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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanders and Staff:

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-31 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
DAN H. JOHNSON	CO	COL	COL
FREDERIC T. WATTS JR.	XO	LTCOL	COL
RICHARD R. EBERT	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ
ALONZO B. MCCALL	ADJ	CAPT	2NDLT
DONALD L. MAY	S-1	MAJOR	LTCOL
GEORGE W. BROKATE	S-2	MAJOR	CAPT
HARRY G. ROBINSON	S-3	LTCOL	LTCOL
FRANK D. TOPLEY	S-4	LTCOL	LTCOL

b. H&MS-13 (1-31 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
LYNN F. WILLIAMS	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
JAMES E. MILLER	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
DANIEL H. CHARRON	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR
MICHAEL P. CADY	OPNSO	CAPT	MAJOR
HARRY R. SMITH	ADMINO	LT	2NDLT

c. MABS-13 (1-31 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
KENNY C. PALMER	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
RAY B. STICE	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
ROBERT L. BAINBRIDGE	BASEOPNSO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN T. RADICH	BASESERVO	MAJOR	MAJOR
MURIEL DAVIS	ADMINO	CAPT	1STLT

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d. VMFA-542 (1-31 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
FREDERICK L. FARRELL JR.	CO	LTCOL	MAJOR
RAY D. PENDERGRAFT	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
RAYMOND J. DROP	S-1	LT	CAPT
VINCENT M. LEVITSKY	S-2	LT	CAPT
STEPHEN S. EISENHAUER	S-3 (1-25 May)	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN HUBNER	S-3 (26-31 May)	MAJOR	MAJOR
DAVID G. SPEARMAN	S-4	WO	CAPT
HARVEY D. BRADSHAW	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

e. VMFA-314 (1-31 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
WILLIAM H. HEINTZ	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
JAMES RYAN JR.	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
ROBERT L. BRUTKE	S-1	LT	CAPT
DAVID E. FRITZ	S-2	LT	CAPT
VIRGIL B. BRANDON	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN L. LAVISH	S-4	WO	CAPT
KENNETH E. KITCHENS	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

f. VMFA-323 (1-15 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
GORDON H. KELLER JR.	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
JOHN L. THATCHER	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
RONALD C. ANDREAS	S-1	LT	MAJOR
HENRY J. HUDSON	S-2	LT	CAPT
JOHN HUBNER	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOSEPH B. WUERTZ	S-4	WO	MAJOR
CHARLES W. BROWN	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

g. VMFA-115 (15-31 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
GUY R. CAMPO	CO	LTCOL	MAJOR
MATTHEW B. PECK	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
FRANK CRUZ	S-1	LT	MAJOR
ROGER A. GURLEY	S-2	LT	CAPT
THOMAS K. DUFFY	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
BERNARD H. THOMAS	S-4	WO	MAJOR
RICHARD T. DOUGLAS	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

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2. Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>	<u>Date of Office</u>
MAG-13	CHU LAI, RVN	COL DAN H. JOHNSON	1-31 May
H&MS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL LYNN F. WILLIAMS	1-31 May
MABS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL KENNY C. PALMER	1-31 May
VMFA-542	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR FREDERICK L. FARRELL JR.	1-31 May
VMFA-314	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL WILLIAM H. HEINTZ	1-31 May
VMFA-323	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL GORDON H. KELLER JR.	1-15 May
VMFA-115	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR GUY R. CAMPO	15-31 May

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>USMC</u>			<u>USN</u>		
	<u>NA</u>	<u>NFO</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
H&MS-13	13	6	25	384	0	0
MABS-13	4	1	13	641	3	26
VMFA-542	18	18	6	315	1	0
VMFA-314	18	18	6	323	1	0
VMFA-323	21	20	5	302	1	0
VMFA-115	20	21	3	313	1	0
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TOTAL	94	84	58	2278	7	26

3. Important Visitors to the Command

a. Lieutenant General Victor H. KRULAK, CG, FMFPac, visited MAG-13 on 5 May 1967.

b. Admiral SHARP, CINCPAC, visited MAG-13 on 20 May 1967.

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PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

MAG-13 flew 2273 combat missions for a total of 2907.9 hours delivering 4151.1 tons of ordnance.

Missions were flown in support of III MAF, 7th Air Force, ARVN Forces, and the ROK Marines.

Operations supported were Hickory, Crockett, Lien Ket, Shawnee, Union I and II, Beacon Star, Beaucharger, Prairie IV, Chinook, Melheur, Cimarron, Choctaw, and Khe Sanh forces ranging from the Route Package I in the southern panhandle of North Vietnam through the DMZ and into the southern boundaries of I Corps.

VMFA-115 arrived in Chu Lai 15 May 1967 and began flying combat missions as a member of MAG-13 the same afternoon.

VMFA-323 departed Chu Lai, 15 May 1967 for Iwakuni, Japan as the F-4B squadron of 9th MAB.

VMFA-542 set a MAG-13 record for a one month period by flying 768 sorties, logging 963 hours and expending 1,448 tons of ordnance.

Chu Lai Airfield complex was designated Marine Corps Air Station on 5 May 1967 with Colonel Dan H. JOHNSON assuming the duties as Commanding Officer.

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PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

During May, MAG-13 had a loss of nine (9) officers and fifty-one (51) enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. In this same period, nine (9) officers and forty-seven (47) enlisted personnel reported to MAG-13 for duty.

2. Awards

There were one hundred and ninety (190) Air Medals and stars in lieu of Air Medals awarded, thirty-seven (37) recommendations for Air Medals and six (6) recommendations for Certificates of Achievement during May.

3. CasualtiesNon-hostile casualties

- a. Total for May.....sixteen (16)
- b. Total returned to duty.....thirteen (13)
- c. Total MedEvac out of RVN.....two (2)
- d. Total number of man days lost.....sixty-eight (68)

Hostile casualties

- a. Killed in Action.....none (0)
- b. Wounded in Action.....none (0)

4. Civic Action

a. The Revolutionary Development Team has been active in An Tan and Dong Binh and as a result the MAG-13 MedCaps have received more cooperation from the people. Eight hundred and twenty-four (824) persons were treated during the MedCap visits this month.

b. MAG-13 donated \$680.00 to the Chu Lai Catholic Orphanage and the school of Bin Son to be used to complete construction of the new school.

5. Industrial Relations

a. MAG-13 utilizes thirty-six (36) funded employees and IRO is processing seven (7) additional persons for temporary hire.

6. Intelligence/Counterintelligencea. Preparation for execution of assigned mission

(1) Intelligence Operations, Briefing and Debriefing of assigned

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aircrews, and orientation are continued to ensure each new crew member receives maximum familiarity with combat conditions in the Republic of Vietnam.

(2) Each enlisted man joining MAG-13 receives a three page guide sheet on general enemy capabilities, security procedures, and reporting of suspicious incidents.

b. Activities

(1) Two USAF Intelligence Officers gave a brief to aircrews on North Vietnamese Aircraft Tactics and Wing G-2 presented a detailed SERE brief.

c. Training

(1) A general intelligence brief is given each week for the officers and SNCO's of H&MS-13, MABS-13, the SNCO's of the tactical squadrons, and the Group Guard. The briefs cover the general situation in RVN and specifically the Chu Lai TAOR.

7. Airfield Operations

a. Representatives from MCB-8 surveyed the site for the new operations tower and 30th NCR has been tasked with the tower construction.

b. During May, 617 arrestments were made and 1292 simulated or actual Radar approaches made.

8. Combat Operations

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Hours</u>
H&MS-13 TF-9J	54	126.8
C-117D	182	256.2
VMFA-542 F-4B	768	963.0
VMFA-314 "	730	887.8
VMFA-323 "	256	304.6
VMFA-115 "	283	369.5
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TOTAL	2273	2907.9

9. Supply

a. Navy Supply Section

(1) All medium and small lot storage has been relocated in the

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new warehouse and a complete inventory will commence 5 June 1967.

(2) Group Supply is currently implementing phases of the Maintenance Materiel Management (3M) program, and both the Requisition Expeditor Unit and the Materiel Delivery Expeditor Unit have been incorporated.

b. Marine Corps Supply Section

(1) Conversion cards for changing from SLIT Card Requisition System to the MILSTRIP System have been received, and conversion and reconciliation of outstanding transactions is underway.

c. MAG-13 received five (5) Elder Trailers from RMK. Each fighter squadron will receive one (1) and the Group will use two (2) for the new aircrew briefing room. Two additional Pilot Ready Room Vans were received and will be used as the Air-to-Ground Hot Pad.

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TWO YEARS IN

CHU LAI		PHU BAI
KY HA		DONG HA
MARBLE MT.		BANANG
VIET	I	NAM

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13, CHU LAI, VIET NAM
SERVING THE AIR GROUND TEAM IN THE SKIES FROM
CHU LAI, VIETNAM

11 May 1967 marks the second year for the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Republic of Vietnam. We would like to give you a brief run down on our first two years:

THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING IN VIETNAM

Increments of Marine Helicopter Squadron-362, commanded by LtCol. Archie J. CLAPP, were the first unit of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing to serve in Vietnam.

Beginning Apr. 15, 1962 the operation, dubbed "Shufly", continued without interruption until March 1965 when the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade landed at Da Nang. "Shufly" was headquartered initially at Soc Trang and later at Da Nang. The operation provided helicopter support for Vietnamese units and conducted training programs for Vietnamese aviators who were to operate the UH-34's provided to the Vietnamese Air Force.

Prior to April of 1965, the only fixed wing Marine aircraft in Vietnam were several O-1B light observation aircraft performing visual and photographic observation missions and transient KC-130's which provided logistical flights in support of "Shufly".

In April 1965, the first Marine Corps F-4B "Phantom" jets were added to the aviation inventory in Vietnam. (The Marine Corps uses the F-4B both as a fighter and as an attack aircraft.) In May, additional F-4B's were stationed at Da Nang. On May 11, 1965, Maj.Gen. Paul J. FONTANA, arrived in Vietnam, and established Headquarters (Advanced) for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at Da Nang.

Appendix 1

On June 1, the A-4 "Skyhawk", bulwark of Marine close air support was introduced. They were assigned to Chu Lai, where they began operations just three weeks after construction was started on an expeditionary airfield. This field was built on a spot which was previously deserted wasteland. The first night launch of A-4 aircraft from this field was flown by Marine Aircraft Group-12 on July 5.

The first Marine Corps night helicopter assault in the Republic of Vietnam was made by Marine Aircraft Group-16 on August 12. On September 1, construction began on the Ky Ha airfield at Chu Lai for Marine Aircraft Group-36.

Another first, tactical use of an airborne Marine Corps Direct Air Support Center (DASC) was realized September 7-10, when a VMGR-152 KC-130F equipped with special communications package operated over the battle field for 9 hours on the first day of OPERATION PIRANHA.

The F8E "Crusader" deployed to Vietnam when VMF(AW)-312 joined MAG-11 at Da Nang on December 19. The announced 30-hour Christmas cease-fire on December 24-25 commenced as scheduled and was later extended on the 25th at the direction of higher authority. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing offensive air operations resumed at 1215, December 26, when a flight of two VMA-211 A4E's were diverted from a helicopter escort mission to strike a Viet Cong trenchline complex.

By the end of 1965:

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadrons (HMM's) were averaging about 20,000 sorties a month in support of military operations in the III MAF area, and hauling an average of 40,000 passengers and 2,200 tons of cargo.

Marine Observation Helicopter Squadrons (VMO's) were averaging about 2,000 missions per month.

Tactical fixed wing squadrons of F-4Bs, F-8s and A-4s were averaging about 2,500 combat sorties per month, and delivering from 1,600 to 2,000 tons of ordnance in their air support role.

