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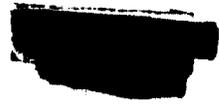
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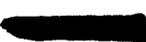
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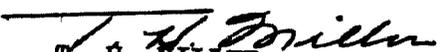
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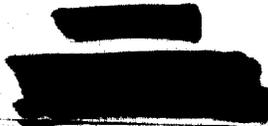
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1 February 1970 - 28 February 1970

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

III Marine Amphibious Force Lieutenant General Herman  
NICKERSON Jr., U. S. Marine  
Corps  
1-28Feb70

DEPUTY COMMANDER

Major General George S. BOWMAN  
Jr., U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

SUBORDINATE UNITS

XXIV Corps	Lieutenant General Melvin ZAIS, U. S. Army 1-28Feb70
101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)	Major General John M. WRIGHT, U. S. Army 1-28Feb70
1st Marine Division	Major General Edwin B. WHEELER, U. S. Marine Corps 1-28Feb70
1st Marine Aircraft Wing	Major General William G. THRASH, U. S. Marine Corps 1-28Feb70
Americal Division	Major General Lloyd B. RAMSEY, U. S. Army 1-28Feb70
Force Logistic Command	Brigadier General Mauro J. PADALINO, U. S. Marine Corps 1-28Feb70
Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters Commandant	Colonel Frank X. HOFF, U. S. Marine Corps 1-28Feb70

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ATTACHED UNITS

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1st Radio Battalion	Lieutenant Colonel Delos M. HOPKINS, U. S. Marine Corps 1-28Feb70
29th Civil Affairs Company	Lieutenant Colonel Robert R. RAFFERTY, U. S. Army 1-28Feb70
7th Psychological Operations Battalion	Lieutenant Colonel Gerhard L. JACOBSON, U. S. Army 1-28Feb70

2. LOCATION. 1-28 February 1970, East Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Deputy Commanding General, Air	Major General George S. BOWMAN Jr., U. S. Marine Corps 1-28Feb70
Chief of Staff	Brigadier General Leo J. DULACKI, U. S. Marine Corps 1-28Feb70
Deputy Chief of Staff	Colonel Sam A. DRESSIN, U. S. Marine Corps 1-28Feb70
Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans	Colonel John R. THURMAN III, U. S. Army 1-28Feb70
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1	Colonel Robert L. PARNELL Jr., U. S. Marine Corps 1-28Feb70
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Colonel Edward W. DZIALO, U. S. Marine Corps 1-28Feb70
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	Brigadier General Thomas H. MILLER Jr., U. S. Marine Corps 1-28Feb70

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Deputy G-3

Colonel Lewis G. POGGEMEYER,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-7Feb70Colonel Jack L. REED,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
8-10Feb70Colonel Herbert L. WILKERSON,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
11-28Feb70Assistant Chief of Staff,  
G-4Colonel Wilbur F. SIMLIK,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70Assistant Chief of Staff,  
G-5Colonel Clifford J. PEABODY,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70Assistant Chief of Staff,  
G-6Lieutenant Colonel Richard  
S. BARRY, U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70Force Psychological  
Operations OfficerColonel William E. BARBER,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

Force Supply Officer

Colonel John C. BOULWARE,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

Force Staff Judge Advocate

Colonel Marion G. TRUESDALE,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

Force Engineer Officer

Colonel Thomas C. SHANAHAN,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

Force Adjutant

Lieutenant Colonel Henry G.  
CAMPBELL, U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70Assistant Chief of Staff,  
ComptrollerLieutenant Colonel Joseph M.  
VOSMIK, U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

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Force Informational  
Services Officer

Colonel Charles B. REDMAN,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

Officer in Charge, Combat  
Operations Center

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas  
P. GANEY, U. S. Marine  
Corps  
1-28Feb70

Force Food Service Officer

Captain Edwin J. COYLE,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

Force Chaplain

Captain Eugene S. SWANSON,  
U. S. Navy  
1-28Feb70

Force Surgeon

Captain Charles E. KEE,  
U. S. Navy  
1-28Feb70

Force Dental Officer

Captain Meredith H. MEAD,  
U. S. Navy  
1-28Feb70

Force Motor Transport  
Officer

Major Michael J. ZACHODNI,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

Staff Secretary

Lieutenant Colonel Frank A.  
CLARK, U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

Protocol Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Buel B.  
NEWMAN Jr., U. S. Marine  
Corps  
1-28Feb70

✓ Force Special Services  
Officer

Colonel George W. CALLEN,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

Force Ordnance Officer

Colonel John M. KEELEY,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

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Director, Transportation  
Control Center

Lieutenant Colonel William  
H. TARRANT, U. S. Army  
1-28Feb70

Force Inspector

Colonel David H. SIMMONS,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-28Feb70

USMC Liaison Officer,  
ROKMC

Lieutenant Colonel George  
F. ROGERS, U. S. Marine  
Corps  
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USMC Liaison Officer, MACV  
USMC Liaison Officer, 7th  
AF

Colonel Richard H. RAINFORTH,  
U. S. Marine Corps  
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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&S CO, III MAF	16	2	0	0	329	8	0	0
HQ STAFF, III MAF	204	5	39	0	491	12	13	2
CAF	46	2	0	0	2074	131	0	0
1ST RAD BN (-)	25	0	0	0	358	20	0	0
29TH CA CO (ATT)	0	0	76	0	0	0	110	0
7TH PSYOPS CO (SUP)	0	0	37	0	0	0	161	0

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b. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

<u>OFFICERS</u>			<u>ENLISTED</u>		
USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA
3456	254	5290	48143	1776	52475

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**SECRET**PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. INTRODUCTION

a. GENERAL. During February 1970, III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters was located in East Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. The average personnel strength was 111,394, a decrease of 4,409 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 February 1970.

2. OVERALL EVALUATION

a. GENERAL. Communist activity decreased slightly during the month, remaining light and scattered throughout I Corps Tactical Zone. Enemy KIA decreased to 3,350. On 30 January 1970, a planning group for Operation "Cavalier Beach" was established at III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters to plan, coordinate and supervise the relocation of III MAF Headquarters from Camp Horn in East Danang to Camp Haskins on Red Beach in preparation for the Commanding General, XXIV Corps assuming command of U.S. Forces, I Corps Tactical Zone. During the month U.S. Forces continued six major named operations. Operation GREENE RIVER, 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division, continued with 61 enemy KIA for the month. Operation RANDOLPH GLEN, 101st Airborne Division (AM), continued with 176 enemy KIA for the month. To the south, in Quang Nam Province, 1st Marine Division continued security and pacification operations accounting for 746 enemy KIA during the month. The 2nd ROKMC Brigade continued Victory Dragon operations with very light contact. The Americal Division continued four major operations with month end results as follows: FREDERICK HILL, 263 enemy KIA; GENEVA PARK, 167 enemy KIA; NANTUCKET BEACH, 72 enemy KIA; and IRON MOUNTAIN, 170 enemy KIA.

b. Marine Corps small unit operations had 65 friendly KIA and 486 WIA. The U.S. Army did not conduct any small unit operations during the month of February.

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a. GENERAL. During the month of February 1970 there were six major unit operations conducted in I Corps Tactical Zone. All of these operations were conducted by U. S. Army 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>	
GREENE RIVER	4	88	61	32	1-28Feb70
RANDOLPH GLEN	35	121	176	105	1-28Feb70
FREDERICK HILL	30	168	263	108	1-28Feb70
GENEVA PARK	12	81	167	26	1-28Feb70
NANTUCKET BEACH	1	31	72	6	1-28Feb70
IRON MOUNTAIN	6	97	170	45	1-28Feb70

SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

DANANG TAOR	49	399	810	107	1-28Feb70
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b. EVENTS. During the month of February 1970 the following significant contacts were reported in chronological order:

At 010100H B/1/52 Inf 11½ Kms northwest of Quang Ngai City while in a night defensive position received 10-15 rounds mixed 60MM and 82MM mortars, 4-6 rounds Rifle Propelled Grenades, 100-125 rounds M79, and heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire from all directions resulting in 2 US KIA, 19 US WIA (9 Evac), 2 Vietnamese civilians killed and 11 Vietnamese civilians wounded. Return fire with organic weapons resulted in 12 enemy KIA, 2 PW, 3 IWC and 5 CSWC.

