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COMMAND DIARY

15 January 1965 - 31 March 1965

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Commander

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PART A

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. Reporting Unit: MAG-16(-)
2. Period Covered: 15 January 1965 - 31 March 1965
3. Date Submitted: 3 April 1965
4. Commander: Colonel J. H. KING, JR.
5. Location: Danang, Republic of Vietnam
6. Subordinate Units:
  - a. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 365  
LtCol J. KOLER, JR. USMC, Commanding  
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  - b. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163  
LtCol N. C. EVERS, USMC, Commanding  
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  - c. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 162  
LtCol O. W. CURTIS, USMC, Commanding  
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  - d. Sub Unit #2, Marine Air Base Squadron-16  
LtCol T. E. VERNON, USMC, Commanding  
15 January 1965 - 31 March 1965
  - e. 1st Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion  
LtCol B. E. COOK, USMC, Commanding  
7 February 1965 - 31 March 1965
  - f. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron-16 (MINUS)  
Maj J. J. McMASTERS, USMC, Commanding  
14 March 1965 - 31 March 1965
  - g. Marine Air Base Squadron-16 (MINUS)  
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15 Jan - Strike msn 1-456-1 Operation "Red Dragon". 8 UH-34D trp carriers, 2 UH-34D (armed), 1 UH-1B (armed) lifted 76 trps of 2nd Co. 11th Ranger Bn. to LZ (AT 970-690). No fire received in LZ. Ammo expended 10 - 2.75 rkts. Results unk. Estimate VC strength at (1) one plt. Results of msn: 15 suspects captured, 1 grenade, no friendly casualties. One KC-130 inbound fm Iwakuni to Danang received hit on rt stabilizer. Damage consisted of ruptured hyd lines. Repaired at Danang. No crew injuries. WX caused cancellation of 3 resupply missions and 6 recon mens. 2 O-1B photo recon of Hoi An area (BT 152-570). 2 O-1B WX survey viet an (BT 018-270) and Duc Duc (AT 873-467).

16 Jan - 100 pax, 3,000 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Tam Ky (BT 370-216) and Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 3 pax 950 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Hoi An (BT 152-570). 4 pax lifted fm LZ (AT 925-735) to Danang. 78 pax (72 mil 6 civ) 25,370 lbs lifted fm Tam Ky (BT 370-187) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 28 pax 17,920 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Viet An (BT 018-270). Escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed), no ordnance expended. 28 pax (19 mil 9 civ) 8,130 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov Headquarters (BT 292-229) to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061). 23 pax (22 mil 1 civ) 3030 lbs cgo lifted fm Aro (YC 666-254) to Danang. Lift incomplete due to WX. Escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed), no ordnance expended. 63 pax 14,130 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 2 O-1B WX recon of Phuoc Lam area (BT 072-061). Aro area (YC 666-254), and Ben Giang area (YC 980-366).

17 Jan - No UH-34D msn originally sched for this date. However, tactical situations required one strike msn and one classified msn to be flown. Strike msn 1-532-1 Danang Special Sector. 9 UH-34D escorted by 4 UH-34D (armed) lifted 81 trps of the 11th Rangers to LZ (AT 926-718) and LZ (AT 926-716). Lift accomplished without incident. Ammo expended, none. Results of msn, 5 KIA (enemy) 5 grenades recovered. No friendly casualties. Classified msn operation "Blue Spring". 3 UH-34D trp carriers lifted 27 trps. Escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed), 1 H-37 and 1 UH-1B command ship. 2 WIA evac fm Aro (YC 666-254) to ARVN Hosp at Danang. 2 O-1B photo recon of Hoi An (BT 152-570) area. 2 photo recon of Tam Ky area (BT 307-107). 2 O-1B WX recon of Le My area (AT 900-820).

18 Jan - Strike msn 1-522-1 Eagle no. 2. 9 UH-34D trp carriers escorted by 4 UH-34D (armed) and 2 UH-1B (armed) lifted 160 trps of the 39th Ranger Bn. fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) to LZ (BT 325-337) and LZ (BT 233-315). Ammo expended by escort A/C 25 2.75 rkts 7000 rnds 7.62 ammo. Results of msn, 10 KIA 41 POW including 10 VC Guerrillas. One UH-34D made an uneventful precautionary landing at LZ (BT 232-315) due to engine trouble. New engine externally lifted fm Danang to downed A/C. 350 lbs equipment and 20 pax lifted fm Danang to downed A/C to perform maint required. 1 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 232-315) to Danang. 2 O-1B photo recon Tam Ky (BT 308-215) area, Quang Ngai area (BT 650-635) and Viet An (BT 018-270).

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19 Jan - 1 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 018-270). 2 bodies recovered fm crash site (BT 438-982). Escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed) 2 UH-34D retrieved engine fm LZ (BT 232-315). 168 pax, 19,900 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) to Tien Phouc (BT 113-137). 52 pax, 6600 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Duc Duc (AT 873-467) and LZ (AT 918-580). 14 pax 200 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Viet An (BT 018-269). 43 pax 6725 lbs cgo lifted fm Taco (YC 516-495) to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). 43 pax 15,560 lbs cargo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 818-369) and An Hoa (AT 880-465). Escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed) 2 O-1B photo recon of Loc My (AT 213-881), Aro (YC 666-254), Dong Phu (AT 947-622). 2 O-1B WX recon Nong Son (AT 812-881) and Tako (YC 516-495).

20 Jan - Strike msn 1-554-1, Eagle flt no. 3. 10 UH-34D trip carriers escorted by 4 UH-34D (armed) and 4 UH-1B (armed) lifted 170 trips of the 1st and 2nd Co. 39th Ranger Bn. to LZ (BT 235-485). A/C recd fire at (BT 245-485). No hits recd. Escort A/C expended 66 2.75 pkts and 4,000 rnds 7.62 ammo. Results of msn unk at this time. 1 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 218-168) to Danang escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). 1 WIA, 1 sick evac fm LZ (BT 215-437) to Danang. 1 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 335-270). 3 pax 1280 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to (BT 076-220) unable to complete mission due to WX. 8 pax 6100 lbs cargo lifted fm Danang to Viet An (BT 017-270). 7 pax 800 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Viet An. Mission incomplete due to WX. 7 pax 810 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Ha Tan (ZC 142-532). 2 O-1B photo recon Tam Ky (BT 308-215). 2 O-1B WX recon Tam Ky (BT 308-215) and Ha Tan (ZC 154-542).

21 Jan - Strike msn 1-573-1 8 UH-34D on stand by fm 0800 to 1215. Msn cnx by 2nd Div ARVN. 13 pax, 3500 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky to Phouc Tien (BT 176-135). 6 pax 6450 lbs lifted fm Danang to Tu Cam (BT 175-223). 2 O-1B WX recon Viet An (BT 018-270), Dai Loc (AT 898-578), Aro (YC 666-254). 2 O-1B photo recon Tong Son (AT 910-760) and Loc My (AT 820-870).

22 Jan - 2 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 289-132) to Danang, 1 WIA evac fm 5th Regt OP (BT 232-315). 33 pax 3350 lbs cgo lifted fm Ky Tra (BT 318-088) Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187). 4 pax (2 mil 2 civ) 6400 lbs fm Danang to Duc Duc (AT 873-467). 49 pax 11,000 lbs cgo lifted fm Aro (YC 666-254) to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). Made precautionary landing at Aro (YC 666-254) with rough engine. A/C was repaired and returned to base. 32 pax 15,130 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) to Phouc Lam (BT 072-061) escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). 32 pax 14,900 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) to Tien Phouc (BT 143-137). 45 pax 800 lbs cgo lifted fm Ka Tra (BT 328-082) to Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) escorted by UH-34D (armed). 245 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Aro (YC 666-254) for maintenance on downed A/C. 88 pax 1650 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to assigned LZ on Command Liaison msn. 2 O-1B photo recon Hoi An (BT 152-570). 2 O-1B WX recon Viet An (BT 018-270) Ka Tra (BT 328-082).

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23 Jan - Strike man 1-617-1 Eagle flt 12. 6 UH-34D trp carriers escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed) lifted 180 trps of Tiger 60 1st Div fm Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) to LZ (YD 793-073) and LZ (YD 793-097). Reserve trps lifted to LZ (YD 797-097). Escort A/C expended 56 2.75 rkts and 5000 rnds 7.62. Results of msn: Friendly; 4 WIA, 2 civil WIA, enemy; 6 KIA, 2 POW. 4 sick evac fm An Hoa (AT 873-467) to Danang. 76 pax (42 mil 34 civ) 25,820 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Hatan (ZC 145-535). 3 pax 3300 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov Hq (BT 292-229) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137) escorted by UH-34D (armed). 5 pax 6500 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Duc Duc (AT 870-472). 2 O-1B photo recon Nong Son (AT 812-391) and Quang Ngai (BT 605-703). 2 O-1B WX recon LZ (YD 825-330).

24 Jan - 5 pax 2000 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Phuoc Tien (BT 179-143). 2 O-1B photo recon Hoi An (BT 152-570) and Tam Ky (BT 307-187). ECM Sq on stand by for Eagle Strike fm 0800-1200, msn onx by 2nd Div (ARVN).

25 Jan - 2 KIA 2 WIA evac fm (AT 994-603) to Danang escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). Moderate auto wpn fire received in LZ area. Crew chief in escort A/C received gunshot wound in abdomen. A/C evacuated injured crew man to Danang. Crew man further evac to Nha Trang. Condition serious prognosis favorable. 2nd escort A/C received hit in rt rkt pod. A/C returned to Danang. Escort A/C expended 6 rkts. 28 pax 8770 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky (BT 307-182) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 28 pax 1000 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-591). 5 pax 7680 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Viet An (BT 018-270). 5 pax 2600 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Phuoc Son (BT 075-225) diverted to med evac listed above. 3 pax 14,325 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-182) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137) escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). 12,600 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 8 pax 19,050 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 15 pax, 5500 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Aro (YC 666-254). 2 O-1B photo recon Loc My (AT 818-858) Viet An (BT 018-270) Hoi An (BT 152-570) and Hill 69 (BT 448-062). 2 O-1B WX recon Aro (YC 666-254).

26 Jan - 24 pax 7650 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Duc Duc (AT 073-467). 4 pax 5830 lbs cgo lifted fm Aro (YC 666-254) to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092). 52 pax 4600 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Ha Tan (ZC 125-538). 10 pax 5935 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Tien Phuoc (BT 116-193). 13 pax 8820 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061). 3 pax 4800 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky (BT 307-187) to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061). 12 pax 3300 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Aro (YC 666-254) escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). 3 pax 4800 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Aro (YC 666-254) escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). 129 pax 6700 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-590) to assigned LZ (CSL man). 2 O-1B

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photo recon Quang Tri (YD 328-526). 2 O-1B WX recon Viet An (BT 018-270) and Ben Giang (YC 980-336).

27 Jan - 2 WIA evac fm Tra Kien (BT 045-440) to Danang. 12 pax 2000 lbs cgo lifted fm An Hoa (AT 873-467) to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 86 pax 10,540 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov Hq (BT 308-215) to Phuoc Lam (BT 070-060) and Ky Tra (BT 318-079) escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). 7 pax 1700 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Tuan Dong (BT 230-314). 45 pax lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 199-568). 14 pax lifted fm Aro (YC 666-254) to Kham Duc (ZC 066-092) escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). 99 pax lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 207-560) escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). 50 pax lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 207-560) escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). 14 pax 2860 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Dai Chien (ZC 213-331). 2 UH-34D fm Danang to Dai Chien (ZC 213-331) for maint on downed A/C. 1 UH-34D down at Aro (YC 666-254) with engine trouble RGN. Engine chg req. 2 O-1B photo recon Hoa C (AT 940-830) Gian Ha Trung (YD 320-720) and Hoi An (BT 152-570). 2 O-1B WX recon Kham Duc (ZC 006-092).

28 Jan - 2 resupply missions to Phuoc Valley were cancelled due to WX. 2 UH-34D on SAR standby at Quang Tri (YD 328-526) fm 1100 to 1700. 30 pax 12,100 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-140). 10,800 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Viet An (BT 017-270). 4 pax, 11,600 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov Hq (BT 292-229) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 51 pax 12,930 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to An Hoa (AT 873-467). 1 pax, 15,000 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Viet An (BT 018-270). 2 O-1B WX recon Aro (YC 666-254), Hoi An (BT 152-570), Ha Tan (ZC 154-542) and Ben Giang (YC 980-366).

29 Jan - 1 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 215-168) to Danang. A/C received small arms fire near LZ no hits on A/C. 2 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 165-132) to Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187). 5 pax 5,610 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov Hq (BT 292-229) to Phuoc Chau (BT 005-095). 11 pax, 11,400 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061). 16 pax 1400 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Aro (YC 666-254). 25 pax 500 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Tam Ky C. P. (BT 308-215). 16 pax 22,000 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Duc Duc (AT 873-467). 2 O-1B photo recon Hoi An (BT 152-570). 2 O-1B WX recon Aro (YC 666-254).

30 Jan - 2 pax, 440 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Hatan (ZC 140-530). 7 pax, 5770 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov Hq (BT 292-229) to Phuoc Chau (BT 005-095). 6 pax, 7,000 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov Hq (BT 292-229) to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061). 8 pax, 9,400 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061). One A/C made a forced landing at Phuoc Lam with an engine failure. No damage to A/C no injuries.

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31 JAN - 138 pax, 4,380 lbs ego lifted fm Hue Citadel (YD 765-233) to Khe Tre (YC 912-893). 2 UH carried maint crew and engine stand fm Danang to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061) for downed A/C. Escorted by 2 UH-34D (armed). Recovered downed A/C from Phuoc Lam at 1600H. 2 O-1B wx recon of Tako (YC 516-495) and Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061).

1 FEB - 1 KIA (US) 2 WIA (ARVN) evac fm Tako (YC 516-495) to Danang. 21 pax, 4,800 lbs ego lifted fm An Trang (BT 003-222) to Phuoc Son # 1 (BT 073-266). 28 pax, 4050 lbs ego lifted fm Viet An (BT 018-270) to An Nghia (AT 915-585). 13 pax 2,970 lbs ego lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Duc Duc (AT 881-475). 7 pax 1800 lbs ego lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Ha Tan (ZC 154-542). 1 pax 2870 lbs ego lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Qui Chien (ZC 213-331). Mission incomplete. A/C recalled to base for strike msn. Strike msn lnx 6170 lbs ego lifted fm Danang to Duc Duc (AT 870-468). Operation "BLUE SPRING" conducted by 3 UH-34D, 2 UH-1B (armed), 1 UH-1B (S&G), 1 H37. 64 pax lifted. 2 O-1B photo recon Hoi An (BT 152-570). 2 O-1B wx recon Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137), Duc Duc (AT 873-467) and My An (ZC 060-510).

2 FEB - All UH-34D and O-1B msn cancelled due to wx

3 FEB - 17 pax, 9250 lbs ego lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 19 pax, 12,050 lbs lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Phuoc Tien (BT 182-152). 25 pax, 400 lbs ego lifted fm Danang to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137) and Hill 69 (BT 468-057). 2 pax lifted fm LZ (YD 210-730). 2700 lbs ego lifted fm Danang to Qui Chien (ZC 213-331). 2 O-1B wx recon An Hoa (AT 873-467). 2 O-1B photo recon Tra Khe (BT 087-675).

4 FEB - Strike msn 2-251-1. Danang Spcl Sector msn 65-2,16 UH-34D, escorted by 4 UH-1B (armed), lifted 50 trp of the 779th Regional Forces, 60 trps of 3rd Co 11th Engr Bn, and 60 trps of the 2nd Co. 11th Engr Bn. Trps were staged at Danang and lifted into LZ (BT 070-671), (BT 067-678) and (BT 077-638). Enemy was estimated at 2 VC plus. Trps were unloaded w/o incident. ~~Ammo expended, by escort~~ UH-1B: 2.75 rkts - 20, 7.62 ammo - 15,000 rnds. Results of msn: Enemy; 9 KIA, 3 POW, seized 1 rifle, 1 MAS-36 sub machine gun, 3 grenades. Friendly; No casualties. 7 pax lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 067-678). 2 O-1B photo recon Tam Ky (BT 308-215), Tra Khe (BT 087-675).

5 FEB - 249 pax, 8640 lbs ego lifted fm Tako (YC 516-495) to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) and Danang on operation "CHOCOLATE BAR". Operation accomplished utilizing 18 UH-34D escorted by 6 UH-1B (armed). 2 O-1B photo Recon of Ha Tan (YC 116-542). 2 O-1B wx recon Tako (YC 516-496).

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6 FEB - Strike men no 2-276-1 and 1 Alpha. Operation Quyet Thang 267, 12 UH-34D escorted by 4 UH-1B (armed) lifted 130 trps of the 39th Rangers in the two lifts from Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to LZ'S (BT 205-493) and (BT 220-515). Trp carriers and armed escorts received light small arms fire and auto wps fire in LZ (BT 220-515) no hits on USMC A/C or CM. A/C arrived at 5th Regt CP (BT 233-315) and lifted 165 trps of the 3rd Bn 5th Prov Forces. Trps were moved in two lifts to LZ'S (BT 280-390). No hits on USMC A/C or CM. Results of men: Est 70- KIA, 10 POW, 6 wps 5 grenades seized. Ammo expended 2.75 rkt - 80, 7.62 ammo 3,000 rnds. 2 O-1B photo recon of Log My (AT 018-863). 2 O-1B wx recon Tam Ky (BT 308-215).

7 FEB - Strike men no 2-309-1 18 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-1B (armed) lifted 274 trps of the 11th Rangers fm Danang to Phuoc Son # 1 (BT 073-265). Trps were used to counter attack VC road which over ran Viet An (BT 018-470). Trps were lifted fm Danang in two lifts. No fire received in LZ. No ordnance expended. No damage or injuries to USMC personnel or A/C. Results of strike unk. Results of overall two day opn. Enemy; 220 KIA, 1 POW. Captured 2-57 mm Reco, 1-60 mm Mortar, 2 MG, 48 ind wps. Friendly; 41 KIA, 50 WIA, 26 MIA. 3 WIA evac fm Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137) to Danang. 1 sick evac An Hoa (AT 013-467). 2 O-1B photo recon Hatan (ZC 154-542) Dia Loc (AT 891-579) and Loc My (AT 815-865). 2 O-1B wx photo recon Tam Ky (BT 308-215).