Total sorties flown, ordnance delivered and troops and cargo heli-lifted during the months of the rainy season in the III MAF area did not differ significantly from the average figures for all months.

During the first six months of 1966, the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing supplied close air support for more than 25 combat operations, while at the same time expanding the civil affairs program throughout the I Corps area. Elements of Marine Wing Service Group-17 entered Vietnam May 31, 1966.

In July, the First Wing surpassed every record set for close air support of a combat operation, when OPERATION HASTINGS began July 15.

On the first day of the operation, MAG-16 deployed 2,200 Marines and 1,400 soldiers of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam within the zone. In all, 9,864 helicopter sorties were flown, 1,301 jet aircraft sorties were flown, with 479 ordnance strikes carrying 672 tons of bombs. In addition, Marine transport aircraft brought in millions of pounds of men, munitions and supplies.

On August 10, a second runway was completed at Da Nang, to handle the increase of air traffic.

On September 24, Marine Aircraft Group-13 elements arrived in Vietnam, and in October 1966 opened a new airfield at Chu Lai, with a 10,000 foot runway.

November 1, saw the first A6A "Intruder", newest fixed wing Aircraft in the Marine Air arsenal join Marine Aircraft Group-11 at Da Nang.

By the end of 1966:

Fighter, Attack and Bomber aircraft of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing flew a total of more than 61,000 sorties.

1st Marine Aircraft Wing helicopters lifted over 500,000 passengers and 32,000 tons of cargo, flying more than 400,000 sorties.

Transport aircraft ferried more than 245,000 passengers and more than 39,000 tons of cargo.

In addition, the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing provided air support for Task Force 77 and the 7th Air Force. Marines flew more than 1,000 sorties for the Task Force and over 18,000 for the Air Force.

In January 1967, the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing added the free world's largest and fastest production helicopter, the CH53A, to it's inventory.

Elements of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing are now operating from Chu Lai, Ky Ha, Marble Mountain, Phu Bai and Dong Ha, with Wing Headquarters at Da Nang.

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COMMANDING GENERALS OF THE FIRST MARINE AIR-
CRAFT WING, EMFPAC SINCE ARRIVING IN VIETNAM:

11MAY65-5JUN65 = MAJGEN J. F. FONTANA USMC
6JUN65 -15MAY66 = MAJGEN K. B. MCCUTCHEON USMC
16MAY66- = MAJGEN L. B. ROBERTSHAW USMC

SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS OF THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FROM AUGUST 1965 TO DECEMBER 1966

<u>CODE NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
STARLIGHT	18-24 Aug 65	MACON	4 Jul-28 Oct 66
PIRANHA	7-10 Sep 65	WASHINGTON	6 Jul-14 Jul 66
BLACK FERRET	3-5 Nov 65	HASTINGS	15 Jul-3 Aug 66
BLUE MARLIN	10-12 Nov 65	FRANKLIN	26-29 Jul 66
DAGGER THRUST	28 Nov-1 Dec 66	BUCKS	2-8 Aug 66
HARVEST MOON	9-21 Dec 65	PRAIRIE	3 Aug-
LONG LANCE	5-8 Jan 66	COLORADO	6-22 Aug 66
DOUBLE EAGLE	28 Jan-1 Mar 66	WILCOX	11-12 Aug 66
UTAH	4-8 Mar 66	SWANEE	14-21 Aug 66
TEXAS	20-25 Mar 66	ALLEGHENY	20-29 Aug 66
OREGON	20-23 Mar 66	PAWNEE	26 Aug-6 Sep 66
INDIANA	28-30 Mar 66	OTTOWA	20-22 Aug 66
CRANGE	1-11 Apr 66	JACKSON	27-29 Aug 66
IOWA	8-9 Apr 66	TROY	2-4 Sep 66
NEVADA	12-17 Apr 66	NAPA	5-14 Sep 66
HOT SPRINGS	21-23 Apr 66	FRESNO	8-16 Sep 66
VIRGINIA	27 Apr-10 May 66	COFFEE	24-25 Sep 66
GEORGIA	21 Apr-10 May 66	PAWNEE II	8-14 Sep 66
CHEROKEE	5-7 May 66	CANNON	7-12 Sep 66
WAYNE	10-12 May 66	MONTEREY	29-30 Sep 66
MCNTGOMERY	9-14 May 66	KENT	10-15 Oct 66
ATHENS	15 May-25 Jun 66	TETON	12-20 Oct 66
YUMA	16-17 May 66	DOVER	19-23 Oct 66
MORGAN	20-22 May 66		(Resumed 26-30 Oct 66)
MOBILE	25-28 May 66	BACON	19-28 Oct 66
BEAVER	1-9 Jun 66	MADISON	21-23 Oct 66
APACHE	6-12 Jun 66	KERN	21-25 Oct 66
DODGE	7-23 Jun 66	PAWNEE III	29 Oct-
FLORIDA	9-12 Jun 66	SHASTA	5-19 Nov 66
KANSAS	15-28 Jun 66	ARCADIA	9-14 Nov 66
OAKLAND	29 Jun-1 Jul 66	MISSISSIPPI	29 Nov-7 Dec 66
JAY	25 Jun-2 Jul 66	SUTTER	1-6 Dec 66
HOLT	1-6 Jul 66	TRINIDAD II	8 Dec-

1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING SUPPORT OF OTHER UNIT OPERATIONS

<u>CODE NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
POLESTAR	22 Aug-25 Sep 66	ROKMC
LEE	29 Aug-25 Oct 66	ROKMC
DRAGON EYE	9-27 Nov 66	ROKMC
DAWN	1 Dec-	ROKMC

THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING SUPPORTED AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS FOR DECKHOUSE 1, 2, 3 and 4.

EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE

THE COMMANDING GENERAL, FIRST MARINE DIVISION,
(MAJGEN NICKERSON) SENT THE BELOW MESSAGE TO
THE COMMANDING GENERAL, FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT
WING RELATIVE TO OPERATIONS 21 APRIL 1967:

"DURING THE MORNING OF 21 APRIL 1967 COMPANY F 261 RECEIVED HEAVY FIRE FROM A LARGE ENEMY FORCE IN THE VICINITY OF NUI LAC SON. FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS WERE REQUESTED FOR CAS AND THE MOVEMENT OF REINFORCEMENTS. YOUR COMMAND RESPONDED IN A RAPID AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT IN SPITE OF MANY ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR CAS, TROOP, ARTY AND LOGISTIC LIFTS DURING THE AFTERNOON AND NIGHT AGAINST HEAVY ENEMY OPPOSITION AND DETERIORATING WEATHER CONDITIONS, YOUR PERSONNEL RESPONDED IN AN OUTSTANDING MANNER. PLEASE EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO ALL PERSONNEL WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THIS AIR GROUND TEAM."
MGEN NICKERSON SENDS.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL, FIRST MARINE AIR-
CRAFT WING ADDED THE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
RELATIVE TO 1STMAW SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE:

"It is always a source of pride and personal satisfaction to receive notice of superior performance of duty by members of the First Marine Aircraft Wing. The professionalism, devotion to duty, courage and "can do" spirit of your unit is highly commendable. Please convey my personal appreciation to all personnel concerned for a job "well done"."

L. B. ROBERTSHAW
Major General, U. S. Marine Corps

Where Do You Stand?

HOW DO WE SHAPE UP?

Marines throughout the world are rightfully proud of their heritage and to a great extent this is brought about by what they as individuals have contributed to the total Marine Corps effort. Historically, Marines are first and foremost riflemen and in this capacity, have, under many and varied situations shown through the years that they can perform in an exceptional manner. With the advent of the aircraft and the further inclusion of it as an inventory item within the Marine Corps, it was determined that they had to be maintained so that they could perform to the benefit of all Marines and the task at hand. Now as in the past, individuals have been given the responsibility to garner the technical knowledge and further apply it in support of the aircraft assigned. Through the years, the complexities and the sophistication of our aircraft (weapons systems) has advanced with such rapid strides that the personnel selected to maintain and pilot our aircraft have had minimum time available to practice and become proficient with their basic weapon, the rifle or pistol whichever the case may be. Quite often we overhear or participate in conversations devoted to the relative merits of a rifleman vice an aircraft mechanic and what each contributed to the total Marine Corps effort. There is no sure fire way to compare their effort. The field commander has the responsibility to adequately train and deploy his riflemen, so as to ensure success in whatever task involved. The rifleman has the individual responsibility to employ his weapon to the best of his ability and through this effort individually contribute to the success of the task. The wing commander has the responsibility to support the field commander as required through the use and employment of his aircraft, in support of the task at hand. The mechanic has the responsibility to insure that the aircraft used in this support role is mechanically qualified to do so. We have all read of and have had occasion to see the results of a satisfactory field engagement, whereas through the proper employment of the rifleman and his contemporaries (Marines) have overcome odds of climatic conditions and enemy troops. We have also heard the glowing remarks of the field commander in respect to the supporting air power that possibly turned defeat into victory. The mechanic should realize that the point on his bayonet, as it pertains to a field engagement, is his aircraft and crew. He should do all within his power to ensure that the pilot and crew have as good a weapon as is physically possible, thereby insuring

that through his effort he has contributed immeasurably to the total Marine effort. The pilot should be able to represent all mechanics in an outstanding manner if they individually and collectively adhere to good sound engineering techniques and logic and by so doing put into the hands of their representative a truly dependable weapon. Do your job well as mechanics and technicians and don't detract from the pilot and crews role as your representative, by causing him concern through systems that fail to perform through lack of attention on your part. Our flight crews have trained many long and arduous hours to represent us and in this respect they should be safe in assuming that we as maintenance personnel have devoted our best effort in support of their assignment. Measure very carefully your individual responsibility and ask yourself; HOW DO I SHAPE UP?

D. H. CHARRON
Major USMC

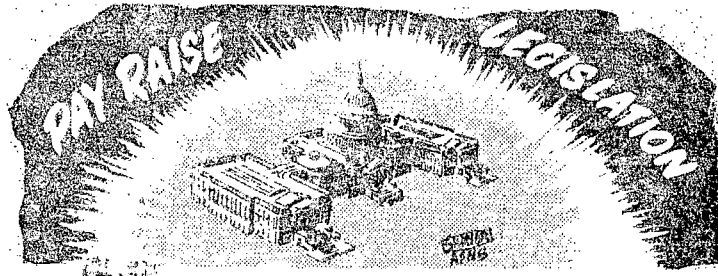
MAJOR GENERAL WOOD B. KYLE took command of the 5th Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif. April 17, replacing BGen Webb D. SAWYER, who became assistant division commander. MajGen KYLE reported to his new post from 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam, where he was replaced as commanding general by MajGen Bruce A. HOCHMUTH.

DOD STATISTICS REVEAL that 9,078 U. S. service personnel have lost their lives in Vietnam through hostile actions from 1Jan 61 through 15Apr67. Additionally, 1,909 deaths are attributed to non-hostile actions causes.

STATIONED OVERSEAS

You can draw 10 per cent interest on your savings in your new savings plan. As about it.

SERGEANT MAJOR Q. T. BARLOW checked aboard for duty with MAG-13. The Sergeant Major has been as duty with VMFA 542 "TIGERS". He reports aboard from Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Virginia. WELCOME ABOARD SERGEANT MAJOR.....



Legislation now before Congress proposes a 5.6 percent basic pay increase for members of the armed forces.

IN THIS PAY BILL, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SENT A REQUEST SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AS PART OF THE DEFENSE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM. THE MEASURE HAS BEEN REFERRED BY BOTH HOUSES TO THEIR ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF EACH COMMITTEE HAS INTRODUCED IDENTICAL BILLS ON THE PROPOSAL.

IN A BILL OF THIS NATURE, HEARINGS ARE NORMALLY HELD AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ASKED TO TESTIFY.

