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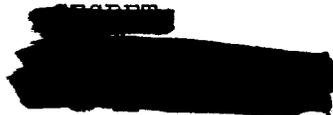
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

III Marine Amphibious Force

Lieutenant General Donn J. ROBERTSON
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71DEPUTY COMMANDER (AIR)Major General Alan J. ARMSTRONG
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71DEPUTY COMMANDER (GROUND)Major General Charles F. WIDDECKE
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Major General Alan J. ARMSTRONG
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71

1st Marine Division

Major General Charles F. WIDDECKE
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71

Force Logistic Command

Brigadier General James R. JONES
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71

2nd Combined Action Group

Lieutenant Colonel John J. TOLNAY
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71Communication Support Company
7th Communication BattalionMajor R. T. HIMMERICH
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71Commanding Officer
Headquarters III Marine
Amphibious Force
Headquarters CommandantColonel William J. SPIESEL
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71

1st Radio Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Edward D. RESNIK
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71




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2. LOCATION. 1-31 March 1971, Northwest Da Nang, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

3. STAFF OFFICER

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Chief of Staff | Brigadier General William G. JOSLYN U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |
| Deputy Chief of Staff | Colonel Eugene H. HAFNEY U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |
| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1 | Colonel Lavern J. OLMER U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |
| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 | Colonel Forest J. HUNT U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |
| Deputy G-2 | Colonel Robert E. GRUENLER U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |
| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 | Colonel Charles H. LUDDEN U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |
| Deputy G-3 | Colonel Jesse L. CIBNEY U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |
| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 | Colonel Warren E. MCCAIN U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |
| Deputy G-4 | Colonel James E. FEGLEY U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |
| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 | Major Donald E. SUDDUTH U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |
| Assistant Chief of Staff, G-6 | Colonel Robert L. WILLIS U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |
| Force Supply Officer | Colonel Clarence H. SCHMID U. S. Marine Corps 1-31Mar71 |

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Force Staff Judge Advocate Colonel Daniel F. MCCONNELL
U. S. Marine Corps
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Force Engineer Officer Lieutenant Colonel Thomas W. JONES
U. S. Marine Corps
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Force Adjutant Major John F. ANGIL
U. S. Marines Corps
1-31Mar71

Officer in Charge, Command Center Major Bernard MCMAHON
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71

Force Chaplain Captain John H. CARNES
U. S. Navy
1-31Mar71

Force Surgeon Captain Harold P. PARISER
U. S. Navy
1-31Mar71

Force Dental Officer Commander William P. ARMSTRONG
U. S. Navy
1-31Mar71

Staff Secretary Lieutenant Colonel Carlo ROMANO
U. S. Marine Corps
1-31Mar71

Protocol Officer Major John E. CLEMENTS
U. S. Marine Corps
1-7Mar71

1st Lieutenant V. L. ANDERSON
U. S. Marine Corps Reserve
8-20Mar71

Major J. D. WATSON
U. S. Marine Corps
21-31Mar71

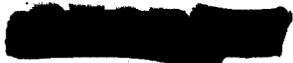
Force Special Services Officer Major Hans S. HAUPT
U. S. Marine Corps
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Force Public Affairs Officer Major Phillip T. ARMAN
U. S. Marine Corps
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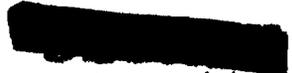
USMC Liaison Officer, ROKMC


Lieutenant Colonel Donald G. ROBISON
U. S. Marine Corps
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USMC Liaison Officer, MACV
USMC Liaison Officer, 7th AF

Colonel Stephen G. WARREN
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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

a. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE HEADQUARTERS

| | <u>OFFICERS</u> | | <u>ENLISTED</u> | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| | USMC | USN | USMC | USN |
| FORCE HQS, III MAF | 95 | 6 | 325 | 7 |
| 2ND CAC | 18 | 1 | 625 | 51 |
| 1ST RADIC BN (-) | 22 | 0 | 296 | 8 |

b. III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

| <u>OFFICERS</u> | | <u>ENLISTED</u> | |
|-----------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| USMC | USN | USMC | USN |
| 1684 | 133 | 18568 | 874 |

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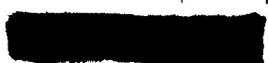
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c. There were 21 incidents of activations of surprise firing devices causing casualties to Marine personnel during the month of March. One Marine was killed and 30 were wounded as a result of these incidents. Surprise firing device incidents accounted for approximately 14% of all battle deaths and 27% of all battle wounded.

