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Naval Advisory Group, MACV  
APO San Francisco 96309

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26 Oct 1965

Colonel Frank C. CALDWELL USMC  
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps  
(Code AO3D)  
Washington, D. C. 20380

Dear Colonel CALDWELL:

Colonel MACNEIL has been out on an operation in II CTZ for the past week, so I have taken the liberty of replying to your letter of 13 October 1965.

I have enclosed the data on current organization of the VNMC and our Advisory Unit, and names of U. S. Marines who served with the Unit during 1964 and 1965. In regard to missions: The MAP supported mission of VNMC is to conduct amphibious operations and other ground combat operations as may be directed by higher authority. There is no document which spells out the mission of the VNMC Advisory Unit. We prepared in August 1965 a Function Paper on the Advisory Unit which pretty well spells out our assumed mission. A copy is enclosed for your use.

Sir, we will continue to send you data on operations, etc., as it accumulates. The paper mill is getting larger and larger each month and we may, on occasion, be a little late in forwarding information to you. I can assure you however, that we will continue to feed you information which will be useful in compiling a history on the role of Marine Advisors in Vietnam.

Very Respectfully,

  
B. V. GUSTITIS

Major, U. S. Marine Corps  
Assistant Senior Marine Advisor

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## LIST OF U. S. MARINES SERVING WITH MARINE ADVISORY UNIT, NAVAL ADVISORY GROUP DURING 1964 AND 1965

Col Wesley C. NOREN 015907/9906 USMC  
Sep63 - 13 Sep64

Col Earl E. ANDERSON 06643/9907 USMC  
Detached 22May64

Col William P. NESBIT 016227/9906 USMC  
4Sep64 - 17Sep65

Col John A. MACNEIL 018455/9906 USMC  
11Sep65 - Present

LtCol George E. CHAMBERLAIN 028357 USMC  
Feb64 - 5May64 (Deceased)

LtCol Edward H. WALKER  
Detached 5Mar64

LtCol Raymond C. DAMM 044910/1302 USMC  
10May64 - 5Feb65

Major Alfred J. CROFT 053919/0802 USMC  
Detached 7Feb64

Major Charles K. WHITFIELD 051424/0802 USMC  
31Jan64 - 16Jan65

Major Lane ROGERS 061169/0302 USMC  
5Jun64 - 3Jun65

Major Edward J. BRONARS 050746/0302 USMC  
8Aug64 - 22Jul65

Major William G. LEFTWICH Jr. 061154/0302 USMC  
26Jan65 - Present

Major Bernard V. GUSTITIS 057261/0302 USMC  
28May65 - Present

Major Walter J. HENDERSON 059616/0302 USMC  
24Jun65 - Present

Major/LtCol Albert C. SMITH Jr. 050307/0302 USMC  
30Jun65 - Present

Captain Donald E. KOELPER 060953/0302 USMC  
Deceased 16Feb64

Captain Herbert M. GRADL 060390/3002 USMC  
Detached 14Mar64

Captain William J. MANNIX Jr. 072847/1302 USMC  
Detached 9Apr64

Captain William Van Hemert 069208 USMC  
Reasg MACV 5May64

Captain Joseph N. SMITH 061240/0302 USMC  
Detached 22May64

Captain James P. MCWILLIAMS 073146 USMC  
Detached 9Jun64

Captain James J. DELANEY II 065547/0302 USMC  
11May64 - 22Feb65

Captain John P. MONAHAN 067832/0302 USMC  
21Mar64 - 28Feb65

Captain Louis R. STARGEL 060203/3002 USMCR  
5Mar64 - 26Mar65

Captain Sterling W. CARTER 065556/1302 USMC  
2Apr64 - 13Apr65

Captain Franklin P. ELLER Jr. 067808/0302 USMC  
8May64 - 2May65

Captain Franklin A. HART Jr. 065703/0302 USMC  
Aug64 - 18Jul65

Captain Richard J. COOGAN 066822/0802 USMC  
11Oct64 - 8Oct65

1stLt/Captain Donald C. PEASE 080175/3502 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

Captain Francis X. FREY 063869/0302 USMC  
18Feb65 - Present

Captain James A. MCCARTY 069975/0302 USMC  
18Feb65 - Present

Captain Ben D. DAUGHERTY 064326/3002 USMC  
11Mar65 - Present

Captain Mars M. ADKINS 067873/1302 USMC  
3Apr65 - Present

Captain William H. BOND 073616/0302 USMC  
29Apr65 - Present

Captain Paul D. SLACK 067841/0302 USMC  
29May65 - Present

Captain Roger W. BADEKER 064926/0302 USMC  
26Jun65 - Present

Captain John I. HOPKINS 070652/0302 USMC  
8Aug65 - Present

1stLt Philip O. BRADY 082115/0302 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

1stLt Charles W. COBB Jr. 082124/0302 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

1stLt Robert O. CONOLEY 083186/0302 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

1stLt Gerald F. HUML 082216/0302 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

1stLt Paul S. MARCANI 082131/0302 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

1stLt Dempsey H. WILLIAMS III 082159/2529 USMC  
30Nov64 - 9Mar65 (KIA)

1stLt Carl J. HORN 081878/0802 USMC  
13Jan65 - Present

1stLt Larry R. OGLE 081782/0302 USMC  
16Jun65 - Present

1stLt Robert R. ANDERSON 083071/2502 USMC  
18Jun65 - Present

CWO-2 Archie L. EARLY 085821/0130 USMC  
16Jun65 - Present

Sgt William E. RABER 1139226/1833 USMC  
Detached 2Feb64

Sgt Monte L. RAILSBACK 1601014/0141 USMC  
Detached 13Feb64

GySgt Levi W. WOODS 657159 USMC  
Detached 20Feb64

Sgt George J. MCCONNELL 1564128/3516 USMC  
Detached 14Mar64

GySgt Richard M. GRAEME 624275/2529 USMC  
Detached 24Mar64

GySgt Charles D. PECK 1136355/0848 USMC  
Detached 22Apr64

GySgt George M. HAYS 530552/0369 USMC  
Detached 5May64

GySgt Chester L. WENTWORTH 1088254/0369 USMC  
17Feb64 - 8Feb65

GySgt/MSgt Francis L. MARTIN 1195854/2529 USMC  
12Mar64 - 8Feb65

Sgt/SSgt John M. CONYERS 1420876/0141 USMC  
3Feb64 - 14Feb65

SSgt/GySgt Harry L. PEARSALL 549108/3516 USMC  
5Mar64 - 3Mar65

SSgt Ronald M. BLAKELY Jr. 555546/0848 USMC  
18Apr64 - 28Feb65

SSgt Kenneth R. MONELL 1097568/0369 USMC  
25Apr64 - 3Apr65

SSgt Robert P. GWINN 1282221/0141 USMC  
10Feb65 - Present

SSgt Walter S. RIELLY 1200626/0369 USMC  
17May65 - Present

Sgt Carl J. FISHER 1610631/0231 USMC  
17May65 - Present

GySgt William F. COCHRAN 643007/3042 USMC  
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SSgt Raymond S. KOMO 1443264/2539 USMC  
20May65 - Present

