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Ser: 003A09871 of 8 April 1971

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-28 February 1971

1. Forwarded, noting the following discrepancies:

a. Appendix 2; MAG-16 Command Chronology, Part IV (Supporting Documents):

(1) Command Chronology of MAG-16 S-4 not included.

(2) Command Chronology of Motor Transport not included.

b. Appendix 3; MAG-11 Command Chronology, Part IV (Supporting Documents), MABS-11 Command Chronology incomplete, no Part II (Narrative Summary).

c. Appendix 6; 1st MAW Group Situation Reports - February 1971, MAG-11 SITREP from 050001H to 052400H February 1971 and supporting documents for the same period not provided.

2. By copy of this endorsement, the Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, is requested to submit the documents cited above directly to CMC (Code HD) within 30 days, with notification of submission provided this headquarters.

*[Signature]*  
W. P. BROWN  
By Direction

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From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, FMF  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)  
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-28 February 1971

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From: Commanding General  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 - 28 February 1971

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1B  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8B

Encl: ✓(1) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Command Chronology

1. In compliance with the provisions set forth in reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1) this document is downgraded to unclassified.

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 - 28 February 1971

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1st MAW	MajGen Alan J. ARMSTRONG	01-28 February
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ASST COMMANDER

BGen William C. QUINN	01-28 February
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

MWHG-1	LtCol Gordon H. BUCKNER II	01-28 February
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MAG-11	Col Albert C. POMMERENK	01-28 February
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MAG-16	Col Lewis C. STREET III	01-28 February
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MACG-18	LtCol Francis L. DELANEY	01-28 February
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2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1971: Danang, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

CHIEF OF STAFF	Col Jack R. SLOAN	01-28 February
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ACofS, G-1	Col Donald CONROY	01-28 February
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ACofS, G-2	Maj Erick J. COADY	01-24 February
	Col Vernon CLARKSON Jr.	25-28 February

ACofS, G-3	Col Rex C. DENNY, Jr.	01-28 February
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ACofS, G-4	Col Boris J. FRANKOVIC	01-28 February
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ACofS, GSO	Col Robert J. ZITNIK	01-11 February
	LtCol Robert G. HAGGARD	12-28 February

ACofS, COMPT	Col Walter L. REDMOND	01-28 February
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	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers:	789	43	830
Enlisted:	5,355	132	5,487
Total:	6,142	175	6,317

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing continued to fly in support of operations conducted throughout Military Region I. Fixed wing aircraft flew 697 sorties and dropped 1,788 tons of ordnance. Helicopters flew 25,034 sorties and carried 7,383.5 tons of cargo and 42,261 passengers. During this reporting period 2 helicopters and no fixed wing aircraft were lost due to direct enemy action.

PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

a. During the month of February 1971 there were eleven operations in effect throughout Military Region I. Support was recorded for four of these operations.

(1) Frederick Hill: Commenced 180001H March 1969 with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade conducting search and clear operations in Quang Tin Province. Fixed wing aircraft flew a total of 5 sorties dropping 23.8 tons of ordnance. BDA credited to these flights was 4 bunkers destroyed, 2 bridges destroyed, and 1 KBMA. There was no helicopter support of this operation recorded.

(2) Wolfe Mountain: Commenced 220901H July 1970 with the 101st Airborne Division (AM) conducting search and clear operations in Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. Fixed wing aircraft flew a total of 49 sorties dropping 138.4 tons of ordnance. BDA credited to these flights was 2 KBMA, 41 bunkers destroyed, 4 bunkers damaged, 14 secondary explosions, 11 secondary fires and 7 cache destroyed. There was no helicopter

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support of this operation recorded.

(3) Jefferson Glen: Commenced 051800H September 1970 with the 101st Airborne Division (AM) conducting search and clear operations in Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. Fixed wing aircraft flew a total of 109 sorties dropping 408.5 tons of ordnance. BDA credited to these flights was one 37mm gun destroyed, 6 KBMA, 4 structures destroyed, 4 bunkers damaged, 10 bunkers destroyed, 1 secondary fire and 7 road cuts. No Helicopter support of this operation recorded.

(4) Lamson 719: Commenced 300600H January 1971 with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd RVN Divisions conducting an offensive in Southeastern Laos. Fixed wing aircraft flew a total of 534 sorties, dropping 1,218.1 tons of ordnance. BDA credited to these flights was 36 secondary explosions, 27 secondary fires, 6 KBMA, 75 bunkers destroyed, 10 bunkers damaged, 6 ammo caches destroyed, 8 trucks destroyed, 9 trucks damaged, 3 tanks damaged, 1 rocket destroyed, 2 guns destroyed and 2 guns damaged. Helicopters flew 3,080 sorties for 1,274 hours transporting 4,436 tons of cargo.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

01 February 1971

While on a strike mission one UH-1E from HML-167 received numerous hits from automatic weapons. The aircraft landed immediately and was consumed by fire. The pilot received minor flesh wounds in the face only. Ref: App 1 to MAG-16 C.C. (S) (App 2 to FMAW C.C.)

02 February 1971

A CH-46D from HMM-364, during a MEDEVAC mission, received fire while departing the zone. With loss of all controls and one engine the aircraft crash landed. The crew escaped with minor injuries, but the aircraft was a total loss due to the resulting fire. Ref: App 5 to MAG-16 C.C. (S) (App 2 to FMAW C.C.)

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18 February 1971

A CH-53D from HMM-463 crashed, resulting in strike damage.  
 Ref: App 6 to MAG-16 C.C. (S)  
 (App 2 to FMAW C.C.)

23 February 1971

A CH-53D from HMM-463 received strike damage from enemy mortar fire while on a resupply mission in support of Lamson 719.  
 Ref: App 6 to MAG-16 C.C. (S)  
 (App 2 to FMAW C.C.)

24 February 1971

Major N. R. VANLEEUEWEN assumed duties as Commanding Officer of HMM-364 from LtCol H. W. STEADMAN.  
 Ref: App 5 to MAG-16 C.C. (U)  
 (App 2 to FMAW C.C.)

25 February 1971

HMM-364 embarked and departed Vietnam. During their tour in Vietnam the "Purple Foxes" flew 45,000 combat hours and carried nearly a quarter of a million passengers.  
 Ref: App 5 to MAG-16 C.C. (C)  
 (App 2 to FMAW C.C.)

3. CASUALTIES

a. The following is a breakdown of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing casualties sustained during the month of February 1971:

HOSTILE							NON-HOSTILE			
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIA(E)</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>CPT</u>	<u>MIS</u>	<u>DTH</u>	<u>INJ</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
0	9	1	0	0	0	0	8	20	38	

4. LOGISTICS

a. Air Freight. During the month of February 2,918 passengers and 826.6 tons of cargo were transported by Marine transport aircraft within Military Region I.

b. Ordnance. A total of 526 firebombs, 997 CBU's, 10,679 GP bombs, 13,655 Air-to-Surface rockets, 628,679 rounds of gun ammo and 2,100 aircraft paraflares were expended during the month of February 1971, represent a total of 3,894 tons.

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UNCLASSIFIEDc. Motor Transport.

(1) The Wing Motor Transport assets are as follows:

Navy Section "M" Vehicles	23
USMC Vehicles	613
Commercial Vehicles	76
Total	<u>712</u>

d. Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS).

There was a total of 3,101,709 gallons of P-4 issued during the month of February 1971.

e. Engineer.

(1) Arresting gear currently operational

(a) 2 M-21's

(2) Arresting gear assigned but not operational

(a) 8 M-21's

5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

a. All significant events occurring during the month of February were covered by Public Affairs writer/photographer teams. These teams accompanied helicopter crews on all major helicopter operations, as well as numerous medical evacuations, resupply and transport missions. Two Public Affairs personnel became casualties during the month. There were 41 news releases for this reporting period.

6. ADMINISTRATION

a. During the month of February 128 officers and 471 enlisted personnel rotated from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing to:

CONUS	98 officers 447 enlisted
Other WestPac Commands	30 Officers 24 Enlisted

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b. During the month of February 72 officers and 457 enlisted personnel joined the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing from:

WestPac Commands	4 officers
	112 enlisted

Other than WestPac	68 officers
	345 enlisted

c. During the month of February 22 enlisted personnel extended their overseas tour.

d. Reenlistment rates for the month of February were as follows:

	<u>Career</u>	<u>First Term</u>	<u>Total</u>
Elig.	21	50	71
Reenl.	19	12	31

7. PERSONNELa. Wing Special Services

(1) Supply and Resale. Receipts for large volumes of sweat and gym gear were received and issued to the Groups. Hobby shops showed increased business in all areas in anticipation of closing early in March.

(2) Military Affiliate Radio Station. The 1st MAW MARS Station handled 4,708 messages in February. They completed 1,148 phone patches out of 1,345 attempts.

