

5/20/71

Col. Hall.

I doubt the wing can unscrew this mess since the units involved have gone many directions, including oblivion. We have no recourse, however, except to put the problem back in the hands of the originator and let him sort it out. I rec. the front office be made aware of the sit'n in case Gen'l Owens comes on the air.

JCH

G-3 OPERATIONS ROUTE SHEET

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COL SCHARNBERG				✓	
LTCOL LEBLANC			✓		L
***** GROUND OPERATIONS *****					
LTCOL QUINN					
LTCOL CONLIN					
LTCOL SIMPSON					
LCDR BASHAW (USN)	X				B
***** AIR OPERATIONS *****					
LTCOL CORLISS					
LTCOL GOLLER					
MAJ BAILEY					
***** NBC OPERATIONS *****					
LTCOL CLATWORTHY					
LT MIGLIORINI					
***** HISTORY/CURRENT OPERATIONS*****					
MAJ CROWE					
LT WARFORD					
***** ADMIN SECTION *****					
GYSGT LOONEY					
GYSGT NEWPORT					
SSGT BURHOP					
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ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS:

As per MLE
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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CG, 1st MAW ltr 3:WJC:jrg over 5750
Ser: 003A10371 of 13 April 1971

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

Subj: Command Chronology for the period of 1-31 March 1971

1. Forwarded, noting the following discrepancies:

a. Appendix 5; MAG-11 Command Chronology, Part IV (Supporting Documents):

(1) MABS-11 Command Chronology, Part IV (Supporting Documents) not provided.

(2) VMA(AW)-225 Command Chronology, pages 1 thru 4 illegible.

b. Appendix 6; 1st MAW Group Situation Reports - March 1971:

(1) MAG-16 SITREP from 060001H to 062400H March 1971 and reports from the same period not provided.

(2) MAG-16 SITREP from 100001H to 102400H March 1971 and reports for the same period not provided.

c. Appendix 7; 1st MAW Daily SITREP Reports - March 1971:

(1) 1st MAW SITREP 2035, period from 010001H to 012400H March 1971 not provided.

(2) 1st MAW SITREP 2037, period from 030001H to 032400H March 1971 not provided.

(3) 1st MAW SITREP 2046, period from 120001H to 122400H March 1971 not provided.

(4) 1st MAW SITREP 2049, period from 150001H to 152400H March 1971 not provided.

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d. Appendix 8; 1st MAW FRAGS (FW and HELO)-March 1971,
1st MAW HELO FRAG Order for 28 March 1971 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.



A. H. YOUNG
DEPUTY COMMANDER

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CG, 1st MAW

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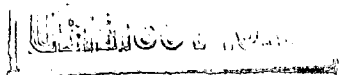
FIRST ENDORSEMENT on HQ, 1st MAW ltr 3:WJC:jrg 5750

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 1-31 March 1971

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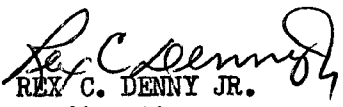
From: Commanding General
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 March 1971.

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

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

1. In compliance with the provisions set forth in references (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 - 31 March 1971

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st MAW	MajGen Alan J. ARMSTRONG	01-31 March
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ASST COMMANDER

	EGen William C. QUINN	01-31 March
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

MMHG-1	LtCol Gordon H. BUCKNER II	01-31 March
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MAG-11	Col Albert C. POMMERENK	01-31 March
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MAG-16	Col Lewis C. STREET III	01-31 March
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MACG-18	LtCol Francis L. DELANEY	01-31 March
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2. LOCATION

1-31 March 1971: Danang, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

CHIEF OF STAFF	Col Jack R. SLOAN	01-31 March
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ACofS, G-1	Col Donald CONROY	01-31 March
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ACofS, G-2	Col Vernon CLARKSON Jr.	01-31 March
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ACofS, G-3	Col Rex C. DENNY Jr.	01-31 March
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ACofS, G-4	Col D. L. DAVIS	01-31 March
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ACofS, GSO	LtCol Robert G. HAGGARD	01-31 March
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ACofS, COMPT	Col Walter L. REDMOND	01-31 March
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SECRET4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers:	727	39	766
Enlisted:	5,008	123	5,131
Total:	5,735	162	5,897

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 1,505 sorties and dropped 1,565.9 tons of ordnance. Helicopters flew 20,435 sorties and carried 40,717 tons of cargo and 27,453 passengers. During this period 3 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 March 1971, there were eleven operations in effect throughout Military Region I. Support was recored for five of these operations.

(1) 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 125 sorties dropping 396.4 tons of ordnance. BDA for this month was 1 KBMA, 17 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 9 secondary explosions, 12 secondary fires and 1 road cut.

(2) Imperial Lake: Commenced 310930H August 1970. Fixed wing aircraft supported the operation by flying 127 sorites and dropping 359.8 tons of ordnance. BDA for this period was 3 structures destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 secondary explosion, 3 secondary fires, 1 bridge destroyed and 1 gun destroyed.

(3) Finney Hill: Fixed wing aircraft flew 3 sorties while dropping 17.8 tons of ordnance during this reporting period. BDA for this month was 1 secondary explosion.

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(4) Middlesex Peak: During the month of March 1971 fixed wing aircraft flew 9 sorties dropping 29.9 tons of ordnance. The reported BDA was 5 KBMA. There was no helicopter support during this period.

(5) 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 636 sorties, dropping 1,457.4 tons of ordnance. BDA credited to these flights was 1 KBMA, 192 secondary explosions, 56 secondary fires, 12 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 10 trucks destroyed, 6 trucks damaged, 7 guns destroyed, 5 guns damaged, 4 structures destroyed, 4 structures damaged. Helicopters flew 1,393 sorties for 648 hours transporting 1,490.8 tons of cargo.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

07 March 1971

VMA-311 completed its 46,000th combat sortie.

Ref: MAG-11 C.C. (C)
(App 5 to FMAW C.C.)

23 March 1971

VMD-2 held a special formation to honor those Marines who served with the Squadron during its tour in Vietnam. Among the guests were:

LtGen. D. J. ROBERTSON, CG III MAF
MajGen. C. F. WODDECKE, CG 1st MARDIV
MajGen. A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG 1st MAW
BGen. W. R. QUINN, Asst. CG 1st MAW
BGen. E. H. SIMMONS, Asst. CG 1st MARDIV

29 March 1971

MMAF received eight (8) incoming rockets at 0255H resulting in minor damage to one and major damage to another UH-1E of HML-167.

Ref: MAG-16 C.C. (S)
(App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

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30 March 1971

While conducting an emergency medevac a CH-46D of HMM-262 was blown in half by a command detonated mine.
 Ref: MAG-16 C.C. (S)
 (App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

30 March 1971

While hovering in the zone during an emergency medevac a CH-46D from HMM262 received fire and burst into flames.
 Ref: MAG-16 C.C. (S)
 (App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

3. CASULTIES

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

<u>HOSTILE</u>					<u>NON HOSTILE</u>				
<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>
1	13	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	23

4. LOGISTICS

a. Ordnance. A total of 721 firebombs, 1,017 CBU's, 10,129 air-to-surface rockets, 473,986 rounds of gun ammunition and 1,459 aircraft paraflares were expended during the month of March 1971, represents a total of 3865 tons.

b. Motor Transport.

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

Navy Section "M" vehicles	24
USMC vehicles	480
Commercial vehicles	65
Total	569

c. Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS). There was a total of 2,888.222 gallons of P-4 issued during the month of March 1971.

d. Engineer.

(1) Arresting gear currently operational: 2 M-21's

(2) Arresting gear currently but not operational: 9 M-21's

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SECRET5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

a. All significant events occurring during the month of March 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. There were 36 news releases for this reporting period.

6. ADMINISTRATION

a. During the month of March 1971, 98 officers and 844 enlisted personnel rotated from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing to:

CONUS	69 officers
	741 enlisted
Other WestPac Commands	29 Officers
	103 enlisted

b. During the month of March 53 officers and 219 enlisted personnel joined 1st Marine Aircraft Wing from:

WestPac Commands	4 officers
	113 enlisted
Other than WestPac	49 officers
	106 enlisted

c. During the month of March, 12 enlisted personnel extended their overseas tour.

d. Reenlistments rates for March were as follows:

	CAREER	FIRST TERM	TOTAL
Elig.	25	63	88
Reenl.	24	13	37

7. PERSONNEL

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

<u>Denomination</u>	SUN	ATT	WKDAY	ATT	TOT SER	TOT ATT
Protestant	13	382	0	0	13	382
Catholic	29	741	66	286	95	1,027
LDS	7	70	3	21	10	91

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SECRET8. INTELLIGENCE

a. During the month of March 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 March 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. AIR OPERATIONSA. Fixed Wing

Total Fighter/Attack sorties	1,505
In-country Attack sorties	527
Out-of-country Fighter sorties	0
Commando Bolt/Steel tiger	740
Out-of-country air defense (BARCAP, MIGCAP)	0
Total VR/FAC(A) sorties	250

B. Helicopter

Total sorties	20,435
Total flight hours	6,588.4
Total tons of cargo	40,717
Total passengers	27,453
Total tasks	5,252

C. Reported BDA in Country

4 WBMA
19 KBMA
62 Structures destroyed
18 Structures damaged
57 Bunkers destroyed
21 Bunkers damaged
153 Secondary fires
25 Secondary explosions
4 Caves destroyed

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- 1 Boat destroyed
- 2 Boats damaged
- 3 Road cuts
- 5 .50 cal position destroyed
- 1 Gun destroyed
- 3 Bridges destroyed
- 7 Bridges damaged

d. Reported BDA for Commando Bolt/Steel Tiger

- 24 Structures destroyed
- 6 Bunkers destroyed
- 390 Secondary explosions
- 141 Secondary fires
- 69 Trucks destroyed
- 7 Trucks damaged
- 3 Road cuts
- 4 Gun positions destroyed
- 4 Gun positions damaged
- 1 Rocket destroyed
- 7 Mortars destroyed
- 1 Mortar damaged

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- APPENDIX 1 MARINE WING HEADQUARTERS GROUP-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U) /
- APPENDIX 2 1ST MAW NEWS CLIPPING OBTAINED IN FEBRUARY AND NEWS /
RELEASED DISTRIBUTED BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS (U)
- APPENDIX 3 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-16 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (S) ✓
- APPENDIX 4 MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP-18 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (S) ✓
- APPENDIX 5 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-11 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (S) ✓
- APPENDIX 6 1ST MAW GROUP SITUATION REPORTS - MARCH 1971 (S) ✓
- APPENDIX 7 1ST MAW DAILY SITREP REPORTS - MARCH 1971 (S) ✓
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- APPENDIX 8 1ST MAW FRAGS (FW & HELO) - FEBRUARY 1971 (S)

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

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Listing of TABs to Basic Command Chronology, Mar 1971

- A: AC/S, G-1 Command Chronology, Mar 1971
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- C: Civil Affairs O Command Chronology, Mar 71
- D: Exchange Officer Command Chronology, Mar 71
- E: Wg Medical Officer Command Chronology, Mar 71

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11 Apr 1971

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of March 1971

Ref: (a) WgC 5750.4

Encl: (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 March 98 officers and 844 enlisted personnel rotated from the First Marine Aircraft Wing to:

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4. During the month of March 12 enlisted personnel extended their overseas tour.

