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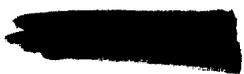
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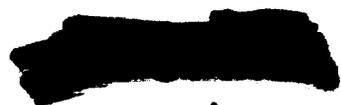
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

III Marine Amphibious Force

Lieutenant General Herman NICKERSON
Jr., U. S. Marine Corps
1-9Mar70

Lieutenant General Keith B. McCUTCHEON,
U. S. Marine Corps
9-31Mar70

DEPUTY COMMANDER

Major General George S. BOWMAN Jr.,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-9Mar70

DEPUTY COMMANDER (GROUND)

Major General Edwin B. WHEELER,
U. S. Marine Corps
12-31Mar70

DEPUTY COMMANDER (AIR)

Major General William G. THRASH,
U. S. Marine Corps
12-31Mar70

SUBORDINATE UNITS

XXIV Corps

Lieutenant General Melvin ZAIS,
U. S. Army
1-9Mar70

101st Airborne Division
(Airmobile)

Major General John M. WRIGHT,
U. S. Army
1-9Mar70

1st Marine Division

Major General Edwin B. WHEELER,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar70

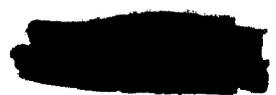
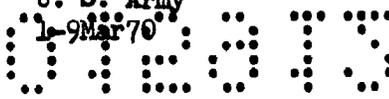
1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Major General William G. THRASH,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar70

Americal Division

Major General Lloyd B. RAMSEY,
U. S. Army
1-9Mar70

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Force Logistic Command

Brigadier General Mauro J. PADALINO,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar70

Headquarters and Service
Company, III Marine
Amphibious Force
Headquarters Commandant

Colonel Frank X. HOFF,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-9Mar70

Commanding Officer
Headquarters III Marine
Amphibious Force
Headquarters Commandant

Colonel Frank X. HOFF,
U. S. Marine Corps
10-31Mar70

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Radio Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Delos M. HOPKINS,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar70

29th Civil Affairs Company

Lieutenant Colonel Robert R. RAFFERTY,
U. S. Army
1-9Mar70

7th Psychological Operations
Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Gerhard L.
JACOBSON, U. S. Army
1-9Mar70

2. LOCATION. 1-9 March 1970, East Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. 10-31 March 1970, Northwest Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Deputy Commanding General, Air

Major General George S. BOWMAN Jr.,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-9Mar70

Chief of Staff

Brigadier General Leo J. DULACKI,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar70

Deputy Chief of Staff

Colonel Sam A. DRESSIN,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar70

Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans

Colonel John R. THURMAN III,
U. S. Army
1-9Mar70

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Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 Colonel Robert L. PARNELL Jr.,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 Colonel Edward W. DZIALO,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 Brigadier General Thomas H. MILLER
Jr., U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

Deputy G-3 Colonel Herbert L. WILKERSON,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 Colonel Wilbur F. SIMLIK,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 Colonel Clifford J. PEABODY,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6 Lieutenant Colonel Richard S. BARRY,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

Force Psychological
Operations Officer Colonel William E. BARBER,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-9Mar'70

Force Supply Officer Colonel John C. BOULWARE,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

Force Staff Judge Advocate Colonel Arthur R. PETERSEN,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

Force Engineer Officer Colonel Thomas C. SHANAHAN,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-4Mar'70

Colonel Fredric O. OLSON,
U. S. Marine Corps
5-31Mar'70

Force Adjutant Lieutenant Colonel Henry G. CAMPBELL,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

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Assistant Chief of Staff,
Comptroller

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. VOSMIK,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-9Mar'70

Force Informational Services
Officer

Colonel Charles B. REDMAN,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-9Mar'70

Officer in Charge, Combat
Operations Center

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas P. GANEY,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-9Mar'70

Officer in Charge, Command
Operations Center

Major Robert A. JOHNSON,
U. S. Marine Corps
10-31Mar'70

Force Food Service Officer

Captain Edwin J. COYLE,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-4Mar'70

Force Chaplain

Captain Eugene S. SWANAON,
U. S. Navy
1-31Mar'70

Force Surgeon

Captain Charles E. KEE,
U. S. Navy
1-9Mar'70

Captain Ernest F. LATHAM,
U. S. Navy
9-31Mar'70

Force Dental Officer

Captain Meredith H. MEAD,
U. S. Navy
1-31Mar'70

Force Motor Transport Officer

Major Michael J. ZACHODNI,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-9Mar'70

Staff Secretary

Lieutenant Colonel Frank A. CLARK,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

Protocol Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Buel B. NEWMAN Jr.,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar'70

Force Special Services Officer

Colonel George W. CALLEN,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-8Mar'70

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Force Ordnance Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. VOSMIK,
U. S. Marine Corps
9-31Mar70

Director, Transportation
Control Center

Colonel John M. KEELEY,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-5Mar70

Force Inspector

Major Thomas P. MILLER,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-9Mar70

USMC Liaison Officer, ROKMC

Colonel David H. SIMMONS,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-5Mar70

USMC Liaison Officer, MACV
USMC Liaison Officer, 7th AF

Lieutenant Colonel George P. ROGERS,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar70

USMC Liaison Officer,
XXIV Corps

Colonel Richard H. RAINFORTH,
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar70

Lieutenant Colonel James C. GOODIN,
U. S. Marine Corps
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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

a. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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	<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>	
	USMC	USN	USMC	USN
H&S CO, III MAF	50	0	47	0
FORCE HQS, III MAF	87	6	281	7
CAF	46	2	1960	130
1ST RADIO BN (-)	20	0	337	19
	203	8	2625	156

b. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>		
USMC	USN	USMC	USN	
3247	247	43324	1654	48472

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SECRETPART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. INTRODUCTION

a. GENERAL. Marine responsibility for operational control of ICTZ was turned over to the Commanding General of the Army's XXIV Corps during a Change of Command Ceremony at Camp Horn on 9 March 1970. LtGen Herman NICKERSON Jr., was relieved by LtGen Keith B. McCUTCHEON, assuming command of the III Marine Amphibious Force, and by Army LtGen Melvin ZAIS as Senior Advisor of I Corps and as I Corps Coordinator. In addition as Commanding General XXIV Corps, Gen ZAIS assumed operational responsibilities previously exercised by the Commanding General III MAF. Operation "CAVALIER BEACH" terminated on 9 March with III MAF Headquarters completing its move from Camp Horn, East Danang, to Camp Haskins, Red Beach, located in Northwest Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. Force Logistic Command, the largest support organization in the Marine Corps, celebrated its 4th Anniversary in Vietnam on 15 March. The average Marine/Navy personnel strength in ICTZ was 48,472, a decrease of 5,157 under the previous month.

b. ACTIVITIES. III Marine Amphibious Force continued to be guided by COMUSMACV Directives for March 1970.