8 FEB - Strike men no 2-294-1. 10 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-1B (armed) conducted a quick reaction opn at Hue Citadel (YD 756-233). 188 trps of Tiger Co 1st Div moved in 2 lifts fm Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) to LZ (YD 731-381) and LZ (YD 690-290). Trps landed w/o incident. Ordnance expended 2.75 rkts - 48, 7.62 ammo 12,000 rnds. Results of men: Enemy; 44 KIA, 2 POW, captured 30 ind wps. Friendly; 3 KIA, 2 WIA. 39 pax 10,365 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061). 2 UH-34D dept Danang for SAR at Quang Tri (YD 328-526) rtn Danang at 1815H. 2 O-1B photo recon Khe Tre (YC 912-893) Tung Sun (AT 852-724).

9 FEB - 111 pax lifted fm Pho Trach (YD 525-349) to LZ (YD 570-410). 14 pax 27,200 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Phuoc Lam (BT 070-060). A/C received ground fire fm south. No hits on A/C. 20 pax 5780 lbs cgo lifted fm Phuoc Chau (BT 005-095) to Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229). 9 pax 12,500 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Phuoc Lam (BT 070-060). 23 pax 4,700 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Lao (YC 666-254). 2 UH-34D recon LZ (BT 970-570). 20 pax 1000 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to 5th Regt CP (BT 232-315). 6 pax lifted fm Danang to Monkey Mtn (BT 852-061). 2 O-1B photo recon Loc My (AT 815-875). 2 O-1B wx recon Viet An (BT 018-270) and Kham Duc (ZC 006-092).

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10 Feb - Strike msn 2-347-1. Da Nang Special Sector 65-4. 18 UH-34D escorted by 4 UH-1B (Armed) lifted 650 trps of the following units: 2nd Co 11th Rgr Bn (70), 779th Regional Forces (60) and the 3rd RVN Marine Bn (520). The trps were lifted in 3 lifts to the following LZ's. 1st lift to LZ (AT 969-675) and (AT 978-678). 2nd lift to LZ (AT 973-632) and LZ (AT 967-623). 3rd lift to LZ (AT 975-651) and LZ (AT 974-642). Trps unloaded w/o incident. Results of msn unk at this time. Strike msn no 2-350-1. Danang Special Sector 65-5 quick reaction force. 14 UH-34D escorted by UH-1B (Armed) lifted 200 trps of the 6th RVN Marine Bn fm LZ (AT 980-664) to LZ (AT 921-824). Trp movement acc in 2 lifts. Results of msn unk at this time. Trps unloaded w/o incident. 1 WIA evac fm LZ (AT 905-690) to Danang. 1 WIA evac fm Nong Son (AT 012-391) to Danang. 2 LAX, 4820 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 045-346). 15 PAX, 300 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Duc Duc (AT 073-467). 1 PAX, 5050 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-346). 3 PAX, 200 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Hill 227 (AT 972-736). 14 PAX lifted fm LZ (AT 969-641) to Danang. 3 PAX lifted fm Danang to SE (AT 967-650). 2 O-1B Photo Recon Ngai (BT 610-730). 2 O-1B wx recon Nong Son (AT 012-391).

11 Feb - Late results of msn no 2-347-1 conducted on 10 Feb. Friendly: 1 KIA, 1 WIA, Enemy: 46 KIA, 1 POW, 12 Susp, Captured 1K50, 1 MAS49, 1 BAR, 4 Grenades. Late results msn no 2-350-1 of 10 Feb. Friendly: 1 WIA, Enemy: 5 Susp. Strike msn no 2-379-1 11 Feb. 15 UH-34D escorted by 5 UH-1B (Armed) conducted operation Quyet Trung. Helos lifted 228 trps of the 39th Rangers fm Tam Ky AT (BT 308-215) to LZ (BT 240-420) and LZ (BT 220-470). Trps were unloaded w/o incident. Helos proceeded to 5th Regt CP (BT 164-233). 293 trps of the 2nd and 3rd Bns 5th Regt were lifted to LZ's (BT 210-510) and (BT 220-550). Results of msn unk. 1 PAX, 9400 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-346). 58 PAX, 420 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Viet An (BT 018-270). 2 UH-34D to Quang Tri (YD 328-526) for SAR rtn at 1815H. 2 O-1B Photo Recon Quang Nam (BT 065-580), Loc My (AT 818-859), and Giem Ha Trung (YD 325-728). 2 O-1B wx recon Viet An (BT 018-270) and Tam Ky (BT 308-215).

12 Feb - Strike msn no 397-1. 6 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-1B (Armed) lifted 121 trps of Black Panther CO quick reaction force fm Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) to LZ (YD 524-264). A/C received small arms fire on msn. 1 UH-34D received hit in tail pylon and tail rotor. A/C returned to Danang. Results of msn Friendly: no losses, Enemy: 10 KIA, 2 POW, 3 Ind Wpns. Strike msn no 2-399-1 Danang Spcl Sector msn. 8 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed) USMC lifted 63 trps of 11th Rangers fm Danang to (AT 958-688). Trps unloaded w/o incident. Escort a/c engaged VC targets. USMC ammo expended 2.75 Rcts 27, 7.62 ammo 600 rnds. Results of msn Friendly: None, Enemy: 5 KIA, 10 POW, Captured 2 wpns, 1 grenade. 28 PAX, 3250 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Phao Lam (BT 072-061). 2 O-1B photo recon Tien Phao (BT 113-137), Viet An (BT 018-207). 2 O-1B wx recon Phao Lam (BT 072-061).

13 Feb - Strike msn no 2-424-1 Danang Spcl Sector 65-5. 18 UH-34D escorted by 4 UH-1B (Armed) lifted 161 trps of the 1st Airborne Bn.

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13 Feb (Cont) Trps were lifted fm Danang to LZ's (AT 905-713) and (AT 905-718). Trps were offloaded w/o incident. Results of msn Friendly; 1 KIA, 3 WIA; Enemy; unk. 1 KIA, 5 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 234-248) to Danang. 3 WIA evac fm LZ (AT 925-714) to Danang. 5 PAX, 7000 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061). 58 PAX, 28,750 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 4 PAX, 16,600 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). 15 PAX, 200 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang on CSL msn. 2 O-1B photo recon Loc My (AT 810-870). A/C received S/A and Rifle fire at coord (BT 006-680). A/C completed msn w/o incident. 2 O-1B photo recon Tam Ky (BT 307-187). 2 O-1B wx recon Nong Son (AT 812-391).

14 Feb - Strike msn no ~~2-445-1~~ 2-470- Operation Quyet Thang - 275. 12 UH-34D escorted by 4 UH-1B (Armed) lifted 255 trps of the 11th Rangers in multiple lifts fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to LZ's (BT 352-291) and (BT 383-237). A/C received s/a fire in LZ (BT 292-229). Results of msn Friendly; 1 WIA, Enemy 20 POW Captured 1 bag medical supplies 1 bag of documents. 3 UH-34D, 1 H-37 (USA), 1 UH-1B (C&C) escorted by 4 UH-1B (Armed) conducted Operation Blue Spring. 20 PAX, 4120 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 2 UH-34D recon LZ (AT 094-075). 2 O-1B photo recon Phuoc Nahn (AT 890-663), Nong Son (AT 812-391) and Dong Giap (BT 100-651). 2 O-1B wx recon Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137).

15 Feb - Strike msn no 2-445-1 Danang Spcl Sector 65-7. 17 UH-34D escorted by 4 UH-1B (Armed) lifted 342 trps of the 1st Airborne (287) and 11th Rangers (55) in multiple lifts fm Danang to LZ's (AT 904-694), (AT 904-694), (AT 910-700), (AT 912-679). Trps unloaded w/o incident. Results of msn Friendly; No Losses; Enemy: Neg contacts. Destroyed 2 VC Bldg and small quantities of equip. 45 PAX, 3000 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 18 PAX lifted fm Danang to Viet An (BT 018-270). A/C received mortar rnds in LZ. No damage to a/c or personnel. Escort helos took mortar posit under fire. 12 PAX, 21,990 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Duc Duc (AT 873-467). 47 PAX, 26,720 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 50 lbs cgo (medical supp) lifted fm Danang to Hoi An (BT 152-570). 32 PAX lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 6 PAX lifted fm LZ (AT 920-690) to Danang. 2 O-1B wx recon Nong Son (AT 812-391) and Tam Ky (BT 307-187). 2 O-1B photo recon Dong Giap (BT 100-654).

16 Feb - No UH-34D msn scheduled due to sqdn rotation. 2 O-1B photo recon Bham Duc (ZC 006-092) and Phuoc Chau (BT 005-095).

17 Feb - No UH-34D msn scheduled due to sqdn rtd. 2 O-1B photo recon Yen Son (AT 855-680), Quang Ngai (BT 640-735) and Hoi An (BT 152-570). 2 O-1B wx recon Loc My (AT 020-863).

18 Feb - HMM-163 1 WIA evac fm LZ (YC 666-254) to Danang. 18 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 034-342) to Danang. 5 KIA, 4 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 044-344) to Danang. 2 KIA, 2 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 025-297) to Danang. 2 KIA, 17 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 030-350) to Danang. 5 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 230-314) to Danang. 4 WIA, 1 PAX evac fm LZ (BT 292-229) to Danang. 60 trps lifted fm 5th regt CP (BT 218-316) to downed a/c (VNAF B-20) at coord (BT 226-385).

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18 FEB (CONT) 49 PAX, 1200 lbs cgo lifted fm DaNang to Aro (YC 666-254). 59 PAX, 17,440 lbs cgo lifted fm DaNang to Dai Loc (AT 917-583). Evac 4 WIA fm Dai Loc to DaNang. 19 PAX, 35,150 lbs cgo lifted fm DaNang to Que Son (BT 045-350). 2 O-1B photo recon Hiep Duc (BT 916-246) 2 O-1B wx recon Phuoc Chau (BT 005-095) and Loc My (AT 813-861).

19 Feb - 13 KIA, 1 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 025-305) to DaNang. 5KIA, 1 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 022-303) to DaNang. 24 PAX, 17,150 lbs cgo lifted fm DaNang to Nong Son (AT 825-390). 1 a/c took 1 rnd in fwd fuel cell section in vicinity of Duc Duc (AT 873-467). A/C returned DaNang w/o incident. 42 PAX, 1300 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 452-570) to Dai Loc (AT 915-587). 66 PAX, 29250 lbs cgo lifted fm DaNang to Duc Duc (AT 873-467). 1 WIA, 1 POW evac fm Duc Duc to DaNang. 68 PAX, 1500 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 12 PAX, 100 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 218-318) to 5th Regt CP (BT 218-318). 2 O-1B photo recon Nong Son (AT 812-391). 2 O-1B wx recon Dai Loc (AT 923-545) and Nam Tho (BT 060-805). Afternoon msn recalled due to political unrest in Saigon area.

20 Feb - 15 PAX, 1600 lbs cgo lifted fm Dong Ha (YD 245-605) to Ca Lu (YD 010-453). 92 PAX, 22,830 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137) and Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061). 8 WIA evac fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to DaNang. 2 UH-34D on stdby for SAR 1200-1800H. 10 PAX lifted fm DaNang to assigned LZ's on CSL msn. 2 O-1B photo recon LZ (YD 010-490) and Trung An (AT 835-782). 2 O-1B wx recon Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137).

21 Feb - 2 UH-34D on SAR stdby 1200-1800H. 7 PAX, 1400 lbs cgo lifted fm DaNang to Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229). 5 PAX, 1860 lbs cgo lifted fm DaNang to Nong Son Coal Mine (AT 812-391). 2 O-1B photo recon Trung An (AT 835-782). 2 O-1B wx recon Nong Son (AT 812-391).

22 Feb - 2 UH-34D on SAR stdby 1130-1630H. 3 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-1B (Armed) lifted 2 PAX, 4500 lbs cgo fm DaNang to Viet An (BT 018-270). The first UH-34D rec'd heavy AW fire and mortar fire upon landing. 2 UH-1B (Armed) made suppressive fire runs with negative results. The UH-34D dep the zone without damage. Msn was CNX and rescheduled in the afternoon, after a VNAF A-1H strike on the Viet An area. 3 UH-34D escorted by 3 UH-1B (Armed), 2 A-1H and 1 VNAF L-19 dep DaNang at 1605H for Viet An. UH-1B (Armed) made suppressive fire runs with negative results. 1 UH-34D landed at Viet An and came under heavy SA fire and AW fire. The UH-34D rec'd 3 hits in the tail section and dep the LZ with 4 WIA (ARVN). Msn CNX due to security of LZ. 29 PAX, 19,582 lbs cgo lifted fm DaNang to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 15 PAX, 20,710 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Phuoc Lam (BT 972-061). 36 PAX, 9790 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 1 UH-34D made a forced landing due to partial power failure at (BT 020-670). 2 UH-34D (Armed) launched fm DaNang as cover for downed a/c. A/C repaired within 10 min and ret to DaNang. Remainder of msn completed w/o incident. 2 O-1B photo recon of Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137), Nam Tho (BT 062-805) and LZ (YD 010-490). 2 O-1B wx recon Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061).

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23 Feb - Strike msn 2-618-1. 12 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed), 4 UH-1B (Armed) and 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint) lifted 134 trps of Black Panther Co 1st Div in multiple lifts fm Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) to LZ (YD 100-490). A/C rec'd S/A fire in LZ. No hits or damage to USMC a/c. 26 PAX, 1800 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to ARO (YC 666-254). 14 PAX, 3000 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). 53 PAX, 9150 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 145-572) to Hatan (ZC 140-530). 59 PAX, 7620 lbs cgo lifted fm Phuoc Chau (BT 005-095) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 6 PAX lifted fm Danang to Hue Citadel (YD 756-233). 2 O-1B photo recon Dong Giap (BT 102-654). 2 O-1B wx recon LZ (YD 100-490) and Nong Son (AT 876-390).

24 Feb - Strike msn no 2-655-1. 16 UH-34D escorted by 4 UH-1B lifted 141 trps of the 1st and 2nd Co 11th Rngr fm Danang to LZ (AT 965-684). Trps unloaded w/o incident. Results of msn Friendly; No casualties; Enemy: 5 KIA, 11 POW. 14,324 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061) and Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 19 PAX, 18,800 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137) and fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Tien Phuoc. 75 PAX, 9860 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Dai Loc (AT 918-579). 126 PAX, 14,150 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137), UH-34D cgo helos were escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed). 1 UH-34D (Armed) rec'd 8 hits at (BT 185-172). A/C made precautionary landing at Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187), co-pilot rec'd facial cuts fm flying glass. SAR/Maint a/c launched fm Danang to Tam Ky AF with repair parts. A/C repaired and flown back to Danang w/o incident, co-pilot not hospitalized. 6 PAX, 6660 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky CP (BT 308-215) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 10 PAX, 650 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to assigned LZ on CSL msn. 3 PAX lifted fm Danang to Hill 327 (AT 972-728) and rtn. 2 O-1B photo recon Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137), Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061) and Viet An (BT 028-280). 2 O-1B wx recon Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061).

25 Feb - Strike msn no 2-671-1. 12 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed), 4 UH-1B (Armed) and 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint) lifted 145 trps of the 1st and 2nd Co 11th Rngr fm Danang to LZ (BT 016-647). Trps unloaded w/o incident. Results of msn Friendly: 1 WIA (ARVN); Enemy: 1 KIA, 63 Susp captured, 1 grenade seized. Ammo expended by UH-34D (Armed) 2.75 rkts 32; 7.62 ammo 500 rnds. 1 WIA evac fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to Danang. 13 PAX, 35,000 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). 63 PAX, 1600 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 3 PAX lifted fm Danang to Hill 327 (AT 972-728). 2 O-1B photo recon LZ (BT 016-647) and An Diem (ZC 085-572). 2 O-1B wx recon Hill 159 (BT 282-258), Khe Tra (BT 325-092) and LZ (AT 990-641).

26 Feb - Strike msn 2-705-1. Danang Spcl Sector Operation Red Serpent No 28. 8 UH-34D escorted by 4 UH-1B (Armed) and 1 O-1B lifted 66 trps of the 2nd Co 11th Rngr fm Danang to LZ (BT 085-681). A/C received s/a fire in LZ. No hits or casualties on USMC a/c. Results of msn: Friendly: No casualties; Enemy: 4 KIA, 7 VC POW. USMC ordnance expended: 2.75 rkts 0; 7.62 Ammo 175 rnds. 4 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-1B lifted 45 PAX, 8903 lbs cgo fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Khe Tra (BT 328-082). A/C received s/a fire 1 mi north of LZ. UH-1B engaged enemy negative results. 8 UH-34D escorted by 3 UH-34D (Armed) lifted 33 PAX, 6710 lbs cgo fm Danang to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). A/C received s/a fire at coord (AT 100-596). No hits on USMC a/c. 4 UH-34D escorted by 2

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26 Feb (Cont) UH-34D (Armed) lifted 118 PAX, 3900 lbs cgo fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 2 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed) lifted 37 PAX, 5200 lbs cgo fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Tu Cam (BT 175-223). A/C received S/A fire in LZ. No Hits. USMC Ammo expended; 2.75 rkts - 0; 7.62 Ammo 1000 rnds. 13 PAX lifted fm Danang to assigned LZ's on CSL msn. 9 PAX (Civ) lifted fm Danang to Dai Loc (AT 918-579). 17 PAX lifted fm Danang to Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) on CSL msn. 2 O-1B photo recon Tin An (BT 090-690) Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137) and Ka Tra (BT 328-082).

27 Feb - 247 PAX, 32,002 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky (BT 307-187) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 20 PAX, 11,210 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Dai Loc (AT 918-579). 1 UH-34D received 1 hit on left side of tail pylon at (AT 918-588). A/C returned to Danang w/o incident. 77 PAX, 25,102 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 7 PAX, 2600 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Dai Chien (ZC 213-331). 2 O-1B photo recon Don Giap (BT 100-657), Phuoc Chau (BT 005-095), Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137), and Hoi An (BT 152-570).

28 Feb - Strike msn no 3-730-1. 10 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed), 4 UH-1B (Armed), 1 O-1B and 2 UH-34D SAR/Maint a/c lifted 121 trps of the 51 st Recon CO fm Quang Ngai AF (BS 650-735) to LZ (BS 705-965). Trps unloaded w/o incident. Results of msn: negative contact. 6 PAX, 21,950 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son Coal Mine (AT 812-391). 45 PAX, 1100 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 060-800) for para jump exercise, 1 jumper (US) evac fm LZ to Danang with jump injuries. 2 O-1B photo recon Loc My (AT 815-857), Hoi An (BT 152-570) and Quang Ngai (BS 650-735).