(3) Intramural Sports. All group basketball leagues were in full swing. Plans were underway for a Wing-Wide tennis and horseshoe tournament.

b. Wing Chaplain. Divine Services were conducted at all Wing facilities. The following is a tabulation of Wing Chaplain services and attendance:

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Wkday</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>TotSer</u>	<u>TotAtt</u>
Protestant	24	651	1	18	25	669
Catholic	42	904	66	269	108	1,173
LDS	9	108	4	23	13	131
Memorial Services					1	100

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SECRET8. INTELLIGENCE

a. During the month of February 1971 the G-2 Division continued to maintain and disseminate information concerning enemy order of battle and enemy air and anti-aircraft capabilities. There continues to be a noticeable lull in activity, with the VC/NVA emphasis remaining on incidents directed against the GVN's pacification effort.

b. During the month of February 1971 the Air Combat Intelligence Branch continued to collect information on anti-aircraft activity and weapon positions in North Vietnam, Laos and South Vietnam; the development of infiltration routes along the Laos and South Vietnam border; enemy aircraft; and the electronic order of battle. Additionally, the Branch prepared graphic aid to brief the Commanding General and his staff, and issued Wing Reconnaissance Bulletins.

9. AWARDS

a. The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Awards Section processed 3,194 awards during February 1971. The type and number are as follows:

<u>FORWARDED TO HIGHER HEADQUARTERS</u>	<u>RECEIVED FROM HIGHER HEADQUARTERS</u>
Silver Star Medal 1	3
Legion of Merit 0	1
Distinguished Flying Cross 23	3
Navy and Marine Corps Medal 0	3
Bronze Star Medal 11	1
Air Medal 58	422
Navy Commendation Medal 69	2
Navy Achievement Medal 108	10
Joint Service Commendation Medal 0	1
TOTAL 270	444

Air Medals (S/F AM) awarded by 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.....	2,057
Purple Hearts Medals awarded by 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.....	16
Total awarded	2,787
Grand Total	3,194

10. AIR OPERATIONSa. Fixed Wing

Total Fighter/Attack sorties	1,315
In-country Attack sorties	620
Out-of-country Fighter sorties	
Commando Bolt/Steel Tiger	695

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Out-of-country air defense (BARCAP, MIGCAP)	103
Total VR/FAC(A) sorties	241

b. Helicopter

Total sorties	25,034
Total flight hours	7,561.6
Total tons of cargo	7,383.5
Total passengers	42,801
Total tasks	5,384

## c. Reported BDA in country

- 5 WBMA
- 29 KBMA
- 83 Structures destroyed
- 28 Structures damaged
- 103 Bunkers destroyed
- 36 Bunkers damaged
- 52 Secondary Fires
- 37 Secondary explosions
- 1 Cave destroyed
- 2 Caves damaged
- 4 Storage sites destroyed
- 4 Boats destroyed
- 1 Boat damaged
- 9 Road cuts
- 2 Road slides
- 2 .50 cal positions destroyed
- 5 Bridges destroyed
- 1 Mortar position destroyed
- 1 Prison camp damaged
- 8 Cache destroyed
- 1 Dam destroyed
- 1 Dam damaged
- 1 Shack destroyed
- 1 Booby trap cleared
- 1 Bunker uncovered
- 1 Road uncovered
- 1 37MM mobile gun destroyed

## d. Reported BDA for Commando Bolt/Steel Tiger

- 3 Structures destroyed
- 2 Structures damaged
- 37 Bunkers destroyed
- 249 Secondary explosions
- 112 Secondary fires
- 63 Trucks destroyed
- 25 Trucks damaged
- 7 Road slides
- 22 Road cuts
- 3 Gun positions destroyed
- 1 Gun position damaged

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- 25 Supply cache storage areas destroyed
- 1 Storage area damaged
- 1 Sampan destroyed
- 3 Ford cuts
- 2 37MM guns destroyed
- 1 LZ cleared
- 3 Tank destroyed
- 1 37MM gun damaged

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ APPENDIX 1 MARINE WING HEADQUARTERS GROUP-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U) ✓
- ✓ APPENDIX 2 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-16 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (S) ✓
- ✓ APPENDIX 3 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-11 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (S) ✓
- ✓ APPENDIX 4 MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP-18 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (S) ✓
- ✓ APPENDIX 5 1ST MAW NEWS CLIPPING OBTAINED IN FEBRUARY AND NEWS  
RELEASED DISTRIBUTED BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS (U) ✓
- ✓ APPENDIX 6 1ST MAW GROUP SITUATION REPORTS - FEBRUARY 1971 (S) <sup>(11, 15-16)</sup>
- ✓ APPENDIX 7 1ST MAW DAILY SITUATION REPORTS - FEBRUARY 1971 (S) <sup>#2007-1034</sup>
- ✓ APPENDIX 8 1ST MAW FR°GS (FW & HELO) - FEBRUARY 1971 (S)

See attached listing of "Tab"s to Basic Command Chronology

Listing of TABs to Basic Command Chronology, Feb 1971

- A: AC/S, G-1 Command Chronology, Feb 71
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From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of February 1971

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

Enlc: (1) Key G-1 Personnel  
(2) Career Planning Newsletter

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.
2. During the month of February 128 officers and 471 enlisted personnel rotated from the First Marine Aircraft Wing to:

CONUS - 98 officers  
447 enlisted

Other WestPac Commands: 30 - officers  
24 - enlisted

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4. During the month of February 22 enlisted personnel extended their overseas tour.

5. Reenlistment rates for the month of February were as follows:

	<u>Career</u>	<u>First Term</u>	<u>Total</u>
Elig.	21	50	71
Reenl.	19	12	31

6. The following education tests were administered during the month of February:

GED 85  
 GED (Retests) 5  
 CLE 8  
 GCT/AA 15  
 USAFI (end of course) 2

7. During the month of February 3 requests for Augmentation into the Regular Marine Corps were forwarded to Headquarters, Marine Corps.

8. Casualties for the month of ~~January~~ <sup>FEBRUARY</sup> were as follows:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIAE</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>CPT</u>	<u>MIS</u>	<u>DTH</u>	<u>INJ</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
0	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	12	23

Total medical evacuees this period - 26

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIAE</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>CPT</u>	<u>MIS</u>	<u>DTH</u>	<u>INJ</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	7
Enlisted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	9	15
Total	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	12	22

9. Average personnel strength for the month of February is as follows:

	<u>Marines</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Total</u>
Officers	787	43	830
Enlisted	5355	132	5487
Total	6142	175	6317

*Donald Conroy*  
 DONALD CONROY



ROSTER OF KEY G-1 PERSONNEL

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
ACofS, G-1	Col D. CONROM	1 - 28 Feb 1971
Asst G-1	LtCol R. R. SHEAHAN	1 - 28 Feb 1971
PersO	Maj J. T. GORDON	1 - 28 Feb 1971
AsstPersO	Maj R. L. PHILLIPS	1 - 28 Feb 1971
AsstPersO	Capt F. J. FUGERA	1 - 28 Feb 1971
CarPlan/EduO	Capt J. D. SHINNICK	1 - 22 Feb 1971
CarPlan/EduO	1stLt J. P. TROPE	23 - 28 Feb 1971
AdminO	CWO-3 C. G. PIERCE	1 - 28 Feb 1971
Division Head	GySgt J. A. MARTIN	1 - 28 Feb 1971

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From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Subj: G-2 Division Command Chronology for 1-28 February 1871  
Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4  
Encl: (1) G-2 Division Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter is unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

  
V. CLARKSON Jr.

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## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of February 1971, the G-2 Division, continued to maintain and disseminate information concerning enemy reactions to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing aircraft, Enemy Order of Battle, and enemy air and anti-aircraft capabilities. There has been a continued lull in the enemy activity with the main emphasis remaining on incidents directed against GVN's pacification effort.

The G-2 Division, continued to collect information on anti-aircraft and weapon positions in North Vietnam, Laos, and South Vietnam; development of infiltration routes along the Laos-South Vietnam border; enemy aircraft and electronic order of battle; the preparation of graphic aids to brief the Commanding General, and his Staff; and the issuing of Wing Reconnaissance Bulletins.

On 25 February 1971, Col V. CLARKSON Jr., 02 74 64/9907 assumed duties as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

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From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Chronology for February 1971

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

Encl: (1) Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

  
D. L. DAVIS

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4                      Colonel B. J. FRANKOVIC

SUBORDINATE UNITS

N/A

ATTACHED UNITS

N/A

2. LOCATION

Quang Nam Proviance, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Assistant G-4	Colonel D. L. DAVIS (8 Feb - 28 Feb)
Assistant G-4	LtCol M. J. NEEDHAM
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	LtCol J. B. PIERCE
Log/Ops/Plans/Admin Officer	Major C. K. SIME
Embarkation Officer	Major B. G. BUTCHER
Motor Transport Officer	Major O. J. ROBERTSON
Ordnance Officer	Major R. L. SPICER
Engineer Officer	Major D. R. HINES

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u> <u>OFF/ENL</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>OFF/ENL</u>	<u>OTHER</u> <u>OFF/ENL</u>
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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. LOGISTICSa. Air Freight and Air Delivery

(1) During the month of February 1971, the following cargo was transported by Marine KC-130 aircraft:

## (a) Cargo Receipts (General Cargo)

From: CONUS 0 S/T

From: Intra WESTPAC 54.2 S/T

## (b) Cargo shipments and awaiting shipments from RVN (General Cargo)

<u>APOE/APOD</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>AWTG</u>	<u>DOS</u>
Danang/Ubon	5.5 S/T	0	0
Danang/Korat	10.0 S/T	0	0
Danang/Hong Kong	.8 S/T	0	0
Danang/Futema	9.3 S/T	0	0

NOTE: The above does not reflect consigned to FLC

b. Embarkation

(1) Recapitulation of events for the month of February 1971:

(a) On 2 February 1971, the Wing Embarkation Officer and Assistant Embarkation Officer attended III MAF Keystone Robin Charlie Shipping Conference.