2. OVERALL EVALUATION

a. GENERAL. Enemy activity in I Corps Tactical Zone remained light and scattered, with enemy kills during the first nine days of the month reduced considerably from that of the previous reported period. On 9 March 1970, upon relinquishment of assignment of Senior U. S. Commander in I Corps Tactical Zone, operational control of combat units was reduced to U. S. Marine Corps units throughout the Corps area. On 26 March 1970, OPCON of the Combined Action Force was passed to CG, XXIV Corps. Major U. S. Marine Corps units remaining under OPCON of CG, III MAF, outside of Quang Nam Province, were limited to those 1st Marine Aircraft Wing assets located at Chu Lai Airbase. Operation "KEYSTONE BLUEJAY" continued as planned and on 20 March 1970 the last major units earmarked under that program were withdrawn from the Republic of Vietnam. The 2nd ROKMC Brigade continued "GOLDEN DRAGON" Operations with light contact. There were no major U. S. Marine operations initiated during the month.

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b. Marine Corps small unit operations conducted during the period, suffered 53 friendly KIA and 541 WIA while accounting for 505 enemy killed, 64 individual weapons and 7 crew-served weapons captured. The latter days of the month were characterized by a light increase of attacks by indirect fire against fixed installations and units in Quang Nam Province. On 31 March 1970, there were 7 terrorist incidents reported in Quang Nam Province, representing the highest incidence of this type activity since the 1968 TET Offensive. The attacks presaged the Communist Spring Offensive which was to follow in the early days of April.

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SECRETPART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING MARCH 19701. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

a. GENERAL. During the month of March 1970, there were six major unit operations conducted in the I Corps Tactical Zone. All of the operations were conducted by U. S. Army units. Results of these operations for the period 1-9 March 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	0	11	8	1	1-9Mar70
RANDOLPH GLEN	8	42	31	11	1-9Mar70
FREDERICK HILL	6	47	124	37	1-9Mar70
GENEVA PARK	1	11	22	2	1-9Mar70
NANTUCKET BEACH	1	19	11	0	1-9Mar70
IRON MOUNTAIN	6	30	68	14	1-9Mar70

SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

DANANG TAOR	53	541	505	71	1-31Mar70
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b. EVENTS. During the month of March 1970, the following significant contacts were reported in chronological order:

At 040930H, "L" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 7 Kms south-southwest of Landing Zone Baldy, while on a sweep, exchanged small arms fire with 20-30 enemy moving south. An Air Force fixed wing aircraft on station above also engaged the enemy. The contact lasted approximately 3 hours resulting in 3 NVA and 3 VC KIA, 1 IW and miscellaneous documents captured. One Marine received minor wounds.

At 050200H, CAP 1-4-4 patrol base, 5 Kms east-southeast of Landing Zone South, received 60mm mortar fire, saf, awf, and chicom grenades from an estimated 25 VC attempting to enter Binh Hoa Hamlet. The patrol base returned organic weapons fire and withdrew a short distance in order to make use of supporting arms. 1 USMC was killed and 1 was wounded in the initial contact and during withdrawal their M-14 and M-79 were lost to the enemy. The patrol base called an artillery fire mission and used US gunships and SPOOKY aircraft in support, causing the enemy to flee north and northwest. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. Total results were 1 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA (2 EVAC), 4 PF's WIA, 2 RD WIA, 1 VN CIV WIA, 1 M-14 and 1 M-79 were lost in the contact.

At 071055H, a platoon from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 11 Kms west-southwest of Hill 327, while in a defensive position observed 30-40 enemy wearing green utilities and helmets, carrying packs and rifles.

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A USMC artillery mission was called resulting in 14 NVA killed by arty.

At 071555H, H&S Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, ½ Km south of FSB Rawhide, while in a defensive position, observed 8 enemy wearing green utilities and carrying packs and rifles. A USMC artillery mission was called resulting in 5 NVA killed by arty.

At 091950H, "L" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 19 Kms south-southwest of Hoi An, received 10-15 chicom grenades from an estimated squad of VC. The enemy was observed under artillery illumination and pursued. When the enemy attempted to establish an ambush against the pursuing Marines, they were taken under small arms fire resulting in 2 VC killed. The enemy then withdrew in an unknown direction. Total results were 9 USMC WIA (6 EVAC) with 2 VC KIA.

At 092020H, "I" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 11 Kms south-southwest of Hoi An, while in a night defensive position, received 3 chicom grenades resulting in 7 USMC WIA, 3 of which required evacuation. The enemy was engaged with small arms fire with unknown results.

At 101840H, a forward observer with "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 11 Kms west-southwest of Hill 327, observed 15-20 enemy, dressed in light green and black uniforms moving east and carrying camouflaged packs, rifles, and either mortars or rockets. An artillery mission was called resulting in 6 enemy, optically observed, KIA.

At 111310H, "I" Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, 2 Kms southwest of Hill 55, a platoon patrol observed 6 enemy moving north with weapons. The patrol engaged with small arms fire, LAAN's and 60mm mortar fire resulting in 4 NVA killed and 4 IWC.

At 111445H, "G" Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 9 Kms northeast of Hiep Duc, a platoon patrol while being led to a tunnel complex by PF's, received small arms fire from approximately 4 enemy. The patrol surrounded the entrance to the cave and threw grenades, demo charges, and smoke into it. They then observed two enemy attempting to escape and killed one with small arms fire. The second attempted to drag the dead body and was wounded by the Marines. He then fled into a tunnel. The patrol searched the tunnel and found him dead. While returning from the patrol, they observed another 2 enemy with weapons and killed one with small arms fire. The second escaped in an unknown direction. Total results were 1 USMC KIA with 3 VC KIA, and 2 IWC.

