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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FME
Subj: Command Chronology for March 1966
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

Encl: (1) Command Chronology, 4th Marines (-) (Rein)
(2) Command Chronology, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
(3) Command Chronology, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines
(4) Command Chronology, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines
(5) Command Chronology, Provisional Reconnaissance Group "B"

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) are submitted.
2. Company B, 3d Motor Transport Battalion encountered no problems during the reporting period and has no lessons learned to submit.
3. The 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines have submitted their report via the 12th Marines.
4. Due to operational commitments the Command Chronology of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines will be submitted at a later date.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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Consists of -

*Co "B", 3d Engr Bn c/Chron, Mar 66 } filed w/ parent Bn
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SECTION I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA
 4th Marines (-) (Rein)
 PHU BAI, VIETNAM
 COMMAND POST (XD 835136)

COMMANDING OFFICER
 EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 S-1/ADJUTANT
 S-2 OFFICER
 S-3 OFFICER
 S-4 OFFICER
 COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
 ARTILLERY LIAISON OFFICER

COLONEL D. W. SHERMAN
 LT COLONEL W. F. DRYFF
 FIRST LIEUTENANT E. L. KRATOSKI
 MAJOR C. N. WARNER
 MAJOR D. J. FULHAM
 MAJOR J. HASKINS
 MAJOR W. E. H USE
 MAJOR G. J. SLACK 1-26Mar66
 MAJOR H. C. SOMMERVILLE
 27-31Mar66

AIR LIAISON OFFICER
 NAVAL GUNFIRE LIAISON OFFICER
 REGIMENTAL SURGEON
 CO, HQ CO, 4TH MARINES
 CO, 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES
 CO, 2ND BATTALION, 1ST MARINES
 CO, 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES
 CO, 3RD BATTALION, 4TH MARINES
 CO, 3RD BATTALION, 12TH MARINES
 CO, PROVISIONAL RECON GROUP "B"
 CO, CS "B" 3RD MT BATTALION

MAJOR T. L. GRIFFIN
 LIEUTENANT E. J. O'SULLIVAN, USN
 LIEUTENANT J. T. MALONE USN(MC)
 CAPTAIN E. W. BESCH
 LT COLONEL H. A. HATCH
 LT COLONEL R. T. HANNIFIN, JR.
 LT COLONEL R. E. SULLIVAN
 LT COLONEL S. A. VALE
 LT COLONEL L. L. PAGE
 CAPTAIN J. L. COMPTON
 FIRST LIEUTENANT KOZUBAL

General Support of the 4th Marines (-) (Rein)

CO, CoB, 3dEngrBn

Capt P. E. WESTPHAL

Direct Support of the 4th Marines (-) (Rein)

CO, CoC, 3dIcBn, MAF
 CO, CoB, 3dATBn

Capt E. L. ERICKSON
 Capt L. F. LANPHER

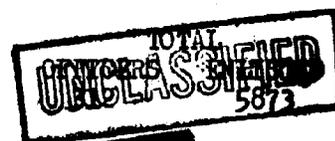
THE AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH FOR THE 4TH MARINES (-) (REIN)

1-27 March 1966

| USMC | | USN | | TOTAL | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| OFFICERS | ENLISTED | OFFICERS | ENLISTED | OFFICERS | ENLISTED |
| 30 | 355 | 2 | 6 | 32 | 361 |

28-31 March 1966

| USMC | | USN | | TOTAL |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| OFFICERS | ENLISTED | OFFICERS | ENLISTED | OFFICERS |
| 297 | 5636 | 15 | 237 | 5873 |



SECTION II
 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
 1 - 31 March 1966

Personnel - Administration

1. Personnel

a. Average monthly strength:

| | <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 1-27Mar66 | 30 | 355 | 2 | 6 |
| 28-31Mar66 | 297 | 5636 | 15 | 237 |

b. Battle and Non-Battle Casualties:

| | <u>BATTLE</u> | | | <u>SERIOUS</u> | <u>NON-BATTLE</u> | | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------|---------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|----|--------------|
| | <u>KIA</u> | <u>DOW</u> | <u>WIA</u> | | <u>DEATH</u> | | |
| 1-27Mar66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 28-31Mar66 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 11 | |

c. Rotation during month:

| | | |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| 6 | 252 | 258 |

d. Replacements received:

| | | |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| 7 | 121 | 128 |

e. Personnel Summary:

- (1) Shortage of replacement personnel remains serious.
- (2) Regimental Orders published during period. (See enclosure (3)).

2. Staff studies and estimates: None
3. Local Newspapers: None
4. Photographs: None
5. Journals: See enclosure (1) and (2)
6. Discipline, Courts-martial and Office Hours:

a. Courts-martial:

- (1) General: 0
- (2) Special: 5
- (3) Summary: 11
- (4) Office Hours: 35

7. Morale, PX, Postal Affairs, Liberty and R&R

a. Morale is considered to remain high.

b. PX: At the middle of the reporting period the stock level of the Exchange was unsatisfactory, however, this situation was alleviated during the latter part of the period. Merchandise with a retail value of approximately \$100,514.15 is on hand at the present time. Merchandise with a retail value of approximately \$46,369.75 was sold during period. The building previously used as the Exchange for the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines, has been converted to use as a centralized exchange providing service for all units in the Hue Phu Bai Combat Base. Through excellent prior planning of the Division Exchange Officer adequate exchange stocks were supplied immediately after the arrival of the increased military population.

c. Postal Service provided by the 4th Marines Post Office for the month of March were as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Money Orders Issued: | 2383 |
| Amount of Money Orders Issued: | \$127,915.41 |
| Registered (sent out): | 116 |
| Registered (received): | 66 |
| Stamps sold: | \$2,401.00 |
| Amount of Money Orders Cashed: | \$7,328.95 |

d. Liberty: None

e. R&R: During the month of March, approximately 34 personnel were assigned R&R quotas to Okinawa, Manila, Taipei, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Saigon.

8. Chaplain Support, Religious Services:

Religious Services, Catholic and Protestant were held each Sunday during month of March. Catholic Mass was held daily and Protestant Bible Study was held weekly during this period.

Regimental Chaplain provided Catholic coverage for units in Chu Lai enclave without Catholic Chaplains.

Memorial Services were conducted as required.