ONCE IN A COMMITTEE, THE BILL MAY BE AMENDED. ASSUMING A FAVORABLE REPORT IS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE, THE BILL IS THEN SENT TO THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OR SENATE TO BE DEBATED.

AT THE END OF THE DEBATE, A VOICE OR ROLL-CALL VOTE IS TAKEN AND IF THE BILL PASSES BY A MAJORITY, IT IS SENT TO THE SENATE (ASSUMING THE HOUSE ACTED FIRST) WHERE THE HOUSE BILL IS CONSIDERED. IF THE SENATE HAS NOT YET HELD HEARINGS ON ITS BILL, IT WILL CONSIDER THE HOUSE PROPOSAL, BUT MAY AMEND IT AND REPORT OUT A NEW BILL.

IF THE HOUSE AND SENATE DEBATE THEIR OWN BILLS AND PASS THEM WITH ANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO OR IF AN AMENDED VERSION OF THE HOUSE BILL IS PASSED BY THE SENATE, A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED BY EACH HOUSE TO RESOLVE THE DIFFERENCES.

ONCE APPROVED BY BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE, THE BILL IS SENT TO THE PRESIDENT. THE BILL BECOMES LAW AFTER IT IS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OR WHEN PASSED A SECOND TIME BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF CONGRESS OVER A PRESIDENTIAL VETO.

IF THE PRESIDENT HOLDS THE BILL 10 CALENDAR DAYS (EXCEPTING SUNDAYS) WITHOUT SIGNING IT, THE BILL AUTOMATICALLY BECOMES LAW. HOWEVER, IF CONGRESS ADJOURNS DURING THE 10 DAYS, THE BILL IS AUTOMATICALLY KILLED.

SAVINGS ARE VALUABLE.
YOUR MONEY EARNS
INTEREST WITHOUT ANY
EFFORT ON YOUR PART.
IT'S JUST LIKE FINDING
IT.

CREDIT PURCHASES CAN
BE COSTLY IF YOU DON'T
READ THE FINE PRINT.
BE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND
ANY CREDIT CONTRACT YOU
SIGN.

MAG 13 THE BEST

CHANGE

1 JUL 67

A major modernization of the Navy and Marine Corps system for making awards of military decorations and medals is about to get underway. Slated to be put into effect by July 1, the medals system overhaul will:

1. Permanently decentralize authority to take many awards away from the Secretary of the Navy. Not only will the Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps be given unprecedented award authority, but in some cases, vice admirals and lieutenant generals commanding fleet and field units will be given award authority.

2. Redesignate the present Secretary of the Navy Commendation for Achievement award. It will be called the Navy Achievement Medal and will rank after the Navy Commendation Medal. Criteria for this award will be expanded and a special device (probably the combat "V") will be authorized to distinguish those who won it in combat.

3. Change the present system for identifying multiple awards of the Air Medal made under the strike/flight system. These will be indicated by a number worn on the ribbon, rather than the present gold stars. The stars will probably be continued as a means of identifying Air Medal awards made for specific meritorious flights rather than those won under the strike/flight system.

VMFA
115ADVANCE PARTY
ARRIVES AT
CHU LAI RVN
30 APR 1967

VMFA-115 ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVED AT CHU LAI 30 APR 1967. SHORTLY AFTER NOON MAJ THOMAS AND HIS PARTY TOUCHED DOWN AT CHU LAI. COLONEL D. H. JOHNSON, GROUP CO WELCOMED THE PARTY AT THE GROUP CP.

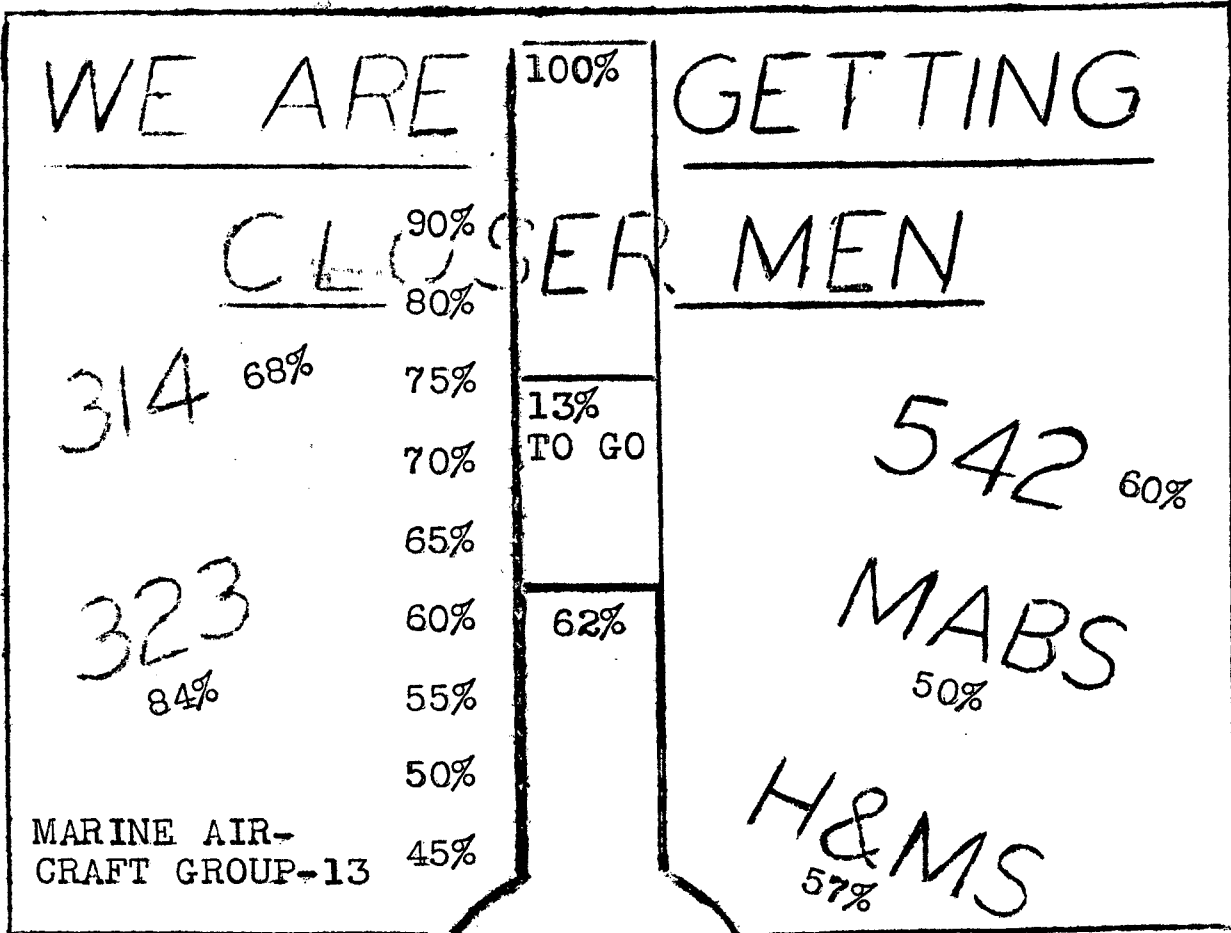
4. Speed up the entire awards system by the decentralized authority and the simplified nomination form already mentioned and by adapting the records keeping system to fit into an automatic data processing system.

The far-reaching modernization plan will fan out in other directions, too.

The Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual will be revised to make it clearer and easier to use in the field

JUST CHECKED ABOARD.
WELCOME ABOARD MEN

CWO4 H S STEPHENS
SGT B. W. DRAKE
PFC J. D. BLACKWELL
HM3 R. A. CUNLIFFE



The First Marine Aircraft Wing Legal Section has established a Wing Legal Office at MAG-12. It is located within the MAG-12 S-1 Shop. All members of Marine Aircraft Group-13 are encouraged to take advantage of this service. Contact your Squadron Legal Officer who in turn will advise Group Legal who will set up your appointment.

= HOURS OF OPERATION =

<u>POST OFFICE</u>	0830-1100	0900-1700
OPEN DAILY	1145-1530	SUN-0930-1200
STAMPS & PARCELS	<u>EXCHANGE</u>	<u>BARBER SHOP</u>
0830-1730	OPEN DAILY	MON-SAT.
MONEY ORDERS	MON-SAT	0800-1600

M-16

The newest model M-16 rifles are being distributed to units of the South Korean and South Vietnamese forces serving in the Republic of Vietnam. Distribution will be completed by the end of June to Republic of Vietnam Airborne and Marine Corps maneuver elements and Republic of Korea Army and Marine Corps combat formations.

In making the announcement, Defense Department said a small number of XM-16E1 rifles had been provided in the past to train Korean and Vietnamese forces to use the new weapons.

This version of the M-16 is equipped with a charging handle to clear jams, a device called "the forward bolt assist mechanism."

"All U.S. Army maneuver units in Vietnam are equipped with the XM-16E1, and all U.S. Marine Corps maneuver units either have the weapon on hand or en route," a Defense Dept. news release said.

MARINE CORPS ANNOUNCES GENERAL OFFICER COMMAND CHANGES

General Officer command changes in Southeast Asia during May and June have been announced by HQMC.

Assuming command of the following units in Southeast Asia are:

CG 1stMarDiv in Jun67;
BGen Donn J ROBERTSON,
MajGen selectee.

Asst CG 3rdMarDiv in May,
BGen Louis METZGER

CG of 9th Brigade in May,
Col Jacob GLICK, a BGen
selectee.

Leaving Southeast Asia
commands for other posts
are:

CG 1stMarDiv, MGen NICK-
ERSON, assignment to be
announced at a later
date.

Asst CG of 3rdMarDiv.,
BGen Michael P RYAN to
Director of the Marine
Corps Command and Staff
College, Quantico, Va.
in June.

THE COLD WAR GI BILL HAS
A LOT TO OFFER ALL ELIG-
IBLE VETERANS. ASK



THE MAG-13 CHAPEL NEWS

"THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK"

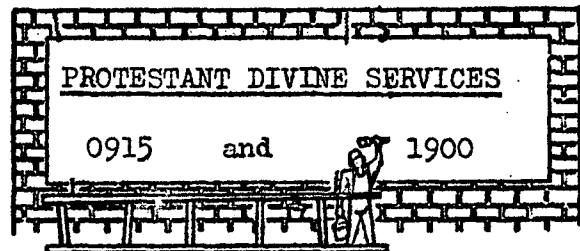
BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, TO THEM GAVE HE POWER. John 1:12

You can possess within yourself all the power you will ever need in life.

The method for securing power is very simple and depends entirely upon you. This text gives the formula. It is to "receive" Christ. When this is sincerely done you will in turn receive power.

And how do you receive Him? Simply decide that you want Him, tell Him so and mean it. Then, starting today, begin to love on a basis you know He would approve.

The essence of the formula is surrender to God's will and Christ's way. It is the acceptance of a new manner of thought and life. Continue to resurrender yourself every day, and in proportion as you do so you will feel spiritual power surging in.



Beginning this Sunday, Protestant Divine Services will be held at 0915 and 1900. It is hoped that this new schedule will give the Protestants of MAG 13 a better opportunity to participate in Divine Worship each Sunday.

At last the deck for the new Chapel has been poured.

Our thanks to MCB 71 and all the men at MAG 13 who donated their time to help. The next step will be to put up the walls with cement bricks made by the Sea Bees or here at MAG-13. It shouldn't be long now before the progress is really noticeable.

VIETNAMESE SCENES: DA NANG*
(Personal Response Insights)

Da Nang

Strategically, economically, militarily, and politically, Da Nang is one of the big cities of South Vietnam. Being the headquarter of the Vietnamese I Corps as well as the Third Marine Amphibious Force Command adds to its importance at the present time.