At 011015H CAP 1-1-3 and 1-1-2 6 Kms southeast of Tam Ky acting on information received from local villagers called an artillery mission. A patrol from 1-1-3 was sent to sweep the area and as they approached the site received intense mortar, RPG, automatic weapons and small arms fire from 30-40 enemy. The patrol returned fire and called for gunship support and CAP 1-1-2 reaction force. Before the reaction force could clear the area CAP 1-1-3 was overrun resulting in 5 USMC and 2 PFs KIA and 4 USMC, 1 USN and 3 PF WIA.

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One PRC-25 Radio, 1 M60 machine gun, 1 M79, 5 M16's and 1 .45 Pistol were lost in the contact. A sweep of the area after the contact revealed 7 VC and 1 NVA KIA with 5 IWC.

At 011820H 1st Recon Bn team "Durham" 5 Kms southeast of Liberty Bridge observed 70 NVA moving south and called an artillery mission killing 25 NVA.

At 011855H 1st Recon Bn team "Impressive" 7½ Kms northwest of An Hoa observed 50 enemy moving southwest and called an artillery mission killing 15 NVA.

At 021155H Hq 1st Marines 750 meters southwest of Hill 55 observed 30 to 40 enemy in a tree line. A Forward Observer called 105MM, 8" and 155MM artillery missions resulting in 13 VC KIA and 1 secondary explosion.

At 032220H 1st Recon Bn team "Potato Heap" 12 Kms westsouthwest of Thoung Duc CIDG camp observed an estimated NVA platoon at a base camp and called gunships and fixed wing air strikes to engage the target area. Bomb damage assessment was estimated at 20 VC killed and 2 secondary explosions.

At 040815H H&S Co 3/5 Marines 4½ Kms westnorthwest of Liberty Bridge while in a defensive position observed 11 enemy moving along a trail and called an artillery mission resulting in 7 NVA KIA.

At 060800H 1st Recon Bn team "Terrapin" 16 Kms east of An Hoa observed an estimated 50 enemy and requested an air observer to verify their movement. The AO received small arms fire as he came on station and returned his ordnance and called an artillery fire mission. The recon team observed 10 NVA KIA.

At 111415H H&S Co 3/5 Marines 15 Kms northeast of An Hoa observed 30 enemy moving southeast and called for tactical air strikes and artillery fire resulting in 10 NVA KIA.

At 120930H B/1/7 Marines 4½ Kms eastsoutheast of Que Son searching an area of recent activity received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated platoon size enemy force that was well dug in and in camouflaged positions. Organic weapons, artillery, Cobra gunships and fixed wing air strikes were called against the enemy position. Blocking positions were assumed by reinforcements from C/1/7 Marines and 3/21st Infantry, Americal Division as the contact continued sporadically throughout

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the day. Results of the days efforts were 6 enemy KIA with 12 Marines KIA and 13 USMC WIA.

At 161635H B/1/26th Marines 13 Kms northwest of Hill 55 observed 40 VC moving east in camouflaged shorts with packs and rifles. An artillery mission was fired resulting in 16 VC KIA.

At 221745H 1st Recon Bn team "West Orange" 3 Kms southeast of Liberty Bridge observed 10 enemy moving west and called an artillery mission resulting in 7 VC KIA.

At 221935H 1st Recon Bn team "Sunrise" observed an estimated 150 enemy 7 Kms southeast of Liberty Bridge moving east and called an artillery mission following with air strikes by fixed wing and gunships. Results were 10 NVA KIA.

At 252200H C/1/26th Marines 4½ Kms westsouthwest of Hill 327 in a squad ambush position engaged 30-40 VC with small arms fire. The enemy split into groups of 2 and 3 and fled to the south. Results were 11 VC KIA.

At 271805H 1st Recon Bn team "Stone Pit" on Hill 250, 12 Kms west of Liberty Bridge, observed 62 NVA and called an artillery mission resulting in 17 NVA KIA.

At 271635H B/1/26th Marines 13 Kms southeast of Danang Airfield observed 45-50 NVA moving east on a trail. An artillery mission was called resulting in 21 NVA KIA.

At 281550H D/1/1 Cavalry 17½ Kms westnorthwest of Quang Ngai City observed 7 NVA and engaged them with organic weapons killing all 7 enemy. The team observed 11 packs on the ground and was simultaneously taken under small arms fire from a tree line. This position was immediately assaulted resulting in 2 more NVA KIA and 2 Individual Weapons captured. An artillery mission was called on the original contact site resulting in 4 secondary explosions.

2. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY. See page 21

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3. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

a. III MAF CASUALTIES

(1) Battle

<u>KIA</u>			<u>VIA</u>			<u>DOW</u>			<u>MIA</u>		
USMC	USN	USA									
62	3	125	486	24	767	12	1	11	0	0	6

(2) Non-Battle

<u>DEATHS</u>			<u>ILL/INJ</u>		
USMC	USN	USA	USMC	USN	USA
16	1	40	933	192	1494

b. NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL TRIED:

SUMMARY	83
SPECIAL	92
GENERAL	13

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

SENT;                      167                      RECEIVED;                      330

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4. Personnel

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a. Special Services Activities

(1) Freedom Hill Recreation Complex

(a) THEATER: The 35MM Indoor Theater was operational 26 days during the month of February 1970.

(b) BOWLING CENTER: The Bowling Center was operational 22 days during the month of February 1970, with an average of 423 games per day.

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

(a) Of 4283 seats allocated to III MAF, 3502 were filled for 82.0% utilization. Of 4957 seats allocated to I Corps other than III MAF, 5382 were filled for 109.0% utilization. Total allocations for DaNang R&R Center consisted of 9240 of which 8884 were filled for a utilization percentage of 96.1%.

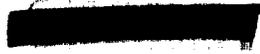
<u>SITE</u>	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SYDNEY	805	1150	1955
TOKYO	162	322	484
HAWAII	858	1508	2366
HONG KONG	568	1157	1725
TAIPEI	438	490	928
BANGKOK	370	443	813
MANILA	180	280	460
OKINAWA	121	32	153
	3502	5382	8884

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

(a) Quotas allocated were utilized by 998 personnel. This does not include daily users. Daily users for the month of February 1970 totaled approximately 8,313.

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(4) ENTERTAINMENT

(a)	Football Team	5 thru 7 Feb	USO	Handshake Tour
(b)	Dean Davis Show	8 thru 11 Feb	USO	Musical Variety
(c)	Earl Nichols	22 thru 24 Feb	USO	Musical Variety
(d)	William Lundigan	27 thru 1 Mar.	USO	Handshake Tour

(e) The Entertainment was turned over to the Army's 80th Group on 28 February 1970.

(5) Mars Activities (III MAF)

(a) Mars Activities were terminated on 9 March 1970 for the Camp Horn station.

(6) Tape Facility

(a) No prerecorded musical tapes were produced, or sold during the month of February 1970.

(b) The Tape Facility was terminated on 28 February 1970.

(7) Film Library

(a) 210 16MM films were received from Army and Air Force Motion Picture Service-Pacific, Saigon and put into the circuits in I Corps area.

(b) The Film Library was turned over to the Army's 80th Group on 24 February 1970.

(8) Stars and Stripes Distribution

(a) 37,480 Stars and Stripes free issue newspapers were distributed in the I Corps area.

