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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Commanding General, 3d MarDiv (Rein)	MGen R. G. DAVIS MGen WILLIAM K. JONES	1-14 Apr 15-30 Apr
Assistant Division Commander	BGen F. E. GARRETSON BGen R. FULLER	1-22 Apr 23-30 Apr
Assistant Division Commander (CG, TASK FORCE HOTEL)	BGen R. B. CARNEY JR.	1-30 Apr

SUBORDINATE UNITS

3d Marine Regiment	Col P. D. LAFOND	1-30 Apr
4th Marine Regiment	Col W. F. GOGGIN	1-30 Apr
9th Marine Regiment	Col R. H. BARROW Col E. F. DANOWITZ	1-8 Apr 9-30 Apr
12th Marine Regiment	Col P. J. MULRONEY	1-30 Apr
1st Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol J. S. KYLE	1-30 Apr
2nd Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol J. J. MCMAHON	1-30 Apr
3d Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol R. C. SCHULZE	1-30 Apr
1st Bn, 4th Marines	LtCol C. E. WILLCOX	1-30 Apr
2nd Bn, 4th Marines	LtCol J. E. HOPKINS	1-30 Apr
3d Bn, 4th Marines	LtCol W. A. DONALD	1-30 Apr
1st Bn, 9th Marines	LtCol T. J. CULKIN	1-30 Apr
2nd Bn, 9th Marines	LtCol G. C. FOX	1-30 Apr
3d Bn, 9th Marines	LtCol E. R. LAINE JR. LtCol O. R. SWIGART JR.	1-18 Apr 19-30 Apr
1st Bn, 12th Marines	LtCol R. B. MOSS	1-30 Apr
2nd Bn, 12th Marines	LtCol C. J. KILLEN	1-30 Apr

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3d Bn, 12th Marines	LtCol E. D. FOXWORTH JR.	1-30 Apr
4th Bn, 12th Marines	LtCol E. W. BAILEY	1-30 Apr
HqBn, 3d MarDiv	Col M. A. WEBB JR.	1-30 Apr
1st Amtrac Bn	Maj D. R. STEFANSSON	1-30 Apr
3d Engr Bn	LtCol W. L. PERSAC LtCol J. R. LILLEY	1-15 Apr 16-30 Apr
3d Med Bn	Cdr B. K. SLEMMONS (USN)	1-30 Apr
3d MF Bn	Maj J. F. LAVIN	1-30 Apr
3d Recon Bn	LtCol A. H. PERRY	1-30 Apr
3d Shore Party Bn	Maj J. B. KNOTTS JR.	1-30 Apr
3d Tank Bn	LtCol J. SLEGER JR.	1-30 Apr
9th MF Bn	LtCol L. J. TREMBLAY	1-30 Apr
3d Dental Co	Capt T. D. STEPHENSON (USN)	1-30 Apr
1st Brigade, 5th Inf (Mech)	Col J. M. GIBSON (USA)	1-30 Apr
1st Bn, 61st Inf (Mech)	LtCol D. E. HARTIGAN JR. (USA)	1-30 Apr
1st Bn, 11th Inf	LtCol T. N. BRETTON JR. (USA)	1-30 Apr
1st Bn, 77th Armor	LtCol C. P. MILIA (USA)	1-30 Apr
5th Bn, 4th Artillery	LtCol J. H. ASHURST III (USA)	1-30 Apr
75th Support Bn	LtCol H. H. SMITH (USA)	1-30 Apr

ATTACHED UNITS

11th Engr Bn	LtCol R. C. EVANS	1-30 Apr
1st 8" HOW Btry	Maj K. E. SOESBE	1-30 Apr
1st Searchlight Btry	1st Lt J. W. HILL	1-30 Apr

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**2. LOCATION**

1-30 April - Dong Ha, Republic of Vietnam

**3. STAFF OFFICERS**

Chief of Staff	Col M. J. SEXTON	1-30 Apr
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1	LtCol E. D. GEIZER JR. Col M. A. WEBB	1-29 Apr 30 Apr
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Col T. P. O'CALLAGHAN	1-30 Apr
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	Col F. R. KRAINCE	1-30 Apr
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	Col F. R. DENORMANDIE	1-30 Apr
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5	Col W. E. KERRIGAN	1-30 Apr
Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller	Maj B. C. DAY	1-30 Apr
Division Inspector	Col F. B. MAYER	1-30 Apr

**AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH**

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>USA</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF	1100	20,342	153	984	330	4595
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>			
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>		
Headquarters, 3d Marine Regiment	19	194	2	3		
Headquarters, 4th Marine Regiment	18	195	2	4		
Headquarters, 9th Marine Regiment	19	202	2	3		
Headquarters, 12th Marine Regiment	39	254	10	5		
1st Bn, 3d Marines	35	1166	3	51		
2nd Bn, 3d Marines	38	1164	2	49		
3d Bn, 3d Marines	35	1155	2	53		
1st Bn, 4th Marines	36	1151	2	52		

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2nd Bn, 4th Marines	37	1146	2	49
3d Bn, 4th Marines	35	1152	2	50
1st Bn, 9th Marines	35	1148	2	45
2nd Bn, 9th Marines	35	1147	2	46
3d Bn, 9th Marines	36	1158	2	51
1st Bn, 12th Marines	49	598	2	14
2nd Bn, 12th Marines	46	596	17	3
3d Bn, 12th Marines	48	606	2	16
4th Bn, 12th Marines	24	436	0	14
HqBn, 3d MarDiv (Rein), FMF	286	1672	10	21
1st Amtrac Bn	19	502	2	22
3d Engr Bn	30	655	2	15
3d Med Bn	3	142	49	242
3d MT Bn	17	287	0	8
3d Recon Bn	37	854	1	45
3d Shore Party Bn	17	428	2	19
3d Tank Bn	34	572	1	17
9th MT Bn	22	376	2	8
11th Engr Bn	39	1106	2	17
1st 8" HOW Btry	9	183	0	8
3d Dental Co	0	3	26	52
1st Searchlight Btry	3	94	0	2

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY  
OPERATIONS

1. General. In the month of April, the 3d Marine Division (Rein) conducted four major operations. Operation Purple Martin was conducted by the 4th Marines in the northwest sector of the Division AO. The 3d Marines conducted Operation Maine Crag around the Laotian Salient, making up the southwest corner of the Division AO. North of the Mitters Ridge area, the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) conducted Operation Montana Mauler. The Brigade also conducted Operation Ellis Ravine in the Ba Long Valley, south of Dong Ha Combat Base. In addition to major operations, both the 9th Marines and units from the 1st Brigade conducted extensive patrolling in the 3d Marine Division AO which included all areas other than the AO's of the four major operations.

2. 3d Marine Division Area of Operation

Conducting operations in the 3d Marine Division AO were the 9th Marine Regiment and the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech).

The 9th Marines operated from Vandegrift Combat Base (YD 004484) and from fixed positions along Route 9 and Route 561.

The 1st Battalion operated with A Company from Hill 37 (YD 089578), B Company from Cam Lo (YD 1259) and C-3 Bridge (YD 148604), C Company from A-4 and D Company from C-2 (YD 135615) with one platoon at Mai Loc.

The 2d Battalion operated from the Khe Gio Bridge (YD 026562), Elliot Combat Base (XD 9854), FSB Fuller (YD 018592), and Vandegrift Combat Base. On 4 April, 3d Battalion relieved the 2d Battalion. While two companies operated from My Loc (YD 305682) and Oceanview (YD 2974), the remaining companies conducted rehabilitation at Cua Viet. Each company was given the opportunity to rehab before the battalion relieved 3d Battalion, 3d Marines on 10 April. At this time, 2d Battalion reoccupied FSB Fuller, Khe Gio Bridge, Elliot and Vandegrift Combat Bases while 3d Battalion operated from FSB Gates, Hills 950 and 691 and Vandegrift. L Company relieved M Company, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines at FSB Alpine.

At the beginning of the month, the 3d Battalion (-) was conducting rehab at Cua Viet, while L Company, which had been at Cua Viet in March, operated from Oceanview. On 19 April, the Battalion relieved 3d Battalion 3d Marines, with I Company going to Vandegrift Combat Base, L to FSB Alpine, K to Hills 950 and 691, and M Company to FSB Gates. The Battalion continued operations from these locations for the remainder of the month.

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The 9th Marines operated extensively, throughout their area of operations. The aggressiveness of the regiment is exemplified by the morning of 21 April when G Company was attacked by one hundred (100) NVA using mortars, grenades, RPG's, satchel charges and a heavy volume of small arms fire. The company was in three separate, mutually supporting night defensive positions. At 0400H, the enemy attacked from the southwest. Close fighting continued until 0620H when the enemy began to withdraw. G Company then took the initiative and launched a counter attack to the south, using artillery to block enemy routes of escape. At 0845H, consolidation was begun. There were eight (8) friendly KIA, twenty-three (23) WIA(E), and two (2) WIA(M). Enemy losses were forty (40) NVA/KIA, three (3) POW's, three (3) SKS rifles captured, two (2) RPG launchers, forty (40) grenades, and fifty (50) satchel charges captured. Two days later, at 0640H, E Company spotted seven (7) NVA in the open moving south. E Company engaged the enemy with small arms fire and artillery. The enemy was pursued and finally at 1115H they were driven into caves. The final results of the contact were (8) friendly KIA and seventeen (17) WIA(E), while the enemy lost fourteen (14) NVA/KIA and one (1) 82mm mortar with ten (10) rounds captured. As the month came to a close the 9th Marines were preparing to be relieved by the 3d and 4th Marines.

The 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) operated along the coast from the Demilitarized Zone south to the Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provincial boundary. The Brigade operated principally from Camp Red Devil at Quang Tri Combat Base (YD2954), FSB Sharon (YD349491), FSB Nancy, and Wunder Beach (YD441392). In addition to conducting operations in their AO, the Brigade conducted Operations Montana Mauler and Ellis Ravine. Also Task Force Remagen was composed of Brigade units.

The 1st Antrac Battalion, operating from Cua Viet, was under the operational control of the Brigade, until 5 April, when the 3d Marine Division (Rein) assumed operational control of the Battalion. Also, each battalion that conducted rehabilitation at Cua Viet or operated from Mai Loc or Oceanview and C-4 were under the operational control of the Brigade.

Operating in cooperation and coordination with the 3d Marine Division (Rein) were the 1st and 2d Regiments of the 1st ARVN Division. The 1st Regiment operated with the 1st Brigade, while the 2d Regiment operated in its own area of operations, in the Leatherneck Square area, north of Dong Ha. The 2d Regiment also conducted an operation in the Mutter's Ridge area. Upon insertion into LZ Junior (YD013642) on 22 May, a CH-46 helicopter exploded and burst into flame, possibly after hitting a mine on the LZ. There were sixteen (16) WIA(E) and four (4) KIA, including three (3) US personnel. The operation, however, continued to be a very successful effort for the ARVN as it continued into May.

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Total Casualties for the 3d Marine Division (Rein) AO, during April (not including major operation results ) were:

	USMC	USA	USN			
KIA	15	20	0	NVA KIA	299	VC REF
WIA(E)	76	84	1	VC KIA	2	DET
WIA(M)	25	1	1	NVA POW	3	IWC
				VC POW	2	CSWC

### 3. Montana Mauler

Operation Montana Mauler, under the operational control of the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech), commenced on 22 March. The units which participated in the operation, were A and B Troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry and 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry. I Company, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines participated in the operation during March, however, the unit left the AO on 1 April and returned to the operational control of the 9th Marine Regiment. The operation was conducted in cooperation and coordination with the 1st Battalion, 2nd ARVN Regiment.

During April, 1st Battalion, 2d ARVN (-) swept east toward C-2 and A-4, while A Troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry with one ARVN Company secured the northern flank. 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry and B Troop, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry operated in the southern portion of the AO seizing objectives west of C-2. There were no significant contacts during April, however, on 2 April, at 0700H at YD 080622 an element from D Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, detonated two directional type mines resulting in one (1) friendly KIA and six (6) WIA(E).

Total Casualties for the operation which concluded 3 April were:

	USMC	USA		NVA
KIA	16	19		KIA
WIA(E)	66	125		IWC
WIA(M)	23	4		CSWC

### 4. Ellis Ravine

On 8 April, 1969, 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) commenced Operation Ellis Ravine in the Ba Long Valley. Task Force 1/11 Composed of B and C Companies, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, A Troop, 4th Squadron, 12th Cavalry, and B Company, 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery, began "reconnaissance in force" and road clearing operations from the eastern end of Ba Long Valley. Task Force 3/5, Composed of A and B Troops, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry, D Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry and B Battery, 5th Battalion, 4th Artillery, commenced reconnaissance in force into the Ba Long from Ca Lu (YD 0145) at the western end of the valley. One platoon of A Troop remained at Ca Lu to provide security for B Battery. As the dual Task Forces swept through the valley

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there was one enemy contact. On 13 April, the 2d platoon of B/1/11 engaged two (2) Viet Cong on a trail (YD219264) with small arms fire resulting in one (1) VC KIA and one (1) AK-47 captured. On the same day D/1/11 found a destroyed complex of ten (10) bunkers averaging 10x15 feet in size at YD085423. There were no signs of recent use. The operation terminated on 13 April.

Total casualties for the operation were:

VC KIA 1

IWC 1

### 5. Purple Martin

During the month of April, the 4th Marine Regiment, under the operational control of Task Force Hotel, conducted Operation Purple Martin. The operation initially commenced in March when the 1st Battalion conducted a "helo assault" on FSB Argonne (XD676572). The battalion was reinforced by M Company, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines which operated from FSB Alpine (XD614531). M Company was relieved on 12 April, by L Company, 3d Battalion, 9th Marines which remained there until 26 April.

The 1st Battalion conducted search and clear operations in the vicinity of FSB Argonne until 3 April when the command post and B Company heli-lifted to FSB Greene (XD758610). A Company conducted a search and clear operation northeast from FSB Argonne and arrived at FSB Greene on 7 April. C and D companies swept north from FSB Argonne and conducted operations along the Demilitarized Zone northeast of LZ Bell (XD685613). These two companies continued operations in the area for the remainder of the month.

On 9 April, Purple Martin was extended to include the entire 4th Marine Regiment. The 2d Battalion operated from and in the vicinity of FSB Neville (XD622574) and FSB Catapult (XD626616). 3d Battalion operated in the vicinity of LZ Dodge (XD910642), LZ Sierra and FSB Russell (XD910591).

On 10 April E Company found an enemy cache at XD788642. There were three (3) German bolt action rifles, three (3) cross bows, four (4) Chi com claymores, four (4) swords, fifty (50) Chi com grenades, thirteen (13) B-40 rockets, one-thousand (1000) Chi com .50 calibre rounds, fifteen-hundred (1500) 9mm pistol rounds and one (1) 60mm mortar captured. Another cache found on 13 April by E Company in the same vicinity yielded two (2) 82mm mortar tubes, three (3) RPD light machine guns, three-hundred (300) 60mm rounds and five-hundred (500) 82mm mortar rounds.

There were no significant contacts in the AO during the month.

Total Casualties for the month of April were:

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<u>USMC</u>		<u>NVA</u>			
KIA	18	NVA KIA	55	IWC	66
WIA(E)	47	NVA POW	4	CSWC	3
WIA(M)	8	DET	2		

6. Maine Crag.

During the month of April Operation Maine Crag was conducted by the 3d Marine Regiment (-) (Rein), under the operational control of Task Force Hotel, located at Vandegrift Combat Base. The Regimental Headquarters was located at FSB Whisman (XD 973333) as the operation commenced on 15 March. The Regiment (-) operated around the Laotian Salient with a mission of interdiction of enemy supply traffic and infiltration on Route 616. As the operation progressed, units began moving to the east and then south to Landing Zones McClintock (XD 870237), Fisher (XD 038288), Tuba (XD 079270), Pusan (XD 058248), and Shiloh (XD 870237). Also during the month, the battalions rotated from the field to the 3d Marine Division rehabilitation center at Cua Viet (XD 3370).

1st Battalion, with its command post at FSB Spark (XD 870238), continued operations in the Laotian Salient. A Company operated north of LZ Cable (XD 863167), while B Company operated from LZ Cossack (XD 894206). C Company operated from and provided security from FSB Spark (XD 870237). D Company operated from FSB Saigon (XD 805275).

On 3 April, at 0710 an ambush from A Company at XD 865148, observed an estimated 15 NVA moving towards bunkers. Air strikes, artillery and small arms fire were delivered on the enemy. The area was searched and three (3) NVA KIA were found. There was also 1 POW captured.

1st Battalion conducted extensive search and clear operations during the month. On 10 April, elements of 1/3 found one hundred (100) bunkers capable of holding 4 people each. There were also ten (10) large bunkers in the complex. Some of the bunkers had false bottoms opening to tunnels which lead to other tunnels.

On 14 April, as 1st Battalion progressed further south, the command post and B Company moved to FSB McClintock (XD 045298). A Company moved to and commenced operations from LZ Fisher (XD 038280), while D Company moved to LZ Pusan (XD 039240). The Battalion continued operations in this area until it rotated to Cua Viet for rehabilitation on 19-21 April. The 1st Battalion remained at Cua Viet until 25 April when C Company returned to Vandegrift Combat Base, followed by the remainder of the Battalion on 29 April. The Battalion commenced Operation Virginia Ridge on 30 April, in the Mutter's Ridge area north of Dong Ha Mountain (XD 018594).

The 2d Battalion was the first battalion to begin the eastern sweep. The first day of April found the command post, G and H Companies located on FSB Whisman (XD 973333). E and F Companies continued operations in the vicinity of LZ Big Foot Brown (XD 830233), then on 7 April they moved to the vicinity of LZ Mink (XD 985355). On 22 April, H Company moved to FSB McClintock. The Battalion conducted search and clear operations in this area for the duration of the month.

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3d Battalion operated from fixed positions at the beginning of April. The command post and I Company operated from FSB Gates (XD 927437). D Company operated from Hill 950 (XD 844457) and Hill 691 (XD 927443). L Company was the Division Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle reaction force and operated in this status from Vandegrift Combat Installation. M Company was under the operational control of the 4th Marines as it operated from FSB Alpine (XD 614531) in Operation Purple Martin.

K Company helilifted to My Loc (YD 306682) on 10 April, while L Company helilifted from Vandegrift to Oceanview (YD 2974). The Battalion command group, I and M Companies moved to Cua Viet to conduct rehabilitation. Each of the companies was given the opportunity to rehabilitate at Cua Viet before the battalion returned to Operation Maine Crag. K Company helilifted from Cua Viet to FSB McClintock on 19 April, while L Company lifted to LZ Pusan. On 21 April M Company conducted a "helo assault" on LZ Tuba (YD 080270). On the same date I Company relieved A Company, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines at FSB Fisher. The Battalion Command Post was established at FSB McClintock.

During the latter part of the month, M Company conducted a sweep towards LZ Tarawa (YD 098231), and then operated in that vicinity. After a downed CH-46 helicopter was reported at YD 023200, L and I Companies moved to that position to assist in recovery of the bird. The CH-46 helicopter was hit by an RPG while attempting to extract a recon team. It had crashed and burned resulting in one (1) KIA, two (2) WIA(E), and two (2) WIA(M). A second CH-46 in attempting to extract the survivors was also shot down by ground fire with no casualties. Shortly, thereafter, all personnel were safely extracted under heavy ground fire.

Working in cooperation with the 3d Marines was the 3d Battalion, 2d ARVN Regiment. The ARVN's operated from FSB Torch (XD 097277). The ARVN's made few significant contacts, however, on the night of 12 April FSB Torch was attacked from four directions by a large NVA force. The attack commenced with a 60mm and 82mm mortar attack along with B-40 rockets. As the mortar attack ceased a sapper attack was launched. The position's defensive wire was breached with satchel charges. The enemy was repelled with the assistance of gunships and artillery from FSB Spark. Contact was broken at 0530H. Results of the action were 15 ARVN KIA, 29 ARVN WIA(E), 16 NVA KIA, 1 POW and 7 AK-47's captured. Two 105mm howitzers were destroyed by the enemy mortar attack. On 17 April, the 3d Battalion, 2d ARVN Regiment returned to Dong Ha City.

Total casualties for the month of April were;

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USA</u>			
KIA	6	0	NVA KIA	92	IWC 10
WIA(E)	27	0	NVA POW	1	CSWC 2
WIA(M)	4	0	DET	49	

~~SECRET~~7. Task Force Remagen

Operating in cooperation with the 3d Marines in Maine Crag was Task Force Remagen. Composed of B Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry (Mech), C Company, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor and C Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery. Task Force Remagen conducted "recon in force" along route 9 and south along the eastern border of the Laotian Salient in the vicinity of FSB Saigon (XD 815275).

On 12 April B/1/61 and C/1/77 were relieved by A/1/61 and A/1/77. B and C Companies returned to the operational control of the 1st Brigade on 15 April while the revitalized Task Force Remagen continued operations in the vicinity of FSB Snapper (XD 842347). Later in the month, the task force operated south and west of the former Khe Sahn Combat Base (XD 8441).

Task Force Remagen met limited enemy resistance until the morning of 25 April when elements of the 2d Squadron, 7th ARVN Cavalry, C Battery 1/40, and A Company, 1st Battalion 77th Armor were in their defensive position, and the NVA launched a coordinated mortar and sapper attack at 0330H. The attack came from the north and commenced with a heavy 60mm and 82mm attack followed by a sapper assault with satchel charges and RPG's. Two sappers were killed inside the perimeter while three (3) ARVN APC's were destroyed and one (1) damaged. A tank from A Company received two (2) direct RPG hits in the engine and transmission. The assault ceased at 0600H and A Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry began to sweep the battlefield. Results of the action were eight (8) ARVN KIA, one (1) Australian advisor KIA, three (3) US KIA, forty-three (43) ARVN WIA(E), eleven (11) US WIA(E) and one (1) US WIA(M). The enemy lost thirty (30) NVA KIA(C), fourteen (14) AK-47's, two hundred (200) satchel charges, one (1) B-40 rocket launcher, three (3) B-41 rocket launchers, two (2) light machine guns and one (1) portable flame thrower were captured.