1 Mar - Strike msn no 3-309-1 Danang Spcl Sector 65-10. 16 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed), 4 UH-1B (Armed) and 1 O-1B lifted 281 trps of the 11th, 14th, and 15th CO's of the 1st Airborne Bn. Trp move made in multiple lifts. Trps lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 976-582), (AT 958-592) and (AT 964-613). Trps unloaded w/o incident. No damage or injuries to USMC a/c or personnel. Results of msn Friendly: 1 KIA, 4 WIA; Enemy: Est 65 KIA, 10 VC Captured, 2 carbines seized, 1 MAS 36, 2 grenades. USMC ordnance expended: 2.75 rkts - 74; 7.62 Ammo - 6000 rnds. 2 UH-34D SAR standby fm 1545-1630. 1 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 014-593) to Danang escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed). 1 injured evac fm Kham Duc (ZC 019-085) to Danang, escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed). 44 PAX, 1700 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-342). 168 PAX, 48,542 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky (BT 307-187) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137) and Hiep Duc (AT 916-246). 18 WIA evac fm Hiep Duc to Danang. 151 PAX, 13,720 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Thuong Duc (ZC 140-530), Dai Loc (AT 915-579) and Que Son (BT 045-349). 2 O-1B recon Loc My (AT 815-857) and Quang Ngai (BS 650-740).

2 Mar - 1 sick evac fm Tam Ky CP (BT 308-215) to Danang. 1 WIA evac fm classified site on classified msn. Strike msn No 3-342-1. 12 UH-34D escorted by 3 UH-1B (Armed) and 2 UH-34D (Armed) lifted 134 trps of the Black Panther CO 1st Div fm Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) to LZ (YD 535-516). Trps unloaded w/o incident. Results of msn - negative contact. 5 PAX, 1700 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Thuong Duc (ZC 140-530). 20 PAX, 13,000 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 21 PAX lifted fm Danang to assigned LZ's on C&L msn. 2 O-1B photo recon Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137), Loc My (AT 818-864) and Lien Chien (AT 918-862). 2 O-1B visual recon Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) and Nam Dong (YC 862-835).

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3 Mar - Strike msn 3-347-1. 10 UH-34D escorted by 4 UH-34D (Armed) and 5 UH-1B (Armed) lifted 100 trps of the 3rd Bn 5th Regt, 2960 lbs cgo fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Hiep Duc (AT 916-246). Trps unloaded w/o incident. Enroute to Danang 1 UH-34D (Armed) received 2 hits in VIC (BT 037-352), 1 hit in engine comp, 1 hit transmission housing doors. A/C return to Danang w/o incident. No injury to USMC personnel. Results of msn: Negative Contact. Strike msn 3-393-1. 6 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed) and 2 UH-1B (Armed) lifted 65 trps of the 2nd CO 11th Rngr Bn fm Danang to the following LZ's (BT 040-613), (BT 023-627) and (BT 014-660). 1 UH-34D trp carrier rec'd 1 hit in tail rotor VIC (BT 018-623). 1 UH-34D (Armed) rec'd 3 hits in bottom forward fuselage. Both a/c completed msn and rtn to Danang w/o incident. No injury. 20 PAX, 3400 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to ARO (YC 666-254) msn escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed). 176 PAX, 9930 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Tien Phouc (BT 113-137). 2 UH-34D visual recon area (AT 935-835). 2 O-1B visual recon Tam Ky AF (BT 307-187).

4 Mar - Strike msn 3-380-1. 17 UH-34D by 1 UH-34D (Armed) and 3 UH-1B (Armed) lifted 177 USSF "Nungs" and 4550 lbs cgo fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to LZ (YC 940-060). Trps unloaded w/o incident. Results of msn not available this time. Operation still under way. 1 KIA, 15 WIA evac fm Que Son (BT 045-350) to Danang. 19 WIA evac fm LZ (YC 945-983) to Danang. 2 UH-34D SAR standby 1400-1530. 2 PAX, 33,680 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son. a/c received 12 WIA fire in zone (BT 045-350). No hits. 2 WIA evac fm Que Son (BT 045-350) to Danang. Msn Escorted by 1 UH-34D (Armed). 56 PAX, 12,200 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Ky Tra (BT 000-030) and Phuoc Son (BT 072-061). 87 PAX, 30,200 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ to Tien Phouc (BT 113-137). 2 O-1B visual recon Tien Phouc (BT 113-137).

5 Mar - 9 KIA evac fm Que Son (BT 045-350) to Danang. 10 KIA evac fm LZ (BT 027-300) to Danang. 1 KIA, 2 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 025-324) to Danang. 4 KIA, 1 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 026-314) to Danang. 8 KIA, 2 WIA evac fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to Danang. 293 PAX, 43,800 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350), msn escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed) and 2 UH-34D SAR/Maint. 3 PAX, 8700 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). 2 O-1B photo recon LZ (ZB 014-769). 2 O-1B visual recon Loc My (AT 818-864) and Que Son (BT 033-345).

6 Mar - Strike msn 3-425-1. 15 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed), 3 UH-1B (Armed) and 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint) lifted 102 trps of USSF "Nungs" fm Danang to LZ (ZB 014-796). Trps were unloaded w/o incident. Results of msn not avail this time. 172 PAX, 2150 lbs cgo lifted fm Hiep Duc (AT 916-246) to Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229). 29 PAX, 6930 lbs cgo lifted to USS Mt Mc Kinley fm Danang. 2 O-1B visual recon of Hiep Duc (AT 916-246) and Kham Duc (ZC 006-092). 2 O-1B photo recon Loc My (AT 815-362).

7 Mar - Strike msn 3-445-1. 14 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed), 5 UH-1B (Armed), 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint) and 2 O-1B lifted 284 trps of 12th, 14th, and 15th CO's Airborne Bn fm Danang to LZ's (BT 098-686), (BT 095-669) and (BT 080-652) in multiple lifts. All a/c rec'd grnd fire in LZ's

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7 Mar (Cont) trps unloaded w/o incident. 1 O-1B 1 hit in left wing. A/C completed man and returned to Danang w/o incident. Results of man Friendly: No Casualties; Enemy 2 KIA, 41 Susp, 2 AP Mines, 3 Flags, 1 Blasting Cap, Numerous Documents. 10 PAX, 400 lbs cgo lifted fm AGC-7 to Danang.

8 Mar - 1 inj evac fm LZ (AT 959-808) to Danang. 1 PAX, 3045 lbs cgo lifted fm USS Mt McKinley to Danang. 3 PAX lifted fm Danang to Hill 327 (AT 975-728). 15 PAX, 315 lbs cgo lifted fm USS Mt McKinley to Danang. 2 O-1B visual recon Loc My (AT 818-864), (EC 045-235) and Que Son (BT 045-350).

9 Mar - 2 UH-34D SAR standby fm 0955H to 1657H. 165 PAX lifted fm LZ (YB 994-770) to Danang. 9 PAX, 30,770 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). 2 O-1B visual recon Que Son (BT 045-350). Dak Nhe (ZC 010-102), Loc My (AT 818-864) and LZ (ZB 000-775).

10 Mar - HMM-163 Strike msn no 3-499-1. 14 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D, (Armed), 3 UH-1B (armed) and 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint) lifted 347 trps of 3 Black Panther CO's 1st Div fm Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) and LZ (YD 845-24). Trps were lifted in multiple lifts to LZ's (YD 991-142), (YD 955-143), and (YD 947-152). Trps unloaded w/o incident, results of man not avail this time. 37 PAX lifted fm Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) to Phu Bai (YD 890-155). 28 PAX, 19360 lbs cgo lifted fm Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) to Khe Tre (YC 912-393). 14 PAX, 1200 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to ARO (YC 666-254). 25 PAX, 7200 lbs cgo lifted fm Dong Ha (YD 245-605) to LZ (YD 098-518). 2 O-1B visual recon Khe Tre (YC 912-893), LZ (YD 991-142) and ARO (YC 666-254).

11 Mar - HMM-163 2 UH-34D on classified SAR man CNX by Air Force. 4 WIA evac fm downed helo coord (BT 250-140) to Danang. USMC UH-34D (Armed) flying escort on resupply man was downed by VC S/A fire. A/C crashed and burned on impact, crew picked up by wingman. 3 c/m evac fm Danang to Nha Trang. C/M injuries not serious. Prognosis good. 16 PAX, 500 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to assigned LZ's on C&L man. 203 PAX, 8100 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-067), this man's escort helo was downed. 67 PAX, 3605 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). 120 PAX, 24,150 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137) and Dai Loc (AT 918-579). 2 O-1B visual recon Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137), Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061) and LZ (AT 890-755).

12 Mar - HMM-163 Strike msn no 3-557-1. 8 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed), 5 UH-1B (Armed), 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint) and 1 UH-34D (C&C) lifted 193 trps of the 2nd Recon CO ARVN fm Danang to LZ (BS 640-396). Results of man Friendly: None; Enemy: 1 KIA, 6 POW, 1 WIA, 36 Captured. A/C received 1t S/A fire in LZ. No hits. Enroute to Danang 1 UH-34D made forced landing due to engine malfunction. Coord (BS 630-800). A/C landed w/o damage or inj to crew. Crew and wps evac by wingman. New engine and maint crew being flown to downed helo site by US Army. Anticipate recovery on 13 Mar. A/C guarded by ARVN forces lifted fm Quang Ngai (BS 603-721). USMC 2.75 rkt - 27 7.62 ammo 750 rnds.

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13 Mar - HMM-163 6 WIA evac fm LZ (BT 113-137) to Danang. 32 PAX, 600 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to An Hoa (AT 373-467). 22 PAX, 23,030 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Dai Loc (AT 018-579). 33 PAX, 29,011 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Hiep Duc (AT 916-246) escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed). 227 PAX, 14,690 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Phuoc Chau (BT 005-095). 2 O-1B visual recon Phuoc Tien (BT 182-579) and Loc My (AT 818-864). 1 O-1B received hit in left wing coord (BT 070-695). A/C completed msn w/o incident. Downed helo coord (BS 620-800) lifted to Quang Ngai (BS 650-735). Anticipate return to Danang 15 March.

14 Mar - HMM-163 6 PAX, 7300 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). Evac 1 KIA, 20 WIA fm Que Son to Danang. 59 trps lifted fm Danang on class msn. 4 PAX, 4340 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Que Son (BT 045-350). 87 PAX, 15,250 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 5 PAX, 29,352 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). Msn escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed). 1 UH-34D (Armed) received 1 hit in transmission deck at coord (BT 063-357). Main fire USMC Ammo expended 2.75 inch 0; 7.62 ammo 200 rnds. 26 PAX, 800 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Ngai AF (BS 650-735) to Duc Pho (BS 806-383). 2 WIA (1 US 1 ARVN) evac fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to Danang. Msn previously aborted due to rough running engine on escort a/c. 2 UH-34D on class msn 1220-1715. 2 O-1B visual recon Que Son (BT 045-350) and Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). Helo repaired at Quang Ngai (BS 650-735) rtn Danang 1715.

15 Mar HMM-163 Late narrative; 14Mar65. 3 WIA (US) evac fm hill 327 (AT 975-729) to Danang. 1 WIA later succumbed to wounds. 2 WIA further evac to Nha Trang. Strike msn no 3-610-1. 15 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint), 4 UH-1B (Armed) and 2 O-1B (Pathfinder) lifted 184 USSF "Nungs" fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to LZ (ZB 000-810). Trps were moved in multiple lifts. No ground fire was encountered. Trps were unloaded w/o incident. 2 UH-34D remained at Kham Duc for SAR msn and rtn at 1800H. 2 WIA evac fm LZ (YC 098-083) to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092). 20 PAX lifted to assigned LZ's on C&L msn. A/C evac 2 WIA fm Que Son (BT 045-355). 2 O-1B photo recon Van Xa (YD 660-270). 1 O-1B photo recon LZ (ZC 080-860)

16 Mar - HMM-163 1 UH-34D down at coord (YC 697-297), cause undetermined no injuries. A/C did not burn. Salvage crew will attempt to recover a/c on 17 Mar. A/C was attempting med evac. Wingman did evac 2 US WIA and 1 "Nungs" WIA. US Army UH-1B (Armed) evac crew and wpns. 9 PAX, lifted fm Danang to LZ (YD 332-692). 25 PAX, 35,935 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 815-385). 19 PAX, 14,930 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). 2 O-1B visual recon of Phi Binh (O60-700) (BT), Nong Son (AT 812-391) LZ (YD 650-260) and ARO (YC 666-254).

17 Mar - HMM-163 Strike msn no 3-690-1 Eagle 27. 12 UH-34D escorted by UH-1B (Armed), 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint) and 2 O-1B (Path Finder) lifted 166 trps of the Black Panther Com fm Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) to LZ (YD 425-377) and (YD 435-378). Trps were unloaded w/o incident. Results of msn Fr 10 WIA, En 30 KIA, Captured 15 wpns.

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18 Mar - HMM-163. 2 UH-34D SAR standby at ARO (VC 666-254), lifted 16 PAX to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092). 38 PAX, 4000 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Dui Chien (ZC 213-331). 115 PAX, 6994 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 49 PAX, 6935 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Thuan Duc (ZC 140-530). Para Drop msn for USSF aborted due to heavy A/W fire area of LZ (AT 845-795). 2 O-1B photo recon LZ (ZC 064-985), LZ (BT 033-647). 2 O-1B VR (AT 980-250), Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) and LZ (ZC 150-040). 1 O-1B received 1 hit in rt wing VIC coord (ZC 190-320). A/C cont msn w/o further incident.

19 Mar - HMM-163 1 sick evac fm LZ (YD 094-518) to Hue Citadel (YD 756-233). 14 PAX, 2000 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). 18 PAX, 5200 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to assigned LZ on C&L msn. 16 PAX (Paratroopers) lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 950-792) and rtn. 88 PAX, 31,480 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Phuoc Lam (BT 072-061). 13 PAX, 2400 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Ngai (BS 650-735) to Duc Phu (BS 845-395). 16 PAX, 2200 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Ngai (BS 650-735) to Bato (BS 565-330). 70 PAX, 500 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to ARO (YC 666-254). 19 PAX, 100 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Ngai (BS 650-735) to Tu Phuoc (BS 443-750). 68 2.75 rhts, 1000 rnds 7.62 ammo expended on pilot FAM. 2 O-1B photo recon Am Trac (AT 970-650) and LZ (BT 059-851). 2 O-1B visual recon Viet An (BT 018-270), Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) and LZ (YD 933-037).

20 Mar - HMM-163 2 UH-34D on class SAR msn fm 1100-1715H. 1 WIA (US) evac fm (BT 010-527) to Danang. 8 WIA evac fm LZ (YC 975-039) to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092). 9 PAX, 11,298 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 033-345). 239 PAX, 24,500 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 8 PAX, 3200 lbs cgo lifted fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to LZ (YD 975-039). 8 PAX, 1300 lbs cgo lifted fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to ARO (YC 666-254). 42 PAX, 17,296 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). 2 O-1B visual recon of LZ (BT 100-620), Que Son (BT 045-350), Hiep Duc (AT 935-688) and Kham Duc (ZC 006-092).

21 Mar HMM-163 2 UH-34D on class msn fm 1335-1736H. 16 PAX, 3440 lbs cgo lifted fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to LZ (YC 997-937). 1 sick evac fm LZ to Kham Duc. 19 PAX, 15,400 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 62 PAX, 13,146 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Dai Loc (AT 918-579). 24 PAX lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 050-770). 2 O-1B visual recon Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137), Hiep Duc (ZT 916-246) and LZ (AT 980-650). 2 O-1B photo recon of LZ (ZT 866-654).

22 Mar Strike man no 3-815-1. 41 UH-34D escorted by 9 UH-1B (Armed), 2 UH-34D (Armed) and 2 UH-34D (SA/Maint) lifted 455 trps of the 5th Airborne Bn and 11th Rngr Bn fm Danang to LZ (AT 855-651). Combined Ops HMM-162/163: HMM-162 lifted 192 trps, 19 HMM-163 a/c lifted 263 trps, 10 VNAF lifted approx 200 trps to LZ (AT 885-659). LZ prestrike by US F100, B57, A1E and VNAF A1H. Trps unloaded w/o incident. No in-jury or damage to USMC a/c. Results of msn not avail this time.

HMM-163. 1 sick evac fm LZ (AT 930-680) to Danang. 8 WIA evac fm LZ (ZB 015-945) to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092). 1 KIA, 6 WIA evac fm LZ (ZB

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040-065) to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092). 2 KIA, 1 WIA evac fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to Danang (ARVN Hospital). 3 UH-34D lifted 30 trps fm Danang class msn. 2 PAX, 1000 lbs cgo fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to LZ (ZC 988-084). 2 PAX, 100 lbs cgo fm Danang to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092). 11 PAX fm Danang to LZ (AT 996-614). 31 PAX fm Danang to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 3 PAX, 6900 lbs cgo Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137). 15 PAX, 8910 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin (BT 292-229) fm Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137).

23 Mar - HMM-163 1 WIA evac fm Dui Chien (AT 213-331) to Danang. 2 WIA evac fm LZ (AT 994-510) to Danang. 1 WIA evac fm LZ (BS 498-317) to Danang. 7 WIA Evac fm Hiep Duc (AT 916-246) to Danang. 2 UH-34D on class msn fm 1345-1725H. 49 PAX, 3640 lbs cgo lifted fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to ARO (YC 666-254). 15 PAX, lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 152-571). 69 PAX, 7350 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 814-383). 40 PAX, 29,110 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Dai Loc (AT 918-579). 12 PAX, 700 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to assigned LZ on GSG msn. 2 O-1B photo recon LZ (BT 230-480). 2 O-1B visual recon LZ (BT 158-837).

24 Mar - HMM-163 Strike msn no 3-880-1. 10 UH-34D (Armed), 4 UH-1B (Armed) and 2 O-1B Pathfinder lifted 235 trps of the 5th Regt fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) to LZ (BT 233-493). Trps were lifted in three lifts. A/C received fire in LZ. No hits or injuries to USMC personnel of a/c. USMC ammo expended 2.75 rkt - 4; 7.62 ammo - none. Initial results of men friendly: None; Enemy: 3 KIA; Captured 3 ind wps. 3 UH-34D lifted 58 USSF (Bungs) on 2 class msns. 3 WIA evac LZ (YC 985-071) to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092). 8 PAX, 2800 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to ARO (YC 666-254). 50 PAX, 20,936 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-391). 2 PAX lifted fm Danang to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092). 2 O-1B recon of LZ (AT 859-690).