At 122130H, a CUPP squad from H&S Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, 2½ Kms east-northeast of Hill 25, exchanged small arms fire with 10 enemy wearing black pajamas and carrying weapons. The enemy fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area revealed 4 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 M-16, 50 lbs of rice, 1 chicom grenade, miscellaneous medical equipment and 782 gear was also captured. There were no friendly casualties.

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At 181900H, "E" Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 2½ Kms northwest of FSB Ryder, a Forward Observer observed 25 enemy moving west along a trail with packs and rifles. An artillery mission was called resulting in 7 NVA killed.

At 201330H, Recon Team TRAILER PARK, 9 Kms southeast of An Hoa Combat Base, was surrounded by 20-40 enemy. The team received small arms fire and chicom grenades resulting in 2 Marines WIA. The team returned fire with organic weapons killing 9 NVA and was extracted under heavy enemy fire with no further casualties.

At 201640H, "M" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 7 Kms west-northwest of LZ Baldy, while setting up defensive position, detonated a homemade mine made of C-4 and shell fragment in a can rigged with a trip wire. 9 Marines were wounded and evacuated.

At 221830H, "D" Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 8 Kms west-northwest of LZ Baldy, while in a night defensive position observed 15 enemy moving north on a trail. The unit engaged the enemy with small arms fire and 60mm mortars, resulting in 6 enemy (NFI) killed and 1 AK-47 captured.

At 232320H, "L" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 1½ Kms west of LZ Baldy, while in a night defensive position received an attack by fire with small arms fire, hand grenades and 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire, followed by an attempted ground attack by an USEF. The attack was repulsed by small arms and mortar fire. Aircraft on station provided illumination during the contact. 1 NVA was killed, 7 chicom grenades and 1 M-26 grenade were captured; 5 Marines were WIA, all of whom required evacuation.

At 240420H, Recon Team SUNRISE, 14 Kms east of An Hoa Combat Base, observed 25 VC/NVA walking on a trail. An artillery fire mission was called resulting in 5 VC/NVA killed (NFI).

At 241150H, "D" Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 2 Kms north of An Hoa Combat Base, were inserted for a sweep. During the sweep, an on station AO observed 7 enemy 2½ Kms to their northwest. One platoon was helo lifted to the enemy area, while the second was helo lifted to an area 1 Km east of the assault platoon as a blocking force. The enemy was forced into the open by small arms fire. Helicopter gunships and fixed wing aircraft were employed in support of the ground forces. A sweep disclosed 5 NVA killed, 2 individual weapons, 4 chicom grenades, and assorted documents were captured.

At 261010H, Recon Team FLAKEY SNOW, 10 Kms west of FSB Rawhide, made contact with an USEF. The team withdrew to a hilltop and set up in defensive positions. Small arms contact by the team resulted in 3 VC/NVA killed. After almost continuous contact with 50-100 enemy, the team requested a tactical emergency extract. Five more VC/NVA were killed during the extract in the vicinity of the LZ and documents and miscellaneous equipment were captured. During the entire period, the team was supported by artillery, helicopter gunships and fixed wing aircraft. There were no friendly casualties.

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At 261945H, "H" Company, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, 7 Kms northeast of An Hoa Combat Base, while operating with tanks on a patrol, received 10 B-40 and 4 82mm mortar rounds. Small arms fire was returned on the enemy position along with artillery. One Marine was killed and 12 wounded, of whom 7 required evacuation.

At 271530H, Recon Team FLAKY SNOW, 11 Kms northwest of FSB Rawhide, found an enemy base camp occupied by an USEF. The team engaged with small arms fire killing 8 enemy.

At 292055H, "E" Company, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, 6 Kms south of Marble Mountain, received 3 grenades from approximately 20 meters north of their position resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 4 WIA (EVAC).

At 301618H, Recon Team STONE PIT, 5 Kms west of An Hoa Combat Base, observed 8 enemy in green utilities carrying packs and weapons. An artillery fire mission was called resulting in 6 NVA killed.

2. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY. See page 15.

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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	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN
52	1	518	23	10	1	0	0

(2) Non-Battle

<u>DEATHS</u>		<u>ILL/INJ</u>	
USMC	USN	USMC	USN
21	1	900	57

b. NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL TRIED:

SUMMARY	95
SPECIAL	103
GENERAL	7

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

SENT: 146

RECEIVED: 318

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4. Personnel

a. Special Services Activities

(1) Freedom Hill Recreation Complex

(a) THEATER: The 35mm Indoor Theater was operational 31 days during the month of March 1970.

(b) BOWLING CENTER: The Bowling Center was operational 27 days during the month of March 1970, with an average of 540 games per day.

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

(a) Of 4873 seats allocated to III MAF, 3758 were filled for 77.1% utilization. Of 5775 seats allocated to I Corps, other than III MAF, 6236 were filled for 107.9% utilization. Total allocations for Danang R&R consisted of 10,648 of which 9994 were filled for a utilization percentage of 93.6%.

<u>SITE</u>	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SYDNEY	865	1234	2099
TOKYO	180	296	476
HAWAII	1025	1832	2857
HONG KONG	437	907	1344
TAIPEI	481	519	1000
BANGKOK	505	1102	1607
MANILA	153	309	462
OKINAWA	112	37	149
	3758	6236	9994

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

(a) Quotas allocated were utilized by 1,228 personnel. This does not include daily users. Daily users for the month of March totaled approximately 8,521.

(4) Stars & Stripes

(a) 248,000 free issue Stars & Stripes newspapers, were distributed to III MAF personnel.

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(5) MARS Activities (III MAF)

(a) MARS activities were terminated on 9 March 1970 for the Camp Horn station.

(6) Recreation

(a) Participation in the Composite Recreation Fund, III MAF, terminated on 31 March 1970 for NAVSUPACT, Danang, and 3d NCB.

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SECRET**b. Force Chaplain**

1 Mar Conducted Divine Services at III MAF. In the afternoon, held final meeting with the DaNang Association for the Encouragement of Learning.

2 Mar Visited Headquarters, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

3 Mar Addressed Army Chaplains Training Conference at 80th Support Group. Visited the Venerable Thich Nhu Bui, Chief Buddhist Chaplain for I Corps, and the TAN-LAP School.