(b) On 13 February 1971, the Wing Embarkation Officer, Embarkation Chief and all 1st MAW Unit Embarkation Officers attended MQI Brief at FLC.

(c) On 16 February 1971, the Wing Embarkation Officer and Embarkation Chief attended III MAF Keystone Robin Charlie Embarkation Conference.

(d) On 21 February 1971, conducted Embarkation Planning Conference on Keystone Robin Charlie at Wing Embarkation Office with Group Embarkation Officers attending.

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(e) On 23 February 1971, the Wing Embarkation Chief and Assistant Embarkation Chief commenced A&M Inspection of MAG-11.

(f) On 24 February 1971, the Wing Embarkation Officer, Embarkation Chief and Assistant Embarkation Chief attended initial Embarkation Planning Conference for Embark Unit III at MAG-11 Conference Room.

(g) On 25 February 1971, the Wing Embarkation Chief and Assistant Embarkation Chief completed A&M Inspection of MAG-11.

(h) On 26 February 1971, USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) docked at Deep Water Pier, Danang. Commenced loading of DET HMM-364 and FLC cargo at 0800 and completed loading at 1245. USS JUNEAU (LPD-10) underway at 261300H February 1971.

(i) On 27 February 1971, the Wing Embarkation Officer and Assistant Embarkation Chief attended MAG-11 A&M Inspection critique.

c. Ordnance

(1) A total of 526 firebombs, 997 CBU's, 10,679 GP bombs, 13,655 Air-to-Surface rockets, 628,906 rounds of gun ammo, and 2,100 aircraft paraflares were expended during the month of February 1971, representing a total of 3,894 tons.

(2) Resupply of Class V(A) munitions during February totaled 6,005 tons.

(3) An A&M Inspection of MAG-11 was conducted by the Wing Ordnance Officer and Ordnance Chief on 23 - 24 February 1971.

d. Food Service

(1) The February 1971 III MAF Consolidated Ration Statement reports 167,006 rations fed by 1st MAW Dining Facilities during the month of February.

(2) The regular scheduled A&M Inspection was conducted at MAG-11 on 23 February 1971. A rating of satisfactory with minor discrepancies resulted.

e. Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispersing System (TAFDS)

(1) TAFDS equipment currently held by 1st MAW:



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- (a) 5 systems in use
- (b) 3 systems not in use
- (2) Fuel consumption for the month of February 1971.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>JP-4</u>	<u>AVGAS (GALS)</u>
Danang (MAG-11)	2,067,764	2,962
Marble Mountain (MAG-16)	772,501	950
LZ Baldy (MAG-16)	261,444	0
TOTAL	3,101,709	3,912

f. Motor Transport

- (1) The Wing Motor Transport Assets are as follows:

Navy Section "M" Vehicles	23
USMC Vehicles	568
Commercial Vehicles	76
TOTAL	667

- (2) The vehicle deadline for the period ending 28 February 1971:

4.5%  
 .0% REHAB  
 4.5% TOTAL

- (3) Vehicles disposed of during the month of February 1971:

2 Dolly Converters M198A1  
 2 1 1/2 Ton M105 Trailers  
 16 M100 1/4 Ton Trailers  
 2 M715 1 1/4 Ton  
 1 M52 5 Ton Tractor  
 4 M35A2 2 1/2 Ton  
 1 M35A1 2 1/2 Ton

- (4) New Equipment received: None
- (5) Excess equipment transferred to other major commands:

TO MAG-36:

1 M131A5D 5,000 Gallon Refueler, Semi-Trailer

g. Engineer

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## (1) Engineer items on hand:

NAVY	29
USMC	614
TOTAL	643

## (2) Number items deadlined:

(a) Number items deadlined 123

(b) % deadlined 19.2%

% NORS	9.5%
% NORM	2.1%
% REHAB	4.3%
% TRANSIT	3.3%

h. SATS

## (1) Systems (M-21) currently in FMAW

(a) 2 systems in use

(b) 8 systems not in use

## (2) Arrestments for the month of February 1971:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NORMAL</u>	<u>EMERGENCIES</u>
Danang	477	25
Phu Bai	0	0
TOTAL	477	25

## (3) 12 February 1971 removed one M-21 system from Phu Bai:

(a) No arresting gear located at Phu Bai.

(b) Normal operations conducted during the rest of the month of February 1971.

i. Fire Marshal

(1) Normal monthly fire prevention inspections were conducted during the month of February. 23 - 24 February 1971 conducted A&M inspection of MAG-11. A rating of satisfactory with discrepancies resulted.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Aircraft Maintenance

- 6 Feb 71 - NAVAIRSYSCOMPAC Representative arrived at G-4 AMO. He will visit MAG-11 and MAG-16.
- 11 Feb 71 - 1st MAW Monthly Aircraft Maintenance and Supply Conference convened at 0900.
- 11 Feb 71 - MAG-36 Aircraft Inventory Team arrived. Transportation was supplied to MAG-16.
- 13 Feb 71 - The Wing Rotary Officer departed for USAFPO AIRAM, Tainan AB, Taiwan on helicopter rework briefing.
- 19 Feb 71 - The Wing Rotary Officer returned from USAFPO AIRAM, Tainan AB, Taiwan helicopter rework briefing.
- 22 Feb 71 - HMM-364 Standdown
- 22 Feb 71 - VMFA-115 Standdown
- 23 Feb 71 - G-4 AMO held pre MAG-11 A&M Inspection brief at 1300.
- 24 Feb 71 - MAG-11 A&M Inspection commenced.
- 25 Feb 71 - NAVAIRSYSCOMPAC Representative departed.
- 26 Feb 71 - MAG-11 A&M Inspection completed.
- 26 Feb 71 - The Wing Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Avionics Officer and Ground Support Equipment Officer departed for CFWP Aircraft Maintenance Supply Conference at NAS Atsugi, Japan.
- 27 Feb 71 - The Assistant Aircraft Maintenance Officer critiqued CO, MAG-11 on their A&M Inspection.

2. Base Development Officer

- 1 Feb 71 - MACS-4 signed over to the US Navy by 1354
- 3 Feb 71 - CG III MAF informed by message of milestones FMAW/USAF for turnover of Danang West.
- 22 Feb 71 - Working Group meeting at U.S. Army Support Command Attendees FMAW MAG-16, U.S. Army Support Command, XXIV Corps U.S. Army.

HEADQUARTERS  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
FPO San Francisco 96602

46:NSH:af1  
5000  
4 Mar 1971

From: Wing Civic Action Officer  
To: Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)  
Via: Assistant Chief of Staff, General Services Officer

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A  
(c) WgO 5750.4

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the month of February 1971

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c) the command chronology for the month of February 1971, is hereby submitted as enclosure (1).

  
N. S. HALL

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGYPart I. Organizational Data

- | <u>1. Organization</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Period</u>        |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Wing Civic Action      | Danang, RVN     | 1 - 28 February 1971 |
2. Section Staff
- Wing Civic Action Officer, 1 - 12 February 1971 1stLt. V. P. MEYERS  
12 - 28 February 1971 1stLt. N. S. HALL
3. Average Strength for February 1971
- Officer - 1                      Enlisted - 5

Part II. Narrative

1. No significant events occurred during this reporting period.

WING SPECIAL SERVICES  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

37:TLW:htv  
1710/4  
15 March 1971

From: Wing Special Services  
To: General Services Officer

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1C

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following Command Chronology is submitted for the month of February 1971.

Supply and Resale

Final receipts of sweat and gym gear were received and issued to the groups.

Hobby Shop showed increased business in all areas in anticipation of closing early in March.

Military Affiliate Radio Station

The 1st MAW MARS Station handled 4708 messages in January. They completed 1148 phone patches out of 1354 attempts.

Intramural Sports

All group basketball leagues were in full swing. Plans were underway for a Wing-wide tennis and horseshoe tournament.