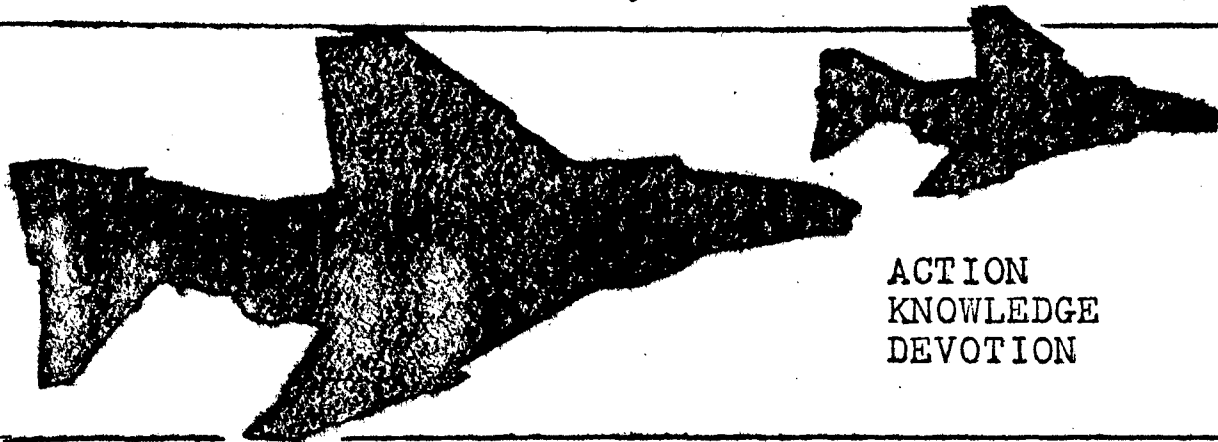
Da Nang is located in Quangnam Province on the Bay of Tourane. It is a city of more than 100,000 inhabitants and an increasing number of refugees. With the green annamese mountain ranges to the west, Monkey Mountain on one side and the Five Marble Mountains on the other, the city possesses a natural view found in few others.

Near Da Nang is a Buddhist shrine with a great stairway symbolizing the 108 desires which Buddha taught that man must overcome if he would enter Nirvana. In the Da Nang area also are the Cave of the Wind and the "Road of Hell," sites visited in peacetime by thousands of people.

In Da Nang, located next to III MAF Information Center, is the famous CHAM MUSEUM. Statues and stone carvings, gathered from many sections of Vietnam by archeologists studying the Khmer civilization of ancient Vietnam, quickly give the serviceman an understanding of a once-proud civilization which now has only a few thousand remaining descendents.

Da Nang is worth visiting and adding to your store of memories of the sights and scenes of Vietnam.

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-13, FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING



ACTION
KNOWLEDGE
DEVOTION

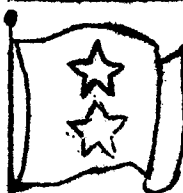
SERVING FROM MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, CHU LAI, RVN

= 13 MAY 1967 =

MCAS, CHU LAI, RVN

The first Marine Corps Air Station has been established in Vietnam. The First Marine Aircraft Wing airfield located at Chu Lai became the first MARINE CORPS AIR STATION located in the Republic of Vietnam. Colonel Dan H. JOHNSON, Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-13, has been appointed as its first Commanding Officer.

PRAISE & PRIDE
WE CONTINUE



"THIS MONTH MARKS THE COMPLETION OF TWO YEARS OF COMBAT OPERATIONS BY THE 1STMAW IN SUPPORT OF FREEDOM IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. SINCE 11MAY65 NEW PAGES AND NEW PLACES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE HISTORY OF MARINE

CORPS AVIATION, AND AN ABUNDANCE OF HEROIC DEEDS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO EACH SUCCESS. AS WE COMMENCE ANOTHER YEAR OF OPPOSITION TO COMMUNIST AGGRESSION LET THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US LOOK WITH SATISFACTION AT THE RESULTS OF OUR FORTH COMING EFFORTS, AND THOSE WHO FOLLOW. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EACH OF YOU - AND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS."

L. B. ROBERTSHAW
Major General, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding General
First Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac

Appendix 2

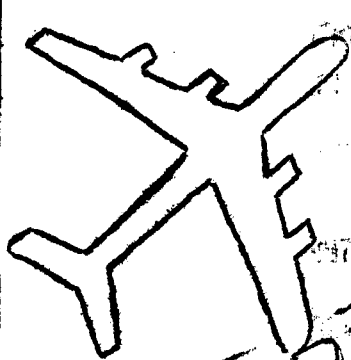
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N. A. MCCOWANPRIVATE FIRST CLASS
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Since joining this squadron (VMFA-314) you have demonstrated outstanding ability and loyalty. Without previous training you assumed the duties as Service Record Book Clerk, and accomplished this task in an outstanding manner. This excellent performance was due to long arduous hours of study, verification of information and timely accurate reporting. During two A/M inspections this command received recognition for correctness and timely entries in Officer's Qualification Records and Service Record Books. During the A/M held 7 March 1967 your superior knowledge and performance in matters of maintaining records and pay procedures were noted with pleasure by the Inspecting Officer, who made this fact known to the Administrative Officer. You have demonstrated enthusiasm, motivation and technical knowledge seldom found among your contemporaries. You have shown untiring desire to complete any task willingly. Your dedication and professional attitude in assuming responsibilities, particularly at times under the most adverse working conditions and frequent unusual demands imposed by combat operations has been inspiring. Your personal conduct, military bearing, devotion to duty and initiative, coupled with your pride in accomplishment of each task assigned, is the mark of an outstanding Marine.

W. H. HEINTZ
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding



HAVING SERVED
THEIR TOUR, HERE
THEY ARE:

**DEPARTING VIETNAM
DURING JUNE**

OFFICERS

COL F. T. WATTS, JR.
MAJ S. EISENHAUER
MAJ M. P. CADY
MAJ K. E. KECHENS
CAPT V. A. FRIEDMAN
CAPT J. F. NEWELL
CAPT R. K. BARDO

CAPT B D LYNCH CAPT W BRIDGHAM
CAPT W J SHARP CAPT J A WELCH
1STLT J T DICHIARA CW3 MURPHY WO FITZGERALD

STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS

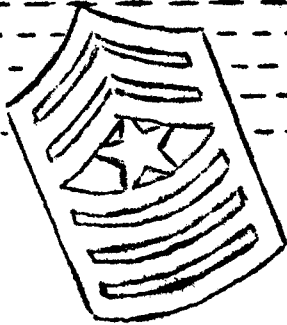
MSGT E M HICKEY GYSGT D C HARE GYSGT R R BROWN
SSGT R E GIST SSGT L M FRY SSGT M VREELAND SSGT G L HOWINGTON
SSGT R R RAFFERTY SSGT A R CERDAS SSGT H J SPCZAK

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS

SGT C H LEDBETTER SGT T C WERTS SGT J L MARTINEZ SGT E W DUNCAN
SGT W E LITRELL SGT J P STIEBER SGT N C WOLBERS SGT J R KRATZ
SGT D E FELLEPIER SGT D R WINGETT SGT T R WHITFORD SGT J O SCOTT
SGT J C ROSS III SGT H L JONES SGT J R HANLEY SGT J BARNES
SGT E B PARRISH III SGT R L STEWART SGT L W STANFIELD JR. SGT F A
SCHOLL SGT J R MAST SGT K W HUNTER JR. SGT R R EDGEWORTH
SGT R A MARKVART JR. SGT R F MOBLEY SGT M E LASSITTER JR. SGT J M
KANGAS SGT J M CLARK SGT R F FISHER SGT A M BANCROFT SGT J M
CALDWELL CPL D S GROTH CPL A M INGALLS CPL R W MCDONALD CPL B L
RATHGEBER CPL R FINCH CPL A D HOOKS CPL G E MARTIN CPL W P TILTON
CPL J R BUCK CPL J W CHILTON CPL G J KUSTELSKI CPL D L DARRINGTON
CPL D J CROCKER CPL E L BURKEY CPL D R SEARCY CPL T D RICHFORD
CPL R L MCCLANAHAN CPL B N JACKSON CPL C L CROOM CPL R C CHABEK
CPL T J CASENHISER CPL A DILIBERTI CPL R J MAFNAS CPL M A CANOVA
CPL D D MYERS CPL G N BJORKLUND CPL T P SBERNA CPL R E VOSTEEN
CPL K M TATGE CPL T A DECOURSEY CPL W H ARNOLD

LCPL C S NEMEC LCPL B GRZEMKOWSKI LCPL R L EVANS LCPL D J LINGELBACH
LCPL J D MARTINSEN LCPL A H QUINN LCPL R F MCNEELY LCPL J S SMITH
LCPL E RAINWATER LCPL D A DEJONGE LCPL P G SILVIS LCPL J W MCFARLAND
LCPL R W WHITE LCPL P L ROSTOW LCPL H J PORTER JR. LCPL D L LASKE
LCPL K B INGLE LCPL C D SOWER PFC R L TATUM PFC N A MCCOWAN
PFC J L BAYLISS PFC M T KNOTT PFC C D YANDELL PFC D W LAMBERT
PFC R B BLACK

WE BID YOU A FAREWELL



NEW SERGEANT
MAJOR REPORTS
FOR DUTY WITH
- "TIGERS" -

SgtMaj Q. T.
BARLOW has re-
ported aboard
for duty and
has assumed the
duties as Sgt-
Maj of VMFA-
542. He joins
for Marine
Corps Schools,
Quantico, Va.
WELCOME ABOARD
SERGEANT MAJOR.

ARMED FORCES
= NETWORK =

Good Morning
Vietnam -
Many Marines in
MAG-13 have
been unable to
receive the
Armed Forces
Network, may we
suggest tuning
in at or
around 16 KG.

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WELCOME Aboard

JUST CHECKED ABOARD FOR
DUTY WITH MARINE AIRCRAFT
GROUP-13, CHU LAI, RVN

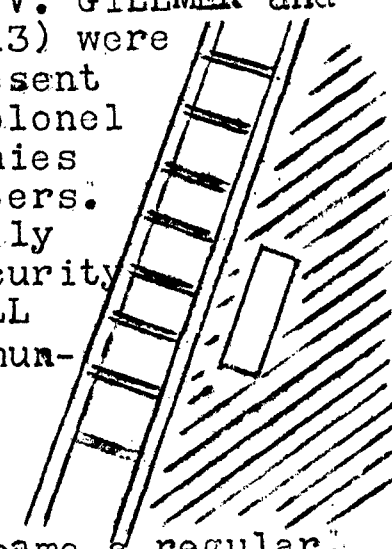
2NDLT J L IRONS-MABS-13
2NDLT T L LOWELL-314
HMI O E DAVIS- MABS-13
GYSGT R W VOELTZKE-542
CPL D J MAGLICCO-MABS

THE GROUP SAVINGS BOND
PROGRAM CONTINUES AND
IT IS HOPED THAT BY THE
END OF THE DRIVE MAG-13
WILL REACH THEIR GOAL OF
75% PARTICIPATION.