Again at 0300H on 28 April, Task Force Remagen was attacked in its night position by an estimated force of one hundred and fifty (150) enemy. The attack was supported by mortars and RPG's and continued until contact was broken at 0400H. A Company, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry (Mech) pursued the enemy and at 1415H, C Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, the Bald Eagle reaction force, was sent in to exploit the contact. There were thirty-five (35) WIA(E). One (1) M108 artillery track, one (1) M548 ammunition track and one (1) water trailer were damaged. One (1) M548 ammunition track, one (1) M48 tank and one (1) armored personnel carrier were destroyed.

Task Force Remagen returned to the 1st Brigade AO on 30 April.

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# ENEMY LOSSES FOR APRIL 1969

OPERATION	KIA	PW NVA	PW VC	RET NVA	RET VC	CIV DEF	INN CIV	IWC	CSWC	TOTAL WEAPONS
MAINE CRAG	92	1	0	0	0	0	2	10	2	12
PURPLE MARTIN	55	4	0	0	0	0	0	66	3	69
ELLIS RAVINE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
MONTANA MAULER	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
3D MARSH AO	299	3	2	0	1	0	3	59	8	67
TOTAL	457	8	2	0	1	0	5	138	13	151

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**COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION**

**1. COMMAND EMPHASIS**

a. The coordination of air, artillery and naval gunfire throughout the Third Marine Division AO continued in accordance with established procedures.

**2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS****a. Ammunition Expenditure**

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAR-APR</u> <u>% CHANGE</u>
ARC LIGHT (Tons)	875	1800	1200	900	-25
AIR (Tons)	3898	3032	5070	7896	+56
ARTY (Rds)	156304	193056	218771	184980	-26
NGF (Rds)	4335	6778	11157	8392	-25

**b. Distribution of Fires**

(1) There were 2794 observed missions (15%) and 15618 unobserved missions (85%) fired by artillery and naval gunfire in support of the Third Marine Division.

**(2) Artillery ordnance distribution:**

<u>AREA OF OPERATION</u>	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UNOBS</u>	<u>TOT</u>
HIGHRISE	16560	-	16560
1ST BDE 5TH MECH	6211	11090	17301
MAINE GRAC	14842	34191	49033
PURPLE MARTIN	11852	30214	42066
9TH MARINES	15163	27823	42986
3D MARDIV AO	542	3270	3812
2ND ARVN	2777	6812	9589
ELLIS RAVINE	269	3346	3615
	<u>68216</u>	<u>116746</u>	<u>184962</u>

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c. During April the following NCF ships supported the Third Marine Division.

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
MULLINIX DD 944	010600-030600
NEWPORT NEWS CA 148	030600-090600 180600-280600
R. S. EDWARDS DD 950	092200-180600 280600-300600
ST. PAUL CA 73	300600-302400

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During the month of April, air support was provided by the First Marine Air Wing, the 7th Air Force and the U. S. Navy. Helicopter support was provided by MAG-16, MAG-36 and MAG-39. Fixed wing support came from MAG-11, MAG-12 and MAG-13 as well as from 7th Air Force and U. S. Navy resources.

The types of mission were command and control, resupply, medical evacuation, troop and logistical lifts, air lifts as well as close air support, both conventional and radar controlled.

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3d MARDIV	4th MAR	3d MAR	9th MAR	PURPLE MARTIN	MAINE CRAIG	1/5	TOTAL
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FIXED WING

Requests	599	190	97	611	676	287	2460
Sorties	243	163	330	315	260	107	1418
Tons	687.5	407.5	825	787.5	650	267.5	3627.0

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Sorties	10,371		6,417	7,443		24,231
PAX	16,035		7,611	10,138		33,784
Tons	1,231		2,662	3,016		6,909

ARC LIGHTS

Sorties		6	30		36
Targets		1	5		6
Tons		150	750		900

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COLLECTION BRANCH

1. During April 1969, the Collection Branch received, processed, and disseminated 525 Agent Reports from the following agencies:

- a. 525th Military Intelligence Group
- b. Provincial Reconnaissance Unit
- c. Census Grievance Center
- d. National Police Special Branch
- e. 7th Counterintelligence Team
- f. 15th Counterintelligence Team

2. In addition, numerous intelligence reports and documents were received from the following Commands:

- a. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
- b. III Marine Amphibious Force
- c. XXIV Corps
- d. Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam
- e. 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
- f. 101st Airborne Division, USA
- g. Combined Material Exploitation Center
- h. I Corps Advisory Group
- i. Task Force Hotel
- j. Task Force Clearwater
- k. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion
- l. Regiments and separate Battalions of the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

3. A total of 40 Detainee Reports were received during the month of April 1969.

4. The Airborne Personnel Detector (APD) (SNIFFER), was tasked daily. Due to nonavailability of aircraft, only two missions were flown during the month of April 1969.

5. Aerial Observer Section

a. During April 1969, the Division Aerial Observer Section flew 961 missions for a total of 2393.3 flight hours. The AO's directed 548 airstrikes, 344 artillery missions, and 28 naval gunfire missions.

b. Enemy losses included:

- (1) 130 confirmed kills (airstrikes)
- (2) 74 confirmed kills (artillery)
- (3) 1,138 bunkers destroyed, 195 damaged, 23 uncovered

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- (4) 155 structures destroyed, 3 damaged
- (5) 114 secondary fires
- (6) 178 secondary explosions
- (7) 561 meters trench destroyed
- (8) 21 A/W positions destroyed, 4 A/W positions damaged
- (9) 43 cultivated fields destroyed
- (10) 12 mortar positions destroyed, 1 mortar position damaged, 1 mortar position uncovered
- (11) 62 fighting holes destroyed, 7 fighting holes uncovered
- (12) 4 roads cut
- (13) 9 trails cut
- (14) 6 caves destroyed, 1 cave damaged, 8 caves uncovered
- (15) 9 sniper positions destroyed
- (16) 1 bridge destroyed
- (17) 4 supply and/or ammo caches destroyed
- (18) 3 tunnels destroyed, 1 tunnel damaged, 3 tunnels uncovered
- (19) 2 vehicles damaged
- (20) 2 sampans destroyed

c. Personnel

- (1) 1stLt. E. R. BEDARD - Joined
- (2) 1stLt. J. R. DOMAN - Joined
- (3) 1stLt. W. C. BAILEY - Joined
- (4) 1stLt. T. E. LEWIS - Joined
- (5) Capt. C. R. STICHTER - Rotated to CONUS

6. Photo Imagery Interpretation Unit (PIIU)

a. The 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF, Photo Imagery Interpretation Unit submitted 19 requests for aerial photography to G-2, XXIV Corps during the month of April 1969. Of these requests, 8 were completed, 7 were cancelled, (these were either resubmitted and/or covered by another mission), and 4 are pending.

b. The Unit requested 31 reprint missions via G-2, XXIV Corps during the month of April 1969. Of these requests, 25 were completed, and 6 are pending.

c. The Unit received and processed 326 reports of photography, SLAR and IR (Red Haze) missions.

d. A summary of the requests submitted by specific units is as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>REQ</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>CANCELLED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>	
G-2	14	10	1	3	
Task Force Hotel	23	14	3	6	
4th Marines	5	2	2	1	
9th Marines	5	4	1	0	
1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech)	2	2	0	0	
4th CAG	1	1	0	0	ENCLOSURE (1)
TOTAL	50	33	7	10	SECRET

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7. Interrogation Translation Teamsa. 7th Interrogation Translation Team

(1) During April 1969, the 7th Interrogation Translation Team provided support for Operation Maine Crag. They also provided direct support to 3d Marine Regiment; general support to 3d Marine Division Collection Point, and Captain R. T. BROPHY, Provincial Interrogation Center Advisor.

(2) The Team processed 2 NVA PW's and 1 Chieu Hoi.

(3) Personnel

- (a) Sgt F. T. GILLEN - Rotated to CONUS
- (b) Cpl J. F. JENGSHINO - Promoted to Sergeant

b. 15th Interrogation Translation Team

(1) During April 1969, the Team provided support for the following units:

- (a) 9th Marines
- (b) 26th Marines
- (c) MP Company, Quang Tri Combat Base
- (d) Chieu Hoi Center, Quang Tri City
- (e) Quang Tri Base Defense

(2) In addition, the Team maintained liaison with the following units:

- (a) 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech)
- (b) Quang Tri National Police
- (c) Provincial/Division PsyOps
- (d) Sub Sector, PW Collection Center
- (e) Sector S-2
- (f) CIEC, Hue City

(3) The Team processed 2 VC PW's and 3 NVA PW's during the month of April 1969.

(4) Personnel

- (a) Sgt A. D. FARNUM - Joined
- (b) 1stLt. M.C. WUNSCH - Transferred to 3d Tank Bn.

c. 17th Interrogation Translation Team

(1) During the month of April 1969, the Team provided support to the following units:

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- (a) Headquarters, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
- (b) 4th Marine Regiment
- (c) 3d Medical Battalion
- (d) 1st Amtrac Battalion

(2) The Team submitted 10 interrogation reports during the month of April 1969.

(3) Personnel

- (a) 1stLt. M. L. SHANAHAN - Joined
- (b) SSgt W. E. WOOLFOLK - Joined
- (c) Cpl R. A. ROTH Jr. - Joined
- (d) SSgt T. D. TURNER - Rotated to CONUS
- (e) SSgt J. BROWN - Rotated to CONUS
- (f) Sgt I. E. JUMPING EAGLE - Rotated to CONUS

8. Interpreter Teams

a. 3d Interpreter Team. During the month of April 1969, the Team continued to support the 3d Marine Division CP by operating the Division Document Translation Center (DTC). The DTC processed 92 batches of captured documents, from which a total of 526 documents were screened, summarized, or fully translated. A total of 20 friendly documents were processed, resulting in 88 pages of translation.

b. 9th Interpreter Team. During April 1969, the Team was in support of the 3d Marine Division PW Collection Point; and Operations Maine Crag and Purple Martin.

c. 11th Interpreter Team. During April 1969, the Team provided support to the 3d Marine Division Collection Point, and Operations Maine Crag and Purple Martin.

9. Counterintelligence Teams

a. 7th Counterintelligence Team

(1) During the month of April 1969, the Team continued to provide support to the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF and **Allied Forces** in Southern Quang Tri Province. The Detachments assigned at Trieu Phong and Huong Hoa Districts provided general support to RF and PF Units assigned to the District Chiefs. The Detachments further advised and assisted District GVN officials in the collecting and correlation of intelligence information of the DIOCC. The Team provided **support to** the Military Security Service (MSS), National Police (NP), and Police Special Branch (PSB).



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(2) Personnel

- (a) GySgt L. G. TASH - Joined
- (b) Sgt H. B. DAVIS III - Joined
- (c) GySgt L. A. BROWN - Rotated to CONUS
- (d) SSgt G. N. DOHNAM - Rotated to CONUS
- (e) SSgt C. H. EVANS - Rotated to CONUS

b. 15th Counterintelligence Team

(1) During the month of April 1969, the Team continued to support the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF, and source operations in Northern Quang Tri Province.

(2) The Team interrogated 19 detainees, all released as innocent civilians, and debriefed and published reports on two males who claimed to have been NVN civilians.

(3) Submitted 11 SCIRS and 1 Spot Report.

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PRODUCTION BRANCH

1. During the month of April 1969, the Production Branch provided tactical intelligence to subordinate units of the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF, and to higher headquarters, as well as units under operational control of the Division. The following were prepared and distributed:

- a. PERINTREP 8-69, 9-69
- b. Monthly Target List
- c. 21 Charts and Overlays
- d. Astronomical Data
- e. 9 Intelligence Information Reports
- f. Special Project for HMM-164, 9th MAB

2. The following personnel changes were made:

- a. Maj J. S. SEEBURGER - Reassigned to Collection
- b. SSgt W. H. ROBERTSON - Joined and assigned as OOB Analyst
- c. SSgt P. H. MOHR - Joined and assigned as OOB Analyst
- d. SSgt R. L. ZEMAITIS - Reassigned to TIO

3. Plans and Estimates Section. Put out Changes 1 and 2 to the Division HLZ Gazetteer. Provided input to the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF PERINTREP, and prepared intelligence estimates on enemy activity in and north of the DMZ.

4. Order of Battle Section. Continued to produce tactical intelligence for all units of the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF, and all units under operational control of the Division. Intelligence was disseminated via the Daily Intelligence Summary, nightly briefs and the 3d Marine Division PERINTREP. Special briefs were presented to:

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- a. B-52 Crew from North Dakota
- b. HMM-164 Afloat
- c. Captain DEHART (MILO), Quang Tri
- d. Colonel PARSEMS, CO FLSC (B)
- e. Team members of CIT and ITT
- f. Colonel DANOWITZ, CO 9th Marines
- g. Commander JONES, CO MCB-62
- h. First Lieutenant WHEATON, SupO, 3d Medical Battalion
- i. Lieutenant Colonel QUIGLEY, III MAF Collection Officer

5. Target Intelligence Section. Continued to maintain overlays on targets acquired, AA firings, and secondary explosions/fires. There were 1,241 additions to the Division's Installation List which includes hard targets, trail activity, and Arty/Mortar/Rocket/AA positions. 182 significant targets were generated and forwarded to the Target Information Officer for firing. Special Target lists were furnished to the 3d, 4th and 9th Marine Regiments in support of a defoliation project for an area north of Route 9. Daily Target lists were provided to the Target Information Officer and 1st Bde, Fifth Inf Div (Mech). In addition, Target Intelligence was furnished in support of the Division's TPQ and Arc Light programs.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH

1. During the month of April 1969, the following personnel were joined:

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| a. Sgt R. E. PREBLE      | 1st SSCT |
| b. Sgt E. W. WILLIAMS    | S&C      |
| c. SSgt W. M. ROBERTSON  | OOB      |
| d. 1stLt. D. E. GALLAHER | CCC      |
| e. Cpl J. S. KOTAS       | 1st SSCT |

2. During the month of April 1969, the following changes in personnel were made:

- a. 1stLt. C. A. TWIDDY - Rotated to CONUS
- b. 1stLt. M. C. WUNSCH - Transfer to 3d Tank Battalion
- c. SSgt F. H. DALTON - Rotated to CONUS
- d. SSgt R. K. DUNN - Medevac to CONUS
- e. SSgt V. A. SMEDLEY - Rotated to CONUS
- f. GySgt D. I. DIEFFENBACHER - Rotated to CONUS
- g. 1stLt. F. Y. WOO - Rotated to CONUS
- h. Cpl W. L. MONTHEI - Rotated to CONUS
- i. Capt C. R. STICHTER - Rotated to CONUS
- j. Maj J. S. SEEBURGER - Reassigned to Collection
- k. Sgt J. C. VALENTINE - Medevac to CONUS
- l. Sgt E. J. BEHAN - Rotated to CONUS

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SECRETGROUND SURVEILLANCE SECTION1. ORGANIZATION:

a. The personnel strength of the Ground Surveillance Section was increased by the joining of eight Marines. The on-hand strength of the Ground Surveillance Section is four officers and 49 enlisted Marines.

Personnel Losses

None

Projected Losses

CHAMBERS, O.S.      Capt      09 16 88/2502      RTD: 19 May 69

Personnel Gains

ABEE, R.L.	Sgt	199 36 67/2111	Joined: 28 Apr 69
BUDET, J.	PFC	249 72 22/0311/9940	Joined: 12 Apr 69
DAVIS, J.N.	PFC	250 86 48/0341	Joined: 12 Apr 69
DUDECK, D.P.	PFC	249 43 15/0341	Joined: 6 Apr 69
GILBRIDE, G.L.	PFC	244 65 34/0331	Joined: 12 Apr 69
MINER, M.E.	PFC	245 31 05/0331/8651	Joined: 12 Apr 69
SQUIRES, R.H.	PFC	235 88 38/8651	Joined: 12 Apr 69
ZISKOVSKY, M.J.	PFC	246 38 73/0311	Joined: 12 Apr 69

2. TRAINING:

a. The fourth Electronic Surveillance Team (Delta Team) commenced training on 16 April and is scheduled for deployment to Camp Elliot (Rockpile) on or about 1 May 1969.

b. The NCOIC conducted a sensor emplacement training class for Reconnaissance Team "Deer Fern" from 9-10 April 1969. The training schedule included emplacement of the Minihandsid, Pirid, Gsid and Magid.

c. The NCOIC conducted a sensor emplacement training class from 15-16 April 1969 for Reconnaissance Team "Hungarian". The training included the emplacement of Minihandsids, Pirids, Gsids and Magids.

d. Two Marines from the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines were trained in the employment and preventive maintenance aspects of the AN/PPS-6 Radar during the period 16-20 April 1969.

3. LIAISON:

a. During the reporting period the following staff visits were made by personnel of the Ground Surveillance Section:

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(1) From 1 through 5 April 1969, the Assistant Ground Surveillance Officer and the G-2, TFH, made a liaison visit to Task Force ALPHA, NKP, Thailand and the 553d Reconnaissance Wing, Korat, Thailand. Discussions and briefings included BATCAT reporting and response to sensor targetings.

(2) On 9 and 10 April 1969 the Ground Surveillance Officer made a staff visit to III MAF relative to sensor intelligence reporting.

(3) On 16 April 1969 the Assistant Ground Surveillance Officer made staff visit to VMO-6 to discuss installation and modification kits on OV-10 aircraft to facilitate air delivery of sensors.

(4) On 18 April 1969 the Assistant Ground Surveillance Officer made staff visit to Fourth Marines and Task Force HOTEL to discuss methods of improving reaction time to BATCAT generated targets.

(5) On 19 April 1969 the Assistant Ground Surveillance Officer conducted a briefing on the sensor programs for Task Force HOTEL, Chief of Staff and the Ninth Marines Staff officers.

(6) On 20 April 1969 the Assistant Ground Surveillance Officer briefed Brigadier General BENNET at III MAF in Duel Blade progress.

(7) During period 20-22 April 1969 the Assistant Ground Surveillance Officer participated in FY-70, 71 Marine Corps sensor budget planning conference at MACV, Saigon.

(8) On 27 April 1969 the Ground Surveillance Officer made a staff visit to XXIV Corps in connection with proposed sensor operations during upcoming Operation APACHE SNOW.

(9) On 28 April 1969 the Assistant Ground Surveillance Officer made a liaison visit to Vandegrift Combat Base to discuss sensor and surveillance matters with Task Force HOTEL and Fourth Marines.

b. Visits by distinguished guests and representatives of other Commands involving the Ground Surveillance Section were as follows:

(1) On 2 April 1969 LtCol TOLLE, MCDEC, Quantico, Virginia, and Mr. RICHEY, Naval Warfare Center, made a staff visit in connection with use of AN/PPS-6 headset with the AN/PPS-10 Radar.

(2) On 2 April 1969 the Ground Surveillance Officer briefed Colonel MORE and his Department of Army STAINO team on sensor operations in the Division AO.

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(3) On 4 April 1969 Major CLOUGH III MAF G-4 made a staff visit to discuss Duel Blade equipment requirements.

(4) On 9 April 1969, Dr. DUDZINSKY, Rand Corporation representative to MACV Scientific Advisory Office, made a visit to be briefed on the Division's sensor operations.

(5) On 10 April 1969, Major ACOSTA, COMUSMACV, J3-04 made a staff visit to receive an orientation briefing on the Division sensor operations.

(6) On 18 April 1969, Major KEITH, XXIV Corps and Lieutenant SUMNER, 101st Airborne, made a staff visit to receive an orientation briefing on the Division's sensor operations.

(7) On 20 April 1969, the Ground Surveillance Officer briefed Rear Admiral BARDSHAW, JCS, on Duel Blade/Duffel Bag programs.

(8) On 25 April 1969, Lieutenant Colonel ESCHHOLZ, III MAF R & D and Mr. PAYNE, Navy Laboratory Representative, made a staff visit relative to testing and evaluating 1KW Xenon Searchlight.

(9) On 26 April 1969, the Ground Surveillance Officer briefed CG FMFPAC and CG III MAF on Duel Blade/Duffel Bag programs, followed by a visit to the Con Thien Sensor Readout Site.

#### 4. OPERATIONS:

a. On 1 April a team led by the Assistant Ground Surveillance Maintenance Officer emplaced string 123 along southern boundary of the DMZ in the central sector of the Division.

b. On 12 April 1969 a team led by the Ground Surveillance NCOTC emplaced strings 116 and 117 west of Con Thien.

c. On 2 April 1969 string 147 was emplaced in the Ba Long Valley by emplacement team EVERSHARP.

d. On 13 April 1969, an emplacement team led by the Assistant Ground Surveillance Maintenance Officer returned from emplacing string 149 in the Ba Long Valley during Operation ELLIS RAVINE.

e. On 14 April 1969 emplacement team DEER FERN was shot out of the landing zone when attempting a clandestine seeding along Route 926 near the Laotian border.

f. On 18 April Task Force ALPHA air delivered strings 63133, 63135, 63141 and 64238 in the western portion of the Division Area of

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g. On 21 and 22 April Task Force ALPHA air delivered string 63136 and 63134 respectively in the northwest corner of the Division A0.

h. On 24 April an emplacement team led by the Ground Surveillance Maintenance Chief emplaced strings 146 and 148 in the Dakrong Valley and established a mobile readout site at LZ Tuba.

i. On 24 April the Ground Surveillance Section at Dong Ha assumed receipting authority for BATCAT sequences.

j. On 27 April Task Force ALPHA air delivered string 64204 near FSB Greene.

k. On 28 April Emplacement Teams DEER FERN and HUNGARIAN emplaced strings 153 and 154 along Route 926.

l. On 29 April Task Force ALPHA reseeded Acoubuoy string 63133 in the northwest corner of the Division A0.

m. On 30 April Task Force ALPHA air delivered strings 31041, 31051, 31101 and 31151 in the DMZ.

