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Reporting Code 54014  
~~Diary~~

Mammals in VN  
MMAAG 14058-

Diary # 103-56 Jd at Col R.M. WILKES jr 07414 f/obv  
w/ MMAAG Indo China Saigon; stacked on 13 Jun 58 (diag #  
24-58 of 30 Jun 58)

Subsequent diary entries indicate that Mammals have been  
with the MMAAG <sup>(containing)</sup> since Jul 58. (See cards # 57, 58, 59, 60)

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787935 Opus - I

<sup>MC</sup> Direct Mail in VN, Apr 62

VMGR-152 - picked in Staff etc. 9 7935 on 9 Apr 62

VMGR-352 - SA/C dir's wd 9-14 Apr

HMM-261 - probably 15 Apr only (FM/US) BRUNTON)

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~~SECRET~~ NO FREN  
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Gen Wards in VN

Fr: Apr 1962

Unit	date(s)	ref
VMGR-152	9 Apr 62	172-4
VMGR-352	9-14 Apr 62 (Sale)	172-4
FMFM-361	15 Apr 62 only (FM/loss reinsertion)	172-4
Step element, CTU 283.5	17 May 62	172-3
Sub unit #116	19 Apr 62	172-3
FMFM-362	15 Apr 62 to 31 May 62	172-3
FMFM-163	1 Aug 62 - 11 Jan 63	172-1/172-5
FMFM-162	12 Jan 63 - 2 Jun 63	172-5/172-10
FMFM-361	29 Sep - 1 Oct 63	172-16/172-11
FMFM-361	20 Sep - 1 Oct 63	172-11

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SWPM RPT # 2  
ORIGINAL DATA PAGE

- 1. Operating Unit: Test Unit 79.3.5
- 2. Headquarters: 9 Apr 62 to 30 Jul 62
- 6. Subelement Units:
  - a. Test Element: 79.3.5.2 (HAM-362)
  - b. " " " " 79.3.5.2 (Sub Unit B2, RAAS-10)

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SUM RPT #2

1

Week of 31 July - 4 August 1962

362 gms

On 1 August HMM-163 relieved HMM-162

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(G) 1st MAW Wkly Shtn 6-12 Jan 1963

1725

Exchange of Halo Symbols

2

TE. 79.3.3.6

HMM 163 released on 11 Jan 63

HMM 162 began 11 Jan 63

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-T No report

SUM RPT #3

ORIGINAL DATA page

1. Reporting Unit: Task Element 79.3.3.6 ...

6. Subordinate Units:

a. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 ...

(6 Nov 1962 - 11 January 1963)

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 162 ...

(12 January 1963 ...)

b. Sub Unit #2 Marine Air Base Squadron 16 ...

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CG, 1 MAW Wkly Sum 9-15 Jun 63

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MC Units in VIN

2

Change of  
1963

2 ~~via~~ HMM-261 Replaced HMM-162 on 8 June at  
DaNang.

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# 172-1

CG, IMPAR Wkly sum of 29 Sep-4 Oct 63  
23

ACH Units in VN  
Change of  
1963

5. (C) MAG-16 (CTU 79.3.3 Co) AD GOMBEZ, EXCHANGE OF HMM  
SQUADRONS BETWEEN THE SPECIAL LANDING FORCE AND DANANG OCCURRED  
DURING PERIOD 29 SEP-1 OCT. HMM-36 (RELIEVED HMM-261 AT DANANG, etc.)

SECRET NO FORN

SECRET NO FORN

CG, IMAW Wkly sum of 1963-4 Jan 64

178-12

AVN UNITS IN VN

2

Change by  
1963

b. (S) (Info indicates CTE 79.3.36, <sup>GP. ADGOMITZ</sup> on VN in Jan 64)

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TU 79.3.5 op SUM-1

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TU 79.3.5

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Composition of upon entry into VN  
Staff ele CTU 79.3.5-

fm/ 9 Apr 62

HMM 362

fm/ 15 Apr 62

Sub Unit MARS 16

fm 9 Apr 62

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TE 79.3.3.6 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ -  
Weekly Sum 4-10 Nov  
1962

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Change in T.Y. Designation

2

6 Nov 62 CTY 79.3.5 became CTE 79.3.3.6

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1/20/63  
1963

AID <sup>2 Aug 54 - 14 Jul 56</sup>  
~~CRUZAT, Victor J.~~ 06698 Lt Col Jd ~~19 Aug 54~~ (Ref # 277-54)  
FLAND <sup>19 Aug 54</sup>  
w/ Staff, MAAG, Saigon Indo-China Dry 147-54 (19 Aug 54)

~~ENGLETT, Frederic S.~~ 046505 Capt Jd (Attache)

AID <sup>18 Jul 57</sup>  
~~RECEENBRIDGE, James T.~~ 046040 Capt Jd 21 Jun 55 (Ref # 256-55)  
w/Nav Sec, MAAG, Saigon, Indo-China Dry 114-55 (31 Jul 55)

(W/In)

TRACY Jackson E. 614782 TSgt Jd 10 Sep 55 <sup>15 Sep 57</sup> (do)  
w/Nav Sec MAAG, Indo-China Dry 156-55 (3 Oct 55)

4836 <sup>9/3</sup>  
Ken ~~WARRERS~~ William N. Jr. 07414 Lt Col Jd 3 Jul 56 <sup>13 Jun 54</sup>  
more w/ MAAG Indo-China Saigon Dry 103-56 (19 Jul 56)  
stet

Alex Va  
9-9318066

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MR. ✓ PERRIN, Frank G. 051957 Capt Jd 3 Nov 56 <sup>5 Mar 57</sup>  
w/NavSec MATAG, Sgtn, VN, Ind 4 Dg 162-56 24 Nov 56

A/D ✓ DAVIS, Dale N. 053924 Capt Jd 2 May 57 <sup>7 May 59</sup>  
w/MATAG, Sgn, Ind-Ch Dg 47-57 27 May 57

MR ✓ BENNETT, Cecil J. 054252 Capt Jd 8 Jun 57 <sup>5 Dec 57</sup>  
w/NavSec MATAG Ind-Ch, Sgn, Ind-Ch 74-57 4 Aug 57

(COURT, Harold R. Jr 043998 Capt Attache 19 Oct 57 <sup>5 Oct 59</sup>  
<sup>Asst Nav Att, <sup>Asst</sup> Nav Att #1 Br</sup> Dg 117-57

A/D ✓ WILDER, Gary 053168 Capt Jd 22 Feb 58 <sup>6 Feb 60</sup>  
w/Ch, Nav Sec, MATAG Sgn, VN, Ind-Ch ~~Jd 22 Feb 58~~ Dg 33-58, 17 Mar 58

A/D ✓ WILKINSON, Frank <sup>R</sup> Jr 09898 Lt. Col Jd 5 Apr 58 <sup>23 Jun 60</sup>  
w/Ch, Nav Sec, MATAG Sgn, VN Dg 47-58 16 Apr 58  
Also on Dg 83-58 of 29 June

UNC

MC Archives in VN  
1965-Apr 62

Part Code 54014

SP

Person on Duty in VN

910 ✓ BETHLE, Wm F 056473 (On transit Dec 61) Drgy 5 Dec 61 (159-61)  
 Jd 30 Sep 61 (a) Mar Adv, MAAG, Sgmn, VN Drgy 30 Sep 62  
 SNELL, Bradley S 057284 Capt Jd 17 Oct 61 Fld Drgy 138-61 (22 Oct 61)  
 Advisor, VN MC, Mar Sub Sect, Nav Sect, MAAG, Sgmn VN Drgy 27 Nov 61 (154-61)

910 (REDFIELD, H J III 051328 Maj, Arst Nav Att 4  
 Arst Nav Att P/Ar, Sgmn, VN Jd 26 Sep 61 Drgy 29 Nov 61 (156-61)

910 (MALBY, MC 016513 Lt Col Jd 23 Sep 61 - 21 Nov 62 - HQMC + AFSColl  
 Sr Mar Advsr, MAAG, Sgmn, VN 21 May 62 spec du Research & Development (Drgy 44-62, 21 May)

910 ✓ BROWN, Rpt E, 09522 Lt Col Jd 8 Aug 61 - 28 Oct 62 MCIB Com Plan  
 Sr Mar Advsr, MAAG, Sgmn VN  
 Drgy 21 Aug 61 (111-61)  
 UNC

~~59~~  
AD 6011, Michael J. 059609 Capt Jd 9 May 59 -6 out 61  
w/ Ch, Nav Sec, MAAG, Sgn VN, Ind-Lk (Dx 77-59, 19 May 59)

(DAMA Raymond C 044910 May Attached 12 Sep 59 -30 out 61)

AD ROBERTSON, Clifford J. Jr. 014729 Lt Col Jd 14 Apr 60 -17 May 60  
ACB LINC w/ Ch, Nav Sec, MAAG, Sgn, VN D: 54-6D 17 Apr 60

AD TURNER, James S.G. 053142 Capt Jd 27 Aug 60 -31 Oct 61 MB, NB, PH  
MB, NB PH w/ Ch, Nav Sec MAAG, Sgn VN as Mar Fld Advsr D: 142-6D 12 Sep 60

61

2d Mar Div GIDDENS, Richard M O18433 <sup>2502</sup> Lt Col Jd 28 Feb 62 <sup>10 MAR -12 Feb 63</sup> 2d Mar Div  
 Asst Comm Plans OFF, MACV Dcy 25-62 19 Mar 62

S. SMITH, Franklin L O14157 <sup>0302</sup> Lt Col Jd 22 Feb 62  
 Admin Asst to C/S MACV Dcy 25-62 19 Mar 62

THOMPSON, Ray H O13291 <sup>0302</sup> Lt Col Jd 28 Feb 62  
 Ch, Plans - Policy Br, MACV J-5 Dcy 25-62 19 Mar 62

1st Mar Div COMPTON, Joseph D Jr O36388 <sup>1302</sup> Maj Jd 6 Mar 62 - 10 Mar 63  
 Eng Off, J-4 MACV Dcy 26-62 21 Mar 62

LORENCE, Herbert M O45576 <sup>0302</sup> Maj Jd 10 Mar 62 - 20 Mar 62 MCB WHP  
 Project Off J-3 ~~MAEV~~ MAAG, Sp W Dcy 26-62 21 Mar 62

PHILLIPS, Rhyas J Jr O5684 <sup>65</sup> <sup>0302</sup> Capt Jd 3 Mar 62 - 3 Mar 63 MCB Quant BAINS  
 Aide to C/S MACV Dcy 26-62 21 Mar 62

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1st Mar Div SIMS, William L. 013219 <sup>3002</sup> Lt Col Jd 6 Mar 62 - 4 Mar 63  
 Plans/Spl Studies Off, MAAG, Spn VN Dsg 26-62 21 Mar 62

WARREN, Charles E 06662 Col Jd 10 Mar 62  
 Ch, Plans-Policy Br, MACV Dsg 26-62 21 Mar 62

HQMC WEBSTER, George D 07940 Col Jd 6 Mar 62 - 13 Mar 63  
 Dep AC/S J-2 MACV Dsg 26-62 21 Mar 62

BATER, Jon Dordan 1873006 <sup>0241</sup> Cpl/E-4 Jd 13 Mar 62  
 Jt Secretariat Admin Man, MACV Dsg 26-62 21 Mar 62

HOLLINGS, McKinley B 1365535 <sup>0231</sup> SSG/E-5 Jd 10 Mar 62 - <sup>23</sup> 28 Feb 63 26 Mar Div  
 Intel Rep Analyst MACV Dsg 26-62 21 Mar 62

1st Mar Div RAUSE, Richard 325604 <sup>2524</sup> Cpl/Sgt E-7 Jd 13 Mar 62 - 9 Mar 63  
 Comm Adv, MAAG, Spn VN Dsg 26-62 21 Mar 62

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SMITH, James C 1425545 <sup>041</sup> SSgt E-6 Jd 10 Mar 62 - 24 Feb 63 to E MAW  
Admin Man J-1 MAECV Dry 26 62 21 Mar 62

VERCUS, Marvin K 1530796 Spt E-5 Jd 10 Mar 62 - 24 Feb 63 to 20 MAW  
Cpl Ck, Corr Opns Br, MAECV Dry 26 62 21 Mar 62

<sup>7335</sup>  
MIDKIFF, Lynn E D11816 Lt Col Jd 6 Mar 62 ~~27~~ <sup>25</sup>  
Ch Corr Opns Br MAECV Dry 27-62 25 Mar 62  
MCAF  
MPLAER  
NC

<sup>0302</sup>  
SMITH, Jefferson D Jr D11185 Lt Col Jd 1 Mar 62  
~~Ops-Plan Off / AMPS J-3 MAECV~~ Dry 27-62-25 Mar 62

<sup>0369</sup>  
ROBINSON, Tom B M, 562064 Gy Spt E-7 Jd 3 Mar 62 - 10 Feb 63 to Fort TSI FMFLAF CLNC  
Small Un. F Adc, Nav Sq, MAAG, 5th VN Dry 27 62 25 Mar 62

<sup>0141</sup>  
ZIMWALT, Donald L 1030886 SSgt E-6 Jd 10 Mar 62 - 3 Feb 63 to Hq Br, Hq MC  
Admin Man Comm Br MAECV Dry 27 62 25 Mar 62

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24 Mar 62 RIEGERT, Douglas P 050182 0302 Maj Jd 20 Mar 62 - 63  
Log Staff Off Regimts - Logo Br, MAEV Drg 28-62 24 Mar 62

