

DECLASSIFIED

70 4318  
**SECRET**

DECLASSIFIED

# COMMAND CHRONOLOGY



**MAY 1970**

017036

900470

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

3/DAC/fqp  
00461  
JUL 13 1970

  
 (Unclassified upon removal from the basic letter)

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CG, III MAF ltr 3K/eop over 5750  
Ser: 0041870 dtd 29Jun70

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 May 1970

1. Forwarded.

  
W. P. BROWN  
By Direction

Copy to:  
CG, III MAF

  
2

000470

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

3K/eop

5750

Ser:

0041870

29 JUN 1970

 (Unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1))

From: Commanding General  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)  
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8B

Encl: (1) III MAF Command Chronology, May 1970

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.



H. L. WILKERSON

By direction

Copy to:  
MACV (SJS History)  
CMC (Advance Copy)  
CG, III MAF, G-3

105010

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED



SECRET

HEADQUARTERS  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

20 JUN 1970

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May 1970 - 31 May 1970

INDEX

PART I	-	ORGANIZATIONAL DATA
PART II	-	NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PART III	-	SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
PART IV	-	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS <i>(SEA TIGER, removed)</i>

10010

ENCLOSURE (1)

UNCLASSIFIED

PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

III Marine Amphibious Force

Lieutenant General Keith B. McCUTCHEON  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31May70DEPUTY COMMANDER (GROUND)Major General Charles F. WIDDECKE  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31May70DEPUTY COMMANDER (AIR)Major General William G. THRASH  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31May70SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Marine Division

Major General Charles F. WIDDECKE  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31May70

1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Major General William G. THRASH  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31May70

Force Logistic Command

Brigadier General Maure J. PADALINO  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31May70Commanding Officer  
Headquarters III Marine  
Amphibious Force  
Headquarters CommandantColonel Frank X. HOFF  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31May70ATTACHED UNITS

1st Radio Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Delos M. HOPKINS  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31May70

- 2.
- LOCATION.
- 1-31 May 1970, Northwest Danang, Quang Nam Province,
- 
- Republic of Vietnam.

200110 ENCLOSURE (1)  
UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff	Brigadier General Leo J. DULACKI U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Deputy Chief of Staff	Colonel Sam A. DRESSIN U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1	Colonel Robert L. PARNELL, Jr. U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Colonel Edward W. DZIALO U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	Brigadier General Thomas H. MILLER, Jr. U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Deputy G-3	Colonel Herbert L. WILKERSON U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	Colonel Wilbur F. SIMLIK U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5	Colonel Clifford J. PEABODY U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6	Lieutenant Colonel Richard A. CASH U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Force Supply Officer	Colonel John G. BOULWARE U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Force Staff Judge Advocate	Colonel Arthur R. PETERSON U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Force Engineer Officer	Colonel Fredric O. OLSON U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70

ENCLOSURE (1)

UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

Force Adjutant	Lieutenant Colonel Henry G. CAMPBELL U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Officer in Charge, Command Operations Center	Major Robert A. JOHNSON U. S. Marine Corps 1-14May70  Major Louis W. SULLIVAN U. S. Marine Corps 15-31May70
Force Chaplain	Captain Eugene S. SWANSON U. S. Navy 1-31May70
Force Surgeon	Captain Ernest F. LATHAM U. S. Navy 1-28May70  Captain Harold P. PARISER U. S. Navy 29-31May70
Force Dental Officer	Captain Meredith H. MEAD U. S. Navy 1-31May70
Staff Secretary	Lieutenant Colonel Frank A. CLARK U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Protocol Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Buel B. NEWMAN, Jr. U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Force Special Services Officer	Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. VOSMIK U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
Force Public Affairs Officer	Captain George R. SCHIPPER U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70
USMC Liaison Officer, ROKMC	Lieutenant Colonel George P. ROGERS U. S. Marine Corps 1-31May70

990110 ENCLOSURE (2)

4

UNCLASSIFIED



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

Colonel Richard H. RAINFORTH  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-31May70

USMC Liaison Officer  
XXIV Corps

Lieutenant Colonel James C. GOODIN  
U. S. Marine Corps  
1-22May70

Lieutenant Colonel Russell E. WILTSIE  
U. S. Marine Corps  
23-31May70

590270 ENCLOSURE (1)

UNCLASSIFIED

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

a. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE HEADQUARTERS

	<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>	
	USMC	USN	USMC	USN
FORCE HQS, III MAF	129	6	247	6
CAF	52	2	2008	125
1ST RADIO BN (-)	21	0	306	12
	202	8	2,561	143

b. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

<u>OFFICERS</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>	
USMC	USN	USMC	USN
3138	223	36918	1479

41758

000470

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET



SECRET

256 wounded of which 181 required evacuation. These figures represent almost one-half of the casualties suffered by Marine units during the month.

d. In northern Quang Nam Province, during May, the 1st Marines conducted Rocket Belt Security, Pacification, and Rice Denial operations in cooperation and coordination with Government of Vietnam Forces in and around the Danang Vital Area. The 5th Marines continued to conduct "CATEGORY II" Operations in the Thoung Duc and northern Arizona Territory. To the south, the 7th Marines continued small unit operations in the Que Son and Phu Loc/Pagoda Valley area.