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

	<u>CAREER</u>	<u>FIRST TERM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Elig	25	63	88
Reenl	24	13	37

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

GED - 62
CLE - 5
ECT - 2

7. During the month of March, 3 requests for Augmentation into the regular Marine Corps, and 2 Meritorious requests for Augmentation were forwarded to Headquarters, Marine Corps.

8. Casualties for the month of March 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>
1	13	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	23

Total medical evacuees this period - 28

	<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	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	9
Enlisted	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	14
TOTAL	1	13	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	23

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

	<u>MARINES</u>	<u>NAVY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers	727	39	766
Enlisted	5008	123	5131
Total	5735	162	5897

R. R. Sheahan
R. R. SHEAHAN
By direction

ROSTER OF KEY G-1 PERSONNEL

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
ACofS, G-1	Col D. CONROY	1 - 31Mar71
Asst G-1	LtCol R. R. SHELHAN	1 - 31Mar71
PersO	Maj R. L. PHILLIPS	1 - 31Mar71
AsstPersO	Capt F. J. FUGERS	1 - 31Mar71
CarPlan/EducO	1stLt J. P. TROPE	1 - 31Mar71
AdminO	CWO-3 C. G. PILRCE	1 - 19Mar71
AdminC	Capt F. P. BACA	20 - 31Mar71
Division Head	GySgt J. A. MARTIN	1 - 31Mar71

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10 Apr 1971

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

Subj: Command Chronology for March 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.


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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1. Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Colonel D. L. DAVIS

SUBORDINATE UNITS

N/A

ATTACHED UNITS

N/A

2. LOCATION

Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

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

Food Service Officer

CWO-2 L. MORGAN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC
OFF/ENLUSN
OFF/ENLOTHER
OFF/ENL

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY1. LOGISTICSa. Air Freight and Air Delivery

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

(a) Cargo Receipts (General Cargo)

FROM: CONUS 0 S/T

FROM: INTRA WESTPAC 64.2 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/CUBI PT	9.9 S/T	0	0

NOTE: The above does not reflect consigned to FLC.

b. Embarkation

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

(a) On 10 March 1971, the USS ST LOUIS (LKA-116) docked at Pier #1, Deep Water Pier, and commenced loading DEF VMFA-115, HMH-364 (-) and DEF FLC of Embarkation Unit III, Increment VI, Keystone Robin Charlie. Completed loading 112024H March 1971.

(b) On 13 March 1971, the Wing Embarkation Officer departed for Hawaii to attend the CINCPACFLT Preliminary Movement Planning Conference on assigned shipping for Increment VII. Returned on 22 March 1971.

(c) On 24 March 1971, five (5) UH-1E's from HML-167 were flown aboard the USS DENVER (LPD-9) for transfer to MAG-36, Futema, Okinawa.

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c. Ordnance

(1) A total of 721 firebombs, 1,017 CBU's 20/24/55, 473,986 rounds of gun ammo, 1,459 paraflares, 10,129 air to surface rockets were expended for a total of 3,865 tons during the month of March 1971.

(2) Resupply of Class V(A) during March totaled 3,322 tons.

d. Food Service

(1) The March 1971 III MAF Consolidated Ration Statement reports 170,054 rations were fed by 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Dining Facilities during the month of March 1971.

(2) The Ration Dump status shows 112 non-perishable line items not in stock. Nine (9) of these line items are essential.

(3) The Wing Food Service Office will no longer collect monies and draw stores for Wing Messes. Starting 1 April 1971, all Wing Messes will turn in monies and draw subsistence stores through the FLC Food Service Office.

e. Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS)

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

- (a) 3 systems TAFDS in use
- (b) 7 systems TAFDS not in use

(2) Fuel consumption for the month of March 1971 (in U. S. Gallons)

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>JP-4</u>	<u>AVGAS</u>
MAG-11 (Danang)	1,878,665	7,390
MAG-16	1,009,557	1,776

(3) Normal operations conducted during March 1971. 1 March 1971, LZ BALDY refueling operations closed and equipment removed by MAG-16.

f. Motor Transport

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

Navy Section "M" Vehicles	24
USMC Vehicles	480
Commercial Vehicles	<u>65</u>
TOTAL	569

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(2) Vehicles dispced of during the month of March 1971:

1 M715 1 1/4 Ton
 2 M105 1 1/2 Ton Trailers (Components of shop sets)
 2 M52 5 Ton Dump
 2 M35A1 2 1/2 Ton Cargo
 1 M543 Trk Wrecker
 1 M38A1 Trk Utility 1/4 Ton
 12 M100 1/4 Ton Trailers
 1 M108 2 1/2 Ton Wrecker
 1 M530 Trk Structural Fire
 1 M50 Trk Water

(3) New equipment received: None

(4) Excess equipment transferred to other Major Commands:

TO: 7th Engineers III MAF

1 Dump Trk M51A2

TO: 1st Engineers

1 Dump Trk M51A2

TO: MCSC Barstow

1 Lube & Serv Unit 2 1/2 Ton
 1 Trk Tractor 5 Ton M52A2
 1 Trk Tank Utility M49A2C

TO: Maint Bn 1st FSR FLC M28321

1 Trk Dump 5 Ton M51A2

g. Engineers

(1) Engineer items on hand:

Navy 29
 USMC 464

TOTAL 493

(2) Items deadlined:

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(a) Number items deadlined	103
(b) % deadlined	22%
(c) % NORS	5.6%
(d) % NORM	3.6%
(e) % Rehab	4.9%
(f) % Transit 3rd & 4th Ech	7.9%

h. SATS

(1) Arresting gear (M-21) currently operating in FMAW:

- (a) 2 M-21's in use
- (b) 9 M-21's not in use

(2) Arrestments accomplished during March 1971:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NORMAL</u>	<u>EMERGENCIES</u>
Danang (MAG-11)	194	17

(3) Normal operations conducted during the month of March 1971. 3 March 1971, Mr. PARSON, SATS/CNFSU Rep, arrived to provide assistance for M-21 throttles. 10 March 1971, Mr. PARSON's departed RVN.

i. Fire Marshal

(1) Normal fire inspections/prevention conducted during the month of March 1971.

(2) 18 March 1971, USAF relieved MAG-11 of Crash Crew responsibilities west side Danang airfield.

(3) 29 March 1971, U. S. Army relieved MAG-11 of structural fire fighting responsibilities west side Danang airfield.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Aircraft Maintenance

- 1 March - HMM-364 transferred from 1st MAW to 3rd MAW.
- 1 March - VMFA-115 transferred from 1st MAW to 1st MAW (Rear).
- 5 March - CWO-2 J. W. GRAY, GSE Officer, returned from Maintenance and Supply Conference.
- 6 March - LtCol J. B. PIERCE, G-4 AMO, and Major G. KIRALY, G-4 AVO, returned from Maintenance and Supply Conference.
- 10 March - CH-53 Sikorsky modification team arrived for installation of aircraft armor plate.
- 23 March - VMO-2 stooddown.
- 23 March - Major KNIGHT, CFWP, Marine Liaison visited G-4 AMO.
- 24 March - Capt HARKINS USN, CO, NARF North Island visited G-4 AMO.
- 24 March - Major KNIGHT, CFWP Marine Liaison, departed RVN.
- 25 March - Capt HARKINS USN, CO, NARF North Island, departed RVN.
- 31 March - YOY-10 combat evaluation team, OIC Major RAMSON arrived to brief Wing and Division on YOY-10 aircraft capabilities.

2. Base Development Officer

- 3 March - 3rd meeting FMAW/366th TFW USAF Real Estate Working Group.
- 12 March - VMFA-115 living spaces (MAG-11) formally signed for by 366th TFW USAF.
- 18 March - 4th meeting FMAW/366th TFW USAF Real Estate Working Group.
- 23 March - MACV Real Estate personnel toured MAG-16.
- 24 March - MACV Real Estate personnel toured, MWHG-1, MAG-11 and MACG-18 Compounds.

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- 27 March - 4th meeting FMAW/US Army Real Estate Working Group
on turnover MAG-16 Air Facility
- 29 March - 5th meeting FMAW/366th TFW USAF Real Estate Working
Group

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

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6 April 1971

From: Wing Civil Affairs 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 March 1971

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


N. S. HALL

COMMAND CHRONOLOGYPart I. Organizational Data

- | <u>1. Organization</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Period</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Wing Civic Action | Danang, RVN | 1-31 March 1971 |
2. Section Staff
- Wing Civic Action Officer, 1-31 March 1971. 1stLT. N. S. HALL
3. Average Strength for March 1971
- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| Officer- 1 | Enlisted- 4 |
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Part II. Narrative

1. Due to the retrograde of the Wing Civil Affairs the Vietnamese Charitable Fund has been dissolved. This fund, totalling \$1,452.30, was divided and distributed to the following institutions for use in their Vietnamese projects:

Danang Assistant Nurses School- \$284.10
 Crescent Beach Orphanage- \$284.10
 Happy Haven Leprosorium- \$284.10
 Cao Dai Temple, Danang- \$200.00
 Catholic Relief Society- \$200.00
 Buddhist Pagoda- \$200.00

2. The Civil Affairs Office continued to aid Crescent Beach. Several tons of building materials and supplies were delivered to the remote Orphanage by Marine Helicopter and U.S. Army Boat. A new school house is nearing completion and the kitchen is being renovated. These buildings have been made possible by Marines and other units who have donated time and materials. The money given them is to be utilized for the purchase of a Citizen Band Radio to be used for communication between the Orphanage and World Relief Society Headquarters.

3. Due to redeployment of the 1st MAW Dispensary the Med Caps at Phuoc Tuong have been discontinued. Since the 1st MAW Corpsman have joined the Medical Civic Action Program in February of 1971 over 10,000 inhabitants of Phuoc Tuong have been treated. The Med Caps in Co Man, Liem Lac, and Con Dau conducted with the aid of the MAG-11 medical personnel treated over 2,100 patients. The 95th Evacuation Medical Team is continuing to work in the hamlet of Hoa An. These Med Caps have treated over 700 patients during their work.

4. The Civic Action Office is continuing to work in the help-the-people-help-themselves. Lumber for the restoration of 51 homes has been distributed to the needy in the Wing AOR. At present the Civic Action Team members are assisting the hamlet in a self-development project of building a chicken house for 10,000 chickens. This project is being built in the hamlet of Phuoc Tuong at the old Wing Civic Action Compound.

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5. Prior to the departure of the Wing Civil Affairs all projects will be terminated or reassigned to other units.

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6 April 1971

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

Subj: Command Chronology Report for period 1-31 March 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) MMHG-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 sometime between 28 Feb 71 and 2 Mar 71 person or persons unknown cut the padlocks off of 5 conexes used for storage of cigarettes at the Exchange warehouse. An inventory reveals that 51 cases of Salem cigarettes were missing. The 1st MAW CID and Vietnam Area Exchange Officials were notified and a claim has been submitted to the insurance company and upon approval of the claim the accountability will be reduced by the value of missing cigarettes.

3. All activities were visited by the Exchange Officer during the period covered.

W. E. Lambert
for E. L. LAMBERT

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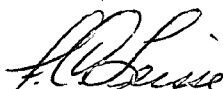
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First Marine Aircraft Wing
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From: Wing Medical Officer
To: Commanding General (Attn: G-3)

Subj: (a) WgO 5759.4

Encl: (1) Medical Chronology for the month of March 1971

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.