WEEDS, Richard G 05082 BGen Jd 17 Mar 62  
c/s MAEV Drg 27-62 28 Mar 62

MCS -  
Widgey (VA)  
36 Green  
Dave  
BRACKHAM, Glen T 061262 0302 Capt Jd 24 Mar 62  
Mar Flt Adv MAAG, Spn VN Admin & Staff Off J-1 Drg 33-62 5 Apr 62

24 Mar 62 JOHNSON, Carl B, 1097395 5576 SSGT E-6 Jd 24 Mar 62 - 31 Mar 63  
MT Adv MAAG, Spn VN Drg 36-62 16 Apr 62

6141  
STREHL, Charles H 313553 MSgt E-7 Jd 6 Apr 62  
Admin Men Comm Br MAEV Drg 38-62 24 Apr 62

6848  
LOYKO, William A 1001572 Cpl Sgt E-7 Jd 17 Apr 62  
Afg Spn Ch, MAAG, Spn VN Drg 39-62 25 Apr 62

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<sup>0141</sup>  
DUNCAN, William E 1378665 SSJ E6 Jd 14 Apr 62

Log Advr MAAG Sgn VN

Dry 42-62 3 May 62

<sup>0141</sup>  
FRIEDMAN, Milton 212329 MSJ E5 Jd 14 Apr 62

Admin Ch, MAAG Sgn VN

Dry 42-62 3 May 62

<sup>3010</sup>  
LABAS, Raymond 065218 Capt Jd 22 Apr 62

Sep Off MAAG Sgn VN

Dry 43-62 9 May 62

<sup>0141</sup>  
MCS  
Flwr  
McVANE, Bernard C 1055929 SSJ E-6 Jd 28 Apr 62 - 26 Mar 63

Admin Man Comm Br MACV

Dry 43-62 9 May 62

<sup>1302</sup>  
JONES, Robert C. 065451 Capt Jd 28 Apr 62

Engl Adv MAAG Sgn VN

Dry 44-62 21 May 62

<sup>0202</sup>  
ZIMOLZAK, Frank 061187 Capt Jd 28 Apr 62

Inf Adv MAAG Sgn VN

Dry 44-62 21 May 62

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HARRIS, Clarence R 946630 <sup>0441</sup> SSJF E6 Jd 25 Apr 62

Log Adv MAAG Sgm VN

Dry 44-62 21 May 62

WILSON, Charles J 565559 <sup>1833</sup> SSJF E6 Jd 25 Apr 62 - 17 Feb 63

Log Adv, MAAG, Sgm VN

Dry 44-62 21 May 62

Pho Tech Sgt  
Capt Pct  
Lt. Mark

(Not in)

RABER, William E 1139226 <sup>1833</sup> GJF E6 Jd 30 Apr 62

Combined Staffer MAAG Sgm VN

Dry 57-62 17 Jul 62

(th/Vac Tech Sgt, Saigon)

WICHMANN, Ralph A 902911 <sup>0441</sup> MSJF E-8 Jd 13 May 62

Log Adv MAAG, Sgm VN

Dry 57-62 17 Jul 62

MICKELSON, Richard D 051426 <sup>0302</sup> Maj Jd 17 May 62

Project Off J-3 MAAG, Sgm VN

Dry 60-62

to Inst Staff Sgt  
(with MC 2)  
Ln of  
30 Jul 62 Inst  
B-3A  
SF Warfare  
School Ft. Bragg

CHRISTENSEN, Don R 061133 <sup>0302</sup> Capt Jd 26 Sep 62

Inf Adv MAAG, Sgm VN

Dry 84-62 29 Nov 62

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TAYLOR, Richard B 020569 <sup>0302</sup> Capt Jd 26 Nov 62

Inf Adv, MAAG, Sgtn VN

Dry 2-63 6 Jan 63

MOODY, Clarence G, Jr 024925 <sup>0302</sup> Lt Col Jd 19 Dec 62

Sr Mar Adv MAAG, Sgtn VN

Dry 3-63 9 Jan 63

STANFORD, David G. 029385 <sup>7333</sup> Lt Col Jd 1 Nov 62

Asst Pl Air Ops CAS OSD/Advanced Resch + Proj Agency  
RFD Field Unit, Sgtn VN

Dry 3-63 9 Nov 63

HARRELL, <sup>Steno</sup> ~~MAAG~~ F. 0249655 <sup>0302</sup> Maj Jd 4 Nov 62

Proje-Puff, J-3, MAAG, Sgtn, VN

Dry 9-63 30 Jan 63

ADKINS, George, Jr. 407627 <sup>0121</sup> SSgt E6 Jd 10 Feb 63

Steno-grapher, MACV

Dry 13-63 24 Feb 63

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0369  
 WOODS, Levi W. 657169 Gys/E7 Jd 4 Feb 63

Small Unit Trg Adv, MAAG, Spn, VN Drg 13-63 24 Feb 63

0141  
 (NOT IN) SCHAFER Thomas W 1668304 S/E5 Jd 21 Feb 63

Admin Man MAAG Spn VN Drg 20-63 13 Mar 63

0239  
 FASNACHT Jon H. 1160212 Gys/E6 Jd 24 Feb 63

Tabel Analyst MAECV Drg 21-63 19 Mar 63

3576  
 McCONNELL George J. 1564128 S/E5 Jd 21 Feb 63

MT Adv, MAAG, Spn, VN Drg 21-63 19 Mar 63

0141  
 RAILSBACK, Mantel 1601014 S/E5 Jd 27 Jan 63

Admin Man MAAG, Spn VN Drg 21-63 19 Mar 63

2502  
 ALBERTS, Howard K 023353 C/E1 Jd 7 Mar 63

Ch. Man Br MAECV Drg 24-63 24 Mar 63



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~~BAKER, William E 1134226~~ ~~Capt~~ <sup>1823</sup>

✓ COLN, Royce W 06260 Col. Jd 12 Aug 61  
Asst CS, Ops, MAAG, Sqn, VN  
Drg 21 Aug 61 (111-61)

✓ CROFT Alfred J. Jr 053919 <sup>0802</sup> Capt Jd 2 Feb 62  
f/ln w/ MAAG, Sqn, VN  
Drg 17-62 20 Feb 62

✓ NOTIN KEYS, George T 030023 <sup>7302</sup> Maj Jd 2 Feb 62  
f/DIFOT w/ MAAG Sqn VN  
Drg 17-62 20 Feb 62

✓ PARSON, Evan ~~L~~ Jr, 056530 <sup>0302</sup> Capt Jd 10 Feb 62 - 26 Nov 62 to HQ Bn HMC  
Fd Advsr MAAG, Sqn VN  
Drg 21-62 4 Mar 62

✓ GLIDDEN, Ronald A 1499600 Staff Jd 10 Feb 62 - 26 Jan 63 to HQ Bn HMC  
f/ln w/ MAAG, Sqn, VN  
Drg 21-62 4 Mar 62

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INDIVID SPRT  
MAAG '54-60  
USMC Personal

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encl (1), p. 2  
encl (3), p. 3

Recommended Changes in (1955)

Nav Div TRIM HQ

<u>Billet Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Ballot Code</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
* Amph War & Mar Corps			
Adviser L 001	LTC1	1803	Formerly Nav Sec, MAAG

Nav Training Ctr Detach (NHTA TRANG)

Mario Corp Trstr	Capt USMC	0302	New Ballot ...
Mario Corp Trstr	Maj USMC	[Blank]	New Ballot ...
* Personnel new on board			

JUSTIFICATION (encl 3) The school of VN ex Marine is adjacent to the [Nav Training Ctr Detach]. The USMC will  
concentrate on about 1000 of the men of it is felt that (2) Marine units is the main reqd if they are to make  
any impact on the VN Marine school

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MAAG VM  
Chris Perry

PAC 696-55  
/

Eff 1 Nov 1955

Ch line 268 as indicated below

From:

TO:

MIC ASSISTANCE ADV BRG INDA-CH

MIC AS ADV BRG VIETNAM

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MAAO VII  
Eff in Allocation

PAC 499-56

Also SEC 162633  
161748

Line 271

Delete MIST Inf Adv 0369 1

Add LT 1111 0302 1

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T/O 5503 (10 Jan 59)

Slone in 21 Sep 59 (w/ w/n)

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T/O 5503 (21 Sep 59)

Same as 17 Mar 61 except line #s are 89 thru 94 <sup>WIN</sup> p

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T/O 5503 (17 Mar 65)

Unit#

A03

69 MAAG, VN

No W/PAS

70 Namg Div, Trng &

71 Lon Br

72 Sr Maj Advur Lt Col 0302 -1

73 Maj Field Advur ~~Col~~ 0302  $\frac{2}{3}$  → Advur f/ UN Mar Bn  
(See Memo 1036 dated for 6-3)  
to G-1 in 5503 superseded file  
Para 7

5503

File MC Assignments to MAAG's, Missions & Advisors

1604

7/05503 (Ch te)

PAC 303-61

69A Cmd Grp

69B Asst of Ops Col 9907

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T/O Changes 25 Nov 61

PAC 607-61

ADD to 5503

R#

72A Arty Advisor

Maj 0702

No

73A Admin Man

Sgt 0141

Upn

Ref JCS 1849/611

JCS msg 131741 2 Nov 61

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T/O 5503 - Change TO dtd 24 Jan 62

Eff date 22 Jan 62

PAC 48-62

ADD

R#

AG Upper

69C J-3 Div

D Proj. Off \*

Maj 0302

E J-4 Div

F Plans, Spl Studies Off \*

Lt Col 0302

A Navy Sec

B Asst Mar Adv

Capt 0302

C Small War/Ting Adv

D Comm Adv

E NT Adv

\* Rqd ASAP

Ref JCS msg 2937 (172150Z, Jan 62)

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T/O 5503 changes to 5 Feb 62  
eff same date

RAP 88-62

Add to

1#

73F	Int Advr	Capt	0302	1	N
G	Engr "	Capt	1302	1	D
H	Sup Off	Capt	3002	1	U
I	Admin Ch	M/Plt	0241	1	P
J	Arty Cpn Ch	Cy Plt	0848	1	N
K	Log Advr	S/Sgt	0441	4	S

Ref JCS msg 3062 (271559Z) Jan 62

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T/O ~~Change~~ 5503

21 Feb 63

~~Personal~~ Change to dtd

~~27 Mar 63~~

#

PAC (Personal Allocation Ch) 109-63

# 84485 - to be deleted 1 Apr 63

# 86489 - do 1 Apr 63 \*

Ref:

CINCPAC msg 0408 W7

# 87 fm/1 to 2 1 May 63

of Jan 63

PAC 207-63 dtd 28 Mar 63

\* Ch in PAC 10963 - # 89 to 90

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T/O 5503 (changes to dir 23 Feb 62  
eff 19 Feb 62

PAC 110-62

Ref: JCS M14 2671 (2022307, Dec 61)  
JCSM 108-62 of 12 Feb 62  
PAC 303-61

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CH MAG V sec May 02 1007 Z  
Mar 62 to JCS

INDIVID SPRT

USMC strength, VN

-DD-

090947Z

1 Mar 62 to 8 Mar

	... Main ...	total (in VN)		
	MAEV 4		T	8
	MAG 8		M	9
M	Other 50		A	53
R	Total 62	5078	R	70
				5400

15 Mar

22 Mar

29 Mar

MAEV 14

14

15

MAG 12

12

03

Other 50

49

45

Total 76

75

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CH MAG 16115 Z Mar 62 to JCS

301137Z

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T/O 5503 (17 Sep 62)

100FF/10ENL

Unit #

HOME STAFF ~~STAFF~~ ~~STAFF~~

74 MAA6 VN

A03

2 Cmsd Grp

3 Dfcls Col 9907

4 J-3 Div

5 Project Off Maj 0302

6 J-4 Div

77 Plans, Sp Studies

Off Lt Col 3002

78 Navy Sect

79 RVN Mar Adv

Div

80 Sr Mar Adv Lt Col 0302

81 Arty Bn Adv

82 Asst Sr Mar Adv Maj 0802

83 Adj Advr Cent 0302 (4)

4 Engr Advr Cent 1302

5 Sup Advr Cent 3002

+ 10 end

includg:

86 Admin <sup>Inf</sup> Line 88 - 4 Asst. ~~Advr~~ Advr

87 Small unit Trng " 90 - Asst Inf Advr

89 Comm 92 - Admin Man

91 M.T. Advr

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INDIVID SPRT

MAAG & MAAGV

~~MAAG~~ Manpower (Mar 62)

JCS Conf MFR 012338Z  
Mar 62 (JCS 3484)  
to C/JCSA + CINCPAC

2. Net manpower authorizations for MAAG & MAAGV in MC 21, etc. Total 3494.

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INDOVL SPRT  
VNMC42  
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Emblem + medals

(Adopting the globe + anchor as the universal symbol of Marines, the VNMC have  
 embedded their own design w/ symbols representative of their work carried  
 distinction. The red star represents their dedication to their cause & the points  
 of the star represent the 5 parts of the world -- EUR, AF, Asia, Am, & Russia. The  
 rope is symbolic of their readiness, F/SOC to their country as well as their obligations.  
 The color black is symbolic of the command heritage of night ops while the yellow, ,,  
 represents the central trust of nobility

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VINMC

Current Employment (Mar 63)

## d. Current employment

(1) Gen. res under control of JCS

(2) Cbt ops against VC of limited scale, usually as attached unit to ARVN Corps or div.