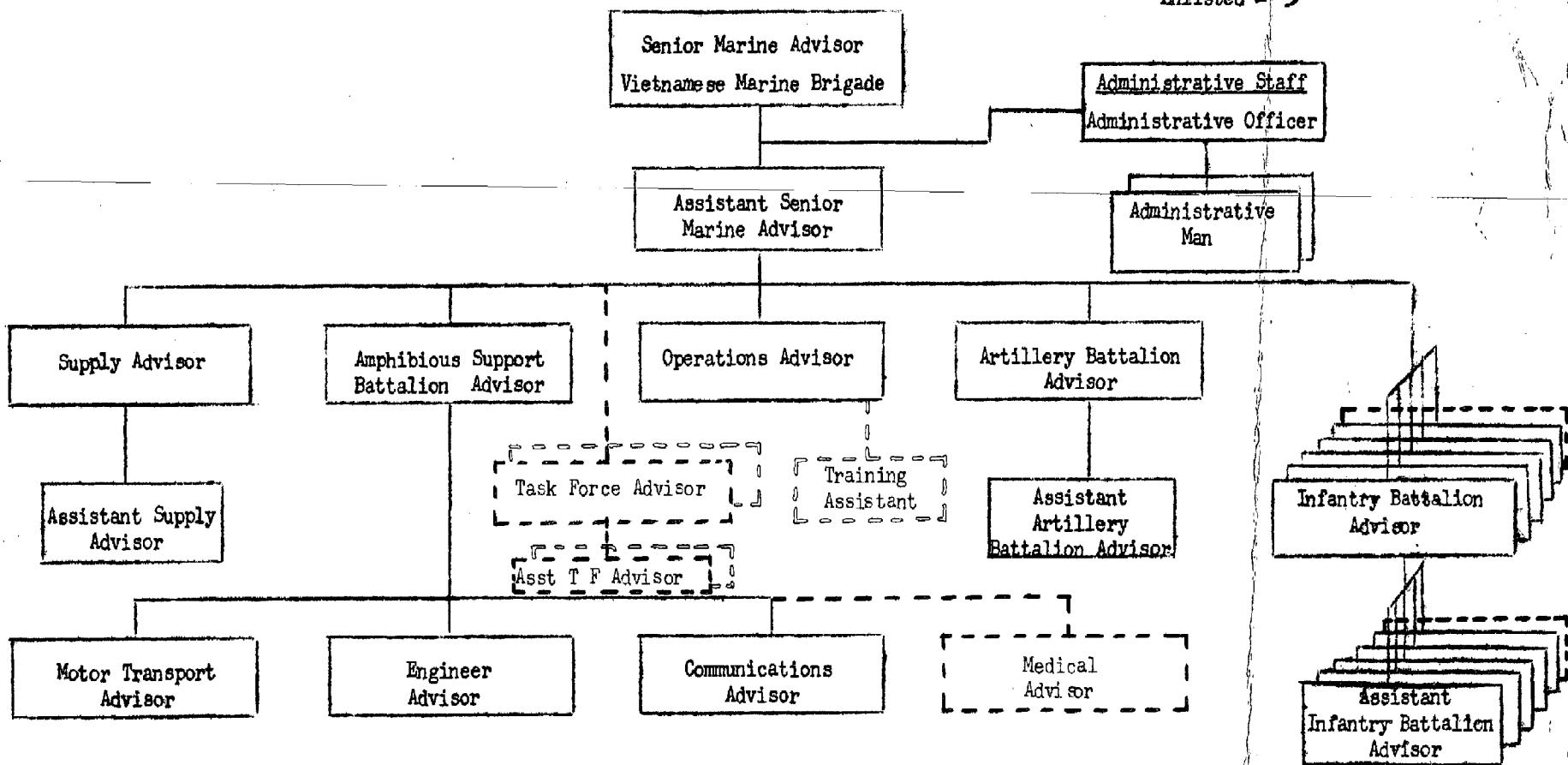
Sgt Tom W. BROWN 1814509/0141 USMC  
21May65 - Present

----- T/O Increases Requested Sep 1965

----- Anticipated Increases CY 1966

MARINE ADVISORY UNIT, VNMC  
NAVAL ADVISORY GROUP

USMC T/O 5013 of 11May65  
Officers - 21  
Enlisted - 3



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From: Senior Marine Advisor

To: Chief, Naval Advisory Group, MACV

Subj: Staff Organization

Ref: (a) Chief, NAVGP Notice 5200 of 10 Aug 1965, same subject

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is furnished:

a. No revisions of enclosure (3) to reference (a) are necessary as pertains to this unit.

b. No revisions are required in current NAVADVGP administrative directives for which this unit has cognizance.

c. Billet descriptions of the Senior Marine Advisor and principle subordinate officers are as follows:

(1) Senior Marine Advisor: Is responsible to Chief, Naval Advisory Group for the USMC advisory effort to the Vietnamese Marine Corps. In this capacity he advises the Commandant, VN Marine Corps in all matters pertaining to the organization, employment and internal function of VNMC. The SMA is assisted by staff officers who serve as advisors in all areas of operations, staff and special staff functions. He is the officer in charge of all U.S. advisors to VNMC and in this capacity directs and supervises the overall advisory effort. The U.S. Marine Corps Advisory Unit is organized to coincide with the organization and functions of the VNMC.

(2) Assistant Senior Marine Advisor: Maintains capacity as executive officer of the Marine Advisory Unit and advisor to the Chief of Staff VNMC. He is responsible to SMA for implementation of SMA's policies and decisions. He coordinates and supervises activities of VNMC advisors within their respective functional areas as the SMA may direct. Keeps the SMA informed of overall progress of advisory effort. Assembles, reviews and submits reports for SMA's approval and directs distribution of approved reports. Represents the SMA during the latter's temporary absence. Advises the Chief of Staff VNMC in all activities related to the functioning of the Brigade General and Special Staffs.

(3) Administrative Officer: Is responsible to SMA for planning and supervision of matters and activities related to personnel management, administrative and internal operation of the Marine Advisory Unit. He is assisted by 2 administrative men. His duties involve processing of official

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correspondence, supervising preparation of records and reports, supervises internal mail service, supervises morale and special services activities, and supervises control of classified matter.

(4) Artillery Battalion Advisor: Assisted by a 1st Lieutenant USMC, is responsible to SMA for advising the Commanding Officer of the VNMC Artillery Battalion in all matters relating to employment operations, training, supply, administration, logistics and internal functioning of the Battalion. Assists the Infantry Battalion Advisors in the preparation of fire support plans. Provides liaison as required within U. S. channels between artillery and supported units. Prepares historical and operational reports. Performs other duties as the SMA may direct.