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## b. Force Chaplain

- 3 Feb The Force Chaplain called on the Venerable Thich Nhu Bui in conjunction with TET preparations.
- 4 Feb Addressed Army Chaplains Training Conference at 80th Support Group. Also attended TET reception hosted by General Lam.
- 5 Feb Held turnover conference with XXIV Corps Chaplain.
- 6 Feb In conjunction with TET, the Force Chaplain visited the homes of Father Hoang and Pastor Le Van Thieu. Attended Commanding General's Conference in the afternoon.
- 8 Feb Conducted Divine Services III MAF.
- 9 Feb Held conference with Mr. Stemple of World Vision Headquarters to coordinate final civic action efforts for Tin Lanh Churches.
- 10 Feb Served as Command Escort for Dr. John McLaughlin of the Methodist Chaplains Commission.
- 11 Feb Attended meeting of ARVN Buddhist Chaplains in the morning. In the afternoon, attended 1st Marine Air Wing Chaplains Conference.
- 12 Feb Visited patients at NSA Hospital.
- 13 Feb Donated \$1500.00 Civic Action Funds to Tin Lanh Churches. Also, attended CG's Conference.
- 14 Feb Conducted briefing for ComCBPac Force Chaplain.
- 15 Feb Conducted services at III MAF Chapel. Visited Sacred Heart Orphanage of China Beach to present gifts to children.
- 16 Feb Served as Command Escort for Bishop Arnold Lewis of Episcopal Chaplains Commission.
- 17 Feb Visited FLC and Camp Haskins.
- 18 Feb Attended Day of Recollection for Catholic Chaplains.
- 19 Feb Turnover conference with XXIV Corps Chaplains.
- 20 Feb Donated \$500.00 of Civic Action Funds for Hochmuth Memorial.
- 21 Feb Donated \$2000.00 of Civic Action Funds for completing construction of Tin Lanh Churches. Also, gave Civic Action address at meeting of Sojourners.
- 22 Feb Conducted III MAF Services. Escorted Brigadier General Hubbard on tour of China Beach Orphanage.

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23-25 Feb Attended MACV Command Chaplains Conference in Saigon.

26 Feb Met with FLC Chaplain relative to transfer of ecclesiastical gear. Had visit from a civilian pastor from Saigon relative to a III MAF Brig prisoner. Escorted General Nicholson and Mrs. Lucy Caldwell on tour of Hoi An Orphanages. Gave \$650.00 Civic Action Funds to these orphanages.

27 Feb Visited FLC and Camp Haskins. Final Dinner meeting with all I Corps Chaplains.

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**SECRET**5. Intelligence

a. General Enemy Situation. The indicators of enemy activity decreased from last month's figures, though due more to the fewer reporting days than to an actual decrease in enemy activity. The number of enemy initiated ground incidents dropped from 903 to 854, while the number of enemy killed in action was 3,350, a decrease of 178. Incoming rounds also decreased, from 1,698 to 1,425, as did the number of Hoi Chanhs, down 233.

In the Northern I Corps province of QUANG TRI, enemy activity consisted, in the most part, of attacks by fire against friendly positions south of the central DMZ. One of the few ground attacks that occurred took place on the 1st when 5/2 ARVN received a ground probe from elements possibly from the 1st Battalion, 27th NVA Regiment, six kilometers southwest of C-2 (YD 063633) resulting in 10 enemy killed. Then on the 4th, a PF platoon and a unit from the National Field Force Police contacted an enemy force four kilometers southwest of CUA VIET (YD 311661) killing five and capturing one. The PW identified his unit as the 270th NVA Regiment. This is possibly the first contact with the 270th since June 1969. On the 16th, five kilometers northeast of CAM LO (YD 135645) C-2 received seven 122mm rockets and two 140mm rockets. Both of these attacks, which caused negative casualties or damage, were probably conducted by elements of the 84th NVA Artillery Regiment. On the 22d, 3/1 ARVN, guided by a PW, raided an enemy position 17 kilometers south of QUANG TRI (YD 355355). The raid resulted in 22 enemy killed and a sizeable amount of ammunition captured. Captured documents identified the position as the "Light" CP of the 7th Front. Marine reconnaissance teams operating in the A SHAU have been meeting much sharper enemy reaction to their presence. On 5 February, one team was attacked by an estimated 50 NVA six kilometers west of A LUOI (YD 322008) and suffered heavy casualties before being extracted. The teams continue to report heavy infiltration of personnel to the east of Base Area 611, in many cases using trails that have been camouflaged by latticing elephant grass into overhead cover. Then again on the 7th, the enemy attacked another team in the A SHAU Valley causing heavy casualties before being extracted.

There were a number of significant contacts in QUANG NAM Province, as action was much heavier in Southern I Corps than in the north. On the first of the month a recon team called a fire mission on elements possibly from the 36th NVA Regiment, five kilometers southeast of LIBERTY BRIDGE (AT 966532), resulting in 25 enemy killed, while seven kilometers south of Hoi An (BT 155500) an RF company contacted an undetermined size enemy force. The initial contact was heavy and TAC air and gunships were called in. A sweep of the area revealed 65 enemy killed and 25 bunkers destroyed. Early on the 15th, 2/17 and 3/17 Armored Cavalry Assault Troops (ACAT) on operation Duong Son 3/70, made contact with an estimated three enemy battalions nine kilometers south of HOI AN (BT-148482). This was the beginning of an operation in the QUANG NAM/

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QUANG TIN border area that eventually resulted in over 350 enemy killed and 100 captured. The enemy units involved were identified as the T89th Sapper Battalion, the V25th Main Force Battalion and the 70th Local Force Battalion. Marine and ARVN units discovered a base camp and a number of enemy caches during the month. The base camp was located 11 and one-half kilometers south southwest of AN HOA, possibly belonging to the 90th NVA Regiment, consisting of 12 huts and several animal pens, while the various caches produced 4,700 pounds of rice, 1,100 pounds of wheat and 1,000 pounds of corn.

In a meeting engagement of 3 February, a recon company from the 5th ARVN Regiment engaged possible elements of the 3d NVA Regiment six and one-half kilometers east southeast of QUE SON (BT 105335) in QUANG TIN Province. The company killed 10 and captured two with no friendly casualties. F Troop, 7th Cavalry also contacted possible elements of the 3d NVA Regiment eight kilometers northwest of THON HAI (BT 187330). A sweep of the area after the contact revealed five enemy killed. On the 16th, F Troop, 7th Cavalry discovered a cache of 13,000 pounds of rice five kilometers west northwest of HAWK HILL (BT 192321). On the 21st elements of the 3/5 ARVN discovered an enemy base camp 19 kilometers southwest of TIEN PHUOC (AT-935086). Three ARVN PW's were found in bamboo cages within the camp. Two of them had been captured in 1967 and the other during the 1968 TET Offensive.

In QUANG NGAI Province, an attack by fire followed by a ground attack was launched on the 1st of February against 1/4 and the 4th ARVN Regimental CP two kilometers southeast of MO DUC (BS 730528). The attack was repulsed with light friendly casualties while the enemy lost 15 killed. On the 15th, the 23d Field Artillery Radar detachment at OP #1 observed 10 enemy 12 kilometers northeast of HA THANH (BS 480772); a fire mission killed five. The OP later observed an USEF and killed another 11 of the enemy, possibly elements of the 406th LF Sapper Battalion. On the 20th, OP #1 directed fire against an USEF 12 kilometers south southeast of QUANG NGAI resulting in 29 enemy killed. The 6th Regimental Recon Company, 2d ARVN Division, found huts and a tunnel complex on the 24th. The complex, 10 kilometers north northwest of HA THANH CIDG Camp (BS 337789), was probably the B-23d Hospital. There were 19 huts and a large quantity of food and medicine, and each hut had an underground bunker beneath it.

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

	<u>Enemy Initiated Activity</u>			
	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARVN</u>	<u>ROKMC</u>	<u>CIDG</u>
Attacks	7	7	0	1
Ambushes	5	1	0	0
Assaults by Fire	9	12	0	0
Harassing Fire	377	60	3	2
Mines/Booby Traps	231	56	9	10
AA Fire	549	4		
Total Acts of Terrorism for				

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c. Enemy Order of Battle. Confirmed forces operating in ICTZ as of 28 February 1970.

(1) QUANG TRI (P). Enemy units in QUANG TRI Province include only those which were considered to have operated south of the DMZ. Major units were the 7th Front, the 812th Regiment, elements of the 246th Regiment, 27th NVA Regiment, the 84th Arty Regiment and two Local Force Companies. The total estimated enemy strength in QUANG TRI was over 5,000.