5 Mar Attended Protestant Chaplains Seminar at 1st MAW.

6 Mar Guest at luncheon given by Mrs. Hoag, Principal of Vinh-Minh School. Guest at dinner given by AFEL.

7 Mar Guest at luncheon given by Venerable Thich Nhu Bui.

8 Mar Conducted final services for III MAF Chapel.

9 Mar Attended III MAF/XXIV Corps Change of Command. Report for duty to 1st MAW.

10 Mar Attended Wing Chaplain's monthly meeting.

11 Mar Called on CO and chaplains, MAG-11.

13 Mar Accompanied General Thrash in visits to CO's and chaplains of MAG-16, MAG-11, MWSC-17, MACG-18 and MWHG-1.

15 Mar Attended services at MASS-3 on Hill #327 and called on CO. Attended services at MWHG-1.

16 Mar Escorted CAPT H. C. DUNCAN, CHC, USN, Wing Chaplain to 15th Aerial Port for his departure to CONUS.

17 Mar Met with chaplains at MAG-16.

18 Mar General Thrash's reception at Wing Headquarters Officers' Club.

19 Mar Gave invocation for Wing Supply and Fiscal Officers Conference.

20 Mar Attended III MAF Commanding General's Conference.

21 Mar - 27 Mar Served as III MAF Command Escort for Rear Admiral H. J. ROTRIGE, CHC, USN in visits to all major Marine and Navy units in DaNang, Chu Lai, FSB Baldy and Americal Division. Calls were made on all commanders and visits arranged with unit chaplains. Also visited patients on the USS SANCTUARY.

26 Mar Force Chaplain conducted Holy Thursday Services for 1st MAW Hdqtrs.

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28 Mar Perce Chaplain attended ceremony at Administrative Headquarters for 5th ARVN Regiment and was awarded the Armed Forces Medal of Honor, First Class by Col. Vinh.

29 Mar Conducted Easter Sunrise Service and also Easter Morning Worship at 1st M&W.

30 Mar Interviewed by Associated Press reporter, Eve Sharbot, relative to Civic Action enterprises.

31 Mar Attended reception for Vice Admiral BARDSHAR.

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5. Intelligence

a. General Enemy Situation. Enemy activity remained light but steady throughout ICTZ during March. On 9 March 1970, XXIV Corps assumed command of ICTZ.

There was little significant enemy activity reported in QUANG TRI and THUA THIEN Provinces during the first nine days of the month, while activity during the reporting period in QUANG NAM Province was light and scattered. Early on the 2nd, the THANH GIUO Bridge, seven kilometers east of Hill 55 (BT 042620) was 70 percent destroyed. The explosive charges are suspected to have been floated down the river or planted by swimmers. Several troop movements were noted and fired on by artillery, with one of the more notable involving elements possibly from the 31st NVA Regiment, in the vicinity of (AT 868678). The fire mission killed 14 of the enemy. On the evening of the 16th, a rocket attack against the DANANG Area was probably thwarted when elements of the 181st RF Company ambushed and killed five enemy and captured 12x122mm rockets four and one-half kilometers north northwest of DIEN BAN (BT 048614). This was possibly an element from the 577th NVA Artillery Rocket Battalion. Evidence of the enemy's continued use of the HAPPY VALLEY/BA NA Mountain Region west of DANANG was revealed when elements of the 1st Marines found three enemy base camps on the 26th of the month. These base camps, located coordinates (AT 825695), (AT 827695), and (AT-829687), yielding a large quantity of ordnance and equipment, probably belonged to the 31st NVA Regiment.

Light and scattered contacts characterized the action in the southern two provinces of I Corps in the first few days of the month, with the contacts by the TIEN PHUOC CIDG in QUANG TIN Province being the most significant. On the 4th, the CIDG engaged a company size enemy force nine kilometers east of TIEN PHUOC (BT 201144) killing 12 of the enemy. This was possibly the V-18 LF Company or an element of the 1st VC Regiment. A few days later on the 6th, the TIEN PHUOC CIDG was again in contact seven kilometers east of their camp (BT 176145). From a company size ambush they attacked an estimated two NVA companies, possibly from the 1st MF Battalion, killing five. As the enemy fled, the CIDG called an artillery fire mission killing eight more.

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

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Enemy Initiated Activity

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>CAP</u>
Attacks	1	1
Ambushes	5	1
Assaults by Fire	0	0
Harassing Fire	201	41
Mines/Booby Traps	106	12
AA Fire	222	N/A

c. Enemy Order of Battle. Confirmed forces operating in QUANG NAM Province as of 31 March 1970.

Enemy forces in QUANG NAM Province consisted of Front & Headquarters and Support Units, the 31st, 36th, 90th and 141st NVA Regiments, and 12 independent battalions. The independent battalions were the D.26 Comm Battalion, 573d, 575th and 577th NVA Rocket Battalions, the 3d, T.87, T.89, Hai Van Engineer/Sapper, and the 490th NVA Sapper Battalions, the 42d Recon Battalion, the B.20 and B-3 Infantry Battalions. There are 15 separate companies, 13 local force and two NVA. Additionally, there are approximately 5,075 administrative personnel and 4,182 guerrillas. The total enemy strength for the province was estimated to be 17,472.

d. Counterintelligence

(1) Counterintelligence Monthly Overview. VC/VCI counterintelligence related activities showed a slight increase during the month of March. This increase was reflected in the number of terrorist incidents in particular. Enemy efforts continue as previously to focus on disruption of the GVN pacification program, attempts at delaying "Vietnamization" of the war and the construction of a base of popular support, particularly in urban areas. Captured documents continue to indicate that the enemy is emphasizing his three-pronged attacks (mountains, lowlands and urban areas) and attempting to build an urban organization capable of inflicting damage upon the PAVN/RVNAP. Captured documents also indicate that the development of the urban organizations is of the utmost importance in the battle for total victory.

(2) Terrorism and propaganda. Terrorist incidents increased slightly in the III MAF AO during the month of March 1970, with eight incidents occurring on the last day of the month in conjunction with enemy rocket/-mortar attacks against DANANG area vital installations.

(3) Subversion. Selected enemy personnel are still being sent to North Vietnam for training and eventual return to fill key posts in the VC infrastructure in RVN.

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(3) Sabotage. Sabotage incidents remained at the previous low level. As in the past, the HUE-DANANG Railroad is the primary target of VC sabotage attempts.