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LT. USMCR

*Tab E*

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1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 February to 28 February 1971

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
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## PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. First Marine Aircraft Wing  
Wing Chaplain  
Assistant Wing Chaplain

CAPT J. H. CARNES, CHC, USN  
LT F. W. RYDER, CHC, USNR

SUBORDINATE UNITS

MMH-1 Group Chaplain

LT F. W. RYDER, CHC, USNR

MAC-11 Group Chaplain

LT R. D. COAPMAN, CHC, USNR

MAC-12 Group Chaplain

LCDR L. D. COOPER, CHC, USNR

MAC-16 Group Chaplain

LT J. B. FITZGERALD, CHC, USNR

2. Location

1st MAF Chaplain, MMH-1  
MAC-18, MAC-11, MAC-16

DaNang, RVN  
DaNang, RVN

3. Staff Officers

1st MAF Headquarters

CAPT J. H. CARNES, CHC, USN

MMH-1

LT F. W. RYDER, CHC, USNR

MAC-18

LT R. D. COAPMAN, CHC, USNR

MAC-11

LCDR L. D. COOPER, CHC, USNR  
LCDR G. T. McMALON, CHC, USNR

MAC-16

LT J. B. FITZGERALD, CHC, USNR  
LT T. S. CARLSON, CHC, USNR

4. Average Monthly Strength

Marines: 6 (Chaplain Assistants)

Navy: 7 (Chaplains)

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## PART II SUMMARY

1. Divine Services were conducted at all Wing facilities. The following is a tabulation of Wing Chaplains' services and attendance

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Ser</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>TotSer</u>	<u>TotAtt</u>
Protestant	16	532	0		16	532
Catholic	28	715	60	255	90	960
LDS	9	83	7	39	16	122
Memorial Services			2	225	2	225

Other activities included as part of the Wing Chaplains' ministry:

Bible Study	12	60 in attendance
Leadership lecture	6	180 in attendance
Discussion	11	65 in attendance
Other	22	395 in attendance
Baptisms	2	
Confirmations	0	
Last Rites	0	
Other	4	

2. All Chaplains visited with local missionaries, orphanages, schools, and local ARVN Chaplains during the course of the month.
3. Marines from MAG-11 taught English at Pope John XXIII School and Anh Sang High School.
4. Chaplain F. W. RYDER taught English at Pope John XXIII School.
5. MAG-16 Chaplains completed passport and visa work on first adoption.
6. Chaplain L. D. COOPER has been ordered detached 1 March 1971.

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## PART III

1. Civic Action projects were assisted by Chapel Funds, special donations and materials from civic and religious organizations in the States. A tabulation of such assistance follows:

## (a) Monies:

Christian Missionary Alliance	\$700.00
CYSS	200.00

## (b) Goods: food, clothing, materials (building), school supplies:

Hoa Kahn School	350 lbs.
5th ARVN widows	2000 lbs.
China Beach Orphanage	500 lbs.
Sacred Heart Orphanage	100 lbs.
Crescent Beach Orphanage	100 lbs.
	<u>3550 lbs.</u>

Tin Lanh Church	100 loads of sand
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## PART IV

1. No supporting documents.

HEADQUARTERS  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

WET/htn  
4066  
16 March 1971

From: Exchange Officer  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-3  
Via: Assistant Chief of Staff GSO

Subj: Command Chronology report for period 1-28 February 1971

Ref: (a) Wing Order 5750-1B

1. Reference (a) requires that a chronology report be submitted monthly.
2. In accordance with reference (a) the following information is submitted.
  - (a) MWHG-1 Activity operating satisfactorily at this time.
  - (b) MAG-11 Activity operating satisfactorily at this time.
  - (c) MAG-16 Activity operating satisfactorily at this time.
  - (d) Warehouse operating satisfactorily at this time.
3. All activities were visited by the Exchange Officer during the period covered.

  
E. L. LAMBERT

Tab 6

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1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

53: JCB:bhp  
5750  
15 Mar 71

From: Industrial Relations Officer  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, General Services Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-28 Feb 1971

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Industrial Relations Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

  
J.C. BARBER

Tab H  
(H)

BREAKDOWN OF PERSONNEL

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>APPROP</u>	<u>NON-APPROP</u>	<u>PERS SERV</u>
FWING-1	146	75 (3)	184
MAG-11	103	136	214
MAG-16	125	96	127
MACG-18	36	15	58
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>583</u>

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS EXPENDITURES

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>APPROP</u>	<u>NON-APPROP</u>	<u>PERS SERV</u>
FWING-1	1,810,291	220,774	1,128,400
MAG-11	692,500	N/A	1,326,800
MAG-16	1,330,700	209,640	567,448
MACG-18	411,828	N/A	359,600
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>4,245,319</u>	<u>430,414</u>	<u>3,382,248</u>

(5) PACEX employees are not included  
 Total figure for all Wing Club's employees

Enclosure (1)

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

41:JFA:rls  
5750  
14 March 1971

From: Public Affairs Officer  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Via: Assistant Chief of Staff, General Services Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for the period of 1-28 February; submission of

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

Encl: (1) News releases distributed by Public Affairs  
(2) News clippings obtained in February  
(3) Personnel roster

1. All significant events occurring during the month of February within the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing were covered by Public Affairs writers/photographer teams, as reflected in enclosures (1) and (2).

2. During the month of February the Public Affairs Office operated with the personnel listed in enclosure (3).

3. There were two (2) casualties among the Public Affairs personnel. Writers/photographers accompanied helicopters on major operations, as well as numerous medical evacuations, resupply and passenger missions. There were 41 news releases during the month. Numbers 63-71, 64-71, 65-71, 68-71, 72-71, 73-71, 74-71, 75-71, 77-71, 82-71, 87-71, 89-71, 103-71, 105-71, 106-71, 107-71, 108-71, 109-71, 110-71, 112-71, 113-71, 114-71, 115-71, 118-71, 124-71, 125-71, 128-71 and 130-71 were daily SitReps. The SitReps releases are not contained in this report.

a. News releases 86-71, 90-71, 92-71, 93-71, 94-71, 95-71, 96-71, 97-71, 98-71, 99-71, 100-71, and 101-71 have not been released by MACV, MACOI in Saigon.

4. The following press representatives were provided service and operational briefings: NBC-TV and Des Moines Register and Tribune.

a. During the month of February eight civilian newsmen were provided helicopter transportation to Quang Tri and Khe Sanh.

5. The photo lab processed 7681 prints including approximately 1190 to accompany stories for releases.

6. Training was conducted in accordance with MCHG-1 directives, with the exception of internal MOS training which was intensified.

Approved: [Signature]

7. The Public Affairs Office forwarded 659 Fleet Home Town News stories during the month of February 1971.

8. All other categories are not applicable to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Public Affairs Office.

  
J. F. ABEL  
Maj USMCR

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1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
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4 February 1971

Navy Achievement Medal  
Release No: 67-71  
By: Cpl. Tom Wolfe

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Commissioned Warrant Officer Gordon K. Smith, Band Officer of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW), was presented the Navy Achievement Medal for outstanding professionalism in the field of music, Jan. 27.

The medal was presented by Major General Alan J. Armstrong, Commanding General of the 1st MAW.

The citation accompanying the medal commended CWO Smith for his outstanding achievements while serving as Band Officer of the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N. C., from March 31, 1967 to September 1, 1970.

During this period he was successful in directing and coordinating two annual Christmas concerts which were presented by the Division Band and Drum and Bugle Corps. His diligent efforts and dedication were cited as having enhanced the prestige of the 2nd Marine Division.

Commissioned Warrant Officer Smith has been serving as the Band Officer of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing since September, 1970.

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4 February 1971

Supporting Art for 1st MAW Release No: 67-71

Photo No: 0022

By: Cpl. Tom Wolfe

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MISTER MUSIC MAN---Commissioned Warrant Officer Gordon K. Smith, Band Officer of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, receives the Navy Achievement Medal from Major General Alan J. Armstrong, 1st MAW Commanding General. CWO Smith was awarded the medal for his outstanding professionalism and dedication to the field of music while serving as Band Officer of the 2nd Marine Division. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Sergeant D. A. Blake)

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4 February 1971

HOT ZONE  
Release No: 69-71  
By: MSgt. Leon E. Witconis

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HOT ZONE---Marine firefighters from Force Logistic Command and Marine Aircraft Group 11 battle a blazing fuel storage area on the Danang Airbase following an enemy rocket attack Feb. 1. Quick and diligent work by the firefighters had the 4 a.m. explosion extinguished within an hour. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by MSgt. Leon E. Witconis)

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4 February 1971

INSTRUCTING THE BOSS  
Release No: 70-71  
By: Cpl. Sergio Ortiz

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

INSTRUCTING THE BOSS---Under-Secretary of the Navy John W. Warner sits in the cockpit of an A4E Skyhawk from Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 311 as Captain Monroe F. Williamson explains use of the instrument panel. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Capt. Jim Hart)

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4 February 1971

VMA-311's 45,000 Missions  
Release No: 71-71  
By: Cpl. Sergio Ortiz

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---After nearly six years in country and service with three Marine Aircraft Groups, Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 311 has become the foremost Marine fixed-wing flying outfit in Vietnam.

When First Lieutenant Robert E. Scar (Earlham, Iowa) landed his A4E Skyhawk on the morning of Jan. 31, followed closely by his wingman First Lieutenant Robert B. McVey (Newark, Del.), the squadron notched 45,000 combat missions.

This is more combat sorties than any other Marine fixed-wing squadron has flown in Vietnam.

Both pilots were received by an all-squadron celebration that included Mr. John W. Warner, Under-Secretary of the Navy, who was visiting VMA-311 during his recent tour of combat bases in Vietnam.

Also present were 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW) Commander, Major General Alan J. Armstrong, and Colonel Albert C. Pommerenk, Marine Aircraft Group 11 Commanding Officer.