F.C. LEISSE
CDR, MC, USN

WING MEDICAL CHRONOLOGYPART I

1. Key Members

CDR Fred C. LEISSE, MC, USN, Wing Medical Officer
 LCDR Donald R. CRAIG, MSC, USN, Wing Medical Administrative Officer
 HMCM Roger E. LINDSAY, USN, Wing Medical Administrative Chief
 HMCS Porter S. DECKER, USN, Wing Preventive Medicine Chief
 HMC Donovan D. HOFER, USN, Wing Preventive Medicine Chief
 HM2 Donald R. LEWIS, USN, Personnel Clerk

2. Average monthly strength for First MAW medical personnel.

	<u>H&HS-1</u>	<u>MAG-11</u>	<u>MAG-16</u>	<u>MACG-18</u>
Officers	03	04	06	01
Enlisted	20	21	25	07

PART II

1. On 02 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer accompanied the Commanding General to Khe Sanh.

2. On 03 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officers attended a birthday celebration at First Medical Battalion commemorating the one-hundredth anniversary of the Navy Medical Corps.

3. On 06 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer and Wing Medical Administrative Officer attended a luncheon and briefing of all medical officers at MAG-16. On that same day, the Wing Medical Officer attended the MWHG-1 Change of Command ceremony.

4. On 10 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer met with all Senior Medical Officers and Senior Enlisted Administrative personnel to discuss policy.

On this same day, the Wing Medical Officer attended the Wing Leadership Council Meeting.

5. On 12 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer visited the USS SANCTUARY (AH-17) to visit First Marine Aircraft Wing patients and discuss admission procedures with the Commanding Officer.

On this date, the Wing Medical Officer, Wing Medical Administrative Officer, and Administrative Chief visited MAG-16 to check on stand-down procedures.

Doctor BLACKSHEAR reported for duty and was assigned to MAG-11.

6. On 13 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer conferred with G-3 concerning immediate round-the-clock notification of personal injury.
7. On 15 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer visited all First Marine Aircraft Wing patients at the First Medical Battalion.
8. On 16 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer acted as advisory to the Enlisted Symposium. On this same date, the Wing Medical Officer attended the Group Commanding Officer's Conference.
9. On 17 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer went to MAG-16 to fly MedEvac missions as a Medical Aircrewman.
10. On 19 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer met with all Senior Medical Officers and Senior Enlisted Administrative personnel.
11. On 20 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer met with Captain PARISER MC, USN, the First Marine Division Surgeon, and discussed the III MAB administrative structure. Later in the day, the Wing Medical Officer discussed this same topic with the MAG-16 medical personnel.
12. On 23 March 1971 all Flight Surgeons attended the Medical Officer Task Committee of the Area Aviation Safety Council.
13. On 25 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer visited the First Marine Aircraft Wing patients admitted to the USS SANCTUARY. On this same date, the Wing Medical Officer conferred with the Senior Medical Officer at MAG-11.
14. On 30 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer attended the Wing Aviation Safety Council meeting.
15. On 31 March 1971 the Wing Medical Officer bestowed personal awards upon Hospital Corps personnel of the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

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

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7 April 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 1-31 March 1971; submission of

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

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

1. All significant events occurring during the month of March 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 March, the Public Affairs Office operated with the personnel listed in enclosure (3).
3. There were no casualties among Public Affairs personnel although writers/photographers accompanied helicopters on major operations, as well as numerous medical evacuations, resupply and passenger missions. There were 36 news releases during the month. Numbers 131-71, 132-71, 138-71, 140-71, 142-71, 143-71, 144-71, 145-71, 150-71, 156-71, 157-71, 161-71, 165-71, 166-71, 167-71 and 168-71 were daily SitReps. The SitReps releases are not contained in this report.
 - a. News release 162-71 has not been released from MACV, MACOI.
4. The following press representatives were provided service and operational briefings: CBS.
 - a. During the month of March, 108 civilian newsmen were provided helicopter transportation to Quang Tri and Khe Sanh.
5. The photo lab processed 5248 prints including approximately 1069 to accompany stories for releases.
6. Training was conducted in accordance with MWHG-1 directives, with the exception of internal MOS training which was intensified.
7. The Public Affairs Office forwarded 1152 Fleet Home Town News stories during the month of March 1971.

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


R. R. FRAIZER
WO-1 USMC

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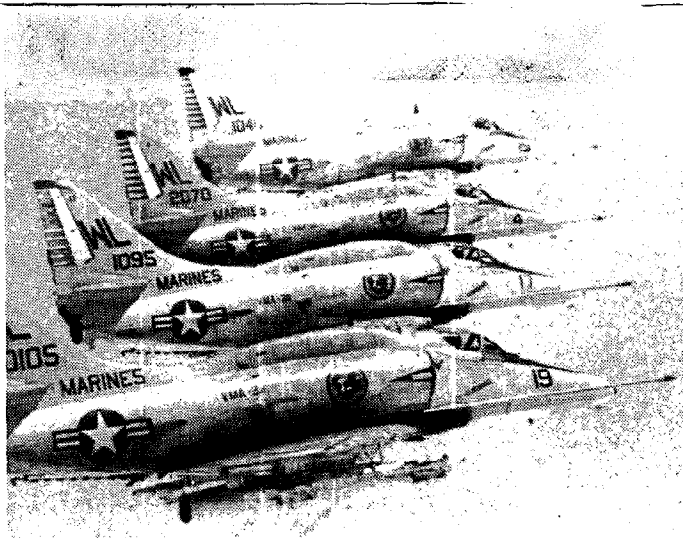
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FRAIZER, R. R.	WO-1	0110833/4302	Jun71	PAO
WITCONIS, L. E.	MGySgt	1390535/4391	Nov71	PA Chief
MCALLISTER, J. F.	GySgt	489619/4391	Aug71	Press Chief
STOUT, R. L.	Sgt	2012331/0141	Jun71	Admin Chief
PITTMAN, R. R.	SSgt	1533021/4312	Jan72	PubAffMan
GRANT, J. L.	SSgt	1606417/4312	Jan72	PubAffMan
OWENS, W. J.	Sgt	2443769/4313	Apr71	PubAffMan
SALTER, C. L.	Sgt	2429208/4312	Nov71	PubAffMan
ALBERS, T. G.	Sgt	2514802/4312	Nov71	PubAffMan
CAMPBELL, J. J.	Sgt	2463395/4312	Jan72	PubAffMan
ORTIZ, S. N.	Cpl	2581561/4312	Apr71	PubAffMan
WOLFE, C. T.	Cpl	2601597/4312	Oct71	PubAffMan

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ARMSTRONG, C. H.	Capt	083939/4602	Apr71	Photo Officer
SLIFER, L. M.	SSgt	1910506/4631	May71	Photo Chief
BLAKE, D. A.	Sgt	2449154/4631	Oct71	Photographer
KANKE, D.	Sgt	2458181/4631	Jan72	Photographer
LANHAM, J. H.	Cpl	2405265/6271	Jul71	Photographer
WRIGHT, J. A.	Cpl	2410017/6271	Jul71	Photographer
MONROE, M. E.	PFC	2664281/4631	Oct71	Photographer

ENCLOSURE (3)

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100th MISSION—Col. A. C. Pommerenk, MAG-11 CO flying aircraft #15, heads for home after completing his 100th combat mission. Three other A-4E Skyhawks from VMA-311 piloted by LtCol. Richard T. Lee (#4), Lt Col. Jerry T. Hagen (#17) and 1stLt. Bruce Smith (#19) accompanied Col. Pommerenk on the mission. (USMC Photo by Cpl. Sergio Ortiz)

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VMA-311 Scores RVN First

By Sgt. John Campbell

DA NANG — VMA 311 pilots have flown 46,000 combat sorties in the Republic of Vietnam, more than any other Marine fixed-wing squadron has flown here.

Piloting the two A-4 "Skyhawks" on the 46,000th mission, flown March 7, were LtCol. Richard Lee, MAG 11 S-3 Officer, and Lt. Brian Howe.

Maj. Gen. Alan J. Armstrong, CG of 1st MAF, and Col. A. C. Pommerenk, MAG 11 CO, were on hand when the aircraft touched down to celebrate the occasion.

VMA-311's mission is to attack and destroy enemy ground targets. They also support allied ground units in MR1.

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HMH-463**Command
Changes**

DA NANG — LtCol. Thomas S. Reap took command of HMH-463 March 4 during ceremonies at the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

He relieved LtCol. Robert R. Leisy, who has been reassigned to the staff of MAG-16.

Prior to assuming his present duties, LtCol. Reap served as MAG-16 S-1 officer.

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BENEFICIAL SUGGESTION—Cpl. L. E. Stokes, Maint. Section, VMO-2, MAG-11, 1st MAW, receives a \$50 award from MajGen. Alan J. Armstrong, 1st MAW CG, for his suggestion of modifying hydraulic power unit fasteners on OV-10 "Broncos" which could save each OV-10 squadron \$2,100 per year on material and manpower. (USMC Photo)

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FIELD WORK—Red Cross workers Terry Harmon (R) and Fran Welguisz return to their helicopter after visiting Marines atop Hill 119, 20 miles south of Da Nang. The "Doughnut Dollies" visit American servicemen in the field as part of the recreation program sponsored by the Red Cross. The CH-46 helicopter is from HMM-364, MAG-16. (USMC Photo by Sgt. D. A. Blake)

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Pilots Return To Khe Sanh

(Editor's Note: This is the last story by Sgt. Sloat, who was killed in a helicopter crash near Phu Bai while covering the northern operations in late February.)

By Sgt. Gregg Sloat

KHE SANH — The Marines have returned to Khe Sanh.

U.S. Marine helicopters are supporting U.S. Army and 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 MR-1. On Feb. 8, these aircraft began an additional mission, providing logistical support for 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



AIR SUPPORT—A Marine CH-53 "Sea Stallion" helicopter hovers over the pick-up zone prior to heli-lifting a load of ammunition to ARVN forces engaged in Operation Lam Son 719 inside Laos. (USMC Photo by Sgt. Gregg Sloat)

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 NVA forces reportedly operating in the area.

The Marine CH53s immediate-

ly 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 AH1 "Cobra" gunships from a Marine light helicopter squadron.

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Battle-Weary Vet Decorated

By Cpl. Sergio Ortiz

DA NANG — "Two-four-seven" they call it. It's a war hero, a combat-wise and battered veteran. It seemed to be grinning as it received its third decoration.

As a matter of fact, "Two-four-seven" seems to be grinning all the time, but that is part of its natural appearance. The grin fails to hide the hideous scars, grim souvenirs of its last battle wounds.

"Two-four-seven" is the saltiest member of our group," said Maj. Paul G. Judkins. "It

was first wounded during the battle of Dong Ha, near the DMZ in 1967."

According to the major, "Two-four-seven" did not receive a Purple Heart when a mortar landed under its nose and inflicted deep wounds.

"Two days after it was wounded, it left Dong Ha under its own power. There were some people who thought it would surely die," continued Maj. Judkins, patting "Two-four-seven" on the side.

"Two-four-seven" survived and lived to see the 1968 Tet Offensive where it was wounded again in Phu Bai.

Luck was not with it, though. "Two-four-seven" was ignored, patched up and sent back to Khe Sanh without recognition or decorations.