(3) Assignment to Prov chiefs in conn. w/ clear &amp; hold ops

(4) They... However, security risks are performed while in tag status

SECRET NO FORN NO DISSEM ABROD

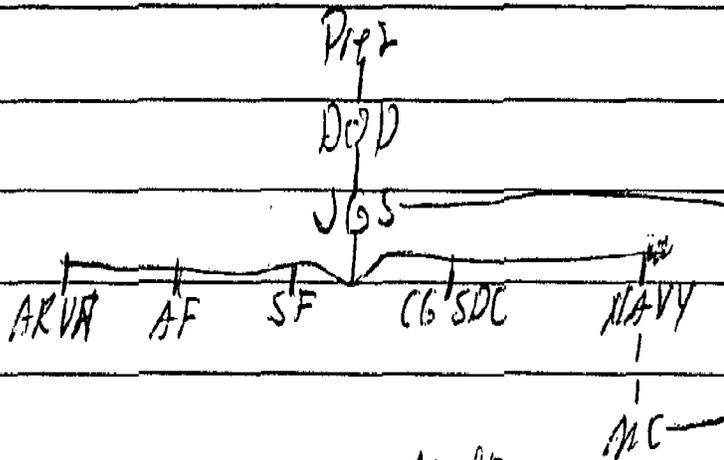
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460  
5, (X)

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VNMC

Orgn Mar 63 in Def Structure w/ch of Nov 62



By pres decrees on 26 Nov 62 the <sup>ARVN/F</sup> were reorg. By Pres decrees the Navy <sup>assists the</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~responsible~~ <sup>responsible</sup> for the orgn, improvement, dir, trng, employment & by spnt of all ~~ARVN~~ <sup>MC</sup> units in conformance w/ JCS directives. In actuality, the CMO of the Navy exercises only nominal control in non-opntl matters (e.g., readiness, inspection, promotion, morale). The MC is logg supptd entirely by ARVN. Its orgn, dir, trng & improvement are supervised solely by the CMO of the Mar Bge. Opntl control of the Mar Bge is vested in the JCS w/res. Dir has personally decreed that the Navy can employ Mar units only after first obtaining the express consent of the JCS.

\* PS CLTE thru MAP  
CLTE ARVN and/or MAP

CLTE local procurement account rice & sugar, ARVN  
CLTE limited local procurement (office supp)

SECRET NO FORN NO DISEM ARKD

SECRET NOFORN NO DISSEM ABRO

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L/M MC

Reading of Mar 63

1. Generally speaking, the Bge has been able to maintain its high standards & morale ~~despite~~ even though defused w/ 2000-odd new personnel who were offered, beginning in the spring of 62, have been assigned to ea br. As a consequence, U.S. cooperation & influence, have reached their highest level.

2. Greater Emph. has been placed on the Bge's graph. com. In particular, Opn SONG TANH THUONG was valuable in giving Bge experience in planning a two br graph opn. Graph & staff planing remains one of the weaknesses of the Bge.

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UNAC copy to sent on graph ops Mar 63

f (i) ... The Navy in particular is woefully deficient in both experience & planning  
 capabilities regard of a true graph ops. It does ... have the ships regard to left the 13e. by sea.

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Amph Capa Mar 63

f. Amph Capa

(1) Gen. use. Considerable practice has been gained in the Mekong Delta utilizing <sup>styrofoam</sup> ~~styrofoam~~ SSB's (Summer Spit Beds). During the period covered the VNMC conducted landings primarily for LCU/LCM & smaller craft w/2 exceptions when an LST was utilized. The Mar. Dept. can plan & conduct limited amphib landings up to & including BN levels however they eq vehicles are not prepared for amphib ops.

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July - Mar 63

4. Facilities + Schools

(1) Recruit train facility at Cam Ranh, turned over to Navy in Jan 63 (to look for Pug (br),  
[now at] Thu Doc, normally 73 recruits at a time... has handled 300 at a time.

(2) Base conducted formal courses [in] mt, comm, mortar, SMO, CCI x CC2. CCI is a basic  
course on mt subjs vgn by DOD for all pks being promoted to Cpl. CC2... f/cpl to Sgt

(3) 35 ppl x 10 wks to 31 Aug/Nov f/US + Co. [unclear]

(5) off 22 to 45 [21 VMC schools x 1 SpW for St. Of, Cr, Ft Bagg, EPL-32 - all  
at VMC schools, most at RD, SD, Galy, some DT ~~SC~~ school, SD, Diego, 1st USNS Army, Quant, + 1  
Amuro Tech Camp, Quant

6. Distrib courses - 2 off ~~to~~ to C2, + 4 to Malaya, f/ Jngs ll fare + Jutill, Csm.

6. Exec + MAURS

None as such. All acts directed in CI opps against VC.

Army, FN + fire's exerts f/ 1 to 2 brig at Thu Dau Mot on ave 2x/100

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INTRO  
Oppos. FRS.  
KUN - TAG

W/ the intensification of U.S. activities in 1955, try of good firs has emphasized anti-guer opn in jungle term. ~~After~~ after completely bore try, about 40% of concepts are embedded in tech courses.

Army NFAF units receive some combined try; on occasion they have taken part in it, such as against the guerillas along the coast or in the w-way of the Malay Delta, sometimes in conj. w/ the Civ Gov <sup>units</sup> SDC <sub>KA</sub> and Gen Staff Col in 1956 of Sgn as the mil. coll. is highest institution in the mil. ed. sys.

Ar Serv Mil. Acc., estab by Fr in 1950, is principle source of career of f/TA.

486 The Thai Dec Sch CS [The Dec Anti-Arms Sch & The Dec Mil Sch] was estab in mid-1950's to prepare students for res. commo. The instab. was expanded w/ added special courses in city, expt, ord, train, & sig commo. Branch & seeds developed out of these courses & the combined schs became known as The Thai Dec Mil Schs Complex.

The Artry Sch at Nha Trong, Dal's main trng facility has 12 sections [for] Nav. Offs, Comd Sch & advanced tech try, cos of specialists & PCs. The Ctr f/ Practical Trng at Sgn supervises a ST f/ ship & boat crews.

The Intel & Psychological Warfare Sch at Cho Lon was estab early in 1956, to train selected off & NCOs

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of the AF. to be specialists in mil. intell & p. warfare.

1487 The AF Lang Sch (Sg 1956) is an Eng-lang sch. to give off + EM a worky knowledge of Eng. in prep. for entry foreign mil. courses.

The Mil. Med. Trng Ctr, ... Sch of Mil. Health, ... estab 1956 as an adjunct to the Univ of Sgwa. The Ctr... is charged w/ supervising the work of mil. med. studs. in the med. & pharmy cols. & respnsi of try mil. nurses, artmen, pharmacists, med. offrs. & asst. med. offrs.

The Quang Trung Mil. Trng Ctr, near Sgwa - base, <sup>mil</sup> try (Buker) to adl conscripts & recruits before assignment to branch units or tech units; special try cns of para milo & police contingents.

The Civ Gov Trng Ctr at Hai Ninh (formally Song Mao) - this cns formerly formed C.G. com. <sup>panier</sup> Ranger Trng Sch at Nha Trang ("Commando Sch" or "NCO Aca") base try plus special cns includg instra in anti-gke warfare, "commando" teches, mil. intell, & physical trng.

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W/M/C

Deployment Sum 2 Mar 62

CH MAG U SEC W/S 021155Z Mar 62  
 to Multe Address  
 (MC: MAGPOT1474) [9]

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1st Bn - NHA TRANG

20 Bn - CANH, BRIDG RICE SHAMPS LONG SONG DAM RIVER + PROVID'G  
 SECURITY F/ CONST OF DISTCL (BN HQ AT DAM DO W/ 286750, 3 COS AT  
 TAN PHONG XQ 220845 1 CO IN RES CANH

30 Bn - UNDER OP COM ~~JGS~~ JGS

40 Bn - 2 COS OPCOM PRES GRD, 2 COS TNG SEN

ARTY BN - ~~THU DUC TNG~~ THU DUC TNG

AMPH SPRT BN PA SGN TNG

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CHMAAGV SEC MFG 631021 Z MAR 62  
to Multi Address

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VNML 1600, 1 Mar 7600, 2 Mar 62

(2) MARINES 30 BN TO OKON JGS AS SEC 600 WMS BRETON AND  
MOVEMENT A/C FROM RIVER TO TAN SON ~~ANHT~~ NHAT APLD

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CHMAAGV SECURITY 051207Z Mar 62

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VNMC <sup>34</sup> ~~Opw~~ Mar 62

(2) MARINES 2 CO 30 BN SCTY PLT SIBANIC SON RIVER 3-4 MAR

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LPSARMA Syn Vn CONF <sup>MAX</sup> 070330Z Mar 62  
to DEPTAR, Wash DC.

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Stop ~~Mar 62~~ 22 Feb 62

MARINES 3964 (total assigned strength)

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Hist thru 1961

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 Title: Thuy-Quan Luc Chien Marine Brigade of Rep. of V.N.

(1) ... a Corps of Marines as a component of the Mar. Fds. of V.N. was estab. for  
 protection of Commando & Simons units for whom authorized STR. # 1137... including a  
 Landing Br; PW Spct Co; River Co; River Patrol Co, & a Ranger Grp. (dated 1958) &

1/2 primarily engaged in conducting a camp at Nha Trang & fighting Sect Fds SW of Saigon.

(2) 18 Feb 56 Reorg'd; STR 1837 Regt of 2 Bns + heavy mortar co + sev

small admin supp units

(3) 1 Jan 59 M.S. Grp authorized; STR-2276 - Hqs, Admin & Svc Co, 3 Landing

Bns.

(4) Jul 61 - Strength 3321 (Gains mostly thru reinf. from ARVN tech units & personal,

Disgrace - Add to 1 Jan 59 - Med Co, 75 mm Peck How Bty & 1 Landing Br.

(5) ... Subsequent to that date [1 Jan 62] ... only a scout Bty Plt had been additionally  
 authorized (1 off 24 enl)

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Marias in VN

Attaches

From 1 Jul 58

Reporting Unit 5404

Diary # - shows <sup>joining</sup> ~~entry~~ of Capt ~~Robert~~ Harold  
R. KURTZ, Jr, D439 8 on 19 Oct 1957; \* defectiveness  
shown by Dry # - 59 as of 8 <sup>Oct</sup> 59. (Card # 58)

Subsequent dry entries indicate Marias in This killed since  
that date.

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Marines in VN  
MAC(V)

Diary Unit, Personal Report

Reporting Unit # 54-014

f/ Feb-1962

A review of the diaries f/ Jan-Mar 1962 indicates that the first Marine assigned to MAC(V) was Lt. Col F. L. SMITH, who joined on 22 Feb ~~1962~~ 1962. (Diary 25-62 of 19 Mar 1962)

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COMNAVOPAC SEC NO 222325 Z MAR 62  
to DNI

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SUN Antel Call Reports

1. TM OF 12 USMC OPS FM/CTOPAC SEEN DPT F/SUN 10 APR. WILL  
WORK w/ SWINMC SQ AREA, w/ STRIP TO DAMANS. RTN COMED ABOUT 10 MAY 62.

2. REF AND TIFIS COMD PR 30 MAR ANY SP CALL REPORT SWITRLE  
TIFIS MEN.

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CINCPACFLT 132202Z AUG55  
TO MAREES

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INMCDL SPT

Miscelf

Aug 55

Recommendation For Plan For Using Marines (w) Armed GDS on US Ships in SEA/River

MY 120335Z X AFCONDPACT X DESIRE YOU MAKE PLAN TO PROVIDE ON SHORT NOTICE ARMED

GRU IN US SHIPS WHILE IN RIVER APPROXIMATES TO 500 X USE OF MARINES MAY BE PREFERABLE

TO SEAMAN GRU X (6 FBF AC [?]) RECM GRU ... OF 2 FIRE JMS X 1 REU STNGTH MG SECT X TOTAL

ABOUT 15 MEN X TENT EST 3 GRU UNITS WOULD SUFFICE X ...

FOR COMNAVFEY REQ YOU INVESTIGATE FBLTY FURN MARINES AND ADV F/THIS DUE IF

REQ ...

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Aug 55

OP PLAN 12-55 (F/ ship goods on lot coast in SGN River)

THIS IS MY OP PLAN 12-55

PER FOR

A. 3RD MAR DIV (REINF) WILL BE PREP FURN, ARMED GUNS TO PROTECT US MERCHANT SHIPS IN RIVER (SGN)

3A. 3RD MAR BE PREP FURN ARMED GUN DET AS FOL: DET HQ 1 CAPT/1ST LT 0302,

1 MSJ/TSG 0369, 1 SG 0141, 2 T/O Fire Teams, 2 MG GDS 3 MEN EA TOTAL 49 PERS,

1 PFC/PVT 9900, 3 SHIP GUN SQD AS FOL: 1 SNCO 0369,

3. PLAT WILL OPERATE FR/NAV STA SHIP... AT MOUTH OF RIVER LEAD'G TO SGN...

4. ... INTENSIVE TRG ALL NEXT SELECTED THIS UNIT DID OUBAPT THIS PLAN

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INNOVATIVE SPACT  
Miscell 1954-'60  
6 May 1955

IF MAAG I CH OBOS 302 MAAGS (3)  
TO CINCPAC

Use of USMC [MAAG?] personnel as guards in SGN

Lite MG 398A, ... REURMAG 040221Z

THIS ORGAN ALREADY MANICATED BY LACK OF ENL PERS TO CARRY OUT THE  
AND MAAG FUNCS. IN ADD USE OF MAAG PERS AS ARMED GUARDS & MOVEMENT OF ARMED  
MAAG PERS ABOUT SGN COULD RESULT IN INCIDENTS WHICH MIGHT MATERIALLY MANICAP  
PRIMARY MNSY OF THE VNA. WITH REF TO COMNAVPHIL 300151 ATTN DIVIDED TO FACT  
THAT OP PLAN 11-53 MAAGS TROOP-CH 14 MAY 54 IS BASED ON ASSUMPTION OF ACTIVE HOSTILITIES  
IN WHICH US IS AT WAR. DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE TYPE EMERGENCY EXISTS IN SGN WHICH  
WOULD JUSTIFY USE OF MAAGS PERS AS GUARD FORCE WHICH THEY WERE INTENDED. REQ RECONSIDERA  
TION OF DECISION TO USE MAAG PERS TO GUARD AMBASSY'S RESIDENCE. RECOMMEND IN 6 US MARINES  
BE RETAINED IN SGN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS LOCAL POLICE ARE REORGANIZED, FUNCTIONING PROPERLY  
AND PREPARED TO RETURN GUARD AT AMBASSY'S RESIDENCE. ... EMBASSY CONTACTS REPAIR

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MS Activities in CN, 1954-61  
Jul 1954

July

16. 3d Marine Division was placed on alert by CG AFPE, to be prepared to move within 48 hours notice. Sec. Div Op Plan 12-54, 1954.

