

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all Province Chiefs during November concerning fishing in the Danang area. Although the fishermen desired to operate within one kilometer from the shoreline the two kilometer limit will remain in effect.

(2) The CHAIRMAN stated that an early review of the situations presented by the Union must be accomplished in order to attain sympathetic understanding of existing conditions, followed by appropriate corrective action.

(3) Mr. JOHNSON stated that the Council should conduct periodic reviews of subjects associated with the local fishing industry for the purpose of providing timely assistance and to ensure that grievances are settled.

(4) Mr. JOHNSON informed the Council that another meeting was held with the Union on 4 December. The CHAIRMAN requested that a report of this meeting be submitted to the Council.

c. Mr. HELMS, chairman of the Psychological Warfare Committee presented a report of that committee's meeting of 20 November (a report of highlights of the meeting is attached to JCC Minutes of 28 November). Mr. HELMS stated that the Chieu Hoi Center, mentioned in the committee's minutes, will not open until after the first of the year.

d. Dr. LEMMON reported on the status of Provincial Public Health Committees. He stated that the Provinces have assumed the task of formulating their respective committees and that Danang has developed a local committee which has been able to concentrate on specific problems. Capt LEMMON further stated the Public Health Committee for Quang Ngai may be functional during January 1968. Additionally, the MILPHAP Team in Quang Tri is providing assistance for the development of the local committee. Capt LEMMON informed the Council that his committee will review each Provincial Public Health Committee separately and will develop guidelines for these committees.

(1) The CHAIRMAN requested that the senior member of each Provincial Public Health Committee report before the Council and present the status of his committee.

e. LtCol HARRIS informed the Council that the TET festival booklets have been distributed to U. S. Forces in I Corps.

4. The Council adjourned at 0952.
5. Agenda items for the next meeting are as follows:
 - a. Review of unfinished business.
 - b. Report of highlights of week's activities by all members.
6. The next meeting is scheduled for 0900, 12 December in CORDS Building conference room.

Respectfully submitted,



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MINUTES OF I CORPS JOINT COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING12 DECEMBER 1967

1. The Council convened at 0903 with the following members present:

- a. Mr. CROSS, Assistant Deputy for CORDS (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN)
- b. Mr. Nguyen Van DAI, Administrative Assistant to the Commanding General, I Corps
- c. BGEN OWENS, USMC, Chief of Staff, III MAF
- d. Mr. HELMS, Chief, Psychological Operations Division, CORDS
- e. Mr. HORGAN, Chief, RD Division, CORDS
- f. Mr. RICHARDSON, POLAD, III MAF
- g. Col NGHI, ARVN, Chief of Staff, I Corps
- h. Col HIDALGO, USA, Deputy Commanding Officer, I Corps Advisory Group
- i. LtCol GARDNER, USA, G-5, I Corps Advisory Group
- j. LtCol HARRIS, USMC, G-5, III MAF
- k. LtCol THUAN, ARVN, DC of S for Current Affairs, I Corps
- l. CDR CRICCHI, USN, CAO, NSA, Danang
- m. Maj MARTIN, USMC, III MAF (Recorder)

2. The following guests were present:

- a. Mr. HOGAN, CORDS
- b. Mr. KELLY, (Relief for Chief, Psychological Operations Division, CORDS)
- c. Mr. MUSTAKOS (Relief of Chief, RD Division, CORDS)
- d. Mr. TINH, Chief, Fishing Division, Danang
- e. Dr. TOLLE (representing Chief NLD Division, CORDS)
- f. Capt JOHNSON, USN (representing Commander, NSA, Danang)
- g. LCDR FRENCH, USN, Medical Monitor, III MAF

3. OLD BUSINESS

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

b. LtCol HARRIS reported that Headquarters Marine Corps informed CG III MAF that U. S. toy manufacturers have donated 100,000 toys for the children of Vietnam. The shipment will be made by Military Sea Transport Service and is scheduled to arrive at Danang on 11 January 1968 and will be available for Tet. LtCol HARRIS stated that in addition to the 40,000 toys purchased in Hong Kong, 2,000 toys are available through the

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ANNEX "B"

Hand Clasp Project, for distribution during Christmas.

c. Mr. TINH, Chief, Fishing Division, Danang reported to the Council. He stated that the Division examined the production of the fishing industry and that the fishermen informed him that at times it is difficult for them to catch sufficient quantities of fish due to what was considered to be interference with operations. Mr. TINH further stated that he hoped that the Council could assist in determining solutions to some of the problems.

(1) Mr. DAI reported that the Mayor of Danang hopes to initiate construction of the new fish market during 1968 and that 20,000,000\$VN will be available for the project. Mr. Dai stated that one of the existing problems is the selection of the site for the market and that the Danang City Planning Commission will take action to select the site. Mr. DAI further stated that the Mayor will ask the Commanding General I Corps for permission to allow the fishermen to leave the harbor at 0200 vice 0400 each day.

