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(2) Force Logistic Command Subordinate Units Command Chronologies
and Supporting Documents

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March 1968 to 31 March 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Force Service Regiment/Force Logistic Command

BGen H. C. OLSON
(1-31 March 1968)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters & Service Battalion, 1st Force
Service Regiment

LtCol W.F. KOEHNLEIN
(1-31 March 1968)

Supply Battalion, 1st Force Service Regiment

Col J. G. BASS, JR.
(1-20 March 1968)
LtCol R. G. EYKYN
(21-31 March 1968)

Maintenance Battalion, 1st Force Service Regiment

LtCol J. M. HERMES
(1-31 March 1968)

3rd Service Battalion (Rein)/Force Logistic
Support Group ALPHA

Col N. J. BEAT
(1-31 March 1968)

1st Service Battalion (Rein)/Force Logistic
Support Group BRAVO

Col J. R. JONES
(1-31 March 1968)

1st Military Police Battalion, FMF

LtCol B. G. BROWN
(1-31 March 1968)

3rd Military Police Battalion, FMF

LtCol J. GAMBARDILLA
(1-31 March 1968)

5th Communication Battalion (Rein), FMF

LtCol D.L. LINDEMUTH
(1-31 March 1968)

7th Motor Transport Battalion, FMF

LtCol L. D. THOMAS
(1-31 March 1968)

Supply Company, Force Logistic Support Group
BRAVO (-)(Rein)

LtCol R. J. SMITH
(1-31 March 1968)

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION. 1-31 March 1968, Danang, RVN

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff	Col R. I. WOOD, JR. (1-31 March 1968)
Staff Secretary	Capt T. M. TRUAX (1-31 March 1968)
ACofS, G-1	LtCol M. P. NEWTON (1-31 March 1968)
ACofS, G-2//Inspector	Major C. E. WATSON, JR. (1-31 March 1968)
ACofS, G-3	Col G. K. REID (1-31 March 1968)
ACofS, G-4	LtCol R. W. HOWLAND (1-31 March 1968)
ACofS, G-5	Major T. J. SMYTH (1-31 March 1968)
ACofS, Comptroller	LtCol A. E. HARE (1-31 March 1968)
Adjutant	Major G. W. SIMS, JR. (1-31 March 1968)
Staff Legal Officer	Col V. L. OLIVER (1-31 March 1968)
Communications-Electronics Officer	Capt J. E. VAN FLEET (1-9 March 1968) LtCol G. A. L'HEUREUX (10-31 March 1968)
Staff Chaplain	Cmdr B. L. BURR, CHC (1-9 March 1968) LtCmdr A. C. VOLZ, CHC (10-11 March 1968) Cmdr G. I. PAULSON (15-31 March 1968)
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj R. V. FLOWERS (1-31 March 1968)

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
470	9415

<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
20	147

<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period 1-31 March 1968, the Force Logistic Command continued to provide sustained logistic support to the III Marine Amphibious Force organizations and the Republic of Korea Marine Brigade.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Summary of Events

a. Personnel

(1) Reenlistment and Extensions:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1st Term	31.00
Career	100.00
Total	48.00

(2) RVN Extensions

March	227
Accumulative RVN extensions	2,842

(3) Transient Center

Total Occupancy	20,432
Daily Average	660
Monthly High (6 March 1968)	1,019
Monthly Low (13 March 1968)	256
Total number of meals served	64,541
Total attendance Red Cross Hut	7,594

(4) Awards. The following awards were presented to members of Force Logistic Command during March 1968:

Silver Star	1
Bronze Stars	12
Navy Commendation Medals	6
Purple Hearts	54
Navy Achievement Medals	15

b. Legal

(1) Legal Assistance. Legal assistance was rendered in 73 cases during the month of March 1968.

(2) Disciplinary Court-Martial cases. A total of 31 courts-martial were tried within Force Logistic Command during the month of March 1968, 23 of which were either summary or special courts-martial trials, and eight of which were general courts-martial.

(3) Legal Lectures. Five lectures were given during the month of March 1968.

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c. Purchasing and Contracting. The Purchasing and Contracting Office purchased various items in Vietnam on the open market for the support of military forces in Vietnam during the month. \$39,149.40 was obligated during March 1968.

d. Logistics

(1) Support for Combat Operations. During the month of March there was continued aerial delivery and helo supply support of Operation Scotland and logistic preparation for other major operations. Logistic planning and initial execution for Operation Pegasus commenced during March 1968. A major transportation effort is demanded to support this operation. Force Logistic Command augmentation consisting basically of a Marine Logistic Support Unit and a communications support team and equipment, has been provided The Danang Support Command for Operation Pegasus. One operation of regimental scope was concluded during March and supported by a temporary Logistic Support Unit operating from a Logistic Support Activity already established in the area of operation. Operation Worth was concluded, satisfactory supply/support was provided to operating units.