Final result of strike msn 3-815-1 Danang Spcl Sector 65-12: 20 KIA, 50 WIA. Destroyed numerous bldg and structures. Destroyed large amounts of equipment.

25 Mar - HMM-163 1 WIA evac fm Gia Vuc (BS 380-269) to Quang Ngai (BS 605-720). 3 PAX, 1800 lbs cgo lifted fm ARO (YC 666-254) to Kham Duc (ZC 006-092). 29 PAX, 3980 lbs cgo lifted fm Kham Duc (ZC 006-092) to ARO (YC 666-254). 51 PAX, 6660 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Ngai (BS 605-720) to Bato (BS 566-351). 8 PAX, 17,740 lbs cgo lifted Danang to Dai Loc (AT 916-582). 30 PAX, 30,700 lbs cgo lifted Danang to Que Son (BT 045-346). 2 O-1B visual recon Dai Loc (AT 916-582), Kham Duc (ZC 006-092), ARO (YC 666-254).

26 Mar - HMM-163 Strike msn no 3-937-1 Eagle no 28. 14 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed) and 4 UH-1B (Armed) lifted 262 trps of the Black Panther Gofs fm Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) and Quang Tri (YD 328-526) to LZ (YD 363-347). Trps moved in multiple lifts. Trps unloaded w/o incident. A/C received S/A fire in zone; no hits.

Strike msn no 3-950-1. Operation Red Serpent #3 Danang Spcl Sector, 7 UH-34D escorted by UH-1B (Armed) and 2 UH-34D (Armed) lifted 69 trps

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26 Mar - (Cont) of the 2nd CO 11th Rngr Bn fm Danang to LZ (BT 090-677). Trps unloaded w/o incident; no hits. Results of both msn not avail this time.

3 WIA, 2 sick evac fm LZ (YD 382-451) to Hue Citadel (YD 756-233). 1 KIA evac fm LZ (YD 382-451) to Hue Citadel (YD 576-233). 2 KIA evac fm LZ (YD 335-441) to Hue Citadel (YD 576-233). 2 WIA evac fm Hue Citadel (YD 332-532). 1 WIA evac fm Que Son (BT 045-350). 44 PAX, 2800 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Que Son (BT 045-350). 17 PAX, 200 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to assigned LZ's on Grand L msn.

27 Mar - HMM-163 1 sick evac fm Tien Phuoc (BT 113-137) to Danang. 94 PAX, 16,308 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Que Son (BT 045-350). 2 WIA evac fm Que Son to Danang. 46 PAX, 9830 lbs cgo lifted fm Tam Ky (BT 307-187) to Phuoc Chau (BT 005-095). 43 PAX, 8425 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 282-229) to Phuoc Chau (BT 005-095). 139 PAX, 16,860 lbs cgo lifted fm Hiep Duc (AT 976-246) to Tam Ky (BT 307-187). Reported that an ARVN soldier attempted to throw a grenade in one UH-34D in LZ at Hiep Duc. ARVN was disarmed and restrained by two other ARVN. Soldier was taken to Tam Ky and turned over to ARVN authorities. Reported that while in the LZ at Hiep Duc, one ARVN drew a knife and proceeded towards crew chief. Pilot covered him with his pistol until he was disarmed by two ARVN.

28 Mar - HMM-163 Strike msn no 3-988-1. 12 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-34D (Armed), 3 UH-1B (Armed), 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint), and 1 UH-1B (Command & Control), lifted 546 trps of the 3rd Bn 4th Regt. Trps were lifted fm Dien Ben (BT 065-582) to three LZ's (AT 955-545), (AT 963-560) and (AT 965-553). Trps were moved in multiple lifts. All a/c received S/A and A/W fire in LZ's. 1 UH-34D was shot down by VC S/A fire at coord (AT 973-578). 1 (US) KIA and remainder of crew and wpns evac to Danang by wingman. A/c destroyed by salvage crew. USMC ammo expended 7.62 ammo - 700 rnds; 2.75 rkts - 0.

Strike msn no 3-1001-1. Operation Red Serpent 4. 13 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-1B (Armed) and 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint) lifted 133 trps of the 2nd Co 11th Rngr Bn fm Danang to LZ's (AT 964-655) and (AT 978-655). A/c received s/a fire in LZ's. No hits. Fire rtn. Results of msn unknown at this time. USMC Ammo expended 7.62 ammo - 100 rnds; 2.75 rkts - 0.

29 Mar HMM-163 Strike msn no 3-990-1. 8 UH-34D escorted by 2 UH-1B (Armed) and 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint) lifted 76 USSF strike CO #1 fm ARO (YC 666-254) to LZ (YC 748-216). Trps were unloaded w/o incident. Results of msn not avail this time. USMC ordnance expended 950 rnds 7.62 ammo. 44 PAX, 4,800 lbs cgo lifted fm Quang Tin HQ (BT 072-061). 20 PAX, 21,450 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Nong Son (AT 812-391).

30 Mar - HMM-163 Strike msn no 3-1050-1 Operation Eagle 30. 10 UH-34D escorted by 5 UH-1B (Armed) and 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint) lifted 243 trps of the 1st Div Black Panther Co fm Hue Citadel (YD 750-230) to LZ's (YD 514-268) and (YD 535-256). All a/c received fire in LZ's. All a/c rtn fire.

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30 Mar (Cont) No hits or injuries to USMC a/c or personnel. USMC ammo expended 10,000 rnds of 7.62 ammo. Results of msn not avail this time. 3 UH-34D lifted 60 trps fm Danang on class msn. 17 KIA evac fm LZ (YD 675-225) to Hue Citadel (YD 750-230).

31 Mar - Strike msn 3-1056-1. Operation Quyet Thoang - 512. 17 UH-34D (HMM-163) escorted by 7 UH-1B (Armed) (US Army) and 2 UH-34D (SAR/Maint) (HMM-162) lifted 465 trps of the 5th AirBorne Bn in three lifts to LZ (BT 055-308). First lift dept Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229) direct to LZ. Second and third waves were lifted fm 5th Regt CP (BT 220-320). All a/c received intense small arms and auto wpns fire during approach and retirement. 1 UH-34D shot down in LZ coord (BT 090-325). 2 UH-1B (Armed) shot down coord (BT 110-390) and (BT 145-385). Crews evac by a/c in zone. All a/c received hits, YP-1, 150727 - 3 hits; YP-2, 148810 - 2 hits; YP-3, 150572 - unknown, shot down in landing zone; YP-4, 150251 - 1 hit; YP-6, 148822 - 7 hits; YP-8, 150568 - 8 hits; YP-7, 150726 - 18 hits; YP-10, 150574 - 5 hits; YP-12, 150248 - 8 hits; YP-13, 150250 - 10 hits; YP-16, 148817 - 4 hits; YP-17, 150575 - 2 hits; YP-18, 150565 - 1 hit; YP-20, 150580 - 1 hit; YP-22, 150573 - 5 hits; YP-23, 150723 - 2 hits; YP-24, 150722 - 3 hits; 5 UH-34D unable to complete 2nd and 3rd lifts due to battle damage and made forced landings at 5th Regt CP (BT 220-230). All a/c except YP-3, 150572 subsequently repaired in field and returned to Danang. Both UH-1B (Armed) were lifted from crash sites by H-37 (US Army). H-37 escorted by 2 UH-1B (Armed) and 6 UH-34D (HMM-162) with 59 USSF "NUNGS" to secure landing zone. 1 UH-1B is considered to have received strike damage. 1 UH-1B is repairable. HMM-163 sustained the following casualties: 2 USMC KIA; 17 USMC WIA; 2 US Army WIA. Intelligence reports for sqdn briefing fm 2nd Div indicated enemy situation was estimated to be 2 VC main force companies armed with small arms, auto wpns, possible 30 and 50 cal MG, 57 mm RR and 60 and 81 mm mortars. Friendly situation was briefed to be 1st Bn on the right and 2nd Bn on the left. Squadron after action reports indicate no evidence of 50 cal MG, mortar fire, or 57 RR fire at the time of landing. After action reports and pilots debriefing indicate strong possibility of VC trap. All wounded personnel were taken to the 9th MEB Casualty Clearance Center at Danang. Results of msn not known at this time. Operation is continuing. USMC ammo expended 6,200 rnds 7.62 ammo.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY HMM-162

9 - 11 March 1965 Squadron arrived Danang from Futema. Two day period utilized accepting a/c and setting up working spaces.

12 Mar - 2 UH-34D on SAR msn fm 1120-1200 msn out. 9 PAX, 2650 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Quang Tri (YD 328-526) on classified msn. 4 UH-34D on lcl recon Danang. 17 PAX, 9490 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Hill 327 (AT 975-728). 2 UH-34D on recon of SW Danang Area. 9 PAX lifted fm Danang to Hill 327 (AT 975-728).

13 Mar - 19 PAX, 10,650 lbs cgo lifted fm LZ (BT 004-746) to LZ (AT 976-742). 30 PAX, 1000 lbs cgo lifted fm LZ (BT 004-746) to LZ (AT 971-738). 27 PAX lifted fm LZ (BT 002-740) to LZ (AT 920-834). 6 PAX (CINCPAC) (SO NINTH MEB) lcl recon Danang area. 10 PAX, 80 lbs cgo lifted fm LZ (BT 004-746) to LZ (AT 975-742). All msns in direct support of Ninth MEB.

14 Mar - 12 PAX, 2900 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 7 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 12 PAX, 8050 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-746). 25 PAX, 1950 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-746). 12 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 5 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 3 PAX lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-746) and rtn. All msns in direct support of Ninth MEB.

15 Mar - 10 PAX, 3550 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 971-738). 23 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 20 PAX, 5040 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-750). 15 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 10 PAX, 3700 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 2 PAX (VIP) lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. All msns flown in direct support of Ninth MEB.

16 Mar - 12 PAX lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 971-738). 11 PAX, 3615 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 16 PAX lifted on lcl recon of Danang area. 1 PAX, 1700 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 971-738). 8 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 8 PAX, 3850 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 971-738). 16 PAX lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 036-835). All msns flown in direct support of the Ninth MEB.

17 Mar - 10 PAX, 3845 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Hill 327 (AT 975-728) and rtn. 6 PAX lifted fm Danang to Hoi An (BT 152-570). 3 PAX, 2900 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 971-733). 10 PAX, 450 lbs cgo lifted fm Hoi An (BT 152-570) to Danang. All msns flown in direct support of the Ninth MEB.

18 Mar - 5 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 12 PAX, 6400 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 2 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 6 PAX, 3050 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-746). 16 PAX (JOPF) lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 6 PAX lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). All msns in direct support of Ninth MEB.

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19 Mar - 13 PAX, 250 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-748). 5 PAX, 4700 lbs cgo lifted Danang to LZ (AT 968-746). 42 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon (VIP). 6 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 12 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 22 PAX lifted fm Danang to Monkey Mt. (BT 050-350). 8 PAX, 4150 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 971-738). All msn flown in direct support of Ninth MEB.

20 Mar - 350 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 72 PAX, 400 lbs cgo lifted fm LZ (AT 946-744) to Danang. 3 PAX, 600 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 12 PAX, 7125 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-746). All msn flown in direct support of the Ninth MEB.

21 Mar - 9 PAX, 4800 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 918-746). 5 PAX, 200 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 971-738). 8 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 4 PAX, lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 580-033) on recon. 12 PAX, 1700 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 976-742). All msn flown in direct support of the Ninth MEB.

22 Mar - 9 PAX fm Danang lcl recon, 4450 lbs cgo fm Danang to (BT 002-746). 3235 lbs cgo fm Danang to (BT 002-746). 5 PAX fm Danang to Hue Thu Bai (YD 890-155). 3 PAX fm Danang to LZ (AT 930-840). All msn except strike flown in support of Ninth MEB..

23 Mar - 1 KIA evac fm Monkey Mt. (BT 050-850) to Danang. 1 KIA evac fm (BT 059-836). 11 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 21 PAX, 3070 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 500 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 7150 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 971-738). 75 PAX, 150 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 971-738). All msn flown in direct support of the Ninth MEB.

24 Mar - 1 sick (US) evac fm LZ (AT 947-744) to Danang. 1 sick (US) evac fm LZ (AT 941-742) to Danang. 17 PAX, 14,800 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 2 UH-34D on class msn fm 1354-1730H. 13 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl (VIP Recon). 12 PAX, 49,000 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 1 PAX, 3340 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 976-742). 172 PAX, 15,825 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 976-742). 1 sick (US) evac fm LZ to Danang.

25 Mar - 1 PAX Danang to Hue Citadel (YD 756-233). 70 PAX, 14,850 lbs cgo Danang to LZ's (AT 968-746), (AT 976-742), (BT 004-746). 8 PAX lifted from Danang on lcl recon. Helo team trng at Danang for 40 trps of lcl Nung R. F.

26 Mar - 56 PAX, 250 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 217 PAX, 225 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-746). 68 PAX, 9680 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 79 PAX lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-746). 88 PAX, 4700 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 971-738). 7 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. All msn flown in direct support of Ninth MEB.

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36 PAX, 3980 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-737). 5 PAX lifted fm Danang to Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) and rtn. 4 PAX, 2700 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang on Class Mar. 28 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 69 PAX, 5415 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 971-738). 24 2.75 rkt, 150 rnd of 7.62 ammo fired for pilot trng. 2 PAX lifted fm Danang to Hue Citadel (YD 756-233) msn aborted due to wx. 38 PAX, 9800 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 976-742).

28 Mar - 40 PAX, 4150 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 39 PAX, 550 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-746). 4 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 48 PAX, 50 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 937-767). 22 PAX, 7260 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). All msn flown in direct support of 9th MEB.

29 Mar - 22 PAX lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 941-742). 6 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 5 PAX lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 941-742). 65 PAX lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 937-767). 2 UH-34D on visual recon of Danang. 46 PAX, 1600 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Quang Ngai (BS 650-730). 9 PAX lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 58 PAX, 1400 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 43 PAX, 7125 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-746).

30 Mar - 32 PAX lifted fm Danang to Quang Ngai (BS 220-730). Recon Hill 69 (BT 470-080) and beach rtn to Danang. 61 PAX, 2650-lbs cgo lifted between Danang LZ Robin (BT 004-746), Buzzard (AT 941-742), Hawk (AT 968-746) rtn Danang. Visual recon (Dusk Patrol), 15 mile radius of Danang. 74 PAX fm LZ Dove (AT 983-744) to LZ Falcon returned Danang. 35 PAX and 4150 lbs cgo fm Danang to LZ's Robin (BT 004-746) Hawk (AT 968-746) Buzzard (AT 941-741) return Danang. Visual recon 2 PAX. 29 PAX and 1700 lbs cgo distributed between LZ'S Robin (BT 004-746) Buzzard and Barracuda. Helo indoc 117 PAX for 1st bn 3rd Marine LZ Crow (BT 002-749). Vip 5 PAX, ADM MILLER, GEN KARCH lcl area.

31 Mar - 52 (ARVN) WIA evac fm LZ (BT 145-381) and (BT 136-394) to Danang. A/C sustained 4 hits in LZ fm S/A and mortar fire. No injuries to USMC personnel. A/C rtn to Danang w/o incident. 1 WIA (USMC) (HMM-163) evac fm US Naval C&C Center to ARVN Hospital at Danang. 106 PAX, 1825 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to Quang Ngai (BS 650-735). 46 PAX, 7750 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (AT 968-746). 27 PAX lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 968-746). 6 PAX lifted fm Danang to Quang Tin Prov HQ (BT 292-229). 17 PAX lifted fm Danang on lcl recon. 60 PAX, 650 lbs cgo lifted fm Danang to LZ (BT 004-746). 2 UH-34D flown in support of HMM-163 as SAR/Maint for operation. 59 trips lifted fm Danang to site of downed UH-1B.

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Efforts of Security Detachment were directed toward improvement of defensive posture and living conditions on airstrip and within the compound. Barbed wire and sandbagged defensive positions were erected on eastern side of compound to effectively provide security for new centralized motor transport installation. Head facilities, office working spaces, and living areas improved. (See employment of Engineer Squad.)

The Guard was composed of two elements (airstrip-compound) consisting of one (1) officer and ninety-one (91) enlisted Marines.

- a.) Officer of the Day.
- b.) Commander of the Guard.
- c.) Sergeant of the Compound Guard.
- d.) Two (2) Corporals of the Compound Guard.
- e.) Two (2) Supernumeraries of the Compound Guard.
- f.) Sergeant of the Airstrip Guard.
- g.) Two (2) Corporals of the Airstrip Guard.
- h.) Two (2) Supernumeraries of the Airstrip Guard.
- i.) Twenty-five (25) sentries of the Compound Guard.
- j.) Fifty (50) sentries of the Airstrip Guard.
- k.) Two (2) Town Patrol
- l.) Trash, movie, and employee escort watch.
- m.) Two (2) drivers.

During critical periods, the Guard could be augmented, as directed, by the two (2) off duty platoons consisting of ninety (90) men.

15-21 January Preparation for movement to Danang. Briefings on general situations in area and guard duties to be performed. Inoculations were administered. Administrative details completed. Test firing of crew served weapons not previously fired. Supplies staged at Kadena AFB in preparation for movement to Danang.

22 January Advance party under Company Executive Officer departed Kadena AFB; arrived Danang. 1 Officer - 38 Enlisted

23 January Remainder of Company departed Kadena AFB; arrived Danang with: five (5) Officers, one hundred ninety-two (192) Enlisted Marines. Officially relieved Co L, 3dBn, 9thMar. Lt MITCHELL posted as first Duty Officer for Co D, 1stBn, 3dMar. Received three (3) M38A1 jeeps.

24 January Received two (2) M35 2½ ton trucks. Dispatched two (2) 2½ ton trucks previously used by Co L to MS & M Bn, FSR, for disposition.

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25-30 January January off duty sections utilized in improving previous defensive positions and erecting new positions to include Motor Transport area in defensive plan.

EMPLOYMENT OF 1ST SQUAD, 1ST PLATOON, COMPANY A, ENGINEERS

During the above period, Engineer efforts were directed toward improvement of troop billeting areas, head facilities, and office spaces with resultant rise in operational efficiency within the Detachment. The following projects were accomplished.

1. Improvement in billeting areas.
  - a. Screen doors and windows repaired in barracks.
  - b. Construction of two (2) GP tents.
  - c. Improved wiring in tent billeting area.
2. Improvement of head facilities.
  - a. Repaired screens on all head facilities.
  - b. Moved and repaired one (1) field head.
3. Improvement of the office spaces.
  - a. Construction of partitions for company office.
  - b. Construction of bulletin board.
  - c. Painted company office.
  - d. Constructed three (3) office desks.