5. COLLECTIONS AND REPORTING:

a. AN/TPS-25: During the reporting period 350 targets were acquired with 34 being fired upon by mixed artillery and naval gunfire. In all cases results were unobserved; however, movement ceased.

b. AN/PFS-5: Eighty-five targets were acquired during April with 54 fired upon by mixed artillery, naval gunfire, 60mm and 81mm mortars, M-79 and 40mm Dusters. Results were unobserved with the exception of a report from Surveillance Team ALFA at A-4, who reported 5 NVA KIA (C) on the night of 15 April 1969.

c. AN/TVS-4: Eight targets were acquired by the NOD during April with seven of the targets being fired upon with M-79, mixed artillery, 60mm and 81mm mortars and 40mm Dusters. All results were unknown, with the exception of blood trails and bloody bandages found on two occasions.

d. AN/PVS-2: Negative targets were reported during the month.

e. SENSORS: During the month of April 1969 sensors acquired 466 targets which were cleared for fire and 6,027 rounds of mixed artillery, naval gunfire, mortars and dusters were fired in response. Total damage assessment was 38 secondary explosions.

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## LOGISTICS

1. Significant Eventsa. General

- (1) Material Management Unit, G-4 Section formed on 1 April 1969.
- (2) Commencing 1 April 1969, the 3d Marine Division Food Service Team was put into operation.
- (3) On 1 April, 50 personnel from the 9th Marines went aboard the Valley Forge for an orientation visit.
- (4) On 6 April the 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion commenced a stand-down in preparation for being placed in cadre status effective 1 May.
- (5) On 9 April a CH-53 crashed on the VCB LSA starting a fire which eventually cooked off the ammunition staged thereon. The LSA was a 100% loss.
- (6) On 11 April a team was dispatched to VCB LSA to survey the loss of equipment and facilities plus estimate the time to rebuild same.
- (7) On 12 April, as an interim measure the old LSA at VCB was activated for CH-46 lifts. All heavy lifts will originate from Quang Tri, until the new LSA at VCB is prepared to accept heavy lifts.
- (8) On 12 April representatives of G-4, Division Engineer, Shore Party Battalion and Task Force Hotel surveyed the former LSA and determined a site and plan for an improved LSA. The new site will include the old LSA and an additional area immediately adjacent thereto. The Commanding General, Task Force Hotel was briefed on the proposed plan and it received his complete concurrence. It was anticipated that operations would be able to commence from the new site in approximately two weeks.
- (9) On April 14 VCB received approximately six (6) rounds of 122mm rockets. A ten-thousand (10,000) gallon fuel bladder and discharge hoses were destroyed. MAG-39 replaced these losses.
- (10) On 16 April at 1250 a fire was started at the Dong Ha Boat Ramp by the ARVN who were burning grass near bunkers. The fire spread to fuel lines next to the Dong Ha Ramp which resulted in the loss of four-hundred (400) feet of discharge line, two-thousand (2000) gallons of MOGAS, two-thousand (2000) gallons of diesel fuel and five-hundred (500) gallons of JP-4.
- (11) A Division Logistic Conference was conducted on 18 April 1969.
- (12) Colonel E. C. DRESBACH Jr. reported aboard on 18 April 1969 to assume the duties of Division Supply Officer.

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(13) Procedures have been established to man one (1) 530B fire fighting truck at VCB. The truck will be on loan from FLSC-B and the personnel will come from Headquarters Battalion. The personnel commenced training on 25 April for two (2) days at the Dong Ha Station.

(14) A Division Supply Officers' Conference was conducted on 27 April 1969.

(15) During the month of April, operating out of three (3) LSA's there were one-thousand three-hundred twenty-four (1,324) CH-46 lifts, six-hundred twenty-four (624) CH-47 lifts, nine-hundred sixty-one (961) CH-53 lifts and nine (9) CH-54 lifts. Total short tons lifted were six-thousand seven-hundred twenty-four (6,724).

b. Combat Damage. During the month of April the following major items of equipment sustained combat damage:

<u>TYPE EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
Tank M48A3	201808	Mine	Repairs in Progress
Tank M48A3	202112	Mine	Repairs in Progress
Tank M48A3	202019	Mine	Recovery in Progress
Tank M48A3	202157	Mine	Recovery in Progress
Tank M67A2	211236	Mine	Recovery in Progress
Tank M67A2	211249	Mine	Repaired

c. Truck Convoys. During the month of April:

(1) The 9th Motor Transport Battalion operated 120,495 miles, transporting 10,891 short tons of cargo and 38,421 personnel.

(2) The 3d Motor Transport Battalion operated 65,319 miles, transporting 4,217 short tons of cargo and 16,522 personnel.

(3) There were four-hundred eighty-one (481) convoys operated in support of the 3d Marine Division.

d. Embarkation

Air Lifts:

Danang to Dong Ha via C130/C123      2,393 S/T

Sea Lifts:

191 LCU/YFUs carried	24,807 S/T
22 LSTs carried	6,715 S/T
63 Fuel barges carried	10,755 S/T
TOTAL	42,277 S/T

Motor Transport Convoy from Dong Ha to VCB: 8,825 S/T



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e. Food Services. During the month of April 1969 the 3d Marine Division Food Service Program consisted of forty-six (46) operational messes supported by four-hundred twenty-six (426) OF 33 Personnel. Of the total messes in operation, thirty-one (31) are semi-permanent field messes housed in TFCS structures and the remaining fifteen (15) are temporary field messes. Subsistence support provided Army, Navy and Marine Corps personnel of this command average 38,339 rations daily. Approximately 27% of the total rations fed daily consisted of Meal, Combat, Individual and approximately 73% were subsisted on the III MAF Master Menu. The III MAF Master Menu is based on MCO F10110.17, Chapter 4 and uses both perishable and non-perishable components. The Meal, Combat, Individual is utilized only where operational requirements preclude serving the III MAF Master Menu.

f. Supply. The following items of supply were critical as of the end of the month:

NAVMC 10577	Mine Detectors
NAVMC 10627	LVTE-1
Magazine .45 Cal	Truck, Utility M151
Sling 20,000 lb.	Truck, Ambulance M718
Gas Mask	Trailer, Water M149
Box, Mount out	Starter
Helmet, Steel	Regulator
Body Armor	Generator
Trousers, Utility	Track
Jacket, Utility	Road Wheel
Oxygen	Engine Eimco
Acetylene	Blower Assy

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DIVISION ENGINEER

1. The following units have provided engineer support within the 3d Marine Division AO during the month of April 1969:

- a. 3d Engineer Battalion
- b. 11th Engineer Battalion
- c. 3d Shore Party Battalion
- d. U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 128
- e. U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 62
- f. 14th Engineer Battalion (Army)
- g. Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion (Army)
- h. 101st Engineer Battalion (ARVN)
- i. Naval Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 301

2. Major engineering projects within the 3d Marine Division AO include:  
(Map coordinates if used are taken from MAP: Vietnam AMS Series L70114, Sheets 6442III, 6442II, and 6342I)

a. Maintenance/upgrading of Route #1. Upgrading of Route #1 continued to bring Route #1 to MACV standards. Widening and rocking continued with 27,962 cubic yards of laterite and 12,168 tons of rock being placed from the vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base YD353512 to the southern edge of the Division AO YD486368. General repairs to bridges and culverts were performed as required.

b. Maintenance/upgrading of Route #9. Asphalt was placed on approximately 3 miles of Route #9 from Dong Ha Combat Base YD230604 to YD170587. Bridge 9-10 was destroyed by enemy action on 20 April 1969 and was restored by 23 April 1969. LCB-62 has performed continuous maintenance on Route #9 from YD114580 to YD043565 repairing damage caused by engineer mine sweep teams destroying enemy found mines in place.

c. Maintenance/upgrading of Route #561. Maintenance of Route #561 is continuous. The upgrading from Cam Lo YD135592 to A-4 YD116702 with a 4" lift of rock continues and is approximately 46% complete.

d. Upgrading of Route #560. The upgrading of Route #560 to a one lane, class 30, all weather road with turnouts from Quang Tri YD335537 to Bo Bang YD332628 and a two lane class 30, all weather sand cement road from Bo Bang to Cua Viet YD339682 has been tasked to the 14th Engineer Battalion. The section from Quang Tri to Bo Bang is to be 3 ft above sea

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level. The section from Bo Bang to Qua Viet is to be 23 ft wide with stabilized 4' shoulders and minimum of 8 ft above sea level.

e. Land Clearing. Land clearing operations along Route #9 have been completed with a total of 1340 acres cleared from Elliott Combat Base, YD995560 to YD088574. Land clearing operations along Route #561 have been completed with a total of 2258 acres cleared from A-4, YD116702 to C-3, YD1145614.

f. Civic Action. Repairs were made to the Thon Cam Vu irrigation system YD185615 in order to reclaim the farmland in the recently reoccupied village of Thon Cam Vu. Repairs included the filling in of a 60 ft gap in the channeled ditch completed by the 11th Engineer Battalion, and repairs to the water pumps completed by MCB-62.

g. Airfields. The extension of the 1500 ft existing runway at Vandegrift Combat Base to 2000 ft was approved and the work was completed in April 1969.

3. Sequential Listing of Significant Events. 1-30 April 1969

- 2 April 1969 - "A" Co, 102nd Engineer Battalion (ARVN) moved to A-2 to start construction of 3 Duel Blade bunkers.
- 3 April 1969 - Repairs to bridge 1-2 were completed by NMCE-7.
- 4 April 1969 - Chieu Hoi Hamlet civic action project was completed.
- 5 April 1969 - III MAF arranged for priority to be placed on repair of 20KW, 30KW and 60KW generators belonging to the 3d Marine now held at repair facilities.
- 8 April 1969 - Co "A", 101st Engineer Battalion (ARVN) started construction of 2 Duel Blade bunkers at C-1.
- 9 April 1969 - The LSA at VCB was destroyed when a helicopter crashed and burned, exploding staged ordnance.
- 12 April 1969 - VCB LSA area cleared of ordnance by MOD. Construction of new LSA started.
- 13 April 1969 - III MAF released 2000 ton of crushed rock for use at VCB-LSA.
- 15 April 1969 - LtCol WALTER L. PERSAC replaced LtCol JOHN R. LILLEY as Division Engineer.
- 20 April 1969 - Sweep teams found and destroyed 46 mines along Route #9. Bridge 9-10 was destroyed by enemy action.
- 21 April 1969 - Reconstruction of bridge 9-10 started.

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23 April 1969 - Reconstruction of bridge 9-10 completed.

25 April 1969 - Land clearing operations along Route #561 completed. A total of 2258 acres cleared.

28 April 1969 - Construction of a new Fire Support Base (FSB Gaucho) at YD097243 started.

30 April 1969 - Repair of Thon Cam Vu irrigation canal completed.

4. Engineer Vehicles Damaged due to enemy action. No engineer equipment was reported damaged or lost due to enemy action in April.

5. Major Military Construction Projects Completed

a. Construction of the entrance road to the Quang Tri Chieu Hoi Hamlet was completed.

b. The clearing of fields of fire around Quang Tri Combat Base was completed.

c. A 3000 gallon water tank was installed for 3d Bn, 12th Mar at Quang Tri Combat Base.

d. Land reclamation at Quang Tri Chieu Hoi Center was successful.

e. Construction of (54) 18'x24' bunkers throughout Vandegrift Combat Base completed.

f. Excavation of trash dumps for Quang Tri Combat Base completed.

g. Construction of (23) 8'x8' bunkers throughout Vandegrift completed.

h. Construction of generator shed for "C" Bn at Vandegrift Combat Base completed.

i. Construction of 20' tower at Dong Ha Combat Base completed.

j. Renovation of 3d MarDiv Officers Club at Dong Ha Combat Base completed.

k. Renovation of COC bunker at Dong Ha Combat Base completed.

l. Construction of (12) 8'x8' bunkers, (8) 10'x24' bunkers and 6 gun pits at Cua Viet completed.

m. Reconstruction of the 200'x500' LSA at Vandegrift Combat Base completed.

n. Construction of (1) 20'x32' dental bunker at Quang Tri Combat Base completed.

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o. The 500' extension to the existing airstrip at Vandegrift Combat Base completed.

p. Construction of the 20'x64' bunker for the LSA at Vandegrift Combat Base completed.

q. Construction of 4 dive bunkers at Cua Viet completed.

r. Construction of a 100'x100' LZ at C-2 YDL35645 completed.

#### Fire Support Bases Completed or Abandoned

a. FSB Whisman YD973334 consisting of (6) 105 gun pits, 2 ammunition berms, 2 landing zones: (1) 10 meters by 30 meters, (1) 35 meters by 60 meters, and 8 bunkers of various sizes was completed.

b. FSB McClintock YD045298 consisting of (4) 155 gun pits, (6) 105 gun pits, 4 ammunition berms, (3) 12'x20' bunkers and (1) LZ 100'x150' was completed.

c. FSB Greene was abandoned. (XD744606)

d. FSB Alpine was abandoned. (XD755530)

#### 6. Base Development

a. A Base Development Board meeting was held on 29 April at DHCB. BGen FULLER was chairman of the meeting and a new priority list for the 3d Marine Division Sub-Area was promulgated.

b. DHCB: NMCB-62 relieved NMCB-7 on 2 April and has assumed construction responsibilities at this base. All projects are continuing on schedule with a major effort being put into Route #9 from DHCB to Cam Lo.

c. QTCB: NMCB-128 continued its work on schedule and during the month completed nine projects. The following projects were completed for MAG-39:

- (1) Aircraft parking apron
- (2) Shower for MAG-39 and 20th TASS
- (3) (2) 40'x96' aircraft hangars
- (4) Aircraft crash facility

A mail handling facility was completed for 15th Aerial Port. In the 4th CAG area, a power distribution system was installed and 7 Seahuts were completed.

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**7. Combat Operations**

a. Total number of mine sweeps conducted, visual/deliberate - 404

b. Total kilometers swept - 2507

c. Mines and Booby traps destroyed

12-Antitank mines	16-M79 rds
3-Home made mines	3-81mm rds
25lb-US tnt	16-40mm rds
5-Russian Antitank mines	4-German AT mines
2-Plastic AT mines	4-Anti-Personnel mines
10-Claymore mines	5-60mm rds
6-105 WP rds	1-82mm rds
3-LAAW	3-3.5
2-M26 grenades	2-RPG rds

d. Tunnels Destroyed. There were no tunnel teams employed during the month of April.e. Enemy Facilities/Ordnance Destroyed

Destroyed 266 bunkers of various sizes	786,000 - 7.62 rds
7500 - 12.7 rds	1036 - 60mm rds
63 - 75mm recoilless rifle rds	100 - 57mm recoilless rifle rds
5052 - 82mm rds	3884 - RPG rds
24 - 82mm rds	150 lbs - TNT
657 - Chicom grenades	153 - DH-10 claymores
3705 - 50 cal rds	7 - AK-47 rifles
5261 - AK-47 rds	2 - 105mm rds
8 - 61mm rds	5 - M79 rds
500 - SKS rds	1000 - 30 cal rds

f. Engineers in Combat Support Roles

Company Headquarters and 3 platoons in direct support of the 4th Marines  
 Company Headquarters and 3 platoons in direct support of the 3d Marines  
 Company Headquarters and 3 platoons in direct support of the 9th Marines

**8. Duel Blade**

ARVN construction forces began construction of 2nd generation bunkers at A2 and C1. Emphasis of construction has been given to A2. Material for 8 bunkers were issued (3 at C1 and 5 at A2).

Liaison with artillery units revealed that the CY69 gun pad requirements submitted in March were no longer valid due to tactical changes and therefore were deleted from the CY69 construction schedule.

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A review of the Dual Blade materials declared excess by III MAF was made and our requirements for these materials were made known to III MAF.

Bridge 9-14 was completed 1 April. There were a total of 4 sections of culvert damaged by enemy action at two locations on Route #1 which were replaced by MCB-62. On 20 April bridge 9-10 was damaged by enemy action and replaced by 23 April. Work on the Cam Lo bridge continues and is approximately 30% complete. The 11th Engineer Battalion continues to up grade Route #561. Asphalt paving was resumed on Route #9. A total of approximately 6 miles has been completed from DHCB to the Vinh Dai rock crusher. On 1 May asphalt paving will be resumed on Route #1 from DHCB to QTCB.

At A4 water was reached at 160' however it kept being lost. As a result a 12" casing is being installed and by 30 April a depth of 86' had been reached.

The only problem area encountered in April was the shortage of certain materials for the 2nd generation bunkers, however, III MAF was responsive and 90% of the shortages should be satisfied by early May.

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## COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Command Post Communications

a. Established AN/MRC-62 radio relay shots from Vandegrift Combat Base (VCB) to LZ Sierra and LZ Whisman.

b. Established AN/TRC-27 radio relay shots from Dong Ha Combat Base (DHCB) to Con Thien and Cam Lo.

c. Continued radio relay shots from Quang Tri Combat Base (QTCB) to VC and from DHCB to VCB. These shots serve 3d Marine Division Forward (DMCB) and Rear (QTCB) to Task Force Hotel, 3d Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Regiment and 9th Marine Regiment at VCB.

2. New Equipment

a. AN/PRC-88 operation for the month of April showed a lack of training in communication security. Commanders have been directed to train all personnel in correct procedure and communication security.

b. AN/PRC-77 continues on admin deadline until repair parts become available.

3. Functional Areas

a. Communication Center continued high capacity operations by handling 56,273 messages during the month of April. The communication center has been remodeled internally to improve working conditions, but several problem areas still persist. They are:

- (1) Air conditioning.
- (2) Cleanliness.
- (3) Shortage of personnel.
- (4) Shortage of spare parts for teletype and cryptographic equipment and test equipment.

## b. Radio Relay Links in Operation

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|---------------|---------|
| (1) AN/MRC-62 | 4 Links |
| (2) AN/TRC-27 | 3 Links |
| (3) AN/TRC-97 | 3 Links |



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## c. Wire

(1) Continued maintenance of multi-pair cable at Dong Ha and Vandegrift Combat Bases.

(2) 7th Communication Battalion sent a two man team and equipment to aid in locating, marking and repairing buried cable.

(3) 2000 feet of 50 pair cable was installed to support MASS 2 in their increased capacity.

d. AUTOSEVOCOM (Secord 80), handled 325 calls. Activation of MAG-39 subscriber is being held up until line conditioning is satisfactory for use.

e. Facilities Control Center. Implementation of data processing information on circuit designator termination, outages and history was introduced in April. The program analysis of reasons for circuit outages is being prepared. The purpose is to indicate personnel and equipment failures to aid in resolving time discrepancies and alleviate outages.

4. Maintenance

a. The following units were inspected.

Communication Company, Headquarters Battalion (Courtesy)  
3d Recon Battalion and 3d Force Recon Company  
4th Marine Regiment  
3d Shore Party Battalion  
3d Battalion, 4th Marines  
3d Recon Battalion (Courtesy)  
3d Motor Transport Battalion (Courtesy)  
4th Battalion, 12th Marines (Courtesy)  
CMR Platoon, HqCo, 12th Marines (Courtesy)  
3d Battalion, 12th Marines (Courtesy)

b. Distributed R&E assets of Switchboard, SB-22/PT.

5. Admin

a. Division Order PO2000.2G Ch 7, changes of call signs, frequencies and "M" designators was printed and distributed to the Division.

b. Work continues on rewriting/updating of the Division Communication Standing Operating Procedures (COMMSOP).

c. A "Message Drafter's Guide" is being prepared to aid the drafters in following correct format, precedence and classification.

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d. Division Order 2100.1 was published and distributed to the Division. This Order designates the Communications-Electronics Officer as the Staff Section to receipt for teletype message traffic.

6. Staff Visits. The CEO went to Task Force Hotel (2), Cua Viet (1), C-2 (1) and Danang (2).

7. Generator down status continues to impair this Division's ability to maintain a mobile posture.

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DIVISION SURGEON1. PERSONNEL:

- a. Division Surgeon: CAPT G. E. WIRE, JR. MC USN
- b. Medical Administrative Officer: CDR W. B. MC DUFFIE  
MSC USN
- c. Navy Personnel (less dental):

	<u>On Board</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>Detached</u>
Line (NGF) Officers	14	1	1
JAG Officers	1	0	0
CHC Officers	32	4	2
MC Officers	70	9	2
MSC Officers	13	1	2
NC Officers	0	0	1
*HC Enlisted	1018	96	76
*HC Enlisted WIA:	22		
*HC Enlisted KIA:	0		
*HC Enlisted Killed			
Non-Hostile:	1		

2. DISEASE AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE:

- a. There were a total of 312 cases of malaria for the Division with a malaria incidence rate of 14.6/1000/month or 175.3/1000/year.
- b. A total of 88 cases of venereal diseases were reported by the medical sections for a total incidence rate of 4.2/1000/month or 50.6/1000/year. Breakdown revealed 83 cases of Gonorrhea, 5 cases of Chancroid, 0 cases of Syphilis, and 0 cases of Lymphogranuloma Venereum.
- c. There were 7 cases of animal bites reported to the 3d Medical Battalion, 1 dog bite and 6 rat bites.
- d. 4 cases of immersion foot were seen by 3d Medical Battalion.