(2) Services. During the month of March, Force Logistic Command units processed 372,200 pounds of laundry. A total of 70 pairs of boots were repaired and the Graves Registration platoon processed 923 human remains.

(3) Central Control Point Operations. During the month of March 13 computer supply updates were processed. A total of 70,000 requisitions and 30,356 receipts were processed and 77,928 shipping mats were produced. The total number of transactions processed for the month was 823,546. The fill rate was 60% with the fill rate of RO items being 63%.

(4) Logistic Summary Conference. The monthly Logistic Summary Conference normally held for Force Logistic Command supported units was postponed for the month of March. The Force Logistic Command Logistic Summary Conference will be integrated into the FMFPac Periodic Logistic Conference to be held during April in Okinawa.

(5) Rations. During March 1968, Force Logistic Command bakeries produced a total of 869,786 pounds of bread broken down as follows:

Danang	430,910
Phu Bai	192,240
Dong Ha	246,636

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Ration Company, Danang, produced 637,544 pounds of ice during the month.

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(6) Ammunition. Except for minor problems, ammunition assets were distributed to meet all operational commitments in all areas. During March MAERU reworked 7790 rounds of 4.2" ammunition. The total monetary expenditure for the period was handled by the Ammunition Company, Supply Battalion at ASP #1 and ASP #2, for a daily average of 2,450 tons.

(7) Fuel. During this period the overall POL posture remained satisfactory except for minor problems. The fuel farm at Cua Viet came under enemy artillery fire on 10 March 1968 and sustained moderate damage. Also, in the month of March Wunder Beach, USA Lots, was completed and started dispensing fuel. A 3000 barrel steel tank and a steel pipeline between Dong Ha and Quang Tri was completed and an additional Ammo Barge was added to the assets at Col Co Island.

(8) Repair Program for M422A1 Vehicles. On 20 March Task Force X-Ray determined that 31 pieces of motor transport equipment were dead-lined for 3rd Marines, to meet operational commitments, and an RRD of 28 March 1968 was established. It was determined that of 16 pieces of equipment held by the Force Logistic Command, 15 had been evacuated to 3rd FSR. FLC repaired/exchanged, from maintenance float, the required 16 pieces of equipment by 23 March 1968. 3rd FSR repaired/substituted with like items the required 15 pieces of equipment and returned them to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on 27 and 28 March 1968.

(9) Product Improvement Kit for M-109. The installation of these kits have progressed very well since the first installation on 9 February. At this time there are 15 kits installed, with 4 in the process of installation.

(10) 105mm Howitzer Repair/Rebuild Program. This program is progressing very well. To date there have been 23 Howitzers exchanged with the using units, 5 exchanges are in progress and 16 are offered for shipment to 3rd FSR.

(11) M-16 Rifles. Used M-16 rifles fitted with chrome chambered barrels were issued, but many defects were found in these weapons. A repair shop has been established to completely rework all M-16 rifles prior to issue. The barrel/sight evacuation quota was not met this month due to the rebuild program. The current tactical situation has precluded sufficient availability of M-16 rifles. Those M-16's issued to the 27th Marines replaced M-14's, thereby further reducing the weapons availability from which barrels could have been evacuated.

(12) Communication Equipment Repair Program. Problems of parts availability continue to exist in the support of AN/PRC-25's and AN/TRC-97's. Interim measures which have been taken are:

(a) The PCC-1's, VCC-1's and VCC-2's are adaptations to make the PRC-25's, MRC-109's, and MRC-110's capable of telegraph, telephone usage. There is no support concept, and the Advance Information Letter

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does not provide for replacement modules or repair parts. The equipment with interim Instruction Manuals were couriered to 5th Communication Battalion and placed in service in March 1968. There is no support capability at Force Logistic Command, and FLC was not made aware of the equipment being placed in service until after the fact. As an interim solution Force Logistic Command has tasked 5th Communication Battalion with support of this equipment and has queried FMFPac on the support requirements for FLC.

(b) AN/PRC-25. Local repairs being made to replacement modules to keep as much equipment in the hands of the user as possible. CMC has indicated a one time purchase of sufficient quantities of certain modules to repair all AN/PRC-25's and RT-505's in FMFPac. This should provide a temporary measure of relief and allow the supply system time to begin normal sustained support for the items being purchased.

(c) AN/TRC-97. The interim measure for the support of the TRC-97 has been a program of factory repair. This continues to be inadequate for the in-country support requirements due primarily to the excessive delay required for shipping, repair, and return.