Religious coverage at B-Med was provided as needed for Casualties during Operations Utah and Texas.

Since arrival at Phu Bai Combat Base, Regimental Chaplain has coordinated religious services for all units to insure Protestant/Catholic coverage to greatest capabilities.

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11 March 1966

REGIMENTAL BULLETIN 1500

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Rendering of Salutes and Military Courtesies

1. Purpose. To promulgate information concerning the rendering of salutes and military courtesies.
2. Background. It has been observed that erroneous impressions exist concerning saluting while in combat zones. These erroneous impressions are that the rendering of salutes and military courtesies are suspended.
3. Action. All appropriate salutes and military courtesies will be rendered. In those circumstances where proximity to the enemy and/or hostile fire is involved, actions in this regard will be dictated by common sense.
4. Self-cancellation. 1 August 1966.

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1:LEM:mjb
28 March 1966

REGIMENTAL ORDER 5605.1H

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Distribution of Directives

Encl: (1) Distribution List

1. Purpose. To establish a standard distribution for directives originated by this organization as indicated by enclosure (1).
2. Cancellation. Regimental Order 5605.1G
3. Action. Requests for changes to this distribution list and/or requests for additional copies will be addressed to this Headquarters (Attn: S-1).

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A - Orders & Bulletins

B - Directives to Executive and Special Staff, Bn's, HqCo, and Attachments

C - Directives to CO's and Regimental Special Orders

D - OpO, AdminO, and EmbO

E - OpO (Frag Issued in the field)

F - Court-Martial Orders (in addition to requirements of JAG Instructions)

G. Special - As directed by originating section

Enclosure (1)

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- 1- CG THIRD MARDIV
- 1- CG III MAF
- 1- CG 1ST MAW
- 1- SAA, 1ST INF DIV, HUE, VN
- 1- SIA, THUA THIEN PROV RS VN

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 FM FOURTH MARINES (C) KEIN
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG III MAF
 CG 1ST MAW
 ZENVEST BN 4TH MAR
 ZEN/2ND BN 1ST MAR
 ZEN/3RD BN 4TH MAR
 ZEN/4RD BN 12TH MAR
 ZEN/1ST BN 1ST MAR
 ZEN/HMM 163
 ZEN/CO 3 BD RECON
 SAA, 1ST INF DIV, HUE, VN
 SIA, THUA THIEN PROVRS VN
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 HMM 163 2/12/54
 8" Recon 8/12/54

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1. FOURTH MARINES INTSUM NO. 1
 2. PERIOD 200000H TO 231200H
 3. NEGATIVE
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11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES:

THE VC 6TH PROV REGT IS PRESENTLY LOCATED IN THE HAI LANG AREA OF QUANG TRI PROV (YD 3545). DOCUMENTS REVEAL THIS REGT POS HAS 40 BMM MORTARS. THE REGT HAS THE CAPABILITY OF ATTACKING GVN INSTALLATIONS IN HAI LANG DIST HQ, (YD 41482), LA LANG (YD 33525) AU GANG (YD 33653), BA LONG (YD 170095), AND POSSIBLY QUANG TRI, AND/OR CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN THE COASTAL LOWLAND AREAS.

THERE ARE 2 VC BN'S OF THE 1ST PROV REGT PRESENTLY OPERATING IN THE PHU THI (YD 557287) - THANH TAN (YD 522295) AREA OF PHONG DIEN DIST QUANG HUA THIEN PROV. THESE TWO BN'S HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF ATTACKING THE 3D REGT HQ AT PK-17 (YD 64277), PHONG DIEN DIST HQ AND CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN THE COASTAL LOWLAND AREAS.

IN THE ASHAU/ALOU VALLEY (YC 435945) AREA THERE IS OR WAS ONE VC REGT COMPLETE WITH SUPPORTING ELEMENTS. DUE TO THE VC ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE IS MORE THAN 1 VC REGT THERE WITH THE CAPABILITY OF MOVING FROM THE ASHAU/ALOU AREA TO THE RUE / 27 2-3 -43 8, -2975 8 DAYS OF, TO THE KHE TRE /NAM DUNG AREA (YD 30840) IN THE SAME LENGTH OF TIME.

THIS REGT (?) IS CAPABLE OF ATTACKING KHE TRE OUTPOST (YD 912890) AND AMBUSHING RELIEF FORCES. THIS REGT COULD ALSO ATTACK/HARASS THE

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PHU BAI AREA OR CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE LOWLAND AREAS OF THUA THIEN PROV.

VULNERABILITIES:

ELEMENTS OF LARGE VC UNITS IN POPULATED AREAS WILL MOST LIKELY BE SURROUNDED BY THE POPULACE OR PARA-MILITARY FORCES.

VC UNITS ARE VULNERABLE TO AIR STRIKES AND MASSED ARTY.

E - CONCLUSIONS:

VC IN THE 11TH DTA, UNDER THE ORDERS OF THE VC NORTHERN AREA SUB DIVISION HQ, WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH STRONGLY THEIR CAMPAIGN IN THE 11TH DTA. VC CAN BE EXPECTED TO CAPITALIZE ON THE UNSETTLED POLITICAL SITUATION IN THIS AREA. THE MOST LIKELY TARGET AREA REMAINS THE RICE PRODUCING POPULATED AREAS OF THE LOWLANDS.

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 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG III MAF
 @ FIRST MAR
 FIRST BN FOURTH MAR
 SECOND BN FIRST MAR
 FIRST BN FIRST MAR
 THIRD BN FOURTH MAR
 THIRD BN TWELVE MAR
 MPM ONE SIX THREE
 CO THIRD REGON
 SAA, FIRST INF DIV, HUE, VN
 SIA, THUS THIR PROV KSMN

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1. FOURTH MARINES INFSTR NO. 2
 2. PERIOD 261200H TO 291200H
 3. SUMMARY OF EN ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

(1) 174 - ADESKRIP OF A PATROL ON 26 MAR REVEALED INDICATIONS OF A VC OBSERVATION POST FOUND AT COORDINATES (YD 607237). A SMALL CAVE WAS FOUND ON STREAMBEDS UNDER THE BANK AT (YD 612230). AN OLD FRENCH CABLE, TYPE 3 STRAND, AT COORDINATES (YD 612230) IN GOOD REPAIR AND CAN BE USED. THE SONG BU RIVER IS FORDABLE AND THE BEST FORDING LOP