(2) THUA THIEN (P). Confirmed units in THUA THIEN Province included the 4th, 5th, 6th, 29th and 803rd NVA Regiment, in addition the K-32, K-34 and K-35 Artillery Battalions, subordinate to the TRI-THIEN-HUE Military Region also operated with the infantry regiments within the provinces. Additionally four Local Force companies and one independent Local Force operated in THUA THIEN Province. The total enemy estimated strength in the province was over 9,000.

(3) QUANG NAM (P). Enemy forces in QUANG NAM Province consisted of Front 4 Headquarters and support units, the 31st, 36th, 90th and 141st Regiments plus 11 independent battalions which are the D.26 Comm Battalion, 573rd, 575th and 577th NVA Rocket Battalions, the 3rd, T.87, T.89, HAI VAN Engineers/Sapper, and the 490th NVA Sapper Battalions, companies, and four Local Force Armed Units. The total enemy strength for the province was over 8,000.

(4) QUANG TIN (P). The 2d NVA Division Headquarters and Support units, the 1st VC and 3d NVA (AKA 31st) Regiments of the 2d NVA Division, seven independent battalions which include the V.25 MF, 70th and 72nd LF Infantry Battalions, the 74th LF Heavy Weapons Battalion, the 78th LF Artillery Battalion, the 409th and V.16 Sapper Battalions, and six Local Force companies were located in the province. The total estimated enemy strength in QUANG TIN Province was 5,765.

(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 include 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 estimated enemy strength in QUANG NGAI Province was 4,575.

d. Counterintelligence

(1) Counterintelligence Monthly Overview. VC/VCI counterintelligence related activities remained at a relative low level during the month of February. Enemy efforts focused on the development of a logistics support media and a base of popular support in GVN controlled areas. His goal remains the same: the disruption of the GVN Pacification Program and the "S. Vietnamization of the war. Although reports forecasted an increase in VC/VCI operations in conjunction with plans of intensified enemy military

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activity focused on the TET period, enemy operations failed to materialize. Efforts at propaganda, coercion, terrorism, and selected assassinations failed to increase in the magnitude predicted. The enemy's apparent inability to execute planned actions clearly illustrates his traditional flexibility and ability to delay, postpone and fight on another day when conditions are in his favor. Of more importance, it dramatizes the effectiveness of FVMAF/RVNAF operations, and punctuates his extreme inability to cope with the GVN pacification program. The enemy realizes that this program is the most serious threat to the VC infrastructure, however to date, he has been unable to formulate effective countermeasures. Without popular support his objectives are becoming increasingly difficult to achieve and may be causing serious damage to his already badly depleted infrastructure.

A circular captured on 16 February by elements of the 1st Marine Division in QUANG NAM Province, revealed some of the enemy's population control problems and points out VC failure to assess them. According to the circular, part of the population living in the liberated (VC controlled areas) took advantage of the truce (declared by NLF/SVN) for Christmas 1969 to flee to the enemy (GVN) controlled areas. They did so because they were demoralized by the enemy's (FVMAF/RVNAF) intensive attacks and because they were misled by deceptive enemy propaganda. This failure, according to the same circular, was also due to the poor revolutionary spirit and the passive attitude of friendly (VC) cadre. They did nothing to restrain the refugees, because they had relatives among them. The document went on to say that in the days ahead, the population will continue to move to the enemy (GVN) controlled areas if no efforts are made by friendly cadre. "The revolutionary movement will be affected if drastic measures are not taken to remedy the situation." It was noted that people who left liberated areas for enemy controlled areas (GVN) returned to the liberated areas to induce other people to flee with them. "The friendly cadre (VC) did nothing to convince them to remain in liberated areas and thus tacitly helped the enemy (GVN) to seize control of the population (under VC control)." Although this circular does not address February incidents, it illustrates the dilemma the enemy is faced with today. They are not getting the popular cooperation needed to operate as an effective insurgent force, and their leadership apparently lacks the ability and/or initiative to counter the pacification effort. However, their ability to overcome these problems rapidly cannot be overlooked.

(2) Terrorism and Propaganda. Overall terrorism and propaganda efforts remained relatively static throughout the month with no significant increase or change in enemy modus operandi noted. Although the predicted military and VCI TET operations failed to gain momentum, reports continue to emphasize high points of enemy military activity through March and April. Some reports forecast the commencement of operations after U.S. withdrawal in April. Propaganda efforts accentuate the withdrawal as a U.S. defeat, and predict ARVN's inability to cope with enemy forces after the U.S. departure.

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Acts of terrorism for the month show no significant increase in selected enemy assassinations of GVN officials.

(3) Subversion. Selected enemy cadre, soldiers and children continued to be sent to North VIETNAM for training and eventual return to RVN to key positions within the Viet Cong Infrastructure in RVN.

(4) Sabotage. Enemy sabotage and or sabotage related activities remained at the relative low level reported in January. The only two sabotage operations were directed against the HUE-DANANG Railroad, a traditional VC target.

(5) Espionage. No reports of confirmed enemy espionage activities were received during February. However, this factor is probably due to our failure to detect, rather than an absence of enemy espionage activity.

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

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>RVNAF</u>	<u>ROKMC</u>	<u>CIDG</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
KIA's	1,710	1,489	38	113	3,350
Detainees	865	45	7	20	937
PW's/NVA	13	2	0	12	27
PW's/VC	34	142	3	12	191
Returnees/NVA	3	0	0	0	3
Returnees/VC	35	8	0	0	43
Civil Defendants	227	0	0	0	227
Innocent Civilians	253	0	0	0	253
Individual Weapons	420	590	18	27	1,055
Crew-Served Weapons	225	38	1	0	64
Total Hoi Chanhs returned to both military and civil authorities -					334

f. Kit Carson Scout Program. Significant accomplishments of Kit Carson Scouts employed by Marine Divisions for the period 1-28 February were as follows:

	<u>1ST MARDIV</u>	<u>FLC</u>
Patrols	827	18
Classes Conducted	13	0
Psyops Broadcasts	22	0
Enemy Captured/Suspects Apprehended	1/18	0
Enemy killed	7	0
Weapons Recovered	1	0
Returnees	2	0
Caves/Tunnels/Caches Detected	42/21	0
Mines/Booby Traps Detected	36	0

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28 February 1970. 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-ABS</u>			
1st Marine Division	106	8	0	3	0	0
Force Logistics Command	2	0	0	0	0	0
Americal Division	200	20	2	9	0	0
101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)	237	Unk	1	3	0	6
1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Div (MECH)	115	15	0	0	0	3

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6. LOGISTICSa. General

Operations within ICTZ continued during February 1970 with no major changes in the previously reported excellent logistic posture. Neither enemy action nor adverse weather conditions had any measurable effect on activities, and timely logistic support was provided to operating forces by helicopters, truck convoys and tracked vehicles. Keystone Bluejay operations continued on schedule with units II through IV having been completed.

b. G-4

(1) Planning for relocation of III MAF Headquarters continued through February, with intensified liaison between this Headquarters and XXIV Corps through visits by representatives of XXIV Corps.

(2) Assistant Chief of G-4, Col. SIMLIK, attended a Joint Transportation Board Meeting in Saigon convened by COMUSMACV from 5 to 8 February.

(3) Representatives from the General Accounting Office commenced on 12 February an on-site survey of U.S. redeployments from RVN. Assistance in this effort was provided by this staff section, based on guidance provided by CMG.