(5) Operations Advisor: Is responsible to SMA for advising VNMC Brigade Operations Officer in matters pertaining to planning, coordination and organization of training, tactical operations, troop movements and fire support. He has the collateral duties of advisor, as the SMA may direct, to VNMC task grouping when such groups are organized and operational. Keeps SMA informed of training status and requirements, tactical situation and employment of units. Prepares historical reports of combat operations.

(6) Supply Advisor: Assisted by a Staff Sergeant, provides advice and technical assistance to Brigade G-4 and Supply Officer in matters pertaining to supply, maintenance, evacuation and other related logistic support requirements. In coordination with technical advisors in other related fields, makes recommendations for revisions of Tables of Equipment and programs MAP requirements. Advises the VNMC concerning execution of policies, determination of requirements for procurement, receipt, storage, accounting, issue and disposal of property and equipment. Inspects facilities to assure proper usage, maintenance and storage of supplies and equipment. Interprets and recommends effective implementation of supply directives and regulations from higher authority.

(7) Infantry Battalion Advisor: Assisted by a 1st Lieutenant USMC, is responsible to SMA for advising the Infantry Battalion Commander in all aspects of operation, training, logistics, administration and intelligence of a VNMC Infantry Battalion. Advises the Battalion Commander in operation planning, execution, fire support and troop movements. Advises the Commander concerning personnel reporting and assignment, utilization of manpower, intelligence gathering and evaluation, supply, maintenance, medical matters and other related logistics functions. Provides advice and assistance in operational communications. Prepares historical and operational reports. Performs other duties as the Senior Marine Advisor may direct.

(8) Amphibious Support Battalion Advisor: Is responsible to the Senior Marine Advisor for advisory functions within the Amphibious Support Battalion, Vietnamese Marine Corps Brigade. Advises his counterpart, the Commanding Officer of that Battalion, in communications, transportation,

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engineering, shore party and field medical activities. Controls and coordinates the advisory efforts of Marine Corps Advisors in the communications, engineering and transportation fields. Coordinates his activities in logistics matters relating to supply with the Marine Supply Advisor. Advises on the composition and assignment of Battalion task attachments to the tactical components of the Brigade in coordination with the Marine Operations Advisor and the advisors to the infantry and artillery battalions. Coordinates with the Medical Advisor (A-14), Naval Advisory Group, in medical matters relating to the Medical Company of the Battalion.

(9) Communications Advisor: Is responsible to the Amphibious Support Battalion Advisor for advisory functions and technical assistance in communications matters in the Vietnamese Marine Corps Brigade. Provides advice and assistance in communications to the Brigade Signal Officer and the Commanding Officer, Signal Company, Amphibious Support Battalion. Acts as staff communications officer of the Marine Advisory Unit, providing technical assistance and equipment to other Marine Advisors. Coordinates communications matters of mutual concern with the Communications Officer (N-6), Naval Advisory Group.

(10) Motor Transport Advisor: Is responsible to the Amphibious Support Battalion Advisor for advisory functions and technical assistance in transportation matters in the Vietnamese Marine Corps Brigade. Advises and assists his counterpart, the Commanding Officer, Transportation Company, Amphibious Support Battalion, in transportation matters. Provides advice and assistance in motor transportation matters to the Motor Transport Officers of the infantry and artillery battalions, and to the Training Center. Provides technical advice and assistance to other Marine Advisors of the Unit.

(11) Engineer Advisor: Is responsible to the Amphibious Support Battalion Advisor for advisory functions and technical assistance in engineer matters in the Vietnamese Marine Corps Brigade. Advises and assists on combat engineer, civil and military construction practices. The Engineer Advisor maintains a dual counterpart relationship. First, with the Brigade G-3 and G-4 regarding matters of engineer employment and camp construction. Second, he deals directly with the Engineer Company Commander of the Amphibious Support Battalion regarding matters of engineer training, equipment and technique.

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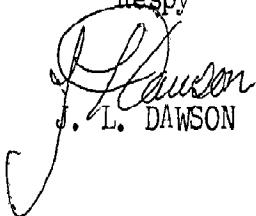
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Branch Head	✓	11/23	
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Hd. A&L Section			
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Major Bradshaw	✓	11/23	MIS

REMARKS:

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<b>REMARKS</b> Subj: Station List, submission of				
1. LtCol SCHARNEBERG, MACV Historical Division, requested that copies of station list, of Marines serving in Saigon area be forwarded to the Historical Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps.				
2. Subject station list is forwarded as enclosure (1).				
Respy  J. L. DAWSON				
<b>FROM</b> Marine Corps Liaison, AG Personnel, MACV II APO San Francisco, California 96243		<b>DATE</b> 19 Nov 65		
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1 OCT 60REPLACES DD FORM 94, 1 FEB 60 AND DD FORM 95,  
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As of 16 November 1965