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Operations of the detachment during the period saw an intensification in the overall security effort at Marine Unit, Vietnam. Recent terrorist activities and attacks upon U.S. airfields and facilities elsewhere in the Republic have signalled a reassessment of responsibility for the safeguard of property and the lives of Marines in this area. Additionally, the arrival in Danang of elements of the 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion, while enhancing the air defense posture of this facility, presents not only an additional, but a highly remunerative target to ground fire and possible mortar attack.

Incidents of ground fire have occurred with greater frequency than was reported in the previous period; while a corresponding increase in infiltrator activity was evident (reference, in particular, Summary of Ground Fire Incidents, 1 February 1965, 2250 entry.)

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The frequency with which such incidents have occurred in the runway, apron, and hangar complex in the recent past, and the apparent present threat of their continuance, necessitated emplacement of two ambush sites on 2 Feb 65, and the transfer of the post of Officer of the Day from the compound to the hangar facility between the hours of 1830 and 0630. Ambush sites A and B are situated near the relatively unprotected southwest portion of the main runway, and are manned between the hours of 2200 and 0200 nightly. Site A consists of three men, two of which are armed with 12 Gauge riot guns, the other with a .45 caliber submachine gun. Site B is manned by two men, one with a .45 caliber submachine gun, and the other with a 12 Gauge riot gun. An extensive network of recently placed trip flares provides the early warning necessary to alert the counter-m mortar radar section to an impending infiltration effort and/or attack, provide the illumination necessary for the proper deployment of either ambush A or B, and alert other sentries in the area. Communication between the ambush sites and the Officer of the Day/Sgt of the Guard is maintained with the PRC-6 radio. Ambush sites were established to prevent or discourage further attempts at infiltration and ground fire into the UH-34D and UH1B parking aprons, at the same time attempting to capture and, if necessary, disable by fire, persons attempting to gain entry. On at least two occasions since this procedure has been adopted, an unidentified person has tripped the illumination and fled before any response was initiated. It appears that through the adoption of the preceding precautions, further attempts of this nature may be discouraged.

The occasion of Tet, a three day holiday signalling the commencement of the Vietnamese New Year, gave rise to many incidents wherein ARVN, Regional Force units, and Popular Forces, in celebration, fired great quantities of small arms ammunition, including mortar illumination, in and around the ~~Banang~~ airfield complex, many of which impacted on or near the airstrip and hangar facilities. Sentries, however, were alerted to the situation constantly, and fire discipline was observed and accidents averted.

With the exception of the return fire incident involving a Security Detachment sentry and one confirmed infiltrator on 1 Feb, no other firing incidents involving members of the Command have occurred, either accidentally or intentionally, since assumption of security responsibilities. Detachment security requirements are currently under reassessment in light of the arrival at Danang of the 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion (1st LAAMB). The battalion, under the command of LtCol B. E. COOK, is composed of three missile firing batteries and a Headquarters and Service battery and possesses an operational strength of 546 officers and men. A sea-tail comprised of at least an additional battery and the Headquarters and Services battery is scheduled for arrival and unloading at the port of ~~Da Nang~~ during the period of 15-16 Feb 65. Firing batteries will be operationally employed, initially in the Danang airfield complex with the H&S battery situated in a former French compound immediately west of the runway.

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Realignment of security measures to include creation of additional, as well as modification of existing posts in the airfield complex is currently under study and is scheduled for implementation not later than 18 Feb 65. With regards to the security of the battery, now operational, the following special security measures have been immediately assumed by the Security Detachment for initial protection against infiltration, ground and mortar fire.

- a. Assignment of six sentries on the perimeter of the battery site.
- b. Emplacement of two M-60 machine guns, one of which has been mounted in an M38A1 jeep for motorized capability.
- c. ANPRC-6 communication between sentries; the net is monitored with an ANPRC-10 by the Security Detachment Officer of the Day.
- d. The eventual filling and emplacement of 50,000 sandbags to provide protection to six battery missile launchers and CWAR and PAR RADARS. Several hundred 55 gallon drums filled with sand will provide additional fortification to other equipment of the battery.
- e. Emplacement of a network of trip flares on the perimeter of each battery is anticipated.

The introduction of this battalion (LAAMB) is not expected to have a depreciating effect on the security posture now maintained under the present security in-country strength ceiling of 260 officers and men. The eventual relocation and permanent installation of battery firing sites in rather far-flung areas of the sensitive DANANG periphery, however, will require a satelliting of security elements from the Security Detachment Headquarters to each of the firing sites and additionally require serious reassessment of the parent unit's ability to perform its mission under the presently established ceiling. Strength and composition of such security satellites will, of necessity, depend upon configuration of the battery site, topography, availability of other support forces in event of attack, installation of fences, alarms, and fortifications, re-supply considerations and the degree of security, if any, to be provided by the battery itself. It is therefore axiomatic that a study of the preceding considerations should be conducted concurrently with the layout and design of each site and that subsequent construction should develop from a blueprint reflecting, among features, a design not only for effective operational employment of the battery, but for the security of its personnel as well.

#### TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The Security Detachment is currently engaged in preparation for, and conduct of, the following activities.

1. French Language Class: Classes commenced Monday, 8 Feb. with an enrollment of 44 personnel; periods on a 1 hour basis.

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The class is run on a 6 day per week schedule. Initial response is considered excellent. Commencing Monday, 15 Feb, classes in Vietnamese will commence for 34 personnel of this command. Classes are scheduled for a period of one hour per day, 6 days per week. The class instructor is a Marine Sergeant assigned as interpreter for Sub Unit #2, will orient such instruction to the teaching of military and other language phrases necessary to the encouragement of communication between U.S. service personnel and the Vietnamese.

2. Commencing this week, a recapitulation of current events, to include significant military actions in this area, latest news on local and international situations, and other items of general interest is to be presented in the form of an hourly briefing to personnel of this command on Friday of each week. Classes are to be presented by an officer of this unit.

3. Contingent upon the availability of a small arms range, under operational control of I Corps, this detachment proposes to conduct familiarization firing for M-14, .45 caliber pistol, and shotgun in the near future; simultaneously, it will provide necessary range personnel, instructors, and a safety officer for fam firing of SU#2 personnel.

4. Daily guard school continues, being conducted by the Commander of the Guard, under the supervision of the Officer of the Day. Recent incidents involving sleeping on the post have been cause for considerable concern to the command with the result that efforts are being immediately intensified toward exposing the problem. On at least three occasions since arrival, Commanding Officer's briefings to the Detachment have stressed the vital requirements for the uninterrupted security in this area and the penalties attached to offenses committed while posted as a sentinal. It is believed that a recently instituted policy of hourly inspections of the guard, availability of coffee or other beverages to sentries, immediate relief of those who appear incapacitated, and thorough indoctrination of sentries concerning preventative measures necessary when the likelihood of sleep becomes evident, as well as constant attention to avoid prolonged periods of watch for any one sentry, will substantially reduce the probability of reoccurence of these offenses,

5. Regularly scheduled organized athletics continue as a part of normal training program. In addition, recent approval was granted the command by Commander, Task Unit 79.3.5 to conduct a series of platoon sized recreational outings in a secure beach site in the Daang area; parties are to commence at such time as the current military crisis becomes less sensitive.

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4. 5 Feb was highlighted by the visit of LtGen V. J. KRULAK, CG, FMEPAC and Staff to the Marine Unit, Vietnam. Armed escorts from the detachment were provided and accompanied the General during his tour of the Marine compound, HMM-365 facility, and briefing at I Corps Headquarters. The same security measures will be provided during the visits of LtGen Nguyen KHANH on 11 Feb. and CINCPACFLT on 13 Feb.

7. Weapons restriction. Of interest to the relieving detachment is the receipt of a recent 1stMAW directive providing, in part, "All persons traveling on board aircraft of the 1st MAW which will land in the Republic of Vietnam are prohibited from taking on board or causing to be taken on board the following weapons: any weapon not issued to the individual by the U.S. including firearms, knives, with blades in excess of three inches, switchblades of any lengths, explosives, compression guns, knuckles, blackjacks", etc. Task Unit Order 8110.1 of 3 Feb 65 additionally provides the following guidance "... MUV personnel are not authorized to import into Vietnam privately owned or souvenir weapons..." for purpose of this order, a privately owned weapon is defined as any weapon which has not been issued to the individual by any of the United States Armed Forces or the Military Forces of the Republic of Vietnam. In view of the preceding directive, it is imperative that the incoming detachment screen all personnel prior to departure for Vietnam to insure that all personal weapons are confiscated.

#### ENGINEER OPERATIONS AND WORK PROJECTS COMPLETED.

The following projects were completed during the period 1-15 Feb 1965.

1. Relocated 60 MM mortar positions within the compound; constructed and sandbagged new firing positions.
2. Constructed three new bunkers in the motor transport facility; constructed new machine gun bunker.
3. Rebuilt parapets in area of Staff NCO quarters.
4. Relocated urinals and repaired head at airstrip.
5. Located additional fire barrels in tent area.
6. Constructed new fighting trench reinforced with sandbags for protection of Counter-Mortar Radar personnel.
7. Placed decking in two guard tents at airstrip.
8. Wired supply tent for lighting.
9. Constructed a sandbagged protective wall at entrance to Guard Office.
10. Rebuilt three mortar shelters utilizing CONEX containers and sandbag reinforcements.
11. Constructed four fighting holes for 81MM mortars personnel.
12. Constructed a series of charts for briefing purposes.
13. Constructed a screen partition between the guard office and armory. Installation of a dutch door provides control necessary for dispensing of arms and ammunition and establishes a more restricted area.

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Rehabilitation of the security unit tent area through construction of decking, strongbacks, doors, screens, and head facility is expected to proceed as planned with the recent approval of CG, 3dMarDiv for local open purchase of lumber and hardware materials. Actual construction should begin not later than 15 Feb. Additional materials, not available through local open purchase, are expected to arrive Danang 12 Feb 65. Other projects under construction include:

1. Construction of drainage ditches within the compound.
2. Construction of additional fighting bunkers and mortar shelters in airstrip and compound area.
3. Construction of two permanent bulletin boards.
4. Rehabilitation of an unoccupied compound to accomodate Headquarters Battery, 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion.

At 0300, 11 Feb, in response to an appeal for assistance in connection with rescue operations, the attached Engineer squad was air-lifted by Army Caribou to Qui Nhon, Vietnam. Accompanying the squad were elements of the utilities section, SU #2, the Executive Officer, 3dEngBn, 3dMarDiv, and an additional officer and enlisted engineer representative. It is anticipated that the squad will remain in Qui Nhon until victim recovery operations are completed.

#### COUNTER MORTAR RADAR OPERATIONS

During this reporting period, communications were established between the Counter Mortar Unit and the Operations Center, Danang Special Sector. Communications thus established will insure immediate response by ARVN artillery and mortar units to target information passed from Counter Mortar. On 9 Feb, the section went on a full alert, having been informed of possible mortar attack; no unusual incidents occurred nor were tracks and plots established.

On the night of 10 Feb, between the hours of 2000 and 2130, several tracks and plots were made of rounds fired 3000-4000 meters south-east of the main runway. This information was transmitted to the Danang Special Sector. No other unusual events occurred during the period nor were any major electronic failures recorded.

#### ADMINISTRATION

During the period 1-15 Feb, the following administrative action was accomplished.

##### Office Hours

1. SMARTWOOD, Ronald W. 2082400/0311 Sleeping on post. Reduced to Pvt, \$20.00 fine, 14 days restriction, and 14 days extra duty.
2. HOWELL, Thomas B. 2072750/2831 Disobedience of an order. \$20.00 fine, 14 days restriction.

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3. MCNUTT, Paul L. 2021330/0311 Sleeping on post.  
Referred to Bn CO for Office Hours.

#### B. Transfers

1. BERRY, Edwin D. 1387021/0369  
Returned to Okinawa for emergency leave.
2. VAUGHAN, Harvey 2078052/1371  
Upon release from the 8th Army Field Hospital, Nha Trang, Vietnam, was transferred to Sub Unit #1, 3dBn, 9thMar.

#### C. Legal Assistance

1. DOLE, Frederick C. 2028177/0311  
Returned to Okinawa for legal assistance for personal problem.

D. Leave and Liberty - A recent increase in terrorist activity in this area has forced temporary cancellation of regularly scheduled R&R flights to Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Saigon. Resumption of such flights is expected. Occasional liberty is available to 25% of the personnel of the command.

<u>PRESENT STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
D-1-3	6	230
Engineers (attached)		12
CMR (attached)		12
Sick-Incapacitated*		1
	6	254

\*CHILDSON, Patrick H. 2066809/0311  
USNH, Saigon, Vietnam for cyst operation

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Operations of the Security Detachment, Marine Unit, Vietnam during this period saw an increase in the overall security effort. Arrival of the 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion (LAAMB) and Company C (Rein), 7th Engineers, during the reporting period, signalled a necessity for rapid realignment of security measures in this area without interruption or substantial decrease in already existing security requirements. In the interests of achieving optimum security of Marine units at Danang with those security forces available (260), the guard force has been recently apportioned among the following units and facilities.

1. Battery "A", 1st LAAMB
2. Battery "B", 1st LAAMB
3. Compound, Marine Unit, Vietnam
4. Helicopter hangar and apron complex, Danang Airfield
5. Special Guard

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## TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The Security Detachment is currently engaged in preparation for, and conduct of, the following activities.

1. French Language Class. Classes commenced on Monday, 8 Feb and are scheduled daily except Sundays, for a one hour period. Attendance, although voluntary, has been appreciably reduced with the increase in security commitments. Initial enrollment of 44 persons has been reduced by three-quarters while the Detachment was forced to cancel scheduled Vietnamese classes.
2. Weapons Firing. On 26 Feb, a two hour machine gun school was conducted by weapons platoon personnel for members of Sub Unit #2, MABS-16, MUV. Upon completion of instruction, Security Detachment Squad leaders, gunners, and assistant gunners accompanied 14 members of the Sub Unit to an Army Special Forces firing range and conducted a fam-fire exercise employing fire at fixed targets, searching & traversing, and applying immediate action.
3. Familiarization firing of the 60MM mortar is scheduled during an all day period on 1 Mar. A two hour lecture and gun drill to be conducted by the NCOIC, 81MM mortar section, will precede fam-firing. Instruction will include basic nomenclature, functioning, firing techniques, ammunition handling, and adjusting fire. Actual familiarization firing employing two 60MM mortars will be conducted at an ARVN range between 1330 - 1630 on 1 Mar.
4. Fam firing of the M-79 grenade launcher is scheduled to be conducted Friday, 5 Mar. Details to be included in next report.
5. Guard School. Guard schools continue to be conducted at three separate intervals daily, all of which are supervised by the Officer of the Day and the Commander of the Guard. Incidents involving sleeping on post continue to be a cause of considerable concern to this command. To date, the Detachment has experienced five such cases, one of which was a repeat offense. While continuing to pursue those measures reported in previous summaries, it appears that the underlying basis of the problem may be more directly attributable to matters over which the individual sentry has little or no control than to a failure to properly supervise functioning of the guard. Statistics provided depict that the assumption of security responsibilities, with the arrival of 1st LAAMB, has resulted in the commitment of approximately 75% of this command for security duties three night out of four with liberty accruing to the individual on an average of two nights out of six. The minimum watch for any one sentry is six hours with only two reliefs available for a twelve hour period. Apparently, prolonged periods where the sleep process is reversed has a depreciating affect on the individual, regardless of the moderately relaxing training and work program.

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6. Visitors. General W. C. WESTMORELAND, COMUSMACV, visited Marine Unit Vietnam on 21 Feb, and U.S. Ambassador Maxwell TAYLOR on 27 Feb. CG, 9th MEB and members of his executive and special staff spent the night of the 21st at MUV and departed via Flight 5 on 22 Feb, while LtCols COTHRAN and HOLT, and Maj BAITY, 3dMarDiv representatives, arrives 16 Feb and departed the 19th. Transportation and armed escorts were provided by the Detachment as required.

7. Athletics. Regularly scheduled organized athletics continue as a part of the normal training program.

#### Counter Mortar Radar Operations.

During the reporting period a wire line was established as the primary source of communications between the Counter Mortar Radar unit and the Operations Center, Danang Special Sector. Installation of wire effectively decreased reaction time necessary to transmit information. The radio communications, presently used as an alternate communications system, were improved by erection of an RC-292 radio antenna at the Counter Mortar site. The Counter Mortar Radar unit received one PU 344/G generator on temporary loan from 1st MAW to be used as primary power source for AN/KPQ-1 (counter mortar radar set). On 16 Feb, a mechanical failure occurred which prevented correct plotting information to be produced. On 22 Feb a repair part arrived and the discrepancy was corrected. Also, on 22 Feb, an electronics failure in the radar set decreased the operational effectiveness of the unit. Repair parts were requested and received on 26 Feb. The unit is presently fully operational. During this period, no unusual incidents occurred and no tracks or plots were established.

#### ADMINISTRATION

During this period the following administrative action was accomplished.

##### A. Office Hours.

1. MOORE, Narcisco M. 2080744/0311 Failure to obey a lawful order. \$20.00 fine and 14 days restriction.
2. SWARTWOOD, Ronald W. 2082400/0311 Sleeping on post. Bn Commanders office hours; returned and reassigned to parent organization.

B. Liberty. R&R flights to Hong Kong resumed 26 Feb. 12 personnel of the Detachment, consisting of 1 officer, 1 SNCO, and 10 enlisted were allocated spaces. The group was adequately supervised, carried sufficient funds, and no difficulty was encountered. Additional flights to Hong Kong, and Bangkok are anticipated and will be scheduled as space permits.

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## C. Leave

1. 13 Feb. GORDON, James M. 1458935/0351  
Issued orders to report to CO, MR, USNAVSTA, TI, SFRAN for further processing in conn with 25 days emer lv.
2. 19 Feb. VANBUSKIRK, Ronald X. 2085775/0311  
Issued orders to report to CO, MR, USNAVSTA, TI, SFRAN for further processing in conn with 30 days emer lv. Congressional interest.
3. 24 Feb. VENUSO, James H. 2079762/0311  
Issued Temporary Additional Duty orders to report to USNH, Nha Trang, South Vietnam in conn with hospitalization for a period of about ten days. Acute tonsillitis.

D. Operator's Licenses. Twelve government motor vehicle operator's identification cards were issued to members of this command on 1 Mar. authorizing the bearer to operate government vehicles up to 2½ tons in the Republic of Vietnam.