(2) Mr. RICHARDSON stated that the problem of discarded objects in fishing areas, which cause damage to nets, is important and that the situation should have been corrected many years ago. Capt JOHNSON stated that U. S. naval vessels jettison scrap metal seaward of the 100 fathom curve to ensure that the objects will not interfere with normal activities.

(3) Mr. DAI stated he will discuss selection of the site for the fish market with the Mayor and will recommend that the market include a refrigeration unit capable of supporting local requirements.

4. The Council adjourned at 0929.

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

- a. Report of the Public Health Committee.
- b. Report of the Commodities Distribution Committee.
- c. Review of unfinished business.
- d. Report of highlights of week's activities by all members.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for 0900, 19 December in

CORDS Building conference room.

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MINUTES OF I CORPS JOINT COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING19 DECEMBER 1967

1. The Council convened at 0916 with the following members present:

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- a. MGEN MURRAY, USMC, Deputy Commanding General, III MAF (CHAIRMAN)
 - b. MGEN ANDERSON, USMC, Chief of Staff, III MAF
 - c. RADM LACY, USN, Commander, NSA, Danang
 - d. Mr. GROSS, Assistant Deputy for CORDS (Deputy CHAIRMAN)
 - e. Mr. MUSTAKOS, Chief, RD Division, CORDS
 - f. Col NHIEU, ARVN, DC of S for Psychological Operations, I Corps
 - g. Col HIDALGO, USA, Deputy Commanding Officer, I Corps Advisory Group
 - h. LtCol GARDNER, USA, G-5, I Corps Advisory Group
 - i. LtCol THUAN, ARVN, DC of S for Current Affairs, I Corps
 - j. CDR CRICCHI, USN, CAO, NSA, Danang
 - k. Maj MARTIN, USMC, G-5, III MAF (Recorder)

2. The following guests were present:

- a. Mr. CONSODINE, CORDS
- b. Mr. JOHNSON (representing Chief, NLD Division, CORDS)
- c. LCDR FRENCH, USN (representing G-5, III MAF)
- d. LCDR MILLER, USN, NSA, Danang

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. LCDR FRENCH reported for the CHAIRMAN of the Public Health Committee. LCDR FRENCH informed the Council that the committee was monitoring the progress of Provincial Public Health Committees. He stated that the Danang Public Health Committee has conducted two meetings to date; while Quang Ngai has experienced difficulties subsequent to the resignation of the Ministry assistant. He further stated that the committee in Quang Tin is progressing satisfactorily and that the Third Marine Division has reported that a condition of excellent cooperation exists concerning the Thua Thien Committee. Additionally, LCDR FRENCH stated that the degree of development of each provincial committee is dependent upon the aggressiveness of each committee chairman.

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(1) CDR CRICCHI stated that since authority is retained in Saigon the Provincial committees experience difficulty in attaining local objectives.

(2) The CHAIRMAN proposed that the subject of Provincial Public Health Committees be dropped from the agenda; and that the Council must be prepared to receive any future problems associated with these committees. A discussion followed. The Council decided to retain this item for the agenda pending additional development of the situation, but will reconsider the proposal during the immediate future.

c. Report of the Commodities Distribution Committee was deferred pending availability of the committee chairman.

d. Mr. CONSODINE reported that the An Hoa Industrial Complex officials have experienced difficulty in moving material to the complex. The Fourth Transportation Command, Saigon is providing the initial movement lift support. Four barges will be utilized to transport material from Saigon to Danang. Two barges will be moved at a time. Materials will be off-loaded and stored in Danang for subsequent shipment to An Hoa. All movement will be coordinated with complex officials. The first increment of the shipment was scheduled to depart Saigon on 11 December. Off-loading will be accomplished at the commercial port, Danang.

(1) COL HIDAIGO suggested that double handling could be eliminated by executing direct shipment of materials from the port at Danang to the complex rather than utilize temporary storage.

(2) Mr. CROSS stated that there may be a requirement for heavy lift transport equipment to move certain materials to the complex.

(3) The CHAIRMAN stated that the heavy lift capability organic to a mobile construction battalion should be considered for probable employment.

(4) RADM LACY stated that local commands must be informed of lift requirements from Danang to An Hoa in sufficient time to ensure that adequate preparation can be accomplished.

e. LCDR FRENCH reported that the toys from Hong Kong are scheduled to arrive Danang by air, 201200H December and that the arrival will be covered by the Combat Information Bureau. The toys would be forwarded to units of III MAF for distribution to Vietnamese children during the Christmas Season.

f. Mr. JOHNSON reported that Mr. NAIPER, Chief, Fishing Branch, USAID, Saigon, and his Vietnamese counterpart are scheduled to arrive Danang on 20 December and that 20 Million VN\$ have been allocated for construction of the new fish market. Mr. JOHNSON stated that primary problems remaining to be solved include:

- (1) Selection of construction site
- (2) Attainment of land title

g. CDR CRICCHI informed the council that the Helo pad at the Danang Surgical Hospital will become operational during the week of 17-23 December.