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ATION THUS FOUND IS AT (YD 605252).
 (2) 171 - AT 282330H (12) EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED IN THE VIC OF C-3 PLT BASE (YD 795107). C-4 PLT VIC (YD 795107) RETURNING TO THE BASE AREA HAD SEVERAL EXPLOSIVES DEVICES DETONATED ON THE FLANKS OF AND WITHIN THE PLT CAUSING (1) USMC KIA AND (1) USMC MIA. THE EXPLOSIONS WERE INITIALLY REPORTED TO BE MORTAR FIRE BUT LACK OF FRAGMENTS LEAD TO THIS CONCLUSION. IN THE FLASH OF THE INITIAL EXPLOSION THE TWO FRONT MEN OF THE PLT SAW 5-6 VC WHOM THEY FIRED ON BEFORE BEING KNOCKED DOWN BY SUBSEQUENT EXPLOSIONS. THE VC WITHDREW WITHOUT RETURNING THE FIRE. A SEARCH OF THE AREA REVEALED PIECES OF HUMAN FLESH, RIBS OF BLOOD LEADING AWAY FROM THE AREA AND ALSO FOUND BLOOD STAININGS. ESTIMATED (1) VC KIA AND (4) VC MIA. ALSO FOUND (1) M16 MAT-49 SMG; (1) MAT-49; 30 RD MAGAZINE; (2) K-50 MAGAZINES (12) BLOCKS OF TNT & FUZZS; (2) CHICOM GRENADES; (1) CHICOM MINE; AND 17 RDS OF 9MM AMMUNITION. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE VC FORCE NUMBERED 15-20 MEN.
 AT 280730H AT THE VIC (YD 605252) DETONATED (2) VC ON AN UP, VIC (YD 605252). A FIRE MISSION WAS LAUNCHED WITH GOOD EFFECT ON THE (YD 605252). (2) VC KIA (PROBABLE).
 (3) 271 - AT 280730H AT THE VIC (YD 605252) DETONATED (1)

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VCS MALE ALSD APPROX 26 AT (ZD 323135) WHO HAD NO ID CARD. TAKEN TO
"B" GO CP FOR FURTHER PROCESSING TO COLLECTION POINT.

(4) 3/4 - AT 290045H "L" CD RPTD AN EXPLOSION ABOUT 20 METERS INSIDE
DEFENSIVE WIRE, (YD 357128), AND 50 METERS IN FRONT OF MACHING GUN
POSITION. THOUGHT TO BE GRNAD; NO ENEMY SIGHTED OR ACTIVITY OUTSIDE
OR NEAR DEFENSIVE WIRE.

D. AIR ACTIVITY

(1) 2/1 - 291145H - RESUPPLY CHOPPER REC'D TWO (2) RUS (TRACER) VIC -
(YD 359125) AFTER RECEIVING ONE HIT THE CHOPPER WENT IN FOR A CLOSER
LOOK AND SPOTTED 40-50 PEOPLE. THESE PEOPLE APPEARED TO BE ARVN AND
IT LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE BREAKING FOR CHUN. ON THE PASS FOR THE CLOSER
LOOK THE CHOPPER REC'D THE SECOND HIT.

OTHER.

USMC LO, HURT AND BRIDGES WERE HIT BY 7 RUS 60MM MORTAR FIRE DURING
NIGHT 25-26 MARCH. SAC SUN BRIDGE AT (ZD 323234) WAS HIT BY THREE OF THE
SEVEN RUS. THERE ARE THREE HOLES THREE FEET IN DIAMETER IN BRIDGE.

RAPID STILL CROSSING BRIDGE AND A GOOD BYPASS IS AVAILABLE. SA SAC
BRIDGE LOCATED AT (ZD 335025), EXTENT OF DAMAGE UNKNOWN. CMDR OF RUGH

CONVOY NOTIFIED. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES

A. PERSONNEL: CONF PROS

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| | NIA | WIA | NIA | WIA | VCS | VCC |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1/1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2/1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

3. EQUIPMENT: (1) M108 141MM SRG; (1) M7-49, 50 RUM MAGAZINE;
(2) 7-50 MAGAZINES; (13) 1 LB. BLOCKS OF TNT w/FUZES;
(2) CHICOM GRENADES; (1) CHICOM MINE; 87 RUS OF 5MM AMMO.

5. NEGATIVE

6. NEGATIVE

7. NEGATIVE

8. EN MOVEMENT

A. MOVEMENTS

FR GIA LE PLT SGT WHO OBTAINED INFO FROM SPIES IN THE VILLAGE:
THE VC 500 AMBUSHED THE MARINE PLT THE NIGHT OF THE 27 HAD THE
MISSION OF DESTROYING THE GIA LE HOSPITAL. THE AMBUSH UPSET THEIR PLANS
AND THEY TOOK AN ESTIMATED 10 NIA. THEY WITHDREW TO DUNG BI TAI
(YD 325717). TONIGHT THEY PLAN TO EVACUATE THEIR WOUNDED ALONG
AN UNKNOWN ROUTE.

9. NEGATIVE

10. NEGATIVE

11. NO CHANGE

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12. NONE

13. NEGATIVE

14. NEGATIVE

5. NEGATIVE

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 FM FOURTH MARINES (-) (REIN)
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG III MAF
 CG 1ST MAW
 1ST BN 4TH MAR --- 2
 2ND BN 1ST MAR --- 3
 1ST BN 1ST MAR --- 1
 3RD BN 4TH MAR --- 1
 3RD BN 12 MAR --- 1
 HMM-153 --- 1
 CO B 3RD RECON --- 10
 SAA 1ST INF DIV, HUE, VN
 SIA THUA HIEN PROV RVN
 S-2, 8TH RRU --- 11-12

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1. FOURTH MARINES INTSUM NO .3
2. PERIOD 291200Z TO 301200Z
3. SUMMARY OF EN ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

(1) 1/A NEG

(2) 1/1- AT 291053, LISTENING POST OBS TWO INDIVIDUALS EMERGING FROM WATER AT (YD 815041). INDIVIDUALS ENTERED BRUSH 100 YDS FROM LP AND NO FURTHER OBSERVATION WAS MADE. AT 291130Z, ARVN TRAINING GROUP FIRE ON A SUSPECTED VC PLY AT (YD 834162). VC BROKE CONTACT AND MOVED OUT IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

(3) 3/4- AT 291915 PLT PTL FROM "1" CO MADE CONTACT WITH

4 VC ON TRAIL VIC (YD 893078). VC BROKE CONTACT AND FLEW IN A NORTH-EASTERLY DIRECTION AFTER BREF EXCHANGE OF S/A'S FIRE. VC WORE CAMOUFLAGED SHIRTS, AND SOFT CAPS. ONE VC WORE KHAKI TROUSERS. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

(4) 2/1- AT 292345H, CAC 5 RPTD THAT ONE VCS HAD WALKED INTO THEIR AMBUSH SITE AT (YD 816177). VCS WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY S/A'S. AREA WAS SEARCHED AND NOTHING UNUSUAL FOUND.