E. Venereal Disease. Four members of the Detachment are on medical quarantine (1-gonorrhea, 3 non-specific uretheritis), all having contacted the disease in Danang. Believe this to be a respectable percentage considering the abnormally high rate in Danang. Liberty party receives daily lecture by Officer of the Day prior to departure and prophylactics made available at no expense.

F. Miscellaneous. The Detachment has recently engaged a Vietnamese craftsman in designing an organizational plaque for purchase as desired, by the personnel of the unit. Believe it appropriate that one be presented the Task Unit upon departure and one to the parent organization. Photographs for the Battalion Cruise Book are taken periodically and will be made available on request.

<u>PRESENT STRENGTH</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
D-1-3	6	230
Engineers (attached)		12
CMR (attached)		12
Total	6	254

## ENGINEER OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS COMPLETED.

The following projects were completed during this period.

A. Compound rehabilitation for quartering Headquarters Battery 1st LAAMB, included the following;

1. Repair of roofs
2. Screening of windows and doors.

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3. Constructed doors in several living spaces.
4. Constructed serving line in galley.
5. Partially rehabilitated several office spaces and constructed a number of desks and benches.

B. Poured concrete flooring for CTU laundry and replaced screens on windows and doors.

C. Strongbacked, screened, and constructed doors for two guard tents. Constructed four new tent decks and pre-cut materials for at least six additional units. Rehabilitation of the Security Detachment tent area to include construction of sixteen new tent decks, strongbacks, doors, and screens, is progressing as scheduled and will be completed by 15 Mar. Approximately 30% of open purchase lumber and hardware materials was delivered on 24 Feb; remaining materials are available for immediate delivery.

D. Engineers are also currently engaged in installation of plumbing necessary to restore a shower and toilet unit located in a building adjacent to the tent area. Procurement of basins, installation of a hot water heater, and replacement of screening and doors are included in plans for renovating this facility. Completion and use of this head and shower unit will ~~obviate the~~ necessity of constructing a less desirable portable head in the tent area and substantially reduce consumption of water pumped from the well which now serves the Marine compound.

Security Detachment.

- A. Relocated 81MM mortar positions to facilitate support capability.
- B. Constructed a command post bunker in the Marine compound.
- C. Installed wire in the compound in order to improve communication between posts located in the motor transport area and the Commander of the Guard office.
- D. Constructed double apron and concertina wire fences in and about the perimeter of the compound.

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## SUMMARY OF GROUND FIRE INCIDENTS AND UNUSUAL EVENTS

15 January - 11 March 1965

17 Jan 1545 Three shots fired north of compound along Route #1 in front of ARVN compound. ARVN dispatched patrol. No patrol results reported.

18 Jan 2135 Man discovered along fence in dependants compound. Fled when sentry discovered him.

25 Jan 2120 Firing noted northwest of compound. S-2 reported action was two (2) ARVN companies on ambush duty.

27 Jan 1905 Automatic weapons fire toward airstrip from a range of approximately 500 meters. Company Commander, S-2, and Security Officer notified.

29 Jan 2015 Post 13 reported small arms fire. Officer of the Day investigated and found nothing.

2020 Post 2c reported a shot fired. Evidence confirmed that sentry had been shot at; round impacted west end of communications building.

2025 Post 1a reported a truck carrying an armed man stop on Route #1 adjacent to compound.

2030 Company Commander sounded alert. No further incidents; alert secured at 2100.

1 Feb 1400 Air Police contacted Cpl of the Guard to report sporadic small arms fire in the F-102 area at southeast corner of airfield. No casualties.

2030 Tracer ammunition reported fired at southeast corner of runway.

2230 OOD investigated report of firing on Post #8. One round fired at sentry (LCpl GILMORE). GILMORE reported first sighting man about 20 yds away; fired one round in return. Infiltrator last observed running southeast. CO, Security Detachment notified and investigated. No casualties.

2400 OOD investigated a report of automatic fire in the airstrip area. A few rounds hit in the vicinity of the airstrip S-2 office. Apparently came from the northeast. No casualties.

2400 Post #8 reported an agent approached his area; ran away when challenged.

2 Feb 1735 Airstrip Cpl of the Guard reported GySgt SAGAN and working party fired upon. No casualties. CO, Security Detachment notified.

2100 Trip flare set off near Post #7. Sentry observed figure running toward ARVN camp. OOD investigated.

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3 Feb 1225 Round impacted on roof of guard house in compound. .45 caliber bullet recovered. Possibility of accidental discharge dismissed as round fired from beyond compound. Little indentation in round indicating it had lost most of its velocity on impact. No casualties.

2210 Received call from Commander of the Guard that Post #2d reported unidentified person approached fence with flashlight; light went out when challenged and person disappeared. Investigation followed.

4 Feb 2150 Two trip flares set off in front of Post #8. No one detected.

5 Feb 0210 Ambush A reported their M-79 man had observed a Vietnamese about 20 yds from his position at about 2215. Several illumination grenades were thrown, only two of which ignited. Unknown infiltrator disappeared during attempts to illuminate area.

2005 Air Police called to report that two of their men had been shot at in the vicinity of the northwest end of the airstrip. No casualties. Sentries alerted.

6 Feb 0010 Sgt C. A. COLPITTS (Sub Unit #2), liberty bus operator, reported that approximately 30 rounds from an automatic weapon were fired approximately 50-75 yds in front of the bus at approximately 2345. Security Officer and CO, Security Detachment notified. No casualties.

2125 Sub Unit #2 corpsman accidentally fired one round in aig station while cleaning .45 caliber weapon. Commander of the Guard investigated. Security Officer, CO, Security Detachment notified. No injuries. Round was recovered.

8 Feb 2345 Five tracer rounds reported fired south of the runway.

9 Feb 1900 Six sentries, two M-60 machine guns and roving patrol with ANERC-6 posted on the perimeter of the arriving LAAMB battery.

2400 Air Police reported presence of approximately fifteen possible VC moving in area of the airfield; sentries alerted; Security Officer, and CO, Security Detachment notified.

10 Feb 0115 Post #17 reported one tracer round entered the airstrip from the south.

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12 Feb 2250 Tracer firing observed approximately one mile north-west of airstrip. Capt TURNER was informed.  
 2330 Three flares were noted in the vicinity of north end of airstrip.  
 0043 Notified by Air Police of flares and tracer fire two miles northwest of airstrip.

15 Feb 2005 Post #8 heard two shots fired approximately one hundred yds southwest of their post. Captain TURNER and Capt BRESLAUER were informed.  
 0140 Trip flares set off on Post #7. Nothing was seen.

16 Feb 0055 Post #10 reported round fired into Army helicopter. Later investigation showed firing was accidental discharge by sentry of "B" Battery, 1st LAAMB.

17 Feb 0315 ARVN illuminated surrounding area to locate suspected Viet Cong.

18 Feb Loud shot heard in vicinity of "B" Battery. Investigated. Nothing was seen nor could anything be determined.

19 Feb 2015 Tracer firing 500 meters southwest of "B" Battery.

21 Feb 2150 Post #7 reported seeing tracers and hearing machine gun fire at undetermined distance.

23 Feb 2030 Four explosions near "B" Battery proved to be ARVN mines which had been detonated.  
 0105 Two ARVN mines detonated.  
 0215 Seven ARVN mines exploded. All detonations result of dogs running in mine field.  
 2300 Sentry on Post #4c fired one shot into air after challenging a man who had run through his post. Capt TURNER and Security Officer notified.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SUPPORTING  
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SUB UNIT #2, MABS-16. (15 JAN - 13 MAR 1965)

MABS-16(-), MAG-16(-) (14 MAR - 31 MAR 1965)

Personnel Assigned

During the period 15 January - 31 March 1965, the following was accomplished:

	<u>Marine</u>		<u>Navy</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Joined	13	75	4	8
Transferred	113	67	2	11
Attached	53	54	2	3
Detached	62	53	2	3

This unit had five (5) disciplinary cases during this period.

There were two (2) reenlistments during this period.

Total strength as of 31 March 1965.

- a. Marine Officers.....14
- b. Marine Officers Attached...2
- c. Navy Officers.....2
- d. Navy Officers Attached.....1
- e. Marine Enlisted.....198
- f. Marine Enlisted Attached...6
- g. Navy Enlisted.....5
- h. Navy Enlisted Attached.....1

Total.....229

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H&amp;MS-16(-), MAG-16(-) (14-31 MAR 1965)

Personnel Assigned

During the period 14-31 Mar 65, the following was accomplished:

Marine

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Joined:	17	53
Transferred:	2	0
Attached:	1	0
Detached:	0	0

There were no disciplinary cases during this period.

There were no reenlistments during this period.

Total strength as of 31 March 1965.

- a. Marine Officers.....21
- b. Marine Officers Attached....1
- c. Marine Enlisted.....68
- d. Marine Enlisted Attached....0

Total.....90

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The Heavy Equipment Section performed normal camp maintenance, continued work in new Motor Transport area. Conducted routine heavy equipment maintenance repair and checks.

Normal laundry operations continued in the Laundry Section. 7704 lbs of laundry were handled during this period.

The Electrical Section throughout this period continued to perform routine camp electrical maintenance. In addition, wired the new Motor Transport building and completed electrical work in hangar area.

Routine camp maintenance was performed by Plumbing Section.

Combat Engineers were employed in construction work in new Motor Transport during this period. Minor repairs made in Compound area.

PERIOD 1-15 FEB.

Heavy Equipment Section continued routine camp maintenance. Graded compound roads and parking area. Graded outlying roads and began leveling campsite area for additional security troops. Began work in old French compound, preparing it for 1st LAAMS arrival.

Laundry Section continued normal operations. 7,239 lbs laundry were processed during this period.

Daily maintenance conducted on all generators and refrigeration units. These sections are continuing a vigorous "trouble shooting" program, thereby reducing unit outage time.

Routine camp maintenance by plumbing section. Also working in French compound for 1st LAAMS.

Combat Engineers completed construction in Motor Transport area and began work in French compound. Emergency repairs were made as necessary in the Marine compound.

PERIOD 16-28 FEB.

Heavy Equipment Section continued work in 1st LAAMS area. Routine camp maintenance performed daily.

Laundry Section continued routine operations. 7,706 lbs laundry were processed.

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Electrical Section performed routine electrical maintenance and trouble shooting during this period. Various light fixtures were either repaired or replaced throughout Marine living and working areas.

All other Utility Sections were engaged in routine camp maintenance and construction.

PERIOD 1-15 MAR.

Heavy Equipment Section continued routine maintenance and service checks on all equipment. Performed normal and camp maintenance tasks.

Laundry Section continued normal operation. Processed 8,628 lbs of laundry this period.

All other Utility Sections were engaged in renovating 9th MEB living and working areas during major portion of this period. Routine camp maintenance was also continued during this reporting period.

PERIOD 16-31 MAR.

In addition to routine camp maintenance, the Heavy Equipment Section graded a new Motor Transport parking area, performed maintenance checks and repairs on heavy equipment assigned to their section.

Laundry Section continued normal operations. Processed 6,245 lbs laundry during this period.

All other Utilities Sections were engaged in routine camp maintenance during this period.

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COMMUNICATIONSPERIOD 15 JAN 65 - 31 MAR 65PERIOD 15-30 JAN 1965

During this reporting period the overall communications have been generally fair to satisfactory, major problem being 1st Comms Hi Comm Net. Tech assistance was asked from SRF Yokosuka and provided when ET1 SAWICKI arrived on the 26th. Progress was made to correct the difficulties, through the diligent efforts and knowledge of ET1 SAWICKI. A letter was forwarded to Commanding Officer MOTU-13 concerning the above mentioned Navyman.

Liason visit made by Capt FRY, Communications, 1st MAW. Work continued on improving the area in and around the Comm Center. Under the present T/O, the Communications section is seven men under strength, six 2541's, one 2561. This does not include 1st Comm personnel.

1. Wire Section: This section during this period installed three 30 pair cables on the switchboard, and changed three key shelf section on board. A new rod was installed for board and all incoming cables outside of switchboard room were cabled. Installation of new TA-125's were made in compound area. Trouble shooting continued on lines 215, 104, and T.O.C. line. A line was installed to the 81 MM section. Preventative maintenance of equipment was continued.

2. Radio Section: The Wing Liason Net was operated with 82 incoming, and 73 outgoing phone patches, for a total of 155. Plans are being made for extending receiver antennas on the Hi Comm Net. Tests with the helo-mounted PRC-47 will continue as commitments permit.

3. Message Center: Due to the request of Avionics, the working air-conditioner had to be returned. Existing air conditioner is not working due to lack of spare parts which have been on order for 6 months. Steps are now being taken to ship complete unit back to supply officer, MAG-16, for replacement or repair. Circuit outage factors are as follows; 102 hours transmitting and receiving, frequency trouble, and the passing of QSY's via the phone. Message traffic for this period ran 928 incoming, 864 outgoing, for a total of 1,792 for an average of 118 per day.

1st Comm maintaining operations with difficulties described in opening statement. Repair section has done excellent work through long hours to maintain existing equipment of MUV Operative. Supply requisitions are also being handled by this section.

PERIOD 1-15 FEB 1965

Communications have been good to excellent despite the influx of traffic in all sections during this reporting period. Arriving for duty with the Command was 1 Sgt, 2632, and departing the Command were 1 Cpl, 2611, and 1 LCpl, 6621.

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Under the present T/O, the Communications Section is 9 men under strength, 5 2541's, 2 2543's, 1 2533, and 1 2561. Liaison with the 1st LAAM Bn has been accomplished, support and requirements have been met to a satisfactory degree despite the overload of work.

1. Wire Section: During this reporting period a 26 pair cable was installed from the Air Force Security to LAAM Bn area. The LAAM Battery was tied into our switchboard and two lines were laid from Alfa Battery to the terminal strip at the end of the runway for communications to the radar site on Monkey Mountain. The alert system within the compound was tested and proved satisfactory. On 12 February, a check was made on the number of calls with the following results; 0830-0930, 130 calls. 0930-1030, 142 calls, an increase of about 20 calls per hour from the previous tests made. The speakers in the public address system were checked and phones in the Senior BOQ, Junior BOQ, S-1B, and Radio Central were removed and replaced. Trouble shooting and preventative maintenance of equipment was continued.

2. Radio Section: This section continued operations with watch extended to 7 days a week on a 24 hour basis on the Wing Liaison Nets. During this period, there were 70 incoming, and 82 outgoing phone patches, for a total of 152. The receiver antenna on the RATT Circuit was extended, increasing reception at least 30%. Radio is now in the process of installing a permanent antenna for Liaison Net.

3. Message Center: Center operations continued with steady and expedient means. There were 1490 incoming and 532 outgoing messages during this period. We are anticipating augmentation of personnel from 1st LAAM Bn upon arrival at this headquarters. Circuit outage factors; 47 hours transmitting, 56 hours receiving while excessive heat caused KWT-26 failure. A breakdown of the alternating current line filter which leads to the electrolyte and started leaking on the AC input plug, was ignited by a surge of current and caused a small fire. The end results were two special purpose cable assemblies being burned. Extent of damage is such to deadline equipment until replacement parts are available. Air conditioner still at MAG-16 under repair.

1st Comm maintaining normal operations with satisfactory results. Repair section is on a 24 hour working status to keep equipment in a state of combat readiness. Spare parts being built up, but a shortage still exists in certain areas.

#### PERIOD 16-28 FEB 1965

During this reporting period the overall communications in all sections have been satisfactory. Arriving for duty with the Command was Capt T.J. HILL, 2502. Under the present T/O, the Communications section is 14 men under strength. Action is being taken to relieve the situation. Despite the heavy influx of traffic in all sections, and shortage of personnel, the Communicators of 6TG 79.4 have done an outstanding job of standing to get the job done.

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1. Radio Section: Operations continue on a 24 hour basis on the Wing Liaison Net. There were 70 incoming and 62 outgoing phone patches, for a total of 132. The guy lines were changed in the antenna farm to steel wire to prevent any future cutting. Equipment loaned out to the Air Force was returned. Radio checks with all subordinate units were made to insure our alert capability from the new CP bunker.

2. Message Center: Operations continued with 578 outgoing and 1,146 incoming messages, a total of 1724 for the 14 day period. Circuit outage factors; 32 hours and 42 minutes of transmitting and 39 hours 40 minutes receiving. Major outage of transmit and receive due to radio transmitter in 1st Comm, power failures and frequency difficulties encountered. Area in and around the Comm Center was improved for protective measures.

3. Wire Section: Normal switchboard operations were continued during this period. Lines were laid for Alfa and Bravo batteries of the LAAM Bn. Line was also laid to "C" Co of the 7th Eng Bn. Trouble shooting continued on various lines and SB-22 switchboard at HMM-163 Operations. The alert phone system was tested again and proved satisfactory. The terminal box at the Air Force Security was cleaned up and at same position a new terminal strip was installed.

1st Comm continued operations with difficulties due to the shortage of repair parts which have been on order. The Repair Section during this reporting period had over 25 troubles in equipments which were processed. A total of 20 requisitions were handled by the Supply Section. A report from the repair section chief stated that equipment being down is due mostly to the waiting time between the ordering and receiving of spare parts. 4 pieces of equipment were evacuated for repair work.

#### PERIOD 1-15 MAR 1965

During this period, communications in all sections have been satisfactory. Arriving for duty with the command were 1 Sgt 2561, 1 LCpl 2511. Departing the command were 2 2531's, 3 2543's, and 1 GySgt 2561. Augmentation of the 9th MEB personnel has been accomplished in the Comm Center with some difficulties, but smoothness within the communication center has been worked out. The air conditioner has been installed and is operating efficiently. Required communications within the 9th MEB at this time have been established and functioning.

1. Radio Section for this period had a total of 156 phone patches, breakdown as follows; 91 incoming, 65 outgoing.

2. Operations in the Comm Center continued with the following results on message traffic; 860 outgoing, 2198 incoming, for a total of 3,058 for the period. Circuit outage factors noted receive 30 hours 30 minutes, outage due to switchover of generators, power failures and some difficulties encountered with frequencies.

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3. Wire Section ran an additional 25 pair cable from Air Force Security to the 9th MEB. As the situation continues to change the wire section has constantly been on the job of running new lines and trouble shooting. And the continuation of handling additional traffic through the switchboard.

4. 1st Comm continued operations without the service of the HICOM Net, due to the shortage of spare parts.

5. Repair Section continued to maintain the operational readiness of equipment within the compound, plus additional work as required by other units of 9th MEB, until establishment of other repair sections.