VMA-311 arrived in Vietnam in 1965 with Marine Aircraft Group 12 in Chu Lai and later was attached to Marine Aircraft Group 13 before arriving at the Danang Airbase in October last year.

The squadron has flown over 5,000 missions from this airfield.

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4 February 1971

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Photo by MAG-11 Photo

By: Cpl. Sergio Ortiz

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CELEBRATION CAKE—Mr. John W. Warner, Under-Secretary of the Navy enjoys a bite of cake with First Lieutenant Robert E. Scar, middle, and Robert B. McVey, right, after the pilots completed Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 311's 45,000 combat sortie. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. Tim Herbie)

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5 February 1971

KOREAN INSERT

Release No: 73-71

By: Sgt. Gregg Sloat

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Five different types of Marine Corps aircraft were used in a successful insert of Republic of Korea Marines in the vicinity of Barrier Island, 20 miles southeast of Danang.

CH-53 "Sea Stallion" helicopters from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, transported a reinforced company of Korean Marines into the area, after two flights of A-4 "Skyhawk" jets from Marine Attack Squadron 311 pounded the landing zone with heavy ordnance.

As the fixed wing aircraft pulled out of the zone, two AH-1G "Cobras" from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 367 made an additional preparatory pass over the landing zone with air-to-ground rockets and 40mm grenade fire. The Cobras' run <sup>WAS</sup> followed by two CH-53's inserting two platoons of Korean Marines as a blocking force northwest of the main objective.

The entire insert was coordinated by a UH-1E "Huey" from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167.

After the initial CH-53's had deposited their troops, a third Sea Stallion started its approach toward the main objective. Major Rocco R. Valluzzi (Brooklyn, N. Y.), pilot of the third aircraft, describing the approach and touch down said, "We made a low, fast approach utilizing the terrain features as cover. I had two Cobras providing suppressive guncover.

"About 200 meters out the gunships opened up on a treeline which bordered two sides of the zone. As we touched down an OV-10 "Bronco" from Marine Observation Squadron 2 laid down a smoke screen between the treeline and our position.

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KOREAN INSERT  
2-2-2-2-2-2

"According to the information we had, there were two platoons of Viet Cong in the area. As we made the approach we could see a number of freshly constructed bunkers," concluded the major.

The insert was successfully executed through the closely coordinated effort of all the Marine Corps aircraft involved.

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8 February 1971

**QUICK REACTION STRIKE**

Release No: 76-71

By: Sgt. Tom Albers

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**QUICK REACTION STRIKE**---An armed North Vietnamese Army soldier is pulled from his grassy hide-out by two members of a 1st Marine Division quick reaction force during a recent strike south of Marble Mountain near Danang. The element of surprise was evident as the enemy soldier still had his pistol wrapped up in plastic to keep it dry. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. James Jones)

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9 February 1971

KITES FEATURE

Release No: 78-71

By: Sgt. Lee Salter

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Marine Sergeant James R. Robinson (Marysville, Wash.), Marine Wing Headquarters Group (MWHG) 1 Supply, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, flies whenever he can - - kites, that is.

His latest model stands six feet four inches tall, four feet six inches wide, and has a 12 feet six inch tail.

Sgt. Robinson explained, "I built it in my spare time. I had to hand-carve the rods for the frame. Then I covered it with brown paper, and painted it."

He stated that the kite has now become a group effort with his section. "We take it out to China Beach when we have some time off. One man works the string, and one man guides the kite. We've played out as much as 4,000 feet of string," he continued.

"I thought about having a kite building contest throughout the Air Wing, but due to the different work schedules, I decided against it. Now I'll just have to go for the world's altitude record...if I can ever find out what that record is now," he stated.

Sgt. Robinson has served with MWHG-1 in Vietnam for seven months. His other hobbies include all phases of photography.

"It's like water off a duck's back when someone tells me to 'go fly a kite'," he concluded.

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9 February 1971

Supporting Art for 1st MAW Release No: 78-71  
Photo No: 0025  
By: Sgt. Lee Salter

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

"UP IN THE AIR"---Sergeant James R. Robinson, Marine Wing Headquarters Group 1  
Supply, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, prepare to launch his creation, a six foot  
four inch kite. "Kite building is fun", he stated, "And it helps to pass the  
time in Vietnam." (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Sgt. Lee Salter.)

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9 February 1971

CRASH CREW  
Release No: 79-71  
By: Sgt. Tom Albers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---"Behind these walls are sixty-second men."

So states the sign on the building that houses the men and equipment of the Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 16 Crash Crew.

Some consider the sign to be an understatement in that they are capable of reaching a fire or crash scene in less than a minute. In fire fighting and crash rescue a mere second can easily mean the difference between life and death. The men of the MAG-16 crash crew have to be fast.

Commanded by Captain P. S. Mayo (Houlton, Me.), MAG-16 crash crews are on 24-hour alert at both Marble Mountain Air Facility (MMAF) and Landing Zone (LZ) Baldy.

Any time of the night or day that aircraft are landing or departing from MMAF or LZ Baldy a crash truck and its three-man crew is standing guard inches from the runway.

All personnel in the crash crew are graduates of the Basic Aviation Crash Crew School, Memphis, Tenn., where they go through four weeks of basic fire fighting and rescue procedures. They also receive training on the operation, driving and maintenance of crash and fire vehicles.

The crash crew maintains several different types of fire fighting vehicles including "light water" trucks, amphibious vehicles and regular fire trucks. Two sweeper trucks are also used to clear the runway of debris.

In addition to providing fire protection the crash crew also inspects areas periodically for potential fire hazards. All fire extinguishers used by MMAF and LZ Baldy are maintained and serviced by the crash crew.

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CRASH CREW  
2-2-2-2-2-2

Although their services are rarely needed, they maintain a high state of readiness through weekly practice fires. Here they have the chance to polish their fire fighting and rescue techniques that may someday be used to save a man's life.

They are, in actuality, the "minute men" of Marble Mountain and LZ Baldy.

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By: Sgt. Tom Albers

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TEAMWORK---A Marine Aircraft Group 16 Crash Crew member moves in close to lay film forming foam referred to as "light water" to extinguish a practice fire. The three man crew operating the crash truck work as a team with one manning the turret, another driving, and one man on the ground. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. James Jones.)

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Crash Crew

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HOT STUFF---A member of the Marine Aircraft Group 16 Crash Crew applies "light water", a film forming foam, to douse a practice fire. The practice fires, which simulate actual emergencies, are held weekly to keep crash and rescue skills honed to a fine edge. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. James Jones)

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SHAKING HANDS

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TOUCH MY HAND---Miss Black America, Miss Stephanie Clark reaches out to shake the hands of admirers following her performance at Freedom Hill Amphitheater near Danang. Thirty-five hundred Servicemen witnessed the show of Miss Black America and her Royal Court. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by SSgt. John L. Grant)

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DOING THEIR THING  
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DOING THEIR THING---The Royal Court, from left to right, Miss Black Utah; Inas Key Slade, Lou Ashely, Miss Black Alabama; Brenda Duff, and Miss Black North Carolina; Sylvia Alexis Smith, do their thing as they perform for servicemen at Freedom Hill near Danang during the Miss Black America Show. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by SSgt. John L. Grant)

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Girls Schooling  
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DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Nguyen Thi Phuoc is a shy, pretty 12 year-old girl with an ambition to become a nurse...a dream she may well see come true.

Hospitalmen First Class Terrence L. Pangburn (Savannah Beach, Ga.) and Albert Kerr (Tucson, Ariz.) are two Navy Corpsmen serving with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW)...they are trying to make her dream possible.

The young lady, known as Ann to her friends in the Marine Wing Headquarters Group 1 Dispensary, lives with her parents in a small refugee hamlet near the 1st MAW Headquarters.

She attended a one room Vietnamese school but longed to go to the Pope John XXIII Catholic school nearby. While the required monthly tuition is extremely low by American standards, her father, in ill health and unable to perform heavy work, could not afford it.

"Kerr and I had sponsored another girl going to Pope John but she sort of disappointed us and dropped out of school," HM-1 Pangburn stated. "Somehow Ann learned of this and asked our Vietnamese nurse/interpreter to find out if we would be willing to send her. We were a little hesitant but when we learned she really wanted to get an education we agreed."

If the two corpsmen had any doubts about Ann, they have been more than dispelled over the past months.

"Due to the relatively low level of schooling available to her before, Ann was classified at the Catholic School as a fourth grade student. In a little over four months she has been moved up to eighth grade and her proven learning ability has made it possible for her to start high school next term. In fact, she has been at the top of her class just about all the way through," HM-1 Kerr said.

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Providing tuition expenses for Ann is only one facet of the assistance Kerr and Pangburn have assumed responsibility for.

Being a Catholic school, a standard uniform is required and the 'Docs' have made sure their little friend is well supplied with these.

"We've also bought material and have had other clothes made for her," Pangburn revealed.

Both men are married and have children of their own. Both their wives are aware of their interest in Ann and have sent her various items of clothing and cosmetics.

"I'm going home on leave shortly," Pangburn stated, "and I plan to buy some clothes for her then. Clothes out here are sky high, especially American styles."

Ann pays weekly visits to the MWHG-1 Dispensary to visit her American friends and to help out by writing instructions on medicines issued to Vietnamese civilians coming to the medical facility for treatment.