17. The 48 hour alert status of the 3d Marine Division was terminated by COMNAVFE despite, the division instructions, however, to be prepared to move elements on short notice.

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Indochina Spt

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~~Other~~ Miscell

ML Reference VN, 1954-61

1954

August...

8. Lt Col DAAL, 6-3 Suber ... accompanied Maj Harold STRAIN, CTF 90, and a planning group CTF 90, COMNAVFE, and MST SUT, PAC officers to ~~INDOCHINA~~ from 7-16 August. This trip ... was occasioned by a higher level decision to use NAVFE units for the evacuation of 100- French civilians from North and South Viet Nam. # ... Results of this decision visit indicated that ... French forces could provide evacuation control units and no security forces would be required by ~~the~~ participating naval ships.

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~~MAAB~~ MiscellMC Activities in VN 1954-61  
Jul-Sep 1954

(3) The command provided food & interpreters and certain logistical support to JTF 90's execution of 100-77 missions of Feb-Mar 54 in VN during this period & command prepared to support the operation with troops, etc.

Net-logis spt - med supplies, water purifier, units of COMNAV  
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1954 Asst to IN-CH

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SP 24 Jul 1957 to Dir, Pres Dept  
Subj: A/C Exposed to Methyl, Encl 2  
(En Log Sheet, Jun 1957 file)

II SUMMARY

ASSISTANCE TO AIRCRAFT INVESTIGATION

During the last few days of March & the first half of April this office  
received a number of messages concerning the transfer of A/C to the 7r. In this  
connection, MAF (AIR)-16 was called upon to provide four HRS-3  
type helicopters for delivery to the 7r. The 7r also requested delivery of 25  
A/C, four of which were provided by the 1MAW. No plans were flown  
where at Torrance on 18 Apr for the SRPBY key pilots for VMA-324.

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~~THE~~ INDIVIDUAL CONTROLS

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VMA 324 + mince persnal

Apr 54

Del. of 25 A4-1 A/C to Fr.

AT 1500 I on 13 Apr 54, was SHIPAN got underway ~~from~~ from P... Yokosuka... w/ 25 A4-1 type A/C, 59,000 lbs of uncut metal & spare parts... and six mince persnal (\$ off r's ent) of del. in R/T-Ch... in Orig. orders specified flying of the A4 A/C to CAT B/L A-FW near Haiphong... Further mod of orders regard del. to Taurane A-FW

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~~FAST~~ INLAND ~~CONTROL~~ SPT~~ENC 1~~ 26  
~~ENC 1, 3~~

VMA 324

APR 54

1 VMA 324 emb aboard the LST SAMPAN (CVL-48) on 30 Sep 53 at Mayport, Fla. f/cor' due in the F.E.

3 During the stay at Yokohama [7 Apr - 11 Apr 54] the ship was selected to ferry All-7 Corsairs into Fr. F-Ch. All ship pilots were given check-outs in the Corsairs at NAS, Atsugi. The ship loaded 25 All's aboard at Yokosuka on 12 Apr & proceeded to Fr-FCh the following day. ~~On~~ On 15 Apr, VMA 324 pilots flew the C-sairs off the SAMPAN to Toucan Airfield on the coast of F-Ch. Fr. Navy pilots, flown from bases in AF, were waiting to take over the planes & the Corsairs were in action a few days later at Dien Bien Phu.

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SPTS BY INDIVIDUALS  
Miscell  
1954-1955

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Future reports included in file case of 2d (later 1st Lt) Ray (W)  
SP/BRUCE R, No 2612, indicate TAD duty to CTF 40 commencing  
some time after 13 Jul 54 ~~to~~ by at least 5 Sep 54 (1st morning  
(arriving 14 Jul - 4 Sep 54) as Fr Interpreter & CTO and the US  
~~FALUGA (USO 26)~~ 18 Aug 54 thru 20 Mar 1955; that  
he participated as a Fr interpreter for several other minor non-related  
capacities (C-TO, Compt. Wr) in all tasks in credible manner (per  
1/15 of commendation) and that his latest address is 6026 Bucklick  
Rd, Springfield, Va.

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INMNL SPRT  
MAAG (1955)  
VNMC Orgn

Diff's in getting VNMC org'd (See card 78 f/remarks)

When, on 1 May 1955 a <sup>1st</sup> VNMC was established... Two factors interfered w/ a early Lsn: first of all Mar Units were committed in ops in the SW of Cochinchina where the CMF exercised personal control; and secondly, the presence of 71 Diff's in the Navy ~~at the time~~ precluded acceptance of very much but "ad hoc".

We were concerned w/ the existence of their companies in the Corps. Two units manned USMC LCP & functioned as a waterborne M.I. etc. etc.

The fact when the ~~USMC~~ [USMC] attempted to carry out these suggestions the 71 objected.

1. we were formally prohibited from entering the CHT zone even in the role of observers.

2. The Fr. had conserved the VNMC w/ US help; they had prepared & were carrying out a development plan which would lead to an effective autonomous Navy, they ~~had provided~~ as they still do, all the log. sprt of the Navy. Thus, when we appeared on the scene they felt that our presence was <sup>unnecessary</sup>.

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There is no doubt that the M.P. forces are riddled w/ politics

The intense hatred of the F. closes the mind of many W. to the benefits which they can derive from a pd. of moderation in dealing w/ their former superiors.

From the communist side there has been increased evidence of activity in the C.A. M.A. Pen, SW of S.W. .... In essence we are trying to build an effective A.F. while many parts just are afraid to actively fight or at the minimum must be deployed ready to fight an internal P.A.

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INTERNAL SPRT  
MAAG (1955)  
VNMC Orgzn

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Remedies for com's diff's in VNMC Orgzn (see card 76 for diff's)

1. and we [?] particularly stressed the imp. of estab. a prog. of comm. eng & freq. insps of the widely scattered units of the Corps.

We suggested that such units [Naval Cos] have "naval" in char. & their msn could be better performed by the navy. We felt that [The VNMC should] not become involved in providing a serv. eq. for either the Army or Navy.

2. [Dr Myt (Cdr of Naval Estab)] asked all the 71 out of the VNMC Hqs. He <sup>did not</sup> ~~did not~~ recall <sup>that</sup> ~~that~~ was that they [71] found themselves on the outside looking in. In 1962, the US rapidly found ourselves moving inside. When the smoke cleared I found myself assigned as naval advisor to the Cdr of the Navy upon office in his Hqs. There we are now actively preparing a plan for the complete reorgn of the naval force. It includes a navy & marine corps of about 4500 off. men. We are preparing the turn over of 2 LSA to the US Navy which will help somewhat to make the navy able to reach out wider & naturally ~~through~~ thereby via the cap. of the MC

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2/3 units of small amp ops along the coast. However, the very sig. fact  
B is that we are now definitely able to carry out our ideas on how to organize  
train + run the M.N.F.S.

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OP 158 TO CINCPAC

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OPNS 1956 (Apr)

On 10 Apr 56, 1 PLAT ... MARINES HAD MOVED TO RELIEVE  
FR AT THE METEOROLOGICAL STA ON 1 OF THE PARACEL  
IS.

... NOT OCCUPYING ANY OTHER IS. OF BRU. TO BE RELVD  
BY ARMY TRPS IN 1 OR 2 MOS. ...

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INTERNAL SPRT

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VNMIC

Ops, 1st Bn (Dec 58 - Jan 59)

On Base Ca Mau Area of An-Xuyen Prov

Bn divided into 2 groups, working indep, under dir. of Bn Cdr.

~~1st~~ 1st Grp - destroy rice fields + fish traps of VC

killed 1 VC + captured 1 general

2nd Grp - kill or capture VC traps, weapons + propa. apparatus

Capt'd sev small weapons, documents, handpker sets + 50 wooden toy rifles.

/2/ Destroyed VC toy ctr [ ] Killed 10 Pol. Comrs, killed or capt'd 3 Dist Pol Comrs; 2 village Pol. Comrs + 1 Plt Ldr. As reward, the Bn got \$820 (US)

One group got 4300 kuo corn + some sugar, the latter distributed to 8 men that had distinguished themselves in the opn.

Bn killed 14 VC, capt'd 30 VC. Some VNMIC cut off ears of prisoners or removed kidneys of live prisoners to use in making a potent elixir

No VNMIC cases.

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Tactics -

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 Sqd size ops, closely controlled, & hit-&-run tactics,  
 detected by lack of roads & no. of small units. Good security  
 measures.

Med - Degrade bodies of insurgents, only 10 cases of malin  
 Good mal. description

~~On cited by Chg of Staff, ARVN~~  
 On cited by Chg of Staff, ~~ARVN~~ ARVN of excellent  
 conduct of ops on 4, 5 & 6 Jan. Citation should lead to award  
 of streamer of the color

NOTE: 15th Div, ARVN reportedly conducted ops against VC in same area a  
 few pd. of time just before Mar. began ops. The Div, accord. to reports, had no success  
 because it wouldn't, or couldn't, push into the area & stayed on perimeter, probably.

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INDOVL SPRT

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VNMC (Nov '58)

~~Nov '58~~ Staff Functions (HQ + Base)

The CMC... has a staff system sim. to US staff system except that the 62 performs psy-  
chological indoctrination duties rather than tact. intell. The two Bn Cdrs have the same type staff  
at the S-2 ~~system~~ performing psy indoctrination <sup>duties</sup> during operations & tact. intell duties during operations. The  
present system is based on the old Jr. Staff commander unit system & there is no person. right staff.  
When reqd, a provisional <sup>regt. command group</sup> staff is formed from the personal. ~~Base staff~~

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VMAC (Nov 58) see Note

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Effectiveness of forces

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Both Bn's cap. of planning f/ & conduct any type of land/air/sea ops.  
Eg for limited (type of conduct) clandestine & overt amphib. landing ops  
w/ small l. craft & ships

Lacks 3d Bn f/ sea or marine etc.

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1/2 of personnel not avail f/ try because of security arrangements (MIA)  
When attached to larger units f/ sppt, VMAC units <sup>of this size</sup> would make excellent  
Cbt units.

W/ ~~try~~ suff try & men, can make ideal in part cap. of conducting sep.  
amph. or land warfare ops, or cap. of being attached to a VMADn or  
VMAC Bn/Hq.

Note: Eval on 8 Nov 59 essentially same. (EE 47871)

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Eval of 2d Bn (Aug '57)

2 Locating Bn - CAM RAIKH BAY

4 TNG - Unsat [poorly organized &amp; planned, insuff aids &amp; equip/f/ing, poor rifle regular record (60%), poor ing techniques &amp; methods,

4 MINCE - Sat

3 MIT DEFICS - No maps, short of maint &amp; RR transport &amp; some LOMM gear EE-8

2 PERSONL - shortage of (20%)

4 CRT POTNTL - POOR

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VNMC

Eval of 1st Bn (30 Jun 57)

2 TNG - Satin (pl. - hampered by interrupts) 1

2 MATNCF - (w/ <sup>hours</sup> eq & vehicle) Excellent

2 CBT POTNTL - Fair

1 MATRL DEFS - no bugs (corrected on the spot) No paint f/vehs (corrected by sub-rm the spot)

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INADL SART

VNMC

Reorg 1959 (Mar-Apr)

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1/2 Review of Order No 195/OP NO (Depy VN, Dept of Mat Ref) of 23 Mar 59  
effective Jan 59 // promulgated by Chg Staff, RVNAF on 16 Apr 59

Procedures of Creation of MC. GRA

1 HQ + 1 Admin + Sec Co

3 Ldg Bns

Self administration

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1st Bn, Opns (May 59) @ An Xuyen Prov

(includes 1st Co, retrained to serve as a rifle Co)

1 Co of 4 Co, Opns, independent, over wide spread areas.

Cas inflicted on VC.

85 killed, 52 capt'd, 70 surrendered

2 Awards to Ba Co &amp; 2 awards + money awards to Bn + the Co work w/ the Bn.

## NOTE

~~1st~~ 1 Co of 2nd Bn operated in S-west quarter of Vinh Binh Prov  
 first on a 5 km sweep thru its assigned area, then a detailed search & recon  
 and the area in the vic of Ba Dong.

Cas inflicted - 18 killed, 104 capt'd

All ops scheduled to end latter part of June, w/ advent of rainy season

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INMNL SPT  
MAAG (~~17-60~~  
154-60)

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Says is the site of ... Marine Corps Hqs

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TRG 195? [6!]

MC trg is accomp at ~~the~~ Mha Trng. In the past the trg has ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> generally poor, but it is expected to improve considerably w/ the arrival of U.S. MC advisers & w/ the continuing trg of offrs. at U.S. MC schools.