PERIOD 16-31 MAR 1965

During this reporting period the relocation and activation of other Squadrons was accomplished. The transmitting and receiving agency of the 9th MEB is still being operated at MAG-16(-) Comm Center by MAG-16(-) personnel. The strength of the Comm Section of MAG-16(-) stands now at 46 enlisted and 1 officer. MAG-16 (Rear) at this time stands at 10 enlisted and 1 officer. The overall communications for MAG-16(-) has been excellent despite long and tedious hours put in by all sections to keep up with the pace of the 9th MEB.

1. The Message Center continued operations with the following results noted on msg traffic; incoming - 2,576, outgoing - 1,111, an increase of approximately 700 over the last period. Circuit outage factors, receive 42 hours, 5 minutes, transmit 33 hours, 35 minutes.

2. Repair Section processed 141 supply requisitions. 10 pieces of gear were shipped to higher echelon for repair and 77 pieces of gear were processed at this level. Spare parts for HICOM Net put on order 22 Feb, have not yet arrived at this position.

3. Radio Section continued phone patch capabilities on the Wing Liaison Net with the following results noted; incoming-108, outgoing-114.

4. First Comm continued operations without the services of the HICOM Net due to shortage of spare parts.

5. Wire Section installed an additional SB-86 switchboard to handle the increasing telephone system within and about the compound. A new wire diagram and telephone directory are in the process of being made.

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MOTOR TRANSPORTPERIOD 15 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 1965TOTAL MILES DRIVEN THIS PERIOD

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>MILES</u>
15 - 31 JAN	10,292
1 - 15 FEB	11,023
16 - 28 FEB	13,674
1 - 15 MAR	16,184
16 - 31 MAR	15,926
TOTAL	67,039

FUEL CONSUMPTION (MoGas & Diesel)

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>MOGAS (Gals)</u>	<u>DIESEL (Gals)</u>
15 - 31 JAN	6,728	7,862
1 - 15 FEB	7,442	5,250
16 - 28 FEB	6,658	7,113
1 - 15 MAR	7,489	5,984
16 - 31 MAR	8,435	10,652
	36,752 gallons	36,861 gallons

MAINTENANCE PERFORMED ON VEHICLES (Changes and/or Repairs)

<u>PART</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PART</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Starter.....	1	Steering.....	2
Battery.....	3	Water Pump.....	2
Brakes.....	5	Carburator.....	3
Gas Nozzle.....	1	Fan Belt.....	2
Master Cylinder.....	3	Head Gasket.....	3
Wheel Cylinder.....	2	Manifold Gasket.....	1
Motor Mount.....	3	Engine Tune Up.....	10
Clutch Link.....	1	Spark Plugs.....	1
Distributor.....	4	Valves.....	2
Generator.....	3	Regulator.....	1
Clutch.....	1	Fuel Pump.....	1
Transmission.....	3	Shock Absorber.....	1
Ball Housing.....	1	Radiator.....	1
Fly Wheel.....	1	Ignition Switch.....	4
U Joint.....	1	Body Frame.....	2
Horn.....	4		

VEHICLE INVENTORY

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
M-422.....	19	XA-60.....	2
M-676.....	6	CA-40.....	3
C-120.....	19	MB-1.....	3
M-43.....	2	MB-5.....	1
M-35A.....	10	M-107.....	8
M-35.....	4	M-250.....	2
MRC-38.....	1	M-2-8.....	1
MRC-87.....	1	E-15.....	1
M-52.....	3	M-127.....	1
M-62.....	1	Cattle Car.....	2
M-217.....	1	M-172.....	1
M-49.....	1	Rough Terrain Fork Lift..	2
M-215.....	2	Arc Welder.....	1
M-63.....	5	M-100.....	3
M-222.....	1	54-A.....	1
M-50.....	1	2-111.....	2
M-209.....	3	E-2-A.....	5
M-678.....	1		

Weekly and monthly maintenance checks were held on all vehicles of Marine Unit, Vietnam.

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

The following information is submitted for the periods indicated:

Period

15 - 31 January 1965

1. The following information is submitted:

	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outpatient Visits	129	6	0	35	160
Complete Physical Exams	12	0	0	0	12
X-Rays	15	12	2	6	25
Laboratory Procedures	156	5	0	15	178
Immunizations	54	0	0	0	54

1. On the 18th of Jan a Cpl/USMC from HMM-365 was brought to the dispensary from the flight line suffering from Conversion Hysteria. Patient was air-evac'd to the 8th Army Field Hospital, Nha Trang for further treatment and disposition. Patient was transferred to Clark AF Hospital, Philippines on the 26th of Jan.

2. On the 25th of Jan a Sgt/USMC from HMM-365 was received via helicopter with a gunshot wound penetrating his right upper abdomen. Patient was treated here and immediately air-evac'd to the 8th Army Field Hospital, Nha Trang for immediate abdominal surgery. Patient died on the 27th from Traumatic Shock and Toxemia, at Nha Trang.

3. On the 25th of Jan an indoctrination lecture was given by the Medical Officer to personnel of the Security Company.

4. On the 28th of Jan a Venereal Disease lecture was given to personnel of the Sub Unit.

Period

1 - 15 February 1965

	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outpatient Visits	154	3	0	30	187
Complete Physical Exams	17	0	0	0	17
X-Rays	34	8	8	6	56
Laboratory Procedures	147	4	0	5	156
Immunizations	161	0	0	0	161

1. On 1 Feb 65 received one DOA: E-8 USA via helicopter. Dg 1 Myocardial infarction. Transferred the same day to 33rd AF Dispensary, Saigon for disposition and shipment to CONUS.

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1 - 15 February 1965

2. On 6 Feb 65 received one WIA/Captain USA via Helicopter. Dg. 1 wound shrapnel, lt shoulder. Treated and returned to duty. On same day received call AF dispensary, asking for doctors assistance in the case of a CPL thrown from a cyclo in a hit and run accident. Patient seen and transferred to 8th Army Field Hospital, Nha Trang, in serious condition. Dr C. G. Graham, Lt MC USN, and Hospital Corpsman in attendance during flight.

3. On 7 Feb 65 received via helicopter, five WIA, resulting from engagement at Viet An. All men received emergency and proper precautionary treatment, as deemed necessary prior to evacuation to US Naval Hospital Saigon.

4. On the days of 5 and 12 Feb 65, Venereal Disease lectures were given to personnel of this command.

Period

16 - 28 February 1965

	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outpatient Visits	45	0	0	46	91
Complete Physical Exams	17	1	0	6	24
X-Rays	39	3	1	26	69
Laboratory Procedures	165	10	0	72	247
Immunizations	190	0	0	0	190

1. On 18 Feb 65 received two ARVN via helicopter, one burn case and one with a fractured shoulder. Both treated here and evacuated via dispensary ambulance to the ARVN Hospital, Da Nang.

2. On 26 Feb 65 a Pfc C. C. Jernigan from the 1st LAAM Bn was treated for a displaced fractured humerus sustained in a fight. He was air-evac'd the next day to the 8th Army Hospital, Nha Trang.

3. On 28 Feb received via helicopter a Major D. E. Bolner, USA, who sustained a comminuted fracture of the right femur, sustained as a result of parachute jump. He was treated here and air evacuated the same day to the 8th Army Field Hospital.

Period

1 - 15 March 1965

	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outpatient Visits	284	15	0	56	355
Complete Physical Exams	46	0	0	0	46

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	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
X-Ray	50	8	3	51	112
Laboratory Procedures	169	9	0	96	274
Immunizations	167	0	0	0	167

1. On 1 March received one WIA via helicopter, a DAUM, R. A. Capt/USA with a gunshot wound of the left hand, and a fracture of the 2nd Metacarpal, left hand. Patient was treated here and evacuated to the 8th Army Field Hospital, Nha Trang, the same day.
2. On 4 March received one WIA via helicopter a RALL, F. A. Capt/USA of 2nd Div Adv Team #2 with a missile wound of the left shoulder sustained when battalion was hit by Viet Cong at Que Son. Patient was treated here and held overnight. Air-evac'd the next day to 8th Army Field Hospital, Nha Trang.
3. On 5 March received one KIA via helicopter, a CHASE, M. R. SP-4/USA, of Detch-4324, 1stSFGA, 1stFS. Killed in action against the Viet Cong five miles southwest of Kham Duc. Remains prepared and evacuated the same day to the 33rd AF Dispensary, Saigon. Death certificate made at this activity.
4. On 8 March received via helicopter a RAMAN, G. C. TN/USN from the USS Enrice, APA45, who sustained multiple lacerations about the face and hemorrhage of the anterior chamber of both eyes when a cable snapped. Patient was air-evac'd to 8th Army Field Hospital for further treatment and disposition.
5. On 11 March received via helicopter four member of HMM-163 whose helicopter crashed ten miles east of Tien Phouc when engine failed. 1) BERGER, H. J. LCpl, Dg 1 Burns, 1st and 2nd Degree, Both Arms, Legs and Buttocks. Dg 2 Fracture, Right Scapule. 2) WAUNCH, D. S. Capt Dg 1 Laceration, Multiple, Lt Leg Dg 2 Abrasion, Neck, Dg 3 Whiplash injury, Neck. 3) JONES, J. D. Cpl, Dg 1 Laceration, Multiple, Rt Leg, Lt Forearm, Lt Eye, Dg 2 Fracture, Nose; Dg 3 Trauma, Lt Eye; Dg 4 BURN, 1st and 2nd Degree, Face. 4) KEAST, G. R. 1stLt Dg 1 Contusion, Rt Foot; Dg 2 Contusion, Lt Lower Ribs. All men were given first aid treatment prior to evacuation to 8th Army Field Hospital. 1stLt KEAST was released to a limited duty status.
6. On 14 March received four casualties via helicopter from 1st Platoon, I-Co-3-9 from Hill 327 west of Da Nang Airfield, three who sustained injuries from fire of M-14 rifle. 1) ACHAS, Robert J. LCpl, Dg 1 Wound, Missile, penetrating, abdomen; Dg 2 Wound, Missile, penetrating chest. ACHAS expired approximately two and one half hours after being wounded. Primary cause of death was established to be Anoxia and Hemorrhage. Remains was prepared and evacuated to the 33rd AF Dispensary, Saigon via 8th Army Field Hospital the following morning. 2) PARHAM, L. S. Cpl, Dg 1 wound, missile,

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Penetrating, Abdomen; Dg 2 Wound, Missile, penetrating, right Femoral Region; Dg 3 wound, missile, penetrating, right testicle. PARHAM was taken to taken to the Zai Tan ARVN Military Hospital where he underwent six and one half hours of surgery by three attending surgeons and received seven thousand units of whole blood. Transferred the following day to the 8th Army Field Hospital, Nha Trang, where he expired the next day. 3) PACELLI, R. A. Dg 1 wound, Fragment, superficial, right orbital Region. This man was not treated as he disappeared before any treatment or administrative work could be done. 4) NEMBURN, W. V. Pfc Dg 1 shock deep oligemic; Dg2 Anxiety Reaction, Acute. This man was retained at the dispensary for observation and treatment.

7. On 15 March received via helicopter a DYMOUSKI, A. (n) Sgt/USA of a Advisory Team #2, from Tam Ky. Dg 1 anxiety reaction. He was retained as the dispensary for observation and treatment.

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	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outpatient Visits	292	9	7	56	364
Complete Physicals	10	0	0	15	25
X-Rays	38	1	0	34	73
Laboratory Procedures	200	7	0	63	270
Immunizations	367	1	0	0	368

1. A lecture was given to the crews of the UH-1B's on emergency first aid measures to be taken when and if one of their personnel should be injured while in flight.
2. Two (2) lectures were given to the personnel of HMM-163 on precautions to be taken during the hot weather; one by the Medical Officer, of the Squadron, and the other by the corpsman on flight orders at the time.
3. On 16 March, A.Y. ALLEN Jr. HN/USN was brought to the dispensary with lacerations of the scalp sustained as a result of a helicopter crash in the area of Aro, Vietnam. Patient was treated here and returned to duty two days later.
4. On 20 March, SSgt Richard A. PRICE, USA, MACV Team #2 was brought to the dispensary via helicopter after being wounded in both legs by small arms fire in the Din Van sector. Patient was transferred directly to the Field Hospital, "C" Med Bn.
5. On 22 March, a Marine was brought to the dispensary via helicopter from Hill #327, suffering from heat exhaustion. The patient was taken to the Field Hospital, "C" Med Bn, for further treatment.

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6. On 28 March, Capt W.D. REYNOLDS, USMC, HMM-163, was brought to the dispensary via helicopter. The patient was dead on arrival at this activity. He had been partially decapitated by a helicopter rotor after his craft had crashed. The remains were taken to the Field Hospital, "C" Med Bn, for preparation, prior to being shipped to Saigon.

7. On 31 March, a mass casualty situation was declared at this dispensary as a result of enemy ground fire taken by the helicopters of HMM-163 while on a sortie in the area of Viet An. All told, there were seventeen personnel wounded, six of whom were immediately evacuated to the 8th Army Field Hospital in Nha Trang after being initially treated at the Field Hospital, "C" Med Bn, two personnel were evacuated the following morning to 8th Army Field Hospital, Nha Trang for further definitive care, the remainder of the wounded personnel were treated and returned to duty. There were two personnel fatally wounded in this action; (1) MAGEL, James E., 1st Lt, USMC, HMM-163, and (2) ELIASON, Wendall T., 1st Lt, USMC, HMM-163. Both men were dead on arrival at the dispensary and the remains were taken to "C" Med Bn Field Hospital for further disposition. In addition to the seventeen wounded in action were two personnel from the 7th Aviation Platoon. These two patients also were evacuated to the 8th Army Field Hospital at Nha Trang after being rendered initial treatment at the Field Hospital here.

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	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Other</u>
Amalgam 1 Surface	103	2	0	4
Amalgam 2 Surface	15	2	0	1
Intermediate Base	128	4	0	5
Silicate	10	0	0	0
Temporary Filling	9	0	0	2
Tooth Removal	3	0	0	101
Equilibration	0	0	0	0
Prophylaxis	49	4	0	1
Sealing	49	4	0	1
Examination	49	4	0	2
Post Operative Treatment	3	0	0	0
Pericoronitis Treatment	3	0	0	0
Denture Repair	3	0	0	1
Gingivitis Treatment	3	0	0	0
Restorations Polished	36	0	0	0
Total Procedures	463	20	0	117

Period

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	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Amalgam 1 Surface	48	7	0	0	55
Amalgam 2 Surface	10	0	0	0	10
Base Intermediate	61	8	0	1	70

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	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Silicate	10	0	0	1	55
Temporary Filling	2	0	0	0	10
Dental Adjustment	0	0	0	1	70
Bridge Repair	0	0	0	0	11
Tooth Removal	1	1	0	105	107
Prophylaxis	25	1	0	0	26
Scaling	26	1	0	0	27
Examinations	29	1	0	0	30
Post Operative Treatment	4	0	0	0	4
Polish Restorations	34	3	0	3	40
Sittings	49	3	0	94	146

Period 16 -28 February 1965

	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Amalgam 1 Surface	55	2	0	1	58
Amalgam 2 Surface	14	0	0	0	14
Base Intermediate	74	2	0	1	77
Silicate	6	0	0	0	6
Temporary Filling	10	0	0	0	10
Denture Adjustment	00	0	0	0	0
Bridge Repair	0	0	0	0	0
Tooth Removal	3	1	0	2	6
Prophylaxis	31	2	0	0	33
Scaling	31	2	0	0	33
Examinations	39	3	0	0	42
Post Operative Treatment	1	0	0	0	1

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**Polish Restorations**

	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Polish Restorations	10	2	0	0	12
Sittings	53	5	0	2	60

Period

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	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Total</u>
Amalgam 1 Surface	52	2	0	54
Amalgam 2 Surface	13	3	1	17
Base Intermediate	65	5	1	71
Temporary Filling	10	3	1	14
Denture Adjustment	3	0	0	4
Tooth Removal	11	9	0	20
Alveolectomy	00	1	0	1
Equilibration	1	0	1	2
Prophylaxis	10	0	0	10
Scaling	11	0	0	11
Examinations	53	2	1	56
Post Operative Treatment	0	3	0	3
Patients	63	4	13	107

Period

16 - 31 March 1965

	<u>Navy/Marine</u>	<u>Army</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Total</u>
Amalgam 1 Surface	56	0	0	0
Amalgam 2 Surface	34	1	1	36
Base Intermediate	90	1	1	92
Temporary Filling	3	1	0	4

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Navy/Marine   Army   Air Force   Total

Denture Adjustment	9	2	10	11
Tooth Removal	10	0	0	10
Equilibration	5	1	1	7
Prophylaxis	5	0	0	5
Scaling	5	0	0	5
Examination	44	0	0	45
Patients Treated	116	7	2	125
Post Operative Treatment	0	1	0	1

CHAPLAIN

The following is a resume of the Chaplain's activities within the Task Unit for the past reporting period.

Period

15 - 30 January 1965

## 1. Activities

- a. Counselling cases 9
- b. Red Cross Messages handled 5
- c. Attendance at Sunday Services:
  - Protestant 63
  - Roman Catholic Mass 110
- d. Conducted Protestant Service at MAAG, 24 January 49
- e. Mid-week Mass Celebrated by MAG-16 Chaplain 3-- 47
- f. Memorial Service, 29 January 259

2. On 25 January, the Chaplain addressed the incoming Guard Company about spiritual matters and Chapel attendance.

3. Correspondence was continued with several families and other unit Chaplains in efforts to solve family problems.

Period

1 - 15 February 1965

## 1. Activities

- a. Counselling Cases 7
- b. Red Cross Messages handled 9
- c. Attendance at Sunday Services
  - Protestant 77
  - Roman Catholic Mass 116
  - Communed 48
- d. Memorial Service, 9 February 220
- e. Week-day Mass celebrated by Wing-Chaplain 8

2. Assistance was given at the Dispensary, 7 February during treatment of wounded.

3. Chaplain R. P. HEIM relieved by Chaplain E. F. LECHE on 12 Feb 65.

Period

15 - 28 February 1965

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## 1. Activities

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| a. Counselling Cases                                    | 14  |
| b. Red Cross Messages                                   | 17  |
| c. Worship Services                                     |     |
| Protestant  | 186 |
| Roman Catholic Mass                                     | 173 |
| Communed  | 66  |
| d. Visited all Areas in and out of Compound             |     |
| e. Assisted at Sick Bay on MedEvacs                     |     |
| f. 2 meetings with USO, visited local Missionaries.     |     |
| g. Compiled and published 2 Issues of SubUnit Newspaper |     |
| h. Began repainting and redecorating of the Chapel      |     |
| i. Letters to families of Marines                       | 32  |

Period

1 - 15 March 1965

## 1. Activities


- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| a. Counselling Cases                                | 12  |
| b. Red Cross Messages                               | 23  |
| c. Worship Services                                 |     |
| Protestant  | 216 |
| Roman Catholic Mass                                 | 243 |
| Communed  | 189 |
| d. Visited areas in and out of Compound             |     |
| e. Assisted at Sick Bay on MedEvacs                 |     |
| f. Held last rites for a Marine Killed on hill 327. |     |
| g. Visited with local missionaries                  |     |
| h. Letters to families of Marines                   | 2   |
| i. Promoted to LCdr.                                |     |

Period

15 - 31 March 1965

## 1. Activities

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|--|-----|
| a. Counseling Cases                      | 31  |
| b. Red Cross Messages                    | 8   |
| c. Worship Services                      |     |
| Protestant                               | 347 |
| Roman Catholic Mass                      | 204 |
| Communed                                 | 96  |
| d. Visited areas in and out of compound. |     |
| e. Assisted at Sick Bay during Medevacs. |     |
| f. Held last rites for 5 Marines.        |     |

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MESS ADMINISTRATION

For Period 15 January 1965 - 31 March 1965

PERIOD 15-31 JAN 1965. During the reporting period, the Food Services Program of this Command operated normally, serving an average of 2129 meals per day with a combined food services strength of 18 Cooks, Bakers, and Stewards.

