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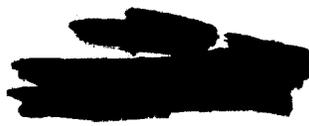
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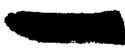
  
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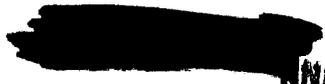
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

III Marine Amphibious Force

Lieutenant General Keith B. McCUTCHEON,  
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1-30Apr70DEPUTY COMMANDER (GROUND)Major General Edwin B. WHEELER,  
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1-26Apr70Major General Charles F. WIDDECKE,  
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27-30Apr70DEPUTY COMMANDER (AIR)Major General William G. THRASH,  
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27-30Apr70

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ATTACHED UNITS

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U. S. Marine Corps  
1-30Apr70

2. LOCATION. 1-30 April 1970, Northwest Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

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U. S. Marine Corps  
1-30Apr70

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

Colonel Richard H. RAINFORTH,  
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XXIV Corps

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. INTRODUCTION

a. GENERAL. General Lewis W. WALT, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, arrived in Danang on 12 April for a three day tour of Marine and allied military installations in I Corps Tactical Zone. During April 1970, III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters was located in northwest Danang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. The average Marine/Navy personnel strength in ICTZ was 43,521, a decrease of 4,951 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 April 1970.

2. OVERALL EVALUATION

a. GENERAL. With the beginning of the Communist Spring Offensive, enemy activity increased slightly during the month remaining scattered throughout the Marine's TAOR. Enemy losses increased to 673 KIA and 319 weapons captured as compared to 505 KIA and 71 weapons captured during the previous month. There was also an increase in attacks by rocket and mortar fire during the month. On 1 and 2 April, the Danang Vital Area received 36 incoming 122/140mm rockets, all impacting in the early morning hours. The 1st Marine Division CP and the Danang Air Base were again the enemies primary targets. Eight rockets impacted on or in the vicinity of the air base. Two rockets landed outside of the base in an area locally known as "Dog Patch", killing 2 Vietnamese civilians and wounding 3 others. Approximately 16x140mm rockets impacted in the vicinity of the 1st Marine Divisions CP. Total casualties reported as a result of all rocket fire, during this two day period, were 2 Vietnamese civilians killed, 5 Marines, 3 U. S. Army, 3 U. S. civilians and 11 Vietnamese civilians wounded.

b. Mines and booby-traps continue to take their toll among Marine units. During the month, there were 107 mine incidents accounting for 13 Marines killed, 206 wounded of which 170 were evacuated. Better than one-third of the casualties suffered by Marine units during the month were attributed to mines and booby-traps.

c. During the period 15 to 27 April, the 1st Marines (Rein) conducted "CATEGORY III" Operations in coordination and cooperation with the 51st ARVN Regiment. The operation was designated "HUNG QUANG 1/32" by Quang Da Special Zone Headquarters. The 1st Marines mission was to conduct operations along the Charlie Ridge area in order to interdict enemy lines of communications, destroy base camps, capture supplies and neutralize NVA/VC operations in the area. Total casualties from Operation "HUNG QUANG 1/32"

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were 2 USMC KIA, 9 USMC WIA, 35 enemy KIA and 103 weapons captured. The above figures do not reflect those casualties inflicted by elements of the 51st ARVN Regiment. The 5th Marines (-) continued small unit patrol and ambush activities in the An Hoa, Arizona Territory and Thuong Duc Valley area. The 7th Marines (-) conducted small unit operations in the Que Son and Phu Loc/Pagoda Valley areas with light contact for the month.

d. The 1st Recon Battalion continues to obtain excellent results from their teams in the field. A typical recon incident occurred at 0850 on 22 April, when Recon Team ELK SKIN observed 1 enemy walking near their position (ZC 087718). He was taken under fire and killed. Then at 0920 in the same location a large enemy force engaged the team. Through the combined efforts of the team, artillery and close air support, 21 NVA were killed. The team was subsequently extracted after four unsuccessful attempts which were hampered by small arms fire. There were no friendly casualties. In another incident, on 29 April, Recon Team PENNY WISE, made contact with approximately 30 enemy (ZC 115693). The team engaged with small arms fire resulting in 15 NVA killed. The team was then extracted without further incident.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING APRIL 19701. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

a. GENERAL. During the month of April 1970, there were no major named operations conducted in the I Corps area by Marine units.

<u>SMALL UNIT 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>	
1ST MARINE DIVISION	34	431	600	270	1-30Apr70
COMBINED ACTION FORCE	6	58	73	49	1-30Apr70
TOTAL	40	489	673	319	1-30Apr70

b. EVENTS. During the month of April 1970, the following significant contacts were reported in chronological order:

At 020300H, "M" Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines (CUPP Squad), 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  Kms northeast of Hill 55 received 25xM-26 grenades and small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. The squad returned small arms, M-79, and 60mm mortar fire with unknown results. There were 8 Marines wounded in the contact, 5 of whom required evacuation.

At 021730H, "G" Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  Kms northwest of FSB Ross, while enroute to an ambush site, observed approximately 10 enemy 100 meters north of their position moving east. The enemy was wearing assorted clothing, black pajamas and camouflaged utilities. They were engaged with small arms fire resulting in 6 NVA KIA, 3 PW's, and 2 IWC.

At 032355H, CAP 2-8-3, 5 Kms southwest of Nam-O Bridge, while in an ambush position initiated small arms fire on 4 enemy moving south. The enemy fled west without returning fire. During a sweep of the area, the ambush received chicom grenades and small arms fire from the four enemy. Fire was returned with organic weapons, causing the enemy to flee to the west again. One VC was killed, 1 IW, 55 pounds of foodstuffs and miscellaneous gear was captured. 5 Marines (2 Minor) and 1 PF (Minor) were wounded.