(4) Espionage. No reports of confirmed enemy espionage activities were received during March. It is assumed that the enemy is conducting espionage activity but detection of this activity has not been successful.

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

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>CAP</u>
KIA's	470	35
Detainees	445	267
PW's/NVA	5	3
PW's/VC	5	15
Returnees/NVA	2	0
Returnees/VC	0	4
Civil Defendants	13	0
Innocent Civilians	247	0
Individual Weapons	45	19
Crew-Served Weapons	6	1
Total Hoi Chanhs returned to both military and civil authorities - 477		

f. Kit Carson Scout Program. Significant accomplishments of Kit Carson Scouts employed by the 1st Marine Division for the period 1-31 March were as follows:

Patrols	623
Glasses Conducted	0
Psych Broadcasts	15
Enemy Captured/Suspects Apprehended	0/4
Enemy Killed	0
Weapons Recovered	0
Returnees	1
Caves/Tunnels Detected	0
Mines/Booby Traps Detected	4/0

The status of Kit Carson Scouts were as follows:

<u>No KCS</u>	<u>No KCS</u>	<u>No KCS</u>			
<u>Employed</u>	<u>Recruited</u>	<u>KIA-WIA-MIA-Absent</u>			
109	0	1	1	0	0

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6. LOGISTICS

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a. General

Operations within ICTZ continued during the first nine days of March 1970 with no major changes in the excellent logistic posture. On 9 March 1970 the III Marine Amphibious Force was relieved by XXIV Corps as the senior U. S. command within I Corps. Neither this event nor enemy action nor adverse weather conditions caused any appreciable interruption of the timely logistic support provided operating forces by helicopters and truck convoys. Keystone Bluejay operations continued on schedule; and with the sailing of the USS Denver from Danang on 30 March, Phase III redeployment--for all practical purposes--was completed.

b. G-4

(1) Relocation of III MAF command post to Camp Haskins was completed on 9 March, and the restructured G-4 Section continued to press onward, but in the role of a "uni-service" staff section, concerned almost exclusively with Marine Corps matters. Special staff sections under the cognizance of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 (Motor Transport, Ordnance and Transportation Control Center) were absorbed into the G-4 Section. The Embarkation element of the Transportation Control Center was retained as a special staff section. The Medical and Dental special staff sections were disbanded, and the Force Surgeon and Force Dental Officer reassigned outside this Headquarters. However, cognizance of these functions remained under the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 by the 1st Marine Division Surgeon and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Dental Officer being assigned collateral duties as III MAF Surgeon and Dental Officer, respectively. The Food Services Section was deactivated, and responsibilities thereof assumed by FLC Food Services Officer.

(2) Representatives from the General Accounting Office continued their on-site survey of U. S. redeployments from RVN, with continued assistance being provided by this staff section based on guidance provided by the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

(3) The high speed refueler feasibility study, undertaken by COMNAVFORV (Naval Fleet Air Support Unit, Danang), was completed during March 1970. It was recommended that the refueler, held by Chu Lai-based MAG 13, be moved to Danang upon departure of MAG 13, thereby ultimately enhancing the refueling capability of Naval Fleet Air Support Unit when Danang-based MAG 11 departs.

(4) Upon relocation of 9th Engineer Battalion and

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elements of FLSG-B from Chu Lai to Danang, appropriate reports for excess property at Chu Lai were submitted to COMUSMACV. It was requested that permission to dismantle and retrograde Butler buildings located at Chu Lai be granted. No decision regarding this matter had been reached by month's end.

(5) Marine airlifts increased considerably during March 1970. Total passengers lifted rose from 59,620 in February 1970 to 77,551--an increase of 17,931. Total Marine cargo lifted rose from 5633 short tons to 9353 short tons--an increase of 3720 short tons. Personnel flown out of country in connection with operation Keystone Bluejay totaled 7161.

(6) Clearance of the Dong Ha Ammunition Supply Point was commenced on 15 March 1970.

(7) An Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 representative attended a Munitions Conference in Saigon convened by COMUSMACV from 16 to 19 March 1970.

c. Embarkation Summary

As a result of the change of command on 9 March, monitoring cargo status throughout ICTZ and control of LCU/YFU craft passed to XXIV Corps. In connection with Keystone Bluejay, a total of 12 ships sailed from RVN during March 1970 carrying a total of 2014 personnel and 13,677 short tons, of which 3830 short tons represented retrograde equipment.

d. Engineer Summary

On 9 March 1970 coordination and control of engineer forces in ICTZ, with the exception of Marine Engineer units, passed to XXIV Corps. Monitoring the status of the Vietnamese National Railroad System also passed to XXIV Corps. By relocating 9th Engineer Battalion from Chu Lai to Danang during March 1970, all Marine Engineer units were consolidated within the III MAF area of operations in central ICTZ. This consolidation was also true of all tactical bridge assets. As a result of this relocation, liaison to effect reassignment of construction projects, realignment of LOC upgrading, maintenance and minesweeping responsibilities was initiated with XXIV Corps.

e. Supply Summary

(1) Phase II Budget for garrison property covering third and fourth quarter fiscal year 1970 and fiscal year 1971, was submitted on 19 March. A total of \$63,300 was requested for the two quarters and \$21,400 for fiscal year 1971. Following redistribution of excess garrison property, requirements for fiscal year 1971 were reduced considerably.

(2) Certain items of non-TAM garrison property--excess to III MAF requirements, considered essential to proper functioning of Camp Horn and otherwise

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(2) Certain items of non-TAM garrison property-- excess to III MAF requirements, considered essential to proper functioning of Camp Horn and otherwise not available from Army sources--were transferred to XXIV Corps on a custody receipt basis. Total value of property transferred was \$127,771. The Commandant of the Marine Corps stated in a message to the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific that the position of the Marine Corps in this matter was to assist the Army wherever possible in an equitable transfer. Further, the Commandant stated that continued coordination of property transfer should be accomplished at FMFPac and that unresolved differences would be forwarded to Headquarters Marine Corps for negotiations with the Department of the Army.

f. Medical Summary

(1) The total average patient load for 1st Medical Battalion during March 1970 was 160, with a total of 827 admitted and 160 patients evacuated out of country. Whole blood expended totaled 402 pints.