(4) Reduced operating capability caused by lack of repair parts and maintenance support for the high speed refueler held by MAG-13 at Chu Lai, coupled with a lack of funds therefor, prompted this Headquarters to request disposition instructions from COMNAVFORV. A feasibility study, to move the unit to Da Nang Air Base for use by Naval Fleet Support Aviation Units, was begun during February by COMNAVFORV. MAG-13 continues to operate the high speed refueler on a limited basis, pending further instructions.

c. Dental

(1) Dental Civic Action (MEDCAP 11) conducted by III MAF Dental units during February was as follows:

(a) Dental procedures	987
(b) Patients treated	652

(2) As of 28 February 1970 total officer/enlisted strength of this Headquarters and Dental units was as follows:

(a) Dental Officers	49
(b) Medical Service Corps	3

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- (c) Dental Technicians 88
- (d) USMC Enlisted 4

(3) Total number of facilities operated within ICTZ by this Headquarters and Dental units as of 28 February 1970 totaled 23.

d. Transportation

(1) Transportation Summaries

(a) Air Operation Summary. Both Marine and common service airlifts decreased considerably during the month of February. Marine Corps passengers decreased from 74,370 to 59,620, a drop of 14,750. Marine Corps cargo also decreased from 6,027 to 5,633, a total decrease of 394 short tons. Common service passenger totals dropped from 72,431 to 49,418, a decrease of 23,013. Cargo hauled by common service decreased from 8,212 to 7,269, a drop of 942 short tons. The air movements of Keystone Bluejay caused all personnel with an RTD during the month of February and the first 25 days of March to be flown out of country by 28 February. Approximately 100 Vietnamese boy scouts were flown to Da Nang on 20 February from most all provinces of RVN to attend the Annual Scout Meeting (Civic Action Program). There were two practice emergency resupply (airdrop) flown by common service airlift (CSAS). There was one combat essential airlift flown by CSAS.

(b) Surface/Embarkation Operation Summary. Enemy activity had little effect on the movement of cargo by surface means in ICTZ. During the month of February, the surface cargo operations were restricted for a period of two days due to inclement weather. Input into ICTZ totaled 160,422 short tons.

(c) Land Operation Summary. During the month of February, there were 153 resupply convoys carrying a total of 20,348 short tons and 18 retrograde convoys carrying a total of 566 short tons.

(d) Air Operations Statistical Summary.

	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
PAX	49,418	59,620	109,038
CARGO	7,269	5,633	12,902

Special Missions Flown.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>ACFT/COMP</u>	<u>Cargo S/T</u>	<u>PAX</u>
1	CE	C-130/USAF	14.5	0
2	ER (Training)	C-130/USAF	26.0	0

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(e) Surface Operations Statistical Summary.

43 Deep draft vessels embarked/debarked Da Nang  
 19 MSTs LST's embarked/debarked Da Nang  
 11 USN LST's embarked/debarked Da Nang  
 161 YFU/LCU embarked/debarked Da Nang  
 37 Barges embarked/debarked Da Nang

Monthly Port Performance Summary.

<u>Port</u>	<u>Offload</u>	<u>Daily Avg</u>	<u>Thru Put</u>	<u>Daily Avg</u>
DNG	90,809	3,243	162,361	5,799
DH/CV	6,416	229	8,162	291
H/TM	20,619	720	25,697	918
CL/S-4	42,578	1,521	27,134	969
TOTALS	160,422	5,713	223,354	7,977

(f) Highway Operations Statistical Summary.

DNG - North	5,236
DH/CV - North	4,755
DNG - An Hoa	4,861
Other	5,496
TOTAL	20,348 S/T (153 Resupply Missions)

Retrograde Missions.

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(2) Chronological Listing of Events for February 1970.

- 07 Feb - Experimental air drop was conducted for 101st Airborne Division.
- 08-09 Feb - Staged all cargo and equipment for Embark Unit II.
- 10-11 Feb - USS TULARE LKA-112 loaded and sailed from Deep Water Piers with Embark Unit II cargo and equipment.
- 11 Feb - CM flown from Chu Lai to Quang Tri carrying 29, 250 lbs 155mm Hqs.
- 12-13 Feb - Coastal operations secured except for LST's.
- 17-18 Feb - Staged all cargo and equipment for Embark Unit IV at Deep Water Piers. Commenced staging for Embark Unit III.

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f. Food Services.

(1) The February 1970 III MAF Subsistence Operational Analysis Report submitted to CMC contained the following highlights:

Value of "A" & "B" rations issued:.....	\$ 2,271,412.37
Value of MCI's issued:.....	716,406.25
Average No. fed "A" & "B" rations daily:.....	52,351
Average No. fed MCI's daily:.....	13,154
Daily average cost to feed:.....	1.629
RSSP's issued:.....	60,669.65
LBP's issued:.....	42,217.88
Fuel Trioxane:.....	61,269.60
Pounds of bread manufactured:.....	568,553
Pounds of bread received from the Army:.....	40,600
Gal of milk issued:.....	272,039
Gal of ice cream issued:.....	45,711
Pounds of ice issued:.....	1,350,100
Number of meals sold:.....	5,793
Total expenditures for Class I supplies:.....	3,151,975.75

g. Motor Transport

(1) Motor transport statistics for February 1970 were as follows:

(a) Mileage	385,354
(b) Tonnage	64,724
(c) Passengers	139,818
(d) Fuel (gal)	807,009

h. Ordnance

(1) MAG-11 Bomb Dump was inspected on 6 February.

(2) Monthly Ordnance Conference was held at this Headquarters on 16 February.

(3) The Force Ordnance and Ammunition Officers attended the FMF Pac Semiannual Air/Ground Ordnance Conference at Camp Courtney, Ukinawa from 24 through 26 February.

i. Supply

(1) On 9 February 1970 XXIV Corps stated that upon their assuming command of all U. S. Forces in ICTZ, there would be a requirement for items of Marine Corps non-TAM garrison property. USARV then informed XXIV Corps that PCS property, identified with the new mission being assumed by XXIV Corps, must be transferred from the Marine Corps to the Army on non-reimburs-

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able basis-predicted on funding guidance relative to Army assumption of ICTZ common service support. A III MAF message to USARV dated 17 February 1970 nonconcurrent with the USARV position. It further stated an intention to leave only items such as office, quarters furniture/furnishings and messhall equipment in excess of III MAF requirements, considered by XXIV Corps as necessary for proper functioning of Camp Horn and not otherwise available to that command. The message suggested replacement be effected by transfer of locally available items in acceptable condition, transfer on Okinawa from assets available there, or on a reimbursable basis. On 20 February 1970, a III MAF message to XXIV Corps stated intention to leave air conditioners in specified locations with replacement on a replacement in-kind or reimbursable basis.

(2) A one-time CONEX container inventory by serial number was conducted during February for all such items held by III MAF. The results of the inventory are being keypunched on EAM cards for consolidation, forwarding to TMA, MACV.

j. Medical

(1) The total average patient load for 1st Medical Battalion during February 1970 was 146, with a total of 621 admitted and 103 patients evacuated out of country. Whole blood expended to use totaled 198 pints.

(2) Information concerning III MAF in-patient treatment facilities for February 1970 was as follows:

<u>TAOR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AUTH BEDS</u>	<u>ACTUAL BEDS</u>	<u>AVG CENSUS</u>	<u>% OCCUPIED</u>
Da Nang	1stMedBn 1stMarDiv	300	300	146	49

(3) The USS REPOSSE (AH-16) supported III MAF the entire month of February. The USS SANCTUARY (AH-17) departed for Subic Bay 14 February and returned to support III MAF on 28 February 70. Both ships were on station at Da Nang Harbor and Quang Tri/Dong Ha locations as the tactical situation required.

(4) As of 28 February 1970, total officer/enlisted strength of this Headquarters and Medical units was as follows:

(a) Officers	107
(b) Medical Service Corps	24
(c) Hospital Corpsmen	1,661

(5) Figures shown in paragraph 6.j(4) above include 122 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to the Combined Action Force as follows:

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CAG School (Dng)	1st CAG (Chu Lai)	2nd CAG (Hoi An)	3rd CAG (Phu Bai)	4th CAG (Quang Tri)
9	27	37	30	19

(6) There was no helo dispersal of insecticides during February 1970.

(7) RADM F. B. VORIS, CINCPACFLT Medical Officer arrived at this Headquarters on 21 February 1970 for an informal visit.

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7. Comptroller

a. Significant events for February

There were no significant events for the month of February.

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR FEBRUARY 1970

8. Civil Affairs.

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

b. The requirement for the Periodic Civil Affairs Report was cancelled by the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific on 10 February 1970.

c. Civic Action Statistics.

