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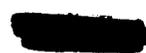
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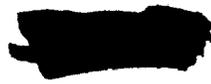
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Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
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1 November 1969 - 30 November 1969

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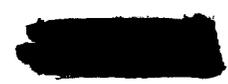
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

III Marine Amphibious Force

Lieutenant General Herman  
NICKERSON Jr., U. S. Marine  
Corps  
1-30Nov69

DEPUTY COMMANDER

Major General George S.  
BOWMAN Jr., U. S. Marine  
Corps  
1-30Nov69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

XXIV Corps

Lieutenant General Melvin  
ZAIS, U. S. Army  
1-30Nov69

3d Marine Division

Major General William K.  
JONES, U. S. Marine Corps  
1-30Nov69

101st Airborne Division  
(Airmobile)

Major General John M.  
WRIGHT, U. S. Army  
1-30Nov69

1st Marine Division

Major General Ormond R.  
SIMPSON, U. S. Marine Corps  
1-30Nov69

1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Major General William G.  
THRASH, U. S. Marine Corps  
1-30Nov69

Americal Division

Major General Lloyd B.  
RAMSEY, U. S. Army  
1-30Nov69

Force Logistic Command

Brigadier General James  
A. FEELEY, U. S. Marine  
Corps  
1-6Nov69

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Brigadier General Mauro J.  
PADALINO, U. S. Marine  
Corps  
7-30Nov69

Headquarters and Service  
Company, III Marine  
Amphibious Force  
Headquarters Commandant

Colonel Frank X. HOFF,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-30Nov69

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Radio Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Delos  
M. HOPKINS, U. S. Marine  
Corps  
1-30Nov69

29th Civil Affairs Company

Lieutenant Colonel Robert  
R. RAFFERTY, U. S. Army  
1-30Nov69

7th Psychological Operations  
Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Gerhard  
L. JACOBSON, U. S. Army  
1-30Nov69

2. LOCATION. 1-30 November 1969, East Danang, Quang Nam  
Province, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Deputy Commanding General, AirMajor General George S.  
BOWMAN Jr., U. S. Marine  
Corps  
1-30Nov69

Chief of Staff

Brigadier General George  
E. DOOLEY, U. S. Marine Corps  
1-30Nov69

Deputy Chief of Staff

Colonel Lewis G. FOGGEMEYER  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-27Nov69

Colonel Sam A. DRESSIN  
U. S. Marine Corps  
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Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans Brigadier General William  
A. BURKE, U. S. Army  
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Colonel Milton M. COOK, Jr.  
U. S. Marine Corps  
28-30Nov69

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 Colonel Robert L. PARNELL  
Jr., U. S. Marine Corps  
1-30Nov69

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 Colonel John S. CANTON  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-30Nov69

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 Brigadier General Leo J.  
DULACKI, U. S. Marine Corps  
1-30Nov69

Deputy G-3 Colonel Roy L. REED, U. S.  
Marine Corps  
1-27Nov69

Colonel Lewis G. POGGEMEYER,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
28-30Nov69

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 Colonel Robert J. BARBOUR  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-11Nov69

Colonel Wilbur F. SIMLIK  
U. S. Marine Corps  
12-30Nov69

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 Colonel Clifford J. PEABODY  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-30Nov69

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6 Colonel Sam A. DRESSIN,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
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Lieutenant Colonel Richard  
S. BARRY, U. S. Marine Corps  
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Force Psychological Operations Officer	Colonel William E. BARBER U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Force Supply Officer	Colonel John C. BOULWARE, U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Force Staff Judge Advocate	Colonel Marion G. TRUESDALE U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Force Engineer Officer	Colonel Thomas C. SHANAHAN U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Force Adjutant	Lieutenant Colonel Henry C. CAMPBELL, U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller	Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. VOSMIK, U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Force Informational Services Officer	Colonel Charles B. REDMAN, U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Officer in Charge, Combat Operations Center	Lieutenant Colonel William C. BRITT, U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Force Food Service Officer	Captain Edwin J. COYLE, U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Force Chaplain	Captain Eugene S. SWANSON, U. S. Navy 1-30Nov69
Force Surgeon	Captain Charles E. KEE, U. S. Navy 1-30Nov69
Force Dental Officer	Captain Van L. JOHNSON U. S. Navy 1-28Nov69

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	Captain Meredith H. MEAD U. S. Navy 29-30Nov69
Force Motor Transport Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Morris S. SHIMANOFF, U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Staff Secretary	Lieutenant Colonel Charles G. COOPER, U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Protocol Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Paul F. MAGINNIS, U. S. Marine Corps 1-13Nov69
	Lieutenant Colonel Buel B. NEWMAN Jr., U. S. Marine Corps 14-30Nov69
Force Special Services Officer	Colonel George W. CALLEN U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Force Ordnance Officer	Colonel Robert E. PARROTT U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
Director, Transportation Control Center	Lieutenant Colonel William H. TARRANT, U. S. Army 1-30Nov69
Force Inspector	Colonel David H. SIMMONS U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
USMC Liaison Officer, ROKMC	Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. BULGER, U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69
USMC Liaison Officer, MACV USMC Liaison Officer, 7th AF	Colonel Richard H. RAINFORTH U. S. Marine Corps 1-30Nov69

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

a. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE HEADQUARTERS

	<u>OFFICERS</u>				<u>ENLISTED</u>			
	USMC	USN	USA	USAF	USMC	USN	USA	USAF
H&SCO, III MAF	13	2	0	0	332	6	0	0
HQ STAFF, III MAF	220	4	27	1	611	13	9	1
CAG'S	42	0	0	0	1944	141	0	0
1ST RAD BN (-)	26	0	0	0	337	12	0	0
29TH CA CO (ATT)	0	0	59	0	0	0	84	0
7TH PSYOPS CO (SUP)	0	0	34	0	0	0	161	0

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b. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

<u>OFFICERS</u>				<u>ENLISTED</u>			
USMC	USN	USA	USAF	USMC	USN	USA	USAF
3989	312	5701	21	55504	2176	54681	25

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. INTRODUCTION

a. GENERAL. During November 1969, III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters was located in East Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. The average personnel strength was 122,409, a decrease of 8,082 under the previous month.

b. ACTIVITIES. III Marine Amphibious Force continued to be guided by COMUSMACV Directive 10-11 dated 1 November 1968 in pursuit of its objectives for November 1969.

2. OVERALL EVALUATION

a. GENERAL. Communist activity rose slightly during the month, but remained light and scattered throughout I Corps Tactical Zone. Enemy KIA increased to 3,935 from the lowest figure for the year in the previous month. U. S. Forces were conducting eight major named operations at the beginning of November. In the Northern I Corps Tactical Zone, operation NORTON FALLS terminated on 8 November with three enemy KIA for the month of November and a cumulative total of 60 enemy KIA for the entire operation. The 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AM) returned to Thua Thien Province and the 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division and elements of the 1st ARVN Division assumed responsibility for tactical operations in Quang Tri Province as all major tactical units of the 3d Marine Division completed stand down and phase two redeployment on 20 November. On 11 November, TF 1-61 Infantry (Mech), 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division, had light contact with an unknown size enemy force near Cam Lo. On 12 November the contact intensified to heavy contact and TF 1-61 was reinforced with elements of 2/501st Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (AM), and 1/2 ARVN. Final results of the contact were 178 KIA. In the Southern I Corps Tactical Zone, the 1st Marine Division terminated operation PIPESTONE CANYON with one enemy KIA for the month of November and a cumulative total of 488 KIA for the entire operation. Both RVAF and FVMAF placed greater emphasis on rice denial operations in Southern I Corps Tactical Zone as a total of 102 tons of rice was captured during the month. Significant enemy activity in the Americal Division area of operation was primarily limited to Northeastern Quang Tin Province in a series of ARVN engagements from 16 November to 22 November which resulted in a total 156 enemy KIA and 101 PW's. Americal

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Division continued four major operations with the preponderance of activity in operations FREDERICK HILL, with 169 enemy KIA, and IRON MOUNTAIN, with 105 enemy KIA.

b. Marine Corps small unit operations had 36 friendly KIA and 317 WIA with 1,045 enemy KIA. On major operations the U. S. Army received 45 KIA and 341 WIA while inflicting 748 enemy kills. The U. S. Army did not conduct any small unit operations during the month of November.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING NOVEMBER 19691. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

a. GENERAL. During the month of November 1969 there were eight major unit operations conducted in the I Corps Tactical Zone. Seven of these operations were conducted by U. S. Army units and one by U. S. Marine Corps units. Results of these operations for the month are listed below:

<u>MAJOR OPERATIONS</u>	<u>FND CAS</u>		<u>EN CAS</u>		<u>PERIOD</u>
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WC</u>	
FREDERICK HILL	13	103	169	49	1-30Nov69
GENEVA PARK	1	31	49	8	1-30Nov69
IRON MOUNTAIN	12	65	105	0	1-30Nov69
PIPESTONE CANYON	1	3	1	1	1-7Nov69
NANTUCKET BEACH	1	16	21	2	1-30Nov69
REPUBLIC SQUARE	0	16	78	77	1-30Nov69
NORTON FALLS	0	0	3	5	1-8Nov69
FULTON SQUARE	19	111	320	74	1-30Nov69

SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

DANANG TAOR	36	317	1,045	297	1-30Nov69
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b. EVENTS. During the month of November the following significant contacts were reported in chronological order:

At 011030H a D/1/5 Marine Platoon combat patrol 9 kms north of An Hoa observed 15 to 20 enemy in small groups moving east into a treeline. The Marines called an 81mm mortar mission and then assaulted the treeline with small arms fire. Results: six NVA KIA, five detainees and two individual weapons captured with no friendly casualties reported.

At 011252H a D/1/5 Marine patrol nine kms north of An Hoa received enemy fire and requested an air strike through an aerial observer on station. The aerial observer directed four F4B aircraft and one UH-1E gunship on the target resulting in 12 NVA KBA.

At 031540 a 1st Marine Division recon team observed six enemy in black pajamas with packs and rifles moving south 12 kms east of Thuong Duc. The team called in artillery resulting in six enemy KIA.

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At 051930H K/3/5 Marines observed 18 VC in two boats crossing the Song Thu Bon River eight kms northeast of An Hoa. The unit called in artillery illumination and engaged the enemy with small arms fire and M-79's, killing all 18 of the enemy and destroying the two boats. There were no friendly casualties or damage.