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

<u>AUTH BEDS</u>	<u>ACT BEDS</u>	<u>AVG CENSUS</u>	<u>%OCCUPIED</u>
300	240	160	67

(3) The USS Sanctuary supported III MAF the entire month of March 1970. The USS Repose supported III MAF until 13 March 1970, at which time she permanently departed RVN waters. The USS Sanctuary was on station at Danang and Quang Tri/Dong Ha operating areas as the tactical situation required.

g. Dental Summary

Dental Civic Action (MEDCAP 11) conducted by III MAF Dental units during March 1970 resulted in 2151 dental procedures and treatment of 1024 patients.

h. Chronological Listing of Highlights for March 1970

- 1 Mar USS Holmes County loaded and sailed from Danang with retrograde equipment.
- 2 Mar USS Monticello loaded and sailed from Deep Water Piers with cargo and equipment.
- 3 Mar Staged cargo and equipment at Deep Water Piers and Ferry Landing for the USS Denver.

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- 5 Mar USS Denver loaded and sailed from Deep Water Piers.
- 7 Mar Conference held at Hq. III MAF to establish procedures for transfer/disposal of excess real estate in ICTZ upon relief of CG, III MAF as I Corps Coordinator.
- 8 Mar Staged cargo and equipment at Ferry Landing and Deep Water Piers for USS Thomaston and USS Vancouver; CG, III MAF notified appropriate commanders that after 8Mar70 all correspondence pertaining to past, pending and future real estate transfers should be addressed to CG, XXIV Corps.
- 9 Mar CG, III MAF relieved as I Corps Coordinator and Senior Advisor I Corps, thereby relinquishing title of Area Coordinator for real estate matters; Transportation Control Center disbanded; Force Embarkation Section activated; functions of Motor Transport and Ordnance Sections and the Air Transportation Officer, TCC absorbed by G-4 Operations Section; functions of Food Services Section transferred to FLC; cognizance of Medical and Dental matters retained by assigning 1st MarDiv Surgeon and 1st MAW Dental Officer collateral duties as Force Surgeon and Dental Officer, respectively.
- 10-11 Mar USS Thomaston and USS Vancouver loaded and sailed from Deep Water Piers with cargo and equipment.
- 12 Mar USS New Orleans loaded and sailed from Deep Water Piers with cargo and equipment.
- 13 Mar Staged cargo and equipment at Ferry Landing and Deep Water Piers for USS Dubuque; hospital ship USS Repose departed RVN waters on a permanent basis.
- 15 Mar USS Dubuque loaded and sailed from Deep Water Piers with cargo and equipment; commenced clearance of Dong Ha ASP.
- 17 Mar USS Meeker County loaded and sailed from Bridge-Ramp with AM-2 matting.

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- 19 Mar USS Snohomish County loaded and sailed from Bridge Ramp with AM-2 matting.
- 20-21 Mar Staged cargo and equipment at Ferry Landing and Deep Water Piers for USS Durham; USS Park County loaded and sailed from Bridge Ramp with AM-2 matting (21Mar).
- 22 Mar USS Durham loaded and sailed from Deep Water Piers with cargo and equipment.
- 28 Mar Staged cargo and equipment at Ferry Landing and Deep Water Piers for USS Denver.
- 30 Mar USS Denver loaded and sailed from Deep Water Piers with cargo and equipment, thereby completing the amphibious portion of Phase III Redeployment.

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7. Comptroller

a. Significant events for March

There were no significant events for the month of March.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR MARCH 1970

8. Civil Affairs.

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

b. With the change in command relationships in I Corps Tactical Zone on 9 March 1970 the scope of activity of the AC/S, G-5, was broadened to include the monitoring of the progress of the Government of Vietnam Pacification and Development Program in the III MAF Area of Responsibility.

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 2,445,376

(2) Expenditures from US/FWMAF Civic Action/PSYWAR Fund:
\$VN 187,650

(3) Major Civic Action Programs:	Man-days (10-hr day)	\$VN
a. Economic Development (includes agriculture, fisheries, markets, cottage industries):	615	364,550
b. Education (increase & development of school facilities, classroom or other group instruction; excludes technical training in a, c, and d.	658	355,425
c. Social Welfare (assistance to hospitals, refugees, orphanages, religious organizations, other institutions, groups & individuals):	980	1,269,836
d. Transportation (improved or increased means of transportation, e.g., roads, bridges, waterways):	254	138,600
e. Refugee Assistance Support (includes refugee assistance reported in a, b, c, and d):	968	1,078,057

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

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a. Schools	63
b. Orphanages	21
c. Hospitals/Dispensaries	18
d. Other	1

(5) MEDCAP-DENTCAP

(a) <u>Treatments</u>	<u>Number of Patients</u>
Medical	
Resulting from Hospital Action	142
Not Resulting from Hostile Action	82,020
Immunizations	742
Dental	578
	<u>83,482</u>
	Total

(b) Number of Vietnamese Health Workers Trained: 134

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

a. Force Logistics Command reports the following:

(1) The extensive effort to get ARVN agriculture advisors involved in Area 5 is paying off. The G-5 section of FLC has scheduled numerous meetings at hamlets in which an agriculture advisor from 10th POLWAR Battalion had an opportunity to meet the people and discuss agriculture. The result of this has been a large number of people have decided to plant sorghum. This crop can provide a good money income plus provide a new food supplement for livestock. In addition, by introducing these Vietnamese advisors to the people, it provides a source of knowledge that is more credible in the eyes of a Vietnamese farmer and a source that will be available for a long time.

(2) The duck farm project in the hamlet of Xuan Thieu was a success. The Vietnamese that raised the ducks recently sold them (180) for a total of 55,000\$VN, giving him a net proceed of 35,000\$VN. Success of the project was insured by the enthusiasm and work of the Vietnamese under the supervision of civic action personnel.

(3) Construction continues in the new Chieu Hoi hamlet. In the past several weeks two schools have been completed, a couple of wells, head projects have been started and a hamlet office is well underway. The civic action

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section has one man assigned full time to work in coordination with the hamlet chief in the planning and supervision of projects. The hamlet chief and people are all very enthusiastic about the programs and realize the benefits that they and their families will derive.