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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 |
| 7 | 0 | 107 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

(2) Non-Battle

DEATHS

8 0

ILL/INJ

317 22

b. NUMBER OF COURTS-MARTIAL TRIED:

| | |
|---------|----|
| SUMMARY | 46 |
| SPECIAL | 37 |
| GENERAL | 10 |

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

| | |
|----------|-----|
| SENT | 66 |
| RECEIVED | 136 |

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING MARCH 19711. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

a. GENERAL. During the month of March 1971, three operations were continued from the previous month. Two of these operations terminated during the month. Operation "IMPERIAL LAKE" was continued throughout the month and operations "UPSHUR STREAM" and "HOANG DIEU 103" were terminated. Effective dates of these operations and their results are listed below:

| <u>MAJOR OPERATION</u> | <u>FND CAS</u> | | <u>EN CAS</u> | | <u>PERIOD</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| | <u>KIA</u> | <u>WIA</u> | <u>KIA</u> | <u>WC</u> | |
| IMPERIAL LAKE | 1 | 2 | 14 | 13 | 1-31Mar71 |
| UPSHUR STREAM | 1 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1-29Mar71 |
| HOANG DIEU 103 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 1-10Mar71 |

SMALL UNIT ACTIVITY

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|-----|----|----|-----------|
| 1ST MARINE DIVISION | 6 | 87 | 35 | 21 | 1-31Mar71 |
| 2ND COMBINED ACTION GROUP | 1 | 20 | 40 | 30 | 1-31Mar71 |
| TOTAL | 7 | 107 | 75 | 51 | 1-31Mar71 |

b. EVENTS. During the month of March 1971, the following significant events were reported:

At 031830H, RECON Team "ACHILLES", while on patrol 8 Kms southwest of Hill 270, initiated small arms fire on 12 enemy carrying weapons. The enemy returned fire and then fled. A sweep of the area disclosed 3 enemy killed. During the contact 1 Marine was wounded.

At 040430H, Da Nang Air Base received sixteen 122mm rockets, 2 of which were duds. One US airman suffered fragmentation wounds. Material damage reported was 1 VN home destroyed, 6 motorcycles damaged, 1 conex box destroyed, several power lines were knocked down, and 1 warehouse roof and 1 building were damaged. Seventy rounds of artillery fire were employed on several suspected avenues of egress with unknown results.

At 050425H, CAP 2-4-3, while in a night defensive position 4 Kms northeast of Hoi An, exchanged small arms fire with approximately 8 VC approaching their perimeter. A sweep of the contact area revealed 4 enemy killed, 4 AK-47's, 20 chicom grenades, 1 LAAW, and 1 homemade rocket and launcher.

At 061300H, RECON Team "SEGMENT", while on patrol 7½ Kms southwest of Hill 270, observed approximately 20 VC moving in and out of a cave complex. An 81mm mortar fire mission was called resulting in 4 VC killed.

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At 121415H, a CH-46D from HMM-262, while flying a low level visual reconnaissance mission 3 Kms northwest of Dien Ban, received intense automatic weapons fire. The aircraft returned fire, resulting in 1 enemy killed. The aircraft sustained 5 hits in the cockpit, wounding the pilot, and 6 hits in the aft end of the aircraft, wounding 1 ROK Marine and 2 ARVN's. The aircraft was forced to land at Dien Ban where MEDEVAC's were completed. The aircraft was later taken back to Marble Mountain with minor damage.

At 221005H, CAP 2-2-1, while on a combined search operation with RF and PF forces 4 Kms southwest of Hill 37, initiated small arms fire on 13 VC. A subsequent search of the area revealed 2 VC killed and 2 individual weapons captured.

At 280900H, CAP 2-3-6, while on patrol 2½ Kms north of Dien Ban, engaged 4 VC with small arms fire. A subsequent search of the area disclosed 3 VC killed and 1 POW, 2 AK-47's, 2 B-40 launchers, and 14 chicom grenades captured.

At 290157H, between 0157H and 0500H the Da Nang Air Base, the MAG-16 area (Marble Mountain), and Da Nang City received incoming 122mm rockets. The Da Nang Air Base received 12 rockets, resulting in 1 US Army personnel wounded, 2 VN Civilians killed and 6 VN Civilians wounded. An Air America building received extensive damage and 1 Air America aircraft received minor damage. MAG-16 received 6 rockets. Two of the rockets detonated inside the MAG-16 area, resulting in minor damage to a hangar and 2 UH-1E aircraft. One rocket detonated south of the MAG-16 area and resulted in an ARVN building being 75% destroyed. Three of the rockets detonated in the ocean off China Beach. Three rockets detonated in Da Nang City, resulting in 1 civilian auto, 1 civilian electrical shop and 1 RR rail destroyed. One rocket fell short and detonated west of the Division Ridge area, causing negative damage.