At 090115H I Company, 3/1 Marines, while enroute to an ambush site three kms west-northwest of Hill 55, encountered 18 to 22 enemy moving south approximately 30 meters away. The Marines engaged the enemy with small arms fire, automatic weapons and M-79 fire. The enemy returned small arms fire and fled in all directions. Artillery illumination was called and the area was swept. Results: 12 NVA KIA, six packs with rice and fish, six ChiCom grenades, assorted 782 gear and documents. One Vietnamese male was apprehended. Two enemy were observed falling into a river but the kills could not be confirmed. There were no friendly casualties.

At 081300H a Marine forward observer on Hill 65 observed 13 VC eight kms west of Liberty Bridge. He called an artillery mission on the enemy killing ning.

At 091730H an artillery forward observer with M/3/7 Marines eight kms west of Que Son observed five enemy with packs and weapons approximately 2,500 meters northwest of his position. An artillery fire mission was called. Results: five enemy KIA.

I/3/1 Marines and a PRU Unit from Hieu Duc, while conducting a clear and search operation 10 kms north of Liberty Bridge had a series of platoon contacts as follows: (1) 090115H: 18 to 20 enemy were engaged with small arms fire. results: 12 enemy KIA and one detainee; (2) 091615H: four enemy were engaged with small arms fire. results: two enemy KIA; (3) 091615H: four enemy were engaged with small arms fire. results: one enemy KIA with one USMC KIA; (4) 091615H: 10 enemy were engaged with small arms fire. results: six enemy KIA and two detainees. The clear and search operation was in response to a Hoi Chanh report of a cache in the area. Cumulative totals: 21 enemy KIA and three detainees with one USMC KIA.

At 111705H a forward observer with M/3/7 Marines, using IOD, observed 14 enemy with packs and rifles 11 kms west-northwest of Que Son. An artillery mission was fired. Results: six enemy KIA with no friendly casualties.

At 111730H a platoon from A/1/5 Marines, while on a combat patrol, exchanged small arms fire with an unknown size enemy force nine kms north of An Hoa. One Marine was WIA. A

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MEDEVAC helicopter was called and received small arms fire wounding the crew chief. The helicopter was not damaged and the MEDEVAC was completed. The platoon was joined by the remainder of A/1/5 Marines and a sweep of the area was made. Results: 10 enemy KIA and two detainees with two friendly WIA.

At 111740H a forward observer with M/3/7 Marines, using IOD, observed 40 enemy with packs and rifles moving east 10 kms west-northwest of Que Son. An artillery mission was fired. Results: nine enemy KIA with no friendly casualties.

At 121825H a forward observer with M/3/7 Marines observed four enemy with packs and weapons moving north along an infiltration route eight kms west of Que Son. An artillery mission was fired. The forward observer then observed 14 more enemy in the same area and shifted the artillery fire on the new target. Results: 11 NVA KIA.

At 132130H a platoon from K/3/1 Marines and CAP 2-2-1, while in a defensive position, received 15 RPG rounds and small arms fire from an estimated 50 to 80 enemy four kms north of Liberty Bridge. The platoon returned the fire with small arms, 81mm and 60mm mortars. Illumination was fired and when the enemy broke contact the platoon pursued in a south-east direction. Results: six NVA KIA with four USMC WIA and one PF WIA.

At 141700H a forward observer with H&S/2/5 Marines observed 20 enemy around a bunker four kms west of Liberty Bridge and called an artillery mission. Results: 11 enemy KIA with no friendly casualties reported.

At 141710H a forward observer from M/3/7 Marines observed an estimated VC company moving north 11 kms west of Que Son. An artillery mission was fired. Results: 17 enemy KIA. The remaining enemy fled into a treeline.

At 150720H a forward observer with H&S/2/5 Marines observed six NVA carrying packs and weapons and moving southeast six kms west-northwest of Liberty Bridge. An artillery mission was fired resulting in five NVA KIA.

At 151045H a forward observer with M/3/7 Marines, in a defensive position, observed two NVA in a treeline in Antenna Valley 13 kms north of Hiep Duc. An artillery mission was fired killing two NVA. The bodies were left in the treeline and when three more NVA attempted to remove them the artillery fire was repeated. Cumulative totals: five NVA KIA.

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At 171445H a forward observer with M/3/7 Marines observed an estimated NVA company moving southwest along a river bank 11 kms west-northwest of Que Son. An artillery mission was fired. Results: six NVA KIA.

At 201630H an aerial observer supporting 1/5 Marines, observed 40 enemy with packs and carrying large bundles moving northwest seven kms west of Liberty Bridge. Air strikes and artillery were called and D/1/5 Marines swept the area. They found six NVA killed by air and killed one NVA with small arms fire with no friendly casualties reported.

At 221810H a forward observer from H Battery, 3/11 Marines observed six enemy moving northwest on a river bank 12 kms west-northwest of Que Son. An artillery mission was fired resulting in six NVA KIA.

At 221815H a platoon from K/3/5 Marines observed an unknown size enemy force, moving south crossing a river five kms southwest of Liberty Bridge. The platoon engaged the enemy with small arms fire. Results: five VC KIA with no friendly casualties.

At 221600H a forward observer with H&S/2/5 Marines observed 10 enemy attempting to repair a bunker seven kms northwest of Liberty Bridge. An artillery mission was fired killing seven VC.

At 231715H a platoon from H/2/5 Marines, while on a clear and search operation, walked up on six VC males harvesting rice six kms north-northwest of An Hoa. The enemy spotted the platoon and attempted to flee. The enemy were taken under fire with small arms and M-79's, killing five.

At 251620H H&S/1/1 Marines observed 28 enemy, eight kms east of Liberty Bridge. The enemy were heavily camouflaged and wearing green and khaki uniforms with packs, helmets and weapons. An artillery mission was fired killing 19 enemy. ✓

At 271500H a 1/1 Marine squad outpost observed 50 enemy in small groups, carrying packs and weapons six kms east of Liberty Bridge, moving north. An artillery mission was called. Results: 11 enemy KIA and three secondary explosions.

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At 271815H an artillery forward observer with L/3/7 Marines observed an estimated enemy platoon 12 kms west-northwest of Que Son, moving southwest. An artillery mission was fired, resulting in six NVA KIA. Then at 1930H an 11th Marine outpost observed 12 enemy with packs and weapons 700 meters to the southeast, also moving southwest. Another artillery mission was fired resulting in six more enemy KIA.

At 272100H M/3/1 Marines, while in night defensive positions, was probed by an estimated 10 enemy with small arms fire and grenades 11 kms south of Danang airfield. M Company returned organic weapons fire and the enemy withdrew. Results: five VC KIA with no friendly casualties.

At 291100H B/1/7 Marines, while on a clear and search mission, observed eight enemy wearing green uniforms and carrying packs six kms northwest of Que Son. An element of B/1/7 was sent to the northwest to establish a blocking position while the company maneuvered and engaged the enemy with small arms fire. Results: six NVA KIA with no friendly casualties.

At 301100H an artillery forward observer with H&S/1/5 Marines observed six enemy with weapons standing around a fire seven kms west of Liberty Bridge. An artillery mission was fired. Results: five VC KIA.

2. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY. See page 24

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3. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

a. III MAF CASUALTIES

(1) Battle

<u>KIA</u>			<u>WIA</u>			<u>DOW</u>			<u>MIA</u>		
USMC	USN	USA									
57	4	66	439	15	468	5	0	7	0	0	0

(2) Non-Battle

<u>DEATHS</u>			<u>ILL/INJ</u>		
USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA
25	2	8	1917	259	963

b. NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL TRIED:

Summary	82
Special	56
General	8

c. SHORT TONS OF MAIL SENT AND RECEIVED BY III MAF:

Sent:	157	Received	667
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## 4. Personnel

## a. Special Services Activities

(1) Freedom Hill Recreation Complex

(a) THEATER: The 35MM Indoor theater was operational 30 days during the month of November 1969.

(b) OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER: The "New Christy Minstrels" USO Show performed to a crowd of approximately 3,000 troops.

(c) BOWLING ALLEY: Work has started on the repair and renovation of the bowling lanes and associated equipment.

(d) SECURITY: The new program of collecting all weapons from troops entering the recreation complex has been initiated.

(2) R&R Activity (Out-of-Country)

(a) Of 5,371 seats allocated to III MAF, 4,169 were filled for 77.4% utilization. Of 6,702 seats allocated to III MAF (including Naval Forces in I Corps), 5,278 were filled for 75.6% utilization. Total allocations for Danang R&R Center consisted of 10,992 of which 10,178 were filled for a utilization percentage of 97.5%.

<u>SITE</u>	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>I CORPS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SYDNEY	911	1,223	2,134
TOKYO	226	443	669
SINGAPORE	130	351	481
HAWAII	1,020	1,298	2,318
HONG KONG	436	888	1,324
TAIPEI	502	545	1,047
BANGKOK	648	940	1,588
MANILA	188	266	454
OKINAWA	108	55	163
TOTALS	<u>4,169</u>	<u>6,009</u>	<u>10,178</u>

(3) R&R Activities (In-Country)

(a) Quotas allocated were utilized by 1,317 personnel. This does not include daily users. Daily users for the month of November totaled approximately 8,145.

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(4) Entertainment

Tom Tully and Friends (USO)	9-11 Nov	Handshake Tour
The Melba Joye Show (USO)	10-14 Nov	Musical Variety
Boxing Champs (USO)	12-17 Nov	Handshake Tour
Baseball Unit (USO)	18-19 Nov	Handshake Tour
Silk and Soul (USO)	17-20 Nov	Musical Variety
Harmonica Rascals (USO)	21-23 Nov	Musical Variety
The New Christy Minstrels (USO)	23-27 Nov	Musical Variety
National Cartoonists Society #11	28-30 Nov	Handshake Tour
Your A Good Man Charlie Brown (CMTS)	28-29 Nov	Musical

(5) MARS Activities (20 Stations in I Corps)

(a) Messages sent	11,558
(b) Messages received	6,946
(c) Phone patches sent and received	10,576
(d) Hospital calls	175

(6) Tape Facility

(a) 7,610 prerecorded musical tapes were produced during this reporting period.

(b) 3,578 prerecorded musical tapes were sold during this reporting period.

(7) Film Library

(a) 125 16MM films were received from Army and Air Force Motion Picture Service - Pacific, Saigon and put into the circuits in I Corps area.

(b) 87 16MM films were repaired by this facility.

(8) Stars and Stripes Distribution

(a) During the period 1-20 November 1969 40,437 Stars and Stripes free issue newspapers were distributed in the I Corps Area on a daily basis.

(b) For the remainder of the month the distribution decreased to 39,865 based on the recent troop withdrawals.