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3d Dental Company

The 3d Dental Company provides dental support throughout the TAOR of the 3d Marine Division to personnel of the Division. In addition, it provides dental prosthetic treatment and dental repair preventive maintenance services to Navy and Marine personnel of NSA, 1st MAW and MCB units in the TAOR. Assistance to Graves Registration is provided in identification of the dead. Company personnel provide support to the Marine Memorial Children's Hospital at "D" Medical facility, Dong Ha. DENTCAP support to the GVN/3d Marine Division pacification program continues with dental teams supporting several Marine/ARVN/Army "County Fair" cordon-and-search operations during the month. DENTCAP support to the Combined Action Platoon of Combined Action Group Four was completely curtailed during the month due to their revised tactical operations schedule and increased mining of secondary roads. The Company was inspected by the Force Dental Officer, FMFPAC, during the period 3-5 April. A visit was received from the Inspector-General, Dental, on 24 April. The active Fire Support Base support program continued with dental team visits to position C-2 (Cam Lo Hill), Fire Support Bases Alpine, Greene, Russell, Neville, Sierra and Landing Zones Dodge and Kilo. Dental support to the R & R battalion rehabilitation area at Cua Viet was initiated during the month. The additional reinforced bunker at Vandegrift Combat Base was nearly completed and will become operational the first week of May, increasing the dental support available to forward maneuver battalions to a total of three dental officers and three technicians.

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## PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel Administration

a. During the month of April 1969, 50 officers and 2032 enlisted personnel joined the Division. Personnel transferred by normal rotation included 62 officers and 944 enlisted. Personnel transferred by service records due to MedEvacs were four officers and 467 enlisted. Other personnel transferred by service records include one officer and 32 enlisted.

b. Awards. Award recommendations submitted to FMFPac: one Medal of Honor, eight Navy Cross Medals, one Distinguished Service Medal, 35 Silver Star Medals, two Legion of Merit Medals, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 146 Bronze Star Medals, two Air Medals, 120 Navy Commendation Medals, 22 Navy Achievement Medals. The following awards were returned from FMFPac approved: 10 Silver Star Medals, one Distinguished Flying Cross, 44 Bronze Star Medals, five Air Medals, 24 Navy Commendation Medals, 184 Navy Achievement Medals. Additionally 404 Purple Heart Medals were issued.

c. Casualty. Casualties sustained during the month included: 407 WIA, 50 KIA, four DOW, 11 NHD, 162 NHI and 0 MIA.

d. Congressional Interest. During the month, 174 cases were received, 139 cases completed, 56 cases pending and 18 cases readdressed to other commands.

e. Welfare Reports. Sixty-eight welfare reports were received, 47 completed, 19 readdressed to other commands, and four are pending.

f. Discharges. During the month, eight Hardship Discharges were approved, one Hardship Discharge was forwarded to CMC for decision and one is pending.

g. Administrative Assistance Team

(1) Approximately 95 hours of administrative assistance was rendered to various units within the Division.

(2) The following units were inspected (G-1 portion of CG Inspection) regarding personnel accounting and management and administrative matters:

3d Reconnaissance Battalion  
3d Shore Party Battalion

(3) In addition to regular office work and conducting the G-1 portion of the CG Inspections, this Headquarters rendered courtesy inspections to the following commands:

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Company "C", 3d Medical Battalion  
 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (prior to CG's Inspection)  
 3d Shore Party Battalion (prior to CG's Inspection)

h. Reproduction. During the month of April, the Reproduction Section received 518 job requests totaling 1,292,000 printed copies. During the same period the Reproduction Sub-Section at Dong Ha received 172 job requests totaling 594,445 printed copies. All vehicles and equipment are in operational order. Three of the five air-conditioners are in Code H status. One air-conditioner is on loan from III MAF Reproduction, one of the two remaining on the vans is inoperational due to a bad compressor motor, which has been requisitioned and received.

i. Industrial Relations

- (1) The LNC payroll for April was 3,603,350 piasters.
- (2) 26,600 piasters were expended during the month of April for the AIK funds.
- (3) As of 30 April, a total of 713 LNC's are working for the 3d Marine Division.
- (4) 80,000 sandbags were filled during the month.

j. Administration. Sixteen requests for early release for college were received, nine approved, six returned for resubmission and one was disapproved. There were a total of 171 officer promotions and 12 enlisted promotions forwarded to units of the Division. A total of 28 Division Directives and two Sub-Zone Coordinator Directives were published.

2. Exchange Service

a. Operations

- (1) Sales for the month of April - \$970,146.30
- (2) Inventory as of 30 April - \$1,667,934.06

b. Significant Events

- (1) The snack bar located in the Quang Tri Air terminal has been opened for business on a limited basis until the walk in refrigerator is installed.
- (2) A total of 700 pallets of general type merchandise and 600 pallets of soda have been received this past month from Danang.
- (3) New store fixtures consisting of showcases, checkout stands, etc. have been received from Danang and they will be placed in the Exchange following the inventory.

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(4) The 3d Marine Division Exchange completed the March accounting period with sales of one million, two thousand dollars for the month. This is the first time one million dollars has been generated in this Division's Exchange.

(5) A new barber shop has been built and opened for business at Quang Tri. This has allowed the laundry facility to expand its operation. Both facilities will now provide a better operation for the customers.

(6) Work is progressing on the sandwich preparation facility to be opened at Quang Tri. This facility will provide sandwiches for all Exchange snack bars in the 3d Marine Division.

### 3. Information Services

a. Major F. L. GOULD assumed the duties as 3d Marine Division Informational Services Officer on 2 April. Captain C. A. ROBINSON Jr. received orders to the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.

b. The Informational Services Office continued its coverage of the Division's activities. During the month of April, 3,026 written Fleet Home Town News releases were forwarded to the Fleet Home Town News Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. In addition, a total of 57 news and feature articles supported by 29 photographs and five photo caption releases were forwarded to CIB, III MAF for release and further dissemination. The total number of releases made was 62.

c. The ISO's Radio/TV section produced and forwarded to Headquarters Marine Corps 11 tape recorded radio features. In addition, the Radio section also produced 93 tape recorded interviews and 395 tape recorded Mother's Day greetings for the Fleet Home Town News Center. The Radio section also produced six written spot announcements concerning the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital at the Quang Tri AFVN TV station.

d. Work on the next edition of the 3d Marine Division magazine has begun. At this time, work consists primarily of research and consolidation.

e. Information Services personnel provided support (briefings, escorts, transportation and billeting) to 13 civilian news media representatives and one Leatherneck Magazine writer who visited the 3d Marine Division TAOR during the month of April.

### 4. Special Services

a. On 2 April, an all military USO show, the "Six Pack of Jazz" performed at 3d Medical Battalion, the Gue Viet R&R Center and MCB-128.

b. On 5 April, the Vietnamese Entertainment Group performed for troops at Vandegrift Combat Base.

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c. On 15 April, an all military command touring show, "Shades of Jade", performed for troops at Vandegrift Combat Base and the Quang Tri Amphitheater.

d. On 22 April, a USO Variety Show, "Bryan with Heather Wood" performed for troops at the Quang Tri Amphitheater and the Dong Ha Indoor Theater.

e. During the month of April, the following items, among others (athletic equipment), were issued to Division personnel:

- (1) 18,900 writing kits
- (2) 6,200 paperback books
- (3) 88 game kits
- (4) 41 Criti-Pacs

f. During the past month, 1,566 cases of beer and 1,166 cases of soda were issued to Division personnel under the "Free Beer and Soda" Program.

g. Movie attendance during the reporting period totaled 6,620 at the Quang Tri Amphitheater.

h. 1,204 pre-recorded audio tapes were ordered during April.

i. The April Traffic Report from the Dong Ha MARS Station is as follows: Msg Orig-72, Msg Sent-1,070, Msg Recd-1,063. P/P Orig-1,521, P/P Recd-6, P/P Pri-23, P/P Hosp-0, P/P Official-0, DA/By-350.

j. On 24 April, the Quang Tri MARS Station began full scale operations with the following traffic reported: Msg Orig-57, Msg Sent-63, Msg Recd-118, P/P Orig-76, P/P Recd-0, P/P Pri-2, P/P Hosp-0, P/P Official-0, DA/By-11.

k. During the month of April, an interbase Volleyball Championship was sponsored with 3d Medical Battalion the overall Champions. The Dong Ha all-star team finished second.

l. April 4th, a 4.5 mile road race was sponsored with Headquarters Company winning the team title. FLSC-B placed second with the 3d Engineers team finishing third.

m. A basketball tournament commenced the past month in both the Dong Ha and Quang Tri Combat Bases.

n. High School (GED) and College (CCT-GE) testing resumed during the month of April with 16 high school (GED) tests being administered to personnel of 11th Engineer Battalion.

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o. Construction has been completed on the basketball court in the Quang Tri Combat Base.

p. On 24 April, a USO sponsored handshake tour, featuring Skip Young and three Hollywood starlets, attracted audiences totaling about 2,000 as they visited troops at the following places: Con Thien, Vandegrift, Gua Viet, Dong Ha, Quang Tri and 3d Med.

q. Approximately 4,000 troops were serviced at the Gua Viet R&R Center.

5. Division Band. During the month of April, the Division Band performed in 24 separate engagements. They consisted of the following: five People to People concerts, three Honor and Awards ceremonies, four troop concerts, three Easter ceremonies and nine change of command ceremonies. In addition to the above performances, the Division Band played morning colors at Quang Tri Combat Base.

6. Division Postal

a. The following figures represent poundage of U. S. Mail received and dispatched during the month of April.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>DISPATCHED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Quang Tri/Dong Ha	479,615	158,702	638,317

b. The main post office and dispatch section remain at Quang Tri, with postal dispatch and receiving office at Dong Ha Combat Base. Eight unit post offices and six mobile money order unit post offices continue to furnish all phases of postal service to the 3d Marine Division.

7. Provost Marshal

a. Traffic violations totaled 165 for the period as compared with 155 for the previous period. There were ten traffic accidents recorded, none of which were fatal. A two unit patrol is effective daily during hours of daylight between Dong Ha and Khe Gio Bridge.

b. A total of 27 Class I offenses and 135 Class II offenses were committed during the period. Thirty-six investigations were carried over from the previous period and 62 new cases were opened. Twenty-two cases were completed and a balance of 23 cases are carried over into the new period.

c. During the evening of 21 April, an NVA POW, Lang Quyet Thang, escaped from the POW facility at Dong Ha Combat Base. At approximately 2130 on 22 April, he was killed in a friendly mine field (YD234609). The body was discovered by elements of 2nd ARVN Regiment. Investigation is in progress.

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d. This unit continues to furnish a ready reaction force for Sector "C" of the Quang Tri Combat Base perimeter. During the hours of daylight, this unit furnishes security at five gate posts within Quang Tri Combat Base. Security is further provided on the gates to Dong Ha Combat Base. During hours of darkness, three posts are manned on the quarters of the Commanding General and the Assistant Division Commander.

8. Career Planner

a. During the month of April, a total of 17 Career Planning Reporting Units (Battalion/Battery) were visited at least once.

b. The Career Planning Section conducted three inspections during the month of April as part of the Division Administrative Inspection Team.

c. The following reenlistment results were obtained during the month of April:

<u>First Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
10.8%	75%	25.5%

9. Clubs. During the month, 36,880 cases of beer, 4,777 cases of snacks, 4,296 bottles of whiskey, 1,200 cartons of cigarettes, 24 beer coolers, 24 tape recorders and two TV sets were received at the warehouse located at Dong Ha Combat Base.

10. Staff Judge Advocate. During the month of April, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate reviewed 25 special courts-martial and 15 summary courts-martial. Six Judge Advocates were assigned as counsel for respondents at Administrative Discharge Boards; 72 for special courts-martial; 21 to act as Government and defense counsel and Investigation Officers in Article 32 investigations. The Legal Assistance Officer handled 14 cases and three battalions were inspected. The Division Judicial Activity received 85 cases and of these, 26 were tried and nine otherwise disposed of.

11. Chaplain Information

a. The month of April ended with a total of 31 chaplains attached to the 3d Marine Division. Of these, 20 are Protestant and 11 are Catholic.

b. The chaplains of the 3d Marine Division conducted 292 Sunday worship services with an attendance of 7,788 during April. Weekday worship services number 287 with a total attendance of 4,313. Included in the above figures are 213 communion services with 3,556 communicants.

c. Memorial services conducted were 23. The total attendance was 1,695.

d. There were 10 worship services conducted during April by Lay Leaders within the Division with a total attendance of 118.

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e. There were six bible classes held with a total attendance of 23.

f. During April, the listed chaplains of the 3d Marine Division participated in the following tactical operations:

(1) 3D MARINE DIVISION AO - Chaplains BRAY, BROCK, CHILDERS, DOERMANN, DRAKE, ECKER, FRANKLIN, HUMMER, RICHTER, SPENCER, WEAVER.

(2) MAINE CRAG - Chaplains AWES, BEDINGFIELD, BELL, DOERMANN, DOLAGHAN, HUBBLE, LABOON, RUBINO, SLATTERY, VAN TASSEL.

(3) PURPLE MARTIN - Chaplains ALLRED, BROCK, CARR, CRIST, DOERMANN, HUBBLE, SOSTRICH, SPENCER, WHITTAKER.

g. The chaplains of the 3d Marine Division delivered 17 lectures with a total attendance of 472 Marines.

h. The Division Chaplain conducted five weekly chaplain's meetings at Quang Tri with a total attendance of 90.

i. A Day of Retreat was conducted at Quang Tri by the Division Chaplain on 1 April, attended by 19 chaplains. Capt David J. CASSADY, USMC, a member of the Judge Advocate Section, presented an informative and interesting discussion of matters pertaining to the work of chaplains with legal aspects. He touched upon the functions of the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, court-martial policy, privileged communication, the Military Justice Act of 1968, chaplains as members of a court-martial, conscientious objectors, the Geneva Convention Accords regarding chaplains, proxy marriages and income tax questions.

j. Six chaplains from the Division and three Army chaplains in this area attended the chaplains' conference at XXIV Corps, Phu Bai, Monday, 7 April, then went on a sightseeing tour of Hue. The tour was conducted by an English-speaking Vietnamese guide. It included visits to the Imperial Tombs, to the Imperial City in the Citadel and to the Lange Pagoda Tower and Temple on the River Bank.

k. At the luncheon meeting of the Quang Tri - Thua Thien Chapter, Military Chaplains Association, on 7 April, new officers were elected. Capt John E. ZOLIER, CHC, USN, Division Chaplain, 3d Marine Division, was succeeded as president by Chaplain (LTC) Tom MCMINN, USA, Division Chaplain, 101st Division Airborne. LCDR William E. BRAY, CHC, USN, Battalion Chaplain, 3d Engineer Battalion, 3d Marine Division, was elected Vice-President.

#### 1. Civic Action

(1) Three chaplains participated in 10 MedCaps.

(2) Two chaplains provided six hours of teaching English in language classes for Vietnamese.

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(3) Three chaplains delivered clothing, medical supplies and food to a Vietnamese orphanage and a church.

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## G-5 (Civil Affairs)

## CIVIC ACTION/PERSONAL RESPONSE/PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. Division Civic Action Activitiesa. Medical Treatment

(1) A total of 24,710 Vietnamese civilians were treated by 3d Marine Division units at 161 MedCap/DentCaps during April 1969, to include 2,723 that received treatment at the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital (Dong Ha Facility).

(2) A total of 26 adults and children were evacuated to medical facilities.

(3) A total of 2,767 immunizations were given for plague, 756 for typhoid, and 33 for VD.

(4) A total of 54 nurses received training at unit MedCaps and at the Dong Ha Children's Hospital.

b. Educational Efforts

(1) A total of 1,873 people attended 94 English classes.

(2) In addition 140 people attended vocational training classes.

c. Distribution of Commodities. During April over 170 tons of supplies were issued by G-5 to 3d Marine Division units for distribution in civic action projects. This total included 280,000 pounds of cement, 3,000 pounds of lumber, 4,000 pounds of rebar and 14,000 pounds of tile. In addition, some 12,000 pounds of rice, 238 cases of instant breakfast, 1000 school kits, 40 civic action kits, 2 sewing machines, 39 cases of soap, 40 cases of medical supplies, 3 rice threshers, 600 Vietnamese language books, 30 cots, 25 blankets and 11 cases of diapers were distributed.

d. Civic Action Projects

(1) During April our close relations with the An Quang Buddhists of Quang Tri continued. Thich Chanh Truc, the leading Bonze, was invited and gave the Benediction at the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital at Quang Tri Combat Base on 9 April.

(2) During April 552,054 \$VN FWMAF AIK Funds was spent by 3d Marine Division units.

(3) On 9 April at the Quang Tri Combat Base, the Cornerstone for the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital was laid. Construction is proceeding rapidly with the hospital expected to be opened by the latter part of the Fall 1969. The ceremony was most impressive with both Vietnamese and American participation.

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(4) During April, G-5 initiated, continued construction on and completed the following projects:

(a) Initiated. Dai Nhat Dispensary, Nham Bieu Road (both in Mai Linh District), Bo De School (Cam Lo District).

(b) Continued. Bo De High School addition (Quang Tri City), Maternity Dispensary (Huong Hoa District), Cam Lo Dispensary (Cam Lo District), Ha Thanh Bus Station (Gio Linh District), La Vang Pig Farm (Mai Linh District), Quang Tri Province Hospital addition (Quang Tri City), Cua Viet School (Gia Linh District), Dong Ha City Hospital (Dong Ha District), Ai Tu Hamlet Pagoda (Trieu Phong District).

(c) On Going. Chieu Hoi Village vegetable project (Trieu Phong District), 4 T Program (Province wide), Ha Thanh vegetable project (Gio Linh District), and the 4th CAG Civic Action Program.

(d) Completed. Mac Vai Pig Cooperative (Dong Ha District), Dong Ha School repair (Dong Ha District), Maria Theresa High School repair (Quang Tri City), Father Neyroud's Trade School (Cam Lo District), Dong Ha Pagoda Repair (Dong Ha District), Bo Benh Refugee School (Trieu Phong District), and the Ta Tien Waterfront (Trieu Phong District).

(e) In addition 1,000 bags of cement were given to Quang Tri City Bonze for use in seven Buddhist projects.

## 2. Personal Response

a. The 26th Division Personal Response Instructor's Training Course convened on 21 April. Lasting for two days, 6 Officers and 11 Staff NCO's attended.

b. The 1969 Attitude Survey was completed and returned to III MAF with 3,898 personnel completing the form.

c. The Division Personal Response Council met on 15 April with 16 Division unit Personal Response Officers in attendance.

d. The Division Personal Response Officer, Staff NCO's and G-5 Administration Officer attended the First Personal Response Training Course conducted at III MAF on 1-3 April.

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3. Psychological Operations

a. During the month of April the Psychological Operations objectives were:

- (1) Support Chieu Hoi Program.
- (2) Lower NVA/VC morale.
- (3) Exploit NVA/VC battlefield losses.
- (4) Reduce mining and booby trap incidents.
- (5) Induce reporting of VC activity.
- (6) Discredit NVA/VC
- (7) Instill good health habits in the people.
- (8) Encourage support of the GVN.
- (9) Support the rewards program.
- (10) Support the rice protection program.

b. Psychological Operations supported all named operations and regimental TAOR's.

c. The following leaflets by type were delivered by aerial leaflet drop:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF LEAFLETS</u>
(1) Chieu Hoi	9,673,000
(2) NVA	20,036,000
(3) Rewards	5,409,000
(4) Others	4,534,000
(5) Pro-GVN (Rice Denial)	2,761,000

d. There were 56 hours and 35 minutes of aerial broadcasts covering the same basic themes in the same general areas as the leaflet drops.

e. There were 71 hours and 30 minutes of ground broadcasts in support of 3d Marines and 4th Marines in Quang Tri Province. General themes were: Current events, Chieu Hoi, Rewards, Support GVN, and Vietnamese music.

f. There were 14 movies shown for 9 hours. Themes used were: Cartoons, New Life For Our Hamlet, Drama #1, 4, and 8, Health Spots, Peter and the Wolf, The Wound, Vietnam, Magic Feather, Prowlers of the Everglades.

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g. There were 6,200 leaflets, posters, and Free South Newspapers distributed in Quang Tri Province.

h. Forty-six VC/NVA rallied through the Chieu Hoi Program in Quang Tri Province.

i. This month ground broadcasts have been on nine operations with 4th Marines and 1st Brigade, 5th Mech.

j. The NVA campaign was supported with NVA oriented leaflet drops throughout Quang Tri Province. In addition, Rally and Surrender Appeals were dropped on NVA locations and infiltration routes.

k. The Quang Tri Armed Propaganda Teams were deployed throughout the 3d Marine Division AO with CAG and 2nd ARVN's units. The APT's were being used to conduct face to face propaganda, identify VC, gather intelligence information and security for Quang Tri City.

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1. Formal Schools. Division units utilized formal schools as indicated during the period to supplement on-the-job training and locally conducted training as follows:

a. In-Country Schools

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
RPS Custodian	6	
Basic Supply Accounting	3	22
Motion Picture Projectionist		13
Vietnamese Language		8
RECORDS		6
Scout Sniper		19
Cable Splicing		2
SICC Leadership		61
Land Line Booby Traps		61
NCC School		28
KW-7		1

b. Out-of-Country Schools

CCM /SEC Crypto	1	1
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair		9
NCC Leadership		15
Basic Ammo Tech		9
Scuba		8
Spl Scuba	1	
Embarkation	6	7
Career Planning		9
Special Weapons	1	2
AO Ejection Seat	1	

2. Informal Schools. On the job training and contact team instruction continued to be the prime means of accomplishing technical training within the Division. The I-16 contact team presented 17½ hours of instruction to 209 Division personnel. Subjects were, care and cleaning and zeroing of the I-16 Rifle. Due to operational commitments, the NBC contact team did not present any NBC classes to Division units.