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INCLUD SPRT  
UNMC (Nov 58)  
Log Spvt Seps.

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... log spvt is programmed & provided f/ both Army & Navy MAP funds because of the dual char. of the MC equip. ... predominant share - Army; ... was supplied direct from Army Depots & Supply pts. Much of equip. sep (is the same as dep. f/ sep. Navy Bu) sold. f/ peace but used f/ war. Log. planing at regt level almost non-existent. But now maintain level of sep. which they can't transport in large masses. Physical sep. of units makes seem a duplication of log. spvt person. Seps. authorized f/ regt level not issued since no person regt orgn.

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INTERNAL SPCT

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VLMC (NavSB)

Comm

Diffs

Just radio used but <sup>detrimental effects</sup> ~~form matter~~ play a form on radio reception + security of radio nets does not permit full eff. use of them.

Field teleph & runner msg. main in ~~that~~ fld.

HQ uses Navy + Army radio comm + msg. sys.

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Am 2, 84

~~1321658~~ ~~0231~~ ~~STAS~~ ~~JUL 17 1963~~  
~~Op. C. M. M. C. V.~~ ~~1321658~~

INTEL SPRT

MAF6

VNAC Opus Sep-Dec 56

4 Training

b. The Vase conducted an unannounced landing exercise in the Gulf of Siam during the 2-wk period commencing 6 Nov. No res. was demonstrated.

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37 SECRET NOFORM

INDVL SPT  
MAAG (54-60)28  
32

RUMC

Origin of 1956

RUMC (~~Force~~ <sup>4500 Co</sup> ~~de la Marine~~ <sup>[Feb-56]</sup>) consists of a ~~Co~~ <sup>4500 Co</sup> + 2 Bns. The corp is intended to furnish guard & security detachments f/ nav establs, units f/sec w/ the nav. assault divs (Divisions Navales d'Assault - DIVASSAULT) & fort seff. to carry out amphib ops of 1 reinf. Bn. The amphib corp is limited to small-scale land ops in conj. w/ river campaigns.

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INDIVID SPRT

VNMC (News 8)

Inst + Sch Syst + References

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10-11

10. As VNMC requires larger & more modern amph. <sup>4 landing craft</sup> lift, capes, the Marine off-shore tug prog must be mixed in ship scope. ~~at present, 8 Lts~~

at present, 8 Lts completed USMC Based; 10 more planned to go, <sup>about</sup> next 12 mos, + then to Amph base at Tananariva; 2. Coats to go for Seal

Prog. big delayed to get Army Coast grade on a coast basis

11. Groups of US schools to instruct in VN

Not [pres] report of negotiators or tech teams. MAR provided and sites.

D-acc tug becoming adequate. Tug at present follows ARVN tug prog in most factors expected to take on larger portion of amph tug

Now, rest. stuff not adequate

DEFS.

Too much ARVN type inf tug, not enough amph tug. VN Marine submit amph tug prog for approval.

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+28-1

11 Units widely scattered, & performing security. Request that they merge VNM+MC will cont. to submit request for reduction of all units to same. Gen. Gen.

Addressed to Ft 2-Bn, no rest, regular procedure reactivated. try to open 9 rest size units. Proposed recovery plan by AF Staff & Lt. advisors will be submitted thru UN+MAG channels. (Now create 3 Bn rest & perma rest cont. group)

12 Lack of suff # of modern navy ships & craft. MAG recommends UNN & LST type ships to meet amphib comm.

20% under strength procedures complete until they pass.  
 Mar. not full copy of planning & specialty, keep open.  
~~SECRET~~

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INDIVID SPRT  
VNMC

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6,7,8

Early (1956) Probs

TNG

6 1st Bn (has a <sup>45</sup>MC advisor) 2d Bn has none [5 and 56]. 2d B1M makes me.  
No trng records kept in individuals.

7 Too much time spent on politics rather than trng  
Shaky to methods the Fi used (Fr. didn't believe in marksmanship or Marder do).  
Trng techs poor

PRONL

Wide spread illiteracy

No reserve

8 Off are former NCOs w/ no off. schooling  
C/MC (Maj Lien) very weak, disloyal

9 LDGS MC under Navy log sys 1 May 56. Logs kept from Ar. to Navy to MC (except for purely naval items) (called leather agency) Mince - limited; recognized that the N. & Army ft must diff notice.

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INNOVUL SPT  
MAAG (15460)

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RUMMC  
Creation of (See card 105 f/brief hist of RUMMC)

The M5 was created as an integral element of the navy by decree of 13 Oct 54,  
w/ the official date of establishment designated as 1 Oct.

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INDVDL SPRT  
MAAG (1955)

VNMC  
Estat of HQ (May 55)

<sup>1111</sup>  
When, on 1 May 1955, a Headquarters, VNMC was established

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UNMDC SPRT  
UNMC

4/10  
4,517

Early West (1954-1956)

Formation of 1st Bn

The 1st Bn... was formed on 1 Nov 1954 under Fr. Nav. Commando officers. First Col. was... Fr Colonial Inf... until 1 Jun 55 when the 1st Bn (or 1st BIM - Bnd'inf - anterie de la Marine) as it is normally referred to, passed under dir. control of the UN Navy. Capt Bui Tho Chi was made Bn CO

Since the troops forming the 1st BIM were Tonkinese they were, by definition, refugees. The arrival at Nha Trang approx 550 strong w/ ~~approx~~ 1500 dependents - wives, mothers, uncles, aunts, etc - since there were few in the North represented a complete severance from all connections with the Tonkin area. There was no housing available, so the period 1 Nov 54 to 1 Jun 55 was spent in construction of the Bn area & dependents housing. On 20<sup>th</sup> Jun 55 1st Bn went to fight against Communist sects & except F/S class, remained away until 7 Feb 56 when they rtd to Nha Trang. The UNMDC was ~~disbanded~~ on 1 Mar [56]. This resulted in the disolutions of many small special units which had spread over a rep. part of SVN & the ~~UK~~ creation of the 2 BIM. (This very brought the UNMC system closer to that of USMC).  
7 2 BIM formed from ex-US Army troops

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132 UMC

INADL SPT

Eq UMC (Nov 58)

Equipment Eval.

41c  
14/15

14 No major equip deficiencies

15 Nature of ordered equip & major items of equip improving.

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INTERNAL SPRT  
VNMC (New ST)  
Morale

410  
13

Morale & esprit de corps excellent.

Offs believe promotion <sup>is a key goal</sup> depends upon favoritism & that MC doesn't get pro-  
motants share a promotion in the VN AF

VNMC <sup>off</sup> would like to be in USMC re <sup>has a</sup> sep. svc of admin, log & trav purp.

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Chap II  
 MITS  
 16 MITS letter copy 02, non-processed 1/2 half 1963  
 Folder 3305.2 Signal Spindle  
 (see memo for <sup>copy</sup> Gen Ken  
 403715 - wdp 14 Dec 62  
 MASA - US As Training Advisor Course  
 Chap II or VI

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UNC

III Maria

6-3 Comments f/CMC press  
1-vw w/ MR Fred Hoffman, AF  
mid Feb 1964 11 Feb 1964

CMC

CMC eval of

III Maria display an aggressive fighting spirit. They spend

long jobs of time being used adverse conditions in the field & despite  
such personal hardships their morale is extremely high.

3305.2 OVI SUN 11+ Folder

UNC

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Visit to K.M. 25 Nov 44 - JWP/ECB

A20-1

Status of U.S. <sup>M.I.</sup> Aid

~~1.13~~

1.13 - Our help to the UK in log + tech. resp. is thus probably not susceptible of much reduction.

1.14 On the other hand, the try effort has passed its climax. All dev. are stopped + are rapidly being trimmed.

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J.S.

AC 9567 IS Man F/C MC

AD3H - u dp

0003A 3962

5 Feb 62

recommended approval of GG FAF MC proposals in Jan 62

J.S.

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MC Strength via VNF

HQ USMACV

SR-VN

30/6/63

5314

MACV

OFF ENCL RTRP

Ser 00529

15 9 24

6 Dec 63

MAAG

10 6 16

Army Units

1 15 16

Main Units

72 395 467

SR - Strength

R+D

2 - 2

RPT

Comb Studies

1 1 2

SFC 2576990

Totals

101 426 527

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99 UNC  
(See card 100)

~~II ID~~  
~~FAVORABLE~~  
Miscell 1962  
R4D (DUKW)

COMUSMAC UNCLAS MAY 14 1965 DT  
MARG 2 TO CINCPAC

OPNL REQMTS EXIST TO INCR ABILITY IN DELTA AREA OF SWM, DUEW APARS  
TO OFFER DESIRED POTENTIAL. REQ DETAIL OF 6 DUKWS W/EXCESS, ADVCE PERS, & SP  
PTS USE FURN F/OPNL STBLTY TESTS DESIRE ARRIVE AFTER 1 JUN F/MIN 6 WES.  
1 DUKW W/A FRAME UNDERSTAND MARINE? WILLG TO FURN NET DET

UNC

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CINCPACFLT CONF MTF 200256Z #  
Mar 62 to CINCPAC

See card 49

~~INFORM STATE IV D~~

Mosell 1962

R4D (DUKW)

1. DUKW ON STABILITY TEST SUN

Result + EG (ref in card 49) used by 1st AMPH TRK (C)

2. 1st AMPH TRK CO SKEW DEACTIV 1st DIR FK63

3. RECOMMEND

LIFT <sup>TO SUN</sup> MAKE 154 PAC FLTS

VEHICLE BE DEPLOYED AT MTF F/OD UP TO 90 DAYS

WHEN VEHLS DEPT, EG (+ SPARES) TURNED OVER TO GVN IF TEST

RESULTS OK.

FUND TDY COSTS UNDER MAP

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INDIVID SPRT  
Miscell

186  
APX V. Encl (6), 1

~~APX V~~ MAAG, Spn (84-63)

Notes on the CG's Weekly Staff Briefg held on 30 Jan 1954

AC of S, G-1

A new bullet has been authorized by C.M.C. W/MAAG  
SAIGON, Lt Col (Ret) has been ordered to the Far East to  
fill this bullet.

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INDIVID SPRT  
MAAG + MDAP

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MDAP Survey by Maj Gen Eskrine (1950)

## I GENERAL:

Prints the first MDAP Monthly Report submitted by the American Legation in Sgn. It covers the period 1-31 Aug 50 inclusive.

The Joint MDAP Survey Mission, headed by Mrs Ann F MELBY, w/ Maj Gen Gaver B. ESKRINE, USMC, as head of the Mil. Sect., which had arrived in Sgn 15 Jul 50, conducted intensive investigations ... prior to its departure on 7 Aug 1950

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51 UMC

INNDL SPRT  
MAAG  
Bland

22  
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### ACA - Creation, Authority, Activities

The ACA was established by ST Dept Delegation of Authority 85 of June 30, 1955, as a semi-autonomous agency, w/in the Dept of ST. The Sec of ST acted pursuant to dir. & author. contained in Ex O 10610 of May 9, 1955, which was promulgated by the Pres. under authority contained in sec 521 & 525 of the NS Act of 1954 ... Ex O. 10610 ... has been superseded by Ex O 10893 of Nov 8, 1960. ~~It~~ in and the ACA is currently guided by Delegation of Authority 85-10 & Redlegation of Authority 85-10A, both of Feb 2, 1961. The ACA is the successor of the Fed Fed Admin Admin.

The ACA has the responsibility of the conduct of its prog, except those which provide mil. assistance, type economic, religious & services, & those involving contributions to technical orgzns. It performs these functions in subject to pol advice w/in their respective spheres for the Sec of Def & Treas. The Agency is engaged on a regional basis [of regions] w/ support of tech & management staffs.

UMC

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INNOV SPRT

MAAG

Planned

22  
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Mutual Security (International Cooperation Administration)

ICA Programs

Defense Support - Equipment

Technical Cooperation

Special Assistance

Special Programs

UNC

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UNCC

INDDL SPRT

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MAAG  
Blsmd

Defense Support (Defined)

Defense support assistance - ex. aid to some of our mil. partners whose economies with the absence of outside help, would be unable to provide the defense forces or other mil. contr. needed.

UNCC

54 UNCC

TRAINING SPRT  
MAG  
Bleghed

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5-6

Admin of Ec & Tech. assistance :-

5 Dept. A, a semi autonomous unit w/in Dept of State, is responsible for the admin. of ec & tech. assistance. It drafts plans & programs in conformity w/ the will of Cong. & the Pres. The country programs are developed by the US Operating Missions (USOMs) that are located in the recipient countries. They are reviewed, adjusted, & approved by the Wash. office of A.C.A. After congressional appropriation has been made & funds are made available by the Pres, USA makes contracts for supplies & services & recruits personnel for carrying out the program.

UNCC

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INDVIL SPRT

23  
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MAAG

Bx good

Medical Security

Types of admin of

Types of assistance + administrators of

The types of assistance are military, economic, and technical. The two chief agencies that perform the work of delivering this assistance are the Department of Defense and the International Cooperation Administration (ICA) [Dept]

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INITIAL SPRT  
 MAA6  
 Bx good

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## History of Mut Security (Term)

Material assistance in large amounts has been directed to our allies and other friendly nations, as well as to some of the underdeveloped countries, at the end of the [World] war [II], supplies were granted for purposes of relief and rehab. In 1949, when the devastated countries were in a large measure restored, the program was shifted to one of "mutual defense assistance", and, in 1951, the term "mutual security" was adopted.

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INTERNAL SPOUT

MAAG

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21A  
27Definition & Meaning

Military assistance, the furnishing of mil. eq, troops, ships and svcs to selected foreign mil. force, is a part of the mil. effort of the U.S. The prog. is directly related to & interdependent w/ our own defense effort.