00010

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

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

a. GENERAL. During the month of May 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	19	427	620	139	1-31May70
COMBINED ACTION FORCE	8	100	125	77	1-31May70
TOTAL	27	527	745	216	1-31May70

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

At 031020H, "B" Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 3½ Kms north-north-east of An Hoa Combat Base, engaged an estimated 25 to 30 enemy with organic weapons and artillery fire. A sweep of the area revealed 4 NVA KIA. One Marine was wounded in the contact and required evacuation.

At 031835H, "H&S" Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines at FSB Ross received 2x122mm rockets. One rocket landed near "I" Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines resulting in 5 wounded, 4 of whom were evacuated. Counter battery was fired with unknown results.

At 050630H, CAP 1-3-2 and 1-3-9, 10 Kms southwest of Binh Son exchanged small arms fire with an unknown size enemy force. One Marine was wounded in the contact and MWD EVACED. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC killed, 1 AK-47 and 8 fresh graves. The graves contained bodies of 8 NVA soldiers.

At 060700H, a Pacifier Heliborne Combat Patrol from "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 3 Kms west-southwest of LZ SAGE engaged an unknown size enemy force with small arms fire, tanks and gunships resulting in 8 NVA killed. One Marine was wounded and evacuated during the operation.

At 060230H, a CUPP Team from "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 7½ Kms northeast of FSB Ross, while in a night defensive position received 10-12 chicom grenades and small arms fire, <sup>FROM</sup> an unknown size enemy force. The team returned fire with negative results. Results were 1 USMC KIA, 3 WIA (EVAC) and 7 RF's WIA (EVAC).

At 061815H, Recon Team WAGE EARNER, 6 Kms southwest of Nong Son CIDG Camp, observed 15 enemy wearing green utilities; all had packs and weapons. The team engaged with claymores, M-26 grenades and small arms fire resulting in 9 NVA killed, 1 IWC, and 4 packs containing personal gear.

900110

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

SECRET

At 070112H, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post, 1 Km southeast of Marble Mountain, received 12x82mm mortar rounds resulting in 19 Marines WIA of which 6 required evacuation.

At 071630H a platoon from "H" Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 5½ Kms northeast of An Hoa Combat Base, while in a blocking position observed 5 enemy moving south. They were engaged with small arms resulting in all 5 VC killed and 1 IWC.

At 070145H, "G" Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1½ Kms west-southwest of Liberty Bridge, while in a night defensive position received approximately 30 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar rounds. Small arms, 60mm and 81mm mortar fire was returned. Results were 10 Marines wounded, all of whom required evacuation; 10 VC killed and 1 IWC.

At 071530H, Recon Team COSSACK, 4 Kms south of FSB Bushwack, observed 22 to 25 enemy dressed in green utilities moving into a village. An artillery fire mission was called, resulting in 5 NVA killed.

At 071830H, "G" Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 3 Kms east-northeast of FSB Ryder, while in their defensive positions observed 32 enemy dressed in green uniforms and carrying packs and weapons moving south. An artillery mission was called resulting in 8 NVA killed.

At 100345H, CAP 2-7-1, 6½ Kms east-northeast of Hill 55, while in an ambush position, received 25 RPG's and heavy small arms fire from an estimated 15 VC. Organic weapons fire was returned causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. During the contact 1 RF was killed, 12 Marines, 7 RF's and 1 Vietnamese civilian was wounded. Enemy losses are unknown.

At 111600H, an AO in support of CAP 1-4-5, 10 Kms northeast of Quang Ngai City, observed an unknown size enemy force and engaged with air strikes and artillery fire resulting in 11 VC killed. There were no friendly casualties.

At 110900H, a CAP 4-1-2 patrol, 3 Kms east-southeast of Quang Tri City, received small arms fire from 5 enemy in bunkers. The patrol supported by gunships returned fire and swept the area resulting in 5 VC killed, 5 IWC, 3 radios, 37 chicom grenades and miscellaneous supplies were captured. There were no friendly casualties.