4M NONE

5. NONE

6. NONE

7. NONE

8. EN MOVEMENT

A. MOVEMENTS. CAC REC INFO FROM VILLAGERS IN THE GIA LE AREA . 50 VC WERE GATHERING INFO ON MARINES DURING THE NIGHTS OF 27, 28, AND 29 MARCH IN THE HAMLET ON DONG TIEN (YD 818178). THE VC LEADERS NAME IS NGUYEN BINH TRI.

9. NEGATIVE

10. WEATHER-OUTLOOK-SCATTERED TO PARTLY CLOUDY. VIS 6-7 MILES. HIGH 86. LOW 76, SUNRISE 0643, SUNSET 1907.

11. NO CHANGE

12. NONE

13. NEGATIVE

14. NEGATIVE

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 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
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 CG FIRST MAW
 FIRST BN FOURTH MARINES
 FIRST BN FIRST MAR
 SECOND BN FIRST MAR
 THIRD BN FOURTH MAR
 HMM 163
 CO B THIRD RECON
 SVA FIRST INF DIV HUE VN
 SVA THUA THIEN PROV RSVN
 S-2 EIGHT RRU
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1. FOURTH MARINES INTCOM NR 4
2. PERIOD 301200H YD 311200H.

SUMMARY OF EN ACTIVITY

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1/4 - NEG

(2) 1/1 - NEG

(3) 3/4 - AT 301825H, "1" CO RECD 5 RDS OF SVA FIRE VIC (YD 868058).

(4) 2/1 - AT 311010H, A RESUPPLY 6X6 TRUCK TRAVELING SOUTH ON HIGHWAY NR 1 RECD 2 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC (YD 908121). PTL SEARCHED THE AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(5) 4TH MARINES - AT 302030H, INFORMATION RELAYED FROM 12TH ARVN T THROUGH FSGO REVEALED THAT TRUOI BRIDGE RECD 5 RDS OF INCOMING MORT (CAL. UNK) VIC (YD 965065). RDS LANDED APPROX 200-300 METERS NW OF BRIDGE. ARTY MISSION WAS FIRED IN VIC OF SUSPECTED MORTAR POS WITH NO OBSERVATION.

(6) RECON - AT 301035H, 1 MAN IN BLACK PJ'S W/RIFLE AND PACK WAS OBS GOING S TOWARD VIC (YD 617210).

4. NONE

B. NEW OBSTACLES AND BARRIERS

A. AT 301800H, AO RPTD NUMEROUS NEW FOXHOLES VIC (YD 551239) AND (YD 557253).

B. AT 301830H, AO RPTD E CAMOUFLAGED HOLES VIC (YD 785108).

6. NONE

7. NONE

8. EN MOVEMENT

A/ AT 301920H, CAC-3 RPTD ONE GROUP OF 12-14 VC VIC (YD 943112). A SECOND GROUP OF UNDETERMINED NUMBER WERE IN THE VIC (YD 934142). BOTH GROUPS DRESSED AS FRAMERS. TIME OF THE SIGHTING WAS 301600H.

9. NONE

10. WEATHER. HOT WITH FFM THIN OVERCAST. VIS 7 MILES. WINDS 2 KNOTS FROM THE S. TEMP HIGH OF 88 LOW OF 75.

11. NO CHANGE

12. NO CHANGE

13. NONE

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AIR OBSERVATION SECTION
Headquarters Company, Fourth Marine Regiment
3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California, 96602

7 April 1966

From: Air Observation Section
To: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines

Subj: Air Observation Operations; Report of from 28 March 1966 to 31 March 1966

1. From 28 March 1966 to 31 March 1966 the Phu Bai Air Observation Section flew a total of 22.7 hours with the 220th Aviation Company in support of the 4th Marines. A total of 10 visual reconnaissance missions were flown.

2. The present personnel strength is 4 Lieutenants.

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(b) One reinforced infantry battalion (minus company above) within six hours.

(c) One Regimental Command Group and one reinforced infantry battalion (-) within 12 hours.

(7) Establish a mutually supporting rear area defense within assigned TACR coordinating the resources of all tenant activities therein.

d. Commanding Officer, 4th Marines message promulgated Operation Order 1-66, establishing the Task Organization and directing Task Organized units to prepare personnel, equipment and supplies for embarkation during the period of 22-23 March 1966 for movement to HUE PHU BAI.

e. On 13 March 1966, Commanding General, 3rdMarDiv msg directed this Headquarters to prepare Company B (-), 3d Reconnaissance Battalion with one platoon for fixed wing airlift to PHU BAI commencing 180900H. Upon arrival PHU BAI operational control would chop to Commander, Task Group Foxtrot. Remainder Company B (-) would effect movement with Headquarters, 4th Marines as directed.

f. During the period 18-22 March 1966 4th Marines (-) (Rein) continued to make preparations for embarkation and movement to PHU BAI.

g. At 231530H, the main body, Headquarters, 4th Marines (-) (Rein) departed from their command post, CHU LAI, and embarked aboard amphibious shipping for movement to PHU BAI aboard the APA - 248, USS Paul Revere. Embarkation completed by 232300H. Embarkation completed, the USS Paul Revere got underway, arriving at its destination in the early morning hours of 24 March 1966. Commencing 240900H, debarkation of troops equipment and supplies got underway over the COLCO causeway and the HUE Ramp. During the period 24-27 March 1966 debarkation continued.

h. On 27 March 1966 it was mutually agreed that the 4th Marines (-) (Rein), would assume control of the PHU BAI Enclave on 280800H and that Task Group Foxtrot would be deactivated accordingly at 280800H. The Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF, was so informed by CO, 4th Marines msg 270830Z.

i. At 280800H, 4th Marines (-) (Rein), assumed control of the HUE PHU BAI Enclave and all combat and combat support units therein. Task Organization and mission as follows and as set forth in Operation Order 378-66:

(1) TASK ORGANIZATION

4th Marines (-) (Rein)
HqCo (Rein), 4th Marines
1stBn (-), 1st Marines

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2ndBn, 1st Marines
 3rdBn, 4th Marines
 1st Bn (-), 4th Marines
 3rdBn (-) (Rein), 12th Marines
 Co B, 3rd ReconBn
 Co D, 3rd ReconBn
 Co B, 3rd MTBn

(2) Mission.