Two weeks ago it was sitting placidly — all 80,000 pounds of it — on the Da Nang Air Base flight-line when an enemy rocket ignited a nearby fuel dump and severely scarred its face with burns. "That was the limit," said Maj. Judkins, OIC of Sub-Unit 1, VMGR-152, who speaks of his aircraft as if they were living persons. "We had to give it some well-deserved medals."

"Two-four-seven" is the recipient of a Purple Heart with two

stars that prove all the action it has seen in Vietnam.

"We saw this KC-130 aircraft's record and the poor beast had literally been through hell," continued the major. "I was approached by SSgt. Norman J. Keefer who suggested we award the aircraft three Purple Hearts."

SSgt. Keefer is a Maintenance Chief for VMGR-152. He painted the proper ribbon on the KC-130's fuselage and the entire squadron attended the ceremony where Maj. Judkins painted the two stars.

"Two-four-seven" is currently undergoing "surgery" at MCAS Futema in Okinawa.

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Laos Air Action

Skyhawks Blast Red Tanks

By Cpl. Tom Wolfe

DA NANG—Three Russian-built light amphibious assault tanks being utilized by North Vietnamese troops in Laos were destroyed during air strikes by jet pilots from a Marine Attack Squadron.

The flight of A-4 "Skyhawk" jets, led by Col. A. C. Pommerenk, CO of the squadron's parent MAG, were on a scheduled bombing mission when they were diverted to aid besieged ARVN defenders of FSB 31, eight miles inside Laos.

Arriving at the scene of the intense ground battle, the pilots found the North Vietnamese

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Red Tanks Destroyed

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had one tank in position on a hill top, firing point blank into the ARVN position. Behind the hill, coming up the road, were four more assault tanks.

"The South Vietnamese were able to silence the one tank on the hill with their own artillery fire," related LtCol. Jerry T. Hagen, CO of the squadron and one of the pilots on the mission.

"The other four tanks started back down the hill, two turned left and two turned right," LtCol. Hagen continued. "Col. Pommerenk dropped bombs just short of the two tanks going south and cratered the road,

stopping their retreat. The second tank pulled up beside the lead tank and stopped."

With both tanks sitting side by side on the road, LtCol. Hagen made a bombing run which destroyed both tanks.

"They knew I was coming," stated LtCol. Hagen. "They raised their cannons and fired at my aircraft."

The two remaining tanks turned north, one off the open road and moved into a wooded area. The tank remaining on the road was destroyed on a bomb run by LtCol. Hagen. The last enemy tank escaped detection by remaining under cover in the wooded area.

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Helicopters Rely On 'Ground' Pilot

By Cpl. Sergio Ortiz

KHE SANH — Maj. Rocco Valluzzi 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 Lam Son 719.

The most important part of his job is to establish a web of supply for ARVN units in their thrust against communist sanctuaries in Laos.

For his job, Maj. 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 on the first day of the operation," says Maj. Valluzzi during one of his few free moments, "I had to bulldoze about three acres of elephant grass in order to establish a clearing where the choppers could land."

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

According to Maj. 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 Maj. 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 BGen. O. E. Smith, Ass't CG of the 101st Airborne Div. (Airmobile) commented, "They have provided priceless help in the most vital moments."

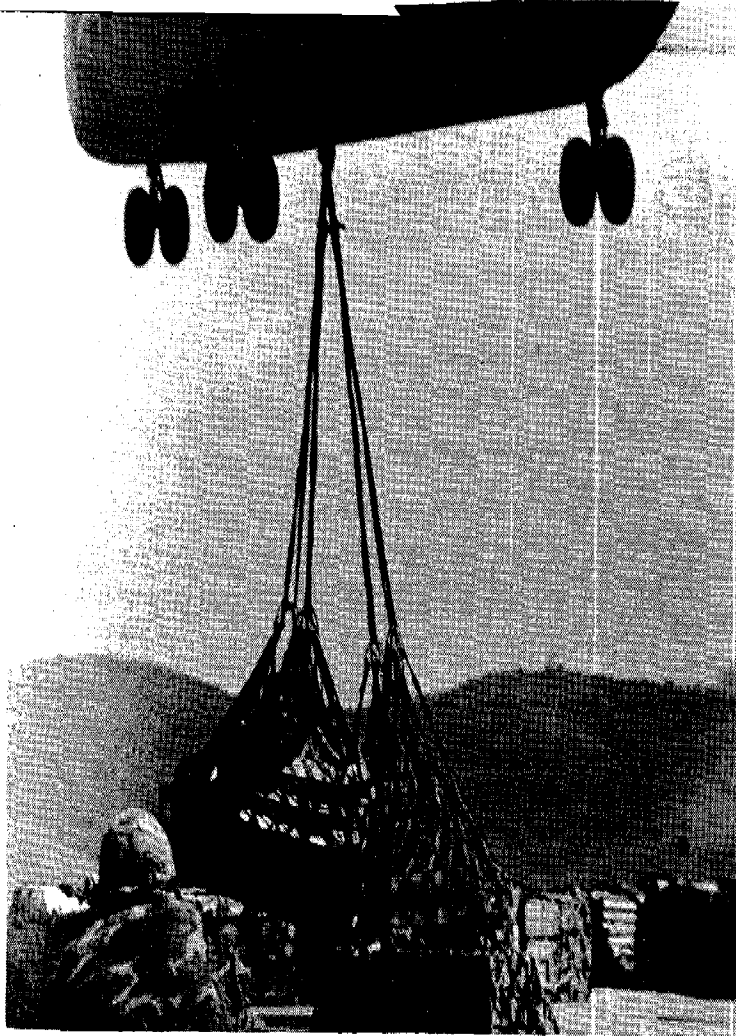
During their runs across the border, the CH-53's are protected by AH-1 Cobra gunships from a Marine light helicopter squadron.

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."



Maj. Valluzzi at Khe Sanh



RESUPPLY CHOPPER—Maj. Rocco Valluzzi, a pilot from a Marine heavy helicopter squadron, uses a radio to guide a CH-53 helicopter onto nets carrying supplies to ARVN troops participating in Operation Lam Son 719 against communist sanctuaries in Laos. (USMC Photo by Cpl. John Wright)

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Full Time Doctor Part Time Piper

By Sgt. Tom Albers

DA NANG — Occasionally the eerie, melodious sound of a music almost forgotten can be heard from the 1st MAW medical department.

Despite his heavy schedule as Wing Surgeon, Capt. Donald W. Robinson finds time to practice on his unique wind instrument, the bagpipes.

Capt. Robinson, of half Scottish descent, was exposed to bagpipe music at an early age and developed an appreciation for it.

"I was always interested in bagpipe music and about two years ago a friend persuaded me to buy a practice chanter and give it a try," explained Capt. Robinson.

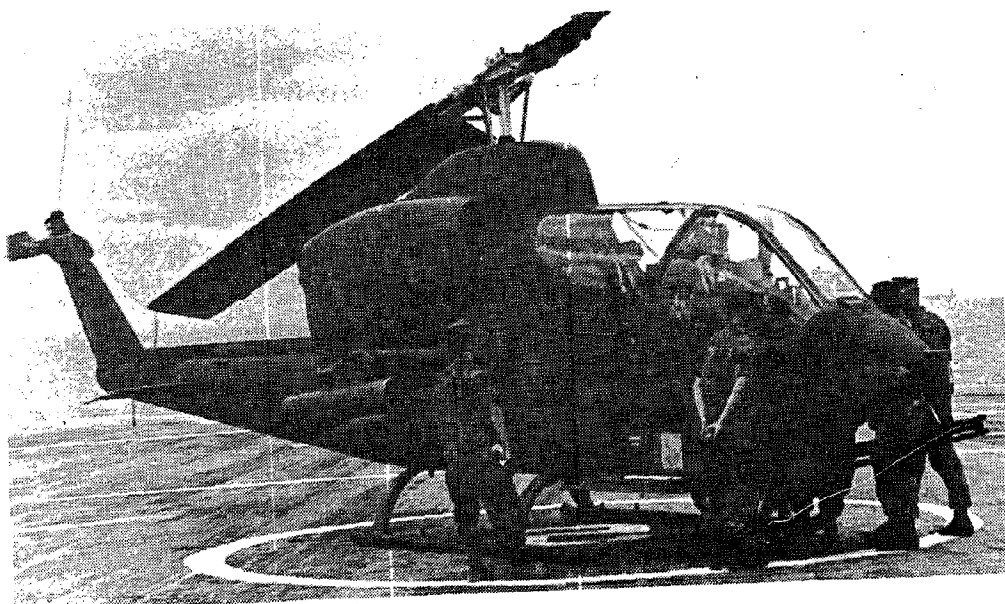
"This past December, while in Australia, I found a shop that sold bagpipes and bought a complete set" he continued.

Learning to play the pipes wasn't all that difficult for Capt. Robinson although he warns others that "breath control, coordination and the physically exhausting process of keeping the air bag full does take some practice to master."

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HML-367 Receives 4 New 'Deadlier' Cobras

By Cpl. Sergio Ortiz

DA NANG — HML-367, has acquired four of the deadliest Cobras in existence.

These Cobras are the new AH-1J attack helicopters (shown above) assigned to the 1st MAW squadron for combat evaluation. They are much deadlier than their predecessor, the AH-1G.

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

"We are the first Marine squadron to receive the new Cobra in a combat zone," commented Maj. Con Sillard, HML's XO, "and it's 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."

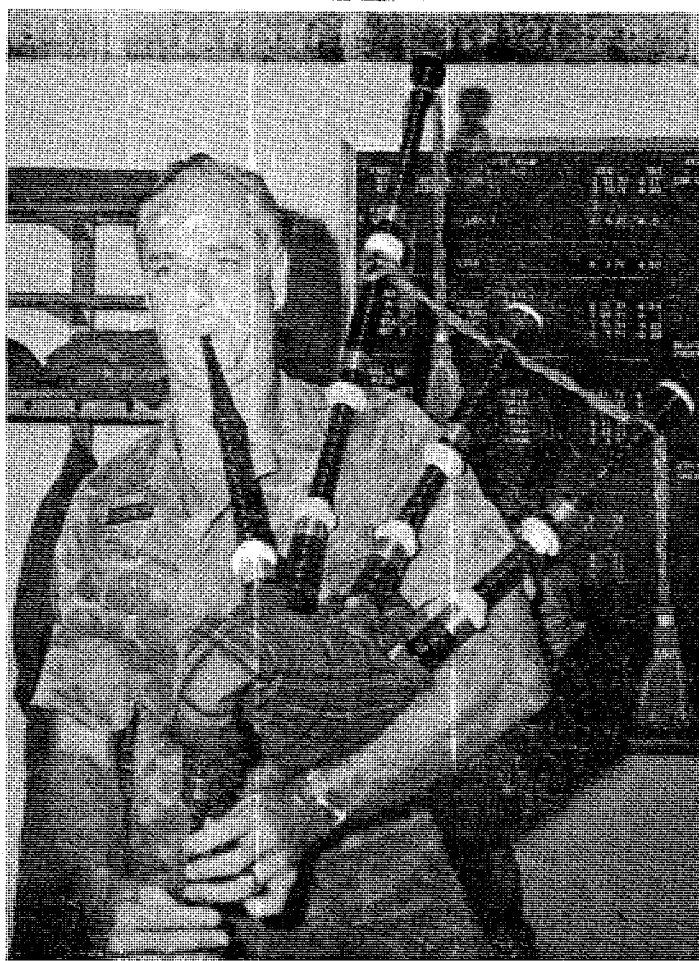
The aircraft is equipped with new rocket launchers which will

enable its gunner to fire any rocket in the pod in any order he wishes. It is also 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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Medicinal Music

BAGPIPE MUSIC usually fills the air whenever Navy Capt. Donald W. Robinson, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing senior medical officer, has free time from his duties. Robinson, of Scottish descent, was exposed to bagpipes at an early age.