"She also helps in packaging various medications prescribed for civilian patients and she needs very little supervision as she doesn't make any mistakes," Kerr said.

While both sponsors realize they won't be in Vietnam long enough to see little Nguyen Thi Phuoc achieve her goal of a high school education, they're making every attempt to assure her the opportunity.

"If we can make arrangements directly with officials of Pope John School, we'll send money once a year for her tuition. Otherwise, we'll try to do it through one of the various organizations set up for this purpose," Pangburn said.

Although Ann doesn't speak english yet, her eyes more than adequately express her gratitude when she looks at the two Americans who had faith in her.

When the two Corpsmen speak of Ann you can't mistake the pride they have in her accomplishments.

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## Girls Schooling

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While it's highly probable Ann and her two friends won't see each other again after HM-1 Pangburn and HM-1 Kerr leave Vietnam, it's an odds-on bet that she'll never forget the Americans who helped her. The chances are even better that the two corpsmen will never forget a shy, little Vietnamese girl named ~~Nguyen Thi~~ Phuoc.

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HELPING HAND---12 Year-old Nguyen Thi Phuoc gets together with her two American friends, Hospitalmen First Class Terrence Pangburn (left) and Albert Kerr, during a visit to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing headquarters Dispensary. Kerr and Pangburn, both corpsmen serving with the Wing, are sponsoring her education in a Catholic school near the Wing Headquarters. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by SSgt. L. M. Slifer)

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NORTHERN OPERATION

Release No: 91-71

By: Cpl. Sergio Ortiz

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KHE SANH, Republic of Vietnam---Major Rocco Valluzzi (Brooklyn, N.Y.) is a busy man.

You will find him everywhere in this northwestern part of Quang Tri Province, from Khe Sanh to nearby Fire Support and Combat Bases, to the Laotian Border.

For 18 hours a day, the Major is a dynamo of energy as he runs from one place to the other, shouting instructions, attending briefings and setting up communications--all part of his job as Marine Air Coordination Officer in Operation Dewey Canyon II.

The most important part of his job is to establish a web of supply for Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) units in their thrust against Communist sanctuaries in Laos.

For his job, Major Valluzzi utilizes CH-53 Sea Stallion helicopters from a Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron to shuttle ARVN supplies to the ARVN at the battle front.

"When I came here the first day of the operation," says Maj. Valluzzi during one of his few free moments, "I had to put a bulldozer to about three acres of elephant grass in order to establish a clearing where the choppers could land."

Major Valluzzi is a pilot himself and has more than 200 missions in the Sea Stallion.

According to Major Valluzzi, the helicopters have been making an average of 75 re-supply runs daily into Laos to get the vital supplies to advancing ARVN units.

"The first day alone," continued Major Valluzzi, "We carried more than one million pounds of supplies."

The CH-53's have proven themselves so worthy for this type of operation that Brigadier General O. E. Smith, Assistant Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) commented, "They have provided priceless help in the most vital moments."

During their runs across the border, the CH-53's are protected by AH-1 Cobra gunships from a Marine light helicopter squadron.

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Additional in-country Marine aid for the ARVN is provided by a number of trucks from Marine Aircraft Group 11 and 16 which work under the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) on ground re-supply routes further north within MR-1 of the Republic, according to Major Valluzzi.

As air coordinator, the major lives in a canvas tent here, a place that brings back very many memories to him.

"I was here during the entire battle in 1968," he said, "And before that, I was here in 1966."

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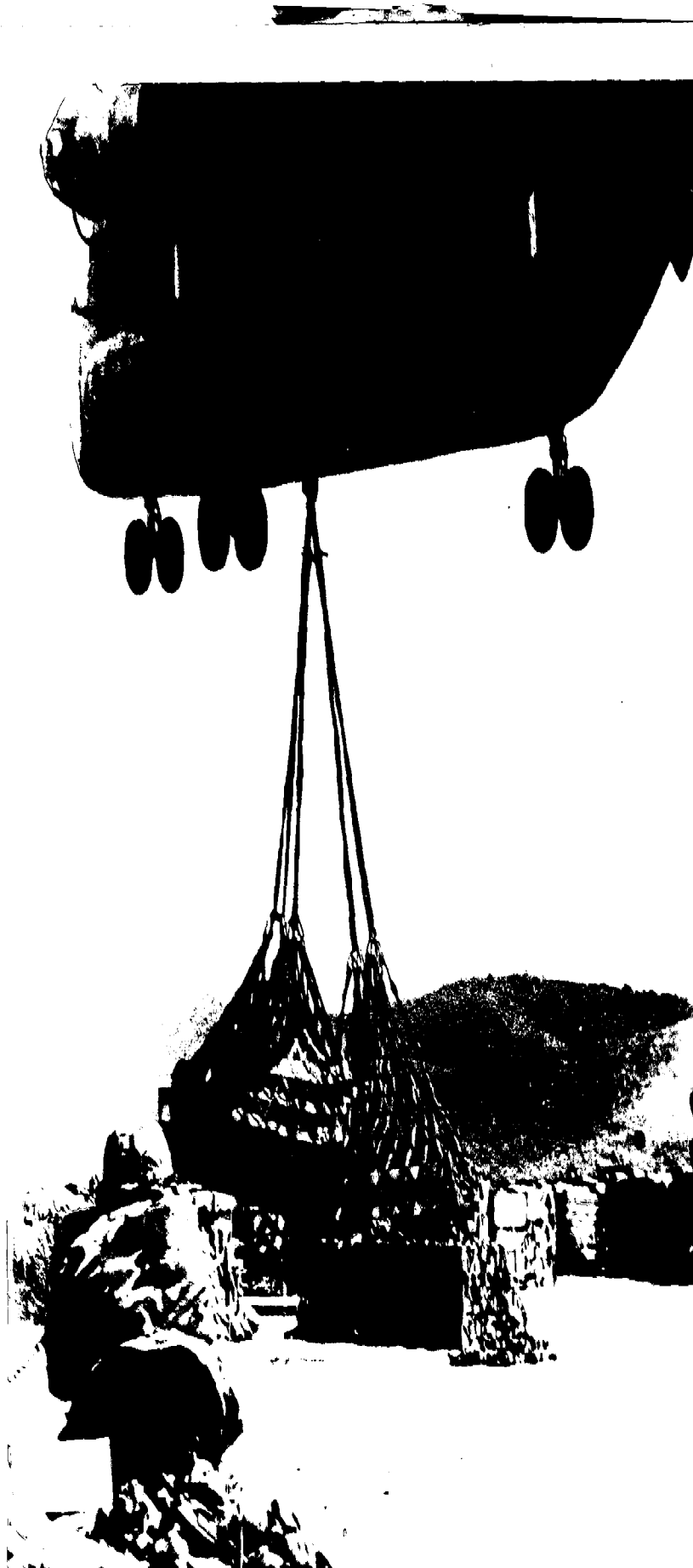
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FRAGGING A CHOPPER---Major Rocco Valluzzi, a pilot from a Marine heavy helicopter squadron, uses a radio to guide a CH-53 helicopter onto nets carrying supplies to Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) troops participating in Operation Lam Son 719 against Communist sanctuaries in Laos. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. John Wright)

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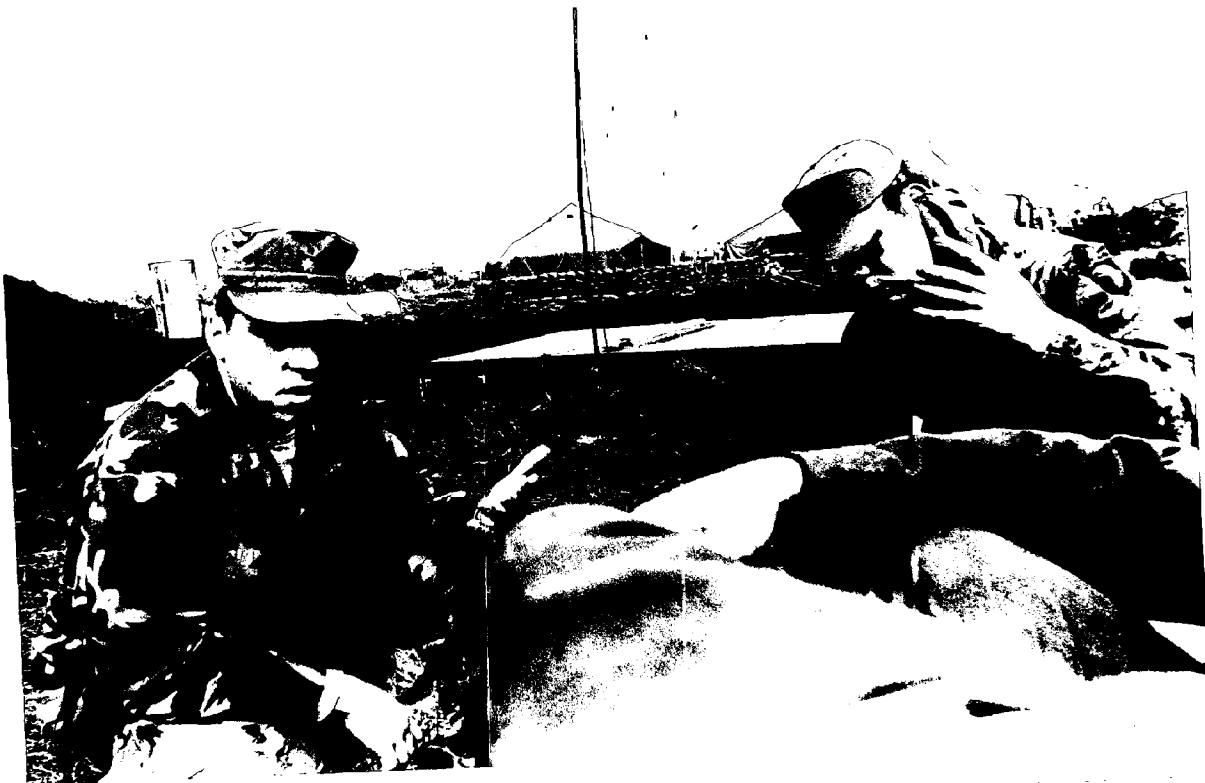
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MID-FIELD BRIEF---Major Rocco Valluzzi, a pilot from a Marine heavy helicopter squadron, instructs two soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) on the procedures used to land heavy helicopters to resupply Army of the Republic of Vietnam troops in Laos. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. Sergio Ortiz)