(1) Cost of supplies contributed from military resources for civic action projects (does not include cost of commodities obtained from USAID, CORDS, CRS, and like organizations): \$VN 6,936,843

(2) Expenditures from US/FWMAF Civic Action/PSYWAR Fund:  
\$VN 1,338,172

(3) Major Civic Action Programs:	<u>Man-days</u> (10-hr day)	<u>\$VN</u>
a. Economic Development (includes agriculture, fisheries, markets, cottage industries):	1,001	443,550
b. Education (increase & development of school facilities, classroom or other group instruction; excludes technical training in a, c, and d.	1,957	2,033,068
c. Social Welfare (assistance to hospitals, refugees, orphanages, religious organizations, other institutions, groups & individuals):	2,224	3,802,062
d. Transportation (improved or increased means of transportation, e.g., roads, bridges, waterways):	999	212,211
e. Refugee Assistance Support (includes refugee assistance reported in a, b, c, and d):	2,562	2,006,937

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

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a. Schools	168
b. Orphanages	47
c. Hospitals/Dispensaries	49
d. Other	28

## (5) MEDCAP-DENTCAP

(a) <u>Treatments</u>	<u>Number of Patients</u>
Medical	
Resulting from Hostile Action	297
Not Resulting from Hostile Action	60,455
Immunizations	663
Dental	829
	<u>Total</u> 62,244

(b) Number of Vietnamese Health Workers Trained: 176

d. The capabilities of the G-5 Section were reduced by the departure without replacement of the Plans and Programs Officer assigned to the section by the 29th Civil Affairs Company, USA.

e. Civic Action Projects. The following are highlights of significant civic action projects conducted during the month of February 1970.

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

(a) The joint plan for intensifying pacification efforts in a selected village (Operation York Market in Hai Lang district) has proven its effectiveness and encouraged expansion to a second location (Operation Dakota Clint). The first objective of providing security for the area has been obtained in the operation York Market area. The RF and US companies, operating on the outer population fringe and deep into the piedmont, have killed 21 VC/NVA and captured two others since the operation started. The second and more intangible goal has been to develop a desire for self-government and self-development in the villagers. Though difficult to evaluate, certain indications substantiate a feeling of success. Projects initiated under last year's Village Self Development Fund program and abandoned are now being completed. MEDCAP and PSYOP conducted with district and village nurses

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and district VIS have been warmly received. Cultural drama teams have performed with district and village officials in attendance. Projects for village development have been planned and evaluated for implementation by either the people themselves or with the support of military civic action. Interest in themselves, their village and their country has been awakened in the people and will be the basis for the brigade's continuing efforts.

(b) During a meeting between the Mai Linh district chief, village chief and village council of Hai Quy village the rebuilding of a bridge on the primary village road was discussed. The district chief explained that GVN, with the assistance of the U.S. Forces, would provide the materials and transportation but the actual construction must be done by the people. The council agreed but felt that the people should be paid. The district chief pointed out that if the GVN provided the materials and transportation, the people should be willing to provide the labor. The council agreed and immediately U.S. Forces technical assistance was provided. With two weeks of steady work the bridge was completed. The success of this project is indicative that an effective government depends upon an open dialogue between the people and the leaders.

(c) Units of the 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) have participated in the inexpensive but highly rewarding civic action project of construction of school furniture. Lumber is very expensive in Quang Tri province, as a result school furniture is either inadequate or non-existent in many classrooms. Ammunition shipping boxes are ideally suited for the construction of desk, chairs, bookcases and blackboards. The brigade has provided enough material to construct 370 pieces of furniture. Each project was controlled by a phased supply of material. When lumber initially provided could be seen in the form of school furniture, the next provision would be made, until the required furniture was completed.

(d) The 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) has participated in the repair of a dispensary in the Trieu Son resettlement area, Trieu Phong district. This was a joint effort with the brigade providing money for materials, the province providing cement and the villagers providing the labor. This project shows effective organization on the part of the people for their own benefit and their cooperation with GVN and US/FWMAF. This project would have been accomplished through the VSDF, but the village fund had been committed to agricultural improvement.

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(e) In Quang Tri province south of the Cua Viet naval installation is the hamlet of Ha Tay. Recently resettled, the people had difficulty in establishing their livelihood in the sandy soil of the beach area. In some cases they had resorted to pilferage of engineer stakes and wire from the naval base perimeter and scavenging through the base dump. Breaches of security and injuries from mines and duds have occurred and caused concern both to the unit commanders and the district chief. Knowing restrictive measures were not enough for hungry people, an extensive agricultural project was undertaken by the 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) units and the province/district advisory team. Thirty acres of land has been surveyed into plots and parcelled to individual families. Unable to obtain fertilizer and sweet potato cutting, at no cost, from the agriculture service, other funds are being obtained for their purchase. As a subsidiary project 140 ducklings and 12 ducks have been purchased and distributed to the people.

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

(a) The Montagnards of Cu Chanh Refugee Camp, Thua Thien Province are conducting a money raising project, with the assistance of the 101st Abn Div (AM). The money will be used to purchase chickens and pigs. The Montagnards are making crossbows and selling them to the U.S troops. The money made is used to purchase chickens and pigs in a long term effort to provide a lasting source of income.

(b) The 101st Abn Div (AM) supported RVNAF Civic Action by providing the 1st ARVN Regiment with 450 board feet of lumber and 36 sheets of tin roofing for the construction of a dispensary in Dien Luong (YD464414). They also provided the 54th ARVN Regiment with 400 board feet of lumber, 70 bags of cement and 30 sheets of tin to support the construction of a marketplace and two wells.

(3) Quang Nam Province.

(a) 1st Marine Division reports:

1. The 1st Bn, 13 Marines has developed an effective method of improving pig production. The battalion S-5 obtained several bags of whole corn from the G-5, 1st Marine Division and initiated a pig feed test in Da Son hamlet to demonstrate the increased hog production through the use of corn as opposed to the use of banana trees as feed. The villagers have already noticed the difference in the two methods. The chief and several other men are now anxious

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to buy corn on the open market to increase their production. This demonstration has also resulted in construction of a new pig sty, jointly by several families.

2. The 7th Marines have worked closely with the ARVN MEDCAP team which is presently in support of the 1st Marine Division.

(b) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing reports:

1. Materials were provided to the 59th RF Company Group to construct two additional classrooms to an elementary school in Khue Trung II hamlet. This project should be completed in April.

2. The training classes with the Vietnamese Training Center were a tremendous success. Fifty students were trained in automotive, plumbing and electrical fields.

(c) Force Logistics Command reports:

1. In the former Chieu Hoi hamlet of Chanh Huong village a resident provided the civic action officer with the names of a VC village and hamlet chief.

2. In Chieu Hoi hamlet #3, Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, the people are building a school from materials furnished by civic action. This is the first building they have built, other than their homes. This is an indication of the importance that they place on education.

3. In Van Duong Hamlet, Hoa Vinh Village, Hoa Vang District, the people raised \$VN43,000 to pay for the labor to have a school built. The materials for the school were provided by the GVN. Being able to raise this money shows a lot of interest by the people in the education of their children.

f. Activities of the III MAF Personal Response Team

(1) The III MAF Personal Response Officer and SNCO conducted 14 hours of Personal Response orientation classes at the CAF School during the month of February 1970. In addition orientation lectures were presented at 366th Tactical Fighter Squadron, U.S. Air Force; Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR; and the 29th Civil Affairs Company, U.S. Army.

(2) The questionnaires from the FLC Vietnamese Attitude Survey have been translated and the Personal Response Officer has begun the task of tabulating the responses.