(a) Occupy and defend the HUE PHU BAI TAOR to protect and defend the HUE PHU BAI Airfield and Auxiliary facilities within Vital Area, in accordance with 3rd Marine Division Operation Order 343-65.

(b) Conduct unilateral search and destroy operations within assigned TAOR.

(c) Conduct vigorous civic action program in assigned TAOR and those areas assigned for operations.

(d) Be prepared to conduct unilateral and/or coordinated operations with RVNAF beyond the TAOR as directed by this Headquarters.

(e) Establish and maintain a reconnaissance network and conduct combat reconnaissance patrols in assigned TAOR and reconnaissance zones.

(f) Be prepared to establish, function and operate the Task Force Delta Headquarters by providing organic personnel and equipment augmented as required by this Headquarters.

(g) Be prepared to deploy by most expeditious means:

1. One rifle company within 4 hour notification.
2. One infantry battalion, (minus above company) within 6 hours.
3. One Regimental Command Group and 1 infantry battalion (Rein) within 12 hours.

(h) Establish a mutually supporting rear area defense within assigned TAOR coordinating the resources of all tenant activities therein.

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(i) Maintain one reinforced infantry battalion (-) operating north of HUE unless otherwise directed by this Headquarters.

(j) During the period of 28-31 March 1966 the 4th Marines conducted small unit operations within the TAOR in accordance with assigned mission, as follows:

1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines conducted patrols and established ambushes within their sector of the TAOR, and continued to prepare for Operation VIRGINIA.

2. 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines provided security for the perimeters surrounding the HUE PHU BAI Airfield and Auxiliary facilities within the Vital Area and in addition, conducted patrols and established ambushes within their assigned sector of the TAOR, and continued to maintain one Combined Action Company, presently Company F.

3. 1st Battalion, 4th Marines while task organized to Task Group Foxtrot was deployed to an area of operation north of HUE vicinity YD 639249 at 27000H to provide a ready reaction force in support of reconnaissance operations in area, conduct search and destroy type operation in area, and to provide security for artillery units positioned at YD 639275.

4. 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, conducted patrols and ambushes within their assigned sector of the TAOR. The battalion provided security for the resupply convoys within the TAOR, and off loading of Headquarters, 4th Marines equipment and supplies at the COL CO Causeway and HUE Ramp and armed guards for vehicles transporting the equipment and supplies between the beach facilities and the Regimental Command Post.

At 280800H a squad patrol from Company G, captured one male VCS who was detained and sent to ITT.

At 282330H a squad patrol from Company G, was attacked by an unknown number of VC at (28 753107), using TNT satchel charges and small arms. Patrol sustained one KIA. Patrol remained in area to conduct a deliberate search at first light. During the search the patrol found 12 one pound blocks of TNT, one U. S. Pistol cal. 45 and one grease gun. No enemy casualties were found. However, numerous blood trails and bandages scattered through the area indicates that several VC were wounded and/or killed.

2. Training

a. During the entire period covered by this report training other than OJT in garrison and in the field was non-existent due to personnel commitments to Task Force Delta, Task Group Foxtrot and ADC Command Group, etc. etc.

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Section V

LOGISTICS

I. Summary of Logistics Operations.

1. On the 7th and 8th of March the Marine Corps Unified Material Management System (MUMMS) Instruction Team from Headquarters Marine Corps conducted a two-day instruction period. Regimental supply personnel and certain Staff Officers attended this course of instruction.

2. CG, 3dMarDiv msg 090732 March informed 3dMarDiv units of the availability of disposable mess gear. Authority was granted to requisition as required.

3. CG, 3dMarDiv msg 141239Z March authorized 4th Marines to requisition and maintain Maintenance Float items of certain communication/electronic equipment.

II. Administrative movement of Headquarters Company, 4th Marines and attached units to Hue Phu Bai, RVN.

1. CG, 3dMarDiv msg 161945Z March established the following task organization:

4th Marines (-) (Rein)
Headquarters Company, 4th Marines
Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
Company B (-), 3d Engineer Battalion
Company C (-), 3d Tank Battalion
Company B (-), 3d Anti-Tank Battalion
Company B (-), 3d Reconnaissance Battalion

2. An Administrative Order to support the movement was published on the 17th of March and the Embarkation Order on the 18th of March.

3. Embarkation

a. On 19-23 March Loading Plans for the APA-248, AKA-105, and LSD-27 were formulated. Representatives from the ships assisted in formulating these plans.

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b. On the 23d of March, the main body of Headquarters Company, 4th Marines embarked aboard the APA-248. The ship arrived at Phu Bai the following day. Upon the arrival of the Regimental Headquarters Company at Phu Bai, a new Regimental Command Post was established.

III. Construction

On March 29 the Naval Construction Battalion - 11 commenced construction of wooden framed type buildings for the 4th Marines (-) (Rein) units in Phu Bai enclave.

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SECTION VI
COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

1. STATUS OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT: The following numbers and types of communication equipment are presently being put to actual use by this headquarters:

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|--------------------------------|----|
| Radio set AN/PRC-10 | 1 | Radio Relay set AN/TRC-27 | 4 |
| Radio set AN/PRC-25 | 7 | Radio Relay set AN/MRC-62 | 1 |
| Radio set AN/PRC-h1 | 2 | Telephone KE-6 | h1 |
| Radio set AN/PRC-h7 | 4 | Telephone TA-312 | 14 |
| Radio central AN/TSC-15 | 1* | Switchboard SB-22 | 8 |
| Radio set AN/MRC-83 | 1 | Teletype machine AN/TGC-14 | 3 |
| | | Teletype reperforator AN/OGG-3 | 3 |

* Presently providing four voice channels to a battalion advance command group at Khe Sanh, a distance of about 130 kilometers.