At 031911H, Recon Team STONE PIT, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  Kms southwest of FSB Rawhide, observed 20 enemy with weapons moving west on a trail. A mortar and artillery fire mission was called resulting in 5 NVA KIA.

At 031822H, Recon Team COFFEE TIME, at FSB Stilletto, made contact with an estimated 30 enemy dressed in green utilities and carrying AK-47's. The enemy were engaged with organic weapons. An AO on station controlled a fixed wing air strike and Cobra gunships resulting in 13 NVA killed. The team was emergency extracted. There were no friendly casualties.

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At 031845H, Recon Team STONE PIT, 5 Kms west of An Hoa Combat Base, observed 21 enemy wearing green utilities and carrying packs and rifles moving west in a tree line. An artillery fire mission was called resulting in 5 NVA KIA.

At 060815H, Recon Team STONE PIT, 1 Km south of An Hoa Combat Base, observed 4 enemy wearing green utilities and carrying packs and rifles putting boxes in a bunker. An artillery fire mission was called resulting in 4 NVA KIA. Then the team observed 5 enemy in green utilities and carrying packs and rifles in the open, 5 Kms west of An Hoa Combat Base. An artillery mission was called resulting in 4 more NVA killed.

At 061610H, a platoon from "H" Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  Kms northeast of An Hoa Combat Base, as part of several simultaneous platoon sized operations by "H" Company received intensive small arms fire from an estimated 12 enemy located in a village. Organic weapons were employed and the village was assaulted causing the enemy to break contact and flee in an unknown direction. A search of the area produced 6 NVA KIA, 3 PW's, 18 detainees, 1 60mm mortar tube, 2 IW, 3xB-40 rounds, 5 chicom grenades and assorted documents were captured.

At 060930H, a CUPP Team from "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 4 Kms south of FSB Baldy, while in their day positions, sighted 4 Vietnamese females observing their area. The females were detained because they had no ID cards. While blind folding them, a Marine stepped on a pressure type booby trap, suspected to be two M-26 grenades tied together, resulting in 8 Marines and one detainee wounded. 7 Marines and the 1 detainee was medevaced.

At 061200H, a squad patrol from "G" Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 2 Kms northeast of FSB Hyder observed 5 enemy wearing green uniforms playing cards in a cave. One fire team was sent to cover the rear while the rest assaulted the cave. 5 NVA were killed, 2 IW and assorted documents captured.

At 061543H, Recon Team MISTY CLOUD, 7 Kms south of Dien Ban, observed 12 enemy wearing khaki and dark uniforms. A fixed wing airstrike was called resulting in 5 NVA killed by air and 4 secondary explosions.

At 071255H, Recon Team DURHAM's patrol leader, 10 Kms northeast of Thong Duc CIDG Camp, while in the process of removing a claymore mine in preparation for a helicopter extraction, sighted 2 enemy to his north observing his movements, one of whom was armed. He shot and killed both with his .45 cal pistol, and then recovered the enemy rifle. Moving 50 meters north, he sighted 10 more enemy wearing khakis, 2 of whom were carrying heavy packs. The patrol leader killed 3 with the captured enemy rifle and then 3 more as the enemy attempted to recover their dead. As

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he rejoined the remainder of his recon team, 8 more enemy were observed wearing mixed uniforms and pajamas. Four were carrying heavy packs and 3 were armed with rifles. The team took the group under fire killing 2, and again succeeded in killing 2 more as the enemy attempted to recover their dead. As the enemy withdrew to the northwest, 1 more was killed. Then while moving to their extraction LZ, 5 more enemy were spotted within 75 meters of the LZ, 3 of whom were killed by small arms fire. An AO came on station and directed helicopter gunships into the area resulting in 2 more enemy killed by air. The team was then extracted without further incident. A total of 18 enemy were killed, 16 by the team and 2 killed by Marine air. There were no friendly casualties.

At 082045H, an "F" Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine squad ambush, 3 Kms north of An Hoa Combat Base, observed 5 enemy approaching their position from the river. The enemy was engaged with small arms and M-60 machine gun fire resulting in 5 VC KIA. Two Marines received minor fragmentation wounds.

At 090900H, Recon Team CLAY PIPE, 10 Kms northwest of FSB Rawhide, located an enemy base camp comprised of approximately 10 huts and several bunkers all badly in need of repair. A search of the area produced 1x60mm mortar tube, 1xM-16 barrel and receiver group, 1xM-16, 14xSKS rifles, 1xsniper rifle, 12xchicom fuses, 1x250 lb bomb, 100 lbs of an unknown explosive, 20xRPG rds, 6xRPG rocket heads, 5xcases of SKS ammo, 5xloaded machine gun magazines, 5xshaped charges, 6xshape charge cannisters, 5xunknown type machine guns. All the weapons were in excellent condition. Two machine guns, 1xM-16, 14xSKS's and 1xsniper rifle were brought in by the team and the rest were destroyed. During the search, the security element engaged an estimated 30 NVA, killing 11 of them. The team was extracted without further incident.

At 091618H, "D" Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (Pacifier Operation), 8 Kms northwest of FSB Bushwack, two platoons were inserted into an LZ and began sweeping the area. While the helicopters were returning to the rear to pick up the remaining platoon, the helicopter commander spotted 6 enemy trying to cross a river  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Kms north-northeast of the LZ. A Cobra gunship was directed in against them killing 3. During the sweep of this area, the 2nd platoon killed 1 VC with small arms fire. At this time the helicopter commander again spotted 3-4 enemy fleeing south-east. Cobra gunships killed 2 and wounded at least one. Documents captured in the contact confirmed the enemy to be VC and contained citations for the killing of Americans. A total of 7 VC were killed.