(4) The construction of 40 tables and 80 benches for the Catholic Relief Society (CRS) was begun by members of Chieu Hoi 3 and 4. A member of the CRS requested assistance from the G-5, FLC in the construction of 80 benches and 40 tables. An agreement was made between the CRS representative and the Chieu Hoi hamlet chief to make the required items. The Chieu Hoi's receive 1500\$VN per unit (1 table and 2 benches) plus a quantity of PL480 food stuffs. This project provided needed money and food for the Chieu Hoi's and at the same time assisted the CRS in accomplishing their project.

b. 1st Marine Division reports the following:

(1) The people of Phu Da Hamlet (AT866471) built an elementary school in two weeks with ammo boxes supplied by 2d Battalion, 11th Marines. This project has had a "high impact" effect throughout the village and increased the people's feeling of self accomplishment.

(2) The 5th Marines has initiated a highly successful sports program for children attending schools in their area. In addition to providing several schools with physical education kits, the unit has graded a large playground area with soccer and volley-ball fields. Vietnamese soldiers of local units have also participated in volleyball games with Marines. The result of these programs has been an improvement in Marine-Vietnamese relationships.

(3) Mobile MEDCAPs combined with PSYOP audio/visual teams has proved extremely successful in the 1st Marines area. The 2d Battalion, 1st Marines continues to train Vietnamese nurses who now treat 75% of all MEDCAP patients.

(4) A much better cooperation between GVN officials and villagers of Xuan Tra (BT067692) has been observed by 1st Marines after the unit helped complete construction of a school in the hamlet.

(5) The success of projects in the 5th Marines area has greatly improved relations between Marines and Vietnamese. The Vietnamese are enthusiastically participating in new projects and show great appreciation for the Marines' aid in initiating their own projects in GVN channels.

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(6) Marine, Vietnamese, and the International Rescue Committee have combined efforts to provide fresh bread and milk for about 800 refugees at Phu Loc (6) (AT927529). The IRC initiated the bread program after coordination with Province officials and Marines working on the refugee project. The IRC provides the raw materials and has the bread baked in Danang. Quang Da Special Zone began providing daily transportation and the daily milk was added. The 7th Engineer Battalion mixes the milk, again with supplies provided by IRC. CORDS has informed IRC that this is the first successful project to provide daily milk for a refugee village.

(7) Members of the 5th Marines have begun teaching English eleven hours weekly in nearby schools. The outstanding response has shown the great desire the students have to learn our language.

e. Personal Response Project.

(1) The Personal Response Officer and SNCO conducted 20 hours of Personal Response orientations during March. Eighteen were conducted at the Combined Action Force School and two at Maintenance Battalion, Force Logistics Command.

(2) Tabulation of the Force Logistics Command attitude survey was completed in March. As a result of the survey, that command has initiated corrective procedures in the handling and supervision of the indigeneous labor force.

(3) The recently established Personal Response Culture Tours continue to be met with enthusiasm by the III MAF Marines. More than forty tours were conducted by III MAF Units during March.

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9. Psychological Warfare Operations

a. Chieu Hoi Program:

PROVINCE	TOTAL	NVA	VC	NON-MIL	WPNS
QUANG NAM	34	1	14	19	2
DANANG CITY	7	1	3	3	0
TOTAL	41	2	17	22	2

b. Campaign Support

(1) <u>THEME</u>	<u>LEAFLETS</u>		<u>BROADCAST HOURS</u>		
	<u>AIR</u>	<u>GROUND</u>	<u>AIR</u>	<u>GROUND</u>	<u>WATER</u>
Chieu Hoi	23,735,000	17,972	81:25	48:15	2:00
Pro GVN	3,668,000	11,480	40:32	170:32	2:00
Anti-NVA	5,768,000	2,000	9:39	21:20	2:00
Anti-VC	1,330,000	1,100	17:54	7:30	
Rewards	1,499,000	14,311	12:59	13:54	
Sanitation		26,314		6:00	
Rice Denial	803,000		5:40	32:20	
Trail Campaign	2,265,000				
Marine Withdrawal				31:00	
Atrocities				10:00	

(2) Movie showings/hours/attendance: 184/111:15/20,320

(3) Cultural Drama Team Performances: 4

c. Narrative Summary(1) GENERAL

(a) Loudspeaker teams had 91 items of ordnance turned in to them during the month of March.

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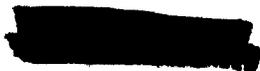


(b) All of the aerial leaflet drops and broadcast hours were targeted against known NVA/VC Base Camps and operating area's. The 573rd NVA Rocket Battalion and the Q84V Battalion (VC) were specifically targeted.

(c) Three Hoi Chanh's indicated that their reason for rallying was because of disillusionment with the progress of the war and a lack of supplies. There was no other significant feed back on the impact of PsyOps on the enemy.

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10. Communications:

a. At 1100 hours on 9 March 1970 XXIV Corps, U.S. Army assumed the responsibilities as Senior Advisor, I Corps Tactical Zone.

At this time the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6, Hq III MAF relinquished its responsibility for communications as Senior Advisor, ICTZ, to the Signal Officer of XXIV Corps. However it continues the mission as a principal Staff assistant to the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force to provide advice and assistance in all communication - electronics matters and exercise staff cognizance for the operational control of the 5th Communication Battalion.

On 1 March 1970 a Communications Central, AN/TGC-37 was relocated from the 1st Marine Division Headquarters to the III MAF Headquarters building at Camp Haskins to support Cavalier Beach (change of command relationships between III MAF and XXIV Corps).

During the period of 1 to 4 March the AN/TGC-37 was placed in position at the rear of the III MAF Headquarters building and installation of required circuits were prepared and ready for operation by 0530 5 March 1970.

The period 5 to 9 March was used in preparing the message processing area, installing and training personnel in the use of the KY-3 and use of its change keys.

At 1100 9 March 1970 messages were transmitted, received and processed by the III MAF COC Communication Center under the administrative control of the 5th Communication Battalion and the operational and technical control of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6.

Three Automatic Secure Voice (AUTOSEVOCOM) circuits were established. One for the Commanding General and Chief of Staff, one for the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 and one for the Combat Operations Center.

Communication guard was shifted from Camp Horn to Camp Books, Danang. The Commanding General, Force Logistic Command, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific assumed communications/ crypto guard for Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force.

b. The following teletype (dedicated) circuits have been established in support of the III MAF COC.