2. DESCRIPTION AND AMOUNT OF COMMUNICATION GEAR INOPERATIVE OR UNSERVICEABLE:
See enclosure (1)
3. SECURITY VIOLATIONS: No reports available from 1st Radio Detachment.
4. AMOUNT OF MESSAGE TRAFFIC SENT AND RECEIVED: Incoming 1258; Outgoing 513;
Total 1675
5. OVERAGES AND SHORTAGES OF PERSONNEL: See enclosure (2)
6. OPERATIONAL TRAINING CONDUCTED: No formal training conducted during this period
7. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED:

During this reporting period the regimental headquarters was moved from CHU LAI to PHU BAI. This was an administrative move which created no unusual communication problems. The new situation of this headquarters is that it is the senior headquarters in the PHU BAI area and is, therefore, providing communication and cryptographic guard for all units in the area. These include an artillery and four infantry battalions, an FLSU, and several other combat support and service support units. The principal problem encountered is the lack of telephone channels between this area and senior headquarters in DaNang, a distance of about 100 kilometers. Presently one AN/MRC-62 radio relay link provides two common use channels and two "hot lines" between the Regimental and Division command posts. This satisfies about one half of the requirement that exists.

One of the infantry battalions of this regiment is currently operating at a distance of 30 to 40 kilometers from the regimental headquarters and will continue to do so for an indefinite period of time. The intervening terrain includes some significantly high ground and the city of HUE all of which precludes the use of the Regiment's organic radio relay equipment, AN/TRC-27.

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Consequently, communications with this battalion is limited to radio while a constant requirement exists for teletype and telephone links between the two headquarters.

The two problems stated above are indications of the requirement for more extensive multichannel radio equipment for communications to and within the regiment. The radio set AN/GRC-10 with multiplexer or the equivalent thereof is the indicated solution.

8. REGIMENTAL PHONE BOOK: See enclosure (3)

9. Four radio operators and two radios, AN/PRC-25 are positioned at Cal Co. Causway in support of a platoon of Shore Party Battalion which conducts off-leading operations in support of units in the PHU-BAI area.

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| | QUANTITY | | REMARKS |
|---------|----------|---|---------|
| TRC-75 | 1 | | 0 |
| MRC-83 | 1 | | 2 |
| Y-87 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| PRC-6 | 4 | | 10 |
| PRC-10 | | 1 | 10 |
| *PRC-25 | | 1 | 9 |
| TRC-27 | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| PU-565 | | 1 | 0 |
| PU-278 | 3 | 4 | 13 |
| GGC-3 | | | 3 |
| TCC-6 | | | 2 |
| TCC-14 | 6 | 5 | 5 |

* Missing three Harness, one accessory bag, and 2 sets of antennas with bases.

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| MOS | T/O | OVER | SHORT | REMARKS |
|------|-----|------|-------|-------------------|
| 2511 | 17 | 2 | | 5 rotate in April |
| 2532 | 20 | | 6 | 4 " " " |
| 2533 | 10 | 7 | | 1 " " " |
| 2561 | 1 | 1 | | 1 " " " |
| 2811 | 2 | 1 | | 2 " " " |
| 2822 | 2 | | 1 | |
| 2861 | 8 | | 2 | |
| 3051 | 1 | | 1 | |

Enclosure (2)

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

AFTERGLOW

TRUNKS

S-1 Administration
 S-2 Intelligence
 S-3 Operations
 S-4 Logistics
 5 Rest Executive Officer
 6 Rest Commanding Officer
 9 Rest Sergeant Major
 11 Rest Message Center
 RAILY NBC Personnel (11-22-26)
 16 Rest Pick Bay
 18 Distributing Officers
 19 Chaplain
 20 Post Office
 21 Rest Supply Office
 21A Rest Supply Office
 28 Radio Supervisor
 29 Reception (St. Joe Brave)
 31 Wire Chief & Switchboard Supervisor
 34 Headquarters Commandant
 35 Rest Motor Transport
 36 Anti Tanks (Heavy Fist Brave)
 45 C-Tanks (Smoke Room Charlie)
 49 Communications Repair
 52 Radio Relay Site (RC-62)
 119 Red Cross
 201 S&C Files
 LUSTY C.I.T.
 WHALE ALFA A-MED
 DEVISTATE
 CHARLIE Mass Two Personnel
 AXE HANDLE
 BRAVO Re-Engineers