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## b. Force Chaplain

- 1 Nov Force Chaplain received visits from newly reporting chaplains.
- 2 Nov Force Chaplain conducted III MAF Communion Service
- 3 Nov Visited Father Hoang and Boystown and delivered \$200.00 Civic Action Funds for support of Boystown. Visited the Venerable Thich Nu Bu and delivered \$200.00 Civic Action contribution for the TAN IAP school. Also, delivered \$400.00 High School scholarship funds to the Association for the Encouragement of Learning.
- 4 Nov Conducted Marine Supervisory Chaplains meeting to coordinate itinerary for FMFPac Chaplain.
- 6 Nov Participated in I Corps Protestant Chaplains Monthly Seminar at China Beach Orphanage Chapel.
- 7 Nov Participated in Dress Rehearsal for Marine Corps Birthday program.
- 8 Nov Escorted Wells Committee, General Nickerson and General Lam on tour of China Beach Orphanage.
- 9 Nov Conducted Divine Services at III MAF Chapel.
- 10 Nov Conducted Memorial part of Marine Corps Birthday Program.
- 11 Nov Held committee meeting of chaplains to plan itinerary for Rabbi Lev.
- 12 Nov Addressed Army Chaplains Training Conference at 80th Support Group Headquarters. Also, conducted Marine Supervisory Chaplains meeting.
- 13 Nov Force Chaplain was guest of Dr. Gordon Smith with Rear Admiral Bonner and Mr. McNamara at United World Mission Headquarters, Danang.
- 14 Nov Attended Chief of Staff and Commanding General's Conferences.
- 15 Nov Received visit from Mrs. Lucy Caldwell to coordinate "Gifts to Servicemen" program. Also, accompanied General Nickerson in delivery of 350 blankets to China Beach Orphanage.
- 16 Nov Attended Divine Services at III MAF Chapel and at 5th Communications Battalion.
- 17 Nov Official escort for Rabbi Lev in visits to Freedom Hill USO, I Corps Advisory Group Headquarters and call on C/S of III MAF.
- 18 Nov Met and briefed Cdr. J.J. O'Connor, CHC, USN who arrived as member of General Walts' party.
- 19 Nov Conducted I Corps Supervisory Chaplains Conference.
- 20 to 24 Nov Official escort for Force Chaplain, FMFPac, in visits to FLC; 1st MarDiv; 1st MAW; NSA; MAG-12, MAG-13, and 9th Engineers at Chu Lai; 7th Regiment at Baldy, and 1st Regiment at Hill 55.

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23 Nov Attended services III MAF and 5th Communications Battalion. Participated Protestant Monthly Rally at I Corps Army Chapel. Gave address at Navy Chaplain Corps Anniversary Dinner.

24 Nov Participated in two hour briefing of Bennett Committee on Civil Rights.

25 to 27 Nov Attended MACV Command Chaplains Conference at Saigon to coordinate itineraries for Cardinal Cooke, Dr. Oswald Hoffman and Rear Admiral J.W. Kelly, CHC, USN.

30 Nov Played organ for III MAF Chapel Service. Attended meeting of Association for the Encouragement of Learning to plan for International Christmas Concert. Also, attended Commanding General's Mess, 1st MarDiv as dinner guest.

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5. Intelligence

a. General Enemy Situation. Though enemy initiated activity continued to be low in intensity and tempo, there was an increase in some indicators over last months figures. Enemy initiated ground incidents showed an increase from October's 669 to 855 while the number of enemy killed in action rose to 3,578; an increase of 1,459 over last months total. The number of Hoi Chanhs maintained its upward trend, increasing 49 to a new total of 813 while the number of incoming rounds continued to decrease, dropping from 2,119 to 1,798.

Counterintelligence related VC/VCI activities continued to reflect little change in tactics, policy, or intensity. Terrorist activity remained at a low level, consisting primarily of selective targeting designed to weaken/disrupt the pacification and security program. Captured documents and military source reports continued to reflect the enemy's widespread frustration concerning morale, disaffection and defection of his personnel and his considerable efforts on the collection, transportation and distribution of rice.

Enemy activity in the northern most province of QUANG TRI remained generally light and scattered during November. Operations in and around the DMZ accounted for a large number of the actions with a series of related contacts involving TF 1/61 Mech, 2/501st Infantry and 1/2 ARVN being one of the more significant. On the 11th D/1/11 in night defensive positions seven kilometers northwest of CAM LO engaged an unknown size enemy force. Following the enemy withdrawal as the day progressed, D Company again made contact and was joined by C/1/61st Mech in pursuing the enemy. Sporadic contacts continued throughout the afternoon. The next day, TF 1/61, while searching the area of the previous days contacts received fire from an estimated battalion (-) eight kilometers northwest of CAM LO (YD 053630). During this action two helicopters were shot down. On the 13th 2/501st and 1/2 ARVN moved into the area to continue the sweep. Total enemy casualties for the action were 183 killed and two PW's with moderate friendly casualties.

There was little significant activity reported in THUA THIEN Province during November which lent credence to source reports that enemy forces in the area were remaining out of contact and concentrating on gathering rice while the most significant events in QUANG NAM Province during this period were the captures of large caches. On 11 November a patrol from B/1/7 Marines found a cave complex nine kilometers northwest of QUE SON containing rice, printing and reproduction materials, documents and miscellaneous equipment indicating a major headquarters, probably subordinate to Front 4. Elements of the 7th Marines on 20 November discovered

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large caches of rice, ordnance and a hospital identified as the 78th Hospital, Front 4, in caves eight kilometers northwest of QUE SON.

The increased movement of enemy forces in the lowlands of QUANG TIN Province is attributed to rice gathering operations as the enemy attempts to build stockpiles for future operations. PW interrogations and Hoi Chanh statements indicate that the 70th Main Force Battalion, 72d Local Force Battalion and 76th Local Force Sapper Battalion are moving from the piedmont and are returning to their normal AO's in the coastal lowland.

Enemy activity in QUANG NGAI Province remained light and low keyed throughout the month with actions characterized by friendly contacts and discoveries of rice and ordnance caches. An influx of PW's from the 2d Battalion, 2d Regiment, continues to indicate elements of that regiment are operating in the QUANG NGAI/BINH DINH Border Area. Their mission is to conduct attacks against bridges, rural pacification efforts and inter-dict lines of communication.

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

Enemy Initiated Activity

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARVN</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>BOKMC</u>	<u>QUANG</u>
Attacks	9	7	4	0	0
Ambushes	1	1	0	0	4
Assaults by Fire	5	17	1	0	1
Harassing Fire	283	86	65	13	6
Mines/Booby Traps	139	73	11	10	0
AA Fire	309	10	0	0	0

Total Acts of Terrorism for ICTZ - 119

c. Enemy Order of Battle. Confirmed forces operating in ICTZ as of 30 November 1969.

(1) QUANG TRI (P). Confirmed units in QUANG TRI Province including only those considered to be operating south of the DMZ. Major units were the 7th Front Headquarters, the K.8 and K.14 Infantry, and 10th and 11th Sapper Battalions subordinate to the 7th Front; the 246th NVA Regiment, 9th Regiment, 304th Division and the 2d Battalion, 84th Artillery Regiment. Additionally, a battalion of the 27th NVA Regiment, and elements of the 31st NVA Regiment, operated in the province. The total enemy strength in QUANG TRI Province was 3,490.

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(2) THUA THIEN (P). The K.4B and K.4C Battalions of the 4th NVA Regiment, K.4, K.10 Infantry, and Chi Thua I and II Sapper Battalions of the 5th NVA Regiment, 806th Infantry and K.12 Sapper Battalions of the 6th NVA Regiment; K.32, K.34 and K.35 Artillery Battalions, MRTTH, and four local force companies were located within the province. The total enemy strength in THUA THIEN Province was 3,825.

(3) QUANG NAM (P). Enemy forces in QUANG NAM Province consisted of Front 4 Headquarters and support units, the 31st NVA Regiment, the 1st VC Regiment, 36th, 90th and 141st NVA Regiments, eleven independent battalions. The independent battalions are the 573rd, 575th and 577th NVA Rocket Battalions, the P.20 MF, V.25 MF and D.3 NVA Infantry Battalions, the 3d, T.87 and T.89, Hai Van Engineer/Sapper Battalions, the 42d Recon Battalion and six local force companies. The total enemy strength for the province was 8,545.

(4) QUANG TIN (P). The 2d NVA Division Headquarters and support units, the 3d NVA (AKA 31st) Regiment of the 2d NVA Division, six independent battalions which include the 70th LF and 72d LF Infantry Battalions, the 74th LF Heavy Weapons Battalion, the 78th LF Artillery Battalion, the 409th and 76th Sapper Battalions, and six local force companies were located in the province. The total enemy strength in QUANG TIN Province was 4,715.

(5) QUANG NGAI (P). The 21st NVA Regiment of the 2d NVA Division, 22d NVA Regiment of the 3d NVA Division, six independent battalions which includes the 38th LF, 48th LF and 120th MF Infantry Battalions, the 9th and 406th Sapper Battalions and the 107th Artillery Battalion, and 20 local force companies were located in the province. The total enemy strength in QUANG NGAI Province was 4,050.

d. Counterintelligence

(1) Counterintelligence Monthly Overview. During November, VC/VCI counterintelligence related activities remained at an extremely low level. Continuation of the same policy and tactics as reported during October was apparent, however, it became increasingly evident that the VC/VCI were experiencing aggravations of several far reaching problems generated by, and associated with, the effectiveness of GVN/allied security and pacification programs.

Limitations imposed on the operational range of VCI cadre and their access to the populace effectively denied the materiel and political support the enemy must obtain to accomplish his planned objectives. As a result, VC/NVA military actions were directed almost exclusively towards disruption of security and pacification assets. The enemy by desperate necessity, devoted priority efforts toward the collection and stockpiling of food and supplies while avoiding major contacts which would

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endanger already depleted units. The inter-related problems of growing attrition of enemy personnel through neutralizations and the limitations imposed on former recruitment, intelligence, logistical and base support areas coupled with related morale problems and increased deserter/defection rates resulted in a vicious circle of cause and effect which could prove fatal to the communist insurgency in ICTZ.

Various reports reflected enemy intentions to conduct concerted political and proselyting efforts in conjunction with intensified military activity and a possible large scale offensive during the Winter-Spring Campaign. VC/VCI recent and past activities, when compared with plans and intentions, however, reflect growing disparity between design and accomplishment.