Evening snacks are being provided for the Officer, SNCO, and Enlisted Lounges.

The operation of the entire Messing Facility within the Marine Compound continues to function efficiently with the demands of the Task Unit.

PERIOD 1-14 FEB 1965. During the reporting period, the Food Services Program of this Command operated normally, serving an average of 2454 meals per day with a combined food services strength of 1 Food Tech, and 20 Cooks, Bakers, and Stewards.

Evening snacks are being provided for the Officer, SNCO, and Enlisted Lounges.

The operation of the entire Messing Facility within the Marine Compound continues to function efficiently with the demands of the Task Unit.

PERIOD 15-28 FEB 1965. During this reporting period, the Food Services Program of this Command operated normally, serving an average of 3755 meals per day with a combined food services strength of 1 Food Tech, and 19 Cooks, Bakers, and Stewards.

Evening snacks are being provided for the Officer, SNCO, and Enlisted Lounges.

The operation of the entire Messing Facility within the Marine Compound continues to function efficiently with the demands of the Task Unit.

PERIOD 1-15 MAR 1965. During this reporting period, the Food Services Program of this Command operated normally, serving an average of 4629 meals per day with a combined food services strength of 1 Food Tech, and 20 Cooks, Bakers, and Stewards.

Evening snacks are being provided for the Officer, SNCO, and Enlisted Lounges.

The operation of the entire Messing Facility within the Marine Compound continues to function efficiently with the demands of the Task Unit.

PERIOD 16-31 MAR 1965. During this reporting period, the Food Services program of this Command operated normally, serving an average of 6433 meals per day with a combined food services strength of 1 Food Tech, and 28 Cooks, Bakers, and Stewards.

The operation of the entire Messing Facility within the Marine Compound continues to function efficiently with the demands of the Task Unit.

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POSTAL SECTIONPERIOD 16 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 1965

1. Mail was received by KC-130 twenty (20) times from APO 96243 via APO 96337 forty four (44) times. Mail was dispatched daily Monday thru Saturday to APO 96243 via APO 96337 and twenty (20) times by KC-130.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Mail Received</u>	<u>Mail Dispatched</u>	<u>Money Orders</u>
16 - 31 Jan 65	2066 lbs	2386 lbs	371
1 - 15 Feb 65	2852 lbs	1187 lbs	458
16 - 28 Feb 65	2095 lbs	3452 lbs	142
1 - 15 Mar 65	6021 lbs	2774 lbs	495
16 - 31 Mar 65	6762 lbs	1240 lbs	703

2. Hours of operation: Monday thru Friday 0900 to 1630. Money Orders 0900 to 1500. Saturday 0900 to 1200 and Money Orders 0900 to 1100. No business conducted on Sundays. Regular days for receiving mail are Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

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**SECRET**BULK FUEL SECTIONPERIOD 15 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 1965PERIOD 15-31 JAN.

During this reporting period, 200 drums of AV/GAS has been sent to the field. Equipment has been operating normally with no serious malfunction. Total fuel received for this period was 64,854 gals of 115/145. Fuel issued was 65,684 gals 115/145. Mogas and Diesel has been issued at a rate of 3,500 gallons per week.

PERIOD 1-15 FEB.

Normal Bulk Fuel operations during this period. No serious or unusual problems. Received 82,291 gallons 115/145, issued 56,291 gallons. Fuel usage held to a minimum due to 4 day "TET" celebration by the Vietnamese. Flying curtailed during this period. Mogas and Diesel issued at a rate of 3,500 gallons per week.

PERIOD 16-28 FEB.

Normal operations conducted this period. 58,340 gallons AV/GAS dispensed. 14,396 gallons Diesel issued. Bulk Fuel personnel completed sandbagging of new fuel farm.

PERIOD 1-15 MAR.

Bulk Fuel operations were increased considerably during this period due to the influx of 9th MEB and addition of another HMM Squadron. AV/GAS expended this period 104,006 gallons and Diesel 25,485 gallons.

PERIOD 16-31 MAR.

Bulk Fuel operations continued at an increased rate due to the MEB deployment and the additional HMM Squadron. Relocated fuel system at Kham Duc, moved system from airstrip to parking area in order to provide increased security for system. Began preliminary planning for setting up fuel system at Quang Tin Province Headquarters. Fuel has been dispensed as follows: 94,618 gallons AV/GAS, 27,650 gallons MOGAS, and 25,423 gallons Diesel.

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MARINE EXCHANGE Period 15 January - 31 March 1965

During this reporting period the Marine Exchange was open for business Monday through Saturday each week. In some instances the Exchange reopened on Sunday for a brief period of time.

All merchandise is purchased from the Navy Exchange in Saigon by the Marine Exchange Liaison NCO. The merchandise is shipped to MAG-16 (-) by the C-117D assigned to this command. All other shipments are made by scheduled LST's or in certain instances by USAF C-123.

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>SALES RECEIPTS</u>
15-31 January 1965	\$6,674.65
1-14 February 1965	\$6,446.09
15-28 February 1965	\$9,897.53
1-14 March 1965	\$8,708.24
15-31 March 1965	\$10,599.34
Total -	<u>\$42,325.85</u>

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SPECIAL SERVICES PERIOD 16 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 1965GAME ROOM

Mon - Fri 1730 - 1930  
Sat - Sun 1200 - 1930

HOBBY SHOP

Mon - Fri 1730 - 1930  
Sat - Sun 1200 - 1930

During the reporting period evening movies have been shown in the indoor theatre, Officers Mess, and SNGO Club. The main reason movies are now being shown in these areas is because the indoor theatre is not capable of handling all personnel who desire to view the evening movie. Films are shown nightly.

No fishing trips or guided tours have been scheduled due to the enemy activity in and around the Danang area.

The Hobby Shop continues to carry a small amount of models and handicrafts. A model airplane club has been organized by the personnel within the Marine unit. The softball field has been utilized for the area in which they fly their model crafts.

A reading room has been provided in the Recreation Hall. Reading material is being provided by the Headquarters and Support Activity in Saigon (HSAS). In addition, a section of the Recreation Hall has been set aside for weight lifting enthusiasts. Additional furniture for the reading room has been ordered and received.

Request was submitted to I Corps Recreation Council for funds to repair or replace movie screen in the indoor theatre. Request was approved and a new screen was purchased and installed.

Renovation of the handball court was started on 21 Jan 65. This project was completed and the handball court is now available for use.

New chairs to increase seating capacity in the indoor theatre have been received. Chairs have been assembled and installed.

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INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 15 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 1965PERIOD 15-30 JANUARY 1965

During this period, 1965 passes were obtained from Security Officer 41st Tactical Wing, collected contributions for TET BONUS from HMM-365, Staff Lounge, Officers Lounge, and EM Lounge. Also accepted contributions from several barracks. Held shakedown on employees at unannounced times. Fired one houseboy for attempting to take American cigarettes off base. This was the workers second offense of the same nature. Several other workers were warned for minor offenses and notations were made on their records.

During this period this office contacted the Officer of the Day 5th ARVN Regt concerning small arms fire west of the Marine compound. Contacted 5th ARVN Security in connection with the incident. Contacted 5th ARVN Security concerning a closer search of the workers entering and leaving the Marine compound. Contacted 5th ARVN Security concerning an incident which occurred in the Marine compound during Oct 1964.

During this period, the interpreter arranged for the manufacture and purchase of 40 new chairs for the Sgt's and Staff mess respectively. Solicited bids and interpreted for contracts for Special Services Officer, Utilities Officer, Enlisted Club Manager, interpreted for Commanding Officer CTU 79.3.5, S-2, Messhall, Base Laundry, Utilities, Social Worker 5th ARVN Regt, Sick Bay, Security Company, Base Tailor, Chaplain, S-4, S-1, OinC SU#2, Jr and Sr BOQ's, and various officers and enlisted men of this command.

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PERIOD 1-15 FEBRUARY 1965

During this period this section participated in the TET ceremony. Delivered workers security passes to 41st Tactical Wing for Feb65. Published a notice to workers reminding them that repeated tardiness will not be tolerated. One of the Bar-maids from the EM Club quit without prior notice, and did not turn in her pass. The pass was subsequently recovered from one of the other Bar-maids. Held shakedowns at unannounced times. Total workers now employed stands at 123.

Liason contacted the 5th Inf Regt (ARVN) Security several times concerning small arms fire, new employees, permission for messmen to enter ARVN gate during early morning hours, placing of a Marine sentry at ARVN gate during rush hours to aid in shaking down incoming employees, installation of barbed wire and turning lights around. Contacted 41st Tac. Wing Security concerning permission for truck transporting Club workers home at night to pass through checkpoint 'Charlie' and also concerning the posting of a Marine sentry at checkpoint 'Charlie' during the hours between 1800-0800. Contacted NAD concerning a cross security check on employees.

Interpretation was done for TET ceremony, CO MUV, Security Co, Chaplains Office, HMM-365, Messhall, S-4, S-2, Communications, Jr. SNCO Quarters, Utilities, and various officers and enlisted men of this command.

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PERIOD 16-28 FEBRUARY 1965

Payday for government employees was held on 27 Feb. Corrective action was taken to stop the female employees of the BOQs and the base laundry from collecting the empty beer bottles out of the trash dump every morning; these were apparently being stockpiled and taken off the base one at a time and sold in town. At 1600 hours, 23 Feb, worker #52 reported that his pass was missing from its place on the pass rack. No one could account for the whereabouts of the pass, so the worker was subsequently issued pass no. 119, and the appropriate departments notified of the incident. Security Company was informed and advised to have their sentry on duty at the ARVN gate informed to be on the look-out for this pass, and also to watch carefully for erasures. Issued three passes to laundry boys for LAAMS. Settled a dispute between two bar-maids from the Officer's lounge. Hired two additional workers for the base laundry. Requested and received permission from the Security Officer, Sub Unit #2 to hire a female employee with the ability to speak either French or English who would shakedown all female employees each time they enter or depart the compound.

The Liaison section contacted 5th ARVN Security on several occasions for: permission to post a Marine sentry on the ARVN gate between the hours of 0700-2000 daily; a background check on all club girls; investigated the unauthorized use of electrical appliances in the ARVN compound at night which were overloading our generators; cautioned the ARVNs about movement in the Marine compound at night; obtained permission to install new lights along the dividing wire; instituted a means of speeding up processing of security clearances for new employees; at approximately 2100, 24 Feb, verified the identification of 4 ARVN soldiers found near the airstrip; handed over four letters which were turned in by a pilot of HMM-163 for ARVN personnel.

During this period this office interpreted for the CO Sub Unit #2, Security Officer S.U. #2, S-4, Utilities, Messhall, S-2 of HMM-163, Chaplain, Security Company, LAAMS, Officer Lounge, SNCO Lounge, EM Lounge, and various officers and enlisted men of this command.

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PERIOD 1-15 MARCH 1965

During this period, pass #79 was reported missing, appropriate sections notified, and the employee issued a new pass. Requested and received permission to have a completely different type of pass made for USMC employees. Notified 1st Sgt, Security Company, that three houseboys working for this unit had not been paid; situation was corrected immediately. Hired a female employee for this office to search female employees entering and leaving the USMC compound. Hired a third waitress for the SNCO Lounge. Hired two additional barbers, changed the hours of operation for the barber shop, and placed the barbershop on a seven day work week. One male laundry employee requested a different position, and a switch was obtained with a Sub Unit #2 houseboy at the same pay scale. Hired two additional employees for the messhall. Hired thirteen employees for the 9th MEB; included in these were ten females to work as BOQ maids, and three males to work as houseboys.

During this period, this office had liaison with: (1) Danang Special Sector for permission for the garbage truck to pass road-blocks on National Route #1 between Danang and the USMC Compound; (2) 6th Inf. Regt. (ARVN) Security for permission for the two trucks delivering sand and gravel to pass through their gate; (3) 5th Inf. Regt. (ARVN) Security for new employees and the vacating of three buildings for occupation by 9th MEB; (4) 5th Inf. Regt. (ARVN) Utilities concerning permission for the USMC to obtain water from the 5th Regt's water supply point during the change over period of our water pumps; (5) 9th MEB concerning the employment of Vietnamese employees in the 9th MEB area; (6) 41st Tactical Wing (VNAF) Security concerning private laundry service for the 9th MEB Units.

During this period, this office interpreted for the CO, CTG 79.4, OIC Sub Unit #2, HMM-163, PX and Special Services Officer, Utilities, Base Laundry, 9th MEB, Officers Lounge, SNCO Lounge, TG S-4, Security Company, Motor Transport Officer, and various officers and enlisted men of this command. This office also translated laundry chits for the Base Laundry, and a leaflet for the ExO Sub Unit #2, purchased various items in Danang for the 9th MEB, Base Barbershop, Officers Mess, and had furniture repaired for the Officers Mess and the EM Lounge.

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PERIOD 16-31 MARCH 1965

During this period, Industrial Relations hired two new messmen, two houseboys for 9th MEB, one houseboy for BMM-163's ready room, and three houseboys for H&MS-16, also transferred five former Security Unit houseboys to the H&MS-16 barracks area. Changed all the workers passes. Instructed MAG-16(-) BOQ Maids that they would not wash any clothing belonging to officers who are non-residents. Settled a dispute involving the utilities workers. Settled a dispute between the 9th MEB houseboys and the private laundry representative from the 41st Tact. Wing, VNAF. Renewed 41st Tact. Wing passes. Submitted copies of all workers names, addresses, etc. to the 3rd CTF, I Corps, and 41st Tact. Wing.

Liaisoned with 5th ARVN Security for new employees, to find the owner of the land behind the motor pool, and to arrange for the leasing of this property, to verify the method used to grant employees security clearances. 5th ARVN requested permission for a local villager to exhume 5 graves located in the USMC compound. Liaisoned with 41st Tact. Wing Security concerning passes for VNAF personnel authorizing them to pick up and deliver laundry, and to renew the employees passes.

Interpreted for the CO MABS-16(-), S-4, Navy Supply, utilities, sick bay, barbershop, laundry, messhall, "O" Club, SNCO Club, and various officers and men of the command. Purchased a desk for the EnO MAG-16(-). Arranged contract for the basketball court repairs. Ordered various items of furniture for the "O" Mess, and the new SNCO/Sgt's mess.

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PART D  
GENERAL COMMENTS

## GENERAL COMMENTS

1. General Situation.

The time period of 15 January 1965 to 31 March 1965 has shown a varying but decreasing number of Viet Cong initiated incidents. The highest VC initiated incident week was the last week in February 1965 when 161 such incidents were conducted. This is considerably less than the VC high incident week of the previous reporting period - the third week of December 1964 when over 200 such incidents were experienced in the I Corps area.

Although the VC initiated incident rate has decreased, the strength of VC "Hard Core" units continues to build up.

The kill ratio for the reporting period is approximately 3 to 1 as compared to 7 to 1 in the first half of the month of January 1965.

Throughout this period there have been repeated rumors of large units (up to division in size) moving down the Ho Chi Minh Trail into the I Corps area but none of this has been confirmed. The most significant increase by the VC has been in their local force units and guerrilla forces.

The following is a weekly summary of VC initiated incidents:

<u>Week</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>B.</u>	<u>C.</u>	<u>D.</u>	<u>E.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2-8 Jan	8	70	7	29	12	28	145
9-15 Jan	9	67	10	22	7	19	134
16-22 Jan	11	49	7	20	7	23	117
23-29 Jan	19	48	4	8	7	14	100
30-Jan-5 Feb	5	53	3	11	3	21	96
6-12 Feb	14	41	10	10	17	8	102
13-19 Feb	19	51	6	15	14	11	116
20-26 Feb	15	75	5	20	33	13	161
27 Feb-5 Mar	23	46	7	17	14	2	109
6-12 Mar	19	69	7	8	10	9	122
13-19 Mar	11	47	2	16	10	12	98
20-26 Mar	6	57	6	14	8	6	97
27-31 Mar	8	42	5	14	4	3	76

LEGEND: A. ATTACK  
 B. HARASSMENT  
 C. MURDER  
 D. KIDNAP  
 E. SABOTAGE  
 F. PROPAGANDA

## 2. Tactics / Techniques

The "Strike" concept of tactical deployment of helicopterborne troops has proved to be very efficient and effective. The system consists of a preliminary briefing in which the overall tactical scheme of maneuver, probable landing zones and alternate plans are considered. If possible, the strike commander conducts a seemingly routine flight at a distance and altitude which will provide him with visual and/or photographic coverage of the landing zones. Utilizing this information gained, a detailed briefing is conducted for key personnel of all services involved in the operation, thereby producing a final plan which is jointly acceptable. The Marine Strike Commander then has a pre-flight briefing of his pilots and loadmasters and the attack is conducted. This series of planning commences the day before the strike is conducted. Should an instant reaction requirement exist, phases such as photo coverage, general briefing, etc. may be eliminated by the representatives of the service affected.

PART E

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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Enclosure (1)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

After Mission Report Forms, Mission Request Forms, and Daily Statistics are forwarded to Director, Marine Corps Operations Analysis Group, Marine Corps Landing Force Development Center, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico Virginia, for analysis and disposition as appropriate; therefore, these supporting documents are not and have not been included in this Command Diary.