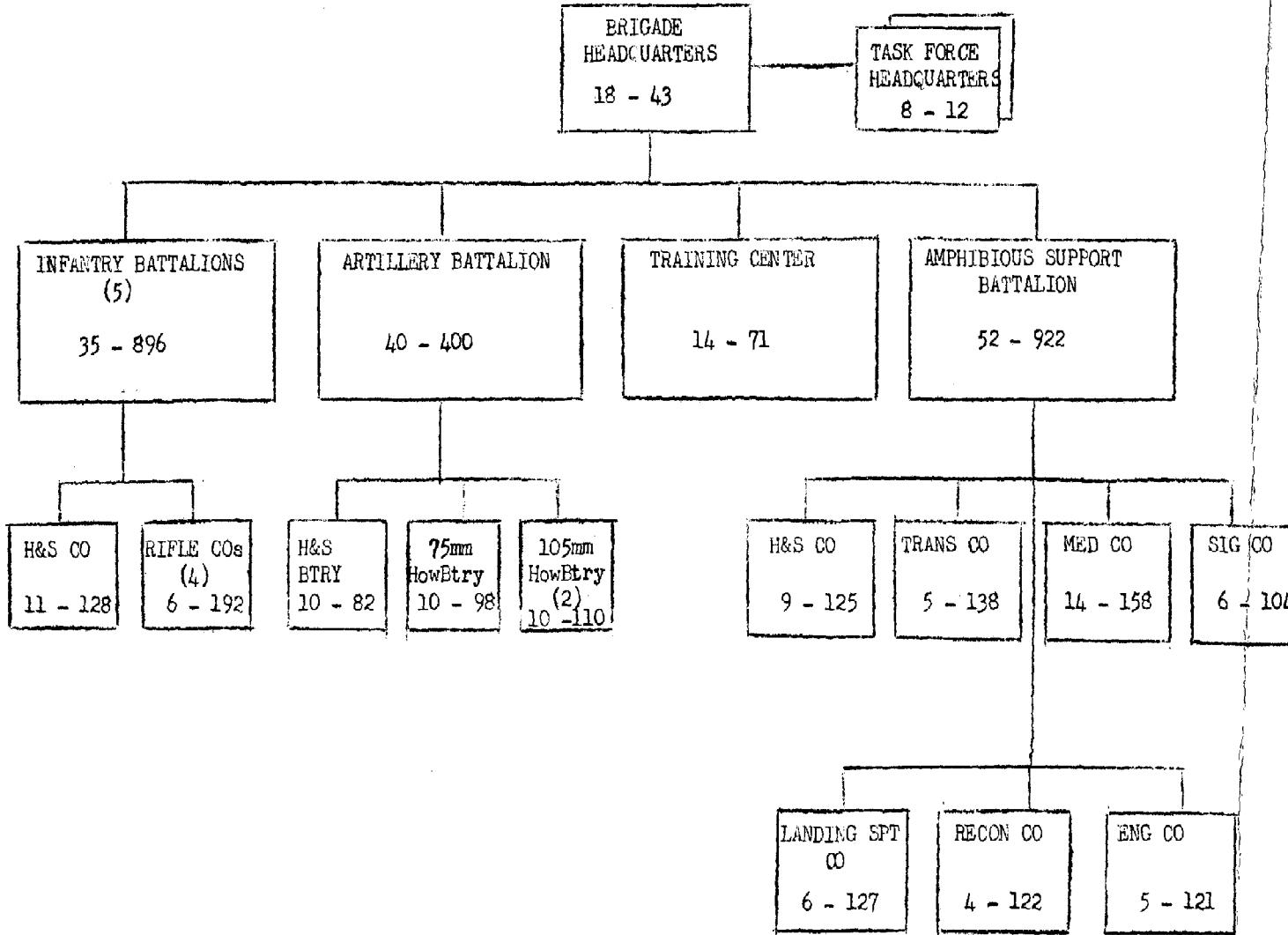
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ALLEN, William W.	Capt	069771/7302	1stMAW	33-2853
CLINE, Charles M.	WO	089164/0130	AGM&R Bld 137 MACV I	40742
COX, Donald L. Jr	Major	060545/2502	J-6 Bld 137 MACV I	40735
FARMER, Martin T.	2ndLt	090151/0302	In III MAF 164 Phan Thanh Gai	50054
FITES, Malcola V.	Major	060570/0302	SOG, Bld 1A MACV II	60963
GRIER, Samuel L.	LtCol	044860/0802	J2 Bld 137 MACV I	Tiger 583
HARPER, Edwin A.	Col	027182/7333	Ln 1stMAW	33-2854
HOLLOWELL, George L.	Col	010182/9907	J3 Bld 137 MACV I	40658
HOLMBERG, Harry H.	Major	054613/0302	JOC Viet High Comd	31454
KELLY, Edwin F.	Capt	060145/1802	J1 Bld 1 MACV II	60389
KING, Edwin C.	Major	052927/0302	J3 Bld 137 MACV I	40970
LABBY, Charles E. Jr	CWO-2	082734/0240	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
MCKAY, Conrad L.	Major	059638/1802	J1 Bld 1 MACV I	60437
MCAFEE, Charles K.	Capt	067830/0802	J3 EAC Bld 137 MACV I	40662
MORRILL, Alan L.	CWO-2	085695/0240	J2TRAG Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
MUSCROVE Edgar F.	Major	050313/0302	J4 Bld 16 MACV II	60054
FAHEY, Francis F.	Col	07187/9906	DCODiv Bld 137 MACV I	40744
REILLY, Martin B.	Major	051362/0802	PressRel0 MACV I	50409
RHYKIRD, Clarke A.	Major	051600/7302	J3 Bld 137 MACV I	40658
ROTH, Earl F.	Major	051363/0302	J3 Bld 137 MACV I	Tiger 479
SCHARNEBERG, G.R.	LtCol	048379/0302	HistSect MACV I	40885
STEINKRAUS, R. F.	Col	011740/9906	SrIno III MAF	50054
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TALBOT, Richard B.	LtCol	059645/0302	PolWarAdvDiv	22026 Ext58
TWOMEY, David M.	LtCol	051057/0302	J2 Bld 137 MACV I	40943
WENTWORTH, William	LtCol	050140/0302	SOG Bld 1A MACV II	60268
WILLIAMS, Maxie R.	Col	07844/9906	J5 Bld 137 MACV I	40646
WINDSOR, John J.	Col	011851/9907	SOG Bld 1A MACV II	60962
ABOUNE, Charles V	SSgt	1264693/0141	J5 Bld 137 MACV I	40646
BERGMAN, Frank B	MSgt	829421/0239	J2 Bld 137 MACV I	40943
BLANTON Silas Jr	GySgt	583759/0141	J3 Bld 137 MACV I	
BOGGS William R.	Sgt	1128393/0141	SJS Bld 137 MACV I	40645
BRADFORD James S.	Sgt	1802084/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
BRALEY, Charles A.	SSgt	1345904/4312	PIO MACV I	50409
CARPENTER, Jackie E.	Cpl	2036072/0141	Post Office MACV II	
CONLEY, Robert M.	GySgt	1064288/0239	J2 Bld 137 MACV I	40944
DAWSON, John L.	1stSgt	850138/9999	MarIn Bld 18 MACV II	Lion 134
DOMER, Ralph E.	LCpl	2005663/0141	J3 Bld 137 MACV I	
FULCHUM, Mickey L.	Cpl	2017445/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
FUNSTON, Donald H.	Cpl	1955142/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
GIBSON, Roger F.	Cpl	2037426/0141	Post Office MACV II	
GREEN, Herbert D.	Sgt	1835329/0141	SOG Bld 1A MACV II	60268
HARGROVE, Walter	SSgt	651395/0369	SOG Bld 1A MADV II	
HAREHBERGER, Larry J.	Cpl	2043848/0311	3rd MAF	
JOHNSON, George L.	Sgt	1863289/0141	AGM&R Bld 137 MADV I	40942
KELLEY, David G.	SSgt	1094650/0141	MarIn Bld 18 MACV II	Lion 134
KLEIN, Carl J.	Cpl	1856976/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
LYNCH, Jan K.	Cpl	1938818/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
MAXWELL, Gerald M.	Cpl	2012251/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
MACGUIRE, Edward T.	LCpl	1676675/0141	3rd MAF	50054
MCDONALD, James G.	Sgt	1818827/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
MESTON, Ward B.	Sgt	1827962/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
MILLER, Jerry D.	Sgt	1952240/0141	MarIn Bld 18 MACV II	Lion 134
MROZ, Victor "A"	GySgt	268962/4312	PIO USIS Bld	40644
NEETS, John E.	Sgt	1694891/0141	SOG Bld 1A MACV II	60268
NICHOLSON, Alfred G.	GySgt	570253/0141	SOG Bld 1A MACV II	60385
RICHARDSON, Charles E.	Cpl	1875507/0231	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
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WALKER, Charles T.	Cpl	180945/0141	JRATA	
MAMPLE, Richard M.	LtCol	040489/0302	J5 Bld 137 MACV I	40754