At 310900H, CAP's 2-3-3 and 2-3-5, operating with RF and PF units and moving toward a suspected enemy location, engaged approximately 50 VC 1½ Km southwest of Dien Ban. Supported by artillery and helicopter gunships, the CAP's forced the enemy to break contact and flee at 311630H. Results were 16 enemy killed and 5 AK-47's and 2 B-40 launchers captured. Friendly casualties were 1 PF KIA.

2. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY. See page 18.

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4. PERSONNEL

a. Stars and Stripes: During the month of March, 186,291 free issues of Stars and Stripes newspapers were distributed to III MAF personnel.

b. R&R Activities (Out-of-Country): The total number of seats allotted to the III MAF for the month of March was 562. The number allotted to Okinawa was 140. The MACV percentage of utilization is not available at this time for the month of March.

c. In-Country R&R: The total China Beach In-Country R&R allocation for the month was 16 officer quotas and 200 enlisted quotas, all of which were used.

d. Special Services Hong Kong Flight: Two round-trip Special Services Hong Kong flights were made utilizing 89 seats.

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b. Force Chaplain

- 2 Mar Staff visit III MAF and FLC.
- 5 Mar III MAF Staff Conference.
- 6 Mar Visited 5th ARVN Regiment and distributed clothing to dependent families; MWHG-1 Change of Command.
- 7 Mar Conducted divine services at Wing Memorial Chapel.
- 10 Mar 1st MAW Leadership Council; Attended dedication of ARVN I Corps Protestant Chapel and Korean Protestant Church.
- 12 Mar Staff Conference with 1st MarDiv Chaplain and 3rd MAB Chaplain.
- 14 Mar Conducted divine services at Wing Memorial Chapel.
- 19 Mar III MAF Staff Conference.
- 20 Mar Dinner in home of Capt. and Mrs. Khoi, the principal of Vinh Minh School which has received assistance from 1st MAW.
- 21 Mar Conducted divine services at Wing Memorial Chapel.
- 24 Mar Visited and distributed gifts to ARVN patients at Rehabilitation Center. Gifts also made available for patients at Duy Tan Hospital.
- 25-27 Mar Escort for Rear Admiral H. J. ROTRIGE, CHC, USN, CINCPACFLT Staff Chaplain. Itinerary included III MAF, FLC, 1st MAW, 1st Mar Div, USS Sanctuary, 95th Evac Hospital, and Naval Support Activity.
- 28 Mar Conducted divine services at Wing Memorial Chapel. Service featured a special litany for POW and MIA personnel. All Marine Corps Chapels observed this special service of remembrance for our POW and MIA personnel.

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5. Intelligence

a. General Enemy Situation. Enemy activity during the first weeks of March remained at a low level. Agent and PW interrogation reports indicated that the enemy was conducting resupply and coordination activities in preparation for the K-850 Campaign. Reports of the starting date for this campaign varied from 20 March to 28 March. Through the first three weeks of March, the enemy maintained his presence in the lowlands primarily by conducting mortar attacks on RF, PF and PSDF outposts. The most significant attacks by fire occurred on 4 March when Da Nang Airbase received 16 x 122mm rockets. Contacts increased between friendly patrols and small enemy units. Prisoners taken during some of these contacts reported they were conducting reconnaissance of targets for the K-850 campaign. Small unit contacts and scattered mortar attacks continued until the morning of 29 March, when the enemy initiated his K-850 campaign. The Da Nang Airbase, Da Nang City, and Duc Duc District Headquarters were hit with rockets and mortars. The mortar attack on Duc Duc District Headquarters was followed by a ground attack against the District Headquarters and nearby hamlets by the 8th and 9th Battalions of the 38th NVA Regiment, and the 91st Sapper Battalion. Simultaneously, widespread activity centered in Dien Ban District was initiated against CAP and RF/PF units and bridge security elements. This attack consisted of numerous, small attacks by fire and sapper attacks. On 30 March, the city of Hoi An was hit with a heavy mortar attack, while mortar and ground attacks against CAP, CUPP, RF and PF positions continued. The last day of March brought a definite decrease in enemy initiated activity, although Duc Duc District Headquarters was again attacked with rockets, and an enemy propaganda team attempted to penetrate Dien Ban Village after a mortar attack.

b. Significant Contacts During The Period

(Note: Significant U.S. Marine contacts during the reporting period are listed under paragraph l.b., part III of this Chronology.)

(1) At 0500 on 5 March, the 162d RF Company, located five kilometers northwest of Combat Base Baldy (BT 095472), received 15 rounds of incoming 82mm mortar fire. Elements of the RF Company pursued the enemy and, in two contacts, killed nine VC.