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Viet Marines Renovate Club

DA NANG, Vietnam — Enlisted men of Marine Air Control Group 18 have a renovated EM club, thanks to the unit's cumshaw talents and six weeks of hard work by volunteers.

The project has given the club new wiring, a new paint job indoors and out, a new entrance, screened and roofed cooking area and new plumbing.

GySgt. Jerry Miller, who took over as club manager January 4, his assistant, SSgt. Robert Older, and 30 Marines visited Marine, Army and Air Force supply units over a wide area to secure the materials needed. They managed to obtain 40 gallons of paint, several cases of acoustical tile, plywood, truck radiator hoses for plumbing, screens, tin and electrical wire.

Two men, Cpl. John Henry and PFC James Piperata received meritorious masts for their work on the club.

Music, a steak fry and free refreshments featured the reopening of the renovated facility.

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MAR. 24, 1971

TWO NAVY CORPSMEN AID VIETNAMESE GIRL'S SCHOOLING

No. 621 (3/19/71)

DANANG, RVN (NAVNEWS)...Nguyen Thi Phuoc, called Ann by her American friends here, is a 12-year-old with ambition. She wants to become a nurse.

Trying to make her dream possible are two Navy corpsmen serving with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW).

Sponsoring her education in a Catholic school near the Wing Headquarters are Hospital Corpsmen First Class (HML) Terrence L. Pangburn of Savannah Beach, Ga., and Albert Kerr of Tucson, Ariz.

In addition to providing tuition expense, the Navymen pay for her school uniforms and have had other clothes made for her.

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

Ann pays weekly visits to the MWHG-1 Dispensary to visit her American friends and to help by writing instructions on medicines issued to Vietnamese civilians coming to the medical facility for treatment. She also aids in packaging various medications prescribed for civilian patients.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
FPO San Francisco, 96602

2 March 1971

400 Combat Sorties
Release No: 133-71
By: Cpl. Tom Wolfe

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam -- Lieutenant Colonel Jerry T. Hagen (Norma, N.D.), Commanding Officer of Marine Attack Squadron (VMA)-311, completed his 400th combat sortie in the A-4E "Skyhawk" jet in the Republic of Vietnam February 21.

LtCol. Hagen has been the squadron commander since October 1970. His 400 combat sorties include missions flown during his first tour in Vietnam during 1965-66 with Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)-12 and later with MAG-13, both at the Chu Lai Air Base.

VMA-311 is part of MAG-11, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

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2 March 1971

Pilot Rescue
Release No: 134-71
By: Cpl. Tom Wolfe

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DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Jet pilots from a Marine Attack Squadron, dropping smoke bombs from their A-4 "Skyhawk's", aided in the rescue of two U. S. Air Force fighter pilots who were surrounded by enemy troops.

Major R. L. Wood (Asheville, N. C.) and Captain George E. Fromm (Wyckoff, N. J.) were given the order to scramble when it was learned that the two pilots, down near Fire Support Base 31, eight miles inside the Laotian border, needed a smoke screen to allow rescue helicopters to extract them from the enemy infested area.

"We made contact with a Forward Air Controller who showed us where he wanted the smoke laid," related Major Wood. "My wingman, Captain Fromm, and I joined up tightly and started a high speed descent."

"We made our run right down above the tree level," the major continued, "and put our smoke about 500 to 700 feet from the downed pilots."

Using the smoke screen cover created by the Skyhawks, helicopters were able to successfully evacuate the downed flyers despite the heavy concentration of enemy troops in the area.

"It was the first time we had used our smoke bombs," stated Major Wood. "We had been called many times but this was the first time we were able to utilize them."

Earlier in the day, other "Skyhawk" pilots made bombing runs to suppress the enemy fire which was being directed towards the downed pilots and rescue aircraft.

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2 March 1971

Navy Achievement Medal
 Release No: 135-71
 Spt Cpl. Van Wolfe

FOR RELEASE/REUSE

SAFARI, Republic of Vietnam -- Gunnery Sergeant John H. Dieter, Jr., (Baltimore, Md.) was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his work with the Russian Mission at Bethesda Naval Hospital during ceremonies held at 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW) headquarters.

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

A citation accompanying the medal praised Cpl. Dieter for his service as Administrative Chief of the Hospital's Russian Mission Section from October 25, 1967 to June 30, 1970.

The citation also commended him for displaying exceptional skill and resourcefulness, maintaining his section at maximum operational efficiency, and establishing sound policies and procedures which resulted in the orderly handling of an average of 11 medical cases a day over a three year period.

According to the citation, he also initiated a successful training program which enabled his men to obtain an outstanding level of efficiency.

Cpl. Dieter is now serving with the 1st MAW Staff Secretary Section.

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3 March 1971

Heart Operations
Release No: 136-71
By: Sgt. John Campbell

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam -- Two 1st Marine Aircraft Wing chaplains have given two Vietnamese children the hope for a longer life.

With the help of Navy Captain John H. Carnes (Athens, Ga.), Marine Wing Headquarters Group-1 Chaplain, and Navy Lieutenant Commander Lynn Cooper (Oak Harbor, Wash.), Marine Aircraft Group-11 Chaplain, the children, a boy and girl, both 12, destined to die of congenital heart defects if not corrected, are on their way to the United States for heart surgery.

The project began New Year's Day when Reverend Gordon H. Smith, Director of United Welfare and Relief in Danang, told Chaplain Carnes he needed \$550 to pay for a Vietnamese speaking nurse to accompany the children to the U.S. Transportation and medical fees had already been arranged.

Donating money they raised from collections during church services and amnesty boxes, the chaplains made the trip possible.

The children and nurse are scheduled to leave early in March for the Metropolitan Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minn.

Dr. Smith, who has served in Vietnam for 41 years and now runs the China Beach Orphanage, started this medical aid program three years ago.

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3 March 1971

Tank Busters
Release No: 137-71
By: Cpl. Tom Wolfe

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Three Russian built PT76 light amphibious assault tanks being utilized by North Vietnamese troops in Laos were destroyed during air strikes by jet pilots from a Marine Attack Squadron.

The flight of A-4 "Skyhawk" jets, led by Colonel A. C. Pommerenk (Dana Point, Calif.), Commanding Officer of the squadron's parent Marine Aircraft Group, were on a scheduled bombing mission when they were diverted to aid besieged Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) defenders on Fire Support Base 31, eight miles inside the Laotian border.

Arriving at the scene of the intense ground battle, the pilots found the North Vietnamese had one tank in position on a hill top, firing point blank into the ARVN position. Behind the hill, coming up the road, were four more assault tanks.

"The South Vietnamese were able to silence the one tank on the hill with their own artillery fire," related Lieutenant Colonel Jerry T. Hagen (Norma, N. D.), Commanding Officer of the squadron and one of the pilots on the mission.

"The other four tanks started back down the hill, two turned left and two turned right," LtCol. Hagen continued. "Colonel Pommerenk dropped bombs just short of the two tanks going south and cratered the road, stopping their advance. The second tank pulled up beside the lead tank and stopped."

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Tank Busters
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With both tanks sitting side by side on the road, LtCol. Hagen made a bombing run which destroyed both tanks.

"They knew I was coming," stated LtCol. Hagen. "They raised their cannons and fired at my aircraft."

The two remaining tanks turned north, one turned off the open road and moved into a wooded area. The tank remaining on the road was destroyed by a bomb run by LtCol. Hagen. The last enemy tank escaped detection by remaining under cover in the wooded area.

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3 March 1971

Suggestion Award
Release No: 139-71
By: Sgt. John Campbell

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BENEFICIAL SUGGESTION -- Corporal L. E. Stokes (Beaufort, S.C.) of Marine Observation Squadron-2 Maintenance Section, Marine Aircraft Group-11, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW), receives a \$50 cash award from Major General Alan J. Armstrong, 1st MAW Commanding General, for his beneficial suggestion of modifying the hydraulic power unit fasteners on the OV-10 "Bronco" which could save each OV-10 squadron \$2,100 a year on material and manpower. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo)

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4 March 1971

Crew Rescue
Release No: 141-71
By: Sgt. Tom Albers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam----The crew of a Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron again proved the adage "Marines take care of their own" when they braved enemy fire to rescue crewmen of another downed Marine transport chopper.

The drama began when Major Michael J. Wasko, Jr., (Coatesville, Pa.), flight leader of the mission, began lifting artillery pieces from an Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) fire support base eight miles inside the Laotian border to another ARVN base desperately in need of them.

The support base was under constant mortar and small arms fire and on several different occasions the squadron's choppers had been driven out of the area despite close air support by Marine and U. S. Army gunships. The job, however, was being done.

As Major Wasko hovered his helicopter over the area, seven to 10 enemy mortar rounds exploded nearby, crippling the aircraft.

Captain Robert F. Wemheuer (Pensacola, Fla.) and First Lieutenant Dan Silver (Cameron, Mo.), pilot and co-pilot of an accompanying Marine transport helicopter, saw the major's bird go down and immediately moved in with an extract ladder to pick up the crew.

"Three crewmembers got on the ladder but the pilot and co-pilot weren't in sight," Captain Wemheuer said. "I had three men on the ladder and the enemy was firing at them so I elected to get out with them and come back later".

Before the captain had a chance to return a U. S. Army UH-1 "Huey" helicopter picked up Major Wasko who remained behind to assist his injured co-pilot.

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8 March 1971

RECRUITMENT

Release No: 146-71

By: Sgt. Lee Galtor

FOR RELEASE TO PRESS

DAKIN, Republic of Vietnam---Corporal Michael B. Blood (Rockford, Ill.), Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167, Marine Aircraft Group 16, reenlisted for six years, March 5.

Cpl. Blood received nearly \$10,000 reenlistment bonus and his choice of next duty station. He is also slated for promotion to sergeant in April.

Major S. L. Weinert, Squadron Executive Officer, administered the oath of enlistment.

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6 March 1971

Meritorious Promotion
Release No: 147-71
By: Sgt. Lee Salter

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DA NANG, Republic of Vietnam--Corporal Donald J. Almond (Spokane, Wash.), Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron (H&M) 16, Marine Aircraft Group 16 was presented a meritorious combat promotion to his present rank February 26.

Corporal Almond, currently assigned to the Squadron Adjutant section, was cited for outstanding devotion to duty, and military bearing.

Major H. R. Bowen, acting squadron commander, made the presentation.

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8 March 1971

Change of Command
Release No: 148-71
By: Sgt. Lee Salter

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Major Con D. Silard, Jr. assumed command of Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron (H&MS) 16, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, from Lieutenant Colonel C. H. Pitman in ceremonies held February 26.

Major Silard, a 16-year veteran of Marine Corps aviation, joined the squadron after serving as Executive Officer of Marine Light Helicopter Squadron (HML) 367, MAG-16.

LtCol. Pitman served as Commanding Officer of H&MS-16 since November, 1970. He has served in such billets as Air Weapons Systems Analysis Staff, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D. C., and has attended the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va.