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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	5	5	0	3	0	2	0	4
THUA THIEN	6	5	1	4	1	1	0	1
QUANG NAM	94	88	6	36	11	47	0	10
QUANG TIN	80	77	3	22	2	47	9	6
QUANG NGAI	150	138	12	70	5	75	0	6
total	335	313	22	135	19	172	9	27

b. Media Production and dissemination:

## (1) 7th PsyOp Battalion Production:

Total basic (10 1/2" X 15") impressions: 5,995,667  
 Leaflets printed: 9,966,300  
 Posters printed: 52,150  
 Handbills printed: 607,000  
 Newspapers printed: 98,000

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

Total PsyOp sorties flown: 169  
 Total targets scheduled: 6,504  
 Total leaflet targets flown: 3,029  
 Total tape targets flown: 641  
 Total leaflets dropped: 121,540,000  
 Total tape time: 101:23

## (3) Ground loudspeaker broadcast hours: 677:45

## (4) Waterborne loudspeaker broadcast hours: 43:59

## (5) Movie showings/hours: 353/254:45

## (6) Cultural Drama Team Performances: 16

## c. Campaign Support: \*

THEME	LETS(AIR DROPPED)	AIR BROADCAST HRS
(1) Chieu Hoi	84,953,000	129:18
(2) Anti VC/NVA	25,904,000	37:44

\*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	21,975,000	70:46
(4) Rewards	2,090,000	1:25

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

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>LFTS DELIVERED</u>	<u>AIR/GND BDCST HRS</u>
(1) Randolph Glen	46,101,000	137:22/230:30
(2) Iron Mountain	8,586,000	15:07/43:30
(3) <u>Fredrick Hill</u>	6,424,000	41:05/24:35
(4) Geneva Park	5,582,000	6:20/43:30
(5) <u>Nantucket Beach</u>	3,063,000	3:40/19:00

e. Narrative Summary(1) General

(a) The I Corps/FWMAF PsyOp Combined Chieu Hoi Tet Great Unity Campaign Plan 1970 received major emphasis in ICTZ PsyOp during February 1970. The broad objective of the campaign was to produce the maximum number of VC/NVA ralliers, further eroding the morale and effectiveness of VC/NVA personnel and enhancing the confidence of the Vietnamese people in the GVN. The majority of the leaflets, handbills and posters distributed during this reporting period were specifically designed for use during Tet. GVN agencies utilized Armed Propaganda Teams and Cultural Drama Teams for Chieu Hoi-Tet Great Unity Campaign presentations.

(b) The 101st Airborne Division (AM) reported that its third aerial loudspeaker system became operational in February. The system is designed to have a PRC-25 radio mounted and hooked into the amplifier. After field-testing, the "Earlyword" capability is expected to greatly enhance the exploitation of Hoi Chanh that rally in the field. The Division also produced a 25 page booklet describing certain modifications on the AN/VIH-5 aerial loudspeaker system to eliminate specific problems and improve its overall efficiency. The booklet contains a description of the new systems, installation and operating instructions, wiring diagrams, troubleshooting instructions, and sketches and photographs of both the new and old systems.

(c) The III MAF PsyOp Intelligence Officer attended the MACV PsyOp Conference in Saigon on 18 February 1970.

(d) A MACVJ3-11 project officer briefed representatives of ICTZ FWMAF PsyOp agencies on 23 February 1970 at Camp Horn. The MACV input Forms 70 (PsyOp Sortie Report) and 70-A (PsyOp Surface Activity Report) for the PsyOp Information System (PSYOPSIS) which replaces the MACV Form 48 on 1 March 1970 was explained.

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(e) The monthly III MAF PsyOp Orientation for newly assigned PsyOp personnel of ICTZ FWMAF units was held at Camp Horn on 25 February. An overview of the PsyOp agencies and objectives in ICTZ and a detailed briefing on the support available for the 7th PSYOP Battalion was presented. PsyOp support requesting procedures were also explained.

(2) Program Evaluation and Results

(a) Chieu Hoi

1 The 335 Hoi Chanh who rallied in ICTZ in February 1970 was higher than the February 1969 total of 265 but considerably lower than the 567 Hoi Chanh who rallied in January 1970 or the record of 813 who rallied in November 1969.

2 The 101st Airborne Division (AM) emphasized the use of personalized messages from families in their AO to their VC relatives. The messages, together with family photos, were printed on leaflets and dropped into areas where the VC are known to operate. The effectiveness of this particular program is not known yet.

(b) Pro-GVN

1 All commands emphasized ProGVN and TET messages by APT, CDT, HB and HE Teams, leaflet drops and aerial broadcasts (including Earlyword) to support operations during February.

2 During the early part of February, the Cultural Drama Teams and Armed Propaganda Teams worked under the control of Vietnamese agencies for the Pre-TET, Pro-GVN season. The distribution TET materials was by Vietnamese agencies in built-up areas and by FWMAF agencies in the less built-up areas.

(c) Anti-NVA/VC

1 ICTZ PsyOps emphasized the targeting of specific enemy units during February. Psychological messages were developed for and delivered against the specific enemy units in each area of operations.

2 The psychological messages delivered during the early part of February were designed to erode NVA morale and effectiveness, especially during the TET period.

(d) Voluntary Informant Program

1 The VIP and Chieu Hoi programs receive major emphasis in Americal Division PsyOp orientation classes for new replacements.

2 The momentum of the 1st Marine Division's successful anti-SFD campaign, Operation "Save-a-Leg", slowed during the early part

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of February due to the major emphasis on GVN TET activities. The campaign was begun again during the latter part of the month.

(3) PsyOp Intelligence

During the month of February the prominent themes used by the enemy in his propaganda efforts were:

- (a) Eliminate the GVN tyrants established by the US in SVN.
- (b) The GVN cannot provide adequate protection to the people after De-Americanization of the war.
- (c) Do you want to replace the American in the battle-field? Do you want to die or get wounded?
- (d) Join the anti-war movement, do not participate in the military operations and P & D program.
- (e) The Front's policy is clear and generous. Do not be afraid. Return to the love of the people and country. Tyrants will be forgiven. Stubborn tyrants will be punished.
- (f) U. S. serviceman, do not fight an unjust war. Lay down your arms. Return to your homes and loved one.

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## 10. Communications:

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

<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Incoming 32304	28533		3771
Outgoing 12670	11062		1603
Total 44974	39595		5379

## b. Combat Operations Center Communication Center traffic:

<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Incoming 6413	5487		926
Outgoing 6294	5635		659
Total 12707	11122		1585

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

January 3505

February 3374

Decrease 131

d. The average daily subscriber call rate through the III MAF AN/TTC-28 was 11,665. This figure does not include a daily average of 186 operator processed calls.

e. BGen Albright, Deputy CG 1st Signal Brigade, visited III MAF to discuss Cavalier Beach Communications on 10 February.

f. Maj E.F. FORDHAM relieved Maj L.S. FRY as Plans Officer on 1 February.

g. Maj L.S. FRY assumed duties as Communications Officer, 7th Marine Regiment on 1 February.

h. Col DUNN, XXIV Corps Signal Officer, visited III MAF G-6 facilities on 12 February.

i. The ICTZ Area Coordinator Communication Conference was held at III MAF on 24 February 1970.

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

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Conference/Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
11-12 Feb	LtCol BARRY	MACV-Proposed Revised MACV DIR 105-69	Saigon
12 Feb	Capt MYERS	Fixed Plant TTY Assets	FLC
14-15 Feb	LtCol BARRY	MACV-J6 Comm Conf	Saigon
15-16 Feb	Maj FORDHAM	Tactical Secure Voice Keylist Compatability Conf. MACV-J6	Saigon
15-16 Feb	Maj FURLONG	MACV Critical Circuits Conference	Saigon
16-17 Feb	LtCol BARRY	MACV-J6 Conference	Saigon
25 Feb	LtCol DEEM	ICTZ 1st Sig Bde Comm Service Support Conf.	Long Binh

## k. ICTZ Staff Visits

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	<u>Location</u>
6 Feb	Maj FORDHAM Capt MYERS	5th CommBn
18 Feb	LtCol BARRY	I Corps J-6 Col BINH
19 Feb	Col DUNN LtCol BARRY	2nd ROKMC Bde
26 Feb	Maj FORDHAM	MaintBn 1st FSR

## l. Liaison Visits

3 Feb	Capt MYERS	80th LogCmd
9 Feb	Capt MYERS	G-3M (FLC)
16 Feb	MGySgt VESEY	ForLogComd
20 Feb	Maj FORDHAM	5th CommBn

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11. Public Affairs

a. BACKGROUND. During the month of February, the CIB in coordination with Division, Wing, and FLC IO's provided escorts to accompany newsmen in news gathering assignments covering I Corps ground and air operations, civic action and the CAP program. The MACV Press Center hosted 57 correspondents during the month.

b. MOTOR TRANSPORT. Tactical vehicles on hand include two M-151 jeeps and one M-37 truck. Other vehicles on hand are one 9-passenger Chevrolet 5X10 van and two 1/4 ton Datsun pick-up trucks.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>VEHICLE #</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
M-37	303202	Working
M-37	312260	Deadlined FLC
S-10	250871	Working
M-151	353697	Working
M-151	356940	Deadlined FLC
Datsun	500X130	Working
Datsun	500X135	Working
M-151	94-69487	Deadlined NSA
M-151	94-69171	Deadlined NSA

c. OPERATIONS/ESCORT. The Operations/Escort unit continued to provide service to newsmen throughout the reporting period. Escorts were provided or arrangements were made to cover major I Corps operations--FREDERICK HILL, GENEVA PARK and IRON MOUNTAIN, as well as many small unit operations and Pacification/CAP activities located within the I Corps Tactical Zone.