(2) On 7 March at 1245, the 110th RF Company made contact with an unknown size enemy force nine kilometers southwest of Combat Base Baldy (BT 050400). Twelve of the enemy were killed, one B-40 Rocket Launcher, one AK-47, one M-72 and 11 unidentified fuses were captured.

(3) On 12 March at 1955, the 161st and 707th RF Companies, located seven kilometers south of Dai Loc (AT 915508), received 27 rounds of incoming 82mm mortar fire. There were no casualties and no damage.

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the perimeter and entered the compound. At 0500 the 412th RF Company and 123d RF Platoon counterattacked and drove the enemy out. In conjunction with this attack the enemy conducted a systematic destructive attack against the population area in the vicinity of Duc Duc District Headquarters, causing widespread destruction in civilian lives and property. Total of 59 VC were killed; three PWs, 22 individual weapons, and six crew served weapons were captured.

(14) At 0200 on 29 March, approximately 60 VC attacked the Vinh Dien Bridge, one kilometer northwest of Dien Ban (BT 056588), a nearby hamlet, and Dien Ban District Headquarters. The attackers were repelled by Territorial Forces and CAP units. Enemy casualties were reported as unknown.

(15) Between 0230 and 0300 on 29 March, two night positions of the 796th RF Company, seven kilometers northwest of Dien Ban (BT 057658 - BT 053627), were attacked. One position received 20x82mm mortar rounds, and the other 15x82mm mortar rounds. Both mortar attacks were followed by ground attacks that were repelled. Four of the enemy were killed and three individual weapons captured.

(16) At 0910 on 31 March, Duc Duc District Headquarters was hit with four 122mm Rockets but suffered no damage or casualties.

c. Enemy Action Statistics. The following are statistics on enemy activities in Marine Areas of Operation for the month of March:

Enemy Initiated Activities

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Attacks | 00 |
| Ambushes | 00 |
| Assaults by fire | 04 |
| Harrasing fire | 79 |
| Mines/Booby traps | 24 |
| AA Fire/Hits | 101/50 |

d. Enemy Order of Battle. There were no changes to the enemy Order of Battle during March. PW reports received indicates that the enemy has managed to infiltrate groups of replacements into Quang Nam (P) in recent months. Further information will be required to substantiate these reports. III MAF Order of Battle Section currently carries enemy strength at 9,500, including guerrillas and administrative service personnel.

e. Counterintelligence

(1) Counterintelligence Monthly Overview. VC/VCI counterintelligence and related activities during the month of March 1971 reflected a significant increase in terrorist activity throughout the III MAF AO, with a total of

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28 incidents as opposed to ten incidents during February 1971. Particularly noticeable were the overt acts of attempted sabotage during the last week of March. On 25 March 1971, an attempt to sabotage a Marine 2½-ton truck was detected when the truck returned from an authorized dump run. Inspection of the vehicle disclosed an explosive device attached under the truck bed approximately two inches above the gas tank. The device consisted of a beer can filled with C-4 and was equipped with a time-delay fuse. At approximately 1400, 26 March 1971, Military Police apprehended a Vietnamese female between two vehicles in close proximity to the main gate of Danang Airbase (BT 022761). In her possession were two cans containing C-4 with time delay fuses, which were to be placed on the vehicles in the immediate area. Elsewhere in the Da Nang area during the same time frame, four VC sappers with similar missions were apprehended by the National Police. The overall increase in terrorist activity and the overt sabotage attempts can be attributed to initiation of the enemy's K-850 Campaign.

(2) Terrorism and Propaganda

(a) The number of KIAs and WIAs resulting from terrorist activity increased significantly over the previous month. At approximately 1915, 27 March 1971, four members of a local assassination cell entered Xuan Thieu (H) (AT 937814), Hoa Hiep (V), Hoa Vang (D), during a meeting of hamlet officials. The Hamlet Chief, Assistant Hamlet Chief and two PSDF members were killed, and 15 Vietnamese civilians, including children, were wounded. Four other GVN officials were killed, and nine were wounded during the month. The number of victims and structures damaged/destroyed by terrorist acts during the month are as follows:

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Killed | 18 (+ 7) |
| Wounded | 53 (- 9) |
| Abducted | 14 (+ 3) |
| Structures-Dam/Dest | 8 (-38) |

(b) Enemy propaganda activity was limited to the distribution of propaganda leaflets on one occasion and propaganda broadcasts via loudspeaker on another occasion.

(3) Subversion. No incidents of subversion are known to have occurred during the month.