Colonel Lewis C. Street, III, MAG-16 Commanding Officer, presided over the ceremonies.

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Air Medal with Bronze Star
Release No: 149-71
By: Sgt. Lee Salter

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Staff Sergeant Donald J. Ramsey (Portland, Ore.), Marine Light Helicopter Squadron (HML) 167, Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 16, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, received an Air Medal with Bronze Star February 27, for heroic achievements on the morning of July 9, 1970, in the Republic of Vietnam.

SSgt. Ramsey, then serving as an aerial gunner with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 167, MAG-16, was participating in an emergency extraction of a Marine reconnaissance team heavily engaged with an enemy force in the Que Son Mountains, southwest of An Hoa.

Upon arrival at the area, he was informed that the team was on top of a mountain cluttered with large boulders, and that the enemy had moved to a position within one hundred meters of the team's position.

According to the citation accompanying the medal, SSgt. Ramsey, "undaunted by the intensity of hostile fire directed at his aircraft, skillfully coordinated the firing of his weapon with the strafing runs of supporting UH-1 Cobra gunships and delivered such a steady stream of accurate and effective machine gun fire that the enemy was suppressed sufficiently to enable his transport helicopter to hover while the reconnaissance team and one detainee attached themselves to the extraction ladder."

The citation also noted his "courage, superior professionalism, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger."

Lieutenant Colonel R. J. Blanc, HML-167 Commanding Officer, made the presentation.

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9 March 1971

Change of Command
Release No: 151-71
By: Cpl. Tom Wolfe

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Lieutenant Colonel Gordon H. Buckner, II, (Tustin, Calif.) became the new Commanding Officer of Marine Wing Headquarters Group (MWHG)-1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing during formal change of command ceremonies March 6.

Colonel Buckner replaced Lieutenant Colonel William R. Smith (Leguna Hills, Calif.) who has commanded MWHG-1 since May 1970. Colonel Smith's new assignment will take him to Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, Calif. where he will be assigned to the College Degree Program.

Colonel Buckner, a native of St. Clair, Michigan, was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1954. In 1965 he served as executive officer and later as commanding officer of Marine Air Base Squadron 36 in the Republic of Vietnam. Upon his return to the United States he served as commanding officer of Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 56.

Colonel Buckner returned to the Republic of Vietnam in August 1970 and since that time has served as executive officer of MWHG-1.

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9 March 1971

VMA-311 46,000 Mission
Release No: 152-71
By: Sgt. John Campbell

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Marine Attack Squadron (VMA) 311 pilots have flown 46,000 combat sorties in the Republic of Vietnam, more missions than any other Marine fixed-wing squadron has flown here.

Piloting the two A-4 "Skyhawks" jet aircraft on the 46,000th mission, flown March 7, were Lieutenant Colonel Richard Lee (Quantico, Va.), Marine Aircraft Group 11 S-3 Officer, and Lieutenant Brian Howe (Milton, Mass.).

Major General Alan J. Armstrong, Commanding General of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and Colonel A. C. Pommerenck, Marine Aircraft Group 11 commanding officer, were on hand when the aircraft touched down to celebrate the occasion.

VMA-311's mission is to attack and destroy enemy ground targets. They also support allied ground units in Military Region I, the northernmost tactical zone in Vietnam.

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Chutists
Release No: 153-71
By: GySgt. J. F. McAllister

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHUTE THE CHUTES---Two members of the 1st Marine Division's 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, are shown drifting towards Red Beach, near Danang, after being dropped from a CH-46 "Sea Knight" from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 362. The recon Marines were qualifying for Parachutists Wings. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by SSgt. L. M. Slifer)

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Gunners School
Release No: 154-71
By: SSgt. John L. Grant

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam—Marine helicopter gunners are made, not born.

In Vietnam, they are made in an aerial gunners school conducted by the Marine Aircraft Group-16 Naval Air Training and Operations Procedures Standardizations (NATOPS) section.

The two day school is held at Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 263 under the direction of Gunnery Sergeant James W. Burnworth (Joliet, Ill.) the group NATOPS NCO and his assistant, Sergeant Clifton R. Morse (Eakaly, Okla.).

The first day, students are thoroughly acquainted with the CH-46 "Sea Knight" helicopter, gunners responsibilities, and pre-flighting of the aircraft. As they will be serving as gunners, great stress is placed on the care and cleaning of the aircraft's .50 Caliber machine guns. In-flight procedures, types of missions and duties of each one, and use of the intercommunication system is covered, as well as the elements of fire control, the use of air crew equipment, emergency procedures and first aid.

The second day they are taken up in the helicopter for practice firing of the weapon.

Within two days, thanks to the NATOPS school, they have the basic knowledge to assist the crew and protect them if necessary.

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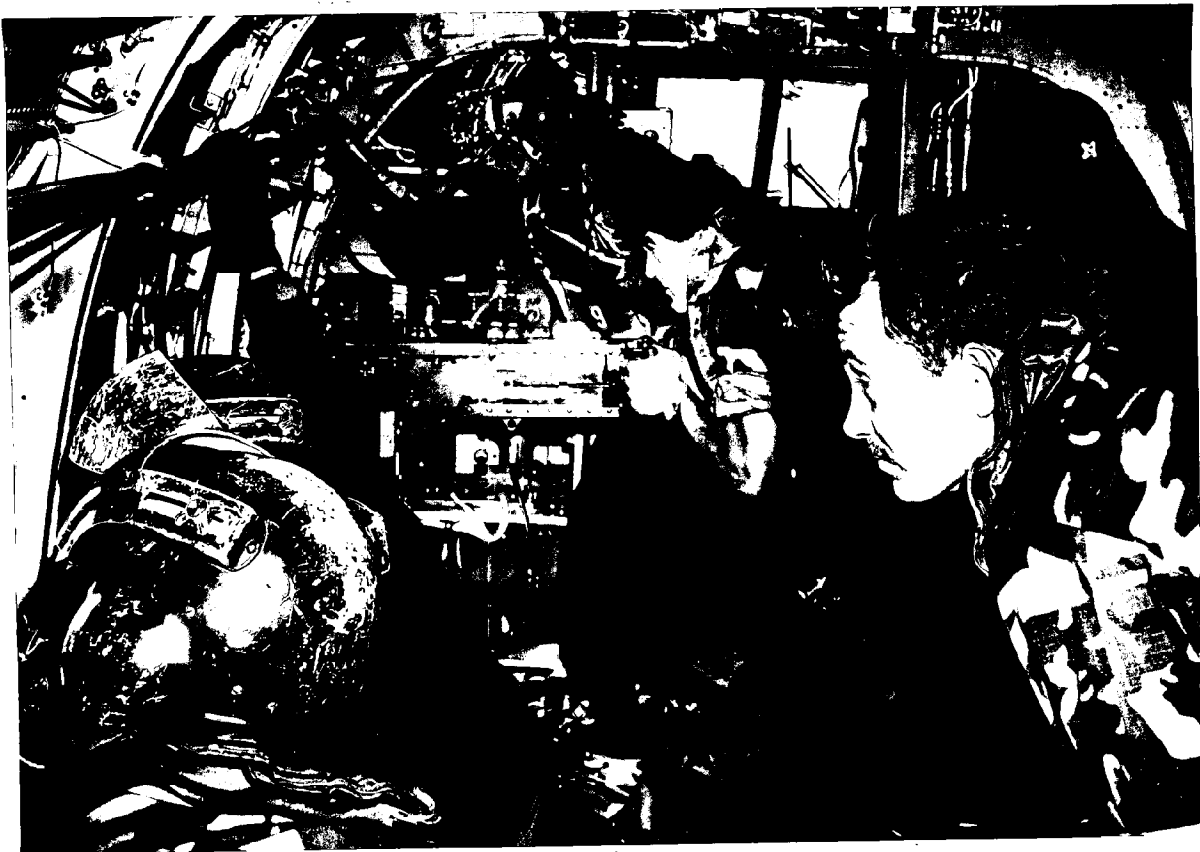
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FIRE---Gunnery Sergeant James W. Burnworth (Joliet, Ill.), (standing center background), Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Aerial Gunners School, carefully watches as Cpl. Anthony C. Lasater (Muskogee, Okla.), Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron (H&MS)-16, fires a .50 caliber machine gun during practical application phase of the course. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photograph by Cpl. James R. Jones)

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Singing Major
Release No: 155-71
By: Sgt. John Campbell

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---"I want to sing to the whole world," exclaims Major Dave Caylor (San Diego, Calif.), Executive Officer of Marine Observation Squadron (VMO) 2, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

And he's almost done just that.

Known as the "Singing Major", he has traveled around the world, including such places as Puerto Rico, Greece, Italy, Korea, Hong Kong and has sung everything from rock to Beethoven.

What started out as a hobby singing with a church choir as a young boy, has mushroomed into world-wide tours and concerts.

Upon graduating Cum Laude with a BA degree in Music Education from Eastern Kentucky State College, Major Caylor joined the Naval Aviation Cadet Corps, where he started on the road to travel and musical success.

He was commissioned in 1955 and later completed flight training being designated a Naval aviator.

During his first tour in Vietnam, from 1966-67, Major Caylor piloted the A-4 "Skyhawk" jet aircraft on 170 combat missions from the Chu Lai Air Base. He also found time to perform with the 1st MarDiv and 1st MAF Band on that tour.

The major has flown 21 missions in the OV-10 "Bronco" since arriving at VMO-2 in February, after serving eight months on Okinawa.

Furthering his music training while stationed in Southern California, the major studied voice eight years in La Jolla under Mr. Frederick W. Buck, a voice therapist.

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Singing Major
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Gifted with a tenor voice that ranges three octaves and having the ability to sing in several languages, including German, Italian, French and Japanese, the Indiana-born artist finds no limits to his opportunities.

So far, as a soloist, he has made numerous radio and television appearances, sung in musical plays, operas, symphony orchestra concerts, jazz combos and has even played string bass and sung with a calypso band in Panama.

He has performed in off-Broadway musical shows and given a Christmas concert on a community concert tour with the Savannah Symphony Orchestra.

Venturing into the record industry, he cut a master recording tape, titled "Little Green Men", a song about the Marine air-ground team.

During an audition with the New York Metropolitan Opera, the major was offered to return and audition in their annual competition. However, he prefers to wait, "Because," he says, "working with the New York Metropolitan Opera requires singing in several languages. Although I can do it, I'll wait until I can "think" in those languages."

After retiring from the Marine Corps, the major plans to further his music career.

When asked which type music he prefers to sing, the singing major replied, "I don't care, I just love to sing."

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11 March 1971

463 Change of Command
Release No: 158-71
By: Sgt. Tom Albers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Lieutenant Colonel Thomas S. Reap (Orange, Calif.) took command of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMH)-463 March 4 during ceremonies at the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

He relieved LtCol. Robert R. Leisy (Falls Church, Va.) who has been reassigned to the staff of Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)16.

Prior to assuming his present duties, LtCol. Reap served as the MAG-16 S-1 Officer.

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Navy Commendation Medal
Reference No: 159-71
Egt. Egt. John Campbell

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SAIGON, Republic of Vietnam—Commissioned warrant officer (CWO)-2
Thomas McIntyre (Clarksville, N.Y.), Marine Wing Headquarters Group (MWHG)
1 Adjutant, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was awarded the Navy Commendation
Medal.