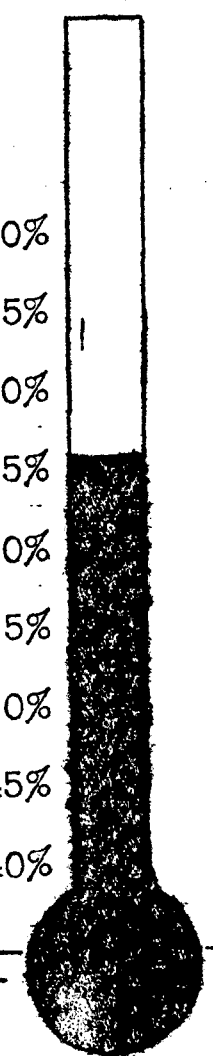
THEY CONTINUE UP THE LADDER
OF SUCCESS

TRADE THEIR GOLD BARS TO SILVER ONES

First Lieutenants C. V. GILLMER and
P. C. HARWELL (MABS-13) were
promoted to their present
rank by Lieutenant Colonel
PALMER during ceremonies
at Squadron Headquarters.
Lt GILLMER is currently
assigned as Asst. Security
Officer and Lt HARWELL
is the Assistant Commu-
nications Officer.
Congratulations. Lt
HARWELL, at the same
time dropped the "R"
from USMC and became a regular.



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ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL,
FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC, TO III MAF

"1. SINCE THE INITIAL MARINE LANDING IN VIETNAM IN 1965, THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE III MAF HAS BURGFOINED FROM EIGHT SQUARE MILES AROUND THE DANANG AIRBASE TO NEARLY 2,000 SQUARE MILES OF THE CRITICAL I CORPS AREA, AND, EMCOMPASSING MORE THAN A MILLION VIETNAMESE. TODAY MORE THAN A FOURTH OF ALL ACTIVE DUTY MARINES ARE SERVING IN III MAF IN VIETNAM, IN A MISSION WHICH GROWS MORE IMPORTANT TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE FREE WORLD WITH EACH PASSING HOUR. THIS TASK OF ASSISTING THE VIETNAMESE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST AGGRESSION HAS CALLED FOR AS MUCH COURAGE, VERSATILITY AND DEDICATION AS ANY GROUP OF MARINES HAS PUT FORTH AT ANY TIME IN OUR HISTORY. THAT YOU ARE BEING ABUNDANTLY SUCCESSFUL IS EVIDENCED BY YOUR MANY COMBAT VICTORIES, AIR AND GROUND, AND IN THE IMPORTANT SUPPORT YOU ARE PROVIDING TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT'S REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE WON FOR YOU AND THE MARINE CORPS THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF FREE MEN EVERYWHERE. TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF ALL THE UNITS OF THE III MAF, AS YOU OBSERVE YOUR SECOND ANNIVERSARY ON 6 MAY 1967, MAY I EXTEND SINCERE THANKS, WARM CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE. HAPPY BIRTHDAY. LTGEN KRULAK ...

FOUND IN THE MAG AREA

Anyone loosing a set of camera lens contact the MABS-13 Sergeant Major.

ARMED FORCES DAY =
20MAY67

MEMORIAL DAY
30MAY67

FLAG DAY = 14JUN67

INDEPENDENCE DAY =
4JUL67

MOTHERS DAY =

14 MAY 1967

CAUTION

= HEAT EXHAUSTION =

AS EVERYONE IS WELL AWARE, THE MONTH OF APRIL BROUGHT WITH IT HOT WEATHER, AND THE COMING MONTHS WILL BE EVEN HOTTER. THE STRESSES OF THE HEAT COUPLED WITH THE VIGORS OF WAR AND A MONOTONOUS DAILY ROUTINE CAN PROVE FATAL, AS THESE FACTORS WILL REDUCE THE PHYSICAL STAMINA AND ALERT RESPONSES OF THE HUMAN BODY. THE FORMS OF HEAT ILLNESSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) Heat Rash - This is too well known to require description. Its importance lies in its high prevalence with lost time and loss of efficiency on personnel working and living in hot climates. Sleep is interfered with, leading to cumulative effects of fatigue and makes the heat rash victim more susceptible to heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

(2) Heat Cramps - These are painful spasms of the skeletal muscles that follow strenuous exercise or exertion in hot climates. They are caused by a low salt and fluid status with the body. The cramps are specifically relieved by replacing the salt and water lost by active sweating.

(3) Heat Exhaustion - This condition results from either a salt and water deficiency or excessive work in the heat, or a combination of both. The symptoms include heavy or profuse sweating with pale, moist, and cool skin. The individual will probably experience headaches, tingling sensations, shortness of breath, nausea and vomiting. He may progress to muscular twitches and incoordination along with complete loss of consciousness.

(4) Heat Stroke - This condition may be regarded as a complete breakdown of the heat regulatory mechanisms in the body, and is a true medical emergency. The symptoms include the absence of sweating along with hot, dry and red skin. The onset is usually abrupt with a sudden loss of consciousness and/or convulsions. Some individuals may complain of headaches, faintness, abdominal discomfort and a feeling of excessive heat as warning symptoms.

RECOMMENDED TREATMENT FOR HEAT ILLNESSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) Heat Rash - (a) Shower frequently and dry thoroughly.
 (b) Use talcum powder freely
 (c) Report to Sick-bay early, before the irritated areas become secondarily infected.

(2) Heat Cramps - Replacing the salt and water lost through sweating is the only answer to this problem. The number of salt tablets needed will vary from 3 or 4 per day for indoor desk jobs to 10 or 12 per day for someone working fulltime outside. The intake of water should also be increased accordingly. A general rule to apply is one canteen of water for every two salt tablets taken.

(3) First Aid procedures for Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke are:

(a) Promptly remove the casualty to a cool, shady place, and at the same time immediately arrange for medical assistance by calling Swiss 16 or 116.
 (b) While waiting for medical assistance, loosen the casualty's clothing, and wet (or douse) the casualty with cool (not ice) water, if his clothing is not already wet with sweat. Vigorously fan to obtain maximum cooling.

If the casualty is conscious, give him frequent but small drinks of cool (not ice) water. If available, cool salty water, prepared by dissolving two salt tablets in a full canteen of water is preferred.

Preventive measures against the various heat illnesses will be very necessary in the coming months of hot weather. All personnel are reminded of the following general rules to combat the effects of heat:

- (1) Take salt tablets regularly, and use extra table salt on food.
- (2) Avoid unnecessary exposure to the sun and high temperatures whenever possible.
- (3) Clothing should be light and loose fitting.
- (4) Utilize personal fans as much as possible.
- (5) Drink plenty of water, even when you don't feel thirsty.
- (6) Avoid over-indulgence in alcoholic beverages.
- (7) Adjust working hours to permit a maximum amount of rest and sleep whenever possible.

MERITORIOUS PROMOTION

SERGEANT D. E. CALDWELL WAS MERITORIOUSLY PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT RANK 16MAY67 BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER (MABS-13) LTCOL PALMER. SGT CALDWELL IS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. CONGRATULATIONS SERGEANT CALDWELL.

MERITORIOUS PROMOTION TO A HIGHER ENLISTED GRADE IS AN ACCELERATED PROMOTION MADE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE MARINE CORPS.

SERGEANT G. E. BROOKOVER, a member of the MABS-13 motor transportation section has extended his enlistment for a period of nine months.

10 NCO'S

Recently a total of 10 members of MABS-13 were promoted to Corporal and joined the noncommissioned officer's ranks. Promoted by the MABS-13 Squadron Commander during ceremonies in the MABS area:

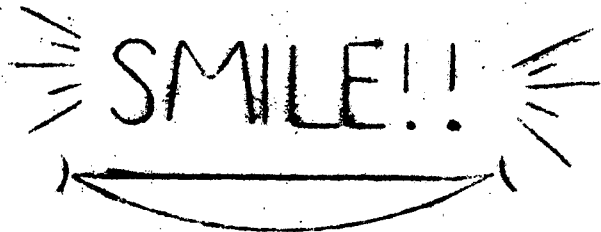
CPL ROBERT J BACIAK
CPL NORMAN M BAKER
CPL JAMES CURRY
CPL STEVEN W FISCUS
CPL ARTHUR D HARDING
CPL FRANK G ISRAEL
CPL LAWRENCE L KUBA
CPL RONALD A LINSDAY
CPL ANDREW H QUINN
CPL BERNARD L. WHEAT

CONGRATULATIONS MEN.



MOTHER

THE MAG-13 CHAPEL NEWS



During a sermon, a baby started to cry, and the young mother rose from her seat.

"Don't worry, little mother," said the preacher. "The baby isn't bothering me."

"Maybe not, but you're bothering the baby!"

Favorites from our SCRAP BOOK



A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Father in Heaven, make me wise,
So that my gaze may never meet
A question in my children's eyes:
God keep me always kind and sweet.

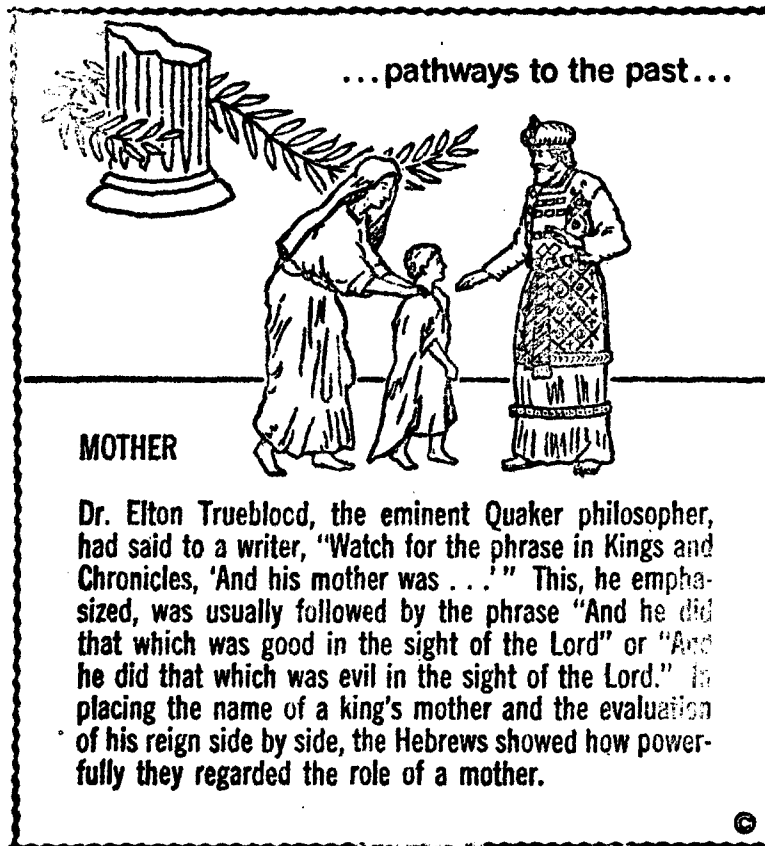
And patient, too, before their need;
Let each vexation know its place,
Let gentleness be all my creed,
Let laughter live upon my face!

A mother's day is very long,
There are so many things to do!
But never let me lose my song
Before the hardest day is through.

Margaret E. Sangster

The Living Word

"Honor your father and mother"
(this is the first commandment with a promise).
Ephesians 6:2



SUNDAY, 14 MAY, 1967

"Even the best intentioned fathers in the world cannot fill the place of the least efficient mothers." — Clara J. DENTON

"All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." — Abe LINCOLN

Remember HER TODAY AND ALWAYS

MOTHER'S DAY

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VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE
(Personal Response Insights)

Vẻ bề

The language of Vietnam falls very strangely on the ears of most westerners. The average American is intrigued when he first hears the unusual sounds of spoken Vietnamese. Among the reasons is that the language spoken by the ethnic altered when the tones in which they are spoken are changed. As a consequence there is a strange, almost musical quality in Vietnamese speech.

The language seems to have originated among the Muong tribesmen of North and central Vietnam and was probably an amalgamation of Thai and Chinese dialects. It remained for a Roman-Catholic missionary priest, Father Alexander of Rhodes, to formalize it as a speech and writing style called Quoc-Ngu in about 1651.

Vietnamese is far from being the only language in South Vietnam. The tribal or highland Vietnamese speak a large variety of languages and are often unable to communicate with each other. Some of these tribal dialects are tonal while others are non-tonal; some can be written but others have no written form.