At 111520H, Recon Team CHILI PEPPER, 7 Kms southeast of Nong Son CIDG Camp, observed an unknown size enemy force wearing green utilities and carrying weapons. The team initiated contact with small arms fire and called gunships resulting in 14 NVA killed. There were no friendly casualties.

At 121915H, a Forward Observer from "G" Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines at (AT 975312) observed 27 enemy carrying packs and rifles. An artillery mission was fired resulting in 11 NVA killed.

000100  
10

ENCLOSURE (1)  
SECRET

SECRET

At 131925H, Recon Team SUNRISE observed an estimated 33 enemy moving west. All were dressed in dark clothing, carrying packs and rifles. An artillery fire mission was called resulting in 9 enemy killed. There were no friendly casualties.

At 140600H, "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted a Pacifier Operation supported by Cobra gunships in the An Hoi area (AT 894520). During the operation 14 NVA and 2 VC were killed and 2 IWC. During the contact 1 Marine was wounded and evacuated.

At 151530H, Recon Team CLAY PIPE, 8 Kms north-northeast of FSB Rattlesnake, while moving into a base camp engaged 30 enemy with small arms fire. Results were 1 USMC WIA and 12 NVA KIA.

At 170645H, "H" Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines while on a cordon and search operation in conjunction with PF's engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 6 NVA killed, 18 PW captured, 21 VCS detained, 7 IWC, and miscellaneous equipment. During the period one Marine received minor wounds.

At 221130H, Recon Team TEA TIME, 9½ Kms north of FSB Rattlesnake, engaged 10 enemy with small arms fire and fixed wing resulting in 10 NVA killed. The team then moved to an LZ and was subsequently extracted. There were no friendly casualties.

At 242320H, "M" Company, CUPP 3d Battalion, 1st Marines, 1 Km south-southwest of Hill 55, while in a night defensive position came under a coordinated ground and mortar attack. During the attack, lasting one hour, the enemy closed to hand grenade range before being repulsed. Seven Marines and one PF were wounded, three evaced. Enemy casualties are unknown.

At 272100H, FLC, 1 Km southwest of Camp Haskins, received 1x122mm rocket resulting in 5 Marines WIA, 3 of whom were evaced. Counter battery fire was employed against the suspected enemy launch sites with four secondary explosions observed.

At 301800H, Recon Team WEST ORANGE, 3 Kms south of Liberty Bridge, observed 10 enemy wearing green utilities with packs and weapons. An artillery fire mission was called resulting in 10 NVA killed.

At 300845H, "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 4 Kms east-northeast of An Hoa; Pacifier Operation supported by one platoon from "B" Company and Cobra gunships. During the operation 6 NVA were killed, 5 VCS were detained and 2 IW's were captured. One Marine was killed and 3 others were wounded.

At 310930H, Recon Team CLAY PIPE, 8 Kms south of Nong Son CIDG Camp observed 10 NVA dressed in green and black clothing moving into the area of a suspected enemy base camp. An artillery fire mission and an

00010  
11

ENCLOSURE (1)  
SECRET

SECRET

air strike was employed resulting in 10 NVA killed.

2. CASUALTIES INFLECTED ON THE ENEMY. See page 19.

00010  
12

ENCLOSURE (1)  
SECRET

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
26	1	499	28	10	0	0	0

(2) Non-Battle

<u>DEATHS</u>		<u>ILL/INJ</u>	
USMC	USN	USMC	USN
10	0	1035	45

b. NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL TRIED:

SUMMARY	93
SPECIAL	94
GENERAL	8

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

SENT:	62
RECEIVED:	219

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

900170

**SECRET**

SECRET

1E/JV/jv  
5400

4. List of Special Services Activities for the Month of May  
1970

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 May 1970, with an average attendance of 770 per day.

(b) BOWLING CENTER: The Bowling Center was operational 25 days during the month of May 1970, with an average of 449 games bowled per day.

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

(a) Of 3,484 seats allocated to III MAF, 3,548 were filled for 102.0% utilization. Of 7,419 seats allocated to I Corps, other than III MAF, 7,182 were filled for 97.2% utilization. Total allocations for Danang R&R consisted of 10,903 of which 10,730 were filled for a utilization percentage of 99.2%.

<u>SITE</u>	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>NAVY, ARMY, AIR FORCE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SYDNEY	697	1743	2440
TOKYO	233	745	978
HAWAII	856	1834	2690
HONG KONG	459	853	1312
TAIPEI	376	608	984
BANGKOK	713	1228	1941
MANILA	51	141	192
OHIAHUA	163	30	193
	3548	7182	10730

(3) Stars and Stripes

(a) 244,900 free issue Stars and Stripes newspapers were distributed to III MAF personnel.