3. Kit Carson Scout School. A formal school is conducted within the Division to train Chieu Hoi as Kit Carson Scouts. During this reporting period 15 scouts were graduated and assigned to Division units. The Division presently employs 94 scouts.

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4. NGO School. A division school to train 1Cpl's and Corporals in General Military Subjects was initiated during this reporting period. The majority of personnel attending this course will be taken from infantry units. Presently the course is 4 days in duration and classes will be held on a monthly basis.

5. Drug Abuse Presentation Team. The Division Drug Abuse Team, consisting of representatives from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Division Surgeon's Office, Provost Marshall and the Division Chaplain's Office presented two classes to a total of 350 Division personnel at Cam Lo and Quang Tri Combat Base.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

019592 01 0730 Montana Mauler AO: An LP from F/2/9 located at FSB Fuller ambushed an unknown number of NVA. The area was searched and blood trails were found. 81 & 60mm mortars were called in support. There were no friendly casualties.

425532 01 2100 1/5 Mech AO: A PF plt from Hai Lang District made contact w/an unk size en force resulting in 1 en/KIA and 1 SKS capt'd.

362594 01 2130 1/5 Mech AO: A PF amb was triggered by an unknown size en force resulting in 1 en/KIA and 1 SKS capt'd.

417504 01 2300 1/5 Mech AO: An amb from 3/1 ARVN ambushed an est en sqd resulting in 3 en/KIA and 1 AK-47 capt'd.

828237 02 0300 Maine AO: An amb from E/2/3 along Route 926 engaged an est 30 NVA. Claymores and SAF were used against the en. 5 NVA were killed and the en were seen dragging off bodies. Arty was called in on possible withdrawal routes with unk results.

080622 02 0700 Montana Mauler AO: An element from D/1/11 detonated two directional type mines resulting in 1 FR KIA and 6 WIA(E).

369382 02 1050 1/5 Mech AO: The 2/1 ARVN found a small bnk complex and then engaged an est en plt w/SAF. The contact resulted in 18 NVA/KIA(C), 1 M-16, 13 SKS, 200 kilos of rice, 16 60mm mortar rounds and 3 kilos of medical supplies capt'd.

667573 02 1115 Purple Martin AO: A plt from A/1/4 made contact with an unknown size en force logged in bunkers. SAF was delivered on the en resulting in 1 NVA/KIA(C).

055563 02 1400 9th Marines AO: A 2 1/2 ton truck carrying personnel from a gun btry of the 5th 155 Guns overturned on the way to ECB. There was 1 NBQ(KIA) and 14 NBC(E).

218709 02 2212 1/5 Mech AO: The Senior Advisor from Gio Linh Sub Sector reported that a triple culvert on Rt #7 had been blown up making the road impassable.

319477 02 2215 1/5 Mech AO: An amb from C/1/61 triggered an amb with SAF on an est 3 NVA. There was 1 NVA/KIA(C), 1 K43 Sub MG and 2 packs capt'd.

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- 210692 03 0230 1/5 Mech AO: The 4/2 ARVN made contact w/an est NVA company. The contact resulted in 3 NVA/KIA(C) while the ARVN lost 1 WIA(E) and 2 WIA(M). 2 AK-47's were capt'd.
- 865148 03 0710 Maine Crag AO: An amb from A/1/3 obs'd an est 15 NVA moving toward bnks. Air and arty were delivered against the enemy, as well as SAF. A sweep of the area resulted in 3 NVA/KIA(C), 1 POW and misc 782 gear capt'd.
- 903228 03 0910 Maine Crag AO: A patrol from 3/2 ARVN made contact w/an unk size en force. There were 2 NVA/KIA(C) and 2 AK-47's capt'd.
- 894210 03 0930 Maine Crag AO: A ptl from B/1/3 made contact with an est en sqd. Mortar fire was directed against the en w/unk results. There were no casualties.
- 310680 03 2045 1/5 Mech AO: A PBR from River Security obs'd 2 en on the beach and took them under fire w/SA and M-79 w/unk results.
- 313468 03 2135 1/5 Mech AO: An amb from C/1/61 sighted 2 VC moving S to N and engaged them with SA resulting in 1 VC/KIA(C) and the capture of 1 AK-47 and 4 M-16 magazines.
- OPERATION MONTANA MAULER TERMINATED 031030H APR69.
- 830232 04 0350 Maine Crag AO: While in their night def psn, E/2/3 was assaulted by an estimated NVA company. The company held the enemy off with organic wpns while air and arty were delivered against the disorganized en force. Contact continued until 0500H. At first light, the company sent out ptls to search the area. Numerous blood trails were found, as well as parts of bodies. The contact resulted in 4 FR/KIA and 7 WIA(E). The enemy suffered 21 NVA/KIA(C), 8 AK-47's, 1 .50 cal MG and 1 RPG capt'd with misc 782 gear.
- 155705 04 1000 1/5 Mech AO: A company of 4/2 ARVN made contact w/an unk size enemy unit. The contact resulted in 2 FR/KIA, 9 WIA(E), 8 NVA/KIA(C), 2 AK-47's, 1 Sub MG and 1 .50 cal MG capt'd.
- 345345 04 1401 1/5 Mech AO: While searching a bnk complex elements of 2/1 ARVN engaged 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC/KIA(C), 1 SKS and 1 K43 capt'd.
- 913233 05 0215 Maine Crag AO: While in their night def psn, a company of 3/2 ARVN was attacked by an estimated en company. There were 2 WIA(M) while the en lost 3 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 light MG.

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- 132640 05 0845 9th Marines AO: A road sweep tm from B/1/9 took SAF, Chicom's and RPG fire resulting in 1 WIA(E). The tm was reinforced w/a section of tanks from 3d Tanks and infantry. The tanks fired small arms and beehive rnds w/unk results.
- 817234 05 1045 Maine Crag AO: While firing their 60mm mortars in support of a plt on ptl, F/2/3 had 4 short rnds resulting in 1 FR/KIA and 4 WIA(E).
- 363285 05 1200 1/5 Mech AO: An element from 3/1 ARVN engaged an est 4 VC. The results of the action were 2 VC/KIA(C), 1 M-16, 2 grenades and a field pack capt'd.
- 815230 05 1200 Maine Crag AO: A plt from F/2/3 killed one NVA while on ptl. The en had been previously wounded by shrapnel.
- 817231 05 1310 Maine Crag AO: A plt ptl from F/2/3 rec'd a burst of AK-47 fire resulting in 2 WIA(E). SAF was ret'd w/neg results.
- CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 2/9 from 9th Marines and simultaneously passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech).
- CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of L/3/9 from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech) and simultaneously passed OPCON to 9th Marines.
- CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 1st Amtrac Bn from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech).
- 791629 06 1300 4th Marines AO: A ptl returning to their co lines had one man wounded by a 155mm short round. There was 1 NBC(E).
- 820280 06 1445 Purple Martin AO: A sqd size ptl was taken under fire by an est 6 en. The en threw Chicom grenades and the patrol ret'd fire w/unk results. There was 1 WIA(E).
- 813643 07 1420 4th Marines AO: A claymore was exploded on a ptl from F/2/4 and the ptl came under hvy SAF. SAF was ret'd w/unk results. There were 4 FR/KIA and 1 WIA(E).
- 956625 07 1730 4th Marines AO: A ptl from M/3/4 tripped an unk type surprise firing device resulting in 1 KIA and 1 WIA(E).
- 835146 07 2100 4th Marines AO: F/2/4 made contact w/6-10 NVA. Arty and SAF were utilized resulting in 4 NVA/KIA(C).
- 255745 07 2230 1/5 Mech AO: While on ptl, a unit from 1/2 ARVN made contact w/an est en plt. There were 2 NVA/KIA(C) and 2 AK-47's capt'd.

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305673 08 0800 1/5 Mech AO: A PBR from River Security reported that 3 en were pinned down. A sqd from G/2/9 was sent to investigate w/neg results.

847647 08 1020 4th Marines AO: A ptl from F/2/4 made contact w/a large en force. Contact was initiated by detonation of a cmd detonated mine and hvy SAF wounding 2 marines. Gunships, arty and mort were delivered against the en. At 1510H the ptl assaulted the en pan finding numerous blood trails and several booby-trapped packs. The ptl saw 30 NVA at different pans and adjusted arty w/unl results. 1 AK-47 was capt'd.

133727 08 1100 9th Marines AO: A tank on ptl with C/1/9 detonated a mine resulting in hvy damage to suspension system and 1 WIA(E).

019592 08 1720 9th Marines AO: While burning underbrush, clearing fields of fire, an explosive device was detonated by men of K/3/9 resulting in 1 WIA(E).

100542 09 0755 9th Marines AO: A ptl from B/1/9 rec'd light SAF from 3 en. Fire was ret'd and the en were taken prisoner. After interrogation by 13th ITP, it was learned that the POW's were PF's and were hunting chickens at the time of the incident. Later at 1145H, a plt from A/1/9 rec'd SAF over their heads from an RF/PF unit. There were no casualties.

200597 09 1400 9th Marines AO: A road paving crew from MCB 62 rec'd 20 rounds of SA sniper fire. No casualties were sustained.

086603 09 1600 9th Marines AO: A fire team on ptl rec'd SAF from an est en sqd. The en, dressed in green utilities, was engaged w/SAF & mort. The en moved to the west and broke contact. There were 3 WIA(E) while the en lost 3 NVA/KIA(C).

092608 09 1930 9th Marines AO: An amb from A/1/9 was sprung on an est 5 NVA. SAF and grenades were delivered against the en w/unl results. A search of the area produced drag marks and an NVA cover.

202596 10 0930 9th Marines AO: The paving crew from MCB 62 rec'd 3 rnds of SAF along Route 9. Later at 1125H, a jeep rec'd 6 rnds w/neg casualties.

261386 10 2345 1/5 Mech AO: DHCB reported receiving SAF in the SE end of the perimeter. Light en mvt was detected. At 110015H there was another incident of incoming SAF on the western portion of the lines. There were no casualties.

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Eff 100001H Apr69 Operation Purple Martin is redefined to include all operations of 4th Marines retroactive to 231200 Feb69.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of E/2/9 and F/2/9 from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech) and simultaneously passed OPCON to 9th Marines.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of K & L/3/3 from CG, TF Hotel and simultaneously passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech).

- 724623 11 0900 Purple Martin AO: While on ptl, a man from C/1/4 tripped a SFD. The device was located on a trail and was concealed in a hole covered w/dirt and branches. There were 2 KIA.
- 254304 11 1030 1/5 Mech AO: 1/1 ARVN engaged an unk size en force (VC) in four separate contacts between 1030H-1400H. On each occasion the en was engaged w/a hvy volume of SAF. Results of the contacts were 13 VC/KIA(C) while the ARVN reported no casualties. Captured were 3 AK-47's, 3 122 rocket launchers, 3 rnds of 122 rockets, 2 SKS rifles, 2 K43 Sub MG's, 1 U.S. carbine, 1 map, 1 82mm mortar sight, 3 Chicom radios, 1 Chicom telephone and 10 meters of electrical wire.
- 844227 11 1145 Maine Crag AO: A ptl from A/1/3 engaged 1 en carrying a water can resulting in 1 NVA/KIA(C).
- 854646 11 1400 Purple Martin AO: A ptl from F/2/4 rec'd 50 rnds of AWF from the north. The ptl ret'd fire and directed 60mm mort and tactical air on the en psn resulting in 5 NVA KIA(C).
- 790640 11 1430 Purple Martin AO: A ptl from E/2/4 made contact w/10 NVA. The ptl pursued the en down a stream. At 1745H, the en opened fire from caves along the stream resulting in 1 KIA, 1 WIA(E) and 7 WIA(M).
- 935234 11 1435 Maine Crag AO: A ptl from 3/2 ARVN made contact w/an unk size en force. The en delivered B-40 rkts and SAF against the ptl resulting in 1 KIA and 7 WIA(E).
- 834226 11 1450 Maine Crag AO: A ptl from A/1/3 engaged an est en plt. The plt ldr coordinated his fires and directed SAF, 81mm mortar, arty and air on the en resulting in 2 NVA/KIA(C). The plt capt'd 1 82mm mort, 92 82mm rnds, 1 knife and 1 machete.

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- 275548 11 1535 1/5 Mech AO: QTCBD reported that while investigating the activities of 3 grps of civilians in an out of bounds area, a man from the security plt tripped a gren sfd resulting in 1 KIA and 3 WIA(M). 10 civilians were detained.
- 825220 11 1615 Maine Crag AO: A plt from A/1/3 engaged 1 NVA to their front. The en fled leaving 9 canteens, 1 NVA uniform, 2 packs, 1 block of TNT, 20 lbs of rice and misc papers.
- 318238 11 2100 1/5 Mech AO: QTCBD reported that the SE portion of the perim was receiving light SAF, AWF and M-79 fire. 60mm mort and M-79 were directed on possible en psns.
- CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of I/3/3 from CG, TF Hotel and simultaneously passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech).
- CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 2/9(-) from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech) and simultaneously passed OPCON to 9th Mar.
- 725625 12 1115 Purple Martin AO: A plt from C/1/4 was ambushed by an est en sqd. The en fired SAF and threw Chicom grenades. A plt was sent as a reaction force. There was 1 KIA and 2 WIA(E).
- 240320 12 1145 1/5 Mech AO: 1/1 ARVN made contact w/an unk size VC force. SAF was directed on the en w/3 VC/KIA(C). Captured were 1 SKS, 1 U.S. carbine, 2 K50 rifles, 1 K44 rifle, 10 A/Tmines and misc documents.
- 184435 12 1350 1/5 Mech AO: A plt from 2/2 ARVN made contact w/an est NVA sqd resulting in 3 NVA/KIA(C). Capt'd were 2 AK-50's, 1 map, 1 typewriter and 1 notebook.
- 143576 12 1720 1/5 Mech AO: A plt from 2/2 ARVN detonated an en mine resulting in 3 KIA and 4 WIA(E).
- 876226 12 1830 Maine Crag AO: A sqd from C/1/3 made contact w/4 en. SAF and air were utilized against the en with unk results. One of the enemy was reported to have had blond hair and a beard.
- 844239 12 2100 Maine Crag AO: A sqd from D/1/3 spotted 6 NVA moving west on Route 926. SAF, claymores and arty were used against the en. A search of the amb site produced 2 NVA/KIA(C).
- 907279 12 2320 Maine Crag AO: FSB Torch was hit by a grnd attack. The en employed mort, RPG's and SAF and assaulted the psn. One ARVN was reported as KIA and 15 were reported WIA(E) and 2 U. S. Advisors were WIA(E). Spooky and gunships came on station and 4 enemy arty pieces were put out of action. At 0500H, the contact had been reduced to sporadic SAF.

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- 226617 13 0200 1/5 Mech AO: An amb from CAP 4-1-5 was attacked by an unk size en force. A reaction force was sent from Dong Ha Dist Hdqtrs. 1 U.S. Marine was WIA(E) and there were 2 PF/WIA(E).
- 867234 13 0740 Maine Crag AO: A sqd ptl from C/1/3 made contact w/6 en resulting in 1 NVA/KIA(C) while one U.S. Marine was slightly wounded.
- 841211 13 0840 Maine Crag AO: An en sqd was ambushed by a unit from A/1/3 resulting in 1 NVA/KIA(C) while friendly casualties were 1 WIA(M).
- 844211 13 0900 Maine Crag AO: A sqd amb from A/1/3 made contact w/2-3 NVA. SAF, 60mm mort and 81's were utilized against the en w/unk results. There were 2 WIA(E).
- 219364 13 0915 Ellis Ravine AO: A ptl from B/1/11 engaged an est en sqd resulting in 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 capt'd.
- 256751 13 0930 1/5 Mech AO: A plt from 1/2 ARVN made contact w/an est en sqd resulting in 5 NVA/KIA(C) and 3 AK-47's capt'd.
- 251306 13 1000 1/5 Mech AO: The 1/1 ARVN made contact w/an unk size en force resulting in 7 NVA/KIA(C) and the capture of 1 AK-47, 7 SKS rifles, 5 K-50's, 2 82mm mort rnds, 1 3.5 launcher, 4 light MG's, 2 122mm mortars, 50 75mm rnds, 1 typewriter, 9 Mausers, 5 AK-44's, 1 Thompson Sub MG, 3 M-49 Sub MG's and 12 M-36 LMG's.
- 264301 13 1000 1/5 Mech AO: A ptl from 1/1 ARVN made contact w/an unk size VC force resulting in 2 VC/KIA(C), 1 AK-47 and 1 SKS capt'd.
- 726637 13 1600 Purple Martin AO: A ptl from C/1/4 engaged 2 en resulting in 1 NVA/KIA(C).
- 836646 13 2100 Purple Martin AO: while in their night def pan, F/2/4 was probed by an est 5 NVA. At 0500H, 2 trip flares were set off. Frag grenades were thrown in the direction of the mvt and 2 Chicoms were ret'd. Upon inspecting lines at first light trip flare lines were fnd cut by wire cutters. There were no casualties.
- 870237 14 0430 Maine Crag AO: C/1/3 rec'd SAF from an unk number of en. Fire was ret'd and mort mens called. A search of the area produced 1 NVA/KIA(C). The body was searched and fnd was a wallet w/papers identifying him as a 1st Sgt.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of C/1/9 w/A & B Trps, 3/5 CAV from 9th Marines and passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech).

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- 312510 14 1845 1/5 Mech AO: RF Co 913 made contact w/an unk size en unit (VC) resulting in 1 RF/WIA(E), 8 VC/KIA(C) and the capture of 1 AK-47, 1 B-40 rkt launcher, 3 B-40 rkt rnds and 1 small MG.
- 302324 14 2230 1/5 Mech AO: QTCB reported that 8-10 en were spotted by 2 NOD's moving toward the wire. A hvy volume of fire was delivered w/4.2 mort, SAF, M-79 and 106RR w/unk results.
- 946261 15 1500 Maine Crag AO: 3/2 ARVN made contact w/an unk size en unit. SAF and mortars were directed against the en psn and the en broke contact. A sweep of the area produced 2 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 POW. 2 AK-47's and 1 B-40 rkt launcher were capt'd.
- CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of B & C/1/61 from CG, TF Hotel and passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech).
- 151800H APR69 OPERATION ELLIS RAVINE TERMINATED.
- 186426 16 1620 1/5 Mech AO: A sqd from 2/2 ARVN made contact w/an est en sqd. The action resulted in 4 NVA/KIA(C) and 2 AK-47's capt'd.
- 287573 16 2134 1/5 Mech AO: A truck from 7th Motors underestimated the width of a tank along Route 9 and was sideswiped. The truck driver was medevaced.
- 687624 17 1005 4th Marines AO: The lead element of D/1/4 spotted 1 NVA near their old night psn. The rear element set up a hasty amb and opened fire. NVA was hit and rolled down the side of a hill. A search of the area produced 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47.
- 125723 18 0844 1/5 Mech AO: A Ranger Tm from the 75th Inf spotted & engaged 2 NVA. Results of the contact were 2 NVA/KIA(C).
- 324506 18 1000 QTCB: An MP jeep rec'd two sniper rnds through the windshield. The reaction plt searched the suspected en psn finding M-26 gren rigged as sfd's, 2 A/T mines, 1 LAAW, 1 105 rnd and 2 60mm rnds.
- 988553 18 1745 9th Marines AO: A truck from 9th Motors was engaged w/possible .50 calibre sniper fire. The truck veered off the road and was heavily damaged. There was 1 WIA(E).
- 102648 18 2030 1/5 Mech AO: C Trp, 3/5 CAV(-) w/2 plts of C/1/9 was attacked by an est en co employing mort, SAF and Satchel charges. A/3/5 was sent from A-4 to exploit the contact. Flareships, Spooky and arty gave support as the en attacked from the N and NE. 7 APC's and 1 mort

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track were damaged. Results of the conflict were 11 KIA, 23 WIA(E) and 13 NVA/KIA(C). Capt'd were 2 RPG launchers, 1 Czech MG, 3 RPG rnds and misc documents.

547456 19 0750 1/5 Mech AO: 4/1 ARVN was engaged by an unk size VC force. SAF was ret'd and when contact was broken, a search of the area was conducted. Results were 3 VC/KIA(C), 1 SKS rifle and 1 K43 MG.

914644 19 0800 4th Marines AO: 1/3/4 tripped 2 IH-10 claymores resulting in 1 KIA and 7 WIA(E).

533451 19 0800 1/5 Mech AO: 4/1 ARVN was engaged by an unk size VC force and hit a mine resulting in 1 KIA. The contact resulted in 3 WIA(E), 2 VC/KIA(C) and the capture of 1 U.S. .45 cal pistol.

819633 19 0945 Purple Martin AO: A plt size ptl from F/2/4 made contact w/an unk size en force. Arty and 81mm mort fire was utilized w/unk results. There was 1 WIA(E).

107636 19 1633 1/5 Mech AO: A Trp, 3/5 CAV rec'd SAF and AWF from a treeline and ret'd fire w/organic wpns and tac air. There were 2 WIA(E) and 1 NVA/KIA(C).

DHCB 19 1710 DHCB: A man from 3d Engr Bn had an accidental discharge of an M-16 while inside his hootch. The round went through a screen, through a tin roof of next hootch, and through a block of wood hitting a 2d Lt in the neck and killing him.

The bdry between QTCB and the 2d ARVN Regt AO was modified as follows: from existing bdry at YD 250485 east along road to existing bdry at YD 270490, south along the 27 gridline to the Song Thach Han River at YD 270463, southwest along the river to present bdry at YD 250435.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of A/1/9 from 9th Marines and passed OPCON to 3d Tanks.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 3/3(-) from 1/5(Mech) and passed OPCON to CG, TF Hotel.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 1/3(-) w/B & C Co's and passed OPCON to 1/5(Mech).