(13) Maintenance Summary.

	<u>BOP</u>	<u>REC'D</u>	<u>COMP</u>	<u>EVAC</u>	<u>EOP</u>
C/E	276	374	379	9	262
ENGR	202	172	126	52	196
MT	309	319	295	42	291
ORD	155	285	231	50	151
TOTAL	942	1150	1031	153	900

e. Civic Action

(1) The ground breaking ceremony for the construction of the new Children's Hospital was held on 1 March 1968. Assisting Brigadier General OLSON at the ceremony were Rear Admiral BARTLETT, Commanding Officer, 3rd Naval Construction Brigade, Lieutenant Colonel Le Tri TIN, Quang Nam Province Chief and Mr. Nguyen THAN, Hoa Khanh Village Chief.

(2) The first meeting of the Children's Hospital Administrative Board was conducted on 8 March 1968. The Board agreed to use room air conditioners and asphalt tile throughout the hospital, and consideration was given to the immediate addition of an additional wing. Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller was appointed Hospital Fund Auditor and the name of the hospital was officially made Hoa Khanh Children's Hospital.

(3) On 21 March the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 met with the Hoa Vang District Chief to discuss means of caring for 2,500 new refugees. The District Chief decided to locate the families in a new hamlet in the

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Phu Loc area of eastern Hoa Khanh Village. Force Logistic Command will provide tents, cots, and blankets. The responsibility for the hamlet was assigned to Supply Battalion.

(4) Mobile Construction Battalion-4 began construction of slab forms at the Children's Hospital on 25 March 1968.

f. Industrial Relations

(1) The Commanding General's Inspection of the Maintenance Battalion Industrial Relations Program was conducted on 18 March 1968. It was noted that Local National Civilian employees of Maintenance Battalion have not been required to have their work passes worn around their neck. The Industrial Relations Program of Maintenance Battalion was given a rating of satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

(2) The Local National Civilian employee strength was 672 on 30 March 1968, including 36 hired under the cancelled civilianization program. The Force Logistic Command quota remains at 650.

g. Chaplain

(1) Commander G. I. PAULSON reported for duty on 12 March 1968 and was assigned duties as the Command Chaplain.

(2) The Force Logistic Support Group ALPHA Chapel at Phu Bai was hit by enemy mortar fire resulting in minor damage. The dedication was postponed from 31 March 1968 to 5 April 1968.

h. Command Chronology Highlights

(1) During March 1968, the Commanding General, Force Logistic Command, hosted and provided guided tours of Force Logistic Command facilities for the following distinguished visitors:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMAND</u>	<u>BILLET</u>
13 Mar 1968	Gen	F. S. BESSON	USA	Chief, AMC
15 Mar 1968	LtGen	LAM	ARVN	CG, I Corps ARVN
22 Mar 1968	MGen	R. G. DAVIS	USMC	Dep Cmdr, Prov Corps Vietnam
23 Mar 1968	MGen	F. C. THARIN	USMC	Dep CG, FMFPac

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following are subordinate command chronologies and amplifying material:

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1st FSR*
- ✓ a. H&SBn (-)(Rein), 1st FSR, FLC Command Chronology (Tab A to enclosure (2)).
 - ✓ b. SupBn (-)(Rein), 1st FSR, FLC Command Chronology (Tab B to enclosure (2)).
 - ✓ c. MaintBn (-)(Rein), 1st FSR, FLC Command Chronology (Tab C to enclosure (2)).
 - ✓ d. 3rd ServBn (Rein)/FLSG-A, FLC Command Chronology (Tab D to enclosure (2)).
 - ✓ e. 1st ServBn (Rein)/FLSG-B, FLC Command Chronology (Tab E to enclosure (2)).
 - ✓ f. 1stMPBn, FMF, FLC Command Chronology (Tab F to enclosure (2)).
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 - ✓ g. 3rdMPBn, FMF, FLC Command Chronology (Tab G to enclosure (2)).
 - ✓ h. 5thCommBn, FMF, FLC Command Chronology (Tab H to enclosure (2)).
 - ✓ i. 7thMTBn, FMF, FLC Command Chronology (Tab I to enclosure (2)).
 - ✓ j. SupCo, FLSG-B (-)(Rein), FLC Command Chronology (Tab J to enclosure (2)).
 - ✓ k. Force Logistic Command Directory (Tab K to enclosure (2)).
 - ✓ l. Photographs of a command interest (Tab L to enclosure (2)).
 - ✓ m. Photographs of visitors to Force Logistic Command (Tab M to enclosure (2)).

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