14

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

## b. Force Chaplain

1-4 May The Force Chaplain served as official escort for the Headquarters Marine Corps Staff Chaplain in visiting all DaNang area Marine activities, hospitals and orphanages.

5 May Attended Group Commanders' Conference, 1st MAW.

6 May Conferred with Commanding General, 1st MAW, relative to the utilization of \$15,000 donation from International Orphans, Inc.

8 May Briefed Assistant Wing Commander, 1st MAW, on Wing chaplains' activities. Conducted a Memorial Service at 1st MAW. Attended the Commanding General's Conference, III MAF.

9 May Conducted meeting of Wing Marriage Review Board.

10 May Participated in Divine Services at MAG-16.

11 May Visited FLC and III MAF.

12 May Attended luncheon meeting with COMNAVFORV Chaplain. Attended change of command for MWHG-1, 1st MAW.

14 May Briefed Assistant Wing Commander on racial and drug abuse situation in 1st MAW.

15 May Attended Commanding General's Conference, III MAF.

17 May Conducted Divine Services at Wing Memorial Chapel, 1st MAW.

18 May Conferred with III MAF G-5 relative to Civic Action projects relating to orphanages.

19 May Attended as special guest the official ceremonies in honor of Buddha's Birthday at Bao An Pogoda. Attended the Group Commanders' Conference at MAG-16.

20 May Conducted meeting of all Wing chaplains at MAG-11.

21 May Attended Day of Recollection for Catholic Chaplains at 80th (Army) Support Group Headquarters.

22 May Attended Commanding General's Conference, III MAF.

23 May Conducted meeting of Wing Marriage Review Board.

24 May Conducted Divine Service at MAG-16 and 5th Communications Battalion.

95010

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

25 May Guest at luncheon hosted by the Venerable Thich Nhu Buu, Senior Buddhist Chaplain for I Corps.

27 May Visited Dieu Nhan (Buddhist) and Sacred Heart Orphanages of Hoi An. Delivered \$325 in support contributions from International Orphans, Inc. to these orphanages.

28 May Distributed prizes to outstanding students in ceremony at Tan Lap School of DaNang.

29 May Attended Commanding General's Conference, III MAF.

31 May Conducted Divine Services at 1st MAW.

1 June Detached by BuPers orders and relieved by CAPT G. A. Rademacher, CHC, USN.

000110  
16

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

5. Intelligence

a. General Enemy Situation. Enemy activity in Quang Nam Province fluctuated in tempo with a major portion of the action centered around the Thuong Duc Special Forces/CIDG Camp.

In the early morning hours of 2 May, five 140mm rockets impacted at the Danang Air Base resulting in one building sustaining minor damage. A few days later attention became centered on the Thuong Duc area as the 38th and 141st NVA Regiments with elements of the 577th Rocket Artillery Battalion exerted pressure against the Thuong Duc CIDG Camp and the nearby District Headquarters. On the 6th, an estimated enemy platoon conducted a ground attack against a village in the immediate Thuong Duc area and set fire to the village. A PSDF Reaction Force drove out the enemy and captured one PW. The PW, an NVA Master Sergeant, identified his unit as C-2 Company, 14th Battalion, 141st NVA Regiment. On the same day, one of the more significant incidents of the reporting period occurred when an estimated battalion size enemy force launched a heavy ground attack against the Que Son District Headquarters (BT 035347), while at the same time pinning down elements of the 7th Marines at near by LZ Ross. Friendly forces sustained moderate casualties and heavy material damage while the enemy's losses were 27 killed and four captured. The PW's stated that they were members of the 409th Sapper Battalion.

On the 8th, 11 of the enemy were killed and one captured, along with 19,500 Vietnamese piasters, by a 5th Marine Pacific Team five kilometers southeast of Liberty Bridge (AT 978518). Also on the 8th, Marine Recon Team "Pennywise" killed 17 enemy in an intense contact 18 kilometers southwest of Thuong Duc (ZC 026400). The next day, PF Platoon 137, one-half kilometer south of the Thuong Duc CIDG Camp (ZC 144528) received a daylight ground attack. A reaction force of four PF Platoons made contact with the enemy while maneuvering to relieve the engaged platoon and killed 25.

Friendly forces continued to meet substantial resistance from enemy forces in the Thuong Duc area in the following days. On the 20th, a mobile strike force from the CIDG Camp encountered an enemy force six kilometers west of the camp (ZC 086526) in a contact that lasted two and one-half hours. The contact resulted in 15 enemy killed with light friendly casualties. Three days later on the 23rd, a two company CIDG force contacted an estimated enemy battalion three kilometers southwest of the Thuong Duc CIDG Camp (ZC 121524). Enemy losses were unknown.