(4) Sabotage. There were two overt attempts to sabotage U.S. vehicles through use of plastic explosives (C-4) placed in beer/soda cans equipped with time-delay fuses. Both attempts were frustrated.

(5) Espionage. There were no reported incidents of espionage during the month. However, it can reasonably be assumed that the VC/VCI maintain a continuing intelligence collection effort within the III MAF AO for the purpose of identifying prospective targets.

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f. Enemy Losses. Enemy losses for the month of March were:

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|--|-----------|
| KIAs | 75 |
| Detainees | 232 |
| PWs VC | 01 |
| PWs NVA | 01 |
| Innocent Civilians | 00 |
| Civil Defendants | 00 |
| Individual Weapons | 45 |
| Crew Served Weapons | 06 |
| Rice Captured | 17,015lbs |
| Total Hoi Chanhs returned to both military and civilian authorities - 31 | |

g. Kit Carson Scout Program

(1) Significant accomplishments of Kit Carson Scouts employed by 1st Marine Division for the period 1 - 31 March were:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Patrols | 190 |
| Classes Conducted | 14 |
| Psyops Broadcasts | 00 |
| Enemy Captured/Suspects Apprehended | 03 |
| Enemy Killed | 02 |
| Weapons Recovered | 00 |
| Returnees | 00 |
| Caves/Tunnels Detected | 00 |
| Mines/Booby Traps Detected | 05 |
| Caches Discovered | 01 |

(2) Additional statistics on Kit Carson Scouts employed by the 1st Marine Division are:

| No of KCS: | <u>Employed</u> | <u>Recruited</u> | <u>KIA</u> | <u>WIA</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>ABSENT/TERMINATED</u> |
|------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| | 52 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 28 |

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a. General. During the month of March 1971 active participation in Redeployment Increment VI, Keystone Robin (Charlie) continued with the redeployment of elements of the First Marine Division and the First Marine Aircraft Wing. The logistic effort in support of Lam Son 719 was reduced with the return of Marine Corps motor transport, rough terrain forklifts and engineer equipment. Marine Corps helicopters continued to provide assistance.

b. G-4(1) Redistribution Program

(a) The III MAF Redistribution Program continued through the reporting period. Present statistics show that 304,585 items have been redistributed at a value of approximately 41.8 million dollars.

(b) With the redeployment of Embark Units IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII during March, Project 805 contributed 384 items to the Vietnamization Program of 385 items offered. The dollar value of the transfer was \$398,188. The cumulative totals for equipment transferred are 9,991 items offered and 9,251 items accepted which reflects a 93% acceptance rate and a dollar value of over 3.1 million.

(2) Real Estate/Facilities

(a) Transfer of the following real estate/facilities were effected during March 1971:

| <u>CANTONMENT NAME</u> | <u>TRANSFERRED TO</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Combat Base Baldy | ARVN | 10 March 1971 |
| ASP #2 | USA | 15 March 1971 |
| FLC Bakery | USA | 15 March 1971 |
| Camp Lauer/Stack Arms | ARVN | 23 March 1971 |
| Camp Faulkner | USA | 27 March 1971 |

(b) During March, elements of the First Marine Division redeployed from Hill 381, OP 218, OP 119, and OP 250 leaving no United States Marine Corps units at these locations.

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(c) Due to redeployment of United States Marine Corps forces from RVN, the final offering of United States Marine Corps real property was made on 1 March 1971. List of the excess property is as follows:

| <u>CANTONMENT NAME</u> | <u>PRESENT TENANT</u> | <u>COORDINATES</u> | <u>SPACES</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Hill 65 | 1st Mar Div | AT880579 | 695 |
| Hill 37 N | 1st Mar Div | AT915582 | 450 |
| 1st Med Bn | 1st Mar Div | AT973755 | 479 |
| Camp Reasoner | 1st Mar Div | AT958752 | 816 |
| ASP #1 | FLC | AT988734 | 0 |
| III MAF/Camp 14 | 1st Mar Div | AT938783 | 650 |
| Northern Arty | 1st Mar Div | AT921795 | 700 |
| Hill 34 | 1st Mar Div | AT989709 | 1600 |
| MASS-3 (Hill 327) | 1st MAW | AT972737 | 35 |
| Retrograde Fac | FLC | AT958803 | 0 |
| Camp Stokes | FLC | BT005748 | 300 |
| Camp Books | FLC | AT935805 | 3876 |
| Division C. P. | 1st Mar Div | AT956750 | 1970 |

(3) Airlifts

(a) Marine intra-Republic of Vietnam passenger airlifts decreased from 42,623 during February to 37,531 during March - a decrease of 5,092. Marine cargo lifted decreased from 8,062 short tons to 4,363 short tons during March - a decrease of 3,699 short tons. This does not include over 76 short tons of fuel dispensed by Marine Corps KC-130 aircraft during inflight refueling missions.