Still, the unusual qualities and seeming complexities of the Vietnamese language should not deter a person from learning as much of it as possible. A land and a people become much more understandable, and relationships with them much more enjoyable, when their language is comprehended and spoken.

THÀNH KHÔI

Phạm

La-tung

MARINE AIRCRAFT
GROUP - 13
MCAS - CHU LAI - RVN

20 MAY 1967

"POWER FOR PEACE" AT WORK
ARMED FORCES
DAY - 20 MAY 67

"POWER FOR PEACE" - when first adopted as the official Armed Forces Day slogan, it was little known that this phrase would be vividly demonstrated in the sweat, tears and blood of American servicemen seeking peace in the defense of a small Southeast Asian nation called Vietnam.

"POWER FOR PEACE" was a term meaning an American armed force at the ready - ready to meet and repel any act of aggression anywhere in the world at anytime when directed by the President. It was a slogan born in an uneasy period when it was hoped that American's powerful armed services would act as a deterrent to aggressors.

As Americans the world over prepare to celebrate Armed Forces Day May 20, more than 400,000 U. S. servicemen are bringing to the enemy in Vietnam the meaning of that slogan.

The Armed Forces Day theme is "Armed Forces Report to the Nation" - a report which is carried daily in the dispatches from Vietnam where the United States is at work in a bloody conflict to stop another act of aggression.

It is symbolized by the peace-preserving presence of our Armed Forces in faraway places - in Europe, the Arctic, the Pacific, and other regions of the world.

Appendix 3

A SALUTE TO

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP - 12

AWARDED THE NAVY UNIT
COMMENDATION FOR MERITOR-
IOUS SERVICE IN VIETNAM,
7 MAY 1965 THROUGH 15 APRIL
1966.

"EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS
CONDUCT IN PERFORMANCE OF
OUTSTANDING SERVICES AT
CHU LAI, REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM."

PLACING THE STREAMER ON
THE GROUP'S ORGANIZATIONAL
COLORS WAS LTGEN WALT,
COMMANDING GENERAL, III
MAF. ACCOMPANYING GEN WALT
WAS THE COMMANDING GENERAL,
FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING,
MAJGEN L. B. ROBERTSHAW.

... CONGRATULATIONS

FIRST CONTINGENT OF Royal
Australian Air Force pilots
flying Martin Canberra
bombers, has arrived at
Phan Rang AB, Vietnam.
Number 2 Squadron joins
two other RAAF squadrons in
Vietnam. In addition to
providing support for
Australian Army forces, the
new squadron may also fly
as part of the Allied com-
bat air contribution in
support of other allied
ground forces.

FOUND: One Timex watch
in officer's head. Claim
same at Adjutant's Office.

DOD STATISTICS SHOW that
9,226 U. S. service per-
sonnel lost their lives
in Vietnam from hostile
actions from 1Jan61 thru
22Apr67. Additionally
1,935 lost their lives
from non-hostile causes.

ARMED FORCES TOTAL

numerical strength was
3,372,370 on 31Mar67,
based on preliminary
reports. This represents
4,065 increase from Feb
28th. Latest figures are
Army, 1,435,529; Navy
752,513; Marine Corps
279,716; and Air Force
904,612.

AMERICAN RED CROSS has
begun preparation for
Christmas in Vietnam
early this year. On 1 May,
volunteers in nearly 1,
400 Red Cross Chapters be-
gun production of Christ-
mas gift bags for service
personnel stationed in
Vietnam. Red Cross goal
is at least 525,000 gift
bags which will be filled
with comfort and recreat-
ional articles before
shipment to ARC field
directors for distribut-
ion in Vietnam.

ASK ABOUT the Uniformed
Savings Deposit Plan at
your personnel office.

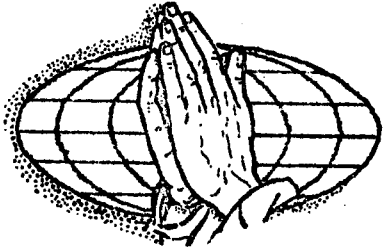
ASK ABOUT the educational
program under the NEW GI
BILL. Its brand new and
just for you.....

President Johnson in his Armed Forces Day message points out that nowhere is America's dedication to the love of freedom "reflected more vividly than in the Armed Forces of the United States." Terming America's military establishment "the mightiest of all time," the President said that this would not be the case, that this mighty arsenal "would give us neither peace nor security without the devotion to duty, the courage and sacrifice of the men and women who wear our country's uniform."

"In Vietnam - and around the world - they perpetuate the ideals which made and preserve us as a nation," President Johnson said. DEDICATION... DEVOTION ... COURAGE ... SACRIFICE- this is the serviceman's report to his nation. It is a report written clearly among the rattle of small arms fire, the thump of mortars and cannon, and the earth shaking blast of falling bombs. It is a report that hopefully will demonstrate once and for all the meaning of "POWER FOR PEACE," (AFNB)

Maj MILLER-300 Missions

Major "Bob" MILLER established his 300th mission on 13 May 1967. Joining the BLACK KNIGHTS during July 1966, Major MILLER makes the second man in this Group to establish such a mark. Serving as the KNIGHTS' Operations Officer and Administrative Officer and now the Group Assistant S-3 he continues to fly. Due to depart for CONUS during August, we just wonder what his final mark will be prior to reporting to Senior School at Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. CONGRATULATIONS. For his duties in Vietnam, Major MILLER has earned 18 Air Medals, 2 Letters of Appreciation from the Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and has been recommended for the DFC and two Navy Commendation Medals.



THE MAG-13 CHAPEL NEWS

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I HAVE LEARNED, IN WHATSOEVER STATE I AM, THEREWITH TO BE CONTENT!"
Philippians 4:11

Your present situation may not be to your liking. Perhaps you are dissatisfied and discouraged. Put the matter in God's hands. If He wants you elsewhere, He will lead you there, providing you are amenable to His will.

But perhaps He wants you where you are. In that case He will help you to adjust to the situation. He will make you content, even grateful for present opportunities. Learn the great art of doing the best you can, with what you have, where you are.

When you do this, you learn how to reach the better condition or how to make your present situation a better one.

QUICK QUOTES

"The Lord is good, a stronghold
in the day of trouble; he
knows those who take
refuge in him."
Nahum 1:7

*Nahum's reminder
to Nineveh that
God is strong and
just in his actions.*

THE BIRDS, THE BEES

and

BRIDGIT BARDOT

For Adults Only,
Especially Marines

* * * * *

HEAR THIS SERMON!!!!

Protestant Divine Service

0915, Sunday, 21 May



"DRINKS" - VIETNAMESE STYLE
(Personal Response Insights)

The Vietnamese have a number of drinks and, while not encouraging anyone to try them all, it is good to know about them. This knowledge may prevent unpleasant surprises and allow one gracefully to accept or refuse those which are not acceptable by reason of taste or personal conviction.

Since it is presumed that the serviceman knows what commercial drink he is buying, be it Vietnamese or imported, only hospitality drinks are included here.

Rice wine is often served at mealtimes in the home to men, but not to women since the Vietnamese women ordinarily do not drink alcohol. (This does not apply to the hill-tribeswomen during their various religious rituals.) The Vietnamese drink their rice alcohol straight, and without chasers. Quite often such drinks are accompanied by foodstuffs such as fried palm worms, snake or dog meat, peanuts, pork tripe or a bit of acid fruit.

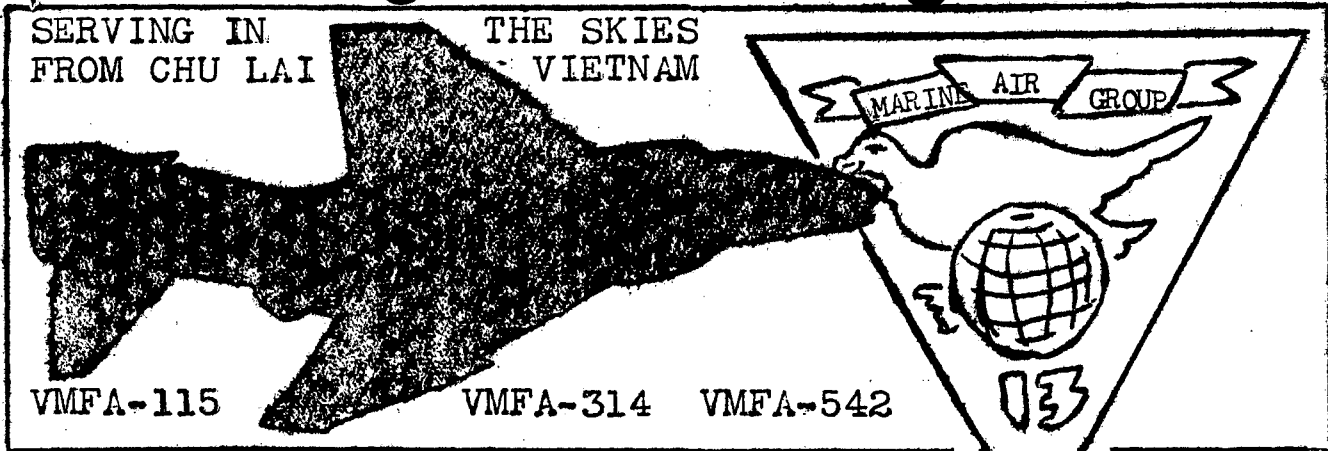
As Vietnamese men grow older they seem to favor a drink of goat's blood mixed with alcohol. Likewise during the so-called "cool months", chrysanthemum flavored alcohol is said to be a favorite drink of aging gentlemen.

Fortunately for some of us, not all Vietnamese drinks are intoxicating. The Vietnamese drink both Chinese tea and green tea as well as many natural teas made of berries, leaves, etc., which may be served either piping hot or cool.

The use of rainwater as a drink seems acceptable to those who drop in for a casual visit on a warm day or a muggy evening. Normally, rainwater is caught from the house roof after a few rains have cleansed away the dirt. The water is stored in earthen containers for use during the dry seasons, and in some areas, numerous large earthenware jars give silent witness to the long dry seasons.

On the hot afternoons found throughout Vietnam, a freshly picked pineapple, either sliced or squeezed for its juice is quite refreshing as are other fruit juices. The coconut provides one of the most common drinks. It seems to be a fairly safe, and tasty drink.

Some foreigners have found that the Vietnamese tea brewed in large earthenware vessels over a wood fire is refreshing as well as thirst quenching. There need be no undue concern for side-effects. Perhaps the steaming tea scalds the "germs" as much as it does the mouths of those who drink it.



MCAS CHU LAI RVN 27MAY67

PRAISE FROM A FIGHTING COMMANDER

MILLIONS OF WORDS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN AND SPOKEN IN PRAISE OF THE THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN ENGAGED IN THE BITTER STRUGGLE TO SAFEGUARD THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.



THE MOST ELOQUENT PRAISE A FIGHTING MAN CAN RECEIVE IS THAT WHICH COMES FROM HIS COMMANDER. BECAUSE THERE IS A KINSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THEM BASED UPON MUTUAL RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE STRENGTHENED BY THE ORDEALS OF COMBAT.

General William C. WESTMORELAND, commander of the U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, had this to say about the American forces there:

"Who are these men? They are mostly youngsters representing every State of the Union - from the farms, the cities, the factories and the campuses. They are the sound product of America's democratic society. They are the sum of our educational system, our medical science and our communications. Their excellent morale results from knowledge of their jobs, sound military policies, professional unit leadership and unprecedented material support. Their medical care is superb, their food is excellent and their mail is carefully handled. Shortages have been few and of short duration.