A large hospital complex was discovered 15 kilometers west of LZ Baldy (AT 981428) by elements of 7th Marines on 28 May. The complex consisted of three levels, with an adjoining office located in a cave. The Marines found a substantial amount of medical supplies, foodstuffs, documents and other miscellaneous items.

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

Enemy activity declined sharply in the last few days of the reporting period with most enemy tactical units avoiding contact with allied forces. Light enemy resistance continued around the Thuong Duc CIDG Camp but with increased allied operations in the area, enemy initiated actions decreased substantially.

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

<u>Enemy Initiated Activity</u>		
	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>CAP</u>
Attacks	4	3
Ambushes	1	1
Assaults by Fire	1	0
Harassing Fire	185	88
Mines/Booby Traps	95	12
AA Fire/Hits	203/40	0/0

c. Enemy Order of Battle. Confirmed forces operating in Quang Nam Province as of 31 May 1970.

Enemy forces in Quang Nam Province consisted of Front 4 Headquarters and support units, the 31st, 38th, and 141st NVA Regiments and 14 independent battalions. The independent battalions were the D.26 Communication Battalion, 573rd, 575th, 577th NVA Rocket Battalions, the 3rd, 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, D-3 Infantry Battalions and the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Regiment. Additionally, there are approximately 5,075 administrative personnel and 4,063 Guerrillas. The total enemy strength for the province was estimated at 17,395.

d. Counterintelligence

(1) Counterintelligence Monthly Overview. During the month of May, 1970, VC/VCI counterintelligence related activity increased rather sharply from the previous month. VC/VCI activities inclined towards attacks by fire, assassination of GVN officials and a general resumption of strictly guerrilla type warfare. Enemy propaganda efforts continued to exhort the populace to demonstrate against U.S. artillery shellings and air strikes, called for the withdrawal of U.S. forces from RVN and urged the people to disrupt the pacification/Vietnamization programs by returning to the "liberated areas" where they could live in peace. One demonstration attempt was aborted in Que Son District. Approximately 300 persons gathering for a demonstration were questioned by RVN officials. They stated that the VC had threatened to burn their homes if they did not demonstrate against the U.S. presence in RVN.

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

SECRET

**SECRET**

SECRET

(2) Terrorism and Propaganda. Terrorist incidents increased sharply from the previous month and the number of casualties likewise increased. The increase in civilian casualties was due in part to the increased number of attacks by fire conducted by the VC. The number of victims and houses damaged is as follows:

Killed:	110	(+81)
Wounded:	262	(+174)
Abducted:	16	(-66)
Houses Destroyed/Damaged:	142	(-170)*

\*This figure cannot be accurately determined. There are instances where property damage is reported as "50% of the hamlet destroyed" and specific figures are not provided.

There were seven incidents in which GVN hamlet and village officials were the victims of VC terrorist incidents.

(3) Subversion. The only reported subversive incident was the attempted demonstration in Que Son District.

(4) Sabotage. There was one reported sabotage incident in the III MAF AO which occurred against the Hue-Danang Railway.

(5) Espionage. No incident of actual espionage is known to have occurred during the month, but captured documents and POW interrogation reports indicate that the VC are attempting to build a network of informants within the III MAF AO for the purpose of identifying prospective targets for assassination/abduction. It may be assumed that a collateral function of these individuals is the collection of low-level intelligence information concerning FWMF/RVNAF installations in their area of operations.

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

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>CAP</u>
KIA's	620	125
Detainees	676	80
PW's NVA	2	3
PW's VC	11	25
Returnees NVA	0	0
Returnees VC	3	29
Civil Defendants	28	0

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

19

00010

**SECRET**

**SECRET**

SECRET

	<u>III MAF</u>	<u>DAP</u>
Innocent Civilians	280	1
Individual Weapons	133	71
Crew-Served Weapons	6	6
Rice Captured	68,617 Lbs	2,580 Lbs
Total Hoi Chanh returned to both military and civil authorities - 88.		