At 101532H, an FO with "F" Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 4 Kms southeast of FSB Ryder, observed 4 enemy with weapons moving north, an artillery fire mission was called resulting in 3 NVA KIA. Then at 1840, another 7 enemy were observed moving north  $3\frac{1}{2}$  Kms southeast of FSB Ryder. An artillery and mortar fire mission was called resulting in 4 NVA killed.

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At 101731H, "L" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 4½ Kms southwest of FSB Bushwack, while in their company defensive position, received approximately 20x82mm mortar rounds from an unknown size enemy force 1 Km to their south. Counter mortar fire, artillery and air strikes was delivered on the suspected enemy position with unknown results. Two Marines were killed and 12 wounded, all of whom were evacuated.

At 111330H, "G" Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 6 Kms southeast of FSB Rawhide, observed 16 enemy in black pajamas and packs and carrying a large object believed to be a 155mm round. An artillery mission was called resulting in 5 VC killed. The remaining enemy picked up the object and fled to the north.

At 131855H, Recon Team STONE PIT, 8 Kms east-southeast of Thung Duc CIDG Camp, observed 20 NVA wearing green utilities and carrying packs and rifles. An artillery fire mission was called resulting in 11 NVA KIA.

At 131030H, the pilot of a Cobra gunship from HML-367, 7 Kms west-southwest of Thung Duc CIDG Camp, observed 8 enemy in a boat using hand grenades to fish. The Cobra attacked them with on-board ordnance, killing 5 confirmed and 3 more probable.

At 140230H, CAP 1-3-12 patrol, 15 Kms north-northwest of Quang Ngai City, initiated organic weapons fire on 14 VC throwing satchel charges into and burning houses in Lien Tri (4) Hamlet. The enemy returned small arms fire and fled northeast. A sweep of the area disclosed 6 VC KIA, 4 M-72 LAAW's, 200 carbine rounds and 7 chicom grenades. There were no U. S. or Vietnamese casualties.

At 161815H, Recon Team WEST ORANGE, 6 Kms south-southeast of Hill 55, observed 12 NVA with packs and weapons and dressed in green utilities moving west in an open field. An artillery fire mission was called resulting in 5 NVA killed and 2 secondary explosions.

At 161015H, "B" Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 8 Kms south of Hill 55, while conducting a company size move in the Go Noi Island area, was alerted by an AO that had sighted approximately 8 enemy carrying packs and wearing assorted green uniforms in their immediate vicinity. Air strikes were called in on the enemy and once completed "B" Company moved thru the area sighting and killing 9 NVA. A further search of the area produced 3 enemy KBA. There were no friendly casualties.

At 181900H, H&S Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, 2½ Kms south-southwest of FSB Rawhide, while in a night defensive position, observed 8 enemy moving around bunkers. All were carrying weapons. An artillery fire mission was called resulting in 5 NVA killed.

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At 200430H, "K" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 4 Kms northwest of FSB Baldy, while in a night defensive position, received 7 rounds of RPG's, 5 hand grenades and small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force, 100 meters to their front, resulting in 5 Marines wounded, all of whom required evacuation. Fire was returned with organic weapons with unknown results. A sweep of the area was non-productive.

At 211000H, "F" Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  Kms west of Liberty Bridge, while conducting a sweep reinforced with tanks, observed 20-30 enemy dressed in green utilities in a tree line, 300 meters north of them. An air strike was called and while it was taking place, the company observed 8 enemy fleeing from the tree line. They were engaged by the tanks resulting in 3 killed. After the air strike, the area was swept during which 3 more NVA were killed with hand grenades. One VC was captured and 21 Vietnamese civilians in the area were detained. There were no friendly casualties.

At 211805H, Recon Team WEST ORANGE, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  Kms north of FSB Bushwack, observed 16 NVA in green utilities with packs and rifles walking in the open. An artillery fire mission was called resulting in 11 NVA KIA.

At 231925H, "H" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  Kms southwest of FSB Baldy, a squad ambush observed 20 enemy 20-30 meters from their position moving north. Ten of the enemy were carrying packs and the others weapons. They were taken under small arms fire and the area swept. The bodies of 5 NVA were found, 2 IW and assorted documents were captured. During the sweep, the squad came under small arms fire from the east, which wounded 2 Marines and killed a Corpsman. Small arms fire was returned and the enemy fled in an unknown direction. Then as the squad was carrying the body of the Corpsman to the company CP, a litter bearer tripped an unknown size booby-trap, resulting in 1 Marine killed and 7 others wounded, all of whom required evacuation.

At 242030H, "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines (CUPP Team), 3 Kms southwest of LZ Baldy, while in a night ambush position, observed 30 enemy moving southeast 75 meters from them. The team initiated organic weapons fire resulting in 5 VC KIA.

At 241000H, Recon Team PICKWICK PAPERS, 10 Kms northwest of LZ Ross, engaged 5 enemy and killed them. Assorted documents and medical supplies were captured. As the team moved 90 meters to the west they observed one more enemy and killed him; changing direction and moving north the team made contact with an estimated 20 to 30 enemy killing 6, one Marine was killed in that contact. The team broke contact and moved to an LZ where they were extracted. Total results were 1 USMC KIA, with 12 NVA KIA.