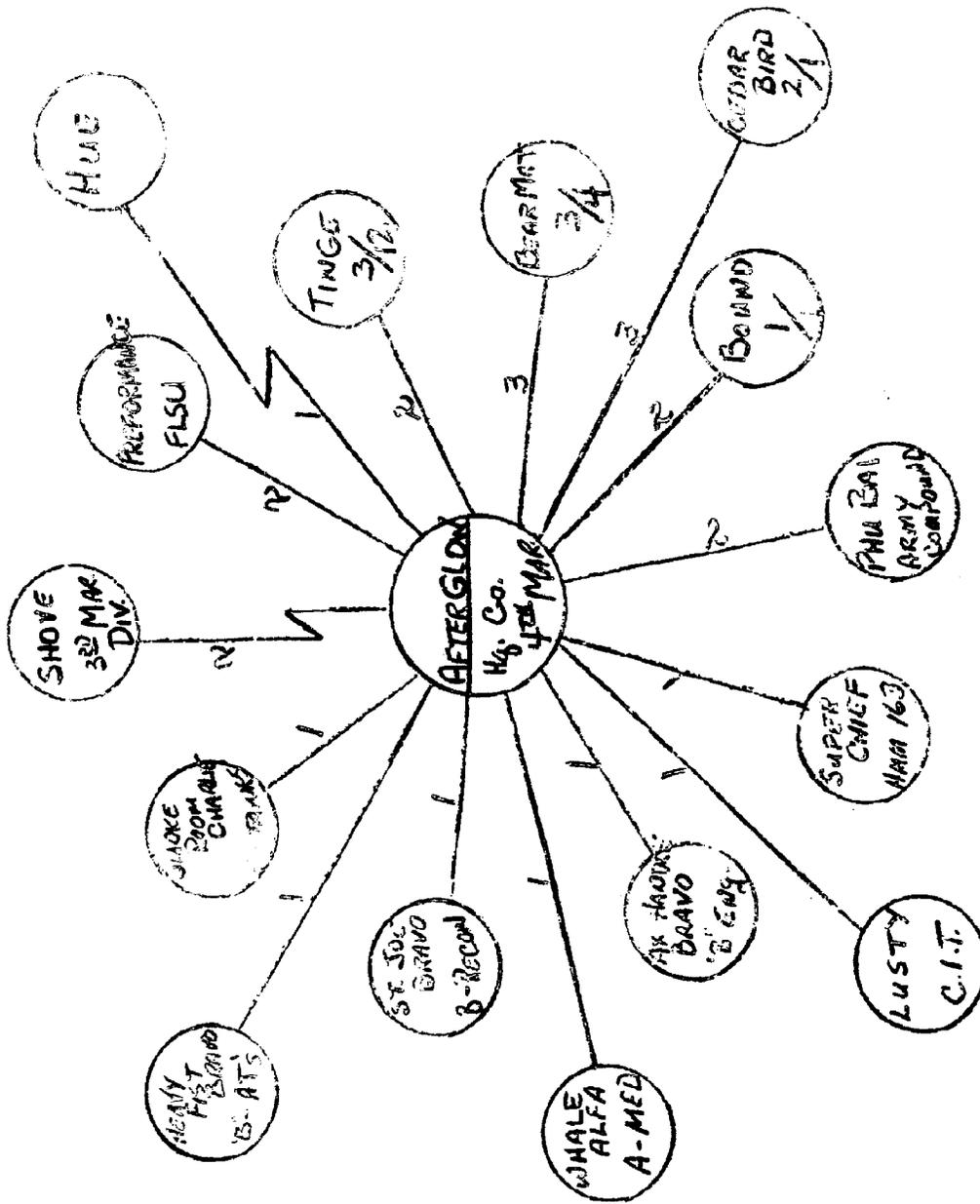
PHU BAI -2 Army Compound
 CEDAR BIRD -2 2ndBn 1stMar
 ROLL -2 1stBn 1stMar
 PERFORMANCE -2 P.L.S.U.
 BEAR MAT -3 3rdBn 4thMar
 SHOVE -2 Division
 TINGE -2 3rdBn 12thMar
 SUPERCHIEF -1 1RM 163
 HUF -1

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TRAFFIC DIAGRAM



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SECTION VIIFIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION AND NAVAL GUNFIRE

1. Significant Events and New Developments. The 4th Marines' FSOC established and assumed operations in the FHU BAJ Enclave on 280800H March. This section covers fire support operations for the period ending 312400H March.

2. Problem Areas. None.

3. Number of Missions Fired in Support of the 4th Marines.

a. 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (-) (Rein) - 294

b. Naval Gunfire Units - None

4. Types of Missions.

a. Artillery Unobserved Missions

(1) Preparation Fires - None

(2) Harassment and Interdiction - 263

(3) Fires for Effect - None

b. Artillery Observed Missions

(1) Targets of Opportunity - 5

(2) Registrations - 7

(3) Defensive concentrations - 0

(4) Forward Observer Training - 18

(5) Destruction - 1

5. Total Number of Rounds Fired, by caliber.

a. Artillery

(1) 105mm - 590

(2) 107mm - None

(3) 155mm - 544

b. Naval Gunfire. None

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6. Surveillance of Missions. The majority of the missions fired were classed as unobserved and thereby precluded an accurate target surveillance. However, at 291825H an observed mission was fired on five (5) VC, resulting in a surveillance of two (2) VC KIA. An observed destruction mission was conducted at 311305H on a cave with VC activity. The surveillance in this case, reported the cave destroyed. The remaining observed missions fired, resulted in surveillance of good to excellent effect on target.

7. Shell, Bomb and Mortar Reports. None.

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SECTION VIIIAIR SUPPORT AND DEFENSE

1. Air Support Requirements. For the period 1-26 March 1966, the Regimental Headquarters operated as an independent staff without attached infantry battalions and without a tactical area of responsibility. Accordingly, all air requests were primarily administrative in nature and were fulfilled by the 1st Marines, Task Force Delta, or Task Group Foxrot air sections and are not reported herein. For the period 27 March - 31 March 1966, the Regiment operated at Phu Bai. During this period, the Regiment's Air support requirements were as follows.

a. Helicopter Requirements

| <u>Units</u> | <u>Sorties</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1stBn, 1st Marines | 20 |
| 2ndBn, 1st Marines | 6 |
| 1stBn, 4th Marines | 98 |
| 3rdBn, 4th Marines | 8 |
| 4th Marines | 49 |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>181</u> |

b. Fixed Wing Transport. None

c. Air Strikes (Close Air Support, TPQ, etc)

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Sorties</u> |
|-------------|----------------|
| 4th Marines | 125 |

2. Air Support Provided. For the period 27 - 31 March 1966, Helicopter support requirements were 100% fulfilled. This was made possible by (1) the excellent support provided by aviation agencies, (2) low total requirements during the initial establishment of the 4th Marines within the Phu Bai enclave, and prior planning which provided for minimum requirements with only operational necessities. Among the requirements of the 125 targets submitted for strikes, 75 were hit for a completion rate of 60%.

3. Target Analysis. Target analysis for the Phu Bai Area is accomplished both within the 4th Marines and the 1st ARVN Division. Each advises the other of targets programmed thereby avoiding duplication of efforts. Clearance for all targets outside the USMC TAOR must be granted by the 1st ARVN Division Headquarters located at Hue, as well as by Da Nang agencies. Efforts are underway to start a clearing procedure which informs Da Nang agencies, rather than requests clearance, thereby simplifying the procedure and expediting target clearances and engagement of the targets.