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LYNCH, Jan K.	Cpl	1938318/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
MAXWELL, Gerald M.	Cpl	2012251/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
MACGUIRE, Edward T.	LCpl	1676675/0141	3rd MAF	50054
MCDONALD, James G.	Sgt	1818827/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
MESTON, Ward B.	Sgt	1827962/0241	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
MILLER, Jerry D.	Sgt	1952240/0141	Marin Bld 18 MACV II	Lion 134
MROZ, Victor "A"	GySgt	268962/4312	PIO USIS Bld	40644
NEETS, John E.	Sgt	1694891/0141	SOG Bld 1A MACV II	60268
NICHOLSON, Alfred G.	GySgt	570253/0141	SOG Bld 1A MACV II	60385
RICHARDSON, Charles E.	Cpl	1875507/0231	J2 TRAC Bld 3231 TSN	33-2769
SANTEE, Gene F.	SSgt	1463476/0211	SOG Bld 1A MACV II	60268
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DECOTTA, Walter J	Maj	065582/1802	JTOC	
DUNCAN, Jimmie W.	Maj	051853/0302	HistBr MACV I	
FARMER, Martin J	1stLt	090151/0302	LnO, 3rdMAF	40595
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KELLY, Edwin F.	Capt	060145/18C2	J1 BL MACV II	60389
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Colonel Frank C. CALDWELL USMC  
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps  
(Code AO3D)  
Washington, D. C. 20380

Dear Colonel CALDWELL:

Colonel MACNEIL has been out on an operation in II CTZ for the past week, so I have taken the liberty of replying to your letter of 13 October 1965.

I have enclosed the data on current organization of the VNMC and our Advisory Unit, and names of U. S. Marines who served with the Unit during 1964 and 1965. In regard to missions: The MAP supported mission of VNMC is to conduct amphibious operations and other ground combat operations as may be directed by higher authority. There is no document which spells out the mission of the VNMC Advisory Unit. We prepared in August 1965 a Function Paper on the Advisory Unit which pretty well spells out our assumed mission. A copy is enclosed for your use.

Sir, we will continue to send you data on operations, etc., as it accumulates. The paper mill is getting larger and larger each month and we may, on occasion, be a little late in forwarding information to you. I can assure you however, that we will continue to feed you information which will be useful in compiling a history on the role of Marine Advisors in Vietnam.

Very Respectfully,

B. V. GUSTITIS  
Major, U. S. Marine Corps  
Assistant Senior Marine Advisor

## LIST OF U. S. MARINES SERVING WITH MARINE ADVISORY UNIT, NAVAL ADVISORY GROUP DURING 1964 AND 1965

Col. Wesley C. NORNEN 015907/9906 USMC  
Sep63 - 13 Sep64  
Col Earl E. ANDERSON 06643/9907 USMC  
Detached 22May64  
Col William P. NESBIT 016227/9906 USMC  
4Sep64 - 17Sep65  
Col John A. MACNEIL 018455/9906 USMC  
11Sep65 - Present  
LtCol George E. CHAMBERLAIN 028357 USMC  
Feb64 - 5May64 (Deceased)  
LtCol Edward H. WALKER  
Detached 5Mar64  
LtCol Raymond C. DAMI 044910/1302 USMC  
10May64 - 5Feb65  
Major Alfred J. CROFT 053919/0802 USMC  
Detached 7Feb64  
Major Charles K. WHITFIELD 051424/0802 USMC  
31Jan64 - 16Jan65  
Major Lane ROGERS 061169/0302 USMC  
5Jun64 - 3Jun65  
Major Edward J. BRONARS 050746/0302 USMC  
8Aug64 - 22Jul65  
Major William G. LEFTWICH Jr. 061154/0302 USMC  
26Jan65 - Present  
Major Bernard V. GUSTITIS 057261/0302 USMC  
28May65 - Present  
Major Walter J. HENDERSON 059616/0302 USMC  
24Jun65 - Present  
Major/LtCol Albert C. SMITH Jr. 050307/0302 USMC  
30Jun65 - Present  
Captain Donald F. KOELPER 060953/0302 USMC  
Deceased 16Feb64  
Captain Herbert M. GRADL 060390/3002 USMC  
Detached 14Mar64  
Captain William J. MANNIX Jr. 072847/1302 USMC  
Detached 9Apr64  
Captain William Van Hemert 069208 USMC  
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Captain Joseph N. SMITH 061240/0302 USMC  
Detached 22May64  
Captain James P. MCWILLIAMS 073146 USMC  
Detached 9Jun64  
Captain James J. DELANEY II 065547/0302 USMC  
11May64 - 22Feb65  
Captain John P. MONAHAN 067832/0302 USMC  
21Mar64 - 28Feb65  
Captain Louis R. STARGEL 060203/3002 USMCR  
5Mar64 - 26Mar65

Captain Sterling W. CARTER 065556/1302 USMC  
2Apr64 - 13Apr65

Captain Franklin P. ELLER Jr. 067808/0302 USMC  
8May64 - 2May65

Captain Franklin A. HART Jr. 065703/0302 USMC  
Aug64 - 18Jul65

Captain Richard J. COOGAN 066822/0802 USMC  
11Oct64 - 8Oct65

1stLt/Captain Donald C. PEASE 080175/3502 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

Captain Francis X. FREY 063869/0302 USMC  
13Feb65 - Present

Captain James A. MCCARTY 069975/0302 USMC  
18Feb65 - Present

Captain Ben D. DAUGHERTY 064326/3002 USMC  
11Mar65 - Present

Captain Mars M. ADKINS 067873/1302 USMC  
3Apr65 - Present

Captain William H. BOND 073616/0302 USMC  
29Apr65 - Present

Captain Paul D. SLACK 067841/0302 USMC  
29May65 - Present

Captain Roger W. BADEKER 064926/0302 USMC  
26Jun65 - Present

Captain John I. HOPKINS 070652/0302 USMC  
8Aug65 - Present

1stLt Philip O. BRADY 082115/0302 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

1stLt Charles W. CORB Jr. 082124/0302 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

1stLt Robert O. CONOLLY 083186/0302 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

1stLt Gerald F. HUML 082216/0302 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

1stLt Paul S. MARCANI 082131/0302 USMC  
14Nov64 - Present

1stLt Dempsey H. WILLIAMS III 082159/2529 USMC  
30Nov64 - 9Mar65 (KIA)