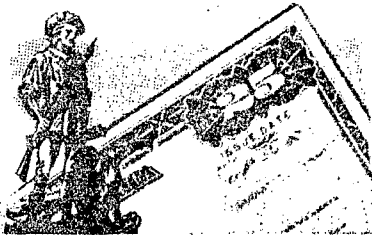
"As an individual, the fighting man I command is a tough, determined professional in battle one day, and (the) next day, a sensitive, compassionate friend helping the Vietnamese people. He is a fighter, a thinker, and a doer. He has seen - at first hand - Communist subversion and aggression at work; he has ac-

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quired a deeper appreciation of the importance of freedom. And from his ranks in the years ahead will come the confident, alert, intelligent citizens and leaders who will make this nation's future greater than its past.

"With fighting forces like these, a commander cannot help but look forward with confidence as he views the military situation." (AFNB)

REPORT OF MAG-13's SAVINGS BONDS PROGRAM...



Buy U.S. Savings Bonds

MAG-13
COMMAND
PERCENTAGE

72%

DOD STATISTICS SHOW that 9,407 U. S. service personnel lost their lives from hostile action causes in Vietnam from 1Jan61 thru 20Apr67. Additionally, 1,966 lost their lives from non-hostile action causes.

HERE ARE HOW THE SQUADRONS STAND:

- VMFA-115 = 97%
- VMFA-314 = 74%
- VMFA-542 = 64%
- MABS-13 = 63%
- H&MS-13 = 61%

THE UNIFORMED SAVINGS DEPOSIT PLAN NOW PAYS SERVICEMEN OVERSEAS 10 PERCENT INTEREST.....

AIR FORCE STARTS PROGRAM TO TRAIN MARINE PILOTS

Beginning in June, Air Force will embark on a three-year program to train 100 Marine Corps pilots annually. About 16 Marine student pilots will enter training every six weeks.

Department of Defense requested the Air Force to train Marine Corps pilots "to meet projected requirements for the 1969 period and beyond."

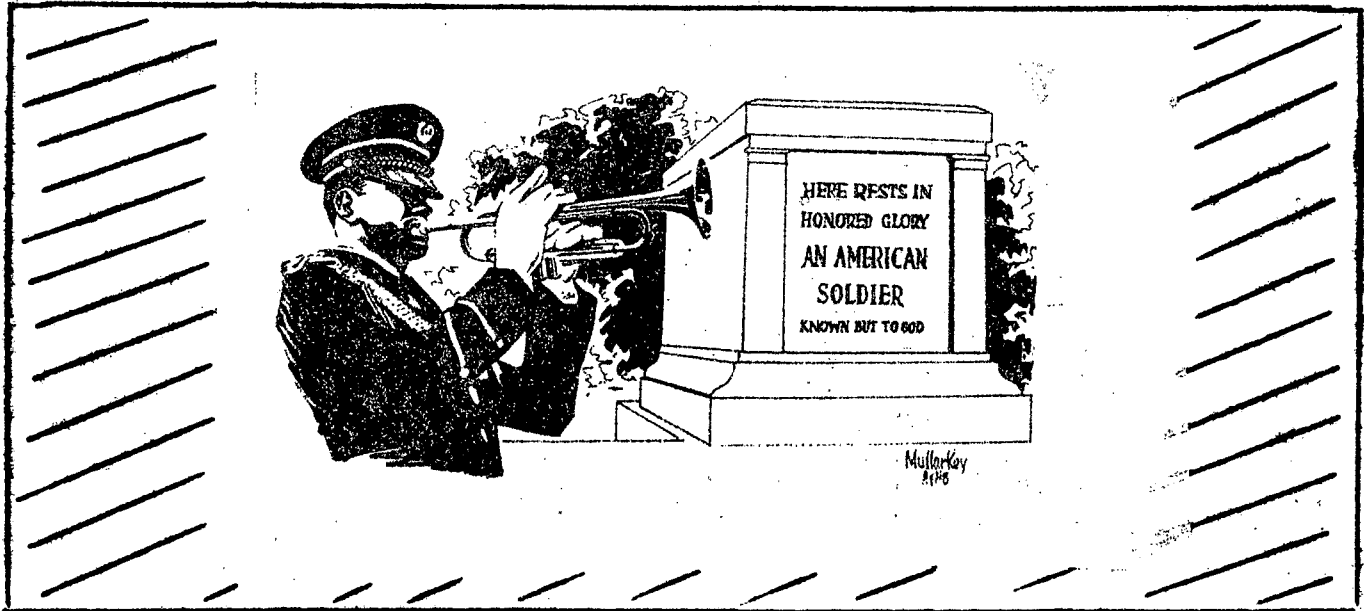
In FY 1969, the Naval Air Training Command will produce 673 Marine Corps pilots. These are in addition to the 100 receiving Air Force training. The combined training represents a total increase of about 200 pilots over the FY 1968 production.

Marines participating in this training will receive regular Air Force course of instruction. All will be commissioned officers.

Training will be conducted at USAF Air Training Command Undergraduate Pilot Training bases, to be announced later. There are nine UPT bases.

WATER BUT HOW LONG ??

MAG-13's recently relocated water point has been producing an ample supply of portable water, and ours is one of the few units in the Chu Lai area so generously blessed. Even with our 70,000 gallon storage capacity, however, the supply is not inexhaustible. If present usage trends continue, the supply will not meet the demand and, after our less fortunate neighbor units who have been drawing water from us are cut off, Water Hours will be the only solution. We all recall the inconvenience and annoyance caused by the imposition of Water Hours during the time the water point was being relocated. No one wants them to return. However, unless each and every one of us actively participates in a vigorous, comprehensive, and continuous WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM, that is exactly what will happen.



A DAY TO REMEMBER

MEMORIAL DAY commemorates the men and women of our Armed Forces who have given their lives in the service or defense of our Nation and way of life since 1861. First proclaimed as Decoration Day in 1863 by General John A. LOGAN, it was to honor the men who had fallen in the Civil War. After World War I it became known as Memorial Day and commemorated those Americans who died in all wars.

The occasion is marked by parades, patriotic observances, memorial services and decoration of graves of servicemen and veterans with flowers.

Since the Civil War, more than 603,000 American servicemen have died in battle. On bloody battlefields from Shiloh in the Civil War to Hill 881 in the Republic of Vietnam, these Americans unhesitating gave their lives for the cause of freedom and democracy. This Memorial Day, regardless where you may be or doing, take a moment to say a silent and grateful "Thank You" to the thousands whose supreme sacrifice made it possible to enjoy the freedom you have today.

MAG 36 NAVY UNIT COM

Marine Aircraft Group-36, First Marine Aircraft Wing, has been presented the Navy Unit Commendation for their meritorious service in the Republic of Vietnam.

The citation accompanying MAG-36's award states that in Vietnam... "The Group promptly earned a reputation for all weather capability, providing effective close air support when weather conditions prohibited fixed wing support. Members of the Group flew in excess of 63,000 combat hours during Operations Harvest Moon, Double Eagle I and II, Utah, Texas, Indiana, Mobile, Montgomery, Black Ferret, Kansas, Wyoming, Iowa, Yuma, Apache, Washington and Colorado.... From January to August 1966, in addition to its normal operations MAG-36 provided a medium helicopter squadron to serve with Special Landing Force of the U. S. Seventh Fleet. In this capacity, three of its squadrons compiled excellent records in helicopter support of "Dagger Thrust" raids and the ground operations near the coast of South Vietnam...."

All personnel attached to and serving with the following units during the period covered by the award are eligible to wear the NUC ribbon:

Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron-36
 Marine Air Base Squadron-36
 Marine Medium Helicopter Squadrons 261, 362, 363, 364
 Marine Observation Squadron-6

DURING CEREMONIES 24MAY67 THE GROUP COMMANDER PROMOTED CORPORAL JOSEPH MASTICE, JR. (MERITORIOUSLY) TO HIS PRESENT RANK. ATTENDING CEREMONIES WERE GROUP EXECO, CO MABS AND GROUP COMMO.

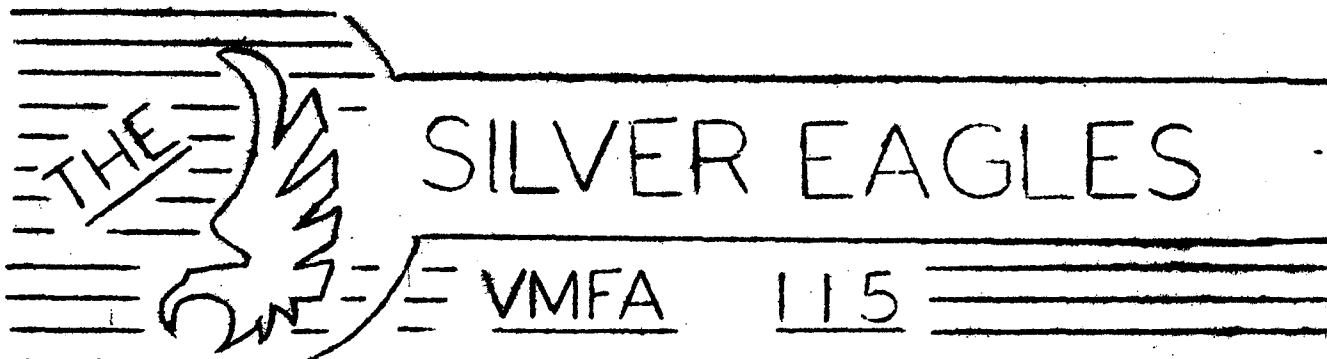
MERITORIOUS MAST AWARDED TO CPL CHARLES W. ALTMAN, JR., USMC - MABS-13

It is with extreme pleasure that I take this opportunity to recognize your outstanding performance of duty and award you a meritorious mast.

From September 1966 to May 1967 you served with distinction as a welder in the Automotive/Engineer Equipment Section. Working with limited facilities and antiquated equipment under extreme adverse conditions, particularly during the monsoon season, you overcame many hardships while compiling your outstanding record. Among your many noteworthy achievements was the skillful fabrication and construction of such diverse items as septic tanks, utility poles, flag poles, bunkers, and ovens, grilles, and work benches for the Messhall. Your most recent accomplishment was the construction from unserviceable truck tanks and scrap materials of a 4,000 gallon fuel station in the Motor Pool. In addition to these and many other welding jobs, you assisted in the construction of a permanent welding shop.

Corporal ALTMAN, you undertook each assigned task regardless of complexity or magnitude, with equal willingness, industry and enthusiasm. By your great devotion to duty and extreme professional competence you contributed immeasurably to the efforts within your own section as well as to the efforts of numerous other sections and organizations within Marine Aircraft Group-13. Your actions reflect great credit upon yourself and the U. S. Marine Corps.

KENNY C. PALMER
 Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
 Commanding



VMFA-115 was first organized as VMF-115 in July, 1943 at Santa Barbara, California, under the command of Major J. S. MACLAUGHIN, who relinquished command sixteen days later to one of the Marine Corps most famous aces, Major Joseph FOSS holding a record of twenty-six kills. The squadron stayed at Santa Barbara, in training status, until February, 1944 when it was transferred overseas to join in support of the Pacific Campaign in the actions on Rabaul, Layte, Mindanae, Subic Bay, and Zanga Zanga. On 23 February 1945, VMF-115 sank the first submarine sunk by Corsairs, by skip bombing 1,000 pound bombs from an altitude of 25 feet.

After the war, the entire squadron was transferred to Peiping, China where it was on alert to protect United States interests in event of attack by Communist Forces. From China, the unit was transferred to Ewa, Hawaii and then later to Edenton, North Carolina, where it became the first Marine squadron to receive a complete complement of F9F Panther Jet aircraft in December of 1949. The early part of 1950 was devoted to jet checkout, operations in the Puerto Rican area, transfer to Cherry Point, combat demonstrations, and finally, a demonstration before the President of the United States and his Joint Chiefs of Staff, at Quantico, Va. in June. October of the same year found VMF-115 aboard the U.S.S. Roosevelt, where it became the first Marine Panther Jet squadron to qualify and serve aboard a Navy carrier.