The bdry between the 9th Marines and Mai Loc TAOR was modified as follows: from existing bdry at YD 120560 S along the 12 gridline to present bdry at YD 120460, S along the 12 gridline to YD 120455, SW to YD 113440 and W to YD 090446, SW to YD 087445, NW to YD 060451, NW to present bdry at YD 034478, N to YD 030490 and N to YD 034500, NW to YD 030506, NE to YD 034510, NW to

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YD 017525, NW to existing bdry at YD 020530, E along 53 gridline to existing bdry at YD 120560.

- 048567 20 0800 9th Marines AO: Sweep Tm 308 rec'd SAF. SAF was ret'd and the area was searched w/neg results.
- 077572 20 0800 9th Marines AO: A bridge on Route 9 was blown by the en during the night resulting in 100% destruction. In the bypass around the bridge, a sweep tm fnd 1 A/T metallic and 1 A/T plastic mine.
- 048567 20 0800 9th Marines AO: Sweep Tm 303 reported taking SAF and 4 rnds of 60mm mort. Dusters commenced fire on the en while a ptl from H/2/9 was dispatched as a blocking force. There was 1 KIA and 1 WIA(E) while the en lost 2 NVA/KIA(C) and 7 Chicom grenades. The tm also reported blowing 4 A/T mines.
- 320536 21 0100 QTCB: QTCB spotted 3 en w/wpns digging in vic of a pagoda and a scout sniper team fired on the en w/neg results.
- 224661 21 0135 2/2 ARVN: The 914 RF Co was attacked by an unk size en force resulting in 1 KIA and 2 WIA(E). 7 NVA were killed and 3 AK-47's and 1 Czech pistol were capt'd w/300 KG's of rice.
- 040631 21 0400 9th Marines AO: G/2/9 was attacked by a 100-man unit from 3d Bn, K-8 w/mort, gren, RPG's, satchel charges and a hvy volume of SAF. The Co was located in 3 separate pns as the en attacked from the SW and managed to get into 1st and 3d Platoon fighting holes. The 2d Plt attempted to reinforce the sister plts at 0500H, but was cut off by the en. At 0540H, Spooky arrived and by 0620H, the en had begun withdrawing. G Co rapidly launched a counter attack to the S, using arty to block the broken en. At 0845H, the Co received an emerg re-supply and began policing the battle area. There were 8 KIA, 23 WIA(E) and 4 WIA(M). The en losses were 35 NVA/KIA(C), 3 POW's, 3 SKS rifles, 18 AK-47's, 2 Rpd MG's, 2 RPG launchers, 2 RPG rnds, 40 grenades, 1 CS grenade, 50 satchel charges.
- 260343 21 0435 1/5 Mech AO: A ptl from 1/1 ARVN ambushed an unk size en force, killing 2 and capturing 1 MAT-49.
- 504434 21 0830 1/5 Mech AO: A ptl from 4/1 ARVN engaged a small en force resulting in 2 VC/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 capt'd.
- 129727 21 1413 1/5 Mech AO: A Ranger Tm from the 75th Inf engaged 3 NVA in green uniforms resulting in 2 NVA/KIA(C) and the capture of 1 AK-47 and 4 grenades.
- 203630 21 2220 1/5 Mech AO: The 1st Plt of 912th RF Co ambushed an est NVA plt. The action resulted in 5 NVA/KIA(C) and the capture of 1 Russian pistol and 2 AK-47's.

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- 214727 22 0830 2/2 ARVN: A truck from the 11th ARVN CAV was hit by an RPG rnd resulting in 3 WIA(E) and 4 WIA(M).
- Eff 220900H Apr69 the 9th Marines AO was extended from present bdry at YD 101613 N along the temporary 2d ARVN Regt bdry of 22 Apr to the DMZ at YD 087687 then N & E along the DMZ to YD 150742 S to present bdry at YD 150629.
- 810669 22 1300 Purple Martin AO: The 3d Plt of H/2/4 engaged an unk size en force while attempting to reinforce one of their sqds. The link-up was effected and the 2d Plt was sent to exploit the contact. Fixed wing and arty supported the contact. There was 1 KIA, 3 WIA(E), 3 NVA/KIA(C), and capt'd were 4 AK-47's, 12 grenades and assorted documents.
- 055638 22 1730 2/2 ARVN: The 5/2 ARVN engaged an unk size NVA unit resulting in 4 NVA/KIA(C) and 4 POW's.
- CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of I & M/3/3 from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech) and passed OPCON to TF Hotel
- CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of A & D/1/3 from TF Hotel and passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech).
- CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of C/1/9 from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech) and passed OPCON to 9th Marines.
- CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 3/5 CAV(-) w/Trp A from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech) and passed OPCON to CG, 101st Airborne Div(AM)
- 084593 23 0540 9th Marines AO: 3 NVA were ambushed by a sqd from A/1/9 w/SAF and gren. The en scattered w/out returning fire. A search of the area produced 1 NVA/KIA(C), 1 AK-47 and 2 grenades.
- 060590 23 0640 9th Marines AO: E/2/9 spotted 7 NVA in the open moving S. SAF, mort and arty fire pounded the en. At 0730H, E/2/9 rec'd an unk type of incoming and tripped an sfd. Contact was broken and was reestablished at 1115H, the en force trapped in caves. The results of the contact were 8 KIA, 17 WIA(E) and 12 NBC(E) while the en lost 14 NVA/KIA(C) and one 82mm mort w/10 rnds.
- 056635 23 1215 2/2 ARVN: The 5/2 ARVN engaged an unk size en force resulting in 1 ARVN/KIA and 1 ARVN/WIA(E) while the en lost 4 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47.
- 012644 23 1350 2/2 ARVN: The ARVN made contact w/an unk size en force resulting in 4 NVA/KIA(C) and the capture of 2 AK-47 and 1 B-40 rkt launcher.

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112538 23 1805 9th Marines AO: A man from B/1/9 tripped an sfd resulting in 1 WIA(E).

094680 23 2315 2/2 ARVN: An ARVN soldier w/B Co, 3d Tanks had a nightmare and jumped up yelling "VC, VC". He was shot by a Marine resulting in 1 NBC(E).

047635 24 0415 2/2 ARVN: A plt from 5/2 ARVN was attacked by an unk size en force resulting in 4 ARVN/KIA, 7 ARVN/WIA(E), 8 NVA/KIA (C) and the capture of 3 AK-47's and 1 SKS.

Eff 240600H Apr69 the bdry between TF Hotel and 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech) was modified as follows: from present bdry at YD 135343, N to YD 134360, NW to YD 129368, N to YD136400, NW to YD 130423, NW to YD 119431, NE to YD 123440, NW to Mai Loc AO bdry at YD 120453.

050625 24 1430 2/2 ARVN: While on a sweep the 5/2 ARVN rec'd fire from an unk size en force lodged in bnks. There were 2 ARVN killed and 7 WIA(E) as a result of the action.

012544 24 1535 2/2 ARVN: A plt from 4/2 ARVN engaged an unk size en unit, and killed 5 NVA. Capt'd were 4 AK-47's and 1 .30 cal MG.

999639 24 1600 2/2 ARVN: The 4/2 ARVN sighted 1 NVA in the open and engaged him w/SAF, killing him.

053629 25 0115 2/2 ARVN: The 5/2 ARVN were attacked by an unk size en force after a hvy mort attack. The attack came from the NW & SE. The action resulted in 1 ARVN/KIA, 5 ARVN/WIA(E) and 5 ARVN/WIA(M).

785355 25 0330 TF Remagen AO: While elements of 2/7 ARVN CAV, C/1/40 Arty and A/1/77 Armor were in their night def psn, an unk number of NVA launched a coordinated mort & sapper attack. The attack came from the N and commenced w/a hvy 60 & 82mm mort attack followed by a sapper assault w/satchel charges and RPG's. Two sappers were killed inside the wire where 3 ARVN APC's were destroyed and 1 damaged. A tank from A/1/77 supporting the 2/7 CAV rec'd 2 direct RPG hits in engine and transmission, wounding or killing the entire crew. One mort rnd hit in the vicinity of the 1/40 FDG truck resulting in 1 KIA and 9 WIA(E). The assault ceased at 0600H and A/1/61 began to sweep the battlefield. The results of the action were 8 ARVN/KIA, 1 Australian Advisor killed, 3 US/KIA, 43 ARVN/WIA(E), 11 US/WIA(E), 1 US/WIA(M), 30 NVA/KIA(C) and the capture of 14 AK-47's, 200 satchel charges, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 3 B-41 rkt launchers, 2 LMG's, 1 portable flame-thrower, 25 Chicom grenades and 5 RPG rnds.

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Eff 251200H Apr69 the bdry between TF Hotel and 9th Mar AO was modified as follows: from present bdry at YD 049463 W to YD 043463, SW to YD 042458, SW to YD 040456, SW along district bdry to YD 029440, SW along district bdry to YD 004422, to present bdry at YD 004420.

053599 25 1700 9th Marines AO: G/2/9 sighted 4 NVA setting up claymores and an afd in an extensive bnk complex. SAF was initiated and G/2/9, supported by OV10's and F/W, assaulted the en psn. An est 10-12 NVA fled to the N. Results of the contact were 1 USMC/KIA, 4 NVA/KIA(C) and the capture of 1 assault rifle, 2 grenades and misc 782 gear.

Eff 251800H Apr69, the bdry between 2d ARVN and Mai Loc TAOB is modified as follows: from present bdry at YD 120510 E along the 51 gridline to YD 160510, N along the 16 gridline to present 9th Marines bdry at YD 160560.

068624 25 2345 2/2 ARVN: A ptl from 5/2 ARVN detonated an afd resulting in 1 ARVN KIA and 2 WIA(E).

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of C/1/3 from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech) and passed OPCON to 9th Marines.

043644 26 1635 2/2 ARVN: The 4/2 ARVN made contact w/an est 15 NVA resulting in 2 ARVN/WIA(E) while the NVA lost 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 RPG.

Eff 261800H Apr69 the bdry between TF Hotel and 9th Marines was modified as follows: from present bdry at YD 00417 E to YD 018419, NE to YD 032428, NW to YD 025436, NE to YD 040445, N to YD 040448, NE to YD 044450, N to YD 044460 then NE to present bdry at YD 049463.

258746 26 2300 2/2 ARVN: The 1/2 ARVN made contact w/an est NVA company resulting in 2 ARVN/WIA(E).

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of L/3/9 from CG, TF Hotel and passed OPCON to 9th Marines.

043644 27 0410 2/2 ARVN: While in their night def psn, the 4/2 ARVN were attacked by an unk size en unit believed to be C-7 Bn, 31st Regt. The ARVN lost 1 ARVN/KIA and 6 ARVN/WIA(E) while the en lost 14 NVA/KIA(C) and 7 AK-47's.

819379 27 0740 TF Remagen AO: A cmd detonated mine was set off in front of a tank from A/1/77. An NVA was seen running and was fired upon. Contact resulted in 2 NVA/KIA (C) and 1 AK-47, 1 RPG and 1 generator capt'd.

065630 27 1220 2/2 ARVN: The 5/2 ARVN made contact w/an unk size en force resulting in 2 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 capt'd.

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Eff 280800H Apr69 the bdry between 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) and QTCB was reestablished as follows: from the present bdry on the river bank at YD 314496, generally W parallel to all-weather road to trail at YD 272487, S along trail to stream at YD 268477, SE along stream to road at YD 272469, SW to trail junction at YD 261455, W along trail to stream at YD 230454, W along stream and draw to hilltop at YD 212447, W to Hill 128 at YD 183449 and W to stream junction at YD 177448, NW to trail/stream intersection at YD 150461.

Eff 280800H Apr69 the bdry between 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) and the Mai Loc AO was reestablished as follows: from YD 150461 W to knob at YD 139459, W to hilltop at YD 129460, SW to present bdry at YD 120453.

Eff 280800H Apr69 the bdry between QTCB and Mai Loc was reestablished as follows: from YD 150460, N along 15 gridline to YD 150560.

Eff 280800H Apr69 the bdry between QTCB and the 9th Mar AO was reestablished as follows: from YD 150560, E along 56 gridline to present bdry at YD 160560.

045637 28 1450 2/2 ARVN: The 4/2 ARVN made contact w/an unk size en unit resulting in 1 ARVN/WIA(E) and 3 NVA/KIA(C) and the capture of 1 AK-47.

057685 28 1600 2/2 ARVN: An ARVN from 4/2 ARVN detonated an A/P mine resulting in 1 ARVN/KIA.

VCB 28 1630 9th Marines: A man from K/3/9 was crushed to death after a bnk collapsed.

060633 28 1630 2/2 ARVN: The 5/2 ARVN made contact w/an est NVA bn using 60mm and 82mm mort. Arty was called in and contact was broken at 1930H, resulting in 9 ARVN/KIA and 24 ARVN/WIA(E).

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of B & C/1/4 from CG, TF Hotel and passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech).

296667 29 0724 TF Clearwater AO: While on a routine river ptl, a PBR detonated a mine resulting in 6 WIA(E) and 3 WIA(H).

820370 29 0910 TF Remagen AO: 2/7 ARVN obs'd 4 NVA in the open and engaged them w/SAF. The action resulted in 4 NVA/KIA(C) and the capture of 2 AK-47's.

047636 29 1335 2/2 ARVN: The 4/2 ARVN made contact w/an est NVA company lasting until 1800H. The ARVN lost 17 KIA and 8 WIA(E) while the an lost 62 NVA/KIA(C), 6 AK-47's, 1 SKS rifle, 2 B-40 rkt launchers and 1 LMG.

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059634 29 1400 2/2 ARVN: The 5/2 ARVN made contact w/a lge en force lodged in bnks. The ARVN aggressively pursued the contact throughout the afternoon using air and arty to support the ground attack. A co of ARVN supported by A Co, 3d Tank Bn joined in the action from C-2. Two tanks hit mines resulting in 5 WIA(E). Contact was broken at 2000H and had resulted in 11 ARVN/KIA, 27 ARVN/WIA(E), 2 U.S. Advisors WIA(E) and 3 U.S. tankers WIA(E). The enemy lost 25 NVA/KIA(C), 1 SKS and 1 B-41 rkt launcher.

348462 29 2035 1/5 Mech AO: A tm from 1/11 booby-trapped an area and later had an sfd detonated by a VC, killing him and resulting in the capture of his AK-47.

VCB 29 2105 9th Marines AO: A man from the 11th Engr Bn shot himself w/an M-16. Two witnesses claimed it was suicide.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of TF Remagen from TF Hotel and passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech).

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 1/3(-) A, B & D Co's from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div(Mech) and simultaneously passed the OPCON to 9th Marines.

047635 30 0900 2/2 ARVN: The 4/2 ARVN made contact w/an unk size en force resulting in 3 ARVN/KIA, 3 ARVN/WIA(E), 6 ARVN WIA(M), 15 NVA/KIA(C) and the capture of 4 AK-47's.

059634 30 0900 2/2 ARVN: The 5/2 ARVN made contact w/a lge en force and contact cont'd throughout the day resulting in 1 ARVN KIA and 7 WIA(E). The en lost 43 NVA/KIA(C), 4 AK-47's, 1 RPG, 1 B-41 rkt launcher, 7 A/T mines, 1 claymore, 50 82mm mort rnds and 1 telephone switchboard.

071635 30 0920 2/2 ARVN: An APC w/A Co, 3d Tanks detonated a 25-30 lb mine resulting in a total loss of the vehicle, 5 WIA(E) and 1 WIA(M).

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## PART IV

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G-5 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓(1) STAFF JOURNAL  
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STAFF JOURNAL

UNIT: G-5 Section, 3d Marine Division  
FROM: 010001 H April 69  
TO: 012400 H April 69  
PLACE: DHCB, RVN

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<u>IN DTG</u>	<u>OUT DTG</u>	<u>INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY</u>
0800	1500	1st AA Platoon delivered wood to 29th CA Co.
0800	1600	Civic Action NCO delivered materials to Bo De School in Quang Tri City.
0900		PSYOP Officer returned from Danang.
1000		Cam Lo Refugee Advisor delivered low beam load of 55 Gallon drums to Vinh Dai for bridge building.
1030		Personal Officer, Admin Officer, Personal Response NCO to Danang for Personal Response Conference. CO, 29 CA Co., arrived from Danang for G-5 Conference.
1100	1600	Truck to S-5, 3d Marines to deliver sand and gravel to Cua Valley.
1300	1530	PSYOP Officer interviewed 2 Bru Hoi Chanhs at the Chieu Center, Quang Tri City.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration.

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UNIT: G-5 Section, 3d Marine Division  
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<u>IN DTG</u>	<u>OUT DTG</u>	<u>INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY</u>
0900	1130	Assistant PSYOP Officer interviewed 5 Bru Hoi Chanhs at Chieu Hoi Center, QT City.
1000	1200	G-5, hosted XXIV Corps G-5 Conference at the DHCB.
1000	1200	1st AA Platoon coordinated cleft palate pictures, irrigation project, and brick delivery with "D" Med physician, Gio Linh MACV, and S-5, Cua Viet, respectfully.
1300	1500	Assistant PSYOP Officer inspected 3/4.
1300	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer went over Cam Lo School plans with S-5, CBMU-301.
1330	1530	1st AA Platoon CO. talked with CORDS, Quang Tri City, on 1969 Pacification program.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Personal Response Officer, Admin Officer Personal Response SNCO, and PSYOP NCO in Danang for III MAF Personal Response Conference.

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0800	1000	Assistant PSYOP Officer dropped Rewards leaflets from aircraft along Route 1.
0900		G-5 to R&R
0900	1100	1st AA Platoon CO. discussed civic action with CORDS Agricultural Advisor.
1300	1330	1st AA Platoon Admin Officer sat in on briefing about Assistant CMC's upcoming visit to Dong Ha.
1700		Admin Officer, Personal Response Officer returned from Danang.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration.

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0800          1600

0830          1000

0900          1000

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1300          1500

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INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Two trucks loads of gravel delivered to the Bo De School in Quang Tri City.

G-5A made preparations for visit by Assistant CMC to Dong Ha Orphanage.

New 9th Marine PSYOP Officer came in for orientation.

Bru workers came to DHCB to ready their shop.

Assistant Civic Action Officer coordinated building of playground equipment with 3d Engr Bn.

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. G-5 on R&R.

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0800	1600	Civic Action NCO delivered sand to Bo De School.
0830		Pallet of leaflets delivered to PSYOPs.
0900	0930	Assistant Civic Action Officer asked QTCB area coordinator to contact his S-5s concerning wood supply at NCB-128.
1000	1030	1st AA Platoon CB. met with G-5A on Ha Thanh irrigation project.
1100	1130	Assistant PSYOP Officer gave critique of G-5 inspection of 3/4 to Division Inspector at QTCB.
1300	1330	111 cases of instant breakfast was delivered to Province Hospital in QT City.
1400		Two Kit Carson Scouts reported for duty with PSYOP.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. G-5 on R&R.

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0800      1600

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1430      1600

1500      1700

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INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Two trucks to Cam Lo with lumber. One truck to QT City with lumber.

Assistant Civic Action Officer met with CORDS Agricultural Advisor on getting a water pump for vegetable crops in Gua Valley.

Assistant Civic Action Officer arranged for a sign for Bru shop to be made at CBMU-301.

Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered civic action leaflets to Dong Ha sub-sector.

Admin Chief to take pictures for brochure with Division photographer.

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. G-5 on R&R.

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0800		Assistant PSYOP Officer to Danang on fact finding mission to 7th PSYOP Bn.
0800	1600	Two trucks sent to Gio Linh and Bo De School in QT City to take lumber.
0800	1730	1st AA Platoon delivered 1760 bricks to Gua Viet. Workers paid with 2360\$VN.
0900		Admin clerk to Danang to have film for brochure developed.
0930	1200	Assistant Civic Action Officer had Bru put price tags on their products. MSB forms on Bru taken to IRO.
1300	1500	Scholarship payment made to Cam Lo Catholic leader by 1st AA Platoon Officer.
1400		1st AA Platoon Admin and Agricultural Officer to Phu Bai.
1400	1530	G-5A to Cam Vu resettlement site.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. G-5 on R&R.

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0800	1600	Two trucks each to Hai Loc and Quang Tri City to deliver gravel and lumber.
0900		1st AA Platoon Admin and Agricultural Officers returned from Phu Bai.
1200	1500	Assistant Civic Action Officer went to VCB to inspect Hq Co., 4th Marines. The S-5 failed to appear for the inspection.
1300	1500	Civic Action Officer took G-5, awaiting assignment at III MAF as of May, a tour of Cam Lo and surrounding area.
1300	1700	Personal Response Officer and G-5A worked on cornerstone laying ceremony.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. G-5 on R&R.

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0730		1st AA Platoon NCO to Danang for promotion board.
0800	1730	5 trucks to Dong Ha City to buy rice for Bru and then to Cua Valley for delivery.
0830		Assistant PSYOP Officer on emergency leave.
0900	1200	G-5A and other G-5 personnel attended cornerstone laying ceremony at QTGB. Personal Response Officer received Social Welfare medal, 2d Class.
1030		S-5, 3d Marines brought clearance certificates for Bru to Assistant Civic Action Officer.
1230	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer to Trieu Ai Village to pick up child for "D" Med.
1300	1400	G-5A accompanied Minister of Health, Social Welfare and Relief to DHCB.
1500		PSYOP NCO to 2/9 for briefing on leaflets.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. G-5 on R&R

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0800	1600	One truck each to Gio Linh, Cua Valley, and Cam Lo
0900	1200	PSYOP Officer to VOB for 4th Marines inspection.
0900	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered requisitioned lumber and 41,000\$VN to QT Province PSYOP Officer. 12,500\$VN delivered to S-5, 3d MT Bn. Parent of child taken to "D" Med would not allow child to remain in hospital.
0930	1400	Admin Chief to QTCB to obtain story for hospital brochure.
1300	1400	1st AA Platoon Admin Officer conferred with QT Province Agricultural Advisor on military role in agriculture.
1900	2100	Admin Officer, S-5, MCB-62, S-5 3d Marines conferred on civil affairs.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. G-5 on R&R.