CWO McIntyre was lauded for outstanding service as officer-in-charge of
 the secret and confidential (SSC) files of the 5th Marine Division at Camp
 Pendleton, Calif., from January 1969 to October 1970.

During the deactivation of the 5th MarDiv and activation of the 5th
 Marine Amphibious Brigade, he helped audit subordinate commands' SSC files,
 including the Communication Tactical Publications Systems Accounts.

While supervising the transfer of 3,000 documents from the 5th Marine
 Expeditionary Force, he also provided technical assistance and helped with
 the accounts' final audit.

Lieutenant Colonel W. R. Smith, the former MWHG-1 commanding officer,
 presented the award.

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MAG-16's NUC
Release No: 160-71
By: Sgt. Tom Albers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)-16 received the Navy Unit Commendation award March 4 during formal ceremonies at the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

Major General Alan J. Armstrong, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, made the presentation.

The Navy Unit Commendation was awarded to MAG-16 "For exceptionally meritorious service in connection with operations against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam, from November 20, 1968 to August 13, 1969. Throughout this period, the officers and men of Marine Aircraft Group 16 responded gallantly to the almost overwhelming task of providing sustained combat air support to the Free World Military Forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone."

"Operating continuously, and participating in such operations as Meade River, Henderson Hill, Taylor Common, Pipestone Canyon, Oklahoma Hills and Durham Peak, Marine Aircraft Group 16 conducted around the clock missions in all but the most severe weather and was frequently subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire."

"The Group flew in excess of 71,000 hours and 199,000 combat sorties during this period, and transported 303,613 troops and 33,757 tons of cargo. Additionally, 22,897 casualties were evacuated by helicopter, often in the face of intense hostile opposition."

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Navy Marine Corps Medal
Release No: 163-71
By: Sgt. Lee Salter

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Gunnery Sergeant Richard R. Kinne1
(Chula Vista, Calif.), Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron (H&MS)-16,
Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)-16, was recently presented the Navy and
Marine Corps Medal for heroic actions on October 30, 1970.

GySgt. Kinne1 was serving as an aerial gunner aboard a Marine CH-46
"Sea Knight" transport helicopter, assigned the emergency evacuation
of Vietnamese civilians trapped by flood waters from the Hoi An river,
south of Danang.

Finding no suitable landing zone, the crew was required to lift the
civilians to the aircraft by means of a mechanical hoist. Five residents
were spotted clinging to the rooftop of one house and, because of trees,
the hoist was deemed too dangerous for use.

The pilot than hovered over the water while the crew tried in vain
to convince the people to swim to the craft. "Realizing that the victims
were all either too young or too old to negotiate the strong current,
GySgt. Kinne1 unhesitatingly dove into the water and, sometimes swimming
and at other times pulling himself along by trees and posts, made five
trips through the trecherous current to carry the stranded people back
to the helicopter," states the citation.

GySgt. Kinne1 was cited for his bold initiative, and selfless
determination in saving the lives of five Vietnamese.

Major Con D. Silard, squadron Commanding Officer, made the presentation.

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ALL TOGETHER NOW
Release No: 164-71
By: Cpl. Sergio Ortiz

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam--Marine Aircraft Group 11's Commanding Officer, Colonel A. C. Pommerenk (Dana Point, Calif.), flying aircraft # 15 heads for home after completing his 100th combat mission. On his wing are three other A-4E Skyhawks from Marine Attack Squadron 311 piloted by Lieutenant Colonel Richard T. Lee (Griffin, Ga.) #4; Lieutenant Colonel Jerry T. Hagen (Norma, N.D.) #17 and First Lieutenant Bruce Smith (Mahaska, Iowa) #19 who accompanied Col. Pommerenk on the mission. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. Sergio Ortiz)

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MAG-11 MEDCAP
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By: Sgt. D. A. Blake

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HELPING HAND -- Hospitalman Third Class J. H. Cochran (Akron, Ohio), a Navy corpsman attached to Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)-11, bandages the injured finger of a Vietnamese boy during the Group medical department's MEDCAP visit to the village of Liem Lac, 14 miles south of Danang. Assisting the 'Doc' is the boy's sister. The MAG-11 medics make weekly visits to various villages, treating between 80 to 100 Vietnamese civilians for minor illnesses and injuries. (Official U.S. Marine Corps Photo by Sgt. D. A. Blake)

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Hospital Beds
Release No: 170-71
By: Sgt. John J. Campbell

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam -- When nearby St. Joseph's Hospital begins operation next Fall, it's patients will rest comfortably on beds donated by the Marine Corps.

Three hundred beds, mattresses and pillows will be given to the hospital, located in East Danang, by Marine Aircraft Group (MAG)-11's Marine Corps Property Branch, starting St. Joseph's on the way to becoming a 600-bed hospital.

The project was coordinated by MAG-11 Commanding Officer, Colonel A. C. Pommerenck (Dana Point, Calif.), Navy Lieutenant Commander Gerard T. McMahon (Boston, Mass.), MAG-11 Chaplain, and First Lieutenant Joseph Backo (Honolulu, Hawaii), the Group Property Officer.

During a meeting in early January with the Most Reverend Peter M. Phan Nyoc Chi, the Catholic Bishop who heads the hospital, Chaplain McMahon asked if he could help with the new hospital. Bishop Chi told the chaplain the hospital's needs and the chaplain carried out the project from there.

Contacting Colonel Pommerenck, Chaplain McMahon found that MAG-11's property branch had nearly 300 excess beds, mattresses and pillows. Arrangements were made to deliver the beds during April.

The "Hospital Brothers of St. John of God" will staff the hospital. Their major mission will be treating persons suffering from tuberculosis, a disease which afflicts nearly 85 percent of the Vietnamese.

Chaplain McMahon has already requested some of the needed supplies from U.S. hospitals to help cure these patients and it is anticipated they will arrive before the hospital opens in six months.

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Release No: 172-71

By: Sgt. John Campbell

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DANANG, Republic of Vietnam--Two Marine Attack Squadron (VMA)-311 pilots killed 30 North Vietnamese on a recent air support mission for South Vietnamese troops conducting Operation Lam Son 719 in Laos.

Major Dennis Cavagnaro (Healdsburg, Calif.) and First Lieutenant Jerry Pulliam (Andrews, N. C.), piloting A-4 "Skyhawk" jet aircraft, also destroyed three mortars, three rocket launchers, and caused 11 ammunition explosions.

A strike request was received by a Forward Air Controller from an Army of the Republic of Vietnam commander who reported his unit was under mortar and small arms fire from a North Vietnamese position.

Although the North Vietnamese were hidden by haze and were dug into a wooded area, the pilots' strikes proved deadly.

Both pilots attacked the enemy position, making two runs to deliver their ordnance.

Ground forces swept through the enemy position the next day and confirmed 30 dead, which were accredited to the VMA-311 pilots.

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Vietnamese Dental Technicians
Release No: 173-71
By: Sgt. John Campbell

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing's (1st MAW) 11th Dental Company has found something better than novocaine to ease the pain while their working on your teeth---two attractive young Vietnamese female assistants.

Le Thi Soc and Do Thi Tung, both Dental Technicians, have been helping dentists of 11th Dental Company's 1st MAW Clinic for four years.

They began working with the Navy dentists at the 1st MAW headquarters in 1967. when Navy Lieutenant Robert L. Johnson, who was in charge of the clinic, needed more help.

At that time, Do Thi Tung was working for the 1st MAW chaplain and Le Thi Soc worked at the 1st MAW Headquarters Officers' Club.

Both were sent to the Force Logistics Command (FLC) dental section for three months for on the job training early in 1967, before starting their work with the 11th Dental Company.

While living with her family in Saigon before coming to work for the Marine Corps, Do Thi Tung studied dentistry at the Ouy Nhon Catholic School. Le Thi Soc had no prior experience before her training at FLC.

Working full-time, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. six days a week, the girls do everything at the clinic, from keeping the appointment schedule updated, to cleaning and pulling teeth of Vietnamese civilians coming to the dental facility.

Now living in the near-by village An Hoa, Do Thi Tung plans to go back to Saigon and work as a Dental Technician, while Le Thi Soc chooses to stay in her native city, East Danang, and practice dentistry.

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DAILY ROUTINE---Pulling teeth is just part of a day's work for Le Thi Soc (left) and Do Thi Tung, Vietnamese Dental Technicians for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing's 11th Dental Company. Both girls, trained at the Force Logistics Command dental section, have helped the dentists here with everything from keeping the clinic clean to cleaning and pulling teeth. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Sgt. D. A. Blake)

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DEC for Maj. Valluzzi
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By: Sgt. Tom Albers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---A Gold Star in lieu of the second Distinguished Flying Cross was presented to Major Rocco F. Valluzzi (Brooklyn, N. Y.) "For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight while serving as a pilot with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marine Aircraft Group 16, in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam."

Major Valluzzi earned the award on June 10, 1970, when he launched as aircraft commander in a flight of four heavy transport helicopters assigned to resupply an outpost at Thung Duc. The outpost, located at the junction of the Con and Vu Gia Rivers, had been under heavy pressure for several weeks by enemy troops in the surrounding hills and had been subjected to daily mortar fire which precluded the delivery of vital supplies to the outpost.

"Although he observed enemy mortar rounds impacting in the landing zone shortly after the lead aircraft lifted out of the area after having deposited its cargo, Major Valluzzi resolutely elected to continue his approach and succeeded in releasing his external load of supplies in the drop area before the enemy began delivering additional mortar fire into the zone," the citation accompanying the medal stated.

While the flight was refueling at Marble Mountain Air Facility the resupply mission to the outpost was declared an emergency mission.

The citation continued, "Quickly proceeding to the outpost Major Valluzzi, undaunted by the intensity of the hostile mortar and machine gun fire, skillfully maneuvered his transport into the dangerous area and safely delivered his external cargo load."

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DFC for Maj. Valluzzi
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"While climbing out of the zone, he alertly observed the muzzle flashes from the mortar tubes and marked the enemy position with smoke grenades for air strikes by fixed wing aircraft. On his third flight to the friendly position, he again braved the hostile fire to deliver his vital supplies and marked an enemy machine gun position for strikes by supporting aircraft," the citation concluded.

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By: GySgt. J. F. McAllister

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONGRATULATIONS---Major General Alan J. Armstrong, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, presents Major Rocco F. Valluzzi, of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-463, with a Gold Star and citation signifying the second award of the Distinguished Flying Cross during ceremonies at Marine Aircraft Group-16. Major Valluzzi received the award for "extreme heroism" as a pilot of a CH-53 transport helicopter during a resupply mission on June 10, 1970. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. James Jones, MAG-16 Photo Section)

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ASRT

Release No: 175-71

By: Cpl. Sergio Ortiz

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KHE SANH, Republic of Vietnam---The dials lit and hummed as monotonous and undecipherable communications jargon, to most persons, was being transmitted to a pilot somewhere over the Laotian border. A hum from a computer became a sharp squeal when the radar indicated the aircraft was over the bomb release point for striking the target.

"Stand by, Mark, Mark." Captain Golden C. Kirkland (Birmingham, Ala.) spoke into the mouthpiece. "Release. Thank you. You were supporting close air support missions for the Army of the Republic of Vietnam over a suspected enemy entrenchment."