(2) Propaganda and Subversion. Enemy political and propaganda activities reflected no discernible change from the previous month and continued to be oriented toward fomenting dissent, political struggles, and mass demonstrations against the GVN while simultaneously gaining the support and political alignment of various groups and segments of the population. Despite popular concern regarding the rising costs of commodities, particularly food, and other popular frustrations generated by the war; enemy political struggle efforts have failed to produce any discernible success in ICTZ.

Continued ARVN, RF and PF successes in engaging the VC continued to reflect more confidence in their capabilities, made them less susceptible to enemy proselyting efforts and effectively negated enemy attempts to exploit U.S. troop withdrawals as "abandonment" of the GVN and RVNAF.

Enemy propaganda themes continued to reflect high priority on exploiting various aspects of anti-war dissent in the U.S. in hopes that the U.S. government would be pressured into accelerated U.S. troop withdrawals, thereby negating the "Vietnamization" strategy and leaving the way open for a communist victory. By late November, however, the widespread and possibly unexpected U.S. and GVN support of President NIXON's "Vietnamization Strategy for Peace" address of 3 November, made further pursuit of this theme seem futile.

(3) Terrorism. Terrorist activities in ICTZ remained at essentially the same low level, consisting primarily of selective targetting of individuals designed to weaken/disrupt pacification and security assets. No discernible changes were reflected from the tactics and policies of the previous month.

(4) Sabotage. Enemy sabotage related activities during November remained at a relatively low level and continued to be directed primarily toward lines of communication. The damaging and subsequent sinking of the U.S. Navy YOG 76 in the vicinity of the CUA VIET River inlet, QUANG

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TRI Province, as the result of suspected attachment of enemy mines to the hull, was the most significant of the sabotage incidents. Other activities included attacks against a HUE-DANANG Railway Train, the HUE-DANANG Railway tracks, two highway bridges, four road culverts, an irrigation ditch, and an electric power pole.

(5) Penetration. Agent reports and captured documents continued to reflect enemy emphasis on the cultivation of penetration agents within selected positions, agencies, and/or installations and efforts to obtain legal documentation and status for selected enemy cadre. Likewise, reports continue to reveal enemy use of women, children and various indigenous employees to collect and transmit data in GVN/allied controlled areas. Periodic detection and apprehension of enemy espionage agents and their witting or unwitting supporters revealed that primary emphasis was directed toward pacification and security elements in ICTZ, although agents detected within high level South Vietnam governmental agencies and heavily populated government controlled areas reveal an effective and sophisticated enemy capability and at least limited success in this endeavor.

Conversely, the detection and subsequent apprehension of these individuals reflect the high professionalism and steadily increasing capabilities of GVN/RVNAP investigative agencies to detect, identify and apprehend or exploit the individuals concerned.

e. Enemy Losses. Enemy losses during the month of November were as follows:

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARVN</u>	<u>ROKMC</u>	<u>CLDG</u>	<u>GAP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
KIA's	1,903	1,337	194	84	60	3,578
Detainees	840	128	4	105	105	1,182
PW's/NVA	45	0	0	0	0	45
PW's/VC	21	1,441	8	12	13	1,495
Returns/NVA	6	0	0	0	0	6
Returns/VC	30	255	5	0	6	302
Civil Defendants	157	0	0	0	0	157
Innocent Civilians	304	0	0	0	0	304
Individual Weapons	492	361	62	22	33	970
Crew-Served Weapons	45	70	5	0	1	121

Total Hoi Chanhs returned to both military and civil authorities - 813

f. Kit Carson Scout Program. Significant accomplishments of Kit Carson Scouts employed by Marine Divisions for the period of 1-30 November were as follows:

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	<u>1ST MARDIV</u>	<u>FLC</u>
Patrols	1,014	25
Classes Conducted	63	0
Psyops Broadcasts	14	0
Enemy Captured/Suspects Apprehended	4/10	1/2
Enemy Killed	9	0
Weapons Recovered	1	0
Returnees	0	0
Caves/Tunnels/Caches Detected	23	1
Mines/Booby Traps Detected	50	3

30 November 1969. The status of Kit Carson Scouts was as follows:

	<u>No. KCS Employed</u>	<u>No. KCS Recruited</u>	<u>No. KCS KIA-WIA-MIA-DES</u>			
1st Marine Division	121	0	0	0	0	0
3rd Marine Division	0	0	0	0	0	0
Americal Division	179	22	0	8	0	0
101st Airborne Division (AM)	205	0	0	0	0	0
1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Div (Mech)	103	0	1	0	0	0
Force Logistics Command	2	0	0	0	0	0

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6. LOGISTICS

a. General. Operation Pipestone Canyon terminated in November. This operation was the most recent long - term, titled operation executed by Marines in I Corps. Other operations continued throughout the 1st Marine Division's TAOR with concentration in the Goi Noi Island, Dodge City, Que Son, Arizona and the Rocket Belt Areas. Logistic support was provided to operating forces by helicopters, truck convoys, and tracked vehicles. Helicopters continued to resupply from forward operating bases and fire support bases. Truck convoys ran to LZ Baldy, Fire Base Ross, Hill 55 and An Hoa. Am Tracs and Marginal Terrain Vehicles were used over rough terrain to resupply outlying positions. Enemy action did not seriously constrain logistic support during November while inclement weather had a more detrimental effect. Continued heavy rains caused flooding of roads and difficulty in keeping airlifts on schedule. Unfavorable seas restricted cargo operations, U-Boat coastal operations, and Keystone Cardinal redeployments. Weather improved toward the end of the month, allowing air and surface transportation to return to normal.

b. G-4

(1) From 2-11 November, Col E.G. DERNING, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, attended the 3d QTR FY-70 7th Flt Scheduling and Planning Conference in Yokosuka, Japan. Employment of current amphibious assets and capabilities and amphibious redeployment planning were discussed.

(2) From 7-9 November, Major R.W. MANTYLA, U.S.A., Assistant G-4 Operations Officer attended the Coordination, Publication of Real Estate Conference in Saigon. Procedures and regulations for transfer of real estate were discussed.

(3) On 14 November, Col W.F. SIMLIK, assumed duties as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, replacing Col R.J. BARBOUR, who departed on 24 November for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear) Iwakuni, Japan.

(4) From 18-23 November, LtCol T.P. RIEGERT, G-4 Plans Officer, attended the Eighth Logistical Conference ROKFV in Yongsan; Seoul, Korea. Topics discussed were retrograde of vehicles and spare parts from RVN to ROK, Rations support of ROK forces in RVN, and Clothing support of ROK forces in RVN.

On 17 November an agreement was signed turning over portions of the Dong Ha Combat Base to the ARVN.

On 27 November agreements were signed turning over Vinh Dai Crusher/Base Camp and Fire Support Base Nancy to the ARVN.

During November the Republic of Korea Marine Corps R&R Center Project was completed. Construction was done by Mobile Con-

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struction Battalion - 8, 3rd Naval Construction Brigade. The project consisted of SEA huts and a messhall/club building with garrison property to equip the center which is at China Beach.

The Logistics Annex of the Combined Campaign Plan for 1970 was updated in November.

c. Dental

(1) On 8 November, Capt W.E. LUDWICK, DC, USN, Force Dental Officer, FMFPac, visited Force Dental Officer III Marine Amphibious Force and attended the I Corps Dental Society Meeting at Tien-Sha Annex.

(2) On 9 November Capt W.E. LUDWICK, DC, USN, visited Force Dental Section, III Marine Amphibious Force. Capt LUDWICK visited the Rest and Recreation Center and 1st Dental Company's C.P..

(3) On 29 November, Capt Meredith H. MEAD, DC, USN, reported aboard for duty as Force Dental Officer, III Marine Amphibious Force, relieving Capt V.L. JOHNSON, DC, USN, of ADDU as FDO.

(4) Visits to NSA Hospital were conducted periodically throughout the reporting period.

(5) The Force Dental Officer continued to hold MEDCAP on a continuing basis for the indigenous populace at III Marine Amphibious Force Dental Facility.

(6) Dental Civic Action (MEDCAP II) conducted by III MAF Dental Companies during the month of November was as follows:

(a) Dental Procedures	2,362
(b) Patients Treated	1,110

(7) Total officer/enlisted strength of III MAF Headquarters and dental companies as of November 30, 1969 was as follows:

Dental Officers	47
Medical Service Corps	3
Dental Technicians	89
USMC/enlisted	7

(8) Total number of Facilities operated by III MAF Headquarters and dental companies throughout I Corps area as of 30 November 1969 was twenty-five.

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d. Embarkation(1) Transportation Summary

(a) Air Operation Summary. Continued bad weather during the month of November created some difficulty for common service airlift. Rains again flooded the area between Danang and An Hoa. Through careful planning of materials to be airlifted, and early submission of SMARs, emergency airlift to An Hoa was averted. Considerable effort was exerted by Danang ALCE in moving cargo into An Hoa in spite of continued bad weather. With the removal of the 3d Marine Division from I Corps, movement of cargo and passengers north to Phu Bai, Quang Tri, and Dong Ha began to decrease. December will undoubtedly reflect this decrease. Emergency airlift requests decreased to a new low for 1969. Only four CE's were requested and flown for a total of 34.6 S/T's of cargo and two passengers. One ER (training) was requested by 101st Airborne Division. Three C-130s dropped northeast of Phu Bai for a total of 45.8 S/T's. The drops were satisfactory and 100% recoverable. One ER (airdrop) was flown for the 7th Marines. Cargo movement by common service airlift increased over October by 41.6 S/T's while passengers decreased by 16,284. C7A totals also dropped during the month due to excessive bad weather; passengers by 585 and cargo by 313.8 S/T's.

(b) Surface Operation Summary. During the month enemy activity had little effect on the movement of cargo by surface means in ICTZ. The seasonal monsoonal flow was accompanied by periodic surges from the north which caused unfavorable sea and surf conditions in ICTZ restricting cargo operations and causing delays in the Keystone Cardinal Redeployment operations. By 1 December the final units scheduled for redeployment from RVN had embarked their assigned ships. Over 13,000 Marines and 24,000 S/T's of cargo were embarked and moved to CONUS, Okinawa and Japan during the phase II redeployment. Over 5000 Marines departed by Air. LCU/YFU Craft conducted nearly 900 sorties carrying Marines and their equipment to the assigned POE's and ships of the Seventh Fleet. Over 8700 S/T of cargo was retrograded from ICTZ port facilities by surface means to Danang for out-of-country shipment. Input into NICTZ totaled 20,381 S/T's, a decrease of 9966 S/T's from October. Input into Chu Lai was 19,524 S/T's while Sa Huynh received 749 S/T's. Danang received a total of 136,224 S/T's at all pier and ramp facilities which represents a 1244 S/T's decrease from October. Total cargo input in ICTZ by surface means was 176,878 S/T's an overall decrease from October.