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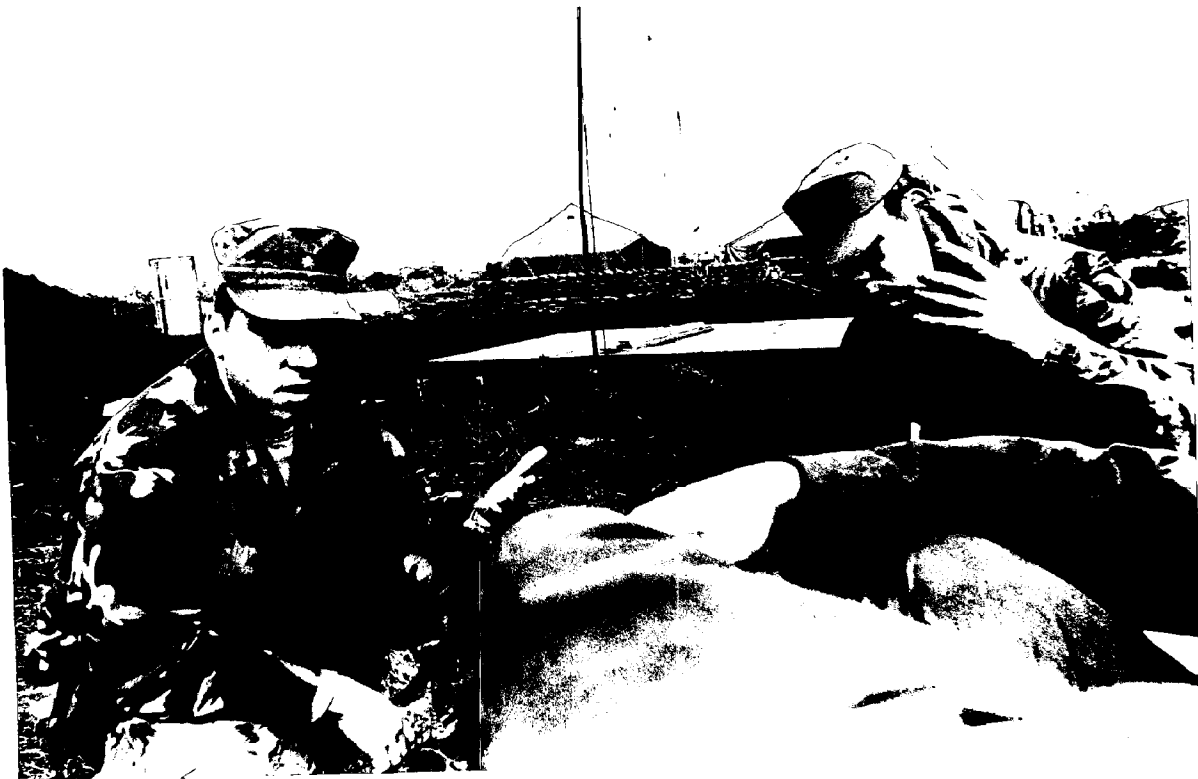
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MARINE RETURN TO KHE SANH

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DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Marines have returned to Khe Sanh.

United States Marine helicopters and motor transport vehicles are currently supporting U. S. Army and Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) forces operating in the vicinity of Khe Sanh.

Marine CH-53 "Sea Stallion" helicopters from a Marine heavy helicopter squadron initially arrived at Khe Sanh Feb. 1 to support Army units engaged in the combined Operation Dewey Canyon II in Military Region I. On Feb. 8, these aircraft began an additional mission, providing logistical support of ARVN forces participating in the South Vietnamese Operation Lam Son 719 across the Laotian border.

On the first day of the ARVN operation, the CH-53s ferried more than one million pounds of heavy artillery, ammunition, food and fuel across the frontier from a nearby combat support base to the ARVN troops in Laos. On that morning, three battalions of ARVN Rangers were inserted into Laos in an effort to flush out North Vietnamese Army (NVA) forces reportedly operating in the area.

The Marine CH-53's immediately began carrying the necessary equipment across the border from a jumping off point near the border. Gun cover for the transport helicopters was provided by AH-1 "Cobra" gunships from a Marine light helicopter squadron.

In addition to helicopter support, more than 40 Marine motor transport vehicles from the 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and the Force Logistics Command, are presently shuttling supplies and equipment from Hue to a transfer point near the border in support of the operation.

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KHE SANH RE-OCCUPIED---Activity of United States helicopters, trucks and personnel are much in evidence at an MR-1 Combat Base providing logistical support to Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) forces participating in Operation Lam Son 719.

(Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Sgt. Gregg Sloat)

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## Khe Sanh reopening

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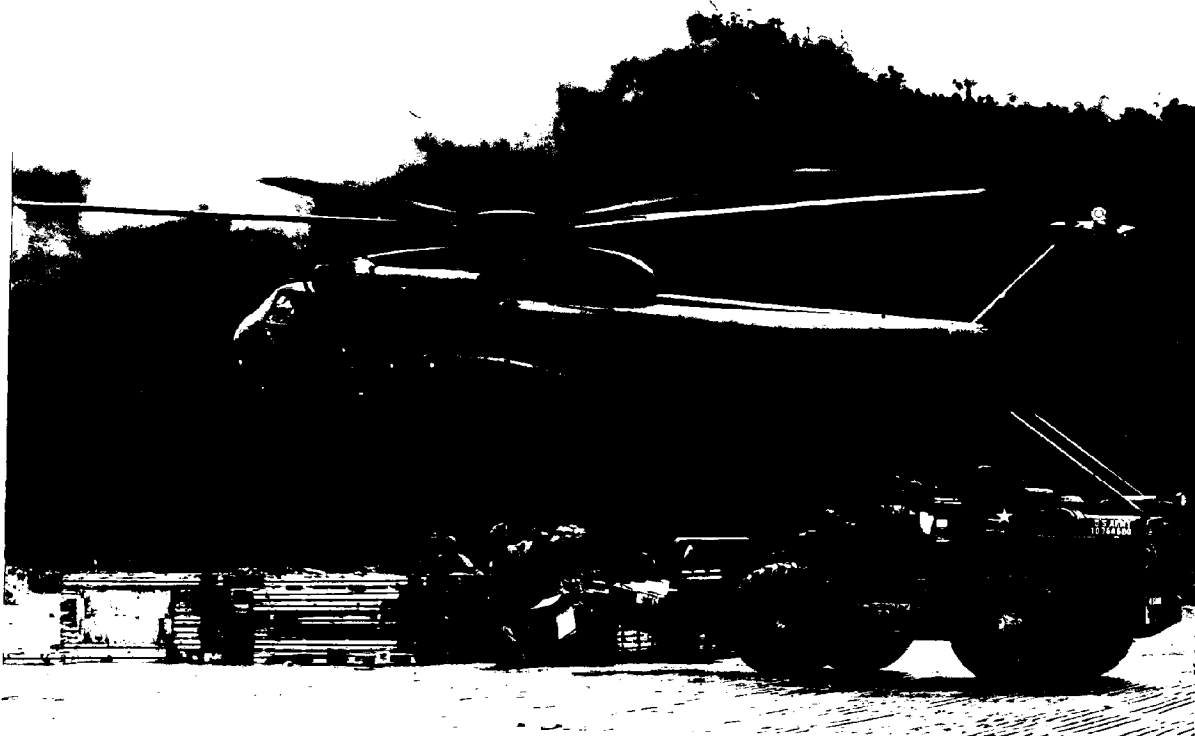
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AIR SUPPORT---A Marine CH-53 "Sea Stallion" helicopter from a Marine heavy helicopter squadron hovers over the pick up zone prior to heli-lifting a load of ammunition from an MR-1 Combat Base. The ammunition was delivered to Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) forces engaged in Operation Lam Son 719 inside Laos. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Sgt. Gregg Sloat)

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GROUND SUPPORT---Marine Corps trucks shuttle material and supplies from Hue to a transfer point near the Laotian border in a continuing effort to keep Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) forces resupplied while participating in Operation Lam Son 719 against Communist sanctuaries inside Laos. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. James R. Jones)

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MAKING THE ROUNDS  
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MAKING THE ROUNDS--Red Cross workers Terry Harmon (right) of Pensacola, Fla. and Fran Welguisz of Silver Springs, Md., return to their helicopter after visiting Marines atop Hill 119, 20 miles south of Danang. The "Doughnut Dollies" visit American service men in the field as part of the recreation program sponsored by the Red Cross. The CH-46 helicopter is from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364, Marine Aircraft Group 16. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Sgt. D. A. Blake)

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23 February 1971

Meritorious Service Medal  
Release No: 117-71  
By: Cpl. Tom Wolfe

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Colonel Lewis C. Street, III, Commanding Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 16, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal during ceremonies held at 1st MAW Headquarters.