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4. Problems and Solutions. The establishment of the 4th Marines (-) (Rein) in the Phu Bai enclave initially presents many air support problems. Among these are matters involving fire support coordination, air control, safety factors, operational procedures for the area, etc. These matters are being given top priority treatment and will be solved during the month of April as matters of normal operations. As a result they are not discussed herein.

a. The most serious air support problem facing the 4th Marines and requiring outside assistance centers around the remoteness of Phu Bai and adjacent areas from Da Nang thereby requiring the regiment to operate with an automatic delay factor every time fixed wing support or helicopter augmentation is required for response. It is therefore recommended that the Phu Bai area squadron be augmented on a daily basis to provide adequate response lift capabilities. Further it is recommended that at all times a minimum of two UH-1E aircraft or other gunships be provided at Phu Bai to provide escort for missions requiring escort of med-evac, emergency resupply, emergency reinforcement and/or retraction in hostile areas.

b. Another problem facing the regiment at this time involves the number of personnel assigned to the air section. The present TO level is insufficient to staff any regiment operating 24 hours daily in a combat environment. A regiment operating separately with enclave responsibilities and periodic operational deployments severely strains the capabilities of this small force. Accordingly, it is recommended that the air section of the regiment be augmented with an additional aviator (Asst Air Officer) (Captain) and four additional radio operators (LCpl/Pfc).

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SECTION IX

MEDICAL AND DENTAL AFFAIRS

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The average daily number of patients seen during this reporting period was 11. There were 30 referrals to "B" Medical Company and 12 to "A" Medical Company. There were 48 cases of Acute Diarrhea and 25 medical emergencies, i.e., burns, lacerations and abrasions. Routine immunizations totaled 284 within this reporting period.

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31 March 1966

SECTION XICIVIL AFFAIRS / PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS1. Significant Activities

a. On 28 March 1966, the 4th Marines (-) (RCMA) took over Civil Affairs / Civic Action coordination responsibilities within the Phu Loi TAOR. This had formerly been a function of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines as area senior ground commander.

b. On 31 March 1966, local CVL leaders were invited to lunch with the Regimental Commander. Those present included the Trung Thuy and Phu Loc District Chiefs and leaders from other villages within the TAOR. In this manner, a direct contact was established. The Regimental Commander expressed his hope to see some sign of cooperation which existed between 2/1 and local Vietnamese will continue to prevail.

2. Materials Distributed

- a. 30 March - 11 blankets - Luon, Van Orphanage.
- b. 30 March - 3 blankets - Khong Thuy Dispensary.

3. Special Civic Action Projects - None4. Attitudes of Local Villagers Towards Military Personnel

The attitude of local villagers continues to be friendly and cooperative. Although a general strike and widespread demonstrations are in progress in Hue, local villagers seem little affected. Workers from villages within the TAOR employed within the perimeter have disregarded participation in the general strike.

5. Psychological Warfare Operations

During the period 1 March to 27 March 1966 the 4th Marines augmented Task Force Delta and Task Group Foxtrot. As such, there were no subordinate units under 4th Marine command to carry out Psychological Operations.

Commencing 28 March the Psy Ops officer became familiar with the new Psychological Warfare Campaign against NVA personnel as well as the National Psy Ops plan for Vietnam as published by JUSPAC. In addition, leaflet catalogues were requested for use by the infantry battalions. Upon arrival of the catalogues an active Psy Ops program will commence.

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Headquarters Company, 4th Marines

1. Personnel. The chargeable strength on 31 March 1966 was:

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | |
| 21 | 246 | 2 | 4 | 273 |

Personnel participated as part of the Task Force Delta Headquarters in "Operation Utah" from 4-8 March 1966. A small number of Officers and Enlisted Marines participated in "Operation Oregon" as part of the Task Force Foxtrot Headquarters. During the month, 4 Officers and 52 Enlisted rotated to CONUS.

2. Supply. Of 458 requisitions submitted to FLSU #1 during the month, only 46 were filled, for a completion rate of 10%. Items in short supply were: stationery, rifle cleaning gear, individual equipment, cots, blank forms, and typewriters.

3. Motor Transport. The Company's vehicles traveled 6,328 miles during March. One MRC-87 radio jeep was deadlined on 30 March, but 18 new M422's were received on 7 March 1966.

4. Training. Preparations for movement to Phu Bai and organization of the new CP prevented formal training other than a few rifle, personnel, and quarters inspections.

5. Operations. From 4-8 March 1966, Headquarters Company personnel participated as part of the Task Force Delta Headquarters in "Operation Utah" which resulted in heavy casualties to the 36th NVA Regiment. However, Headquarters Company personnel made no contact with the VC during this period. Preparations for embarkation, breaking camp, movement to Phu Bai, and organization of the new CP at Phu Bai consumed the remainder of the month. Movement was in two increments, aboard the U.S.S. PAUL REVERE (APA-248) and the U.S.S. SKAGIT (AKA-105).

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THE PROPOSED GOLDEN FLEECE SUPPORT BY UNITS OF THIS ORGANIZATION AS PRESENTED IN OUR 30 MARCH BRIEFING HAS BEEN REVISED BY THE 1ST URVN DIVISION. IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE CG, 1ST ARVN DIVISION THAT THE PROTECTION OF THE RICE HARVEST BE PROVIDED BY URVN UNITS. THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION IS REQUESTING THAT USMC FORCES SCREEN

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THE FOOTHILL REGION TO INTERCEPT THE EVACUATION OF RICE TO THE MOUNTAIN REGIONS.

2. THE INITIAL REQUEST IS THAT THE PRESENT 1/4 OPERATING AREA BE EXTENDED SOUTHEAST TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AREA: FROM 652244 TO 692217, 692191, 703191, ALONG RIVER TO 741170 TO 712146, 644200 TO 625205. USMC FORCES ARE BEING REQUESTED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE AREA TO INTERCEPT AND PROHIBIT THE VC FROM MOVING RICE FROM THE LOWLAND NORTHEAST OF THIS AREA BACK TO THE MOUNTAINS.

3. THIS PROPOSAL IS WITHIN OUR CAPABILITIES. OUR CONCEPT IS TO HAVE 1-4 CONTINUE TO OPERATE FROM ITS PRESENT BASE RATHER THAN MOVE WEST ACROSS THE RIVER. AS WAS DISCUSSED ON 30 MARCH, INCREASE 1-4 TO FOUR COMPANIES AND DIRECT 1-4 TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE NEW AREA AS WELL AS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A REACTION FORCE FOR RECON BN OPERATIONS.

4. ARVN DESIRE TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS ASAP AND FOR OPERATION TO LAST SEVEN TO TEN DAYS.

5. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE FOREGOING PROPOSED OPERATIONS AND CONCEPT.

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