(1) NOTABLE NEWSMEN. Notable news media representatives at the press center during the reporting period included:  
 V. Dan, J. Kincade, D. Minh, T. Suu, D. E. Baker, M. Horowitz, K.F. Sam, ABC; W.H. Brown, A.H. Sargent, T. Khiem, D. Stone, W. McLaughlin, CBS; L. Allison, D. Bellendorf, S. Yasuda, S. Jamor, J.B. Parson, NBC; W. Johnson, R. Merron, D. Rosenweig, AP; M. Georges, M. Garin, R. Hughes, AFP; D. Cook, R. Kaylor, O.L. Thanh, UPI; A. Maitland, REUTERS; D.L. Warsh, NEWSWEEK; T.Y. Tomlinson, READERS' DIGEST; T.D. Binh, TIME/LIFE; D.C. Tate, SCRIPPS-HOWARD; M.L. Chang, R.C. Christopoulos, INTERNATIONAL TELE-NEWS; A. Slavin, NEWARK NEWS; T. Benic, A.G. Magary, PACIFIC STARS & STRIPES; J. Motomura, NISHI NIPPON SHIMBUN; S. Abe, K.S. Tran-Tan, TOKYO BROADCASTING SYSTEM; C. Charrier, ACTUALITE; T.T. Pham, M. Termmasa, ASAHI SHIMBUN; P. Moore, VIETNAM BAPTIST PRESS; E. Cavaliero, HONOLULU ADVERTISER; K.W. Vandivier, TROY DAILY NEWS; A. Bryon, B. Proctor, OVERSEAS WEEKLY; L. Stone, VERMONT INFO AGENCY; W.B. Lanier, LONG BEACH INDEPENDENT; E. Pond, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR; A. Dawson, METROMEDIA NEWS; E. Carruthers, CHATTANOOGA TIMES; C. Markbreiter, T. Markbreiter, MODERN ASIA, V. Anderson, A. Rozberg, E.R. Shearman, C. Komke, S.T. Marlowe, T.B. Reston, FREELANCE.

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d. PRESS. During the month of February the Press Unit processed a total of 354 news and feature releases for III MAF commands for release to civilian and military media. The following is a breakdown of the releases.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NEWS/FEATURE RELEASES</u>
CIB	15
1st MarDiv	114
1st MAW	75
FLC	54
Carry over	96
Total	354

A total of 5,621 home town items on individual Marines were forwarded by III MAF commands to the Fleet Home Town News Center for processing and distribution to home town newspapers. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>FHTNC</u>
CIB	278
1st MarDiv	2,473
1st MAW	2,185
FLC	685
Total	5,621

e. COMBAT ART. During the month of February the Combat Art section consisted of Lt. B. F. LONG IV, Cpl S.M. GREENIG, LCpl G.W. MOSS, LCpl D.R. ANDERSON, LCpl R.L. WILLIAMS.

- (1) Work completed during February is as follows:
- (a) Lt. LONG completed 1 painting and several sketches
  - (b) LCpl MOSS has completed 2 paintings and several sketches
  - (c) LCpl WILLIAMS completed 1 oil, 1 polymer and several sketches
  - (d) LCpl ANDERSON completed 2 polymers and several sketches
  - (e) Cpl GREENIG completed 1 painting and several drawings

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## 12. CHRONOLOGY OF VIP VISITS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/SERVICE</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
1-3Feb70	W. G. DOLVIN	MGen; USA	Incoming C/S, USMACV
2Feb70	W. B. ROSSON	Gen; USA	DEPCOMUSMACV
4Feb70	DYBDAL,	RAdm; USN	CTF 76/COMPHIBRONI
5-6Feb70	W. G. DOLVIN	MGen; USA	Incoming C/S, USMACV
5Feb70	BOWERS,	BGen; USA	C/S, Personnel, USARV
7-8Feb70	JOHN C. BROGER	Mr.; (GS-15E)	Director of Information for the Armed Forces
7Feb70	H. VALENTINO	Mr.; (GS-15E)	Special Assistant for Management and Operations
9Feb70	James HILL	Col; USA	Deputy CH. Military History, USA
9Feb70	DYBDAL,	RAdm; USN	CTF 76/COMPHIBRONI
10Feb70	J. R. MCCLAUGHLIN	Dr.; Methodist	Reverend
10Feb70	J. A. ALBRIGHT	BGen; USA	Deputy CG, 1st Signal Bde
12-14Feb70	P. N. MCCLOSKEY, JR.	Mr.; Rep	(R-Calif)
12-13Feb	F. B. MORSE	Mr.; Rep	(R-Mass)
15Feb70	J. D. LAVELLE	LtGen; USAF	Director Defense Communications Planning Group
15Feb70	SMITH,	BGen; USA	J-1, MACV
16Feb70	A. M. LEWIS	Right Reverend; (GS-16E)	Episcopal Bishop for the Armed Forces
17-18Feb70	R. A. HAY	MGen; Royal Australian Army	Australian Force Commander
17Feb70	J. E. MOSS	Mr.; Rep	(D-Calif)
18-19Feb70	A. S. COLLINS, JR.	LTGen; USA	CG, IFFV
19Feb70	C. W. ABRAMS	Gen; USA	COMUSMACV

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19-23Feb70	J. W. HUBBARD	BGen; USMC	Director of Information HQMC
19Feb70	LEE, DONG YONG	BGen; ROKMC	CG, 2d ROKMC Bde
20Feb70	T. R. BEAL	Honorable;	Under Secretary of the Army
21-24Feb70	F. K. VORIS	RAdm; USN, MC	CINCPAC Surgeon
24-25Feb70	H. W. BUSE	LtGen; USMC	CG, FMFPAC
25Feb70	H. L. T. KOREN	Mr.;	Ambassador
26Feb70	F. T. MILDREN	LtGen; USA	Deputy Commander, USARV
26Feb70	Melvin ZAIS	LtGen; USA	CG, XXIV Corps
27-28Feb70	L. GREENE	BGen; USA	J-1 MACV
27-28Feb70	Melvin ZAIS	LtGen; USA	CG, XXIV Corps
27Feb70	HOANG XUAN LAM	LtGen; ARVN	CG, I Corps
27Feb70	L. B. RAMSEY	MGen; USA	CG, Americal Div
27Feb70	E. B. WHEELER	MGen; USMC	CG, 1stMarDiv
27Feb70	H. J. MULLER, JR.	BGen; USA	DSA I Corps
27Feb70	R. E. ADAMSON, JR.	RAdm; USN	COMNSA Dng
27Feb70	J. G. DILLON	RAdm; USN	COM 3d NCB
27Feb70	M. J. PADALINO	BGen; USMC	CG, FLC
27Feb70	LEE DONG YONG	BGen; ROKMC	CG, 2d ROKMC Bde
28Feb70	W. E. SHEDD	BGen; USA	C/S, XXIV Corps

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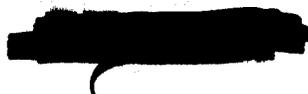
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