(b) Personnel flown out of the Republic of Vietnam in connection with permanent change of station orders totalled 3,672 - an increase of 354 over the previous month.

(4) Ordnance

(a) On 1 March the regular meeting of the JARB was held in Saigon. The Force Ordnance Officer offered excess class V(W) to USARV/ARVN. (Total money value \$5,533,924) USARV accepted 350 S/T (\$2,135,342) and ARVN accepted 450.5 S/T (\$3,398,592).

(b) On 13 March 1971 USARV accepted 20.2 S/T of Class V(W) (\$26,429).

(c) The transfer of ASP #2 to USARV occurred as scheduled at 1330 on 15 March 1971.

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The 30 DOA common service Class V(W) and 45 DOA USMC peculiar Class V(W) equaled 6,821 S/T and the cost approximated \$13,783,130.

(d) Excess Class V(W) (1,259 S/T) offered to ARVN on 25 March was accepted from FLC. This material was valued at \$1,071,254.30.

(e) On 28 March 44.7 S/T of excess USMC Class V(W) was transferred to ARVN. This was ammunition valued at approximately \$609,818.

c. Embarkation Summary. During March, a total of seven amphibious ships were loaded with III MAF troops and cargo for Japan, Okinawa, and the United States. These ships comprised Embark Units II through VI.

d. Engineer Summary

(1) Force Engineers continued to support III MAF and XXIV Corps by maintaining 34.2 miles of road. Additionally, Force Engineers supported NMCB-3 in the repair of LTL-4 East by furnishing mine sweeps. During the upgrade of HL-540 a force engineer demo team destroyed 110 pieces of ordnance given to them by civilians from Phu Son villages #1 and #2.

(2) Force Engineers continued the dismantling and retrograde of 26 Butler buildings. To date 16 buildings have been dismantled and 15 shipped.

(3) Electrical and plumbing upgrade of Camp Reasoner was completed.

(4) Vertical construction continues with projects such as SEA hut, bunker and building rehabilitation.

(5) Participated in civic action by installing a water system at the China Beach Orphanage.

e. Supply Summary

(1) 981 Ration Supplement Sundries Packs were issued to the 2d Marine Brigade, ROKMC for the month of March.

(2) Group I WIA Personal Effects and Baggage Detail Listings was provided Alcon.

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(3) The 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade flag was received on 29 March 1971.

f. Dental Summary

(1) The Force Dental Officer inspected the following dental facilities during February:

- (a) Force Logistic Command
- (b) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines
- (c) Marine Aircraft Group-16
- (d) 1st Medical Battalion
- (e) 3d Battalion, 1st Marines
- (f) 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
- (g) Marine Aircraft Group-11
- (h) Service Company, 1st Marine Division

(2) The total number of dental treatments provided by III MAF dental detachments during March was 16,166, a decrease of 398 from the previous month's total.

(3) The following areas are visited on a daily/weekly basis in connection with the 11th Dental Company Dental Civic Action Program:

- (a) Thang-Binh Catholic School
- (b) 5th ARVN Regiment
- (c) Tho Nham (Chinese School)
- (d) MWHG-1 Civic Action Center, Phuoc Fuong Hamlet
- (e) MAG-18 Civic Action Center
- (f) Hoa Kahn Children's Hospital, FLC
- (g) Co Man Village
- (h) Crescent Beach Leprosarium
- (i) German Hospital Ship Helgoland

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SECRETg. Medical Summary

(1) During the reporting period, medical facilities of the following units were inspected:

- (a) 3d Battalion, 1st Marines
- (b) 1st Battalion, 11th Marines

(2) The USS Sanctuary operated in Vietnam waters throughout the month of March.

(3) The total average patient load for the 1st Medical Battalion during March was 61, with a total of 360 admitted and 134 evacuated out of country.

(4) As of 30 March 1971 the authorized number of beds was reduced from 180 to 60 at the 1st Medical Battalion.