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0730		1st AA Platoon CO. to Danang for info on staff study.
0800	1600	4 trucks to MACV for Cam Vu resettlement project.
0800	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered load of lumber and gravel to Bo De School in QT City.
0900		1st AA Platoon driver to Phu Bai.
1000		G-5 Driver on R&R.
1000	1400	Personal Response NCO coordinated 22 April Personal Response tour in QT City.
1300	1430	Assistant Civic Action Officer took Colonel awaiting assignment as G-5, III MAF, on tour of Cua Valley.
1400	1600	Officer from ITT, 3d Marines, made 4 Bru tapes for exploitation of Bru in Western Mountains.
1600		1st AA driver returned from Phu Bai.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. G-5 on R&R.

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0800	1600	3 trucks to PACV at Cam Vu and 6 pallets of C-rats for Cam Vu operation.
0800	1700	Assistant Civic Action Officer took semi-trailer load of cement and truck load of lumber to Bo De School in QT City.
0830		1st AA Platoon CO. and driver returned from Danang.
0900		G-5 returned from R&R.
1000	1500	4th Marines utilized an HE team and 2 Chieu Hoi in broadcasts.
1300	1400	1st AA Platoon CA Officer conferred with QT Province, police advisor.
1330	1430	1st AA Platoon Admin Officer conferred with MILPHAP Admin Officer on MedCaps/DentCaps.
1500	1630	Assistant Civic Action Officer picked up money from Division Dispensing on solatium payments.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration.

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0800		1st AA Platoon Admin Officer to Danang for rotation. 1st AA Platoon Civic Action Officer to Danang for personal business.
0830	1600	One truck to Bo De School in QT City and two trucks to Cam Lo with cement and lumber.
1000		VIP from Navy League arrived for 2 days of briefings on Civil Affairs.
1100		G-5A to R&R.
1300	1600	Admin officer to Cua Valley with 65 boxes of instant breakfast for Bru.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration.

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0800	1600	Two trucks to Gio Linh with gravel and lumber and trailer to QT City with cement.
0815		Assistant Civic Action Officer left for 7 day leave.
0830		1st AA Platoon Civic Action Officer returned from Danang.
0900	1100	PSYOP SNCO interviewed two Hoi Chanhs in QT City.
1000	1200	G-5 Officers attended Change of Command Ceremonies.
1300		3/9 PSYOP Officer met with PSYOP Officer.
1300	1600	G-5 and Civic Action Officer accompanied VIP to VCB and Cam Lo by chopper.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. G-5A on R&R.

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0800	1600	One truck each to QT City and Gue Valley with supplies.
0830		Commodies NCO left for 1/4 assignment. PSYOP NCO to Danang.
0900	1200	1st AA Platoon Admin Officer to 3d Shore Party MedCap.
1030	1100	29 CA Co. XO visited 1st AA Platoon.
1100		New Commodies NCO reported aboard for duty from 1/4.
1300		Admin NCO reported aboard for duty at 1st AA Platoon.
1400		9th MT Bn. picked up PSYOP literature.
1630		1st AA Platoon Civic Action Officer to Saigon.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. G-5A on R&R.

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0800	1600	Two trucks to Gio Linh with barbed wire and sand. One truck to S-5, 3d Marines for supplies to Mai Loc. One truck to QT City with cement.
0900	1000	PSYOP Officer coordinated with VMO 6 a participation in leaflet drops in quick reaction situations.
1000	1030	3/12 picked up 60 rounds of propaganda shells and were instructed in loading procedures.
1300	1600	1st AA Platoon CO checked on school addition at Catholic school at Thanh Tan.
1330		Received call from III MAF on pending supply shipments.
1900	2000	Assistant Civic Action Officer met with S-5, MCB-62.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. G-5A on R&R.

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0800	1600	Two trucks with rice and one with general supplies to Bru in Cua Valley. One truck to Gio Linh and Quang Tri City with lumber.
0830	1600	1st AA Platoon Admin and Agricultural Officers to Cua Valley with Truck load of bricks. Gave money for solatium payment to S-5, 1st AmTra6s.
0830		PSYOP Officer to Danang for gathering information for CG's briefing. 1st AA Platoon Cmdr to Danang for 29th CA Co. meeting.
0900	0930	Assistant Civic Action Officer completed paperwork on Bru at IRO at QTCB.
1000	1200	Assistant Civic Action Officer attended dinner at Quang Tri Pagoda with An Quang Buddhist leader of Quang Tri Province.
1030		Civic Action NCO to R&R.
1300	1700	Cive Action NCO took trailer load of cement to Bo De School in Quang Tri City.
1330	1600	Civic Action Officer met with Quang Tri Province Chief and Public Works head on civic action project.
1500		New Assistant PSYOP Officer reported aboard.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. G-5A on R&R. Assistant Civic Action Officer on leave. 1st AA Platoon Cmdr in Danang.

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0800	1600	Truck took cement to Bo De School, Quang Tri City.
0930		Cam Lo Catholic leader medivaced to hospital ship.
1000		Assistant PSYOP Officer to leave.
1000	1100	1st AA Platoon Admin Officer interviewed Children's Hospital pediatrician on cleft palate program.
1100		PSYOP Officer returned from Danang.
1300	1430	G-5 accompanied syndicated reporter on chopper tour.
1300	1600	Hospital Project Officer manifested hospital workers at QTCB.
1330		Civic Action supplies arrived from Danang. 1st AA Platoon Civic Action Officer left Danang for Saigon.
1600		Circuit Rider team returned with 23,400\$VN of ordinance.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. G-5A on R&R. Assistant Civic Action Officer on leave. 1st AA Platoon Cmdr in Danang.

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0800          1600

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered cement, lumber and nails on three trucks to Bo De School, Quang Tri City. Dump truck to National Police Advisor in Quang Tri City. Dump truck to Cua Valley with S-5, 3d Marines.

1000

HE team to 4th CAG.

1030

1500

G-5 and Civic Action Officer attended Province meeting in Quang Tri City.

1300

1600

Hospital Project Officer processed Hospital workers at QTCB.

1500

1st AA Platoon Medical Specialist to be medivaced to Conus on 20 April 1969.

1530

1600

1st AA Platoon Admin Officer conferred with Gio Linh District Advisor on Cua Viet projects.

2400

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. G-5A on R&R, Assistant Civic Officer on leave, and 1st AA Platoon Cmdr in Danang.

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0800          1600

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

250 bags of cement taken to Bo De School in Quang Tri City. Sand taken to Cua Va y.

0900

1st AA Platoon Cmdr returned from Danang.

1000

1400

Civic Action Officer met with Province Chief in Quang Tri City.

1330

1530

G-5, Civic Action Officer, Assistant Civic Action Officer, and Admin Officer attended ground breaking ceremony for Cam Lo Bo De School.

2400

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. G-5A on R&R, Assistant Civic Action Officer on leave, and 1st AA Platoon Civic Action Officer in Saigon.

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0800          1600

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

2 trucks with building materials to Gio Linh. One truck, each to 3d Marines S-5, Gua Viet and Quang Tri City.

0800          1600

Assistant Civic Action Officer took trailer load of cement to Quang Tri City, Bo De School.

1300

PSYOP literature issued to 9th ME Bn and 1st/5th (M).

1330

1st AA Platoon Cmdr left for Danang.

2400

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. G-5A on R&R, Assistant Civic Action Officer on leave, and 1st AA Platoon Civic Action Officer in Saigon. G-5 coordinated briefing for CG with G-5 Officers.

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0800	1600	S-5, 3d Marines delivered trailer load of food to Bru at Cua Valley. Gravel taken to Cam Lo Bo De School site.
0800	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered lumber and rebar to Bo De School in QT City.
0800	1600	Two trucks delivered sand to Police Advisor in QT City.
0800	1600	1st AA Platoon used truck to carry cement to Dong Ha brick factory. Obtained 1500 bricks to go to Gua Viet tomorrow.
0800	1500	Personal Response NCO conducted Personal Response tour of QT City points of interest.
0900		1st AA Platoon delivered cleft palate leaflets to 7th MT Bn.
1300	1400	Civic Action Officer met with Province Refugee Advisor.
1630		G-5A returned from R&R.
2000	2100	G-5 gave presentation to CG.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Assistant Civic Action Officer on leave, 1st AA Platoon Cmdr in Banang, and 1st AA Platoon medic returned to duty.

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0800          1600

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered 4 truck loads of sand and pipe to FLSG-B, Bo De Supply Yard in QT City.

0800          1600

Two truck loads of food stuff taken to Cua Valley. One truck delivered building materials to Gio Linh.

0800          1600

G-5 accompanied Commanding General on tour of Province.

0800          1000

Civic Action Officer attended QTCB G-5 Conference.

0830

Personal Response Officer to R&R.

0900          1400

1st AA Platoon delivered 800 bricks to Cua Viet School site.

0930          1130

PSYOP Officer attended CORDS PSYOP weekly briefing.

1600

1st AA Platoon Cmdr and Civic Action Officer returned from Danang.

2400

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Civic Action Officer on leave.

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0800          1600

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Two trucks to Gio Linh, one truck each to QT City, Cua Valley and Cua Viet with building materials.

1000          1500

Civic Action Officer conferred with Province government and religious leaders on civic action progress and political situation.

1300

Assistant Civic Action Officer returned from leave.

2400

DAILY SUMMARY; Normal administration. Personal Response Officer on R&R.

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0800          1600

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Assistant Civic Action Officer took material to Bo De School in QT City.

0800          1600

1st AA Platoon took load of bricks and rebar to Gva Viet School Site.

0800          1600

One truck each to Police Advisor and S-5 3d Marines.

0830          1600

Assistant Civic Action Officer accompanied Division photographer to civic action sites.

1400          1430

Assistant Civic Action Officer discussed Cam Lo School with CBMU-301 Civic Action Officer.

1930          2200

Assistant Civic Action Officer and Admin Officer witnessed the showing of Rosemary's Baby.

2400

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Personal Response Officer on R&R.

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0730		CG, 3d Marine Division inspected the G-5 warehouse.
0800	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer took cement to Bo De School in QT City.
0900	1600	1st AA Platoon delivered cement to Catholic Priest in QT City and Dong Ha Brick Factory.
1000	1100	PSYOP Officer, 1st Marine Division, made liaison visit with PSYOP Officer, 3d Marine Division.
1100	1700	Bru advisor, Huong Hoa delivered construction materials to Bru.
1130	1300	G-5 met with Deputy Province Senior Advisor at DECB.
1400		PSYOP submitted exploitation request of VCI death to 7th PSYOP Bn.
1700		1st AA Platoon Admin Chief returned from leave.
1800	2200	Civic Action NCO processed for emergency leave.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Personal Response Officer on R&R.

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0800	1600
0800	1600
2400	

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Civil Action Officer delivered 200 bags of cement to Bo De School in Quang Tri City

1st AA Platoon delivered cement to Catholic School in Quang Tri City. Agricultural Officer discussed Cua Viet School with Gio Linh District Senior Advisor.

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Personal Response Officer to R&R.

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0800		Civic Action NGO to Phu Bai with Bru Handicraft.
0800	1600	Truck to S-5, 3d Marines for delivery of Civic Action supplies.
0830	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered trailer load of lumber and cement to Bo De School in Quang Tri City.
0900	1000	Assistant Civic Action Officer held Civic Action/PSYOP inspection of 3d Shore Party Bn.
0930		S-5 3d Motor Transport Bn. conferred with Civic Action Officer.
1000	1200	Assistant Civic Action Officer made liaison with MAG-39 concerning styrofoam for "D" Med. Liaison was made with Province Medical Chief concerning fuel delivery to Dong Ha Community Hospital.
1300	1500	PSYOP Officer made liaison with 4th Marines, 3d MT Bn PSYOP Officers.
1400		Assistant Civic Action Officer met with S-5, 3d Marines on FLSG-B ration pickup. They had been listed in Civic Action reports but not as coming from FLSG-B.
1600	1630	G-5 and Civic Action Officer met VIP at "D" Med.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Personal Response Officer on R&R.

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0900	
0930	1200
1000	1045
1300	1600
2400	

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered trailer load of lumber and rebar to the Bo De School in QT City. 150 bags of cement delivered to Buddhist Pagoda in QT City.

PSYOP made liaison with 12th Marines on propaganda leaflet shells.

Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered raffle display cases to 1st/5th and Quang Tri PX's. Made liaison with S-5, MCB-128 on scrap lumber.

1st AA Platoon Admin Officer made liaison with 2nd ARVN, S-5 on MedCap Survey.

1st AA Platoon CO and Admin Officer visited 1st/5th Cordon and Search Operation.

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Personal Response Officer on R&R.

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INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

3d Marines took gravel and 200 bags of cement to Bo De School site in Cam Lo

1st AA Platoon delivered cement to Dong Ha Brick Factory.

PSYOP Officer to Quang Tri City for weekly conference with CORDS PSYOP Officer.

Assistant Civic Action Officer took Buddhist child to hospital ship.

G-5 delivered letter to CO, 14th Engr Bn, tasking them with a project in QT City.

Priority 1 mission flown for 4th Marines and G-3.

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Personal Response Officer on R&R.

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# 3RD MARINE DIVISION

## CIVIL AFFAIRS & PSYOP

### NEWSLETTER

5-69

10 May 1969

## HATS OFF

### HAVE WHEELS - WILL HAUL

During April, the G-5 Section distributed over 170 tons of civic action supplies and construction materials. An army might "travel on its feet", but G-5 travels on wheels and those specifically of LtCol TREMBLAY's 9th Motor Transport Battalion and LtCol EVANS, 11th Engineer Battalion. In April, G-5 used over 100 6X6's from 9th Motors and 30 dump trucks from 11th Engineers Battalion. These vehicles traveled throughout Quang Tri Province from VCE to Cua Valley, Cam Lo, Gio Linh, Cua Viet and Quang Tri City in support of Civic Action projects. In all cases, the drivers were willing to assist in the loading and unloading of the vehicles when necessary.

Too often the work of a support command is overlooked. In providing this transportation, 9th Motors and 11th Engineers provided the necessary final link in the chain that is necessary for a successful Civic Action Program.

The accompanying pictures show the beginning and end of one civic action trip by two 9th Motors trucks carrying needed food to the Bru in Cua Valley during April. The project was directed by Major George SHELLEY, S-5, 3d Marines.



LCpl David ALDOCO, S-5 NGO, 3d Marines, Pfc Alfredo GONZALEZ Jr. and Pfc MARBURY, "A" Co., 9th Motors, helping to load a truck in Dong Ha City for a trip to Cua Valley.



Pfc Charles MARBURY, "A" Co., 9th Motors, helping to unload a truck in Cua Valley.

3D TANK BATTALION

The 3d Tank Bn has a very active and successful Civil Affairs Program. The Bn's major area of interest has been the Quang Tri Chieu Hoi Hamlet. There are many projects which are now in effect, ranging from carpentry and agriculture to medical treatment.

Their self-help carpentry project has resulted in new desks and benches for both schools in the hamlet. The lumber was secured by ICpl D. GREGORY, Ass't Bn S-5.

New farming methods have been introduced to the Hamlet people by the CORDS Agriculture Advisors. These advisors have helped the farmers of the hamlet establish experimental plots which have created a great deal of interest. The crops are melons, corn and sweet potatoes.

Five newly completed wells have aided the people in the farming endeavors.

MedCaps are frequently conducted at the Hamlet and as a result, health and sanitation conditions are improving.

The most recent project being conducted is the duck project. Lt. J. KERRIGAN, S-5 Officer, has procured 14,000 piasters from civil affairs AIK Funds for the purchase of 350 ducklings. These ducklings will be distributed to the people of the Hamlet for animal husbandry.



1st Lt DAVIS, former 3d Tank's S-5, is shown presenting seed to the Chieu Hoi Chief for a vegetable project.

FATHER CO'S REFUGEE CENTER

Father Phan Van Co is a remarkable and a dedicated man who has spent many years of patient labor with the Vietnamese people of Quang Tri Province.

Before moving to his present location near Cam Lo, Father Co lived in Gio Linh District of Quang Tri Province. While there, he was instrumental in building and supervising three medical dispensaries, four schools, and six churches. All this he did with just the people of Gio Lin to help with the actual construction.

With the advent of the war, Father Co was forced to leave Gio Linh because of tactical considerations along the DMZ and the area just south of it. But he soon became an invaluable and indispensable worker in the acute refugee problem in Northern I Corps.

At his present location just west of Cam Lo Father Co (who is a Catholic Priest of no specific order) takes care of 1,420 Catholic and 5,400 Buddhist refugees giving all equal status, treatment, and respect. All hold Father Co with highest regard and trust.

In addition to his regular duties, the Father has an orphanage (14 children), a 320 student school, and a dispensary which treats over 80 patients daily.

While Catholic Relief, the GVN, and U. S. Military Forces in the area all combine to help Father Co's Refugee Center, the heart of his success lies in the ingenuity, industry, and integrity of Father Co himself in getting the people to help themselves.

BRavo, 1st Bn 9th Marines-CUA VALLEY

Due to the tactical situation, the 9th Marine Regiment has found itself associating with the "wrong" Vietnamese the past several months. The recent re-deployment from Dewey Canyon placed elements of the 9th Marines in populated areas for the first time.

Under the leadership of Lt. KRUPA, 2d platoon, Bravo, 1/9, began almost at once to conduct MedCaps among the people of Cua Valley. It is hoped that this enthusiasm shown by this platoon of Marines will show itself among other infantry units who find themselves in the position to conduct civic action operations.



2d Platoon, Bravo, 1st Bn 9th Marines conducting MedCaps in the Cua Valley.

HEADQUARTERS 12TH MARINES-THEY PROVIDE

Several plague cases showed up in Dong Ha District, resulting in some deaths and many other patients being admitted to the Children's Hospital. The 12th Marines S-5, Lt. Don CARPENTER went to the Quang Tri Province Hospital and was given plague vaccine for about 1,000 people. This vaccine was used in the villages at Nghia An and Dong Le. The high school in Dong Ha City was also inoculated. At the end of one week, 12th Marines had inoculated 1167 people in these areas. 2d Bn, 12th Marines at the same time inoculated approximately 500 villagers in Thie Trang. The vaccine is good up to a period of 1 year and there are no boosters required. Special praise is due to 12th Marines for the quick action taken that undoubtedly saved many lives.

English Classes and Scholarship Program

Since August 1968, Headquarters Battery, 12th Marines has been conducting English classes in the Buddhist High School, Semi-Public High School and also District Headquarters High School in Dong Ha City. There are approximately 275 children studying English in these classes from both high schools. The class at Dong Ha has about 17 adults studying English 1 hour per evening, 3 days per week. Three hours per day and 3 days per week, English is taught at the Buddhist School and 2 hours a day, 2 days a week at the Semi-Public School.

Beginning in September 1968, 12th Marines started a Scholarship Program at the Buddhist School, where 30 students were paid for one month of school from the 3d Marine Division Scholarship Fund. These students come from poor families, who could not afford to pay for their child's education. The students must be academically strong. This program continued until the completion of the school year where the program had increased to over 80 students receiving scholarships.

12TH MARINES (CON'T)

At the conclusion of the school year, 3,000 piasters were given to the Buddhist School to be used to purchase gifts for the outstanding students of the year. On Saturday, April 26, the school had a celebration honoring the honor students and to close the school year.

Captain SMITH, Hqtrs Btry, Commanding Officer, and Lt. STYS, Supply Office participated in the celebration by presenting the gifts purchased for the students. On Sunday, April 27, 35 students from the Buddhist School were taken to the beach at Gia Dang for 4 hours by 12th Marines S-5 Chief, Corporal BICK.

On Tuesday, April 28, a similar type celebration was held at the Semi-Public High School, where gifts were given out to the outstanding students. Officers from 11th Engineers participated in handing out the gifts. On Thursday, April 30, two truck loads of children were taken to the beach from the Semi-Public High School.

On 17 April, Lt. CARPENTER was medivaced for complications arising from an appendicitis operation. Special praise is due Corporal BICK, who continued to carry on 12th Marines extensive civic action program single-handedly.

TOP TEN

Being in the top ten in Quang Tri Province is no big treat as the recent demise of Nguyen Quyet (Sapper Chief/Guerrilla Leader of Tich Young Hamlet) and Nguyen Doc Trieu (Secretary, Intervillage Hai Xuan and Hai Vinh villages) will attest.

On 16 April 1969 LtCol FOX, the Assistant Province Advisor of PSYOP in Quang Tri Province, published a list of the Top Ten VCI in Quang Tri Province. The goal established by the Province Senior was the elimination of at least one of the Top Ten by 1 June 1969. In less than two weeks after publication of the list, two of the Top Ten VCI in Quang Tri Province have been eliminated.

The why's and wherefores of their richly deserved ending are not important. What is important is that two high ranking members of the VCI have been eliminated and the remaining members are less secure to do their dirty work as a direct result of this PSYOP effort. Well done, LtCol FOX and company.