At 252000H, "C" Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  Kms northwest of FSB Baldy, observed 7 NVA wearing green utilities 10 meters from their position. They were engaged with small arms, M-60 and M-79 fire. The

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enemy returned fire and fled in an unknown direction. Results from the contact were 5 NVA KIA, 2 IWC with 3 Marines wounded, 1 of whom required evacuation.

At 251120H, "K" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 4½ Kms west-southwest of FSB Baldy, while in night defensive positions, observed 4 armed enemy 250 meters to their southwest. A squad was dispatched to engage the enemy. The squad exchanged small arms fire with the enemy resulting in 1 USMC KIA, 4 NVA KIA and 3 IWC.

At 251510H, "H" Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 3½ Kms west-southwest of FSB Ross, after completing a daylight patrol and while establishing a defensive position was engaged by an estimated company size force. The enemy attacked with small arms fire, RPG, and M-79's from positions 100 to 150 meters away. Organic weapons fire was returned and fire superiority gained. Artillery, gunships, OV-10's and fixed wing support was requested and provided. A Heliborne Pacifier patrol landed at 2015. A sweep of the area produced 6 NVA KIA, 6 Marines, 1 U. S. Army advisor and 2 RF's were wounded, all of whom required evacuation.

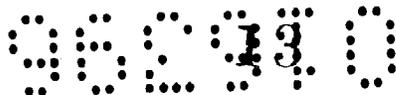
At 271200H, Recon Team WEST ORANGE, ½ Km south of LZ Sage, observed 12 enemy wearing green utilities and moving south. An artillery mission was called resulting in 7 NVA killed.

At 270905H, a squad patrol from "F" Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 3½ Kms northwest of LZ Sage (AT 956522), observed 4 enemy wearing assorted clothing running into a tree line. An artillery mission was called following which a sweep of the area found 7 VC killed. A KCS identified one of the VC as a leader from Goi Noi Island. There were no friendly casualties.

At 270930H, 4½ Kms northeast of FSB Pony, a Hoi Chanh led a PF Liaison Team from the 3d Battalion, 7th Marines to a rice cache buried under one foot of sand. The cache measured 25 by 75 meters and was 2 feet deep. The storage area was covered top and bottom with plastic strips. The cache contained 22 tons of polished and unpolished rice marked "CONNELL'S", Houston, Texas - Agency for International Development. The Hoi Chanh said the rice was intended for the VC K-600 transportation unit. The rice was helo-lifted to Duy Xuyen.

At 291605H, a Pacifier heliborne combat patrol from "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 3 Kms east-southeast of LZ Sage was alerted to react to an enemy sighting in the 5th Marines AO. The patrol arrived in the target area at 1800 hours. Cobra gunships expended on-board ordnance causing the enemy to break up and flee in all directions. Air strikes and artillery were delivered against the area and the platoon landed at 1853. They immediately received small arms fire in the LZ and commenced

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a sweep to the west, killing 1 NVA. Enemy were observed fleeing across the area and gunships on station engaged them, killing 10. Results were 11 NVA KIA, 1 IW and 1 CSW was captured. There were no further contact and the platoon was extracted at 1935 hours.

At 301600H, Recon Team WEST ORANGE, 4 Kms northwest of LZ Sage (AT 954528), observed 5 enemy wearing packs and green utilities, digging in a bank of a stream. An artillery fire mission was called resulting in 5 NVA KIA.

At 301120H, Recon Team POLICY GAME, 3 Kms southwest of FSB Bushwack, observed 20 enemy wearing blue shorts and black trousers moving northeast along a stream. The enemy was engaged with small arms fire resulting in 6 VC killed. There were no friendly casualties.

At 301710H, Recon Team STONE PIT, 2 Kms west-southwest of FSB Mustang, observed 20 enemy moving in and out of a tree line. The enemy had packs and rifles and wore green utilities. An artillery mission was called resulting in 6 NVA killed.

2. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY. See page 24

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3. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

a. III MAF CASUALTIES

(1) Battle

<u>KIA</u>		<u>WIA</u>		<u>DOW</u>		<u>MIA</u>	
USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN
39	1	465	24	13	0	3	0

(2) Non-Battle

<u>DEATHS</u>		<u>ILL//INJ</u>	
USMC	USN	USMC	USN
9	0	1039	39

b. NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL TRIED:

SUMMARY	98
SPECIAL	94
GENERAL	8

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

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

a. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE HEADQUARTERS

	<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>	
	USMC	USN	USMC	USN
H&S CO, III MAF	32	0	56	0
FORCE HQS, III MAF	105	6	204	6
CAF	52	2	1927	130
1ST RADIO BN (-)	20	0	318	14

b. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>	
USMC	USN	USMC	USN
3153	222	38619	1527

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## 1. Personnel

## a. Special Services Activities

(1) Freedom Hill Recreation Complex

(a) THEATER: The 35mm Indoor Theater was operational 30 days during the month of April 1970 with an average daily attendance of 452 persons.

(b) BOWLING CENTER: The Bowling Center was operational 26 days during the month of April 1970 with an average of 457 games per day.

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

(a) Of 3228 seats allocated to III MAF, 3145 were filled for 97.0% utilization. Of 7015 seats allocated to I Corps, other than III MAF, 6987 were filled for 98.2% utilization. Total allocations for Danang R&R consisted of 10,243 of which 10,132 were filled for a utilization percentage of 98.8%.

<u>SITE</u>	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>ARMY NAVY, AIR FORCE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SYDNEY	625	1650	2275
TOKYO	238	716	954
HAWAII	770	1663	2433
HONG KONG	426	1046	1472
TAIPEI	307	501	808
BANGKOK	555	1063	1618
MANILA	90	290	380
OKINAWA	134	58	192
	<u>3145</u>	<u>6987</u>	<u>10,132</u>

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

(a) Quotas allocated were utilized by 1071 personnel. This does not include daily users. Daily users for the month of April totaled approximately 14,419. Operations of China Beach were assumed 1 May 1970 by the U. S. Army Support Command, Danang.