With that, the Marine Officer in Charge of the Air Support Radar Team (ASRT) shut off the machine and shook his head in disbelief.

"It's really a strange feeling to realize you are bombing an enemy target many miles away without ever leaving this tiny room," he said.

Bombing targets many miles away is exactly what Capt. Kirkland and his men have been doing at a combat base near the Laotian border.

Assisted by a close knit team of radar experts from Marine Air Support Squadron (MASS) 3, a group from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW) Communications Squadron, and utilizing a platoon of Marines from Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron (H&HS)-18 for security purposes, Capt. Kirkland and his men effectively enabled tons of ordnance to be dropped daily over enemy positions since the Operation Lam Son 719 in Laos began.

The support they provide helps airmen from all services find targets when visibility or darkness prevents effective dead-reckoning bombing.

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"We work under the 101st Airborne (Airmobile) Division and therefore we operate 24 hours daily giving directions to pilots. One could easily say that we are on loan to the Army," the captain continued.

The ASRT system is a maze of intricate electronic and directional equipment that scans the skies searching for the aircraft on the bombing mission.

"Once we find the aircraft with a radar beam, we lock the directional signal on the aircraft. We feed the position to a computer which has the position of the target and then it feeds us information on how to guide the aircraft to the target," Capt. Kirkland explained.

The captain is very pleased with his operation and gives much of the credit to Commissioned Warrant Officer 3 Robert Hanevik (Elmore, Minn.) who was responsible for moving the entire equipment from Quang Tri to the forward combat base and having it ready for operation within 24 hours.

"I guess he set the record for moving the gear here in Vietnam," add Capt. Kirkland.

So effective has been the maintenance procedures set by CWO-3 Hanevik that the radar has been operational continuously, except for 10 minutes during a black out in the power system, since the operation started.

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POUNDING

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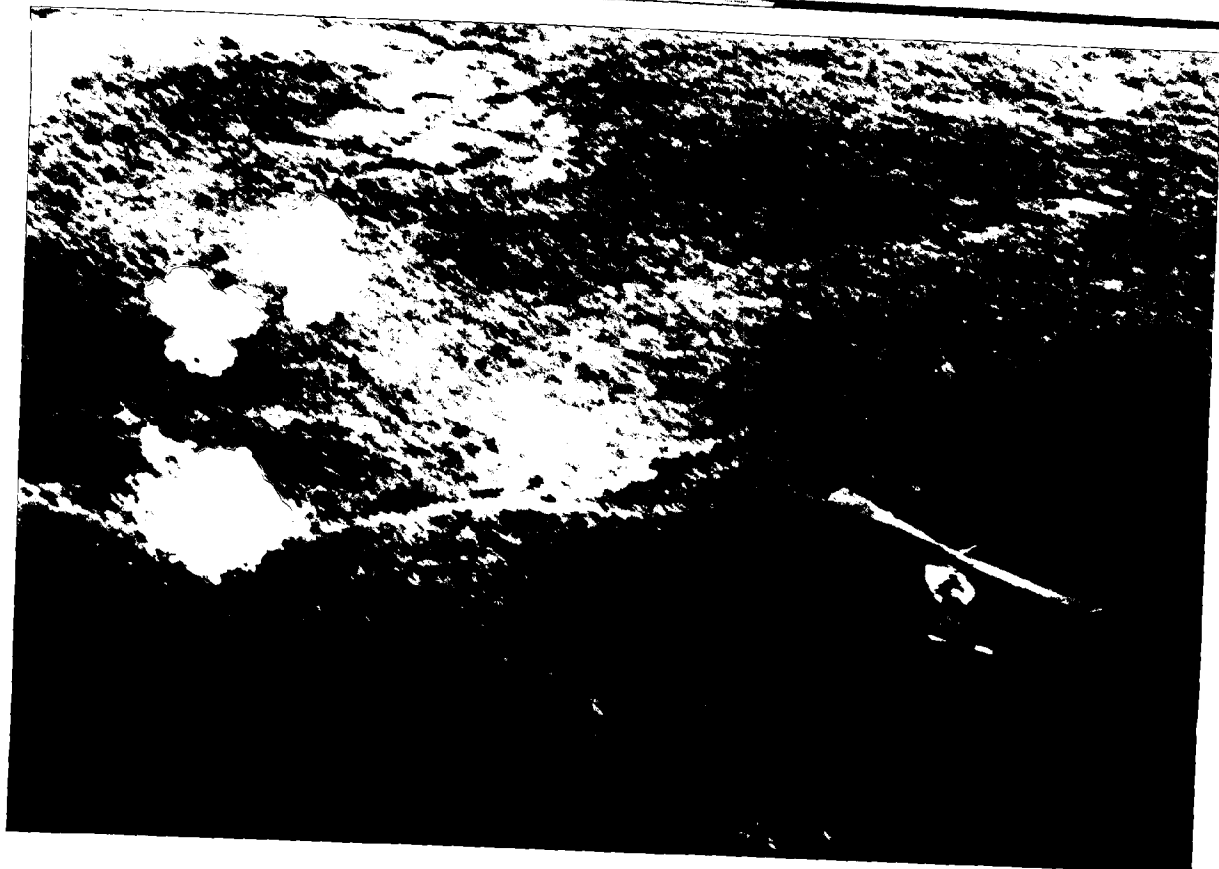
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

POUNDING---A Marine UH-1 Huey gunship from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167, pounds a suspected enemy position, 18 miles southwest of the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

(Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by GySgt. Henry A. Mahan)

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DESCRIPTION

Marine UH-1E "Pounding"

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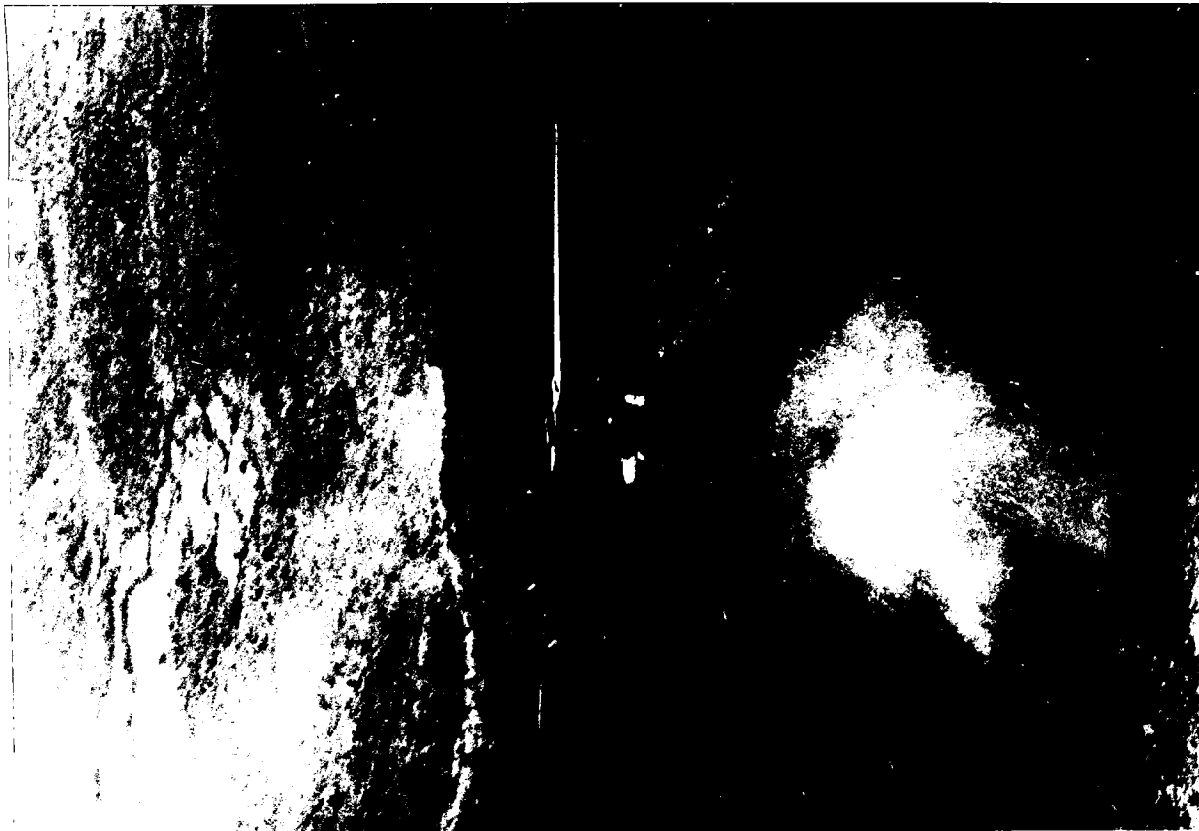
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WORK OUT
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WORK OUT---A Marine UH-1 Huey gunship "works out" against suspected enemy positions 18 miles southwest of the Marble Mountain Air Facility. The bird assigned to Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167 was participating in a search and clear mission. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by GySgt. Henry A. Mahan)

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FIRE

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"FIRE"---A rocket departs a Marine UH-1 Huey gunship, from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167, during a search and clear mission, 18 miles southwest of the Marble Mountain Air Facility. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by GySgt. Henry A. Mahan)

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BIRDS EYE VIEW
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BIRDS EYE VIEW---The view from inside a Marine UH-1 Huey Gunship from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167, as rockets from the bird hit their targets. The gunship was participating in a search and clear mission seven miles southwest of the Marble Mountain Air Facility, on the edge of the South Vinh Dien River. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by GySgt. Henry A. Mahan)

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UH-1E "Bird's eye view"

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SEARCH

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SEARCH AND CLEAR---A Marine UH-1 Huey Gunship from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 167, fires against suspected enemy positions during search and clear missions southwest of the Marble Mountain Air Facility. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo by GySgt. Henry A. Mahan)

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Navy Commendation Medal
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DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Marine Sergeant Peter Popovich, Jr., (Pittsburgh, Pa.) a Combat Photographer with Marine Air Base Squadron (MABS), Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 16, was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" during ceremonies at the Marble Mountain Air Facility.

Sgt. Popovich was cited for meritorious service while serving as a Combat Photographer with MABS-13, MAG-13, based at Chu Lai.

"During frequent attacks against the Chu Lai Air Base," the citation stated, "he repeatedly distinguished himself by his courage and composure under fire. Particularly noteworthy were his actions during the early morning hours of May 5, 1970."

At this time, the base was under an intense mortar barrage which seriously wounded four Marines and left their hut afire.

"After aiding in removing the men from the burning structure," the citation continues, "he fearlessly maintained his dangerously exposed position until he had extinguished the blaze."

"By his initiative, superb professionalism, and loyal devotion to duty, Sgt. Popovich earned the respect of all who served with him and upheld the finest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."

Lieutenant Colonel J. M. Dean, Squadron Commanding Officer, made the presentation.

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By: Sgt. Lee Salter

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DANANG, Republic of Vietnam---Master Gunnery Sergeant Paul D. Bray (Pawtucket, R. I.) completed 1,000 miles March 24---on foot!

Assigned to Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron (H&MS)-16, Marine Aircraft Group-16, the 49 year old MGySgt completed his journey over a two year period.

"I run an average of nine miles per week," he stated, "and up to 15, if I feel up to it."

MGySgt. Bray completed 407 miles of this since arriving in the Republic of Vietnam on May 26, 1970.

When asked of future goals, he replied, "I'm not going to give up. I may run 2,000 miles."

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