W/o this prog., free nations of the world not only would have been unable to make their contrib. to the collective security, they also would have been unable to build the modern arms. bases to their own defense against limited aggression. . . .

Without [defense] shield, they can, w/ a feeling of more security, go about the task of pursuing their ec. objective - building sounder & better economies & raising the standard of living of their people - and their pol. objective - maintaining their independence.

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INTERNAL SECURITY  
MAAG  
Be good

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Admin. of Mil. Assistance

Mil. assistance is administered by the Dept. of Def. The Sec. of Defense plans and programs, and so they he operates through the Asst. Sec. of Def. (International Security Affairs), and he receives advice from the JCS, which relies mainly Secretary of State, Mil. Assistance Affairs. Plans & programs are prepared by the field agencies in Mil. Assistance Advisory Groups (MAAG's), or similarly named groups, and the unified commands. The MAAG is a body stationed with the recipient country to represent the U.S. in the admin. of mil. aid. MAAG recommendations are submitted thru the unified command to DOD. The program is then reviewed & adjusted in conformity with the policy. After its submission to Congress in the President's budget message after congressional action, funds are made available. It is then the work of DOD to procure & ship the material.

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INDIVID SPRT

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VN MC

Recorg 1962

(5) On 1 Jan 1962 a Mar Base was formed ... 6109 ... Bgt Bg, 4 Bgt  
1st Arty Bn, 1 Amph Sprt Bn

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INDIVID SPICET

UN/MC

MSM 1962

C Mission

(1) To execute amphib. assault ops & other ops as may be directed.

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9V/MAC  
Log. limitations Mar 63

(1) Detailed accounts req'd by ARVN of replants/surveys continues to hamper units & units items are still being handwritten. Unit's Aug 62 when final T/2/E was approved & published, no items were permitted to be turned in.

(2) When a Bn moves <sup>home</sup> from base it must turn in all sup & equip. drawn for a <sup>disposition</sup> from ARVN depot & make a complete receipt for each item. As Bns now are away from base 75% of the time, this puts a tremendous ~~strain~~ column & sup burden on the high sup. officers.

(3) No provision for sys. inspections.

(4) Little experience in logistically supporting units.

(5) Lack of driver manw, esp. in the field.

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VN/MC

Stng (including Res) 3 Apr 63

	auth	Actual
Off	272	289
Enl	5862	5459
	<u>6134</u>	<u>5748</u>

Res Stng No assign res. Bse Hq maintains roster of discharged vets who could be recalled if neces. No recalled in '62.

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INDIVID SPRT

UNMC (As of 12 Jan 60)

Aspects (Cmd)

By unit cdrs only since Sep 59; CMC & Mer Adress held in Jan  
Trg visits held ~~at the~~ ~~by~~ Mer Adress.

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INDIVID SPRT

VNMC (As of 12 Jan 60)

LOGS

Sup - No maj shortages

Spt by gen. bc depots - adequate

Msnce - regularly stock, w/ky inspects; good audit of arms & eq in units <sup>actual</sup> ~~sup~~ ~~depots~~

Coastal - In the Ban area - betr heavy bty built

1st Bn (NVA TRAPT) <sup>will</sup> 1400 length of KDE? rifle range to 500 meters

<sup>rest</sup> new constru f/ bty surveyed, but bty funds already allocated will be used f/ ~~other~~ ~~area~~ ~~rest~~ ~~area~~

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INDIVID SPRT  
VIN MC (139 <sup>25</sup> May 60)  
OPNS

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10/11

10 2/35 of MCGra committee, ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> units advised to move out

1 + 2d Bas

1/15 Ca Man area of SM MR, under opn of Cdr 5 MR [ ]

159d, 2d Bn sec for m  
BINH BA IS. (2 of  
CAMB RANH Pen)  
(rec'd to be rld)

10 2d Bn

Committee to River Forc VN at CONTHO (2 Plato

1 Co alerted f/move to NUNG SAT

1 Plat in PARCEL IS (has been rec'd to be rld)

~~159d~~

111 When formed rpt of V.C. ~~leak~~ <sup>leak</sup> within 5 MR ~~is~~ resulted in dispatching of 142d  
Bas on 4 ~~other~~ <sup>other</sup> areas. No V.C. ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> found.

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41h

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INDIVID SPRET

12-13

VNMC

Eval as to capa & potent (May 60)

12 Capa

No ck, but still deteriorating because of extensive commitments + insuff  
~~test~~ jobs of non-ck + redng time.

MC6 not capa. of conduct; rest size hand warfare or CG ops.

Capa to conduct amphib ops at G level only.

13 Potential

Capit. good off, equipped + well org'd

Core + subord units - great; mixed by capa MC6 + many 1st US <sup>trained</sup> ~~off~~ <sup>off</sup>.

To inc -

Provide <sup>one</sup> camp f/ MC6

Retrn MC6 units to camp f/ 46 mo pd [f/rest + redng]

Capa ~~off~~ MC6 to draw full chrt abilities in personal + equip.

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CANF NO FORM

4/1 h

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INDIVID SPRT

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UNAC (As of May 60)

Status of INS of Cbt Units

Only 30% of units of 600 conduct formal trg

Some prep. of mark rifle matches

No fld trg away from garrisons

Unit off schedule trg. cancelled because of comm. instr.

No sub-cal. or sim. devices being used for mark. trg.

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143 CONF NO FORN INTERNAL SPRT

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UNM C  
State of Logs (As of 25 May 60)

No maj. ch.

Secy & Ego

Shortages exist because units are short of suff. non-crit items to draw of authorized ~~items~~ under new T/E. Shortages not crit.

Vehicle, ~~except paper~~, at crit shortage, partly because of trans. 15/11 F/ rear edges of each of the 3 Bays when employed sepdy, & partly because of M.C. not authorized full ~~amount~~ crit allow f/ vehicle.

Mater - still good

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INMUL SPT

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VNMC

9-1, 9-2

Opns; 54-57; 59-60

During the consolidation of the Rep., 54-57, the Marine played a key role in the struggle against ~~Binh~~ <sup>EN</sup> Xuyen dissidents & other rebels, distinguished themselves in the battles of DINH-TIEN-HOANG, HOANG DIEU, NGUYEN-HUE & PHU

QUOC.

... and during 59-60 they were called upon to fight off their country against the comm. forces. Many units were commended by the Gov. for their actions in battles at AN XUYEN I & II, RUNG SAT & KIEN HOA

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INDIVID SPRT

41g  
5,6

VNMC (As of 12 Jan 60)

Plans ~~Revised~~ for Capas + Potent

Plans:

5 Upon receipt of new T/E, adjust eq. accordingly

Return to formal training program in prep of Jt N-MC rough ex in May [60]

Cont w/ recruit's prog.

Relocate MC Coy in a single location, pref in NHA TRANG area.

[Capas + Potent]

[Jt Capas (in opp of Sr. Mar Advsr) decrease]

due to piecemeal commitment of units to chit & sec. units, lack of staff rest & rehab  
pds & lack of concentrated training

Chit potent

Increased - due to recy, incr. strn, forming main el (30 Bn) & prospects  
of recy to off grads of FM/MP Academy.

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INTERNAL SPRT

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E 10

VNMC (As of <sup>25</sup>~~28~~ May 60)  
Person

2 Shortages

Crit - only 54% of NEOs (mostly in Cpl + Sgt catgs)

73% of off

100% of <sup>total</sup> ~~ent~~

Overall 97% (2211 of ~~2276~~)

2 Sig change

Appoint of Capt LE NGUYEN KHANG as CMC

Grand of <sup>allied</sup> ~~top~~ Men of Jr Col (non-political, energetic, intel, loyal, strong leader. Run's ops of 142 Bn in CA MAU)

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MAAG in VN

MAAG <sup>VN</sup> in VN

MAAG in VN

MAAG, VN

New Sec, MAAG VN

(7/2) New Div, MAAG VN

Mar Sub Sec, New Sec, MAAG, VN

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INDDDL SPRT

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~~RVAAF~~ MAA6 (54-60)

RVN Navy (M.C.)

~~Strategy~~ <sup>Fr influence</sup> Doctrine & ~~Concepts~~ (Jan 59)

32 Naval strategic concepts, though not fully evolved [Jan 59] are based on the premise of a MVN o-load etc. for the (M.C.), partly supported logistically by coastal junk traffic. The RVN Navy M.C. is to patrol the coast to interdict junk traffic, split and for (esp. by providing transport + log. support) + ~~maintain~~ <sup>maintain</sup> ~~amp~~ <sup>amp</sup> loads in conj. w/ the M.C. The strategy envisions a delay of echelon until assistance could be provided by SEAF or US forces.

34 Fr influence on doctrine & tactics continues to be strong [Jan 59] i.e. (U.S.) M.C. doctrine is intending to replace Fr influence in the U.S. M.C.

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**SECRET**ON-THE-JOB TRAINING - SVN

Number: Eight (8) Company grade per month.

Quota: 4 - 3d MarDiv  
4 - 1st MAW

Length: 1 Month

Areas: 4 to IV Corps Area  
4 to I Corps Area

Participation: Combat patrols, Ambush missions, heliborne operations, Search and Clear operations.

Completed: June, July, Nov, Dec 1963.

JOB RELATED ORIENTATION, SVN-THAILAND

Number: Eight (8) Field Grade Staff and command.

Quota: 4 - 3d MarDiv  
4 - 1st MAW

Length: 8 days

Areas: SVN and Thailand

Participation: Briefings, Observe, Reconnaissance.

Completed: December 1963.

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*If it is suggested that there be a Christmas party held in the G-3 Division Office, it should be included in the budget for the year ending 31/12/50. The G-3 Division should be advised of this in the budget report. The G-3 Division should be advised of this in the budget report. The G-3 Division should be advised of this in the budget report.*

### G-3 DIVISION CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE G-3 DIVISION CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE HELD AT 1500, 23 DECEMBER IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3. ALL OFFICERS, ENLISTED AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE G-3 DIVISION ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

Cost per person attending: \$. 50 (To be turned in to the Sgt Major (by Branches please) prior to 1200 Wednesday 18 December ).

SNACKS AND EGG NOG WILL BE SERVED



Ck ~~State~~ ~~MAAG~~  
MAAG  
Navy Sect, Rpts  
w/ Dean Alford

*Mr. Frank  
Historical Br.  
Bldg #3*

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD PROGRAM

Highlights of the First Fourteen Years: 1947-1961

Shortly after World War II, the Department of State sought to re-examine the problem of obtaining sufficient guards of appropriate calibre for the protection of Foreign Service posts. Prior to this time, the Department had followed the practice of hiring civilians, American and foreign, for the protection of its establishments abroad, a practice which in many cases had been proven unsatisfactory. The problem was based in the inadequacy of the civilian guard salary scale, which permitted only a limited number of guards of doubtful background, ability, and suitability. In many cases the guard positions were found to attract only the old and the lazy, and many of the American guards resided permanently in foreign countries and were married to aliens. Thus, in a period of growing international tension such as existed in 1947, it was only natural that thoughts should turn toward the establishment of a guard force which was young, alert, trained, and under strong discipline - in other words, a military force.

Early in 1947, an informal approach was made to the War Department to see if military guards might be supplied to Foreign Service posts. Although some interest was shown toward the proposal, substantial cuts in military appropriations were being effected at the same time, so that no plan for military guards seemed feasible. However, on September 8, 1947, the proposal was again made that the War Department furnish military personnel for Foreign Service guard duty, with additional provisions that would relieve the War Department of any unusual expense. The general plan advanced was that the War Department pay only costs of basic salaries, uniforms, and equipment and that the State Department pay costs of transportation rentals, and cost of living. While it was estimated that the State Department could obtain three times as many guards as could be supported by appropriations for civilian guards, it was also pointed out that the War Department could use the attraction of world-wide service as a recruiting inducement. It was further suggested that a working committee of State Department officers be appointed to discuss the matter with the appropriate War Department officials.

However, before any further steps were taken in this direction, it was correctly pointed out by the Legal Adviser to the Secretary of State that, under Section 562 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946, the State Department could not enter into any agreement concerning guards with the War Department, but that such action could be taken jointly with the Department of the Navy, as the Act stated:

"Sec. 562. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized, upon request of the Secretary of State, to assign enlisted men of the Navy and the Marine Corps to serve as custodians under the supervision of the principal officer at an embassy, legation or consulate."

With this interpretation, it became clear that the Department of State would thereafter have to cooperate with the Department of the Navy and the

Marine Corps in order to bring an efficient security guard force into the Foreign Service. However, it might be pointed out that this association between the Marines and the Foreign Service was not altogether new. During the history of our country, Marines had served many times on special missions as couriers, guards for Embassies and Legations and to protect American citizens in unsettled areas such as China and Cuba. In fact, President Theodore Roosevelt, at the request of the Department of State, issued a Presidential Order just after the turn of the century which established guards at certain Embassies and Legations similar to those we have today. Thus, the provisions of Section 562 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 actually served the purpose of renewing and re-invigorating an association which had long performed ably and well in the service of American interests abroad.