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(4) Stars and Stripes

(a) 240,000 free issue Stars and Stripes newspapers were distributed to III MAF personnel.

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## b. Force Chaplain

1 Apr Attended I Corps Supervisory Chaplains' Conference at XXIV Corps Headquarters.

2 Apr Met with Dr. Gordon Smith to arrange dedication ceremony for Hochmuth Memorial Baby Pavilion.

3 Apr Attended Commanding General's Conference, III MAF.

4 Apr Conducted meeting of Wing Marriage Review Board.

5 Apr Attended Divine Services at MAG-11.

6 Apr Conference with Chief of Staff, III MAF, relative to liaison arrangements for International Orphans, Inc. In the afternoon received call from Bishop Chi's secretary relative to construction of Catholic hospital.

7 Apr Attended Wing Group Commanders' Conference at MAG-13 in Chu Lai.

9 Apr Donated \$810.00 orphan support funds to Sacred Heart Orphanage of Hoi An; \$125.00 to Dieu Nham Orphanage, Hoi An; and 2 large boxes of clothing to Sacred Heart Orphanage of China Beach.

10 Apr Attended Commanding General's Conference, III MAF and G-1 reception, III MAF.

11 Apr Escorted General Dulacki on tour of China Beach Orphanage and Sacred Heart Orphanage of China Beach.

12 Apr Conducted Divine Services, 1st MAW. Met General Walt's plane on arrival and picked up truckload of Civic Action items.

13 Apr Attended G-1 Planning Conference at III MAF.

14 Apr Coordinated and participated in dedication ceremony of Hochmuth Memorial Baby Pavilion with General Walt as guest speaker.

15 Apr Appointment with Venerable Thick Nhu Bui, Senior Buddhist ARVN Chaplain for I Corps; also visited with Captain Hong of ARVN I Corps Headquarters.

16 Apr Visited FLC and III MAF.

17 Apr Attended Commanding General's Conference, III MAF; also conducted meeting of Marine Supervisory Chaplains to plan itinerary for Headquarters Marine Corps Staff Chaplain's visit.

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18 Apr Conducted Wing Marriage Review Board and interviewed two applicants.

19 Apr Participated in Divine Services at MACG-18.

20 Apr Attended Passover Seder observance at China Beach USO.

21 Apr Attended Wing Group Commanders' Conference; also escorted Mr. Lyons, Southeast Asia Director of Christian Science, on visit to 1st MAW and 1st MarDiv.

22 Apr Visited China Beach Orphanage in the morning and delivered truckload of clothing; in the afternoon, conducted monthly meeting of Wing Chaplains at MAG-16.

24 Apr Delivered truckload of fresh fruit and vegetables to area orphanages and schools; attended Commanding General's Conference, III MAF; visited FLC.

25 Apr Gave sixty gifts as prizes for children of Vinh Minh School; made visit to Combined Action Force Headquarters.

26 Apr Attended Divine Services at MWSG-17; also attended Protestant Monthly Rally at MAG-11.

27 Apr Attended departure ceremony for Major General Wheeler at Air Base; also delivered fresh fruit for ARVN wounded.

29 Apr Attended Protestant Chaplains' Day of Recollection at Headquarters, XXIV Corps.

30 Apr Visited III MAF and FLC.

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5. Intelligence

a. General Enemy Situation. Enemy activity increased during the month of April and was characterized by attacks by fire and sapper attacks from local guerrillas supported by local force and main force units.

The enemy fired a total of 36 rockets into the DANANG area and surrounding environs between 1 and 2 April resulting in minor casualties and damage. These attacks were possibly initiated by elements of the 577th Artillery Battalion. Eight 122mm rockets impacted in the TIEN SHAU area (BT 0582) on the 5th, none causing any appreciable casualties or damage and four more impacted in the vicinity of Daeng Air Base on the 8th.

Much of the enemy's efforts were directed towards discrediting and neutralizing the Vietnamization and Pacification Program. On the morning of 10 April, the NGAN CAU GP, eight kilometers south of MARBLE MOUNTAIN (BT 073655) and defended by the 105th RF Company, received 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. At the same time, an estimated two platoons of VC entered the TU CAU and NGAN GAN refugee camps and burned 140 homes. On 15 April, the HOA GAM Training Center, five kilometers southwest of Daeng Air Base, received three 122mm rockets resulting in light friendly casualties.

An unusual incident occurred on 16 April, four kilometers south of HOI AN City (BT 146530) when an unknown size enemy force conducted a daylight ambush of two PBR's patrolling the SONG THU DON River. Both vessels sustained major damage and heavy casualties. Probably elements of the Q 80 LF Armed Unit was involved in this action.

Despite the enemy's reluctance to engage in any large scale confrontations, his presence continued to be reported by friendly recon teams operating within the province. On the 20th, Recon Team West Orange, 14 kilometers west southwest of HOA AN (BT 015539) observed 16 enemy and called an artillery mission resulting in 11 enemy killed. One large sighting occurred on the 26th when Recon Team Sunrise observed approximately 75 enemy moving south eight kilometers southwest of BUY XUYEN (BT 005462). The team called a fire mission with unknown results. Two days later, the 28th, Recon Team Pennsylvania observed 25-30 enemy 16 kilometers north of THUNG BUG (BT 115693). The team engaged the enemy and killed 15 before being extracted.