(c) Land Operations Summary. During the month of November there were 108 resupply convoys carrying a total of 13,769 S/T's and 44 retrograde convoys carrying a total of 5,172 S/T's.

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(d) Air Operations Statistical Summary.

	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PAX	73353	38961	112314
CARGO	10481.3	4189.0	14670.3

Special Missions Flown.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Request ACFT</u>	<u>Cargo S/T</u>	<u>PAX</u>
ER (1)	(1)C-130/KC-130F	45.8 S/T/6.5S/T	0
CE (4)	C-130	80.4 S/T	2

(e) Surface Operations Statistical Summary.

44 Deep Draft Vessels embarked/debarked Danang  
 32 MSTs LST's embarked/debarked Danang  
 1 USN LST's embarked/debarked Danang  
 113 YFU/LCU embarked/debarked Danang  
 38 Barges embarked/debarked Danang

Monthly Port Performance Summary.

<u>Port</u>	<u>Offload</u>	<u>Daily Avg</u>	<u>Thru Avg</u>	<u>Daily Avg</u>
DNG	136,224	4,541	199,847	6,662
DH/CV	5,844	195	16,585	553
H/TM	14,537	485	17,496	583
CL/S-4	20,273	676	27,629	921
TOTAL	176,878	5,897	261,557	8,719

(f) Highway Operations Statistical Summary.

DNG - North	6,584	
ARVN - North	1,123	
DNG - An Hoa	2,892	
Other	3,170	
(108)	13,769	S/T = <u>Resupply Mission</u>

Retrograde Missions

(44) 5,172 S/T

(2) Chronological Listing of Events for November 1969.

1 Nov - Airlifted 30 PAX (H&MS-36) from Phu Bai to Futema, Okinawa by Marine KC-130F (Keystone Cardinal). Airlifted 207 PAX (3d MarDiv ceremonial detail) from Quang Tri to Danang (SMAR 1108). Messing and billeting at III MAF TransFac.

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- 1-7 Nov - Airlifted 58,520 lbs ammo Danang to NAS Cubi Pt for Naval Magazine Cubi Pt on Marine KC-130F and Air Force C-130
- 2-6 Nov - U-Boats to Dong Ha for staging/shuttle operations to Cua Viet (all 1466 class).
- 3-6 Nov - U-Boats to Dong Ha for staging/shuttle operations to Cua Viet (4 Skilaks, 2 (501) class). Airlifted 55 PAX (3d Mar Div Band and equipment) from Quang Tri to Danang by Marine KC-130F (Keystone Cardinal). Load Windham Cty (LST 1170) at Bridge Ramp with 1st MAW (Rear), H&HS-18, and 15th CIT for Iwakuni, Japan.
- 4 Nov - Airlifted 81 members of Hq Btry, 12th Marines Quang Tri to Danang (SMAR 11-1127) (Keystone Cardinal). Airlifted 17 members Hq 3d MarDiv and 17,800 lbs baggage and cargo from Quang Tri to Futema (SMAR 11-1128) (Keystone Cardinal). Cargo operations reduced at Dong Ha/Cua Viet ports due to Keystone Cardinal and inclement weather. 5 U-Boats to Tan My for cargo shuttle of H&MS-36 equipment to Danang deep water pier for loading on Union. (4 Skilaks and 1 1466 class). Load Cleveland (LPD-7) at Cua Viet with elements of 2/4; Hq Co., and 3d TkBn. Load Vernon Cty (LST-1161) at Danang Bridge Ramp with 9th MT Bn.
- 4-14 Nov- Airlifted 20 members of HAMS-36 and 172, 183 lbs cargo from Phu Bai to Futema (SMAR 11-1110) (Keystone Cardinal).
- 5 Nov - Airlifted 461 3d MarDiv passengers out of Quang Tri; 115 went to Futema and 346 to Danang. Begin staging cargo for Union load on 7th at Deep Water Piers H&MS-36. Advance party messing and billeting at Camp Tien Sha. Load Westchester Cty (LST-1167) at Danang Bridge Ramp with elements of 9th MT Bn and Hq Co., 4th Mar. Load Park Cty (LST-1077) at Tan My with cargo and vehicles of H&MS-36. Load Sutter Cty (LST-1150) at Tan My with cargo and vehicles of H&MS-36. Load Tom Green Cty (LST-1158) at Danang Bridge Ramp with 3d Bn 12th Mar.
- 6 Nov - Cargo operations greatly reduced at Tan

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My/Hue and Dong Ha/Cua Viet due to inclement weather and Keystone Cardinal. Load Hampshire Cty (LST-819) at Cua Viet with Det 3rd TK Bn. Airlifted 200 PAX (3rd Bn 12th Mar) from Quang Tri to Danang. Load on Tom Green Cty. Load Pitkin Cty (LST-1082) at Cua Viet with cargo and veh of H&MS-36. Complete Staging of tracked veh of Co A, 5th A.T. Bn and Co A, 5th AMTRK Bn at Bridge Ramp. (15 LVT'S, 20 Ontos). 1st MAW Stage Two CH-53 A/C at Deep Water Piers. Load Washoe Cty (LST-1165) at Danang Bridge Ramp with tracked vehicles (15 Lvt's, 20 Ontos) from 5th A.T. Bn and 5th Amtrk Bn. Load Dubuque (LPD-8) at Cua Viet with 2nd Bn, 4th Mar; 1st sect and elements of 3rd Shore Party Bn; Hq Bn; and Hq Btry 12th Mar.

- 7 Nov - Cargo Operations greatly reduced at Hue/Tan My and Dong Ha/Cua Viet due to inclement weather and operation Keystone Cardinal. Airlifted 200 PAX ceremonial detail from Danang to Quang Tri. Load Meeker Cty (LST-980) at Cua Viet with Det 4th Bn, 12th Mar.
- 8 Nov - Cargo Operations remain below normal in NICTZ due to inclement weather and Keystone Cardinal. Load Dubuque (LPD-8) at Danang Deep Water Piers with two CH-53 Helos from Pierside and two Portacamps from seaside. Load Union (LKA-106) at Danang Deep Water Piers with cargo of H&MS-36.
- 8-10 Nov- Airlifted 200 members of I Co 3/4 Mar Danang to Quang Tri (SMAR 11-1138).
- 9 Nov - Airlifted 28,000 lbs potatoes from Bien Hoa to Tan Son Nhut to Danang for Marines by Air Force C-130. Cargo operations remain low in NICTZ due to inclement weather and Keystone Cardinal. Load Gunston Hall (LSD-5) at Cua Viet with 3rd Shore Party Bn. Load Outagamie Cty (LST-1073) at Cua Viet Det 4th Bn, 12th Mar. U-Boats return Dong Ha with NCB and FLC Retrograde.

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- 10 Nov - Airlifted 120 members of advanced party 3/4 Marines and 13,000 lbs baggage and cargo from Quang Tri to Futema (SMAR 11-1141) (Keystone Cardinal). Cargo operations remain low in NICTZ due to inclement weather.
- 12 Nov - USNS Barrett debarked 345 incoming ROKMC replacements and embarked 429 ROKMC rotatees.
- 14-16Nov - Airlifted the Delta Force; 746 passengers and 453,940 lbs of cargo from Quang Tri to Nha Trang, 24 C-130 sorties were required. (SMAR 1158)
- 15 Nov - 4090 lbs of spare parts for tracked vehicles airlifted from Bien Hoa to Chu Lai for Americal Division (CE 11-185). ER (training) three C-130's dropped 45.8 S/T's of cargo NE of Phu Bai for 101st Airborne Division. The drops were satisfactory and 100% recoverable. Airlifted 44 members MAG-36 and 7,600 lbs baggage and cargo Phu Bai to Futema (SMAR 11-1160) (Keystone Cardinal). Airlifted 215 members Hq Bn 3rd MarDiv and 23,995 lbs baggage and cargo from Quang Tri to Danang by Marine KC-130F (In-Country Transfer).
- 16 Nov - Airlifted 40 PAX (3/4 ships plat) from Quang Tri to Danang by Marine KC-130F (Keystone Cardinal). Airlifted 75 U.S. prisoners and chasers and 7595 lbs baggage and cargo from Danang to Futema (SMAR) 11-1159) (Keystone Cardinal).
- 18 Nov - 8510 lbs of Naval ammo from Danang to Quang Tri for NSAD Cua Viet (CE 11-202). 36,800 lbs of replacement helicopter engines airlifted from Qui Nhon to Phu Bai for 101st Airborne Division (CE 11-203). Coastal shipping and Harbor OPS severely hampered by 4 to 6 foot swells in the Harbor and up to 10 foot swells in open seas.
- 19 Nov - Coastal shipping and Harbor OPS and Pierside OPS severely hampered by 4 to 6 foot swells in the Harbor and up to 10 foot swells in open seas. Load

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- 26 Nov - Marine KC-130F air-dropped 7 pallets rations and 15 cases radio batteries 12,950 lbs to 7th Marines. Load Park Cty (LST-1177) at Tan My with Det MABS-36. Unable to work ships pierside and seaside due to 4 to 8 foot swells in the Harbor.
- 27 Nov - Weather conditions subsiding. Partial resumption of cargo operations. Outlook indicates subsiding seas next 5 days. Load Meeker Cty (LST-980) at Cua Viet Ramp with H Btry, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar and Det 4th Bn; 12th Mar.
- 28 Nov - Airlifted 34,211 lbs space heaters from Danang to Yokota for Marine Range Co, Camp Fuji (SMAR 11-1191). Airlifted 17,500 lbs repair parts for U.S. Army Support Command, Danang from Danang to Chu Lai by Marine KC-130F. Load Pitkin Cty (LST-1082) at Tan My with Det MABS-36. Load Outagamie Cty (LST-1073) at Cua Viet with Det 3rd S.P. Bn; Det 3rd Recon, Det 3rd Med Bn.
- 29 Nov - 475 ARVN troops plus 34,090 lbs of equipment airlifted from Danang to Nha Trang using five C-130 sorties (SMAR 11-654). Airlifted 14 members MAG-36 and 3,6000 lbs baggage and cargo Phu Bai to Danang to Futema by Marine KC-130F (Keystone Cardinal).
- 30 Nov - Load Gunston Hall (LSD-5) at Cua Viet with Det 11th Engr Bn. Load Terrell Cty (LST-1157) at Danang with Det "C" Co, 9th M.T. Bn.

c. Engineer

## (1) Major Construction Projects Completed:

- (a) NSA Covered Storage Repairs
- (b) Hue/Phu Bai UH-1 Hangers
- (c) FMAW TADC Bunker
- (d) 1st Med Bn Hospital
- (e) Dong Ha Bridge
- (f) Electrical Distribution System
- (g) A/C Shelters, Danang Air Base
- (h) ASP-1 Repairs
- (i) UH-1 Hanger, Duc Pho
- (j) PSB Detention Centers

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(k) MAG-16 Parking Apron

(2) Major Construction Projects Started:

- (a) FLC Retrograde Facility
- (b) LZ Baldy and Ross

(3) Major Construction Projects Cancelled:

(a) A review of the Marine Corps A/C Shelter Program for ICTZ was conducted and the following projects are no longer required:

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|-----------|-------|-----------|
| 1.        | C-520 | Phu Bai   |
| <u>2.</u> | C-524 | Quang Tri |
| <u>3.</u> | C-531 | Chu Lai   |
| <u>4.</u> | C-532 | Quang Tri |
| <u>5.</u> | C-535 | Chu Lai   |
| <u>6.</u> | C-536 | Phu Bai   |

(4) Road and Bridge Resume

(a) Enemy LOC interdictions continued at a low level through November; two highway bridges were destroyed, one on QL-1 and one on ML-1D. In addition, three spans of the 380 foot Pho Trach bridge were damaged by flood water.