Next began the series of discussions between the two Departments which led to the formal establishment of the Security Guard Program. In February and March, 1948, budgetary and personnel limitations on the Foreign Service Staff resulted in an increased pressure towards the completion of an agreement on Marine Guards, and surveys of the posts in the field were made to ascertain the numbers of Marines that would be needed. At this time it was contemplated that Marines might be assigned only to the less troubled areas of the world, thereby freeing civilian guards for duty at the more sensitive posts. In April, 1948, the Marine Corps agreed to participate in the program, with the general provisions that no Marines would be assigned in areas primarily under Army jurisdiction, that Marines would be assigned directly to the Naval Attache at each post, and that a fair difference be made up between the Marines' salary and the civilian guards' pay. After opinions had been solicited from the various areas of the State Department, these general principles were submitted to the Under Secretary of State, Mr. Robert A. Lovett, who agreed to them on May 26, 1948. Mr. Lovett presented a request to the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. John L. Sullivan, on June 22, 1948, asking that initially 300 Marines be assigned for duty abroad on Foreign Service guard detachments. These first Marine Security Guards were to be assigned as members of the staffs of Naval Attaches, with the Navy being responsible for administration and discipline and the State Department agreeing to pay for salary compensation, allowances, travel, and for civilian clothing, when necessary. Representatives from both Departments were designated to work out the details, and by July 20, 1948, assignment of the initial 300 Marines was authorized by Acting Secretary of the Navy John N. Brown. These Marines were then assigned to the field on the basis of the security needs of the posts.

It was still necessary to negotiate a formal agreement between the two Departments pertaining to use of the Marines at Foreign Service posts. Preliminary discussions were held during the months of August and September, 1948, which resulted in a Tentative Agreement, reached on September 20, 1948. Some of the high points of this Agreement were: Marines were to be responsible to the Chief of Mission or Principal Officer of the Foreign Service Post, through the Senior Marine Commissioned or Non-commissioned officer and the Naval Attache, where assigned; salaries were to be paid by the Marine Corps, but the State Department assumed the obligation for allowances when government facilities were not available; also, the Marines were to utilize

government transportation when it was available, but the State Department would arrange for transportation when it was not. On the basis of these first 300 Marines, it was estimated that the United States would realize a savings of \$160,750 per year over the employment of a similar number of civilian guards, with the added advantage of having young, trained guards under military discipline. October 25, 1948, was set as the target date for having Marines in the field, and it was planned that they would be provided with five to ten days of training before being sent out.

An incident which arose from these early discussions concerned the matter of whether Marines would in all cases serve in uniform or could, when politically expedient, wear civilian clothing. It was agreed that the Marines should serve in uniform whenever possible, but the State Department asserted that certain circumstances might exist (the example given was turbulent Cairo) which would make the wearing of civilian clothing mandatory. This matter came to the attention of the President himself, and was resolved on November 5, 1948, when President Truman approved a plan whereby Marine detachments in civilian clothes could be assigned to posts when the Secretary of State should determine that circumstances warranted. This policy on the wearing of uniforms is still in effect, although the tendency in recent years has been more and more toward enabling the Marines to wear their uniforms while on duty in Foreign Service posts.

Through the fall of 1948, other details were ironed out through further discussion between the two Departments. The State Department assumed full responsibility for medical care of Marines at the posts and established a civilian clothing allowance of \$300 for temperate zone posts and \$239 for tropical zone posts. Specific assignment of individuals became the joint responsibility of the State Department and the Marine Corps, with the State Department developing the overall placement schedule. Preliminary to drawing up implementation plans, the chiefs of mission at posts around the world were queried as to whether Marines would be welcome and useful as guards at their posts. When the indications were that Marines would be an asset to post security, permission to use them as security guards then had to be sought from each host government concerned. On November 29, 1948, after this and other groundwork had been laid, the Department of State finally presented to the Secretary of the Navy a draft Memorandum of Agreement between the two Departments on the subject of Marine Guards. Secretary of the Navy Sullivan signed the Agreement on December 15, 1948, (Under Secretary Robert A. Lovett signed for the Department of State) and this most basic document, known as the "1948 Memorandum of Agreement", came into force.

With the signing of the formal agreement, the next task was to set up the necessary machinery for administration of the program. Meanwhile, it was felt important that the Marines would reach their posts of assignment as soon as possible, and this project was attacked with enthusiasm. In early January, 1949, 83 Marines were assigned to the Foreign Service Institute for training, and on January 28, 1949, the first fifteen Marines departed Washington on their assignments, six for Bangkok and nine for Tangier. A letter of Instruction to the field, coordinated between the Marine Corps

and the Regional Bureaus of the Department of State, was then circulated in order to outline the uses to be made of the Marines in the Foreign Service. Also, to facilitate the administration of its personnel, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, expanded Casual Company (later re-designated Company "F") of its Headquarters Battalion in order to provide for its personnel on separate duty, of which Marine Security Guards constituted the majority. The program developed rapidly, and by the end of May, 1949, 303 Marines were assigned as Foreign Service guards at posts throughout the world.

As might be expected, it was necessary to contend with many problems of an administrative nature during this first year of the program. One question concerned whether Marines who were married while at their posts abroad, whether to aliens or to American citizens, should be retained at their posts. On the basis of excessive costs for security screening, housing, and transportation of new dependents, and in order to insure an effective mobility of the Guard Corps when its services were urgently required, a general policy of replacing Marines who married while abroad with unmarried Marines was adopted. Similarly, it was determined that Marines who became involved in serious breaches of discipline, or who engaged in actions detrimental to the interests of the United States, would be returned home for disciplinary or other action. These policies were promulgated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in September, 1949. It was also necessary to clarify the position of the Marine Guards within the ordinary chain-of-command at Foreign Service posts. To this end, a joint declaration was issued which stated that it was the intent of the State Department and Marine Corps that Marine Guards would serve directly under the Security Officer of the post for all duty and administration. The role of the Naval Attache was to be that of a senior officer of the Naval Service present, with no power to exercise control over Marine personnel at the post beyond admonition, or, in serious cases, forwarding of complaints to the Marine Corps for action. These and many similar problems were resolved during the first year, and it was soon gratifying for the program's adherents to note how a well-organized guard force, of high quality, was taking on its duties and performing them with an efficiency heretofore unknown in the Foreign Service.

But growing pains were felt before the Security Guard Program had celebrated its first anniversary. With the inception of the Military Defense Assistance Program late in 1949, it was estimated that 40 additional Marines would be required to carry out guard duties at the eight MDA missions in Europe. In addition, it was felt that the Foreign Service was critically in need of an increase in Marines as replacements for civilian guards in several areas where needs of the missions had changed. On January 21, 1949, the Secretary of the Navy was asked to provide the 40 Marines for the purpose of implementing the Mutual Defense Assistance Program, and it was also indicated that a further request might be made to increase the overall number of Marines serving at Foreign Service posts. Unfortunately, the Marine Corps' then current personnel ceiling limitation, coupled with a provision of the Mutual Defense Act which prohibited payment of military salaries from funds allocated to that program, presented a major obstacle to the increase of the Guard Corps at that time. However, in March 1950, the importance of

the Mutual Assistance Program was felt to be so great that the State Department decided to proceed with the assignment of the forty MDAP Guards on the basis that the State Department would completely reimburse the Marine Corps for the cost of basic salaries of these and any subsequently assigned Marines. With this understanding, the forty MDAP Guards were ordered to their European posts and, by June, 1950, they were joined by 24 more Marines whom the Secretary of State had requested, on a completely reimbursable basis, for ordinary Foreign Service guard duty. Shortly thereafter, with the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, the Marine Corps entered a period of rapid expansion which so enlarged the scope of Marine Corps operations that, by August, 1950, it was determined that the cost of basic salaries of Marines who had been ordered to Foreign Service guard duty in excess of the initial quota of 300 could be borne by the Marine Corps alone.

During the fall of 1950, the Department of State, the Marine Corps, and the Bureau of the Budget participated in a series of discussions to determine what should be the exact relationship between the Department of State and the Marine Corps on the question of financial support of the Marine Guard. At the conclusion of these discussions the Bureau of the Budget ruled: "If the guarding of American missions abroad is essential to the security of the United States, then that guarding is a defense function and should be carried out by the Military Establishment without reimbursement of basic costs". The Department of Defense was then asked to accept responsibility for the guarding of Foreign Service posts abroad and to assign that duty to the Marine Corps. It was recommended at the same time that the Marine Corps be allowed to increase its personnel ceiling by 650 enlisted positions in order to provide for Marine Guards that were thought to be necessary for completing an effective security defense. These additional responsibilities were quickly assumed by the Department of Defense and Marine Corps, and on February 15, 1951, the Commandant of the Marine Corps ordered his Director of Personnel to increase the number of Marines available for duty with the Foreign Service by 311, to a total of 675 guard positions. Thus, at a time when the Korean War was at its height, the Marine Corps obligingly allocated 311 of its best qualified men for duty with the Foreign Service, thereby demonstrating that the Marines respected the request as being of a vital and urgent nature.

During the rest of 1951, the Marine Guard Program underwent further improvement. It was specified at this time that volunteers were preferred. Qualifications were established which required two years of satisfactory prior service with no conviction by general or special court-martial and not more than one summary court-martial within the past two years, being unmarried and agreeing to remain so, and having mature judgement, stable character, and appropriate security clearance. It was also decided to permit the assignment of married Non-commissioned Officers-in-Charge, in order to afford a wider choice from a more stable group of NCO's, and in order to improve discipline by obviating overly close personal contact between the Guards and their NCOIC's during off-duty hours. The Officer of Security of the Department of State, since charged with the responsibility of directing the security program, was designated as the contact point within the Department for all Marine Security Guard matters.

In 1952 an important step was taken toward improving supervision of the Guards in the field. The Marine Corps suggested a plan in which a junior Marine officer would be assigned to each of the Regional Security Headquarters of the Department of State to work with the Regional Security Supervisors on all matters pertaining to the Marines. This plan was soon approved and in June, 1952, Marine officers were authorized to serve at Paris, Cairo, and Manila. These officers, to be known as Regional Marine Officers, were directed to supervise the morale, discipline, administration, and other affairs of the Marine Guards, and to make semi-annual inspections of the guard detachments within their areas of responsibility. Since the Foreign Service Act of 1946 specified that only enlisted men could be used in such programs, the Marine Corps undertook to pay all costs of the Regional Officers, a step taken readily in the interest of improving the quality of the guard force. With the assignment of an officer to Rio de Janeiro in November 1952, the Regional Marine Officer system provided world-wide coverage. Currently Majors are assigned as Regional Marine Officers with Headquarters in Frankfurt, Beirut, Manila and Lima. A Captain assistant is assigned to Beirut and due to the size of the Paris detachment a Captain is assigned as Officer-in-Charge.

During the last months of 1952, a poll of the various posts abroad and Bureaus in Washington indicated that at least 125 more Marines were required. Aside from purely Foreign Service requests, other agencies and offices attached to Foreign Service missions bolstered the claim for additions to the guard force. In March, 1953, the military services asked for 57 additional Marines to broaden coverage for Service Attaches whose offices were located in buildings separate from the chancery buildings proper. These further requests for Marines were honored so that, by December, 1953, six officers and 676 enlisted Marines were in active support of the Foreign Service establishment, and by Fiscal Year 1956, when the guards approved for extension of Attache Office protection were finally provided, the number rose to six officers and 733 enlisted men. A peak in the size of the Marine Guard was reached on August 30, 1956, when the authorized total was raised to 850 enlisted Marines, but due to reduced Marine Corps personnel authorization, this number subsequently was reduced to 742 enlisted men in August, 1957. The current authorized enlisted strength is 800.

The problems of administration and training of such an expanded body of personnel obviously became more complex. Early in 1954, the suggestion was offered that it might be to the mutual advantage of the Department of State and the Marine Corps to inaugurate an enlarged and improved training program. This program would last a minimum of thirty days and would provide Marine Corps personnel assigned to Foreign Service duty with a general knowledge of their new assignment prior to their departure from the United States. An agreement was quickly reached for establishing a four-week Marine Security Guard course, which would train forty to fifty Marines each month, beginning in the autumn of 1954. Henderson Hall at Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Arlington, Virginia, was designated as the training site and the necessary instructional staff was assembled so that the first class began its training on November 4, 1954.

Requirements for Marines seeking Foreign Service duty were made more strict by a letter from the Commandant, Marine Corps, dated July 26, 1954. The new training course was set up to comply with these requirements, and, except for minor changes, is still operating in the following manner. Candidates for this duty are sent to the Marine Security Guard School at Henderson Hall. There they are carefully interviewed by experienced Marine officers and by State Department Security Officers with a Foreign Service background to determine the candidate's suitability for this type of duty. The candidate is then given five weeks of formal schooling which covers all phases of security work and includes a general indoctrination of the Foreign Service, as well as instruction on such subjects as Protocol, personal conduct overseas, Communist methods and techniques, the Constitution and the U. S. Government, and how to handle cranks. About half of the instruction is provided by the State Department and half by the Marine Corps. The candidates must then pass comprehensive written examinations on all subject taught in the course and must again appear before a board of State Department and Marine officers for final screening. By this time, approximately 30% of the candidates have been selected out of the program and returned to other Marines duties; those who have passed all phases of the course are assigned to posts abroad.

After 1952, a great need was felt for the general revision of the "1948 Memorandum of Agreement" between the Navy and State Departments, which, in the light of such great expansion of the Marine Guard, both in organization and purpose, was seen to have become too restrictive to provide effectively for the administration of the program. Representatives of the Department of State and Marine Corps had drawn up a new Draft Agreement in 1953 which was not acceptable to the Department of Defense, for the draft was retained at that level until April, 1955, when it was returned, revised but unsigned. After re-study by interested areas of the Departments of State and Navy, and by the Marine Corps, acceptable provisions were found which enabled the Draft Agreement to be sent again to the Department of Defense in September, 1955. Signature, by Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defense, and John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, on September 22, 1955, finally made official the "1955 Memorandum of Agreement Between the Department of Defense and Department of State", a badly needed enabling act which is still in effect. This modernization process was carried a step further in 1956 when the 84th Congress repealed Section 562 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946 and adopted Public Law 1028 (70-A Statutes-at-Large 374). This law restated the provisions for use of military personnel for custodial duty at Foreign Service establishments and is now to be legal basis for the Marine Security Guard Program.