For the first time in several months, enemy forces in QUANG NAM Province exercised their chemical capabilities when they reportedly employed

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CG was on two separate occasions on 30 April. In the first incident, H&B/2/7 Marines at Landing Zone Bass (BT 025844) received four 82mm mortar rounds, three of which were thought to have contained CG. Later that day, the same unit received nine 82mm mortar rounds, three of which contained CG. Neither attack produced any casualties or damage.

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

Enemy Disturbed Activity

	III MAF	CAV
Attacks	1	1
Ambushes	1	0
Assaults by Fire	1	2
Harassing Fire	209	81
Mines/Booby Traps	88	19
AA Fire/NITE	233/33	0/0

c. Enemy Order of Battle. Confirmed forces operating in QUANG NAM Province as of 30 April 1970.

Enemy forces in QUANG NAM Province consisted of Four 4 Headquarters and Support Units, the 31st, 36th, 38th, and 141st NVA Regiments and 13 Independent battalions. The Independent battalions were the D. 26 Communications Battalion, 573d, 575th, 577th NVA Rocket Battalions, the 3d, T. 87, T. 89, Hai Van Engineer/Sapper and the 490th NVA Sapper Battalion, V-25th Infantry Battalion, the 42nd Recon Battalion, the R. 20 and D-3 Infantry Battalions. Additionally, there are approximately 5,075 administrative personnel and 4,182 guerrillas. The total enemy strength for the Province was estimated at 17,682.

d. Counterintelligence

(1) Counterintelligence Monthly Reviews. During the month of April 1970, VC/VCI counterintelligence-related activity increased slightly from the previous month. The Quang Ba Special Zone Current Affairs Committee, on or about 15 April 1970, directed the formation of an Agricultural Steering Committee at village and district levels. The purpose of the Steering

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Committee will be the supervisor of farm production to ensure that all food requirements are met in the future. Problems fallings to meet food requirements have created serious problems and local inhabitants (area not specified) are on the verge of famine. The Chairman of the Steering Committee will be the Secretary of the Party District Affairs Committee. Other members will be the Chief of the Farm Production Section, Chief of the Political Struggle Section, and the Chairman of the Farmers', Women's and Youth Associations.

The VC continues to emphasize their three main goals of (1) disruption of the Pacification Program, (2) disruption of the Vietnamization of the war effort and (3) relocation of the people to VC-controlled areas. That the pacification effort is disrupting VC activities is evident in the number of times that the program is mentioned by the VC.

(2) Insurrection and Propaganda. Terrorist incidents remained at the same relative level as the previous month however, the number of casualties and property damage reflected an increase. The number of victims and houses damaged is as follows:

Killed:	29	(+5)
Wounded:	88	(+19)
Abducted:	82	(+41)
Houses Destroyed/Damaged:	312	(+250)

OTM hamlet and village officials and stations of the National Police were the prime targets for VC assassination attempts.

A partial reason for the almost five-fold increase in property damage may be indicated by two reports of activity by VC armed propaganda teams. One team entered a village and told the villagers to obtain 1 liter (.20 gal U.S.) of mineral oil per household; another team allegedly provided villagers money to purchase weapons and stated the VC would return to the village at a later date; the residents would burn their houses and then follow the VC. This program would be pursued to further the VC goal of relocation of the people to VC-controlled areas.

(3) Subversion. There were no reported incidents of subversive activity in the III MAF AO during the month. Such activity probably took place but remained unreported and/or undetected.

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(4) Sabotage: Three reported incidents of sabotage occurred during the month in the III MAF AO. Two incidents were directed against bridges and one against a drainage ditch.

(5) Espionage: No incidents of espionage activity were reported during the month. This does not mean that no espionage activity occurred but rather that it remained undetected. There were a large number of ralliers/Chieu Hoi's and the possibility exists that some of these persons are in fact false ralliers/penetration agents. These are long-term agents and their presence but no identity has been confirmed by other false ralliers, who have been discovered.

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

	III MAF	GAP
KIA's	600	95
Detainees	410	168
PW's/NVA	0	1
PW's/VC	0	21
Returns/NVA	0	50
Returns/VC	0	0
Civil Defendants	10	0
Innocent Civilians	232	0
Individual Weapons	240	47
Crew-Served Weapons	30	2
Total Hoi Chams returned to both military and civil authorities- 64.		

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

Patrols	862
Glasses Conducted	3
Psyops Broadcasts	5
Enemy Captured/Suspects Apprehended	0/2
Enemy Killed	2
Weapons Recovered	0
Returns	0
Caves/Tunnels Detected	8
Mines/Booby Traps Detected	16
Caches Discovered	2

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The status of Kit Carson Scouts were as follows:

No KCS <u>Employed</u>	No KCS <u>Recruited</u>	No KCS <u>KIA-MIA-MIA-Absent</u>			
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6. LOGISTICS

a. General. During the month of April 1970, the G-4 staff and those special sections under its cognizance were primarily concerned with uniservice matters. Considerable time was spent in working with plans involving Phase IV and post Phase IV redeployment matters. Timely logistic support for III MAF operating forces continued to be provided by helicopter and truck convoys.

b. G-4

(1) The on-site survey of U. S. redeployments from RVN was expanded by the representatives from the General Accounting Office to include reviewing procedures for transfer of real estate and use of available shipping. This staff section continued to provide assistance in this area. The representatives visited Headquarters of the 1st Marine Division and the 1st Marine Air Wing for purposes of verifying data provided by this section.

(2) Permission was received from COMUSMACV to dismantle and retrograde Butler buildings located at Chu Lai. Dismantling was completed and the buildings are now awaiting shipment to Okinawa.