(b) The 530 foot Dong Ha bridge was completed on 17 November 1969. Two 40 foot bridges were constructed on Route QL-1 south of Danang. Due to continuous rainfall only 1 kilometer of Route QL-1 was paved during the month. 350 kilometers are now completed. 282 kilometers of national highway (37 kilometers on Route QL-9 and 245 kilometers on Route QL-1) have been officially transferred to the GVN Minister of Public Works. The 12 kilometer sector of Route QL-1 between the Song Cau Lau and LZ Baldy was closed for 10 days to allow the repair of rain and flood damage. Route HL-540 upgrading is now 95% complete, with extensive maintenance work continually being performed.

(5) Vietnamese National Railroad

There were two enemy interdictions on the railroad between Danang and Hue during November, halting service for 3 days. The My Chanh bridge is being restored by the VNRS and is now 16% complete. Thirteen kilometers of track have been

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restored on the Hue-Dong Ha segment of the railroad. The Phu Bai rail siding was completed during the month.

f. Food Services

(1) On 9 November 1969 28,000 pounds of fresh potatoes were flown up from Long Bien to insure that baked potatoes were available for the Marine Corps Birthday. Credit is given to TCC section of III MAF for coordinating transportation.

(2) On 19 November 1969 the III MAF Subsistence Operational Analysis Report for the month of October 1969 was submitted to HQMC. Data highlights are:

Value of "A" & "B" rations issued.....	\$3,984,901.83
Value of MCI's issued.....	\$1,149,907.50
Average No. fed "A" & "B" rations daily....	61,489
Average No. fed MCI's daily .....	21,178
Daily average cost to feed .....	2.033
RSSP's issued.....	86,429.24
LRP's issued.....	112,304.88
Fuel Trioxane.....	44,985.00
Pounds of bread manufactured.....	858,384
Pounds of bread received from the Army.....	60,226
Gal of milk issued.....	233,939
Gal of ice cream issued.....	31,700
Pounds of ice issued.....	983,800
Number of meals sold.....	7,697

Total expenditures for Class I Supplies....\$5,378,528.45

(3) On 25 November 1969 Captain COYLE and SSGT KERRIN went to MACV to inquire into a report, submitted monthly, on ROKFV Subsistence issues. Returned on 26 November 1969.

(4) On 29 November 1969 a Food Service Officer's meeting was held at FLC, Colonel SIMLIK was the guest speaker. Representatives from the 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Force Logistic Command Food Service, and Ration Company attended.

g. Motor Transport

(1) On 18 November the Force Motor Transport Officer accompanied a Rough Rider convoy from Danang to LZ Baldy with Truck Company, FLC.

(2) From 20 to 24 November the Assistant Force Motor Transport Officer attended the conference on Commercial Vehicles held at Camp Butler, Okinawa. An allowance review of all commercial vehicles was conducted.

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(3) On 21 November the Force Motor Transport Officer held a conference with Motor Transport Officers from 1st MarDiv, 1st MAW, FLC and III MAF Opcon units at 1st MAW.

(4) November's statistics for three Motor Transport Battalions and Truck Company, FLC are:

Mileage	<u>584,740</u>	Passengers	<u>135,528</u>
Tonnage	<u>54,678</u>		

#### h. Ordnance

(1) During November the Navy EOD completed clearance of the area between NSA Covered Storage and the 511th ARVN Ammunition Dump. No difficulties were encountered.

(2) A final tabulation of monetary and S/T losses of Class V stocks resulting from the ASP #1 fire was made. The revised losses are:

Class V (W)	\$44,255,772.66	23,950 S/T
Class V (A)	\$26,138,070.25	7,573 S/T
Total	\$70,393,842.91	31,523 S/T

(3) Inspections were held on the major Marine Ground/Air ASP's in ICTZ. These included Chu Lai, ASP #2, An Hoa, Quang Tri, and ASP #1. Results of the inspections were satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

(4) Construction of ASP #1 was completed on 27 November 1969. ASP #1 is in operation except for 1,300 S/T space-area. This particular area is not suitable for use because of an existing WP hazard. WP had been buried in this site after the ASP #1 fire. Action is being taken to restore this area.

#### i. Supply

(1) An interim change to III MAF LOI 3-68 was published. This message, CG III MAF 170136Z Nov69, required the Commanding General, Second ROK Brigade and the Commanding Officer, Eleventh Logistic Support Battalion ROKA, to make a change in their requisitioning procedures for November 1969. The requisitions must now be accompanied by letters of transmittal identifying the number of personnel requiring RSSP support by major unit. In addition, the letters must contain a certification stating that the total RSSP quantity is a valid requirement for personnel operating under field conditions where exchange support is not available.

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(2) Information received from the CG, FMFPac indicated that new procedures for the initial issue of tropical boots, lightweight utilities, green underclothing and green towels at the Transient Facility, Camp Butler, Okinawa will become effective 15 January 1970. A message was released to major commands and III MAF ADCON units with instructions to reduce requisition objective (RO) in proportion to loss of initial issue responsibility. All units were informed to reduce RO on subject items effective 1 January 1970. Reduction of requisition objectives are as follows:

- (a) Infantry type units will reduce RO by 30%.
- (b) All other units will reduce RO by 50%.

(3) Ninety-nine (99) line items of special allowance T/E 4960 equipment in the hands of redeploying units were re-distributed to fill T/E and special allowance deficiencies of units remaining in-country. Over 2000 individual items of T/E and special allowance deficiencies have been filled to date.

j. Medical

(1) The total average patient load for 1st Medical Battalion and 1st Hospital Company was 231 with a total of 1059 admitted and 245 patients evacuated out of country. 264 pints of whole blood were expended to use.

(2) Information relative to III MAF in-patient treatment facilities is as follows:

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AUTH BEDS</u>	<u>ACT BEDS</u>	<u>AVE CENSUS</u>	<u>%OCC</u>
Quang Tri	3d Med Bn (-) 3d MarDiv				
			Disestablished 21 November 1969		
CSB Vandergrift	O-Co 3d Med Bn				
			Disestablished 1 November 1969		
Dong Ha	D-Co 3d Med Bn				
			Disestablished 1 November 1969		
Danang	1st Med Bn 1st MarDiv	240	320	220	69
Danang	1st Hosp Co 1st MarDiv	100	100	11	11

(3) The USS REPOSE (AH-16) was LogSup III MAF the entire month of November. The USS SANCTUARY (AH-17) returned from Subic Bay 28 November 69. Both ships were on station at the below locations as the tactical situation required.

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- (a) Danang Harbor
- (b) Quang Tri - Dong Ha operating area

(4) III MAF Medical Department strength as of 30 November 1969 is as follows:

	<u>2100</u> <u>Allow/OB</u>	<u>2300</u> <u>Allow/OB</u>	<u>HM'S</u> <u>Allow/OB</u>
1st MarDiv	89/84	17/15	1097/1480
1st MAW	42/29	2/ 3	208/ 164
FLC/1st FSR	8/ 8	6/ 5	156/ 147
III MAF Hq	<u>3/ 3</u>	<u>3/ 3</u>	<u>157/ 197</u>
TOTALS	142/124	28/26	1618/1988

(5) Figures shown under III MAF Headquarters include 152 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to the Combined Action Program as follows:

CAG School (Dng)	1st CAG (Chu Lai)	2nd CAG (Hoi An)	3d CAG (Phu Bai)	4th CAG (Quang Tri)
18	34	39	35	26

(6) There was no helo dispersal of insecticides during November 69.

(7) CDR E.T. STEWARD, MSC USN arrived 20 November 69 and relieved CDR H.E. DANIEL, MSC USN as Administrative Assistant to the Force Surgeon on 1 December 69.

k. Salvage Operation

(1) On 7 June the SS PHONG CHAU, loaded with POL and moored at berth No. 6, Danang Commercial Port, was sunk at her berth by enemy rocket fire. This action blocked the berth and prevented use of this vital commercial facility.

(2) CG, III MAF determined that in the best interest of the United States and since no commercial salvage operators were available that COMNAVSUPACT, DNG would be tasked to salvage the PHONG CHAU and clear the berth.

(3) After salvage feasibility surveys were made by the Navy and necessary releases obtained from owners and the GVN, salvage of the PHONG CHAU by cutting up and raising were commenced on 28 Oct 1969.

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(4) The salvage of the PHONG CHAU will extend over a consecutive period of approximately 6 months depending on weather and the availability of salvage assets from other more pressing requirements.

(5) As of 24 Nov 69 the following has been removed/cleared at a cost of \$5,296.29:

- (a) Starboard anchor and chain.
- (b) Approximately 15 Tons from Starboard side.
- (c) Drain holes blasted in all remaining sections.
- (d) Stern section out in preparation for lifting parts of stern.
- (e) Port side of engine room.
- (f) 50 ft. of bow.
- (g) Engine air flashers plus engine spares.
- (h) Port anchor and chain.
- (i) 100 square feet hull plate below port bilge keel.
- (j) In all, approximately 150 Tons of scrap have been removed.

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7. Comptroller

a. Significant events for November

There were no significant events for the month of November

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## Command Chronology for November 1969

8. Civil Affairs.

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

b. Civic Action Statistics.