(5) Information concerning 1st Medical Battalion inpatient treatment facilities from 1 March to 30 March follows:

| <u>AUTH BEDS</u> | <u>ACT BEDS</u> | <u>AVG CENSUS</u> | <u>%OCCUPIED</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 180 | 180 | 61 | 33 |

Information concerning USS Sanctuary inpatient treatment is unavailable at this time.

h. Chronological Listing of Highlights for March 1971

3 Mar USS Pitkin Cty (LST-1082) arrived Tiensha Ramp, loaded Embark Unit II and sailed for CONUS via Guam

10 Mar USS St Louis (LKA-116) arrived Deep Water Pier and commenced loading Embark Unit III

10 Mar Combat Base Baldy transferred to ARVN

11 Mar USS St Louis (LKA-116) completed loading and sailed for CONUS via Iwakuni and Okinawa

12 Mar USS Juneau (LPD-10) arrived Deep Water Pier and commenced loading Embark Unit IV

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12 Mar G-4 representatives departed for Hawaii for CINCPACFLT Planning Conference

15 Mar ASP #2 transferred to U.S. Army

15 Mar FLC Bakery transferred to U.S. Army

21 Mar USS Cayuga (LST-1186) arrived Deep Water Pier, loaded Embark Unit V and sailed for CONUS

23 Mar Camp Lauer/Stack Arms transferred to ARVN

24 Mar USS Denver (LPD-9) arrived Deep Water Pier and commenced loading Embark Unit V

25 Mar USS Denver (LPD-9) completed loading and sailed for CONUS via Okinawa,

27 Mar Camp Faulkner transferred to U.S. Army

28 Mar USS Manitowoc (LST-1180) arrived Deep Water Pier, loaded Embark Unit VII and sailed for CONUS

31 Mar USS Duluth (LPD-6) arrived Deep Water Pier to commence loading Embark Unit VI.

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7. COMPTROLLER

a. Significant events for March. There were no significant events for the month of March 1971.

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SECRET8. 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 3,910,699

(2) Expenditures from US/FWMAF Civic Action/PSYWAR Fund: \$VN 172,180

(3) Major Civic Action Programs:

| | <u>Man-days (10-hr days)</u> | <u>\$VN</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| a. Economic Development | 436 | 251,970 |
| b. Education | 290 | 141,240 |
| c. Social Welfare | 661 | 2,354,999 |
| d. Transportation | 310 | 126,202 |
| e. Refugee Assistance Support | 707 | 331,710 |

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

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| a. Schools | 46 |
| b. Orphanages | 18 |
| c. Hospitals/Dispensaries | 10 |
| d. Others | 6 |

(5) MEDCAP-DENTAL

(a) TreatmentsNumber of
Patients

Medical

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Resulting from Hostile Action | 58 |
| Not resulting from Hostile Action | 24,418 |
| Immunizations | 13,447 |
| Dental | <u>315</u> |
| Total | 38,238 |

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(b) Number of Vietnamese Health Workers Trained: 73

c. Civic Action Projects. The following is a highlight of significant civic action projects conducted during the month of March 1971:

Units of III MAF have completed all civic action projects prior to standdown with the exception of a village office in Tau Luu which is approximately 60% complete.

(6) Selected civic action projects having particular human interest appeal. None

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SECRET9. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONSa. Chieu Hoi Program

| PROVINCE | TOTAL | NVA | VC | NON-MIL | WPNS |
|--------------|-------|-----|----|---------|------|
| QUANG NAM | 25 | 1 | 3 | 21 | 1 |
| DA NANG CITY | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 32 | 1 | 4 | 27 | 1 |

b. Campaign Support

| (1) <u>THEME</u> | <u>LEAFLET</u> | | <u>BROADCAST HOURS</u> | |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | <u>AIR</u> | <u>GROUND</u> | <u>AIR</u> | <u>GROUND</u> |
| CHIEU HOI | 2,342,000 | 0 | 0:50 | 7:00 |
| PRO-GVN | 2,988,000 | 196,300 | 11:00 | 92:30 |
| ANTI-VC/NVA | 3,767,000 | 6,985 | 14:21 | 12:30 |
| REWARDS | 892,000 | 8,525 | 5:40 | 0 |
| RESOURCE DENIAL | 870,000 | 2,150 | 0 | 1:00 |
| HEALTH | 0 | 5,100 | 0 | 0 |
| PHUNG HOANG | 0 | 10,000 | 0 | 0 |

(2) Movie showings/attendance - 33/14,450

(3) Armed Propaganda Teams - 64 team/days in the field

(4) Earlywords - 3 missions flown

c. Narrative Summary. PSYOP activity decreased somewhat during the month of March. However, all PSYOP mediums were employed with emphasis placed on PRO-GVN and ANTI-VC/NVA themes as significant phases of redeployment were carried out. Both First Marine Division and 2d Combined Action Group employed Armed Propaganda Teams during the month with sustained success. A significant PSYOP effort continued in support of Operation Lam Son 719. This support was directed at those elements attempting to interdict QL-1 in the Hai Van Pass area and at the local populace that is still unsure of ARVN successes in that operation. Other face-to-face activities, such as MEDCAPS/DENTCAPS and Civic Action Programs, continued to play an important role at all levels within the III Marine Amphibious Force.