(3) Marine passenger airlifts increased during April 1970 from 77,551 in March 1970 to 83,590--an increase of 6039. Total Marine cargo lifted fell from 9353 short tons to 7170 short tons--a decrease of 1183 short tons. Personnel flown out of country in connection with permanent change of station orders totaled 1500.

(4) Clearance of the Dong Ha Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) continued during April 1970. Ammunition facilities at LZ Baldy and ASP Two were inspected. An additional 450 short tons of storage space in ASP One was allocated to 511th ARVN for storage of HE ammunition.

(5) An Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 representative attended a Readiness Reporting Conference in Hawaii from 20 to 22 April 1970. The conference was sponsored by HQMC and hosted by FMFPac.

c. Embarkation Summary. During April 1970 a total of 174 vehicles and 1299 short tons of cargo were retrograded aboard four ships bound for Hawaii and CONUS. The Force Embarkation Officer attended a 7th Fleet Scheduling Conference in Yokosuka, Japan, from 25 to 30 April 1970.

d. Engineer Summary. Provisional Land Clearing Company operations in the vicinity of Barrier Island were conducted during April 1970. Clearance of an estimated 12,000 acres was approximately 65 percent complete at month's end. Also

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a combined land clearing and road upgrading operation along route LTL 4 from route ML 1D eastward to highway QL 1 commenced on 26 April 1970. Sections 200 meters wide are being cleared along each side of the roadways.

e. Supply Summary.

(1) On 14 April 1970 copies of receipts for all USMC owned garrison property turned over to the Commanding General, XXIV Corps were furnished the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific. The firm total dollar value of the property is \$128,188.71.

(2) On 29 April 1970 major commands within III MAF were furnished detailed instructions for the disposal of excess non-TAM garrison property/non-technical collateral equipment. These instructions included reporting format, procedures for screening against in country FMFPac/Marine Corps Bases, Pacific, and Commander Marine Corps Air Bases, West requirements, as well as shipping/invoicing guidance and guidance on reporting remaining assets to Pacific Utilization and Redistribution Agency (PURA).

f. Medical Summary

(1) Patient load for 1st Medical Battalion during April 1970 averaged 175, with a total of 366 admitted and 177 patients evacuated out of country. A total of 482 pints of whole blood was expended during the month.

(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	300	175	58

(3) The FMFPac Surgeon visited informally at III MAF on 13 April 1970.

(4) The USS Sanctuary supported III MAF on station at Danang and Quang Tri/Dong Ha operating areas as the tactical situation required from 1 through 24 April 1970, at which time she departed for Subic Bay.

g. Dental Summary. Dental Civic Action (MEDCAP 11) conducted by III MAF Dental Units during April 1970 resulted in 1752 dental procedures and treatment of 825 patients.

h. Chronological Listing of Highlights for April 1970.

13 Apr Informal visit FMFPac Surgeon

14 Apr Receipts for garrison property turned



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7. Comptroller

a. Significant events for April

There were no significant events for the month of April.

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8. Civil Affairs.

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

b. 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 2,468,732

(2) Expenditures from US/FWMAF Civic Action/PSYWAR Fund:  
\$VN 195,872

(3) Major Civic Action Programs:	Man-days (10-hr days)	<u>\$VN</u>
a. Economic Development (includes agriculture, fisheries, markets, cottage industries):	429	397,500
b. Education (increase & development of school facilities, classroom or other group instruction; excludes technical training in a, c, and d.	381	362,700
c. Social Welfare (assistance to hospitals, refugees, orphanages, religious organizations, other institutions, groups & individuals):	916	1,046,821
d. Transportation (improved or increased means of transportation, e.g., roads, bridges, waterways):	279	141,000
e. Refugee Assistance Support (includes refugee assistance reported in a, b, c, and d):	739	583,567

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

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- a. Schools 68  
 b. Orphanages 18  
 c. Hospitals/Dispensaries 21  
 d. Other 2

## (5) MEDCAP-DENTCAP

(a) TreatmentsNumber of  
Patients

## Medical

Resulting from Hospital Action 191

Not resulting from Hostile Action 67,478

Immunizations 1,971

## Dental 873

Total

70,413

## (b) Number of Vietnamese Health Workers Trained: 136

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

## a. 1st Marine Division reports the following:

(1) The people of Loc Quang Village, Dai Loc District where two schools were opened during April have become noticeably more cooperative with the units working in their village. They have informed Marines of enemy activity and have been bringing in increasing amounts of ordnance. The idea for both these schools originated with the local Vietnamese. Guidance and materials were provided by the S-5 working closely with the Combined Unit Pacification Program units. All the labor was contributed by families with children attending the schools.

(2) 89 families in Son Phuc Village contributed labor for the construction of a school. This is the most Vietnamese participation in any recent civic action project, and has motivated other villages to expand their self-improvement programs.

(3) The 5th Marines report that increased Vietnamese participation in all projects was manifested by the completion and opening ceremony of a school in Son Phuc Village, a village in exile located near Duc Duc district headquarters. For many months, village officials pleaded

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with S-5 to build them a much needed school. The S-5 agreed to supply the materials if the village officials would control material disposition and supply the labor. The response was the usual protestations of honesty and excuses as to why the Vietnamese could not supply the labor. The S-5 remained adamant. When the village officials realized this, they granted the requested assurances. The results were overwhelming and encouraging. Ninety-eight people contributed labor, with each individual's time contribution carefully recorded. Not even the smallest piece of wood disappeared. It was apparent that the Vietnamese were concerned about "losing face" if they failed to fulfill their promises to the S-5. When the school was completed, the officials planned an elaborate and impressive opening ceremony. The VIS assisted in the ceremony. Speeches were given by district and village officials to the 50-75 distinguished village elders in attendance.