(1) Cost of supplies contributed from military resources for CA projects (does not include cost of commodities obtained from USAID, CORDS, CRS, and like organizations):  
\$VN 6,953,498

(2) Expenditures from US/FWMAF Civic Action PSYWAR Fund:  
\$VN 1,046,785

(3) Major Civic Action programs:	Man-days (10-hr day)	\$VN
a. Economic Development (includes agriculture, fisheries, markets, cottage industries):	1,165	695,130
b. Education (increase & development of school facilities, classroom or other group instruction; excludes technical training in a, c, and d):	2,809	2,229,379
c. Social Welfare (assistance to hospitals, refugees, orphanages, religious organizations, other institutions, groups & individuals):	3,488	3,666,721
d. Transportation (improved or increased means of transportation, e.g., roads, bridges, waterways):	3,950	609,499
e. Refugee Assistance Support (includes refugee assistance reported in a, b, c, and d):	3,813	3,162,917

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(4) Number of separate institutions assisted during the reporting period.

- a. Schools 213
- b. Orphanages 73
- c. Hospitals/Dispensaries 99
- d. Other 94

(5) MEDCAP-DENTCAP

a. <u>Treatments</u>		Number of
		<u>Patients</u>
Medical		
Resulting from Hostile Action		<u>237</u>
Not resulting from Hostile Action		72,337
Immunizations		2,144
Dental		<u>3,715</u>
	Total Patients	<u>78,433</u>

b. Number of Vietnamese Health Workers Trained; 144

c. Civic Action Projects. The following are highlights of significant civic action projects conducted during the month of **November 1969.**

(1) Quang Tri Province, 1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) reports:

The poor condition of roads and the need for major road construction remains the largest single impediment to the accomplishment of civic action in Quang Tri Province. The heavy rains of the monsoon season make many roads impassable, greatly limiting and in some cases denying road access to Village areas in the Province. At present, 1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) engineer assets are committed to high priority tactical support requirements.

A continuous effort is being made to have various religious and charitable organizations in Quang Tri Province request civic action assistance through their respective District Chiefs. In many cases religious leaders prefer dealing with the civic action officers

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of U.S. Units. Recently two such requests were properly submitted through GVN channels and were expeditiously approved and forwarded.

MEDCAPs continue to be a good source of intelligence information volunteered by village inhabitants. The best results are obtained when a local RF or PF platoon accompanies the MEDCAP team for security.

(2) Thua Thien Province, 101st Airborne Division reports:

Intelligence information on the NVA and VC activities continues to be supplied by the local populace. The people also seem to accept the US Forces more as friends than as a necessary evil, due to extensive civic action throughout the province.

During the period 3-10 November 1969, which was designated Traffic Safety Week throughout the province, a combined police operation was conducted along QL1 between Lang Co Bridge and Hue. The operation consisted of U.S. military policemen from 504th Military Police Battalion (Army), Vietnamese National Policemen from Thua Thien Province, and Military policemen from Hue. Combined patrols operated daily from 0800-1800 hours, and were deployed with particular emphasis between Phu Bai and Hue for maximum traffic enforcement. The impact of the Combined Police Traffic Enforcement Program is evident in the safer, smoother flow of traffic along QL1. It was also noted that the number of fatalities and seriousness of accidents decreased sharply during the period. Because of the obvious success of this operation, fifteen additional personnel spaces were allotted to the National Police Traffic Section of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. Additional planning conferences have been initiated by the Vietnamese authorities to establish Combined Highway Patrols on QL1 from Lang Co Bridge to Dong Ha.

101st Airborne Division reports the following projects having particular human appeal.

(a) While returning from a mission, the CO of troop B, 2/17 Cavalry noticed a small girl unconscious on QL1 near Rock Crusher (ZD020026). Landing nearby, he and his co-pilot found her to have been seriously injured in the abdomen. They administered first aid and evacuated her to the 85th

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Evac Hospital at Phu Bai, where doctors credited their actions with saving the girl's life.

(3) Quang Nam Province

1st Marine Aircraft Wing reports the drainage system constructed by the 1st Engineers has succeeded in solving the flooding problem at Xuan Tra Hamlet (BT 065682). Families have moved back into their formerly flooded houses and morale appears high among the hamlet people.

The 3rd MP Bn, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, has introduced Marines successfully into Thac Vinh Hamlet (AT 953717) as an Advisory Team. They have effectively been training the PSDF's, obtaining activity reports, coordinating with the friendly units in the area, and doing small civic action projects.

MAG-18, First Marine Aircraft Wing, reports high enthusiasm and interest in the prevailing attitude of the directors of the Vietnamese Veterans Vocational Center as they plan the upcoming cross-training class involving their welding class, plumbing class and the MAG-18 utilities section. Good understanding of all facets by both units resulting in smooth cooperation between them is indicative of the efficient process of coordination in progress.

MWHG-1 Civic Action has instituted a new concept in teaching sewing, and distributing clothing. Rather than simply give away clothing that has been donated from U.S. sources, 25 Vietnamese citizens per week come to the Civic Action Center to be fitted for a garment, after which the 15 girl students in the sewing class alter and tailor the clothing before giving the item to the individual a week later. Simultaneously, the girls learn to sew and provide fitted clothing for their Hamlet neighbors. The project has been quite successful and well received.

The benefits of the increased emphasis on school construction by NSA Civic Action have begun to materialize. This emphasis originated in April of this year, and a large number of the school projects initiated at that time have recently been completed or will be complete in the near future. Approximately fifty classrooms have been added to the Danang School System with Civic Action Assistance since

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April. This figure includes both public and private schools. Another forty to fifty classrooms are currently under construction or are in the planning stages. The need is still great, and Civic Action will probably play an important role in education for some time to come. The cooperation of the Mayor of Danang and local school officials has been a major factor contributing to the success of Civic Action efforts in the field of education. The Civic Action Teaching Assistance Program continues to draw volunteers. There are presently sixty-one U.S. teachers teaching English to over two thousand students in twelve Danang schools. Several Village Assistance Teams have been the source of reliable intelligence information. VAT 13 has been reported a number of unidentified boats attempting to land illegally on the beach in Da Phuoc Hamlet. MEDCAPs remain an important part of the Civic Action program and one of the most effective means of winning the confidence of the people.

NSA construction began this reporting period on a six classroom Catholic school in Nhuong Nghia Village in District III. The school will be a two story structure and will replace an ancient three room school which has decayed beyond repair. This is the first major Civic Action project to be undertaken in this Village since Village Assistance Team One was established there a little over four months ago. Because the village is primarily Catholic, nearly all of the residents have an interest in the project. In fact, most of the labor required will be provided by members of the parish on a volunteer basis. Civic Action personnel consult regularly with the village priest who is coordinating the project to insure that adequate materials are provided and that materials are utilized properly. Because so many of the villagers are involved in the project, a great deal of spirit can be noticed, and cooperation among themselves and with Civic Action personnel has been good.

FLC reports the combined efforts of the Civic Action team and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in the hamlet of Tiep Cu I and II (now called Phuoc Nghia) have so stimulated the people that there is a continuous grounds improvement and new construction projects in evidence. In this hamlet the present construction projects consist of a vocational school, protestant church (about 98% complete), a small school, and a dispensary. They also have a small brick factory which produces bricks for their local projects and surplus bricks to sell. The ground improvement consists of the cleaning up of the hamlet, planting of trees, putting in a small park area in the front of the hamlet and putting in a drainage ditch that will assist in the rainy season. Much of the labor on these projects is provided by local volunteers.

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## 9. Psychological Warfare Operations

a. Chieu Hoi Program:

PROVINCE RECEIVED RALLIER	TOTAL BY PROV.	REC'D BY		CLASSIFICATION				RALLIED WITH WEAPON
		RVNAF/ GVN	US/ FWMAF	VC	NVA	POL	OTHER	
QUANG TRI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THUA THIEN	13	11	2	7	2	4	0	15
QUANG NAM	255	233	22	109	10	136	0	6
QUANG TIN	382	381	1	173	5	160	44	20
QUANG NGAI	163	160	3	81	2	70	10	47
TOTAL	813	785	28	370	19	370	54	88

b. Media Production and dissemination:

## (1) 7th PsyOp Battalion Production:

Total basic (10 1/2" X 15") impressions: 9,980,463  
 Leaflets printed: 26,769,000  
 Posters printed: 45,800  
 Handbills printed: 190,000  
 Newspapers printed: 128,900

## (2) Flight "A" 9th SOS operations - ICTZ

Total PsyOp sorties flown: 230  
 Total targets scheduled: 6,393  
 Total leaflet targets flown: 1,487  
 Total tape targets flown: 470  
 Total leaflets dropped: 55,735,000  
 Total tape time: 62:00

## (3) Ground loudspeaker broadcast hours: 665:00

## (4) Waterborne loudspeaker broadcast hours: 53:00

## (5) Movie showings/hours: 203/238:20

## (6) Cultural Drama Team Performances: 13

## c. Campaign Support:\*

	<u>THEME</u>	<u>LFTS (AIR DROPPED)</u>	<u>AIR BROADCAST HRS</u>
(1)	Chieu Hoi	46,947,164	84:07
(2)	Anti VC/NVA	2,209,000	28:45

\*NOTE - Includes total support rendered by RVNAF/FWMAF agencies as well as by US military and civil PSYOP as reported to III MAF.

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<u>THEME</u>	<u>LFTS (AIR DROPPED)</u>	<u>AIR BROADCAST HRS</u>
(3) Support GVN	37,035,662	85:36
(4) Rewards	966,166	2:35

d. Tactical PsyOp in Support of Major III MAF Operations:

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>LFTS DELIVERED</u>	<u>AIR/GND BDCST HRS</u>
(1) Republic Square	59,533,000	144:15/279:00
(2) Iron Mountain	3,563,000	12:00/33:30
(3) Fredrick Hill	2,157,000	17:30/17:25
(4) Geneva Park	2,146,000	1:45/71:50
(5) Nantucket Beach	1,829,000	1:10/29:00

e. Narrative Summary(1) General

(a) On 6 November 1969 the Commanding General, ARVN I Corps hosted a farewell ceremony for command and staff groups representing the 3d Marine Division, its organic regiments; 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear) and MAG 36. The ceremony was conducted at the Danang City Hall with an overall theme of gratitude to the redeploying Marines along with expressions of confidence that the RVNAF and Territorial Forces are capable of defending people in areas vacated by the 3d Marine Division. The Commanding General, I Corps and Chairman, Danang City Council delivered remarks summarizing the combat and civic action success of departing forces to the approximately 500 personnel in attendance. Commanding General, III MAF and Commanding General, 3d Marine Division made remarks in response. The Commanding General 3d Marine Division provided a special touch to the ceremony by his use of the Vietnamese language for his remarks. After speeches were completed, Danang Flower girls presented garlands to the Division/Wing representatives.