During the latter part of 1950, and the first part of 1951, the squadron participated in more training operations and demonstrations. The training became reality when 115 was transferred to Pohang, Korea, serving with MAG-33. There VMF-115 flew more than 9,250 combat sorties, more than 15,350 combat hours most of them in sub-marginal weather, and expended more ordnance than any other jet squadron. After Korea, the squadron again went back into training to maintain its combat readiness, flew air patrols, and received indoctrination in night bombing and strafing missions until it was transferred to MCAS, El Toro. There it received the first F4D Skyrajs in the early spring of 1957, and became VMF(AW)-115.

February of 1958 found 115 at Atsugi, Japan, and during September 115 sailed for temporary additional duty with WestPac on board the U.S.S. Windham County to Pingtung North, Taiwan to reinforce the island's air defense during the crisis over the Formosa straits. After returning to Yokosuka in March 1959 VMF(AW)-115 executed a series of reassignments between Japan and Cherry Point, N.C., arriving at Cherry Point in May 1959, back to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in June 1960 and back again to Marine Aircraft Group-26, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing in July 1961.

Being the last Marine squadron to fly the F-4D, 115 was redesignated VMFA-115 on 1 January 1964 and transitioned to the Mach II Phantom F-4B aircraft. After an intensive stateside training program in the F-4B, VMFA-115 was once again reassigned to the Far East and arrived at Atsugi, Japan during July 1965. That same month saw 115 deploy to Iwaduni, Japan in preparation for movement to

the Republic of Vietnam, and deployment to DaNang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam was accomplished between 30 September and 18 October 1965. During three months of combat 115 compiled an enviable combat record, then returned to the Marine Corps Air Station, Iwaduni in January 1966.

On 15 April 1966 the "Silver Eagles" of VMFA-115 again returned "incountry" as part of Marine Aircraft Group-11. In support of Operation "Hastings" during the month of July alone, 115 set a record for all Marine F-4B Squadrons in Vietnam by flying 1001.7 hours on 727 sorties while expending 935.78 tons of ordnance. Each day on combat missions in support of the Republic of Vietnam against the insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces, VMFA-115 continues to build its reputation as the "Worlds Greatest Fighter/Attack Squadron".

WELCOME ABOARD

VMFA 115 STAFF

COMMANDING OFFICER
Major Guy R CAMPO
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Major Matthew B PECK
ADJUTANT
Lt. J. P. MANNION, Jr.
SERGEANT MAJOR
SgtMaj G. W. BRYANT
S-1
ADMINO=Maj F. CRUZ
PERSO =Capt RODGERS
S-2
Capt. Roger A GURLEY
S-3
Major Thomas DUFFY
S-4
Major Bernard THOMAS
MAINTENANCE OFFICER
Major R T DOUGLAS

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JUST-GOT-HERE

Capt ACREY
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2ndLt K. L. KULUVAR
2ndLt H. W. MINCH
SgtMaj A. JURADO
GySgt W. S. POWER, Jr.
SSgt B. C. KIDD
SSgt R. AERTS
Sgt M. A. MCBRIDE
Sgt C. W. DENNISTON
HM2 J. W. DENAYER
HM1 G. WADDINGTON
HN T. N. BLANKENSHIP

RECENTLY PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BY CO MABS-13

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CONGRATULATIONS MEN





THE MAG-13 CHAPEL NEWS

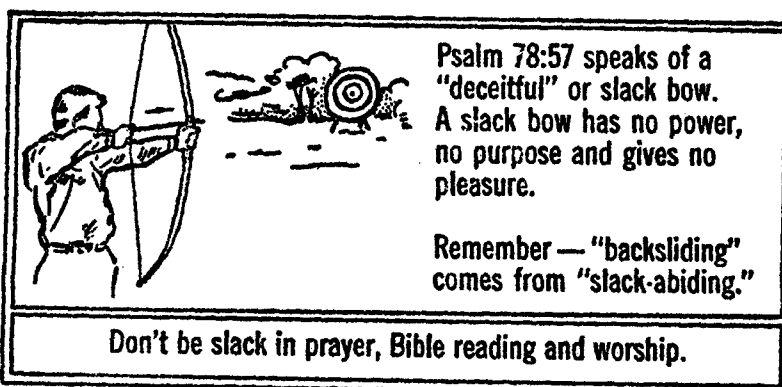
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

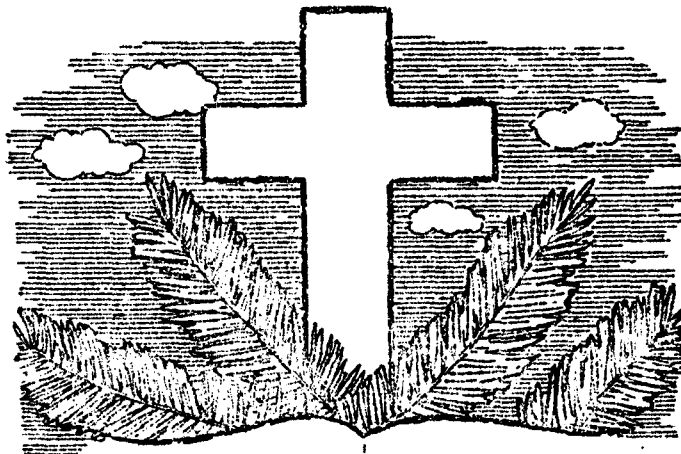
"THE THING WHICH I GREATLY FEARED IS COME UPON ME, AND THAT WHICH I WAS AFRAID OF IS COME UNTO ME. Job 3:25

This thought conditioner states a very serious warning. If over a long period of time a person habitually fears something, there is a tendency for that fear to become a reality.

For example, if you fear that you are going to fail, and you constantly entertain thoughts of failure, you will create a mental condition that is propitious to failure. Creative, positive, success factors are repelled by your mind because your mind is filled with defeat attitudes.

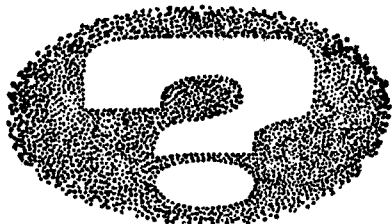
On the contrary if you hold the faith thought, the positive thought, you will create about yourself an atmosphere propitious to success, health and well being.





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 * LANCE CORPORAL JAMES C. LAMBERT, JR. *
 * PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWARD E. ANDERSON *
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Did they die in vain?
 Why are we Americans here?
 Is it worth it?

Sunday's Sermon: "Why we are in Vietnam"

Protestant Divine Service - 0915, Sunday, 28 May

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MAG-13/S-2 TACTICAL BRIEF

9 MAY 1967

MAG-13 figured prominently in the battle at Khe Sahn which began on May Day (the "Christmas in reverse" of the communist world). Although the Stars and Stripes said "Air Force Jets and Army artillery answered the Marines' call for help", MAG-13's sortie rate doubled because of missions in support of the Marines at Khe Sahn and hills 881 North, 881 South and 861. The prominent terrain features overlooked Khe Sahn and afforded an entrenched NVA regiment a distinct advantage.

The dead discovered thus far, 673, all weighed over 140 pounds. These were unusually well fed and well equipped units. 714 more communist are counted as probably killed based on blood trails and drag marks.

The Commanding Officers of the Marine Battalions involved have requested the CG 1st MAW pass on "their appreciation and admiration for the close support, which has made their successful seizure of these important terrain features possible. They have made particular mention of the ground crews and ordnance men as well as the Aviators."

During the past week the enemy mortared Dong Ha and Phu Bai, and continued to shell Gio Linh. The pressure is still on throughout I corps with Army units moving up to permit Marines to man out northernmost defenses.

Also on May Day the 196th Light Infantry Brigade infantry artillery and HULE gunships engaged 6 sampans moving toward Chu Lai. The sampans returned fire with heavy small arms and 1 round 57mm, then made for the open sea. They made good their escape even though swift boats from the sand ramp searched a total of 60 sampans of the local fishing fleet.

The Army arty and gunships sank 23 VC sampans 20 mi to the south on May Day, but no estimate of enemy casualties was given.

At 032315 the village of Ly Tha, 11 naut miles northwest of Chu Lai, was burned down by 3 communist squads. In about 25 minutes they destroyed 137 homes, killed one PF soldier and 20 civilians. Simultaneously, a patrol from Co Action Company Tiger 2-1 took 200 rounds of SA/AW fire at the northern tip of Ky Xuan Island just to the west of MAG-36. 1 PF KIA 1 MARINE WIA and 2 VC prob WIA.

REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT

Revolutionary Development (RD) is the Government of Vietnam program to defeat the Viet Cong and to rebuild the country. The aims of RD are to bring security to the countryside and a better way of life to the people.

The general scheme of RD can be seen by comparing it to a 3 ring target. In the outer ring we find USMC and ARVN forces which are seeking out VC/NVA main force units. Eg Operation "Prairie" and "Hastings." ARVN and RF/PF have the mission of establishing and maintaining security in the populated areas. The saturation patrolling, ambushes, company sweeps and battalion operations within and near our TAORS fulfill this mission. In the center of "black" of our target we find the RD Team.

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This team serves as the link between the GVN and the hamlets. The team is protected by RF or PF units located within the same hamlets as the team or in the immediate vicinity. The outer and middle rings are bringing security to the countryside, the center ring, (RD Team) is working to bring a better way of life to the people. One of the RD Teams is presently working in the vicinity of Dong Binh (1) and (2) our MAG-13 civic action villages, and we will continue our civic action program. The RD Team is brought into a hamlet when the area is secured. The hamlet should be free from main force attack and subject only to occasional harassment. Upon completion of their training, the teams are assigned to hamlets in their home areas by Province Chief. They will be working under the direct supervision of the District Chief.

Once a team enters a hamlet it takes a census and discusses with the people what is needed to improve their way of life. It then assists the people in attaining those goals, e.g., build or improve a school, repair a bridge, build a road, etc. The team makes a plan and prepares positions for the defenses of the hamlet. It organizes and trains a hamlet self-defense force which will be capable of taking over the security of the hamlet when the team moves on. The medics hold sick call, the agriculture technicians help the farmer improve his rice crop, and the intelligence personnel establish intelligence sources from within the hamlet.

The RD Team is the key to the RD program. The team does not contain all the magic answers. It is composed of ordinary people, running around in black pajamas who have a big job to do. They need all the support and help we Marines can give them. RD, like this war, is a Vietnamese operation, however until the countryside is pacified, under whatever the plan may be called, U.S. Marines will continue to fight and work until the job is done.

The civic Action program is an integral part of our war effort and may in fact be a decisive factor in I Corps.

Materials welcome in civil action are:

Bars of Soap (cut in half)
 Clean used clothing (light weight for all ages) Pajamas are commonly worn by children on all occasions in Viet Nam.
 Baseball caps are a good item for small boys.
 Simple clean stuffed animals for small children

The folks at home should pack these items in wooden crates if possible. They should contact their nearest Marine Base, station or recruiting activity for assistance in packing and transporting the items to the "Project Handclasp" center in their area.

The crates should be clearly labeled on at least 2 sides;

From: Name and rank of requesting marine
 Name and address of the donating organization or individual

To: Civil Affairs Officer
 MAG-13 1st MAW
 % District Director Project Handclasp
 Activity
 City, State

19 May is another communist Holiday. Ho Chi Minh's birthday is expected to stimulate more enemy activity. Tan Ky to the north and Chu Lai complex are considered to be the installations most likely to be hit in the Chu Lai vicinity.