Major General Alan J. Armstrong, Commanding General of the 1st MAW, made the presentation.

Colonel Street received the award for his service as Officer in Charge of the Aviation Maintenance Management Section, G-4, Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific from July 13, 1968 to May 30, 1970.

The citation accompanying the medal commended Colonel Street for his sound direction and supervision while performing the demanding duties of his command.

Under his supervision, corrosion control programs were expanded and two new types of helicopters were integrated into the command's inventory. Innovations in aviation weapons systems were also implemented which increased the electronic warfare operational capability of tactical squadrons.

The citation credited Colonel Street with being instrumental in coordinating the phased redeployment of Marine elements from the Republic of Vietnam to bases in Japan, Okinawa, Hawaii and California. He also formulated policies for the continued support of units still committed to combat operations.

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FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE---Colonel Lewis C. Street, III, Commanding Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 16 receives the Meritorious Service Medal from Major General Alan J. Armstrong, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. Colonel Street received the medal for his service as Officer in Charge of the Aviation Maintenance Management Section, G-4, Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, from July 13, 1968 to May, 1970. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. John Wright.)

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24 February 1971

NEW COBRAS  
Release No: 119-71  
By: Cpl. Sergio Ortiz

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam — Marine Light Helicopter Squadron (HML) 367 from Marine Aircraft Group 16 has acquired four of the deadliest Cobras in existence.

These Cobras are the new AH-1J attack helicopters assigned to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing squadron for combat evaluation and are much deadlier than their predecessor, the AH-1G.

The acquisition of the AH-1J will almost double HML-367's firepower output and its evaluations will determine future use of the new helicopters.

"We are the first Marine squadron to receive the new Cobra in a combat zone," commented Major Con Sillard (San Bernardino, Calif.), HML's Executive Officer, "and it's our job to combat test it."

According to the major, the AH-1J is the most unique aircraft in the armed forces inventory.

"The capabilities of the ship have not been determined as yet," he continued, "but, according to its specifications, it will be a great weapon to have."

The aircraft is equipped with new rocket launchers which will enable its gunner to fire any rocket in the pod in any order he wishes and is equipped with dual 20 millimeter guns.

Unlike the AH-1G, the new Cobras have two engines and a greater versatility in flight. "We do not know as yet how effective this aircraft will be," Maj. Sillard continued, "but tests conducted under the close observation of Bell Aircraft, makers of the helicopter, will show if it can prove itself in combat."

Two maintenance crews and eight pilots arrived with the helicopters.

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THE NEW COBRAS ARRIVES---One of four new AH-1J Cobra helicopters is unloaded from an Air Force transport airplane at Danang Airbase. The new attack helicopter will be assigned to Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 367 from Marine Aircraft Group 16 at Marble Mountain. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. John Wright)

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TWILIGHT FLIGHT  
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By: Sgt. Tom Albers

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TWILIGHT FLIGHT — Lieutenant Colonel Henry W. Steadman (Costa Mesa, Calif.), Commanding Officer of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM)-364 goes through his pre-flight check before flying his squadron's final mission in the CH-46 "Sea Knight" prior to stand-down February 22. Co-pilot for the flight was 1st Lieutenant Tom DeWitt (Detroit, Mich.). The crew consisted of Corporals Mark A. Jeske (Lansing, Ill.), David W. Ludke (Detroit, Mich.), and Gunnery Sergeant George N. Ward (Jacksonville, Fla.). HMM-364 is scheduled to redeploy to the Marine Corps Air



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LAST FLIGHT, (364)

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VMFA-115's Last Mission  
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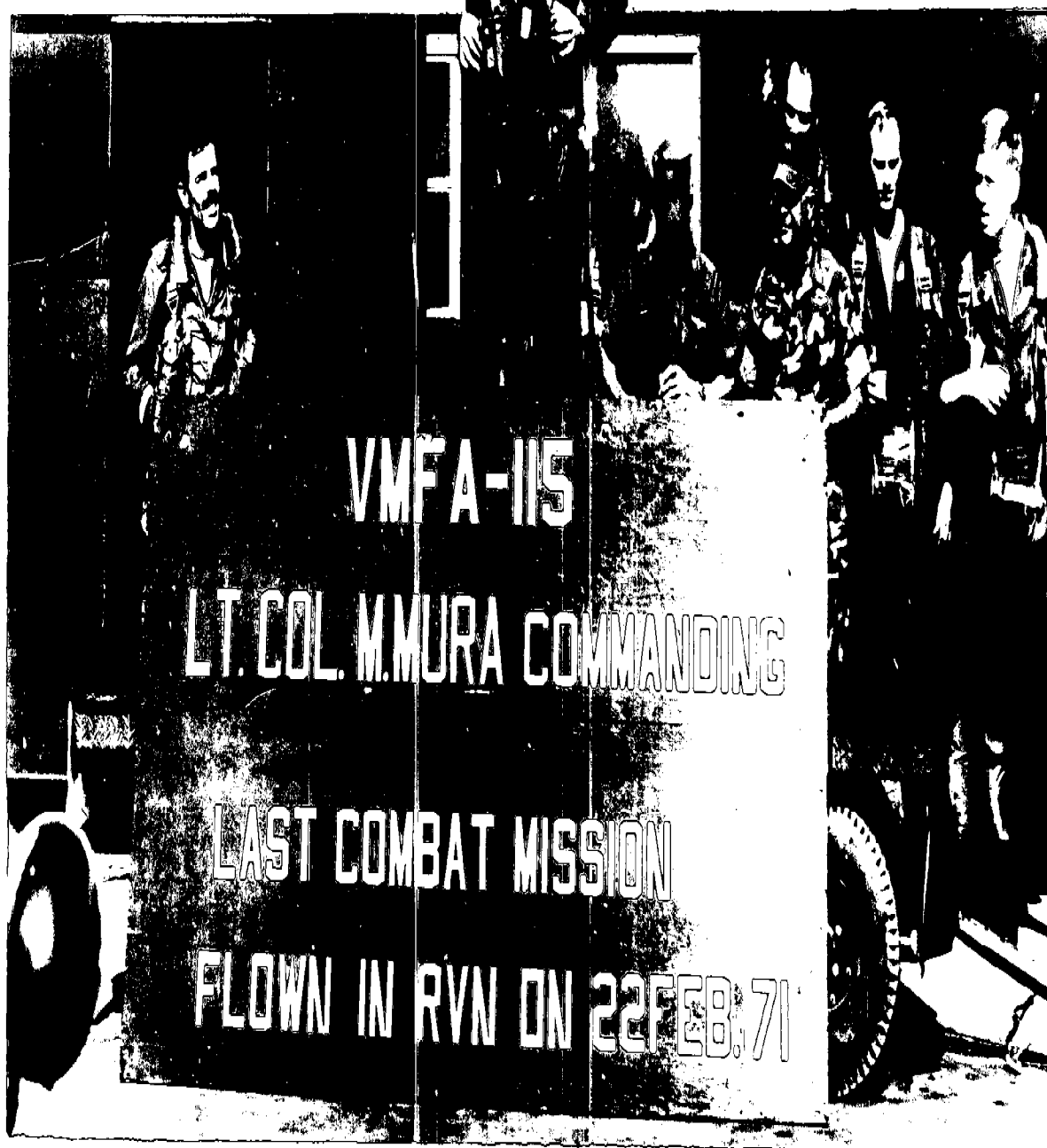
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FINALE -- Lieutenant Colonel Michael Mura (Boston, Mass.), Commanding Officer, Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron (VMFA)-115, addresses members of the squadron after flying an F-4 "Phantom" for the squadron's 30,086th and last combat sortie in the Republic of Vietnam on February 22 prior to stand-down. Looking on are Major General Alan J. Armstrong (in jungle utilities), 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Commanding General, Colonel A. C. Pommerenok (next to LtCol. Mura), Commanding Officer of Marine Aircraft Group-11, and other last mission pilots (left to right), First Lieutenants Lee Logan (Shreveport, La.), Charlton Fort (Shreveport, La.) and James Clark (Titusville, Fla.). VMFA-115 will deploy to Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan, after serving in Vietnam since October, 1965. (Official U. S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Dave Inman)

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