(b) During the month of November Americal Division and 1st Marine Division were hampered in their Aerial PsyOp efforts due to the inclement weather. 101st Airborne Division has been utilizing loudspeaker (HB) and audio - visual (HE) teams within Thua Thien Province in support of the efforts to upgrade HES rated "C" and "D" hamlets. The 101st Airborne Division reported a record high of 23 million leaflets dropped in the first week of November. These totals included "Frantic Goat" mission which covered the major portion of A Shau Valley with VC/NVA target audience and Chieu Hoi theme.

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(c) During the 13-19 November reporting period the 101st Airborne Division reported favorably on an experimental fire mission using 105mm leaflet round conducted in A Shau Valley. Ten 105mm Howitzer projectiles, packed with about 900 leaflets each, were fired and functioned perfectly. Thus, the point target capability of the 105mm round adds flexibility to the overall 101st Airborne Division PsyOp program.

(d) Several meetings were held during November to improve coordination between PsyOp agencies to insure continued PsyOp effort for all ongoing campaigns.

(1) On 7 November and 28 November III MAF PsyOp conducted PsyOp Orientation Courses for officers from commands throughout ICTZ. Course objectives were to familiarize officers with the PsyOp organization, mission, objectives, campaigns and assets of III MAF, MACV, JUSPAO and Vietnamese agencies. Emphasis was placed on capabilities of 7th PsyOp Bn and Flight "A", 9th SOS.

(2) A meeting was held on 18 November with representatives of all RVN and U.S. PsyOp coordinators in Danang area participating. The purpose was to gain mutual understandings on mission, roles, capabilities and resources represented in III MAF/ICTZ PsyOp; and acquaint some of the U.S. Agencies in the area of the potential and availability of PsyOp to improve their effectiveness.

(e) On 16 November a committee was appointed to study operational PsyOp procedures, composed of an officer from III MAF, 7th PsyOp Bn and 9th SOS. The purpose of the Committee is to determine optimum procedures for PsyOp employment in ICTZ with the resources available. During November the Committee has visited major commands and examined in depth their psychological operations.

## (2) Program Evaluation and Results

### (a) Chieu Hoi

1 A new record high of 813 Hoi Chanh was set during the month of November. The record for previous month in October was 764.

2 Americal Division reported an 18 year old female rallied and led Popular Forces to a 3,000 pound rice cache. On 14 November 21 Hoi Chanh rallied to the Chief of Don Lhon Hamlet in Mo Duc District. Their reasons for rallying were hardships and the dangers of VC life.

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## (b) Pro GVN.

1 All commands continue to emphasize pro-GVN messages by HB and HE teams, leaflet drops and aerial broadcasts.

2 Earlyword broadcasts with a Chieu Hoi theme were employed to the maximum by the 1st Marine Div to support operations in their TAOR.

## (c) Anti NVA/VC.

1 The 101st Airborne Division reports maximum use of Quick Response Aerial delivery of leaflets with the theme "High Price of Rice." During the month of November the 101st Airborne made delivery of 45,000 of these leaflets. This theme is designed to take maximum advantage of the VC/NVA state of deprivation.

2 1st Marine Division reported on 24 November the village of Chau Son #2 in Dien Ban District was attacked by squad of 8 VC. During attack three RD Cadre, one woman and her child were killed while eating evening meal. The VC fled prior to the arrival of reaction platoon from Company "M", 1st Marines. 1st Marines investigated; however, local exploitation not conducted in consideration of probability that further emphasis would advertise VC terrorist capability to attack selected targets at will.

(d) Voluntary Informant Program. During the month of November 1st Marine Division paid 81,875 \$VN for 50 recovery incidents resulting in 27X105mm rds, 1X82mm rds, 7X81mm rds, 8X61mm rds, 18X60mm rds, 1X40 mm rd, 2 LAAW, 36 M-79 numerous assorted mines, grenades and miscellaneous small arms and ammunition.

## (3) PsyOp Intelligence

(a) The prominent themes during the month of November used in enemy propaganda were:

1 Appeals to the GVN military personnel and civilian officials to join the just cause of the NLF/PRG now and prior to the inevitable victory near at hand.

2 Present GVN is a puppet government; demand departure of all foreign troops and the establishments of a coalition government with the PRG.

3 Tactical defeats of U.S. forces have forced the withdrawal of its troops.

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4 After withdrawal of U.S. forces, GVN will not be able to render adequate protection to the populace.

5 Prepare for a long political struggle.

(b) The FWMAF primarily concentrated on psychological operation themes of:

1 Chieu Hoi Program: The return to a safe happy life.

2. Rice Denial Program: The denial of rice to VC and NVA organizations.

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## 10. Communications

## a. Message volume through the III MAF Communication Center:

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Incoming	38388	34514		3874
Outgoing	16669	14274		2395
Total	55057	48788		6269

## b. Combat Operations Center Communications Center traffic:

	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Incoming	5478	4500		978
Outgoing	5804	5433		371
Total	11292	9933		1349

## c. Headquarters, III MAF message traffic originated:

October	3932
November	3522
Decrease	410

d. The average daily subscriber call rate through the III MAF AN/TTC-28 was 13,623. This figure does not include a daily average of 660 operator processed trunk calls.

e. The Mobile Communication Central AN/TGC-37 was disconnected from 3rd Marine Division circuits and returned to 5th Communication Bn on 7 November 1969.

f. The Mobile Data Terminal AN/TYC-5 was received from CONUS and delivered to the 1st Marine Division Communications Center on 14 Nov 1969. When operational in mid-December this transportable unit will be the first Marine Automatic Digital Networks (AUTODIN) equipped field communications center.

g. The Tactical Transportable Telephone Exchange AN/TTC-28 at Dong Ha was removed from service and prepared for shipment with the 3rd Marine Division on 15 November 1969

h. Col S. A. DRESSIN attended monthly MACV-J6 CONFERENCE IN Saigon on 16 November 1969.

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i. Major L. S. FRY visited 3rd Force Reconnaissance Company to discuss SRC communications and internal company communications equipment problems and the XXIV Corps to discuss contingency plans on 22 November 1969.

j. LtCol R. S. BARRY assigned as Acting Assistant Chief of Staff G-6 vice Col S. A. DRESSIN assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff. LtCol R. S. CASH assigned as Deputy ACoFS, G-6 vice LtCol BARRY.

k. G-6 Section Staff members attended the following meetings and conferences:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDEES</u>	<u>CONFERENCE/MEETING</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
5 Nov	Maj AUSTENFELD	Interim Autodin Restoral Plan	Saigon
19 Nov	LtCol BARRY Maj FURLONG Maj AUSTENFELD Capt MORT	Danang Area Cable Coordination	III MAF

1. ICTZ Staff Visits

1 Nov	FLC	Capt MYERS
4 Nov	3rd Force Recon Co	Maj FRY
6-8 Nov	XXIV Corps	Maj FURLONG
7 Nov	FLC	LtCol CASH, Capt MYERS
12 Nov	Sea Anchor	LtCol CASH, Capt MYERS
13 Nov	1st MAW (MAG-11)	Col DRESSIN, LtCol CASH
14 Nov	1st MAW	MGySgt VESEY
16 Nov	5th Comm Bn	LtCol BARRY, LtCol CASH
18 Nov	37th Sig Bn	LtCol DELONG, Capt MORT
19 Nov	1st MAW	MGySgt VESEY
22 Nov	XXIV Corps	Maj FURLONG
25 Nov	FLC	LtCol CASH, Capt MYERS
29 Nov	MAG-16	Maj FURLONG UNCLASSIFIED

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11. Force Informational Services portion of the Command Chronology has been consolidated and will be reported as the last quarter 1969 in the December Chronology.

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## 12. CHRONOLGY OF VIP VISITS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/SERVICE</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
5Nov69	J. H. MICHAELIS	Gen: USA	COMUSK
5-6Nov69	C. L. MILBURN	MGen: USA	(MC) USARPAC Surgeon
6-7Nov69	W. B. ROSSON	Gen: USA	Dep COMUSMACV
6Nov69	J. V. SMITH	VAdm: USN	COMPHIBPAC
6-7Nov69	W. H. BAUMBERGER	VAdm: USN	Dep CINCPACFLT
6-7Nov69	C. HARDIN	Mr: GS-18	Ass't for Sea to ASA (R&D) office of the Ass't Sec Army, (R&D)
7Nov69	W. M. BLOUNT	Honorable:	PMG of the U. S.
8Nov69	K. WELLS	Dr:	Leader of the U.S. Volun- teer org's
9-11Nov69	R. THOMPAON	Sir:	Head of British Advisory Mission to RVN
10Nov69	R. L. HARRY	Mr.	Aust Ambassador
11-12Nov69	B. A. CLAREY	Adm: USN	Vice Chief of Naval Op's
14-15Nov69	YATES	BGen:	Dir of MACV Construction
15-16Nov69	J. J. NAZZARO	Gen: USAF	CINCPACAF
15-17Nov69	P. J. FONTANA	MGen: USMC	Dep CG, FMFPAC
15-16Nov69	D. P. BOLTON	BGen: USA	Dep Dir of Op's
17-18Nov69	Sir THOMAS DALY	LTGen: Aust Army	KBE, CB, DSO, C/S, Aust Army
17Nov69	ARYEH LEV	Rabbi	Dir National Jewish Welfare
18-23Nov69	L. W. WALT	Gen: USMC	ACMC
18-19Nov69	D. PACKARD	Honorable	EepSecDef
19-20Nov69	E. R. CHESS	MGen: USAF	Chief of Chaplains HQ USAF
19Nov69	G. E. MCCORD	BGen: USAF	Chief Army, Air Force Exchange Service
20-22Nov69	J. E. MCDEVITT	RAdm: USN	Judge Advocate Gen of the Navy

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21-22Nov69	E. G. ROWNY	MGen:USA	Dep Chief R&D (Designate), OCRD
23-25Nov69	L. H. BENNETT	Mr:	Acting Ass't SecDef (Civil Rights)
24-26Nov69	K. J. HODSON	MGen:USA	JAG
26Nov69	A. A. BERGNER	RAdm:USN	CTF 73/CSG 3
27-30Nov69	S. R. SMITH	RAdm:USN	COMCBPAC

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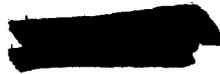
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