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

Patrols	815
Classes Conducted	15
Psyops Broadcasts	1
Enemy Captured/Suspects Apprehended	11/3
Enemy Killed	3
Weapons Recovered	2
Returnees	2
Caves/Tunnels Detected	23
Mines/Booby Traps Detected	15
Caches Discovered	7

The status of Kit Carson Scouts were as follows:

No KCS <u>Employed</u> 107	No KCS <u>Recruited</u> 12	NO KCS <u>KIA - WIA - MIA - Absent</u> 1    0    0    0
----------------------------------	----------------------------------	---

ENCLOSURE ( 2 )

20  
90010

SECRET

**SECRET**

6. LOGISTICS

a. General. During the month of May 1970, the G-4 staff and those special sections under its cognizance continued work with uniservice logistical matters. A number of long standing projects were completed, use was made of opportune shipping for retrograding, representation was made at a variety of conferences and considerable effort was expended in reevaluating Common Service Support and drafting Interservice Support Agreements. Colonel K. MCLENNAN, USMC was assigned duty with the G-4 staff.

b. G-4

(1) The on sight survey of U. S. redeployments from RVN was concluded on 2 May by representatives of the General Accounting Office, who provided a verbal report upon their departure. The survey was primarily an initial overview of redeployment procedures designed to gather data for audits of future redeployments. A final report of the survey was submitted to the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific by this Headquarters.

(2) Marine passenger airlifts increased during May from 83,590 to 94,158 - an increase of 10,568. Total Marine cargo lifted also increased from 7170 short tons to 8146 short tons - an increase of 976 short tons. Personnel flown out of country in connection with permanent change of station orders totaled 1100, a decrease of 400 from the previous month.

(3) Ordnance

(a) Clearance of the Dong Ha Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) was completed on 28 May. The following statistics indicate the magnitude of this unusual and remarkable clearance operation:

Total Area Cleared	90 Acres (Approx)
Total Ordnance Recovered/Destroyed	1025 Tons
Total Ordnance Salvaged	1678 Rounds 8" HE*
Total Ordnance Recovered For Sea Dump	1500 Rounds 155 ICM; 180 Rounds 8" HE
Casualties	None

\* Represents U. S. Army dollar savings of approximately \$87,000.00.

210000 Enclosure (1)  
SECRET

b. Over expenditures caused a shortage of 81mm illumination ammunition (C-226) to develop during May. An Available Supply Rate (ASR) was published by this Headquarters. Shipments of C-226 received by month's end, however, alleviated the shortage and the ASR was relaxed.

c. The ASP #2 was inspected on 21 May and found to be satisfactory in all respects.

(4) Marine management and security of Project 972 assets located at the Dong Ha 972 Storage Lot ceased on 29 May when disposition of all excess construction material was completed and security personnel departed from the Dong Ha Storage Lot.

(5) Significant developments in turnover of Common Service Support from Army to Navy occurred during May. Previous planning assumptions, no longer valid following President NIXON's announcement, had to be re-evaluated in relation to support capability. Subsequently, a moratorium on turnover/closeout actions of Naval Support Activity, Da Nang was requested until the effects of Force planning changes could be assessed in light of increased logistic support requirements. As a consequence of this request and in consonance with their expressed purpose, COMUSMACV hosted a meeting concerning the matter. All interested commands were represented. Results of the meeting provided a new planning assumption that essentially changed the date of a shift from the present MAF to MAB structure. Many questions were deferred to action level components and discussions were held during subsequent weeks, resulting in an R&U Interservice Support Agreement (ISSA) and modification of existing ISSA's for all classes of common item support and services. The ISSA's were delivered to USARV at month's end, and an initial review indicated no significant problems.

(6) Conferences

(a) The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 accompanied by the Force Supply Officer attended a Redeployment Guidance Conference in Okinawa from 3 through 7 May. The conference was sponsored by FMFPac and hosted by MCB, Camp Butler.

(b) The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 accompanied by his Plans Officer attended a Common Service Support Conference in Saigon from 15 through 17 May.

22 Enclosure (1)  
SECRET

SECRET

The conference was sponsored and hosted by COMUSMACV. Paragraph 6.b(5) above relates to this conference.

(c) An Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 representative attended a Mount Out/Mount Out Augmentation (MO/MOA) Conference in Hawaii from 18 through 20 May. The conference was sponsored and hosted by FMFPac.

c. Embarkation Summary. During May a total of three LST's were used to retrograde AM-2 matting, causeway sections, and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing vehicles to Iwakuni, Japan as well as Force Logistic Command vehicles to Okinawa.

d. Engineer Summary. Provisional Land Clearing Operations in the vicinity of Barrier Island were completed on 25 May. A total of 10,700 acres were cleared, 1503 bunkers, 802 ordnance items and 3925 meters of trench line were destroyed. Also the combined land clearing and road upgrading operation along LTL 4 from route ML 1D eastward to highway QL 1 was completed on 10 May. A total of 1088 acres were cleared (200 meter widths on each side of the roadway), 20 mines/booby traps and 564 ordnance items were destroyed.

e. Supply Summary

(1) Issue of the tropical camouflaged hat on Okinawa to personnel ordered to RVN was discontinued on 10 May because the hat is not required by all personnel and its wear is authorized only as rain headdress. Issues of this item will now be controlled from within RVN. This will result in a significant reduction of the quantity issued and a substantial dollar saving.