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(4) There was a continued redistribution of KY-8 and KY-38 equipments.

(5) A final Message Review Report for III MAF was submitted. The next quarterly report is due 30 June 1971.

(6) Award recommendations were submitted on Col WILLIS, LtCol SLAWTER, Maj McINTYRE, Maj DONEHOWER, 1st Lt. ALBRIGHT and MSgySgt LATTIN. Letters of continuity were submitted on Maj HIMMERICH and CWO 2 WATTS. Another recommendation for a Meritorious Mast was submitted on LCpl MEIER.

(7) COMNAVFORV initiated action on the return of ten AN/PRC-77 radios which were on temp loan from CommSptCo, 7th CommBn.

(8) COMUSMACV requested transfer of the AN/TTC-28 at the First Marine Division to the incoming Army unit. Topic of reimbursement has not been resolved.

(9) All AN/PRC-75's will be shipped to Third MarDiv. Authority was granted to transfer non RFI.

(10) The MMAF tower equipment will not be required by the incoming Army unit. First MAF will request disposition instructions on the NAVAIDS from NAVELEXSYSCOM Hq.

(11) During the month of March a total of 18 new circuits were activated, 28 changed and 60 deactivated due to units redeploying and in preparation to form 3d MAB.

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11. FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

a. BACKGROUND. During the month of March the Force Public Affairs Office in coordination with 1st Mar Div, 1st MAW and FLC PAO's provided escorts to accompany newsmen in news gathering assignments covering Military Region 1 ground and air operations, civic action and CAP Program.

b. MOTOR TRANSPORT. Only one tactical vehicle is on hand at the Public Affairs Office.

| <u>TYPE</u> | <u>VEHICLE</u> | <u>STATUS</u> |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| M-151 | 357720 | PAO |

Another jeep is in use at the Da Nang Air Base, Press Operations by the Marine Liaison Officer.

c. PRESS Press copies of the March issues of the SEA TIGER are inclosed.

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

- 1 Mar 71 - Force Public Affairs Officer visited Da Nang Press Center, nothing significant to report.
- 3 Mar 71 - Force Public Affairs Officer visited Da Nang Press Center, talked to Rick Merron & Hugh Milligan, Associated Press, some interest shown in doing a standdown story on 5TH Marines. Arrangments being made.
- 5 Mar 71 - Force Public Affairs Officer visited Da Nang Press Center, nothing significant to report.
- 8 Mar 71 - Force Public Affairs Officer visited Da Nang Press Center, Discussed with XXIV Corps Information Officer on the arrangements for a Press Liaison Building at 15th Aerial Port. Da Nang Press Center will close 15 March 1971.
- 10 Mar 71 - Force Public Affairs Officer visited Da Nang Press Center, nothing significant to report.
- 22 Mar 71 - Force Public Affairs Officer visited 15th Aerial Port Press Liaison Center. Work is still being done on the building and it was not yet fully operational. Phones are installed and it is being manned from 0730 to 1700 daily but no media had been logged in since 19 March.
- 24 Mar 71 - Attended 3d MAB staff meeting. Went to Da Nang Press Center. Place is vacated except for Army caretaker personnel. All media have now moved to the Grand Hotel. Went to the Grand Hotel and met with bureau chief of NBC and office manager of ABC who were up from Saigon to make billeting arrangements for their personnel. At this time they are not sure how their operation is going to work up here and are waiting until Lam Son 719 winds down before they worry too much about it.

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- 28 Mar 71 - Force Public Affairs Officer visited Grand Hotel to distribute press releases on units standing down.
- 29 Mar 71 - Force Public Affairs Officer attended Conference with CG, 3d MAB designate.
- 30 Mar 71 - Force Public Affairs Officer visited Grand Hotel to distribute press releases on units standing down.
- 31 Mar 71 - Force Public Affairs Officer visited & attended 3d MAB Conference.

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12. CHRONOLOGY OF VIP VISITS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK/SERVICE</u> | <u>BILLET</u> |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|--|
| 03-04Mar71 | CLAREY, B. A. | Adm/USN | CINCPACFLT |
| 10-Mar71 | GORWITZ, B. K. | BGen/USA | ADC, 23d INF DIV |
| 25-27Mar71 | FAW, D. L. | BGen/USMC | Director Judge Advocate DIV, HQM |
| 25-27Mar71 | ROTRIGE, H. J. | RAdm/USN | ChC, PACFLT Chaplain |

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. March 1971 editions, III Marine Amphibious Force Newspaper, Sea Tiger.

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