1stLt Carl J. HORN 081878/0302 USMC  
13Jan65 - Present

1stLt Larry R. OGLE 081782/0302 USMC  
16Jun65 - Present

1stLt Robert R. ANDERSON 083071/2502 USMC  
18Jun65 - Present

CWO-2 Archie L. EARLY 085821/0130 USMC  
16Jun65 - Present

Sgt William L. RABER 1139226/1833 USMC  
Detached 2Feb64

Sgt Monte L. RAILSBACK 1601014/0141 USMC  
Detached 13Feb64

GySgt Levi W. WOODS 657159 USMC  
Detached 20Feb64

Sgt George J. MCCONNELL 1564128/3516 USMC  
Detached 14Mar64

GySgt Richard N. GRAEME 624275/2529 USMC  
Detached 24Mar64

GySgt Charles D. PECK 1136355/0848 USMC  
Detached 22Apr64

GySgt George M. HAYS 530552/0369 USMC  
Detached 5May64

GySgt Chester L. WENTWORTH 1088254/0369 USMC  
17Feb64 - 8Feb65

GySgt/MSgt Francis L. MARTIN 1195854/2529 USMC  
12Mar64 - 8Feb65

Sgt/SSgt John M. CONYERS 1420876/0141 USMC  
3Feb64 - 14Feb65

SSgt/GySgt Harry L. PEARSALL 549108/3516 USMC  
5Mar64 - 3Mar65

SSgt Ronald M. BLAKELY Jr. 555546/0848 USMC  
18Apr64 - 28Feb65

SSgt Kenneth R. MONELL 1097568/0369 USMC  
25Apr64 - 3Apr65

SSgt Robert P. GWINN 1282221/0141 USMC  
10Feb65 - Present

SSgt Walter S. RIELLY 1200626/0369 USMC  
17May65 - Present

Sgt Carl J. FISHER 1610631/0231 USMC  
17May65 - Present

GySgt William F. COCHRAN 643007/3042 USMC  
19May65 - Present

SSgt Raymond S. KOMO 1443264/2539 USMC  
20May65 - Present

Sgt Tom W. BROWN 1814509/0141 USMC  
21May65 - Present

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From: Senior Marine Advisor

To: Chief, Naval Advisory Group, MACV

Subj: Staff Organization

Ref: (a) Chief, NAVGP Notice 5200 of 10 Aug 1965, same subject

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is furnished:

a. No revisions of enclosure (3) to reference (a) are necessary as pertains to this unit.

b. No revisions are required in current NAVADVGP administrative directives for which this unit has cognizance.

c. Billet descriptions of the Senior Marine Advisor and principle subordinate officers are as follows:

(1) Senior Marine Advisor: Is responsible to Chief, Naval Advisory Group for the USMC advisory effort to the Vietnamese Marine Corps. In this capacity he advises the Commandant, VN Marine Corps in all matters pertaining to the organization, employment and internal function of VNMC. The SMA is assisted by staff officers who serve as advisors in all areas of operations, staff and special staff functions. He is the officer in charge of all U.S. advisors to VNMC and in this capacity directs and supervises the overall advisory effort. The U.S. Marine Corps Advisory Unit is organized to coincide with the organization and functions of the VNMC.

(2) Assistant Senior Marine Advisor: Maintains capacity as executive officer of the Marine Advisory Unit and advisor to the Chief of Staff VNMC. He is responsible to SMA for implementation of SMA's policies and decisions. He coordinates and supervises activities of VNMC advisors within their respective functional areas as the SMA may direct. Keeps the SMA informed of overall progress of advisory effort. Assembles, reviews and submits reports for SMA's approval and directs distribution of approved reports. Represents the SMA during the latter's temporary absence. Advises the Chief of Staff VNMC in all activities related to the functioning of the Brigade General and Special Staffs.

(3) Administrative Officer: Is responsible to SMA for planning and supervision of matters and activities related to personnel management, administrative and internal operation of the Marine Advisory Unit. He is assisted by 2 administrative men. His duties involve processing of official

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correspondence, supervising preparation of records and reports, supervises internal mail service, supervises morale and special services activities, and supervises control of classified matter.

(4) Artillery Battalion Advisor: Assisted by a 1st Lieutenant USMC, is responsible to SMA for advising the Commanding Officer of the VNMC Artillery Battalion in all matters relating to employment operations, training, supply, administration, logistics and internal functioning of the Battalion. Assists the Infantry Battalion Advisors in the preparation of fire support plans. Provides liaison as required within U. S. channels between artillery and supported units. Prepares historical and operational reports. Performs other duties as the SMA may direct.

(5) Operations Advisor: Is responsible to SMA for advising VNMC Brigade Operations Officer in matters pertaining to planning, coordination and organization of training, tactical operations, troop movements and fire support. He has the collateral duties of advisor, as the SMA may direct, to VNMC task grouping when such groups are organized and operational. Keeps SMA informed of training status and requirements, tactical situation and employment of units. Prepares historical reports of combat operations.

(6) Supply Advisor: Assisted by a Staff Sergeant, provides advice and technical assistance to Brigade G-4 and Supply Officer in matters pertaining to supply, maintenance, evacuation and other related logistic support requirements. In coordination with technical advisors in other related fields, makes recommendations for revisions of Tables of Equipment and programs MAP requirements. Advises the VNMC concerning execution of policies, determination of requirements for procurement, receipt, storage, accounting, issue and disposal of property and equipment. Inspects facilities to assure proper usage, maintenance and storage of supplies and equipment. Interprets and recommends effective implementation of supply directives and regulations from higher authority.

(7) Infantry Battalion Advisor: Assisted by a 1st Lieutenant USMC, is responsible to SMA for advising the Infantry Battalion Commander in all aspects of operation, training, logistics, administration and intelligence of a VNMC Infantry Battalion. Advises the Battalion Commander in operation planning, execution, fire support and troop movements. Advises the Commander concerning personnel reporting and assignment, utilization of manpower, intelligence gathering and evaluation, supply, maintenance, medical matters and other related logistics functions. Provides advice and assistance in operational communications. Prepares historical and operational reports. Performs other duties as the Senior Marine Advisor may direct.

(8) Amphibious Support Battalion Advisor: Is responsible to the Senior Marine Advisor for advisory functions within the Amphibious Support Battalion, Vietnamese Marine Corps Brigade. Advises his counterpart, the Commanding Officer of that Battalion, in communications, transportation,

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engineering, shore party and field medical activities. Controls and coordinates the advisory efforts of Marine Corps Advisors in the communications, engineering and transportation fields. Coordinates his activities in logistics matters relating to supply with the Marine Supply Advisor. Advises on the composition and assignment of Battalion task attachments to the tactical components of the Brigade in coordination with the Marine Operations Advisor and the advisors to the infantry and artillery battalions. Coordinates with the Medical Advisor (A-14), Naval Advisory Group, in medical matters relating to the Medical Company of the Battalion.

(9) Communications Advisor: Is responsible to the Amphibious Support Battalion Advisor for advisory functions and technical assistance in communications matters in the Vietnamese Marine Corps Brigade. Provides advice and assistance in communications to the Brigade Signal Officer and the Commanding Officer, Signal Company, Amphibious Support Battalion. Acts as staff communications officer of the Marine Advisory Unit, providing technical assistance and equipment to other Marine Advisors. Coordinates communications matters of mutual concern with the Communications Officer (N-6), Naval Advisory Group.

(10) Motor Transport Advisor: Is responsible to the Amphibious Support Battalion Advisor for advisory functions and technical assistance in transportation matters in the Vietnamese Marine Corps Brigade. Advises and assists his counterpart, the Commanding Officer, Transportation Company, Amphibious Support Battalion, in transportation matters. Provides advice and assistance in motor transportation matters to the Motor Transport Officers of the infantry and artillery battalions, and to the Training Center. Provides technical advice and assistance to other Marine Advisors of the Unit.