Recent years have seen a continual effort on the part of the Marine Guard Program to adjust to a constantly-changing world situation with its resulting shifting of emphasis of security needs. The increasing frequency of mob action aimed at Foreign Service installations, inspired by Communists and ultra-nationalists, forced the Department of

State to become more concerned with the problem of protecting American lives. Every effort was made to strengthen the physical security of posts where such actions were a possibility, but to enhance these efforts a revision was made of part of the training at the Marine Security Guard School to include briefing on the responsibility of Marines to take effective action to defend posts against mob action when absolutely necessary in order to save lives. The presence of Marines inside the Embassy compound has frequently been a source of comfort to American personnel during hostile demonstrations and civil disturbances. In 1961 in one country torn by civil war, the American Embassy was hit by artillery shells and raked by small arms fire. During this time Marine Security Guards carried on their mission of protection of classified material, and American lives and government property. About the same time in another part of the world Marine Security Guards were on constant alert as the capital city changed hands several times between National and Rebel forces. During the battle an artillery round set one American building on fire and Marines rallied to protect government property and classified materials. After the death of Patrice Lumumba sympathetic demonstrations took place in many areas of the globe. During this time American Embassies and Consulates came under hostile mob action and suffered from verbal abuse, flying rocks and paint smears and had several official vehicles smashed and burned. The presence of armed Marines in these locations may well have been a deterrent to the out-and-out sacking or further degradation of the embassies concerned. Great restraint has been necessary on the part of the Marines during such disturbances. Picture if you will the Marines at one embassy who witnessed the tearing down and burning of the American Flag on the embassy grounds by a mob of 300. But the record shows that in spite of the circumstances, Marine Security Guards have shown coolness, calmness and an ever-ready ability to do the job at hand. To aid in general training, and as a work of reference for all concerned with the program, a "Handbook for Marine Security Guards" was published in July 1956 and distributed to appropriate personnel throughout the world. The Marine Guard also took on other tasks, such as the provision of guard service for international conferences. When notice was taken of their excellent performance at Foreign Service posts, the Marines were asked to provide the guard for the American delegation to the 10th Anniversary Conference of the United Nations at San Francisco, in June, 1955. Subsequently the Marines have provided security guards for American delegation at practically every international conference that has been held. With the addition of operations such as these, the end of the first fourteen years of the Guard Program found the Marines involved on a world-wide basis in a variety of duties in direct support of the security needs of the United States.

The use of Marines as security guards at our Foreign Service establishments abroad has come to be accepted as normal practice, and has evoked much interest and favorable comment from the American public. The American tourist who visits many of the larger posts abroad now expects to find a capable young Marine on duty. Members of Congress and other high government officials, as well as the Department of State and the Department of the Navy, have all taken a keen interest in this program.

The continual reference to "My Marines" by numerous Chiefs of Mission is ever gratifying as is the "can do" attitude of his Marines. This attitude, which has certainly characterized the performance of the Marine Guard during the first fourteen years, should assure that the Marine Security Guard continue to receive well-earned praise and respect for its important service in the interest of the security of the United States.



*I was 64 of the 1st MAW at the time the hole unit moved into Vietnam. I don't remember after the hole operation moved into SA I was in commenced flights to support the ops. VAWRS-152 was the Squadron. One Colonel said to give those boys everything they need. Initially the flights were 3X a week, later they went back to two a week.\**

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Classified List of Units Participating in Vietnam Operation, 1 July 1958 to Present

3. CTU 79.3.5 / CTE 79.3.3.5 \* (SHUFLY)

a. Staff Element and <sup>continuous</sup> from 9 Apr Sub Unit #2, MABS-16 1962

b. HMM-362 15 Apr <sup>1962</sup> - 31 Aug 1962

c. HMM-163 1 Aug 1962 - 11 Jan 1963

d. HMM-162 11 Jan 1963 - 5 Jun 1963

e. HMM-361 8 Jun 1963 - 29 Sep - 3 Oct 1963

f. HMM-361 29 Sep - 1 Oct 1963 to present

4. Sub Unit #1, 1st Composite Radio Company, FMF 10 Jan 1962 - 15 May 1963

5. Detachment "A", 1st Composite Radio Company, FMF 16 May 1963 - 16 Sep 1963

6. Detachment "A" 1st Radio Company, FMF 16 Sep 1963 to present

7. Aircraft crews of <sup>VMBR-152,</sup> 1st Marine Aircraft Wing <sup>Aircraft,</sup> FMF PAC in the following categories

a. Initial list of elements noted in 1a above

9 Apr 1962 only

\* On 6 Nov 1962 CTE 79.3.5 became CTE 79.3.3.6

Enclosure (2)

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Date

To: Miss K. L. Magraw, Library Services Branch, BuPers G14,  
Room 1806, Arlington Annex

From: Major J. M. YINGLING

Subj: Review of The Eyes and Ears of the Civil War by  
G. Allen Foster

Ref: (a) Your memo of 23 Dec 1963

Encl: (1) Subject book

1. As requested by reference (a), enclosure (1) has been reviewed as follows:

Little has been published on the development and use of communications by the opposing sides in the American Civil War. More has been printed on the use of agents by the North and South to gather and report, or carry, information. By drawing upon a number of short episodes, the author has put together a brief work on the means that Rebel and Yankee commanders and government officials employed to gain and pass on vital data. Mr. Foster's book is built around the experiences of selected individuals that played key roles in spying, and in developing and employing message transmissions for battles. The

My evaluation for purchasing this book for Navy/Marine Corps libraries (~~largely~~) is:

Recommended for purchase.

It should be noted that the information on enclosure (1) was compiled ~~more for completeness than for eligibility for the award~~. The text was compiled with the ~~view of completeness~~, and is ~~submitted~~ <sup>covers</sup> which is set forth in ref (a).

Enclosure (1) ~~is the more~~ <sup>includes</sup> ~~test of all known and reported Marine words & activities. It is oriented~~ <sup>towards</sup> ~~completeness, rather than eligibility for the award~~ <sup>by ref (a).</sup>

J. M. YINGLING

(Reviewer)

interesting nature of the book and its brevity will provide a profitable and pleasant experience for its readers.

To : Head, Decorations and Medals Branch  
(Code DL)

From : Head, Historical Branch

Subj : List of Units participating in Vietnam operation

Ref : (a) Your memo DL - opw of 18 Nov 1963 to Head,  
1st Br  
SECNAVINST 1650.19

Encl : (1) <sup>UNCL</sup> List of Units participating in Vietnam Operation  
1. July 1958 to Present

Encl : (2) <sup>UNCL</sup> List of Units participating in Vietnam Operation,  
1 July 1958 to Present

1. Appended as enclosure (1), <sup>UNCL</sup> the units requested  
by reference (a).

~~2. The list includes all units and activities, that include Marines, or were composed of Marines, and is submitted known and reported to be associated with United States efforts in support of the Vietnamese since 1 July 1958, and is submitted~~

~~3. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this~~

2. The lists compose all units and activities that included or were composed of Marines. Determination of eligibility for the award mentioned in reference (a) has not been made.

3. Upon removal of enclosure this letter is regarded unclassified,

F. C. CALDWELL

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VNMC

1/2

Ops + Trig Sep 59 - Jan 60

1/2 Oct 59

1 Co on <sup>Payto</sup> ~~the~~ Condore Is since Jun 58 rtd to parent unit ~~at~~ <sup>me</sup> but, went back in 28 Nov to capture <sup>escaped</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>col. pol.</sup> prisms, rtd in 22 Dec.

1/2 Nov

2d Bn vice 1st Bn to SR Mil Region f/ops (Only Bn + 2 Cos. went) Is in part along Camb. border in Tonle Chau area.

1/2 Nov

Co on sec. ch. in Poracela Is replaced, trig on 1 Mar plat in the is. (20 men on patch + 10 on Robt.)

1/2 Jan

1 Co to Lung Sat area (W. of Cap St Jacques) at foot of Mt Mil Rgn via land craft from Sgny, followed on 10 Jan by 1 plat + 11 Sen by 1 Co.

15 Dec

1st Bn + 100 fm Nha Trang to Sgny f/ceremonies f/King of Thailand

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TNG

2 Club's type - Try f/ Nat Speed Mar down w/ radius & in realistic manner

except f/ finals when, <sup>pairs</sup> superseded by Natldr on clearance of mess caused from pray  
to, <sup>speed of</sup> no plat miss & hunt Mar claims to win.

2 Vlast - method of handling + superior match rifle shooters he's recognized, so that, <sup>the same</sup> one  
of w/ handle the Nat. shooters in the Nat. matches & he will ensure suff practice & followg of  
recommended procedures to exist.

2/3 Much try upset by opnl commitments - ~~not~~ <sup>+ speed marks</sup> <sup>& want</sup> <sup>light swimming</sup> <sup>soft frequency</sup>  
The Nat stopped or greatly slowed by commitments. <sup>& formal try of</sup>

2 Good try accomp - night try & cross country try - endorsed by opnl commitments

3 Scots - Nat's select's program exists

~~At. AUSA~~

3 High, Sprint & p.m. practices - edge f/ normal try & excell f/ opnl. credits

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CHMAGV 270245 Z 35  
JUN 56 TO CINCPAC 1

INTERNAL SPRT  
MAAG

VNMC Orgzn (1956)

Attempt to Dissolve VNMC - Jun 56

~~ON 26 JUNE~~

[ARMY]

ON 26 JUNE THE SECY OF DEF DISAPPROVED REP GEN  
STAFF RECOMMEN TO ABOLISH THE VNMC.

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Manawa in VN

T/O in Rm 2204  
Code A01E

1742/163

Embergy Gads

T/O #

Date of

Name # of Unit

# Assigned

6366

4 Apr 1958

(1,329) Saigon, VN

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(ll 330-334)

Mar. Sec Gads

w/ ST. Dept

# 5015

9 Apr 1959

(1,329) Saigon, VN

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(ll 329-333)

5015

9 Dec 1959

(1,318) Saigon, VN

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(ll 319-323)

~~5015~~

5152

6 Mar 1962

(1,345) Saigon, VN

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(ll 346-350)

5152

17 Aug 1962

(1,350) Saigon, VN

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(ll 351-355)

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MARINES IN VN

Review w/ CI OFF, HQMC, G-3 DVN, LS-61  
MA HULL ON 10 Jan 1964

## Observers

The observer program for Vietnam began in May 1961. At that time West Pac <sup>comproy groups</sup> officers began about a four week tour of US <sup>military</sup> activities operating in that country. That program ran, with interruption, until May 1963.

The following month a new program was put into operation. This program allowed for two groups - OST was for company officers for a four week duration; SRO was for field grade officers for about four days. The OST program was interrupted in August; it resumed in November and has run every month since then. The SRO program didn't get under way until Nov 1963; it has run continuously since then.

The officers in the SRO program didn't get in the field like those under the OST program do.

Three officers from HQMC went to Vietnam as observers.

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CG 14 MAW sec mtg 140851 Z of Sep 61  
to CG, FAIR MFG (JULIE REARD TO EDITED  
info address)

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INNOV SPRT

OBSVR PROG (Sep 61)

Background info

ON RECENT VISIT SUN CG 14 MAW DISCUSSED FEASIBILITY OF CO. GRADE  
MAR OPS OF TF79 REG RELIEF OPNTL TNG W/ INTR STAFF OF MAAG ON  
DU W/ ELES AFVN. CH MAAG & CG 30 MAR DIV CONSIDER

TNG PD-2-300ES (1000 ORNTL & PREP & REPT W/ MAAG TASKS ATTRIBUTED TO  
SUN UNITS OF ARMY OR MC. MAAG CAN MANUVE UP TO 6 OFFS EA PD.

RECORD THIS AVAILABLE OPNTL TNG F CG. OPN BE PURSUED. METHODS EMP-  
LOYED, FAM W/ SUN FORSY TERM APPEAR HIGHLY VAL FACTORS TO 30 MAR DIV

UNDERSTAND SIM RECOMTD MADE IN PAST BY CG 30 MAR DIV, SO SUGGEST  
DETAILS OF PROPOSAL BE WORKED THRU CG ~~30~~ 30 MAR DIV.

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SECRET OBSUR PROG

May 61 commenced

May 62 (10 off every 2 wks f/ CTU 116 (Gen Simpson)

Apr 62 - May 63 No Prog

~~May 63~~

OUT Prog (Resumed 1963)

Jan Jul Nov Dec 32 off + 1100

MC Prog (1963)

Nov + Dec

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A 20

MEMO FM of Gen LRU  
A0317-wdp

003A 21202  
~~31 Jul 62~~ 31 Jul 62 4, 5

Camp Rad Co S Mfgn truck-43; Act 43

Person. White every 4 mos.

Asst. replent. avail; saw go back 1 or 2 times.

Requests in T/O

Normally in contact w/ Mess.

ps No major deficiencies in its log page of replentment

SECRET

When did wing spit flights into VWP  
begin - immed after spitch went in

Frequency of such flights - 2/wk <sup>per</sup> 2/wk <sup>per</sup> 1/wk <sup>per</sup>  
+ spec. flights

Continuous since beginning - Yes, No

Any other spit flights? No

VMGR152

PAK - 6th US (LTW MALABET)  
OVER

SPT Flogde

9 APR

9-14 APR

15 MAR 261 15 APR

VMGR-152

VMGR 152-9 APR 62

VMGR 352-9 APR 62

VMGR 152-1520 APR 62

CDR ALONG