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<u>CIRCUIT DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>RP</u>	<u>TERMINAL POINTS</u>
XP5G	1C	III MAF COC to MACV Comm Cen
XP7U	1C	III MAF COC to XXIV Corps Comm Cen
00405	1C	III MAF COC to 1st MarDiv Comm Cen
00406	1C	III MAF COC to 1st MAW COC
00407	2D	III MAF COC to ForLogComd Comm Cen

Additional circuits established are:
XXIV Corps Cmd KY-8 VHF/FM to:

III MAF COC
Americal Div
2d ARVN Div
2d ROK Bde
I Corps Hq
1st MarDiv
1st MAW

III MAF Cmd Net #1 HF/RATT to:

1st MarDiv
1st MAW

III MAF TAC Net to:

1st MarDiv
1st MAW
ForLogComd

c. Combat Operations Center Communication Center traffic during the month of March 1970:

<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Incoming 5487	2350		3137
Outgoing 5635	764		4871
Total 11122	3114		8008

d. Headquarters III MAF message traffic originated and received during the period 9 to 31 March 1970 at the ForLog Comd Comm Center.

Outgoing 2553
Incoming 5924
Total 8477

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Conference/Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
8 Mar	Capt MORT U.S. Army	SEA/ATS Conference at DCA SAM	Saigon
18 Mar	LtCol DEEM	AUTOSEVOCOM Working Group Meeting, DCA SAM	Saigon
26 Mar	LtCol DEEM	Senior Comm Officers Conference, MACV Hq	Saigon
27 Mar	LtCol DEEM	JASIG Conference, DCA SAM	Saigon

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11. Public Affairs

a. BACKGROUND. March 9th marked the deactivation of CIB and the takeover of the Danang Press Center by XXIV Corps. The Sea Tiger is still being published at their new location, Camp Haskins. Number of personnel at the Public Affairs Office is 6. A Marine Liaison representative is located at the Danang Press Center, 1st Lt. Larry D. CHOATE. Each command, FLC, 1st MAW and 1st Marine Division will be processing their own releases as of 9 March.

b. MOTOR TRANSPORT. Tactical vehicles on hand at the Public Affairs Office include the following:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>VEHICLE #</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
M-151	357391	PAO

Another jeep is being used at the Danang Press Center by the Marine Liaison Officer.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
M-151	357146	Danang Press Center

c. PRESS. During the month of March the Public Affairs Office processed a total of 3 news releases for release to civilian and military media.

A total of 94 home town items on individual Marines were forwarded to Fleet Home Town News Center for processing and distribution to home town newspapers.

(1) Complete photo and press coverage of the following VIP's visiting III MAF and I Corps were presented:

- a. J. Irving WHALLEY, Representative from Pennsylvania
- b. John J. RHODES, Representative from Arizona

d. STAFF VISITS. The following is a list of Staff Visits made by the Force Public Affairs Officer during the month of March.

- 17 Mar -- 1st Marine Aircraft Wing -- Discuss news releases and input to Sea Tiger.
- 25 Mar -- 1st Marine Division -- Discuss news releases and input to Sea Tiger.
- 27 Mar -- Force Logistic Command -- Discuss news releases and input to Sea Tiger.

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and/or CONTINUATION SHEET

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ACTION			
INFO			

12. CHRONOLOGY OF VIP VISITS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/SERVICE</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
1Mar70	GREENE, L.	BGen/USA	J-1, USMACV
2Mar70	HYLAND, J. J.	Adm/USN	CINCPACFLT
3Mar70	FLANAGAN, E. M.	MGen/USA	CG, USAJFKCENMA
3Mar70	ALBRIGHT, J. A.	BGen/USA	Dep CG, 5th Signal Corps
6Mar70	ROSSON, W. B.	Gen/USA	Dep COMUSMACV
6-7Mar70	FROSSEL, C. W.	Mr.	Associate Judge, N. Y.
9Mar70	ABRAMS	Gen/USA	COMUSMACV
9Mar70	BROWN	Gen/USAF	Cmdr 7th AF
9Mar70	COLBY	Ambassador	Dep for CORDS, COMUSMACV
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9Mar70	LAM	LtGen/ARVN	CG, I Corps
9Mar70	ZAIS	LtGen/USA	CG, XXIV Corps
9Mar70	WRIGHT	MGen/USA	CG, 101st Abn Div (AM)
9Mar70	FIRFER	Mr./GS-17	Dep for CORDS, Dng
9Mar70	RAMSEY	MGen/USA	CG, Americal Div
9Mar70	THRASH	MGen/USMC	CG, 1st MAW
9Mar70	WOOLWINE	MGen/USA	CG, 1st Log Comd
9Mar70	RIENZI	MGen/USA	CG, First Signal Bde
9Mar70	WHEELER	MGen/USMC	CG, 1stMarDiv
9Mar70	TRUONG	MGen/ARVN	CG, 1st ARVN Div
9Mar70	LEE	BGen/ROKMC	CG, 2d ROKMC Bde
9Mar70	BURKE	BGen/USA	CG, 1st/5th Mech
9Mar70	SHEDD	BGen	C/S, XXIV Corps
9Mar70	MULLER	BGen/USA	DSA, I Corps
9Mar70	TOAN	BGen/ARVN	CG, 2d ARVN Div
9Mar70	ADAMSON	RAdm/USN	COMNSA
9Mar70	POWELL	BGen/USA	Dep CG, Americal Div
9Mar70	SPANJER	BGen/USMC	Dep CG, 1st MAW
9Mar70	JASKILKA	BGen/USMC	Dep AC/S, J-3, MACV
9Mar70	MARSCHALL	RAdm/USN	COM, 3d NCB
9Mar70	SMITH	BGen/USA	ADC 101st Abn Div (AM)
9Mar70	CUNNINGHAM	BGen/USA	CG, 173rd Abn Div
9Mar70	PADALINO	BGen/USMC	CG, FLC
9Mar70	DONALDSON	BGen/USA	Dep CG, Americal Div
9Mar70	BARROW	BGen/USMC	CG, MCB, Camp Butler
9Mar70	DOEHLER	BGen/USMC	ADC, 1stMarDiv
9Mar70	FRITZ	Mr./GS-16	Asst Dep for CORDS, Dng
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