4. The Council adjourned at 0946.

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

- a. Report of the Commodities Distribution Committee.
- b. Review of unfinished business.
- c. Report of highlights of week's activities by all members.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for 0900, 26 December in CORDS Building conference room.

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ATTENDING

F. F. Eubanks, Jr. Chief, Logistics, CORDS (Chairman)
 Lt. Col. John B. Harris, G-5 III MAF CAO
 Lt. Col. Raigh Mason, Pol/War Adv., AFAT-5
 Capt. L.S. Darkowski (OAC), Force Chaplain, III MAF
 Capt. M. F. W. Wylie, G-5 Section
 Richard D. Cummins, CORDS Refugee, III MAF
 Matthew B. D'Arcy, CBS, I Corps
 William P. Schellstedt, GMS, I Corps

The Chairman began with a brief review of the proceedings at the last meeting. He then outlined the major current goal of the CORDS Logistics Branch, I Corps, i.e. the procurement, transport, and storage of 60 days of supply in each province of I Corps (30 days of supply, 15 days safety-level, and 15 days ordering/shipping time). The target date for completion of this shipping of approximately 8,500 M/T is Jan. 1, 1968.

The Chairman then reviewed the commodity movement situation in I Corps for the past four months and outlined some of the problems currently being faced by the Logistics Branch. Among these problems, the silt-ing up of the LST ports in Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces was discussed at some length. The result of this reduced LST capacity has been to lessen the amount of transportation assistance that can be expected from the military and to increase the reliance of CORDS and other agencies on commercial shipping channels. This situation has been further aggravated by the poor road conditions north of Hue. Frequently large commercial trucks cannot proceed far north of Hue. Quang Ngai and Quang Tin, on the other hand, continue to enjoy good shipping facilities and will benefit by more LST availability to Chu Lai. Furthermore, Gen. Westmoreland has declared Quang Ngai a top priority area for the 1968 pacification effort and this should further avail CORDS access to military transportation support.

On a brief outline of the current commodity availability situation, the Chairman noted that substantial stocks of beans and flour were on hand, but that shortages of milk and roofing existed. Milk is cut nationwide. Roofing is aboard a vessel which has been in port since 20 November but unable to get alongside due heavy weather.

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The Chairman also announced that the Vietnam Christian Service has recently completed a study on various economical food products vis-a-vis their acceptability for usage here. CSB has proven exceptionally good in tests on Refugees outside Hue.

The Chairman concluded by announcing that Food for Freedom Representative would be invited to attend the next committee meeting.

A round-table discussion of general issues then began. Mr. D'Aroy of the CRS cited certain problem of coordination that had arisen between his people and GVN officials involved with the RD program. Mr. Eubanks suggested that this situation was probably a result of the phase-in of RD's newly granted authority and expected most problems to be resolved at a IOTZ Log Advisors Conference on 15 December at Basing, with Mr. D'Aroy in attendance.

A second problem raised by Mr. D'Aroy concerned duplication of effort by agencies engaged in welfare projects in I Corps. To avoid the possibility of field agents applying to two or more agencies for the same commodity at the same time, and thereby thwarting attempts at centralized coordination of logistics, the Chairman stated that additional procedures for coordinating such requests should be established. Most coordination is accomplished by referring all requests to Civic Action Officers. Other coordination is between CARE and CRS requiring signatures of the other that none has been issued. Lists of all recipients will be submitted by CRS and CARE to III MAF G-5, copy to Chairman.

Lt.Col. John B. Harris then presented a briefing on III MAF G-5 mission and functions. Col. Harris informed the meeting that Military Civic Action programs were now viewed as one more tools at the disposal of the field commander and were, therefore, considered humanitarian operations with major military implications.

The keystone to this program were listed as health, education, and agriculture. Health programs are implemented by MEDCAP teams who, at the peak of their operations in August of this year, treated 236,000 people in I Corps alone. Educational programs have increased in efficiency as coordination with GVN educational authorities has increased. Agricultural efforts have taken place largely, but not exhaustively, through the COMUS Agricultural Section.

The guidelines followed by the military in the selection of their projects were listed as follows: 1. Projects should be short-term; 2. they should be of a "high impact" nature, i.e. should directly affect the lives of the people; 3) they should be low cost, in order to allow use of funds over the widest possible area;

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- 4) they should be continuous, i.e. should not terminate upon departure of the U.S. Military; 5) they should be of a "self-help" nature; 6) they should fulfill the desire of the people; and 7) they should be characterized by technological simplicity.

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Resources available to the military civic operations were listed under seven headings: 1. individual resources; 2. field expedients; 3. native resources; 4. PW/MW CA/fund; 5. USMR/CARE fund (a fund drive by Reserve Marines administered by CARE); and, 6. "Hand Clasp" (a similar fund operated by the Navy).

At the conclusion of Col. Harris' briefing, the Chairman thanked Col. Harris for his active participation and enthusiastic contributions to the meeting and wished him well in his new duty assignment to the Armed Forces Staff College. The meeting was adjourned. The date for the next meeting was set for 1430, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1968, in the COMUS Conference Room, Danang.

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