(11) Engineer Advisor: Is responsible to the Amphibious Support Battalion Advisor for advisory functions and technical assistance in engineer matters in the Vietnamese Marine Corps Brigade. Advises and assists on combat engineer, civil and military construction practices. The Engineer Advisor maintains a dual counterpart relationship. First, with the Brigade G-3 and G-4 regarding matters of engineer employment and camp construction. Second, he deals directly with the Engineer Company Commander of the Amphibious Support Battalion regarding matters of engineer training, equipment and technique.

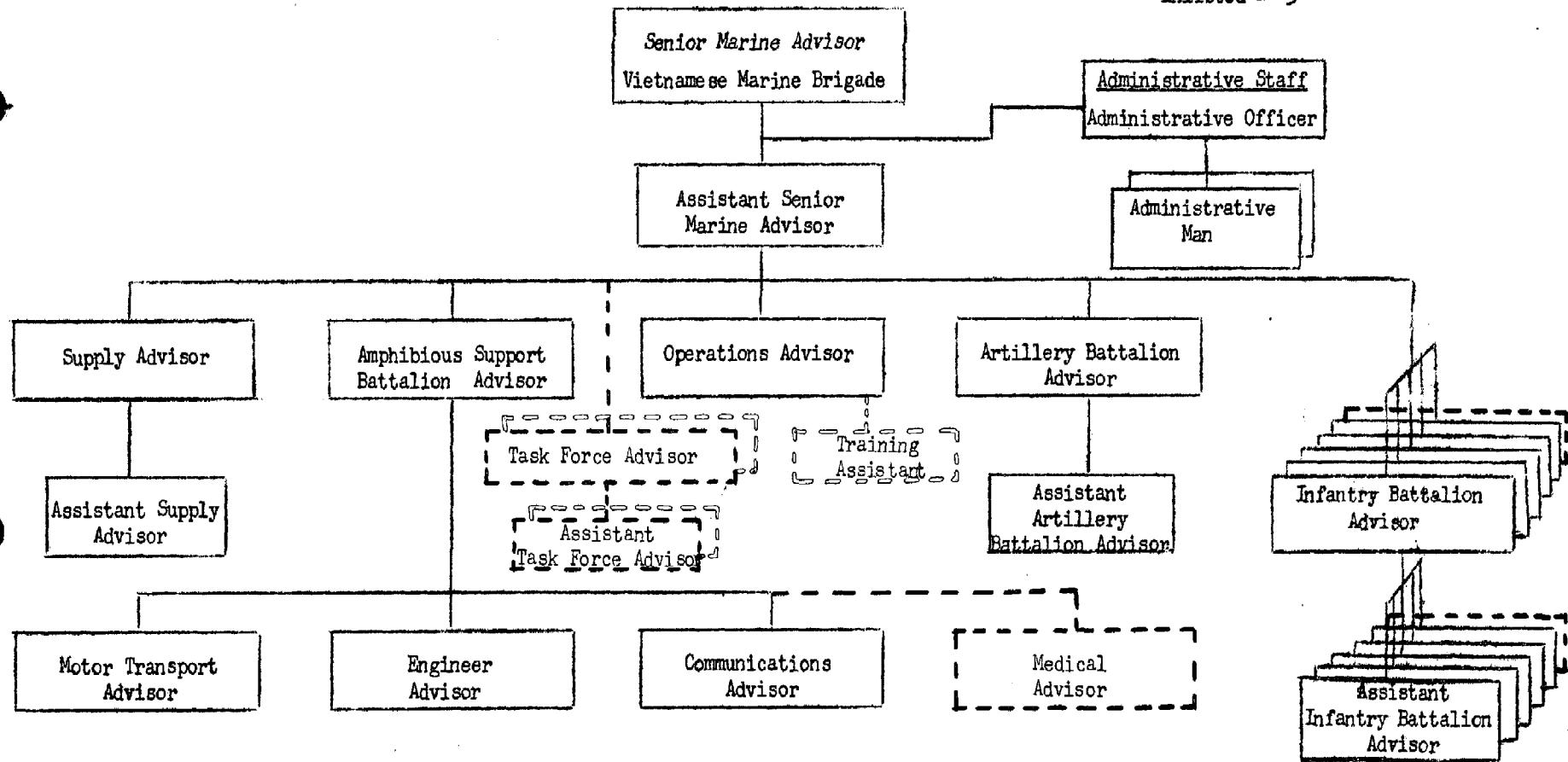
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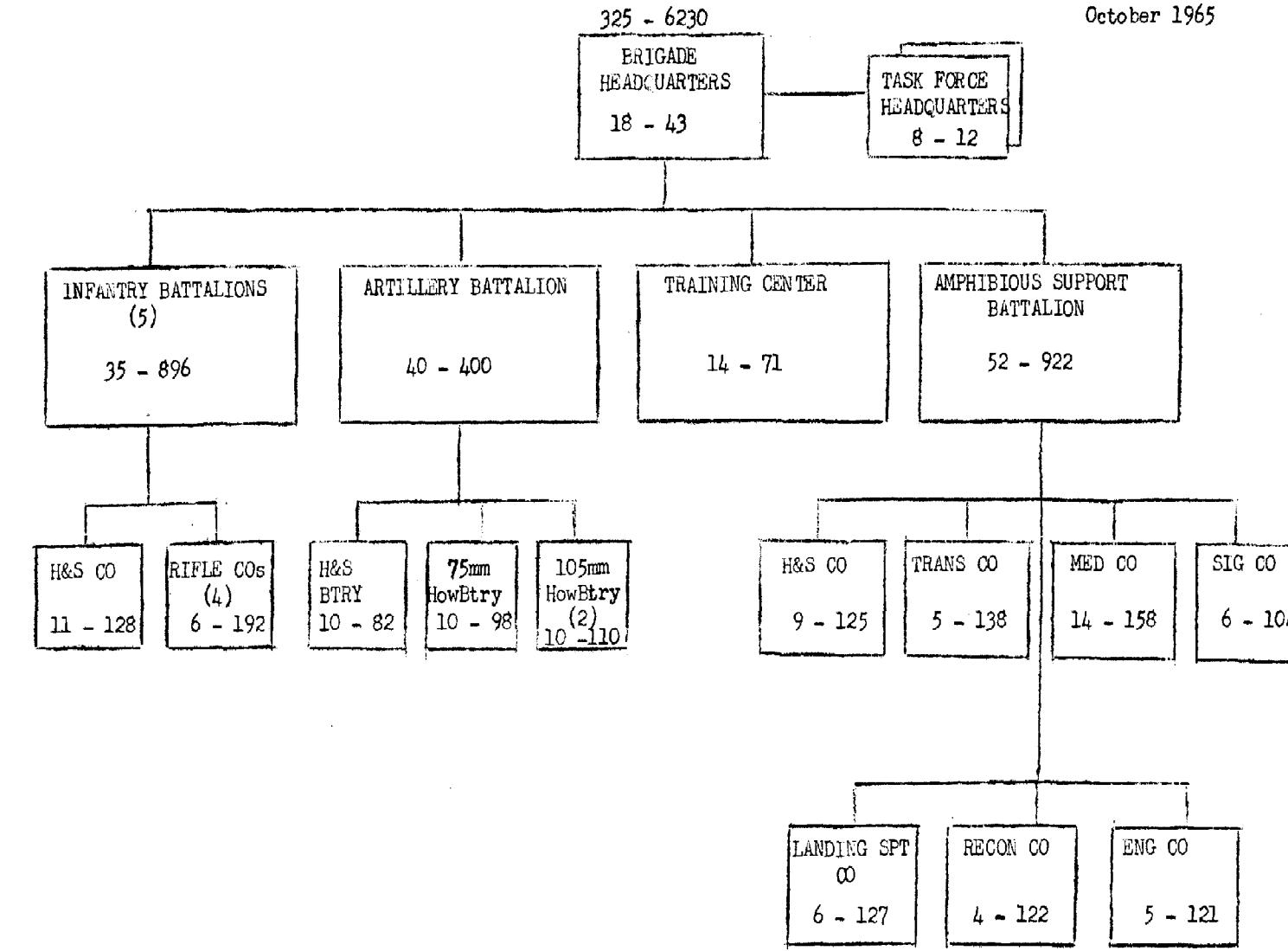
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From: Senior Marine Advisor  
To: Chief, Naval Advisory Group, MACV  
Subj: MACV Monthly Evaluation Report for the month of September 1965  
Ref: (a) CHNAVGRP MACV INST 05313.4, Subj: Monthly Evaluation (U)  
Ancl: (1) Senior Marine Advisor's submission, to be included in the  
Chief, Naval Advisory Group Monthly Evaluation Report to MACV  
1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for inclusion in the Chief, Naval Advisory  
Group submission to MACV Monthly Evaluation Report for the month of  
September 1965.