(4) Marines, Vietnamese, and the International Rescue Committee continue in their combined effort to provide fresh bread and milk for an estimated 800 refugees at Phu Loc (6). The IRC initiated the bread program in March 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 in late March and subsequently the daily milk delivery was added. The 7th Engineer Battalion mixes the milk, again with supplies provided by IRC.

(5) On 12 April, the first interscholastic athletic competition in the An Hoa area was held, a soccer game between a public high school in Xuyen Thu village, and a private Catholic high school in Xuyen Phu village. The idea and encouragement originated with civic action personnel who also constructed the goal posts and prepared the field. Organizational details including the issuance of the challenge were handled by a Catholic priest, Father Nguyen. The game was complete with as much ceremony, pageantry and excitement as a World Cup match. Nearly 300 spectators viewed the game.

b. The General Walt Scholarship Program, a program administered and funded by CG, III MAF, expended \$VN 530,400 in support of 1,070 Vietnamese students throughout I Corps Tactical Zone. There were 567 primary students, 473 secondary students, and 30 nursing students supported. In addition, \$VN 73,500 were expended from unit voluntary contributions to support 89 Vietnamese students. These

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include 84 primary students, four secondary students and one dental student. The scholarship programs are a continuing effort to provide educational opportunities for deserving students.

d. Activities of the III MAF Personal Response Team.

(1) The III MAF Personal Response Officer and SNCO conducted twenty hours of Personal Response orientation at the Combined Action Force School. In addition a two hour orientation was conducted at Marine Aircraft Group 16.

(2) From 15 through 17 April a Personal Response Instructors' School was held at the Force Logistic Command. The new location of Headquarters, III MAF at Camp Haskins does not provide adequate messing, billeting, or classroom facilities to accomodate a sizeable group of trainees from major units. It is intended that a Personal Response Instructors' School be conducted each month at a major Marine Corps command.

(3) During April the Personal Response Officer prepared a detailed descriptive package of the Personal Response training program for the Chaplain Corps Planning Group. A copy, less viewgraphs, was sent to the Staff Chaplain, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

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## 9. Psychological Warfare Operations

## a. Chieu Hoi Program

PROVINCE	TOTAL	NVA	VC	NON-MIL	WPNS
QUANG NAM	53	1	20	32	3
DANANG CITY	11	0	7	4	3
TOTAL	64	1	27	36	6

## 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>
Chieu Hoi	10,109,000	1,882	7:51	
Pro GVN	95,000		4:10	5:05
Anti-NVA	1,124,000		:55	
Anti-VC	473,000	80	4:05	
Rewards	40,000	4,480	14:03	5:50
Sanitation		9,734		
Rice Denial	958,000	400	4:33	6:35
Trail Campaign	2,466,000			
Marine Withdrawal				3:00
SAV-A-LEG				2:00

(2) Movie Showings/hours/attendance: 7/650/unk

(3) Cultural Drama Team Performances: 1

c. Narrative Summary

(1) Loudspeaker teams had 24 items of ordnance turned in to them during the month of April.

(2) There was no other significant feedback on the effectiveness of the various campaigns on enemy audiences during the month of April.

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## 10. Communications:

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

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Incoming	2350	4434	2084	
Outgoing	764	321		443
Total	3114	4755	2084	443

b. Headquarters, III MAF message-traffic originated:

March 2553

April 1537

Decrease 1016

c. LtCol R. S. BARRY, ACofS, G-6 was detached from Hq, III MAF and rotated to CONUS on 1 April 1970.

d. LtCol HALE, U.S. Army and Maj ULSES, USMC visited 1st MAW, 1st MARDIV and G-6 III MAF from MACV J6, Saigon on 22 April 1970.

e. LtCol DEEM attended a conference concerning Management of Secondary Trunks at MACV, Saigon on 23 April 1970.

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a. BACKGROUND. During the month of April the Public Affairs Office in coordination with Division, Wing, and FLC PAO's provided escorts to accompany newsmen in news gathering assignments covering I Corps ground and air operations, civic action and the CAP program.

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 April the Public Affairs Office processed a total of 12 releases with photos to civilian and military media. The command newspaper, "Sea Tiger", continued to be published.

A total of 145 home town items on III MAF Headquarters 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. General Lewis W. WALT, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps
- b. Lt. Gen. Henry W. BUSE, CG, FMFPac
- c. BGen. L. F. SNODDY, Jr., Director, Systems Support Group, HQMC
- d. Jack BROOKS, Congressman from Texas

d. STAFF VISITS. During the month of April no staff visits were made by the Force Public Affairs Officer.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/SERVICE</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
1Apr70	RHODES, J. J.	Mr.	Representative (R-Ariz)
1Apr70	ROSSON, W. B.	Gen/USA	DEPCOMUSMACV
6Apr70	DAVISON, M. S.	LtGen/USA	Incoming CG, II FFV
9Apr70	NUTT, H. V.	Mr./GS-17E	NAVFORV Asst for Scientific Matters
12-15Apr70	WALT, L. W.	Gen/USMC	Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps
19Apr70	VORIS, F. B.	RAdm/USN	CINCPACFLT Medical Officer
23-24Apr70	BUSE, H. W. Jr.	LtGen/USMC	CG, FMFPac
23-24Apr70	HOUGHTON, K. J.	BGen/USMC	C/S, FMFPac
25Apr70	BROOKS, J.	Mr.	Representative (D-Texas)
25-29Apr70	SNOODY, F.	BGen/USMC	Director, Systems Support Group, HQMC

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