(2) The Force Supply Officer attended the MACV/USFK/ROKFAV Ninth Logistical Conference held at Headquarters, USFK in Seoul, Korea from 13 through 14 May. The purpose of the conference was to discuss U. S. support for ROK Forces deployed in Vietnam.

f. Dental Summary

(1) Dental Civic Action (MEDCAP 11) conducted by III MAF Dental Units during May resulted in 1760 dental procedures and treatment of 1025 patients.

(2) The Dental Officer from Headquarters, Marine Corps, Capt. V. ANDERSON, DC, USN, visited III MAF from 1 through 3 May.

g. Medical Summary

(1) Patient load for 1st Medical Battalion during

23

Enclosure (1)

SECRET

SECRET

May averaged 201, with a total of 1071 admitted and 212 patients evacuated out of country. A total of 847 pints of whole blood was expended during the month.

(2) Information concerning III MAF inpatient treatment facilities during May follows:

<u>AUTH BEDS</u>	<u>ACT BEDS</u>	<u>AVG CENSUS</u>	<u>% OCCUPIED</u>
300	240	201	83

(3) CINCPACFLT Surgeon, RAdm. R. B. VORIS, MC, USN visited informally at III MAF on 29 May.

(4) The USS Sanctuary supported III MAF on station at Da Nang and Quang Tri/Dong Ha operating areas as the tactical situation required from 9 through 31 May. The first eight days of the month she was in Subic Bay.

h. Chronological Listing of Highlights for May 1970

1-3 May	Staff visit HQMC Dental Officer
2 May	GAO Redeployment on-site survey completed; staged cargo and equipment at Bridge Ramp for USS Park County.
3 May	USS Park County commenced loading at Bridge Ramp
4 May	USS Park County sailed for Iwakuni, Japan.
10 May	9th Engineer Battalion area at Tam Ky transferred to U. S. Army 45th Engineer Group; upgrading operation along LDL 4 completed; Okinawa issue of tropical rainhat discontinued and issue within RVN commenced.
14 May	Staged cargo and equipment at Bridge Ramp for USS Outagamie County
15 May	9th Engineer Battalion area at Chu Lai transferred to 6th Regiment, 2d Division ARVN; USS Outagamie County arrived Danang but diverted for duty with CTF 115; Colonel D. MCLENNAN, USMC assigned duty with the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4
21 May	ASP #2 inspected

02410

Enclosure (1)

SECRET

SECRET

22 May 1st Tank Battalion cantonment transferred to Quang Da Special Zone, GVN

23 May USS Terrell County commenced loading

25 May Land clearing operations, vicinity Barrier Island completed; USS Terrell County to midstream for loading causeway sections and vehicles

28 May USS Terrell County sailed for Japan after two day delay in Da Nang; clearance of Dong Ha ASP completed

29 May Project 972 excesses disposed and security personnel departed Dong Ha; informal visit CINCPACFLT Surgeon.

30 May Staged equipment at Bridge Ramp for USS Pitkin County

31 May USS Pitkin County commenced loading

25010 Enclosure (1)  
SECRET

SECRET

7. Comptroller

a. Significant events for May

There were no significant events for the month of May.

20070

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

SECRET

## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR MAY 1970

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 2,053,633

(2) Expenditures from US/FWMAF Civic Action/PSYWAR Fund:  
\$VN 199,132

(3) Major Civic Action Programs:	<u>Man-days</u> (10-hr days)	<u>\$VN</u>
a. Economic Development	568	194,680
b. Education	752	217,340
c. Social Welfare	1,697	619,797
d. Transportation	507	-0-
e. Refugee Assistance Support	1,514	618,780

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

a. Schools	75
b. Hospitals/Dispensaries	41
c. Orphanages	20
d. Others	12

## (5) MEDCAP-DENTCAP

(a) Treatments

## Medical

Resulting from Hostile Action	371
Not resulting from Hostile Action	65,065
Immunizations	1,336
Dental	853
<u>Total</u>	<u>67,625</u>

Number of Patients

9900  
27

ENCLOSURE (2)

SECRET

SECRET

(b) Number of Vietnamese Health Workers Trained: 115

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

(a) 1st Marine Division reports the following:

(1) During the month of April, 1970, a GVN school in the hamlet of Lo Giang was struck by artillery. Through a combined effort by the chief and MAG-11 Civic Action, materials and wages for laborers were gathered from various sources. 1st Marine Division helped out considerably in supplying cement for the repairs and reconstruction of the school is nearing completion. Because of this effort to rapidly repair the damage, adverse reaction to the incident was minimized.