14TH MARINES

What do you with a rallier? What, you exploit him immediately, or at least this is the approach taken recently by Lt ALEXANDER of the 14th Marines. A rallier came into Echo Company's lines and indicated that there were others still out in the bush that might be talked into coming in. The field loudspeaker unit UIH-5 that belongs to 14th Marines and SSgt Tai, an interpreter assigned to 1st Battalion, 14th Marines were married up in the Echo Company area. Under the guidance of Lt ALEXANDER, the one way conversation was started. As a result a VC sniper still armed, was talked out of his cave hiding place. We could endlessly speculate on how many lives were saved by this exercise of initiative and immediate PSYOP exploitation, but the point is Lt ALEXANDER and his makeshift team, undoubtedly made it easier for Echo Company to take the sniper than if they would have had to do it the hard way. Well done.

## UNIQUE SOUVENIRS

The perfect match for that SKS above your fireplace - what else but a Montagnard spear or crossbow.

The Bru shop is located by the Route # 9 gate on the Dong Ha Combat Base in the Vietnamese Shopping Center. In purchasing the Bru Handicraft, the servicemen will be getting an excellent souvenir while at the same time assisting the Montagnards in supporting themselves through their own labor.

ENGLISH TEACHER - USMC

3d Motor Transport Battalion, commanded by Major J. F. LAVIN, has a very extensive civil affairs program directed by Lt. Steve RAY, the Battalion S-5.

One of the 3d Motors projects is teaching English and light construction at Terexa School in Quang Tri. Bravo Company, under 1stLt Bill WATERSON, sends LCpls James FARLEY, William MAPLES, Keith GIBSON and Paul DELUCA to help teach the students the

English Language. Many of the drills used in teaching are in the form of songs ably accompanied by LCpl MAPLE and his guitar.

Recently Lt. WATERSON and Sister TEREKA NIEM translated the lyrics of the SOUND OF MUSIC into Vietnamese in conjunction with the showing of the film to the seventh and eighth grades.

Between classes the Marine instructors relax with tall glasses of Nuoc Son Day, a drink made from potatoes and sugar. A salute to the civil affairs program of 3d Motors.

Force Logistics Support Group Bravo

FLSG-Bravo's civil affairs section works on the "grass-roots" level with the Vietnamese people of Luong An, Phoung Gia, Lap Thach and Truong Chi. They work on a personal basis in "helping the people help themselves." Their tools are an ever-present smile, patience, a handful of soap, scrap lumber, bags of cement and 14 hours of work, seven days a week.

When the Dong Ha ammunitions dump was hit by enemy artillery fire last June, the resulting explosions damaged more than 200 Vietnamese homes and temples and churches along Highway # 1.

Bravo's civil affairs team, officially organized in December of 68, immediately began providing assistance so that the Vietnamese could repair and in most cases rebuild their homes and places of worship.

Collecting and hauling "scrap lumber," discarded by American military units in the area, has provided most of the necessary materials. Cement declared "unseizable" by military authorities is also collected and used to make cement blocks. So far more than 175 homes, two temples and one church have been completely repaired.

Bravo's companion project is the Dong Ha Orphanage where more than 85 Vietnamese

children, orphaned by the war, now have a home. During the past six months there have been a number of projects completed at the orphanage. Within a six-week time period, a second story addition was added to the orphanages' original quonset hut providing a new living area for the children. Present plans call for establishing a "vocational training school" in the old dormitory.

Included in the school will be a fully equipped carpentry shop and a sewing room. Tools for the woodworking shop are being donated by interested Americans and five CARE sewing machines will compliment the sewing room.

The Hamlet of Lap Thach has just been assigned to the Bravo team and their first efforts there included pumping more than 350,000 gallons of water from the Thach Han River into the hamlet's spinach fields.

Bi-weekly MedCaps are held in all the hamlets and at the orphanage by Bravo corpsmen and a daily check of the orphanage and hamlets assures that anyone who is seriously ill will be taken to medical facilities.

The Bravo civil affairs team is proud of the fact that almost everything they are doing to "help the people help themselves" is accomplished with little or no cost to either the governments of the United States or the Republic of Vietnam.

## FLSG-BRAVO



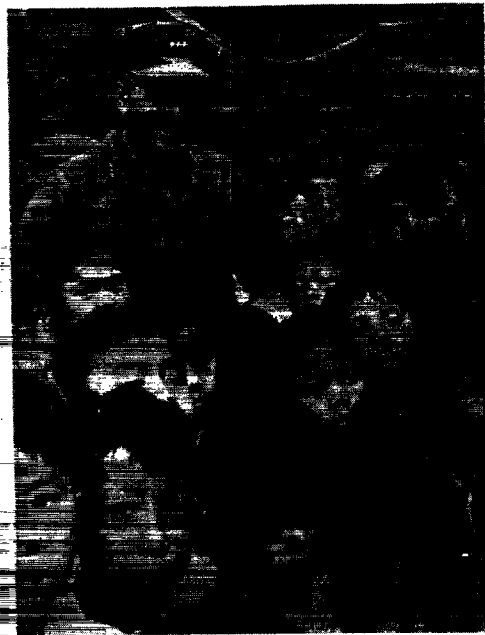
Staff Sergeant J. E. WETTIG makes final adjustments on a hand pump installed in the hamlet of Loung An.



Captain R. W. CRUM eats with Vietnamese Elders during a pre-TET party sponsored by the Bravo Civil Affairs Team. Capt. CRUM is the S-5 for FLSG-Bravo.



The language barrier is crossed aided by hamlet children. Captain R. W. CRUM talks with a Hamlet Chief about providing materials for the Vietnamese people to rebuild their homes, leveled when the Dong Ha ASP exploded in June 1968.



General WALT, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps is surrounded by children at the Dong Ha orphanage. He visited the Home during his last tour of Marine Facilities in Vietnam in April 1969.



# SCHOOLS AND MORE SCHOOLS



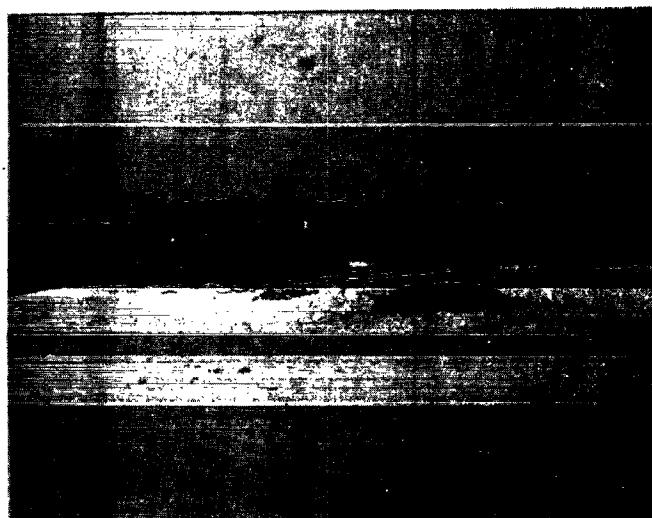
## CUA VIET SCHOOL

During April, Quang Tri Province held three school dedications; one in Vinh Dai, in Dong Ha and a school built by VMO-6, MAG-39 in Trieu Phong, in memory of 1stLt David JACOBSSGAARD, former squadron S-5, who was killed in action in February.

Three school projects are presently under construction. Under the direction of Quang Tri Province Public Works Chiefs and 1stLt Barry MC MULLAN, Civic Action Officer, 3d Marine Division, a two floor addition is being built to the Bo De High School in Quang Tri City.

Another school will soon be completed in Cua Viet. With the assistance of SSgt LUCAS, 1st AMTracs, and Sp4 VANWINKLE, 1st AA Platoon, 29 Civil Affairs Company,

## BO DE HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION



G-5, the people of Cua Viet are building a school to provide a place for their children to receive their education. This school is an attempt to assist the people of the resettlement village in upgrading their way of life and increasing the friendly relationship between the people of the village, the GVN, and Allied Forces in this area.

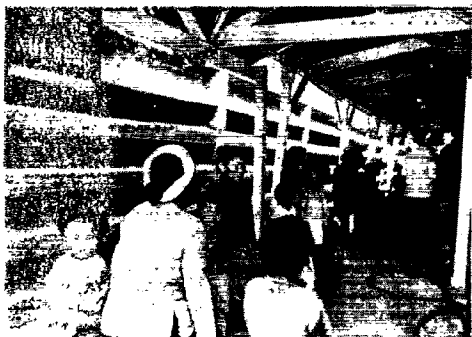
The third school being constructed is the Cam Lo Refugee School. This Buddhist School has important educational and political implications, providing a necessary school for the Buddhist refugees of Cam Lo and helping to further the bettering relations between the Buddhist and Allied Forces. The school is being built by the people with technical assistance from CBMU-301 and Major SHELLEY, S-5, 3d Marines.

# 3D MARINE DIVISION MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL-DONG HA

The 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital at Dong Ha was initially intended to be a temporary facility to serve as a interim hospital while the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital was being constructed at the Quang Tri Combat Base. However, under the command of Cmdr. ROE, it has done more than that. Since its doors opened on 1 September 1968, it has treated over 12,000 patients, and at present there are over 90 in patients in the hospital. The accompanying pictures illustrate some of the typical daily scenes at the hospital.



Records are kept for each patient that comes to the hospital. The "temporary facility" is setting up the administrative procedures to be eventually used at the permanent Children's Hospital at QTCB.



Vietnamese children waiting to see the "Bac-Si" at the Children's Hospital. Since 1 September 1968, over 12,000 children have been treated at the hospital.



A Vietnamese nurse, one of the 18 presently in training at the hospital, administers a shot to one of the clinic's patients.



Clothing from the United States is distributed to the children at the hospital. Citizens of the United States have contributed everything from \$50,000 worth of medical equipment to baby crib blankets in support of the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital.

YOU CAN HELP, WHETHER COLONEL OR PRIVATE, "GRUNT" OR "REMINGTON RAIDER", YOUR PURCHASE OF A RAFFLE TICKETS IN THE 3D MARINE DIVISION MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FUND RAFFLE WILL HELP TO BUILD THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE.

# CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONY



On 9 April at the Quang Tri Combat Base, the cornerstone for the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital was laid. Construction is proceeding rapidly with the hospital expected to be operating by the latter part of the Fall 1969. The ceremony was most impressive with both Vietnamese and American participation.

Attending the ceremony was Dr. Tran Lu Y, Minister of Health, Social Welfare and Relief

of the Republic of Vietnam. Representing III MAF was Major General Youngdale, and the XXIV Corps representative was Major General DRAKE. Also in attendance was Brigadier General FEELEY, Commanding General, Force Logistics Command.

After the innovation by Father Do Ba AI, the cornerstone was laid by Major General R. G. DAVIS, Colonel Nguyen AM, Province Chief, Dr. Tran Lu Y, and the Province Medical Chief, Dr. Tung. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by General DAVIS to Major NHIEM, Trieu Phong District Chief, and Mr. Dang Truong, Hamlet Chief of Ai Tu Hamlet, for donating the land of Ai Tu Hamlet for the site of the Children's Hospital. Dr. Lu Y presented 5 Social Welfare Medals to those persons instrumental in developing the hospital project, including Major General DAVIS. The Benediction was said by the Venerable Thich Chanh Truc, leader of the Quang Tri Buddhists.

We are printing the entire speech of Dr. Tran Lu Y so that all commands can see how important this project is to the people of Quang Tri Province and the GVN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO BE AT THIS CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DEDICATED BY THE UNITED STATES 3D MARINE DIVISION TO THE PEOPLE OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

CHILDREN ARE THE SPECIAL ELEMENT OF OUR SOCIETY, AND THE HOPE FOR THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF THIS NATION. THEY MUST BE LOVED AND GIVEN THE BEST OF CARE, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY, WHEN THEY ARE SICK OR INJURED. SYMPATHIZING WITH THE SUFFERING OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS WAR ZONE, PARTICULARLY THE CHILDREN, ALL THE OFFICERS, AND MARINES OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION HAVE VOLUNTARILY CONTRIBUTED AND ASKED FOR DONATIONS TO BUILD THIS HOSPITAL. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE RECEIVED AID FROM OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS. FOR MANY YEARS, YOUR TREMENDOUS ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN REALIZED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND EDUCATION, ETC.... MANY OF YOU LEFT YOUR PROSPEROUS, COMFORTABLE AND PEACEFUL LIFE IN YOUR COUNTRY TO COME HERE TO STAND FOR THE HARDSHIP, MISERY AND SOMETIMES EVEN DEATH. BUT THESE OBSTACLES AND DANGERS HAVEN'T DISCOURAGED YOU, ON THE CONTRARY, YOU STILL HELP US SINCERELY, ACTIVELY AND ARE ALWAYS READY TO SHARE THE SUFFERING OF THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM.

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE PEOPLE OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE, I DEEPLY THANK THE COMMANDER AND ALL THE MARINES OF THE UNITED STATES 3D MARINE DIVISION FOR YOUR CHARITABLE AND HUMANITARIAN AID.

## 3D MARINE DIVISION MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RAFFLE

As of 30 April over \$18,000 has been collected from commands located within the 3d Marine Division's AOR. It is hoped that the remaining two paydays before the raffle terminates will bring in the expected donations. Every day the G-5 Section receives calls wanting to know where they can purchase tickets.

Each company has a raffle key man and if the publicity reaches the troops, most if not all will readily purchase tickets for this most worthwhile cause.



Sgt. Gary W. THOMAS, Raffle NCO, anxiously awaits the drawing which is to be held 22 June 1969.

## SOME DO CARE

Since its conception in the summer of 1968, the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital Fund has received thousands of dollars in donations and equipment from interested Americans back in the States. On April 17, a ship loaded with hospital equipment, valued at more than \$50,000 left San Diego for Quang Tri Province. It is expected to arrive in Vietnam in about 6 weeks.

The equipment, mostly used but in working condition was collected from hospitals and hospital supply firms, around the western New York area.

The point that stood above the rest was the cooperation of the several organizations that helped to bring this project about. The Ransomville General Hospital and other western New York hospitals donated the equipment, members of Local 289, United Brotherhood of Carpenters provided the labor, the Lapp Express Company of Medina, New York, Times D. C. Inc. of Buffalo, and the Santa Fe Railroad provided the transportation. A public hospital, labor and business all working together for a common goal, to provide medical care for children in Vietnam. Commands should make a special point to insure that all the Marines and Sailors of the 3d Marine Division learn of this generosity so that they will know that there are citizens in the United States who care about the job they are doing so far from their homes.

# ODDS AND ENDS

## VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE CLASS-INTERESTED???

Major SHELLEY, Personal Response Officer for 3d Marines is trying to get a Vietnamese language class started at Dong Ha Combat Base. Any comments or helpful criticism on where, when and who would like to attend would be appreciated.

It has been proven many times that the major difficulty in relationships between Vietnamese and Americans is the language barrier. If more personnel would take a little time and try to learn some Vietnamese phrases they would be surprised at the reaction they would get from the Vietnamese people when they use them.

Please direct comments to Major SHELLEY at 3d MarDiv switchboard 3481.

## IT'S NOT ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

3d Shore Party is working up a day of fun and play for the children at the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital, Dong Ha Facility. Marines from the unit will show the children how to play certain games and undoubtedly will join in some of them. After the games there will be ice cream and other "goodies" for the children.

Perhaps other Battalions would like to conduct a similar "civic action" project. Not only is there the Children's Hospital, there are a host of orphanages that would welcome this kind of "contact" with a Marine unit. It would be a memorable experience for the men in the Battalion - and they would learn firsthand what Personal Response and Civic Action is all about.

Please contact the G-5 Section if your command desires further information and assistance in setting up such a project.

## PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Thanks to 11th Engineers, 9th Motors and Det # 1 620th TacConSqd USAF, in Dong Ha the badly needed playground equipment will

soon be available to the districts to help give the children something to do around the schools and keep them away from the roads.

## WOOD SALVAGE

MCB-128 at QTCB has considerable plywood to be salvaged and used for civic action. The wood is from cement crates used near the airstrip. Any S-5 needing scrap wood is strongly encouraged to contact Lt. SEIFERT, QTCB Civil Affairs Area Coordinator. Ensign WILSON S-5, MCB-128 will help you locate the wood.

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW QTCB AREA COORDINATOR

2dLt Rich SEIFERT is the new QTCB Civil Affairs Area Coordinator replacing Major CAUFIELD. Lt. SEIFERT can be located at the Division Inspector's office at the 3d MarDiv CP Rear, phone 3132.

Welcome aboard, Rich, and we know you will enjoy and be challenged by your new duties in civic action.

## ATTITUDE SURVEY

The III MAF Attitude Survey in the 3d Mar Div was conducted from 5 to 9 April without a hitch. All units are to be complimented for the cooperation they gave to the surveyors who assisted the G-5 in conducting the survey. Any unit commander desiring a "read out" of the survey, for his Battalion or Regiment, may do so by contacting the G-5 Section.

## DONG HA HOSPITAL NEEDS A REFRIGERATOR

Dong Ha Community Hospital needs a refrigerator to store medicine and ice (for typhoid patients). It can be new or used, open left or right, and can have an icemaker or not. Just about anything that presently is in workable condition will do. Please contact G-5 if you can help.

# RICE PROTECTION PROGRAM

Rice is the mainstay of the Vietnamese diet and as such is a precious commodity. Rice is also the means of survival for the NVA and VC that are at the end of a very long supply line.

The usual method used by the NVA and VC to procure rice is to go into a village and buy local rice or lacking either funds or cooperation, "tax" the rice held by the people.

We are entering rice harvest time. In order to protect the farmers from the VC "tax collectors" and to deny the VC and NVA this valuable asset, the GVN has embarked on an ambitious plan to protect the farmers and their crops. Basically this plan amounts to first, protecting the farmer while he harvests his crop; second, provide a secure storage for the crop; third allow the farmer to draw his rice from secure storage in small amounts so as to leave little rice in the hands of the farmer to be "taxed".

Successful execution of this plan will keep "Charlie" hungry - he's already limping along on insufficient rations and the recent capture of large caches has caused him to

tighten his belt even tighter. Needless to say, the NVA/VC are more anxious than ever to get their "tax" from this years rice crop. Our part in this rice protection effort is to provide the screen that will allow the farmers to harvest in peace. For us it appears to be just another tactical operation. But the implications are tremendous.

From a PSYOP point of view, this program offers two real challenges. One to convince the rice farmer that he's able to harvest in peace only through the efforts of ARVN/Allied

forces and that for his own safety and protection he should place his rice in the secure storage; second, to exploit to the maximum extent the shortage of food that the NVA/VC are now suffering and will suffer in the future based on the current rice protection campaign.

Most of this PSYOP effort is being directed from Division and higher levels, however PSYOP officers of units in the field can be of invaluable assistance if they will use every means at their disposal to get the enemy to realize his plight. A hungry man is very susceptible to a message that reviews his pitiful state and offers him a means of changing it (i.e. rally, become a POW, or return to North Vietnam). Any success however minor, should be exploited immediately if you need help to exploit your success, call 3503, Division PSYOP.

## WAREHOUSE ISSUE

During the month of April, the G-5 Warehouse, issued over 170 tons of supplies to 3d Marine Division units.

Over 280,000 lbs of cement, 3,000 lbs of lumber, 4,000 lbs of rebar and some 14,000 lbs of tile were used in various civic action construction projects. In addition, some 12,000 lbs of rice, 238 cases of instant breakfast, 1000 school kits, 5 carpenter kits, 4 mason kits, 2 agricultural kits, 2 blacksmith kits, 10 needle trade kits,

10 sewing kits, 2 sewing machines, 7 P. T. kits, 39 cases of soap, 40 cases of medical supplies, 3 rice threshers, 600 Vietnamese language books, 30 stretchers, 25 blankets, and 11 cases of diapers were distributed.

\*\*\*All requests for supplies are to be submitted on NEW request forms, which are available at the G-5 Warehouse or in the G-5 Admin Office. All requests should be submitted with an original and three copies.

## CAM VU RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

On approximately 18 Feb 1969 the Cam Vu Resettlement was started. The project consisted of moving 6,000-7,000 Vietnamese civilians back into an area they formally inhabited. Before the people moved out of

the area it was a very heavily Viet Cong infested area, so the people were moved out of the area so as to allow the area to become a free fire zone so that the Viet Cong could be eliminated from the area. After a considerable length of time the area was considered safe again and the Cam Vu Resettlement Project was started.

It was requested that the 2nd Detachment, 7th PSYOP Battalion provide an Audio/Visual Team (HE Team). An HE Team with Lt WRIGHT as teamleader was sent to the Cam Vu Resettlement to aid the project. The team was extremely successful in their task of population control, the team was a great aid in getting the people registered and medically checked.

During the early part of the night the HE Team set up and showed movies for the local population. Between reels the teams interpreter and 2 Kit Carson Scouts were used to conduct "Face-to-Face" propaganda, their main task was to make the local populace aware that all of this was being done for them through the efforts of the GVN. This was probably the first time most of the people realized the aid given to them by the GVN. The HE Team showed approximately 38 movies for a total of 13 movie hours. Some of the movies were, Cartoons, Vietnamese Drama, and Vietnam, Vietnam. The team also broadcasted for a total of 15 hours using their public address system.

After processing was completed the people were provided with building materials and transportation and were able to start building a new way of life hopefully with a better understanding and more respect for the Government of South Vietnam.

## LEAFLET NOTES

A recent study conducted by the 7th PSYOP Battalion led to the conclusion that the potential rallier would most likely be induced by appeals of sentiment, home and family rather than threats, massive firepower etc. It has also been found that ralliers are reluctant to rally without a safe conduct pass even though many leaflets are now used to tell them the pass is not

necessary. It is therefore recommended that the phrase "You do not need a safe conduct pass to rally - you may use this leaflet or any other leaflet for safe conduct", be used on all Chieu Hoi leaflets and that the Chieu Hoi symbol appear at least once on each Chieu Hoi leaflet and as a filler on all leaflets.