J. A. MACNEIL

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a. Task Force Alpha consisting of Task Force Headquarters and the 1st and 4th Vietnamese Marine Battalions and supporting units, were deployed under control of II Corps throughout the month. The Task Force participated in four combat operations for a total of 19 days on operations out of the month. The Task Force participated in a search and destroy operation west of Ban Methust with negative results. It was deployed from Ban Methust to the Central Highlands in Darlac Province to search out and destroy VC elements and to disarm and apprehend dissident Montagnards. No VC were encountered during the operation but the Task Force accepted the surrender of approximately 366 armed mountain tribesmen and seized 290 weapons ranging from small arms to 60mm mortars. The Task Force was deployed to the vicinity of Buon Ho on a search and destroy mission with only sniper contact encountered. The same was true of the deployment southwest of Ban Methust on a search and destroy mission.

b. The 3d Battalion operated in I Corps until 19 September and participated in Operation Lein-Ket 8 from 7 to 10 September in conjunction with other ARVN forces and the 1st and 3d Battalions, 7th Marines, USMC. This was a fairly successful heliborne operation and it is considered that much valuable experience is gained by VMMC units participating in joint operations with USMC units. The 3d Battalion spent 9 days in Base Camp and went on mobile CMR operations on 28 September.

c. The 2d Battalion spent the first 18 days of the month in II CTZ and relieved the 3d Battalion in I Corps on 19 September where they participated in two search and destroy operations in conjunction with other ARVN units.

d. The 5th Battalion spent from 1 to 18 September on Rest and Leave and assumed CMR security duty on 19 September. At approximately 0145 on 21 September the VC launched an attack on two separate positions of the 5th Battalion simultaneously. The platoons occupying the positions were not alert and probably were asleep. The matter was investigated by the VMMC authorities and appropriate disciplinary action taken against those responsible and blunt instructions have been issued by Brigadier General KHANG on alertness to the officers of the 5th Battalion.

e. The morale of the Vietnamese Marines is excellent.

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Enclosure (1)

Gen. Collins

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## Senior Marine Advisor's Monthly Evaluation

Senior Marine Advisor 12 Oct 1965

Major GUSTAFSON/w/40637

1. Reference: MACV Directive number 335-23 of 20 October 1965 same subject
2. Purpose: To forward Senior Marine Advisor's Monthly Evaluation Report for the Vietnamese Marine Brigade.
3. Discussion:
  - a. Reference requires that Senior Advisors submit an evaluation of the effectiveness of units under their cognizance each month. Enclosure (1) reflects the Senior Marine Advisor's evaluation.
  - b. The overall effectiveness of the Vietnamese Marine Brigade is considered satisfactory.
4. Recommendation: That the Senior Marine Advisor's Monthly Evaluation Report be included in the MACV Evaluation Report of RVNAF effectiveness.

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	PERSONNEL		Present for duty		Assigned		Present for duty		Assigned		Present for duty		Assigned		Present for duty		Assigned		Total				
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3d Bn	35	34	35	114	125	112	732	734	736	321	321	321	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	
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6th Bn	37	47	39	177	169	155	735	737	739	321	321	321	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	
7th Bn	46	38	38	69	65	61	321	321	321	321	321	321	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	
11th Bn	38	39	36	70	71	72	321	320	325	321	321	321	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	
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**Section I**

Note 31 - Note 31 - This subparagraph exists in the Engineer Company 31 support battalion. Solution of this problem is a long range effort directed to bring the unit to 1/4 strength and the initiation of training programs to raise the level of proficiency. Engineer Company has been given the primary responsibility for base camp construction which will result in the of a practical and beneficial nature. The program is presently in progress under the supervision of a trained US engineering officer. A proposal for implementation of a combat engineer training cycle has been accepted (previously reported).

Note 32 - Note 32 - Training programs are non-existent because of prolonged periods of operations and a requirement to maintain one battalion on alert at all times. Absence of a formal training cycle is detrimental if the situation requires for extensive periods of time. Negotiations have been initiated for a plan which will cycle one battalion into 2 weeks of training and a loss of 10% every 11 weeks. Two battalions, 2d & 3d, have gained valuable experience in combat operations with 2d battalion, using Ngap Province (previously reported in part).

Note 33 - Note 33 - 2d, 3d and 4th are solid and Note 3d & 4th of Note 3 demonstrate indicate deteriorating. Still, it improves and is beyond the previous results. A recommendation has been made to all to rotate two of these officers to positions of lesser responsibility (previously reported in part).

**Section II**

Note 34 - Note 34 - 50% of those assigned to the 2d and 3d battalions are untrained.

Note 35 - Note 35 - The 2d Battalion personnel training has not improved.

Note 36 - Note 36 - 2nd Battalion personnel were reduced from 100% to 75% untrained.

Note 37 - Note 37 - Training - Figure 20 - 100% untrained, training after 1st, continue to training as possible.

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