(2) A very successful county fair operation was conducted by the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division on 27 May. Complete coordination was made with the GVN and all available resources were utilized, including broadcast and projection teams, a cultural drama team, and an armed propaganda team. Food was provided for the people while they waited to be released, a medcap was conducted, and volley balls were provided for the peoples' amusement. An opinion survey was taken and showed that the people did not feel that they were mistreated and felt that the operation was necessary. The result of the operation was 20 VCI apprehended.

(3) The 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division played a soccer game against an all province team on 31 May. More than 3,000 Vietnamese spectators observed the contest. This game was only part of the 5th Marines athletic program, but is a good example of how much a simple and inexpensive program, well thought out, can do to add to the image of the Marine in the eyes of the Vietnamese and also enhance Vietnamese American relations.

(4) A platoon from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division bought a bicycle for a boy who lives near Cobb Bridge. The bike was purchased entirely from private funds. The boy needed the bike so that he could get to his school. This serves to illustrate how personal response training can help to better Vietnamese American relations, and the importance of such training.

28

ENCLOSURE (1)

DECLASSIFIED

(b) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing reports the following:

MAG-16 Civic Action Team has arranged for an 11 year old boy to receive an artificial hand. The boy, Mai-Ti-Xuy, is from Xom Son Thuy Hamlet in Hoa Long Village and coordination has been effected with Vietnamese Government officials and USAID.

(c) Combined Action Force reports the following:

3d CAG reports the initiating of a "Baby Bath" program. The Navy Corpsman instituted a weekly program of washing little boys at the village well as a hygiene teaching program and to assist toward overcoming such common occurrences as jungle rot and other infectious diseases resulting from unsanitary living conditions. After each child is bathed, the skin problems are medically treated and the mothers are given bath soap with specific guidelines to follow until the date of the next bath. A Vietnamese lady bathes the little girls on the same principles as those followed by the Navy Corpsman.

990270  
29

DECLASSIFIED  
ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

## 9. Psychological Warfare Operations

a. Chieu Hoi Program

PROVINCE	TOTAL	NVA	VC	NON-MIL	WPNS
QUANG NAM	77	6	27	44	2
DANANG CITY	21	1	5	15	0
TOTAL	98	7	32	59	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>
Anti-VC/NVA	7,118,000		5:25	5:30
Rewards	760,000	2,497	1:15	79:00
Rice Denial		1,700	1:45	19:15
Pro-GVN	1,523,000	300	1:05	57:45
Chieu Hoi	4,701,000	1,689	2:05	2:30
Sanitation		9,386		
Trail Campaign	381,000			
SAV-A-LEG		150		

(2) Movie showings/hours/attendance: 60/28:35/2310

(3) Cultural Drama Team Performances: 4

c. Narrative Summary

(1) Loudspeaker teams had 151 items of ordnance turned in to them during the month of May.

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

UNCLASSIFIED  
30010 ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

## 10. Communications:

- a. Combat Operations Center Communications Center traffic during the month of May 1970:

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Incoming 4434	6691	2257	
Outgoing 321	415	94	
Total 4755	7106	2351	

- b. Headquarters, III MAF message traffic originated:

April 1537

May 1539

Increase 2

- c. LtCol CASH attended RVNAF Improvement and Modernization Conference at Headquarters, XXIV Corps on 2 May 1970.
- d. LtCol CASH attended the Senior Communication Officers Conference at MACV, Saigon on 5 May 1970.

SECRET

UNCLASSIFIED  
ENCLOSURE

11. Public Affairs

a. BACKGROUND. During the month of May 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. Copies of May issues of the Sea Tiger are enclosed.

A total of 114 home town news 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. Lt. Gen. Henry W. BUSE, CG FMFPac
- b. Admiral John J. HYLAND, USN, CINCPACFLT

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

390170

UNCLASSIFIED  
ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

## 12. CHRONOLOGY OF VIP VISITS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK/SERVICE</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
8May70	MARSCHALL, A. R.	RAdm/USN	Dep Cmr PACNAVFACSEAIOICG
8May70	DYBDAL	RAdm/USN	CTF 76
15May70	KELLEY, R. T.	Mr.	Asst SecDef, Military and Reserve Affairs
15-16May70	BUSE, H. W. Jr.	LtGen/USMC	CG, FMFPac
30May70	HYLAND, J. J.	Adm/USN	CINCPACFLT
30May70	WEISNER, M. R.	VAdm	COMSEVENTHFLT

380270

Enclosure (1)

UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED