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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Marine Division (-)(Rein)	MGen B. A. HOCHMUTH	1-31 Oct
Assistant Division Commander	BGen L. METZGER	1-31 Oct

SUBORDINATE UNITS

3d Marines	Col J. E. LO PRETE	1-31 Oct
4th Marines	Col Wm. L. DICK	1-31 Oct
9th Marines	Col R. B. SMITH	1-31 Oct
12th Marines	Col E. S. SHICK JR.	1-31 Oct
26th Marines	Col D. E. LOWNDS	1-31 Oct
3d Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol R. C. NEEDHAM	1-31 Oct
1st Bn, 4th Marines	LtCol E. A. DEPTULA	1-31 Oct
2d Bn, 4th Marines	LtCol J. W. HAMMOND	1-27 Oct
	LtCol W. WEISE	28-31 Oct
3d Bn, 4th Marines	LtCol L. R. BENDELL	1-31 Oct
1st Bn, 9th Marines	LtCol J. F. MITCHELL	1-31 Oct
2d Bn, 9th Marines	LtCol J. J. PEELER	1-28 Oct
	LtCol W. M. CRYAN	29-31 Oct
3d Bn, 9th Marines	LtCol G. C. COOK	1-31 Oct
1st Bn, 12th Marines	LtCol C. H. OPFAR	1-31 Oct
2d Bn, 12th Marines	LtCol R. SCHUELER	1-31 Oct
3d Bn, 12th Marines	LtCol D. E. BARKER	1-31 Oct

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4thBn, 12th Marines	LtCol J. K. GASTROCK	1-31 Oct
1stBn, 13th Marines	Maj T. J. COYLE	1-31 Oct
1stBn, 26th Marines	LtCol J. B. WILKINSON	1-31 Oct
2dBn, 26th Marines	LtCol D. CHAPLIN	1-31 Oct
3dBn, 26th Marines	LtCol H. L. ALDERMAN	1-31 Oct
HqBn	Col G. E. JERUE	1-31 Oct
1st AmTracs	LtCol E. R. TONER	1-31 Oct
3d ATBn	LtCol G. M. MCCAIN	1-31 Oct
3d EngrBn	LtCol J. H. REID, JR.	1-20 Oct
	LtCol R. C. MCGUTCHAN	21-31 Oct
3d MEDBn	Cdr R. A. BROWN	1-31 Oct
3d MTBn	Maj W. O. DAY	1-6 Oct
	Maj W. H. STEWART Jr.	7-31 Oct
3d ReconBn	Maj R. C. BELL	1-31 Oct
3d SPBn	LtCol J. W. QUINN	1-31 Oct
3d TKBn	LtCol F. D. CHAPMAN	1-31 Oct
9th MTBn	Maj J. R. STANLEY	1-31 Oct
11th EngrBn	LtCol W. N. CHRISTOPHER	1-31 Oct
1st 8" HOW Btry	Maj W. G. SMITH JR	1-31 Oct
3d Dental	Capt J. D. MAHONEY	1-31 Oct
1st FAG	LtCol R. B. METCALFE	1-31 Oct
1st Searchlight Btry	Capt V. B. SNIDER	1-31 Oct
1st 155 GUN Btry	Maj N. J. BECKMAN	1-31 Oct

2. LOCATION

1-31 October: Phu Bai, RVN

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff	Col W. H. CUENIN	1-31 Oct
Asst Chief of Staff, G-1	LtCol J. W. MARSH	1-31 Oct
Asst Chief of Staff, G-2	Col E. J. MILLER	1-31 Oct
Asst Chief of Staff, G-3	Col J. R. STOCKMAN	1-31 Oct
Asst Chief of Staff, G-4	Col F. I. FENTON JR.	1-31 Oct
Asst Chief of Staff, G-5	Col M. A. HULL	1-31 Oct
Asst Chief of Staff, Comptroller	LtCol H. E. WOLD	1-31 Oct

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>ENL</u>
3d Marine Division (-) (Rein)	1,257	21,746	136	1,038
3d Marines	18	187	2	3
4th Marines	20	200	2	4
9th Marines	19	201	1	3
12th Marines	30	272	7	4
26th Marines	12	185	1	2
3dBn, 3d Marines	40	1013	2	50
1stBn, 4th Marines	39	1013	3	53
2dBn, 4th Marines	38	1082	2	49
3dBn, 4th Marines	38	999	2	52
1stBn, 9th Marines	42	1018	2	52
2dBn, 9th Marines	38	1048	2	50
3dBn, 9th Marines	42	1006	2	51

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	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>ENL</u>
1stBn, 12th Marines	54	677	1	13
2dBn, 12th Marines	43	490	1	8
3dBn, 12th Marines	36	502	1	8
4th, 12th Marines	43	591	0	15
1stBn, 13th Marines	44	631	1	11
1stBn, 26th Marines	36	1001	2	49
2dBn, 26th Marines	36	954	2	49
3dBn, 26th Marines	36	1051	2	51
Hq Bn	228	1884	11	42
1st AmTracs	30	573	1	18
3d ATBn	28	319	0	7
3d EngrBn	33	780	2	8
3d MEDBn	3	113	54	215
3d MTBn	21	366	0	7
3d ReconBn	36	650	0	37
3d SP Bn	24	418	2	20
3d Tanks	40	582	0	11
9th MTBn	23	360	2	7
11th EngrBn	48	1047	2	21
1st 8" HOW Btry	9	228	0	4
1st 155 GUN Btry	6	115	0	3

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	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3d Dental				25		57
1st FAG	16		85	0		2
1st Searchlight Btry	6		105	0		2

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARYPERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. During the month of October, 128 Officers and 2183 Enlisted personnel joined the Division. Personnel transferred by normal rotation included 10 Officers and 2788 Enlisted. Personnel transferred by service records due to MedEvacs were 10 Officers and 312 Enlisted. Other personnel transferred by service records included 26 Enlisted.

b. Award recommendations to FMFPac: 19 Silver Star Medals, 7 Legion of Merit Medals, 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 2 Navy and Marine Corps Medals, 53 Bronze Star Medals, 33 Air Medals, 38 Navy Commendation Medals, and 1 Navy Achievement Medal. In addition 1162 Purple Hearts were presented.

c. Casualties sustained during the month included: 126 KIA, 1002 WIA, 13 DOW, 11 NHD, 43 NHI, and 0 MIA.

d. Congressional Interest Cases: 155 cases processed, 118 cases completed, 17 cases pending and 20 cases readdressed to other commands.

e. Discharges: 3 Hardship Discharges approved, 7 Hardship Discharges to CMC for decision, and 2 Unsuitable Discharges approved. 1 Unfitness Discharge approved. Pending: 5 Unfitness Discharges pending and 1 Misconduct discharge. 4 Unfitness Discharges disapproved. 1 Alien Discharge forwarded for consideration.

2. EXCHANGE SERVICE

a. On 1 October 1967 Capt R. T. WARREN was relieved as Exchange Officer by 1stLt H. L. RICHARDSON.

b. During October the Christmas Mail Order programs were distributed by the Exchange. These programs are represented by the order catalogs of: El Toro's "Operation Homefront," Jakor-Pacex, Mail a Gift, Mail-a-Fur, Sears Christmas book and Montgomery Ward Christmas book.

c. Because of the heavy commitment on boats usually available to move Exchange merchandise, Account 1010 received only 457 pallets and 12 conex boxes during October. Of these, 41 pallets of merchandise were flown into Khe Sanh.

d. Sales for Branch 1010 for the month ending 10 October 1967

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were \$688,391.65 with an ending inventory \$1,108,174.30.

### 3. POSTAL SERVICE

a. During this period all fourteen (14) stationary and mobile units continued to provide service to members of this command. One postal unit, Unit 13, remained inactive.

b. The following figures represent pounds of U. S. Mail this command received and dispatched during the month of October 1967.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>DISPATCHED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Phu Bai	309,914	168,676	478,590
Dong Ha	<u>245,140</u> 555,054	<u>67,801</u> 236,477	<u>312,941</u> 791,531

c. During the month of October, no mail was received at Dong Ha on 7, 15 and 18 October and no letter mail on 23 October 1967. No mail was received at Phu Bai on 1, 6, 7, 9, 16 and 19 October and no letter mail on 3 and 25 October 1967. However, this mail was received on the day following non-receipt.

### 4. DIVISION CLUBS

#### a. Clubs Formalized

<u>COM(O)</u>	<u>SNCO</u>	<u>ENL</u>
None	None	1st 155 Gun Btry

#### b. Clubs Closed

<u>COM(O)</u>	<u>SNCO</u>	<u>ENL</u>
None	None	3d Recon Bn 2dBn, 26thMar

#### c. Estimated Gross Sales

COM(O)	\$ 12,550.00
SNCO	48,000.00
Enlisted	<u>140,000.00</u>
	\$200,550.00

### 5. INFORMATIONAL SERVICES

a. 129 news, feature articles and photographs were released through

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the Force Informational Office, III Marine Amphibious Force. A total of 2,324 home town news releases was sent to the Fleet Home Town News Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

b. A total of 144 civilian news correspondents visited the 3d Marine Division area during the month. Fourteen came through the Phu Bai office, 129 worked through the Dong Ha Press Center, and 1 visited Khe Sanh.

c. A total of 565 minutes of tape recorded air time were produced for the month. Of this time part was in fleet home town interviews and 21 feature type recordings. In addition, 52 tape recorded Christmas messages were recorded.

d. A membership drive throughout the Division was continued for the 3d Marine Division Association. The drive got underway officially on 20 September. Promotional material was distributed to the unit representatives and the drive is being advertised, with spot announcements, on AFVN (TV), Channel 11, Hue. Commanding General, 3d Marine Division message 280609Z October 1967, set deadline of 2400, 5 November 1967 for all money and membership names to be turned into 3d Division ISO.

## 6. SPECIAL SERVICES

### a. Recreation Fund Activity

(1) The following items were issued under the "Criti-Pak" Program during the month: Criti-Paks - 45; Paperback books - 12,500; Writing kits - 12,208.

(2) 422 cases of beer and 369 cases of soda were issued under the Free Beer and Soda Program during the month. Distribution was effected to 3d Marine Division units and also to units from 9th MAB and 1st Marine Division operating in the 3d Division AOR.

b. Division Education Program: During the month 235 High School GED tests and 125 College (CCT-GE) tests were administered. Two "End of Course" tests were administered (High School level). Testing was conducted in the Phu Bai, Dong Ha, Camp Carroll, and Camp Evans areas.

c. Special Entertainment: The following special entertainment was provided to units of the Division during the month.

(1) Martha Raye and her troupe of stars performed for units of the Division on 16 October 1967 at MCB-121 Compound.

(2) The Wagon Wheels Show, consisting of 6 male entertainers performed for units of the Division on 25 and 26 October 1967 at the

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3d Engineer Battalion, 3d Motor Transport Battalion, 3d Medical Battalion and Headquarters Battalion.

(3) Jan Clayton, accompanied by Art Jarrett, performed for units of the Division on 30 October 1967 at FLSG-A and the 3d Medical Battalion.

d. LtCol R. J. EDWARDS reported into Division Special Services and relieved Major W. H. DAY as Division Special Services Officer on 1 November, Major DAY is due for rotation to CONUS during November 1967.

e. Division Participation in the III MAF R&R Program

<u>Place Visited</u>	<u>No. of Personnel</u>
Okinawa	91
Bangkok	301
Hawaii	340
Perang	60
Tokyo	260
Hong Kong	320
Singapore	101
Kuala Lumpur	81
Taipei	345
Manila	85
TOTAL	1984

f. A total of 282 messages were sent by the Division MARS Station. 2373 phone patches were placed to the states; of these, 67 were placed for patients at the 3d Medical Battalion.

7. BAND

a. Because of the press of military type commitments, the band, as such, was inoperative most of the month.

b. On 22 and 23 October 1967, the band was committed to the recently reactivated Americal Division of the Army, airlifting to Chu Lai on the 22nd, furnishing music for arrival ceremonies on the 23rd for the 198 Infantry Brigade which joined the Division from CONUS. There were no problems, relations were excellent, and the ceremonies were performed.

8. PROVOST MARSHAL

a. The usual Military Police functions were performed on a continuing basis throughout the month, i.e., patrols and security watches.

b. Ten special escorts for Distinguished Guests and USO entertainers were conducted in the Hue/Phu Bai area.

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c. A total of 12 convoy escort details were provided by the Military Police Sub-Station in Hue for convoys passing through that city. No incidents occurred during the period involving the passage of convoys.

d. A total of 81 cases were opened by CID and 59 were closed. 38 cases are pending. Of the total cases there were 72 felonies; 2 black-market; 10 narcotics; 4 sex crimes and 9 misdemeanors.

e. The total reported value of property stolen or otherwise missing was \$26,889.30. Total value of property recovered was \$22,415.40.

f. A total of 15 vehicular accidents were investigated by this office. Fourteen accidents occurring in the Phu Bai area, resulting in one fatality (Vietnamese); one serious injury (Vietnamese) and eight minor injuries. One accident was investigated at Dong Ha, and resulted in one minor injury. Total property damage caused by vehicular accidents in the Phu Bai area are estimated at \$14,515.00, and the estimates for property damage at Dong Ha are \$175.00. The consolidated monthly total for property damage being \$14,690.00.

g. During October 96 persons were detained and finally processed as follows:

	<u>Phu Bai</u>	<u>Dong Ha</u>	<u>Total</u>
Prisoners of War	12	0	12
Civilian Defendants	0	0	0
Innocent Civilians	19	64	83
Returnees	0	1	1
	<u>31</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>96</u>

h. In excess of 900 Vietnamese civilian employees are processed through the Phu Bai Pass Office daily. Civilian personnel are no longer permitted entrance to the Dong Ha Combat Base.

i. The city of Hue was inspected for Blackmarket activities on two separate occasions during October. Blackmarket volume continues to decline and prices have remained stable.

j. Six U. S. prisoners were detained pending legal processing during October 1967. Four were Marines; one U. S. Army and one U. S. Navy personnel.

k. The three man Traffic Control Point at the Huong Thuy Bridge remained in effect for this period. The security of the bridge was assigned to the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

l. Two (2), three man Traffic Control Points were established at

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the temporary bridge at Phu Bai and at the temporary Nong bridge. Both bridges are located south of the Vital Area on Highway #1.

m. Traffic reduction to the City of Hue was enforced from 1800, 21 October 1967 to 0600, 23 October 1967, during the Vietnamese Election period.

n. Additional personnel are being assigned to the Military Police Company for the Quang Tri Sub-Station. Upon completion of the assignments and training period, the Military Policemen will be assigned to the Dong Ha Military Police Platoon for duty at the Quang Tri Sub-Station.

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COMBAT INTELLIGENCE SECTION

1. During October 1967, the Combat Intelligence Section received, processed and disseminated intelligence reports from Reconnaissance Battalion, Joint Technical Advisory Detachment, Counter Intelligence Teams, Aerial Observers, Interrogation Translation Teams, Combined Action Platoons, Regiments of the Division, Military Advisory Command Vietnam, III Marine Amphibious Force, First Marine Division, Thua Thien Sector, Special Branch National Police, Hue Tactical Operations Center, Photo mission readouts and I Corps Advisory Group.

2. Dissemination was accomplished through intelligence summaries, periodic intelligence reports, two daily briefings for the Commanding General and his staff, oral reports and personal liaison.

3. Efforts continued to pinpoint the North Vietnamese Army "Van An" rocket regiment in an attempt to fix his infiltration pattern and destroy his capability to rocket the Cua Viet and Dong Ha Combat Base. In support of this project, VMCJ-1 flew ten IR missions and the ARVN Airborne conducted a sweep operation which resulted in twenty VC/NVA KIA (Confirmed).

## 4. 7th ITT

## a. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

(1) Supported Operation FREMONT (1-30Oct67)

(2) Supported Operation KINGFISHER (4-31Oct67)

(3) Supported Operation DYE MARKER (4-31Oct67)

(4) Supported Operation LIBERTY II (11-23Oct67)

(5) Supported 1st AMTRAC Bn, Cua Viet (21-23Oct67)

(6) For the period 1-31Oct 1967, this team handled the following translation of enemy documents:

Batches of Documents	10
Total items	63
Total pages of translation	17

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(7) For the month of October 1967, this team handled 74 detainees. They were classified as follows:

NVA	9
VC	1
Civil Defendents	0
Innocent Civilians	62
Returnees	2

5. 15th ITT

a. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

- (1) Supported Operation KINGFISHER (1-4Oct67)
- (2) Supported 1st AmTrac Bn (1-4Oct67)
- (3) Supported U.S. Coast Guard and Swift Boats (1-4Oct67)
- (4) Maintained liaison with Chieu Hoi Center and Provincial Interrogation Center, Quang Tri (1-31Oct67)
- (5) Displaced from Dong Ha Combat Base to Phu Bai (5Oct67)
- (6) Supported Operations PHU BAI area (5-31Oct67)
- (7) Supported 4th Marines (6-31Oct67)
  - Operation FREMONT (6-31Oct67)
  - Operation GRANITE (26-31Oct67)
- (8) Supported 1st Marines (10-31Oct67)
  - Operation MEDINA (10-20Oct67)
  - Operation OSCEOLA (20-31Oct67)

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(9) For the month of October 1967, this team handled 101 detainees. They were classified as follows:

NVA	6
VC	4
Civilian	91

6. 17th ITT

a. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

- (1) Supported Command Group Phu Bai (1-31Oct67)
- (2) Supported Command Group Khe Sanh (1-30Oct67)
- (3) Supported Command Group Cam Lo (1-31Oct67)
- (4) Supported US Army Advisory Group Cam Lo (1-31Oct67)
- (5) Supported Operation ARDMORE (1-31Oct67)
- (6) Supported 6th ARVN Airborne Division (23-24Oct67)
- (7) Supported SLF "B" (15-24Oct67)
- (8) Supported SLF "A" (22-31Oct67)
- (9) Supported Operation MEDINA (10-20Oct67)
- (10) Supported Operation FREMONT (1-31Oct67)
- (11) Supported Operation KINGFISHER (1-31Oct67)
- (12) Supported Operation GRANITE (26-31Oct67)
- (13) Supported Operation OSCEOLA (20-31Oct67)
- (14) Supported 2/26 Operations (1-31Oct67)
- (15) Augmented 11th ITT's Interrogation efforts (1-31Oct67)

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## 7. 3d IT/DTC

## a. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY

(1) Supported 3d MarDiv CP in Hue/Phu Bai TAOR during October by operating the Division Document Translation Center.

(2) During the month of October, the DTC processed 32 batches of captured documents, of which a total of 112 documents were screened or fully translated.

(3) A total of 75 Friendly/Friendly Official documents were processed, resulting in 174 pages of translation.

(4) Provided interpreter support for Operation MEDINA during the period 11-19 Oct 67.

## 8. 9th IT

## a. OPERATION ACTIVITY

(1) Supported Operation MEDINA.

(2) Supported 29th Civil Action Group (Army) with interpreters on various dates.

(3) Supported 1st and 15th CITs with interpreters.

(4) Supported 15th ITT with interpreters.

(5) Supported G-2 Admin section by providing temporary replacement for Admin Chief.

(6) Supported Document Translation Center.

(7) Supported "A" Med with interpreters for MEDCAPS.

(8) Supported 3rd Dental Company with interpreters for MEDCAPS.

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## 9. AO SECTION

## a. GENERAL

- (1) Total Missions: 421 (Division AO's)  
Hours: 904.9
- (2) USA: 260 Missions/624.9 hours  
USMC 01: 25 Missions  
UH1E: 112 Missions/167.8 hours  
USAF: 24 Missions/56.1 hours
- (3) Missions Flown: Visual Reconnaissance - 396  
Tactical Air Control - 275  
Artillery Air Spot - 100  
Photo Missions - 16  
Convoy Cover - 25
- (4) Damage to Enemy:
  - 106 NVA/VC Confirmed Kills
  - 198 NVA/VC Probable Kills
  - 283 Bunkers destroyed/damaged
  - 38 Weapons positions destroyed/damaged  
(includes 16 Artillery pieces in NVN)
  - 76 Structures destroyed/damaged
  - 55 Rafts/boats sunk
  - 480 Meters of trench destroyed
  - 8 Bridges destroyed
  - 34 Secondary explosions obtained

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In addition, several supply areas were destroyed, numerous tunnel entrances were blocked, and miscellaneous livestock - 4 cows, 4 elephants, 1 tiger - were killed or wounded in the Khe Sanh/Dong Ha area.

b. DIVISION AIR OBSERVERS LOGGED FLIGHT HOURS AS FOLLOWS:

Major HOLLEN	58.9	Phu Bai
Major MULKEY	111.8	Phu Bai/Dong Ha
Lt. HAPPY	123.9	Dong Ha
Lt. O'TOOLE	130.4	Dong Ha
Capt. PELLECCCHIA	104.6	Phu Bai/Dong Ha
Lt. KIGHT	81.1	Phu Bai/Dong Ha
Lt. CARSWELL	73.1	Dong Ha (10 days E&E School)
Lt. HALLAND	71.8	Khe Sanh
Capt WAKEFIELD	43.4	Hue - TOC
Capt SIMMONS		Phu Bai
Capt RAMSEY	20.4	Phu Bai (Joined 24 Oct 67)

c. During July, August, September, and October, Division Air Observers flew 1610 missions for 3876.1 hours in support of the 3d Marine Division. The section accumulated 799 confirmed enemy kills and 1297 probable kills employing 1663 flights of strike aircraft and 533 artillery fire missions. During this same period, officers of the section have received or been recommended for four (4) Distinguished Flying Crosses and approximately 80 Air Medals.

10. TIO

a. Two hundred seventy new targets were added to the TIO Target List during the month of October 1967. The

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targets include the DMZ area, Quang Tri Province, and Thua Thien Province. A Target Bullentin with the new targets for October and the deletions from the old TIO Target List will be published by the 15th of November. The target bulletins are disseminated to subordinate, adjacent and higher intelligence sections.

b. During October, 831 Targets were attacked by TPQ-10 controlled airstrikes in Thua Thien Province. The TIO submitted an average of 15 targets per day for TPQ strikes, and of these an average of 8 were struck each day. The TIO published a daily long range target report which included TPQ-10 targets which were struck and Direct Air Support attacks in Thua Thien Province. This report is distributed to subordinate and adjacent intelligence sections and higher operations sections.

c. There were 75 Arc Light targets struck in the 3d Marine Division TAOR and the DMZ area during the month of October. The TIO prepared the coordinates and intelligence justification for 36 of the 75. The TIO revalidated the intelligence for 75 existing Arc Lights during the same period. During the month of October, the TIO prepared coordinated and intelligence justification for 27 new targets in the DMZ area, 3 new targets in Base Area 101, and 8 new targets in the Khe Sanh area.

d. TIO, upon request of the First Marine Air Wing, 12th Marines, and Naval Liaison Officers, provided special targets for Fixed Wing, Artillery and Naval Gunfire in the DMZ and Con Thien area. TIO also contributed target intelligence and a target overlay for a new Special Area Study and for 2 updated Special Area Studies. During the month of October, the TIO instituted a new target capability by which all targets within any 10,000 meter Grid Square can be provided upon request.

# 11. Plans & Estimates

## a. SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE STUDIES

(1) Completed:

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(a) 22-67 (Base Area 101)

(b) 23-67 (Base Area 114)

(2) UPDATED:

(a) 20-67 (Central DMZ)

(b) 21-67 (Eastern DMZ)

(3) RESEARCH commenced on 24-67 (NAM DONG AREA)

b. Intelligence Estimate for Operation BATH completed.

c. A study on the vulnerability of Phu Bai was completed.

d. A letter on the effect of northeast monsoon on friendly and enemy operations was distributed.

e. G-2 Draftsmen completed many charts and graphs to include a book of maps and the indexed aerial photo of Phu Bai Combat Base.

12. PIU

a. During the month of October 1967, there were a total of 44 photo requests submitted to III Marine Amphibious Force by this Headquarters. Of these, 23 requests were fulfilled, 11 were cancelled and 10 are pending. Red Haze comprised 7 of these cancellations and they were so cancelled for reasons of passing their date of no value, inclement weather or were covered by the new IR Plan. The remaining cancellations were photography cancelled for reasons of inclement weather, size of area requested or passed their date of no value. (For a detailed break down by units see listing below)

b. Also during this period there were five photo mosaics lain; two for the Division Engineers covering Base Area 101 and Trace; one each of the KHE SANH and ROCK PILE Base areas for use in defense planning; also a selected MOSAIC of HLZ's in Base Area 114. A special study of the road network of the HUE area was also completed noting areas that could possibly become flooded. Considerable time and effort was put forth

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in two separate comprehensive memos to the Commanding General, Third Marine Division concerning the adequacy of photo coverage supplied to the Third, Ninth, and Twelfth Marines. Also a new systematic IR Plan was adopted and submitted to the First Marine Air Wing covering the northern portion of Quang Tri Province.

c. Problems in obtaining new photo coverage was experienced due to unfavorable weather conditions and aircraft availability. But by using photography on land whenever possible helped to defray the impact of these difficulties.

d. Other activities of note were the completion of Special Area Studies 22-67 and 23-67; also Special Area Study 20-67 was updated.

	<u>No. Req.</u>	<u>No. Cancelled</u>	<u>No. Filled</u>	<u>No. Pending</u>
ADC	1	0	0	1
G-2	10	2	9	0
Div Eng's	2	0	1	1
4th Marines	6	1	5	0
9th Marines	6	2	2	2
3d Marines	5	3	1	1
12th Marines	0	0	0	0
26th Marines	2	1	1	0
1st Am Trac	1	0	0	1
2/26	3	0	2	1
3/26	0	0	0	0
3d AT Bn	1	0	0	1
3d TK Bn	1	0	1	0
1st Marines	6	2	2	2
TOTAL	44	11	23	10

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d. There were a total of 24 Photo missions sent to various units covering their AOR's not requested by them. Also 11 September Photo Request, requests were filled in the month of October making a total of 58 missions received and forwarded to various units by this Headquarters.

## 13. 1st CIT

a. The 1st CI Team screened 20 persons during the month of October 1967. Sixteen (16) persons were released as innocent civilians. One was a rallier. Two were Viet Cong/NVA. One was a civil defendant.

b. The Team continued to support Operation FREMONT with one sub-team (two enlisted). One sub-team is providing CI Coverage and Collection in Phu Loc District (one officer, one enlisted and one interpreter). One sub-team is providing CI Coverage and Collection in Huong Thuy District (one officer, one enlisted and one interpreter). One sub-team administering the security program in connection with the hiring of indigenous personnel on the Phu Bai Marine Combat Base (one officer and three enlisted and one interpreter). One officer TAD Special Branch National Police, Hue City, in connection with liaison visits to U.S. and ARVN intelligence agencies.

c. The present team strength is six (6) officers and thirteen (13) enlisted of which six officers and thirteen enlisted are on-board.

d. Maintained liaison at District, Village and Hamlet levels in Huong Thuy, Phu Loc and Phong Dien Districts. Liaison continues with U.S. and Vietnamese Intelligence and Security Agencies in Hue City.

## 14. 15th CIT

a. During the month of October 1967, Detachments of the 15th Counterintelligence Team were located at the following areas:

(1) Detachment "A" (Two men) Cam Lo District Headquarters

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- (2) Detachment "B" (One Man) Gua Viet
- (3) Detachment "C" (Two Men) Dong Ha Combat Base
- (4) Detachment "D" (One Man) Trieu AI

b. 1-31 October 1967, 15th CI Team in support of Operation KINGFISHER, which terminated 2400, 31Oct67.

c. 11 October 1967, Detachment "A" in support of L Company 3/4 (TAM TRUC (H))

d. 14 October 1967, Detachment "A" in support of GAC-1 (QUAT XA (H))

e. 17 October 1967, Detachment "D" in support of 1/4 (XUAN KHE (H))

f. 18 October 1967, Detachment "A" in support of GAC-1 (DOC KINH (H)); captured a Viet Cong Propaganda/Liaison Cadreman.

g. 28 October 1967, Detachment "A" participated in MEDCAP with 12th Marines.

h. Conducted a security inspection of 3d 8" Howitzer. S&C Files.

i. Detachment "A" conducted one penetration of a Viet Cong controlled/semi controlled area. The penetration team was briefed and debriefed by the detachment

j. Detachment "C" obtained 15,100 \$VN from a source. The money was turned over to 3d Marine Division.

k. Prepared and disseminated 48 CIR's and 6 Spot Reports of a CI nature.

l. Processed and interrogated 13 detainees

m. Attended and presented intelligence briefings, exchanged reports and maintained liaison with all U.S., ARVN and GVN Intelligence Agencies.

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During the early morning of the 14th, the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, occupying a defensive position south of Con Thien, came under attack by an estimated battalion of NVA. The attacking enemy forces were supported by rockets and mortars. The engagement involved close contact within the battalion position. As the enemy withdrew, friendly forces employed fixed wing aircraft, tanks, artillery, and mortars. This action resulted in 24 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 NVA captured and the capture of 13 weapons.

On the 25th the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines was conducting a search and destroy operation northwest of Cam Lo when they received a large volume of mortar and rocket fire. During the afternoon of the 26th, the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines made contact with an unknown size NVA force resulting in 19 NVA KIA confirmed and 100 NVA KIA probable. Operation KINGFISHER terminated 31 October 1967. Friendly losses: 340 KIA, 1461 WIA (Medevac), 1 MIA. Enemy losses: 1117 KIA confirmed, 1942 KIA probable, 138 Detainees, 5 NVA/Prisoners of War, 2 Returnees/NVA, 10 Civil Defendants, 121 Innocent Civilians, 126 Individual Weapons Captured, 29 Crew Served Weapons Captured.

3. FORMATION LEADER. After making a helicopter landing southwest of Phu Bai, BLT 2/3 came under the operational control of the Third Marine Division at 0900 18 Oct 67, and subsequently conducted operation FORMATION LEADER. Second Battalion, Third Marines conducted saturation patrols and ambushes in the Phu Loc district to interdict enemy infiltration and rice gathering routes and to deny the enemy access to populated areas east of National Route #1. One contact was made with the enemy during the evening of 21 October. The operation terminated at 0800 24 October 1967. Friendly casualties: None. Enemy losses: 1 VC KIA probable.

4. MEDINA. During the month, the First Marine Regiment displaced from the First Marine Division's TAOR with its first and second battalions to the Third Marine Division's Area of Operations. The First Marines opened its command post in the vicinity of Quang Tri on 5 October 1967.

Operation MEDINA commenced 0800 11 October 1967. This was a search and destroy operation in the enemy base area 101 south of Quang Tri City. The First Marine Regiment was the

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OPERATIONS

1. General. The Third Marine Division continued operations in Thua Thien and Quang Tri Provinces of South Vietnam in accordance with assigned missions. An attempt by the enemy to move forces into positions southwest of Con Thien was met by Marine forces deployed to that area.

The First Marine Regiment deployed by echelon from the First Marine Division AO to the Third Marine Division AO and opened its command post in the vicinity of Quang Tri on 5 October 1967.

The utilization of National Route 1 by Marine forces was greatly increased by the frequent operation of First and Third Marine Division Convoys between Phu Bai and Danang.

SLF-A landed administratively in the vicinity of Dong Ha 10 October and reported to the control of the Third Marine Division.

SLF-B moved from the Ninth Marines area and backloaded on 15 October. On 17 October, SLF-B landed by helicopter in the Phu Loc district and reported to the control of the Third Marine Division.

At the end of the month Operation FREMONT, KINGFISHER, and ARDMORE terminated.

2. KINGFISHER. Operation KINGFISHER continued at the beginning of the month with minor contact. The 9th Marine with three battalions and the 3d Marines with two battalions were the major units involved in this operation. The 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion continued to operate in an infantry role, conducting patrols and sweeps in the eastern part of the KINGFISHER area. The 1st Amtrac Bn also provided security for the Gue Vieu port facility and support for the DYEMARKER project.

Ground action was light during the early part of the month with the largest part of the ~~enemy activity involving~~ artillery attacks on Gio Linh, Con Thien, and Dong Ha. Numerous air strikes and artillery missions were conducted on confirmed and suspected enemy positions. Programs of artillery fires were conducted to interdict enemy infiltration and supply routes.

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control headquarters with 1/1, 2/1, 1/4 (-) and 1/3, the SLF Battalion.

First Battalion, Third Marines came under attack by the enemy early on the first day of the operation. The enemy forces were repulsed by small arms and mortars. After the action, two POW's were captured in the area. As Marine units continued to sweep towards their objectives, frequent contacts, involving the exchange of heavy small arms fires were made. First Marines units encountered many enemy explosive devices and fortifications throughout their OA.

Operation MEDINA terminated 1800 20 October 1967. Friendly casualties: 35 KIA, 174 WIA (Medevac), 58 WIA (Minor). Enemy losses: 6 VC KIA confirmed, 9 VC KIA probable, 58 NVA/KIA confirmed, 76 NVA/KIA probable, 4 NVA/Prisoners of War, 23 Detainees, 23 Individual Weapons Captured, 3 Crew Served Weapons Captured.

5. FREMONT. Operation FREMONT continued with minor enemy contact. 3/26 and 1/4 (-) provided security for the Camp Evans area and conducted extensive patrolling and small unit search and destroy missions throughout the OA. Operations were characterized by minor enemy resistance and harrassing tactics such as snipers fire and the employment of explosive devices.

On 19 August, BLT 1/3 came under the operational control of Fourth Marines.

Toward the end of the month, ambushes, OP's and blocking positions were established in the vicinity of National Route #1 in coordination with ARVN activities in support of the national elections.

Company I (Rein), Third Battalion, Twenty Sixth Marines conducted a County Fair operation in the villages of Ap Hein si/Ap Pho Ninh. Four hundred Vietnamese received medical treatment and rice and soap was given out. Of 47 Detainees, 18 were later confirmed as VC. FREMONT terminated 31 October 1967. Friendly losses: 17 KIA, 196 WIA (Medevac), and 64 WIA (Minor). Enemy losses: 123 KIA confirmed, 272 KIA probable, 96 Detainees, 4 VC/Prisoners of War, 4 NVA/Prisoners of War, 2 Civil defendants, 86 Innocent Civilians, 39 Individual Weapons Captured.

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6. ARDMORE. Operation ARDMORE continued throughout the month with minor contact. Operation ARDMORE involved the 26th Marine with the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines. Operations consisted of defense of the Khe Sanh Combat Base, facilities and combat outposts, extensive patrolling to the maximum range of artillery and frequent company sized search and destroy operations. Their operations involved numerous contacts and sightings by reconnaissance patrols and small units in the AO. Aerial observers made numerous sightings throughout the period and conducted a number of significant artillery missions and Air Strikes.

Operation ARDMORE terminated 31 October 1967. Friendly casualties: 10 KIA, 24 WIA (Medevac), 15 WIA (Minor). Enemy Losses: 113 KIA confirmed, 210 KIA probable, 6 Detainees, 6 Innocent Civilians, 9 Individual Weapons Captured, 1 Crew Served Weapon Captured.

7. GRANITE. Operation GRANITE commenced 26 October. It was a search and destroy operation in enemy base area 114, south of Camp Evans. Fourth Marines was the control headquarters for this operation as well as for operation FREMONT. Battalions participating in this operation were First Battalion, Third Marines, and Second Battalion, First Marines (-).

During the first day of the operation, light contact was made with enemy forces. On the second day, elements of 1/4, while sweeping towards their objective, made heavy contact with an estimated enemy company resulting in 12 NVA KIA.

Frequent contact with the enemy continued through the end of the month as the maneuver elements swept through enemy bunker complexes and fortifications. Cumulative Friendly casualties: 23 KIA, 82 WIA (Medevac). Enemy cumulative losses: 21 NVA/KIA confirmed, 24 NVA/KIA probable, 1 VC KIA probable, 1 Crew Served Weapon Captured, 7 Individual Weapons Captured.

8. PHU BAI TAOR. Second Battalion, 26th Marines remained the Phu Bai defense battalion throughout October. Numerous company and platoon search and destroy operations were conducted, particularly in the Phu Loc area. One company conducted patrols and search and destroy operations in the Nam Hoa area and provided security for Sea Bee Operations.

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TRAINING

## I. FORMAL SCHOOLS

Division units utilized formal schools as indicated during the period to supplement on-the-job training and locally conducted training as follows:

## A. IN-COUNTRY SCHOOLS

<u>Course</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Vietnamese Language	1	13
Land Mine Warfare		34
Combined Action Program		25
Motion Picture Operator		6
AN/TTC-28 Switchboard		2
AN/PPS-5 & AN/PPS-6 Radar Training Program	1	5

## B. OUT OF COUNTRY SCHOOLS

<u>Course</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Registered Publications	7	
Vietnamese Language		7
Infantry Weapons Repair		7
Basic Ammo Tech		13
Career Advisory		2
SCUBA	1	8
NCO Leadership		72
Embarkation	8	10
Com/Sec Crypto	3	6
ComTraPac Military Justice	13	
Special Weapons Training	5	9
Special Communications	2	

## II. INFORMAL SCHOOLS

A. On-the-job training and contact instruction teams continue to be the primary means of accomplishment of technical training within the Division. Contact teams assisting Division units included: M-16 Rifle and Starlight Scope from Division Training, Xenon Searchlight Contact Team from III MAF, Career Advisory Contact Team from FMFPac.

COMBAT AIR SUPPORT1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. In the Dong Ha/DMZ area, Operation KINGFISHER was supported by 2,633 CAS/DAS/TPQ sorties during this period. These aircraft delivered 6,855 tons of ordnance in these sorties. Also 606 B-52 aircraft hit 67 targets on or more times within the Con Thien and DMZ artillery belt. During this same time rotary wing aircraft flew 1,255 sorties, lifted 1,421 passengers, and transported 1,392 tons of cargo.

b. CH-53 helicopters provided a primary source of logistic support to Con Thien early in the month. Several days during bad weather, Con Thien was resupplied by CH-53 under TPQ-10 control. On one day, one single CH-53 carried 100,000 pounds of cargo into Con Thien signifying a well coordinated air-ground capability. The highest single day's helicopter lift into Con Thien was 173,000 pounds.

c. Observation aircraft flew 963 hours performing TACA/VR/artillery spot and convoy escort in this area.

d. Beginning 1 October 1967, a Fire Support Information Center was established in the COC at Dong Ha. The Air Section provides continuously updated target information including Arc Light, TPQ-10, and CAS/DAS missions. Overlays display location of each target hit to enable a comparison with the current enemy target list overlay. The visual comparison allows evaluation of our planned strikes. As an example, the Arc Light overlay displayed a need to provide CAS/DAS and TPQ fires in the 3,000 meter area next to Con Thien which was an Arc Light Safety Zone. Planned CAS/DAS/TPQ destroyed significant targets from that area. After initiation of this program, the first day the forward air controller conducted CAS, he worked sixteen (16) flights close in to Con Thien. They produced seventeen (17) secondary explosions.

e. In the Khe Sanh area, Operation ARDMORE was supported with fixed wing aircraft flying 30 sorties and expending 103 tons of ordnance. Helicopters in support of the operation flew 1,654 sorties, lifted 1,703 passengers, and carried 14 tons of cargo. Due to airfield construction, the CH-53 aircraft provided the primary source of resupply and movement of passengers for Khe Sanh. In addition, C-130 aircraft made a number of air drops some under radar-control of airfield approach radar.

f. In the Fourth Marines area, fixed wing aircraft flying in support of Operation TULLAMOUNT flew 180 sorties and expended 153 tons of ordnance. Helicopters flew 175 sorties, lifted 164 passengers, and carried 1 ton of cargo.

g. Fixed wing aircraft flew 41 sorties and expended 38 tons of ordnance in support of Operation MEDINA. Helicopters flew 360 sorties, lifted 142 passengers, and expended 33 tons of ordnance.

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h. Operation GRANITE was supported by fixed wing aircraft flying 23 sorties and expending 22 tons of ordnance. Also, helicopters flew 657 sorties, lifted 3,162 passengers, and carried 20 tons of cargo.

2. NEW DEVELOPMENTS. None.

3. PROBLEM AREAS. None.

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FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION1. GENERAL

Coordination and control of supporting areas continued in accordance with established policies. No new techniques were developed or employed.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## a. The Fire Support Coordinator (Phu Bai)

(1) Assisted in the coordination of supporting arms for Operations FORTRESS LEADER and LIBERTY between Special Landing Forces "A" (BLT 1/3 and "B" (BLT 2/3) and 3d MarDiv Units.

(2) Fire Support Coordination procedures worked out for Operation GRANITE between 3d MarDiv Units.

## b. Naval Gunfire Officer (Phu Bai)

(1) During the month of October 1967, a total of 1865 missions were conducted with the following ammunition expended:

<u>CALIBER</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>
5"/38	605	33,275
5"/54	11,607	812,490
8"/55	<u>730</u>	<u>188,800</u>
TOTALS	12,942	1,034,565 LBS

(2) Gunfire support was provided by:

<u>SHIP TYPE</u>	<u>DAYS ON STATION</u>
5"/38 Destroyer	2
5"/54 Destroyer	36
8"/55 Cruiser	2½

3. TARGETING

a. Artillery. A total of 30,703 targets were attacked during the month of October.

b. TPQ-10 Missions. A total of 955 targets were struck by TPQ-10 missions during the month.

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- a. The secure voice/teletype line from Phu Bai 3d Marine Division COC to USAF Nakorn Phanom Thailand was completed and activated during October.
- b. Construction on the new 3d Marine Division Communication Center bunker was started. Completion is anticipated in November.
- c. The new radio site bunkers are approximately 60% complete.
- d. Construction of protective bunkers for the AN/MRC-83 HF radio vehicles was initiated in October and should be completed by 20 November.
- e. Considerable expansion of the Division CP fixed cable plant was made during October. Additional multipair cables were installed to 8th RRFS, MAG-36, Gia Le and other adjacent Division units.

2. IWCS

- a. 3d Marine Division requested and received required IWCS circuits from Dong Ha to Quang Tri and from Phu Bai to Quang Tri. These circuits will all be activated by 7 November 1967.
- b. Additional IWCS circuits were received to FLC, Danang and Dong Ha.

3. Radio Relay

- a. 3d Marine Division installed a TRC-27 Radio Relay link to the 4th Marines to relieve the 4th Marines equipment for regimental requirements.

4. AN/PRC-25 Radios

- a. Accessories. Handsets, modules and antennas remain critical. A 3d Marine Division liaison team visited FLC and was issued 350 AT-892 (tape) antennas and bases, but only 88 H-189 handsets have been received to date. No AT-271A (whip) antennas have been received. Division Supply has initiated additional procurement action. 3d Marine Division rates 1,585 PRC-25's, has 1,473 on hand with 183 deadlined, leaving 1,290 available for operational commitments.
- b. As an interim relief, a temporary allowance of 122 PRC-10's has been requested and approved by III MAF.
- c. PRC-77. The 3d Marine Division rates 145 AN/PRC-77 radios but none have been received to date.

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SECRET5. Dye Marker Communications and Training

- a. The 9th Marines OJT program has graduated three officer and five enlisted men trained for the PPS-5 and three officers and thirty enlisted men trained for the PPS-6.
- b. 3d Battalion, 4th Marines are currently conducting PPS-6 training for fifteen operators.
- c. III MAF has completed training for four officers and seventeen enlisted men for the PPS-5 and five officers and eleven enlisted men for the PPS-6. Twenty-two ARVN operators have been trained and eight USMC technicians.
- d. Second ARVN regiment has drawn some Dye Marker equipment and is currently conducting OJT at Dong Da Training Center.

6. Dial Central Office

- a. The Phu Bai (Army) Dial Central Office is approximately 80% completed. Testing of the inside plant system will begin the second week of November.

7. Dong Ha Combat Base

- a. The Army installed two 12 channel radio relay systems at Dong Ha during October. These systems link Dong Ha to Quang Tri. Channels were allocated to Dong Ha Combat Base, 12th Marines and 9th Marines.

8. 3d Marine Division MARS

- a. The 3d Marine Division MARS stations handled 525 messages and processed 2,312 telephone calls, of which 100 were hospital/priority calls.
- b. The MARS station will be under cognizance of Division Special Services effective 1 November 1967, in accordance with Marine Corps Order 2070.2.

9. Problem Areas

- a. AN/PRC-25 accessories continue to be critically short, as covered in paragraph 4 above.
- b. Teletypewriters are becoming increasingly critical as the deadline rate increases.
- c. 400 cycle generators are critically short throughout RVN.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. During the month of October the Psychological Operations objectives were:

- a. Support Chieu Hoi program.
- b. Exploit VC/NVA battlefield losses.
- c. Lower VC/NVA morale.
- d. Show strength of GVN and Allied forces.
- e. Reduce mining and booby trap incidents.
- f. Discredit VC/NVA.
- g. Induce reporting VC activity.
- h. Explain presence of U.S. Forces in Vietnam.
- i. Instill good health habits in the people.
- j. Encourage support of the GVN.

2. Psychological Operations supported all named operations and Regimental TAOR's. The Phu Bai TAOR, the DMZ and the Recon Zones were also targeted regularly.

3. The following leaflets by type were delivered by aerial leaflet drops:

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Leaflets</u>
a. Chieu Hoi	21,845,000
b. NVA	3,880,000
c. Safe Conduct Passes	1,220,000
d. Rewards	4,375,000
e. Varied other themes	6,985,000

4. There were 67 hours and 40 minutes of aerial broadcasts covering the same basic themes in the same general areas as the leaflet drops.

5. There were 187 hours and 20 minutes of ground broadcast and 50 hours of waterborne broadcast. PsyOps speaker teams working with Coastal Groups 11 and 12 covered most of the waterways and coast from Phu Loc to the DMZ and along the rivers from Thua An Island to Hue and from the

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mouth of the Cua Viet River to Dong Ha. The 187 hours and 20 minutes of ground broadcast was in support of the 4th Marines, 9th Marines, 3rd Marines, 26 Marines, 2/26, 1st Am Trac Battalion, and Combined Action Platoons in Thua Thien and Quang Tri Province. General themes were Vietnamese music, MEDCAP instructions, Chieu Hoi, support GVN, good health, mine and general weapons reward and County Fair instructions.

6. There were 12 hours of movies shown. Most of the movies shown were in support of a Division better health campaign in the Phu Bai area and in support of 3/2, during a County Fair Operation. General movie themes were cartoons, good health, support GVN and films designed to instill nationalism in the people.

7. Hand distribution of leaflets, posters, Free South newspapers, and Farm Magazines totaled 189,235.

8. Forty four VC/NVA rallied through the Chieu Hoi program in Thua Thien and Quang Tri Provinces.

9. Thirty three scouts were graduated from the third Kit Carson Scout School at Quang Tri city on 28 October 1967. The 33 scouts were assigned to Division units bringing the total number employed in the Division to 66. The eventual goal is to have two scouts for every rifle company in the Division. The scouts participated in 290 patrols with Marine units. They located mines, booby traps and ammunition caches, and exposed several ambushes. They have been credited with saving many Marine lives. Many are learning English on their own. A formal four week English class is planned for November for those scouts who have shown an ability and a willingness to learn English.

10. The southern DMZ and the areas around Con Thien are being targeted daily. A new leaflet with an NVA Chieu Hoi appeal on one side and the new Rewards appeal on the other was dropped through the area. Another new leaflet called the Three Delays was also dropped in the two areas. This leaflet is counter-propaganda for a VC/NVA theme of postponing love, marriage and family until the war is over. The areas will be targeted on a continuing basis.

11. Both the Quang Tri and Thua Thien Armed Propaganda Teams were used extensively by Marine Units. The Quang Tri APT was employed with 3/4, 1/4, 1st Am Tracs and the 1st Marines in the Quang Tri and Dong Ha areas. The Thua Thien APT was employed with 3/26 on a County Fair, 28-31 October. Both APT's are being used to conduct face to face propaganda, identify VC, and gather intelligence information.

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LOGISTICS

## 1. Significant Events

a. General

(1) On 1 October III MAF granted 3d MarDiv permission to retain two 8" M55 Howitzers (SF) on position and one at FLSU-1 for a Maintenance Float Weapon. These weapons will be in addition to the six M110 8" Howitzers issued on 24 September.

(2) On 26 October the last of six M76 Otters was flown in by helicopter to Khe Sanh.

(3) The Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS) previously installed at Camp Evans was expanded to include JP-4 capability as of 8 October.

(4) The Quang Tri airfield construction was sufficiently completed to receive C-123 aircraft on 20 October. The Khe Sanh airfield was opened to C-123 aircraft on 28 October.

(5) Berthing space for barges was completed at the Dong Ha ramp on 24 October.

(6) Logistics technical/administrative inspections were conducted during October, as part of the Commanding General's Inspection, of 3d Tank Battalion, 1st AmTrac Battalion and 3d Anti-Tank Battalion.

b. Combat Damage. During the month of October the following major items of equipment sustained combat damage.

<u>Type Veh/Equip</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Cause of Damage</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
M50A1	226957	Mined	Code H
M50A1	226964	Mined	Code H
M50A1	226928	Arty	Being Assessed
105mm H/TD	404	Arty	Code H
4.2" Mortar	7243	Arty	Code H
LVTP5A1 CMD	108130	Mined	Being Assessed
LVTP5A1	107489	Mined	Being Assessed
LVTP5A1	108413	Mined	Being Repaired
LVTP5A1	107934	Mined	Being Repaired
LVTP5A1	108484	Mined	Code H
LVTP5A1	108055	Mined	Code H
LVTP5A1	108079	Mined	Code H

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LVTP5A1	107464	Mined	Code H
LVTEL	106037	Mined	Code H
Trk, M543A2	318962	Arty	Returned to Service
Trk, M54	312233	Arty	Being Repaired
Trk, M36	238716	Mined	Code H
Semi-Trl M127	174196	Arty	Returned to Service
Semi-Trl M127	174183	Arty	Returned to Service
*Trk, M52A2	5D4783	Arty	Being Assessed
*Trk, M52A2	5D4706	Arty	Being Assessed
*Trk, M52A2	5D4621	Arty	Being Assessed
*Trk, M52A2	5D4549	Arty	Being Assessed
*Trk, M52A2	5E4744	Arty	Code H
*Trl, M127	7B2635	Arty	Being Assessed
*Trl, M127	7E4815	Arty	Being Assessed
*Trl, M127	01237407	Arty	Being Assessed
*Trl, Fuel,			
M135A5	7F8665	Arty	Code H
550 Grader	326981	Arty	Being Repaired
Tractor, MRS100	318347	Mined	Being Repaired 4th Ech
Tractor, TD18-181	212394	Mined	Being Repaired 4th Ech
Tractor, TD15	305920	Mined	Being Repaired

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c. Truck Convoys

(1) During the month of October five Rough Riders traveled between Phu Bai and Dong Ha.

(a) One consisting of 85 vehicles transported 275 personnel and 225 tons of cargo, north on 4 October.

(b) One consisting of 116 vehicles transported 375 personnel and 40 tons of cargo, south on 5 October.

(c) One consisting of 20 vehicles transported 130 personnel and 60 tons of cargo, south on 6 October.

(d) One consisting of 100 vehicles transported 160 personnel and 100 tons of cargo, north on 25 October.

(e) One consisting of 121 vehicles transported 160 personnel and 45 tons of cargo, south on 26 October.

(2) During the month of October eight Rough Riders traveled between Phu Bai and Quang Tri.

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(a) One consisting of 88 vehicles transported 135 personnel and 459 tons of cargo, north on 7 October.

(b) One consisting of 85 vehicles transported 135 personnel, south on 7 October.

(c) One consisting of 85 vehicles transported 150 personnel and 410 tons of cargo, north on 8 October.

(d) One consisting of 85 vehicles transported 150 personnel, south on 8 October.

(e) One consisting of 94 vehicles transported 160 personnel and 320 tons of cargo, north on 11 October.

(f) One consisting of 94 vehicles transported 160 personnel, south on 11 October.

(g) One consisting of 83 vehicles transported 145 personnel and 290 tons of cargo, north on 12 October.

(h) One consisting of 83 vehicles transported 145 personnel, south on 12 October.

(3) During the month of October four Rough Riders traveled between Dong Ha and Camp Evans.

(a) One consisting of 25 vehicles transported 80 personnel, south on 17 October.

(b) One consisting of 25 vehicles transported 80 personnel, and 50 tons of cargo, north on 18 October.

(c) One consisting of 18 vehicles transported 42 personnel, south on 23 October.

(d) One consisting of 24 vehicles transported 48 personnel and 49 tons of cargo, north on 23 October.

(4) During the month of October six Rough Riders traveled between Phu Bai and DaNang.

(a) One consisting of 142 vehicles transported 260 personnel and 79 tons of cargo, south on 20 October.

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(b) One consisting of 142 vehicles transported 260 personnel and 370 tons of cargo, north on 21 October.

(c) One consisting of 128 vehicles transported 293 personnel and 70 tons of cargo, south on 24 October.

(d) One consisting of 158 vehicles transported 388 personnel and 306 tons of cargo, north on 24 October.

(e) One consisting of 112 vehicles transported 309 personnel and 25 tons of cargo, south on 28 October.

(f) One consisting of 147 vehicles transported 540 personnel and 543 tons of cargo, north on 29 October.

(5) During the month of October two Rough Riders traveled between Phu Bai and Camp Carroll.

(a) One consisting of 131 vehicles transported 320 personnel and 140 tons of cargo, north on 30 October.

(b) One consisting of 123 vehicles transported 320 personnel and 102 tons of cargo, south on 31 October.

(6) During the month of October, 3d Motor Transport Battalion drove 140,737 miles, transporting 28,496 personnel and 7,885 tons of cargo.

(7) During the month of October, 9th Motor Transport Battalion drove 72,247 miles, transporting 33,349 personnel and 5,960 tons of cargo.

(8) During the month of October, 44 resupply convoys traveled between Phu Bai and Camp Evans operating area consisting of an average of 35 vehicles transporting 95 personnel and 42 tons of cargo.

(9) During the month of October, 51 resupply convoys traveled between Dong Ha and Camp Carroll-Cam Lo- Con Thien-Thon Son Lam operating areas consisting of an average of 12 vehicles transporting 177 personnel and 14 tons of cargo.

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(10) Attached to the division during the month of October was the 515th Light Truck Company U.S. Army and the 543d Medium Truck Company U.S. Army. The 515th Truck Co and the one platoon of 543d Truck Co are under OPCON of 3d Motor Transport Battalion and the 543d Truck Co is under OPCON of 9th Motor Transport Battalion at Dong Ha.

(a) The 515th Truck Co consisting of sixty 5 ton Cargo Trucks drove 65,927 miles transporting 3,537 tons of cargo and 948 personnel during the month of October.

(b) The 543d Truck Co consisting of 60 Tractor-Trailers transported 21,591 tons of cargo during the month of October.

d. Embarkation

(1) Unit Moves: On 14 October, BLT 2/3 commenced backloading at Dong Ha aboard the USS HERMITAGE (LSD-34), USS WASHOE COUNTY (LST-1165), USS PAUL REVERE (APA-248), USS TORTUGA (LSD-26) and the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). The backload was completed 151600H October.

(2) Sealifts:

DANANG to HUE/PHU BAI	82 LCU/YFU	6,506 S/T
	2 AKA	3,207 S/T
	1 YC	50 S/T
	0 LST	00 S/T
DANANG to DONG HA	207 LCU/YFU	23,330 S/T
	2 AKA	8,113 S/T
	2 YC	308 S/T
	6 LST	1,661 S/T

(3) Airlifts:

DANANG to DONG HA via USAF C-123's and C-130's

TOTAL 4,374,440 lbs

DANANG to PHU BAI via USAF C-123's and C-130's

TOTAL 2,284,386 lbs

DANANG to KHE SANH via C-7-A's and CH-53's

TOTAL 1,691,392 lbs

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## (4) Airdrops:

DANANG to KHI SANH airdropped

TOTAL 2,807,958 lbs

e. Food Services. During the month of October the Division Food Service Program consisted of 59 operational messes supported by 463 OF 33 personnel. Of the total messes in operation, 15 are permanent type field messes housed in MCON structures and the remaining 44 are temporary field messes. Subsistence support provided Marine Corps, Navy and Army personnel of this Division averaged 32,000 rations daily. Of the total personnel subsisted, approximately 86% were subsisted on Field Ration A supplemented with B Rations and approximately 14% consumed Meals Combat Individual daily. ~~Meals Combat Individual~~ are being consumed only when operational requirements preclude serving Field Ration A's.

f. Supply

(1) The Excess and Cancellations Program totaled 12,868,874 dollars for the period 1 January to 30 September 1967.

(2) Substantial quantities of monsoon material including rainsuits and poncho liners were shipped to Division units.

(3) Increased use of Rough Rider Convoys has significantly reduced the backlog of Class II supplies at Force Logistic Command.

(4) The Division Supply Management Team visited and provided advice to all units in C-2 readiness category.

g. Planning. Plans were revised and issued for Operations Lancaster, Kentucky, Scotland and Neosho.

2. Problem Areas

a. Supply. The shortage of office supplies and stationery continues to create serious administrative problems. The shortage of AN/PRC 25 accessories and modules hampers the communications capability of all units authorized such equipment. Lack of communication center supplies and monoblocks for battery BB451 has limited communications of this Division. The lack of repair parts for vehicles and other heavy equipment caused an unacceptable high deadline rate of these items. In addition, shortages of cleaning material and repair parts for the M16A1 still exist.

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b. Transportation. The lines of communication are at present over-taxed and probably the greatest logistic problem. All three basic modes of transportation are used to transport material - sea, air and land. Each mode must operate at peak efficiency in view of the high priority programs competing for the available transportation. The construction of the Quang Tri Complex, Dye Marker, and normal daily resupply were the major logistic efforts competing for transportation during this period. During the month increased use of Division Rough Rider convoys were used to augment the transportation assets of III MAF and FLC.

c. Services

(1) Laundry facilities for the major portion of the Division were still inadequate. The situation will be rectified if projected employment of laundry units received in recent weeks by Force Logistics Command is actually accomplished in time for the monsoon season.

(2) The shortage of bath units still exists, however appears near resolution if allowances authorized (CMC 271259Z Oct 67) can be placed in service within an acceptable time period.

d. Maintenance

(1) Short supply of repair parts for accomplishment of second and third echelon maintenance continues to hamper overall maintenance efforts of the Division.

(2) Lack of replacement engines and transmissions for the truck M422-A1 continues to result in a high deadline rate for this vehicle.

(3) Shortages of replacement parts, modules, and accessories for the AN/PRC 25 radio continue to contribute to a high deadline rate.

(4) Support received from the Direct Exchange Program continues to be unsatisfactory due to insufficient range and depth of exchange items and the mechanical defects often encountered in the rebuilt items.

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DIVISION ENGINEER

1. During October, the Third Marine Division received engineer support from a Division and a Force Engineer Battalion, four complete Navy Mobile Construction Battalions and detachments from three additional Navy Mobile Construction Battalions. Additionally, maintenance and utilities support was provided by detachments from Naval Support Activity, Danang. Major Engineer projects have included:

a. Maintenance of Route #1. The combination of bad weather and enemy destruction of bridges and culverts required continuous coordinated effort between Navy Mobile Construction Battalions, Marine engineers and ARVN engineers to keep Route #1 open. Three major multispan bridges were blown during the month and several culverts and small bridges were damaged or destroyed. Major events included:

(1) 1 October. In the vicinity of Phu Loc the road was cut in three places. Two culverts were destroyed north of Phu Loc and were quickly repaired by NMCB-121. The 70 meter bridge at Thua-Luu (ZD158010) was damaged and repaired by ARVN engineers the next day.

(2) 4 October. The 6 span 88 meter bridge south of Phu Bai at An Nong (YD927103) was totally destroyed. ARVN engineers emplaced a Class 12 light tactical bridge and reopened the road at 1700, 5 October.

(3) 6 October. The 2 span 47 meter bridge less than 3 kilometers south of the Phu Bai base at YD913118 was destroyed. A 165' M6 bridge was emplaced by the 3d Engineer Battalion, reopening the road at 1700, 6 October.

(4) 9 October. A 1st Marine Division convoy passing over the ARVN light tactical bridge at An Nong overloaded the bridge and caused it to sink. This again closed Route #1 south of Phu Bai. The road was reopened at 1330, 12 October, after being closed for 8 of 9 days.

(5) 13 October. The 400' floating bridge at My Chanh (YD460400) north of Camp Evans was closed for a two day period for upgrading to class 55.

(6) 15 October. A culvert between Dong Ha and Quang Tri was destroyed. The road was reopened by MCB-11 at mid day.

(7) 27 October. The 3d Engineer Battalion replaced the Class 12 ARVN floating bridge at An Nong with a Class 55 M4/Class 60 superstructure bridge.

(8) 27 October. Three culverts were destroyed on Route #1 south of Quang Tri in the vicinity of Hai Lang (YD4344). Hasty repairs were performed by ARVN Engineers and final repairs were completed 31 October by MCB-10.

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(9) 28 October. Route #1 north of Hue was limited to Class 17 traffic when the water became too shallow to operate the ferry at An Lo. At the end of the month the ferry was still inoperable because of low water.

(10) 31 October. The 4 span 62 meter bridge at Phu Loc (ZD099006) was destroyed. The Third Engineer Battalion was expecting to complete the installation of a Class 55 M4/Class 60 superstructure bridge on 1 November.

b. Maintenance of Route #9. Route #9 remained closed west of the Rockpile throughout the month. Heavy rains at the beginning of the month washed out the abutments of the bridge at Khe Gio (YD026561), closing the road west of Camp Carroll 1-3 October. The road was open from Dong Ha to the Rockpile for the rest of the month although the section west of Cam Lo is badly potholed and greatly in need of repair.

c. Maintenance of Route 561. A great improvement was made on Route #561 between Cam Lo and Con Thien as October brought several weeks of good weather. The entire road now has good rock base and 30% has been sealed with asphalt.

d. Khe Sanh Airfield. Repairs to the subgrade of the Khe Sanh airfield continued throughout the month. On 28 October, C-123 aircraft were landed at the field for the first time since August. At the end of the month, repairs to 2600' of runway were complete.

## 2. Military Construction

a. During October, about 20% of the 3d Marine Division 67S Military Construction Program was completed. Total facilities constructed through 31 October include 548 huts (16'X32'), 14 showers, 24 heads and 5½ messhalls. The total program is now approximately 74% complete.

b. Construction under the TSFC program continued during October. At Camp Evans, a total of 24 SEA huts, 201 strongbacks, 16 heads and 4 showers have been completed. Also completed at Camp Evans were a 500 man messhall, one 10'X24'X8' bunker and one 8'X12'X8' bunker. A total of 107 SEA huts have been constructed at Cua Viet. MCB-10 commenced construction of the Camp Carroll cantonment and thus far has completed 29 SEA huts and 35 strongbacks. Seventy-six SEA huts have been constructed at Dong Ha.

## 3. Base Development

a. Construction of the Quang Tri Airfield continued during October. The 3500' landing strip has been completed; C-130 aircraft began landing on 20 October. A 500 man messhall and 34 SEA huts have been constructed to date. The site for the temporary ASP has been selected and initial work begun.

## 4. Mine Incidents

a. In October Third Marine Division units reported 53 incidents involving the discovery of mines or booby traps. Approximately 75 explosive devices were discovered and disarmed or destroyed. Division units reported 64 detonations of explosive devices, including 16 detonations by vehicles.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. Refugees

a. No substantial numbers of new refugees were generated during the month of October 1967. As of 31 October, there were approximately 26,000 refugees in Thua Thien Province and 53,000 refugees in Quang Tri Province. However, on 30 October 1967, preparations began for the movement and settlement of an estimated 4,000-5,000 refugees from the "Street Without Joy" area to the Phong Dien and Quang Dien District Headquarters. Operation LAM SON 140 was conducted by the GVN specifically to evacuate these refugees from the "Street Without Joy". The duration of this operation is from 2-6 November 1967.

b. Temporary and permanent refugee camps continued to receive aid from GVN sources with augmentation assistance from 3d Marine Division resources. The brick factory at the Cam Lo Refugee Settlement ceased operations during the month. The reason was that cement, the factory's raw material, was not resupplied due to the changeover in the CORDS logistic operations transferring the commodities to GVN control. It is anticipated that this situation will be corrected during November and that production will then resume.

c. Substantial progress in improving the life of refugees was made in Thua Thien Province during October. The Provincial SCR gave 276 families in Phong Dien and 713 families at Quang Dien a grant of 5,000 VND per each refugee family; a total so far of 4,945,000 VND. These allowances are to assist the families in building their houses. Thus far, more than 600 houses have been built at both places. More are being built; however, roofing supplies have been exhausted and this is causing a delay in further building. Many refugees have moved into their new houses at Quang Dien. Flooding was previously a major problem for refugees in this area. However, these people will receive 450 VND per person per month as Temporary Relief Funds. 1,421 refugees at Phong Dien were given 450 VND each (a total of 689,450 VND) for Temporary Relief during October 1967.

2. Revolutionary Development

a. Thua Thien

(1) The 1967 Province RD Program is on schedule with the Revised 1967 Provincial RD Plan. Five consolidated hamlets, three in Quang Dien District and two in Huong Thuy District, were dropped from the 1967 Plan. An increase in commodities received for the RD priority areas has made up for previous shortages. Projects that have been awaiting items, such as tin roofing, have received them and the projects are rapidly being completed.

(2) Security continues to be good with the three ARVN 3d Regiment Battalions operating in and around the three RD areas. Attention is being given to the understrength RF platoons that are colocated with the RD Cadre

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Teams. Enemy activity for the month was light. There were six VC initiated incidents involving RD Cadre in October. These incidents included two mortar and two ground attacks and one incident each of sniping and mining. They resulted in one friendly KIA and six friendly WIA. However, in general, enemy activity throughout Thua Thien Province decreased during October.

(3) The effectiveness of the RD Cadre remains relatively the same as in previous months. A significant incident was the repelling of a VC platoon attack by an RD Cadre Team through the use of a coordinated defense with the ARVN RD Support Battalion. Calling for support from the battalion, the RD Team received artillery and mortar fire support shortly after requesting it. This shows that RD Teams are able to repel small scale enemy attacks with light friendly casualties by proper coordination with their ARVN Support Battalions.

(4) Through the coordinated actions of Census Grievance, PRU and PSB personnel, two successful action operations against the VC infrastructure were conducted during October. Based on a Census Grievance report, a PRU mounted an operation on 6 and 7 October. The leader of a Hue City sabotage cell, two cell members and two VC suspects were all taken to the PIC for interrogation. As a further result, 7 other members of the sabotage cell were arrested on 8 October and explosive devices were confiscated. On 21 October, the PSB arrested a prominent VC Cadre, one Nguyen Tron. He had been recruited as the VC commander of the Hue City "Liberation Force" in 1965. Tron was directed to penetrate the Buddhist struggle movement, on behalf of the VC, during 1966 which he succeeded in doing. He was eventually appointed a company commander of the struggle movement. After its collapse, he escaped to a pagoda where he remained in hiding for 16 months. Subsequent to his arrest, Tron provided the names of three other VC Cadre who have since been arrested by the PSB. One of these is one Tam, who is described by Tron as the Chief of VC Hue City Security. Tam appears to be a senior ranking VC. Considerable progress during the month was made by the DOI/CCS established in Phu Vang and Huong Thuy Districts. Full support for the DOI/CCS by the new District Chief should result in much more effective correlation of all information concerning the VC infrastructure in these two Districts.

b. Quang Tri

(1) The RD momentum achieved in the Province during previous months was interrupted and the 1967 RD Plan in the Province is farther behind in its schedule than it was at the end of the previous month. Few commodities were issued to RD Teams during October because the CORDS logistics system was transferred to the new GVN logistics system as of 1 October 1967. Multiple shifts of RD Teams from hamlet to hamlet, to satisfy GVN political demands for increased RD progress, were a major factor in hindering the RD effort in the Province.

(2) The efficiency of RD Teams and the security provided to the RD Priority Area continued to improve during October. Greatly improved cooper-

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ation between all the intelligence and reaction agencies in Quang Tri Province resulted in considerable progress in the attack against the VC infrastructure. The most notable example was the successful Thuong Xa Operation in Mai Linh District on 25 October. Five VC infrastructure personalities were arrested, twenty suspects were detained and 13 VC guerillas or infrastructure members were killed. This was a combined operation involving all GVN intelligence agencies, a USMC Battalion and a Provisional Sector Battalion, composed of personnel from each of the Province's several reaction forces, including PRU's, RFs and PFTs. It was a milestone in Quang Tri Province's drive to achieve concerted action against the VC infrastructure.

(3) The attitude of the people toward the GVN and their confidence in security arrangements improved during the month. The major factors causing this were the successful Lower House elections of 22 October and the arrival of the 1st Marine Regiment at La Vang, just south of Quang Tri City. Operation LAM SON 138 by the 1st ARVN Regiment was a major victory that virtually destroyed a VC/NVA battalion. The GVN/US "instant pacification" operation at Thuong Xa Hamlet was also highly successful. Both operations were major contributions to the security improvement and the resulting better attitudes of the populace.

(4) Enemy activity in and around the RD Priority Area primarily consisted of small scale harrassment and mortar attacks on RD Teams and PF Platoons. VC initiated incidents for the month reached a peak during the period just prior to and during the Lower House elections. There were some assassinations and kidnappings in RD Hamlets. An information booth constructed by an RD Team and a hamlet office were sabotaged and bamboo fences were destroyed. There were two attacks against RD Teams during the month, both on October 22. The first squad-sized ground attack resulted in one RD Cadre KIA, four drowned while trying to flee across a nearby river and one WIA. The second attack by mortar fire resulted in two Cadre and two civilians WIA.

### 3. Division Civil Affairs/Civic Action

a. Agriculture. A Demonstration Garden project to present new agricultural methods and introduce new vegetables to the Montagnards (Brou) of the Khe Sanh area was started. Rice Threshing machines were demonstrated in the Dong Ha and Quang Tri areas during the month. These machines are being very well received throughout Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. Fifty machines issued to farmers by the 3d Marine Division Agriculture Advisor are now in use. Of these, 21 machines have been purchased by the farmers at 3,500 VN\$ each. It is expected that 15 additional machines will be purchased by the using farmers during November. The remainder that are not bought will be returned to the Division G-5 at the end of the harvest season for further loan next year. Funds from the sale of the 36 machines will be used to buy additional machines and thus further expand this project. All pig projects are progressing very well, with two exceptions. One pig must be sold because of a hernia and another died of pneumonia, the contraction of which was unavoidable and not due to lack of care by the farmer.

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b. MEDCAPS. A total of 46,165 Vietnamese were treated at MEDCAPS/ DENTCAPS during the month. This was a decrease of about 2,000 from the 48,256 treated in September and 48,525 treated during August. It is believed that the limit of the Division's capacity (approximately 45,000 to 50,000 per month) to conduct MEDCAPS has been reached under current operational conditions, personnel availability and available MEDCAP supplies. A new MEDCAP supply requisitioning system will be initiated by III MAF in November. This should greatly simplify the procedures for obtaining MEDCAP supplies and should expedite delivery of supplies to using unit Civic Action Officers. Further, this Division is currently reviewing our MEDCAP procedures to determine if any improvement in the conduct of MEDCAPS can be made. These actions may result in further increases in the number of patients treated per month. An effort is also being made to insure that Vietnamese health workers are being treated at all MEDCAP locations in order that such treatment can eventually become a GVN self-sustaining function.

c. Food for Work. In Quang Tri Province, the Food for Work Program sponsored by CORDS continues to offer employment to many Montagnard (Brou) families around the Khe Sanh area. This program pays local Brou workers in USAID commodities for camp construction, trash disposal, improving camp fortifications, folding and stacking parachutes and working in air delivery drop zones. An average of 45-55 Brou per day were employed by the 26th Marine Regiment at Khe Sanh during October. They were paid in kind with a total of about 20 bags of rice per day or approximately 6,000 pounds of rice per month. The payment for work in rice has become an important source of subsistence for the Brou who perform labor in a most satisfactory manner. It has also aided the local economy which has been in a depressed state for several months due to the closing of Route 9 from the coast to Khe Sanh because of NVA/VC activity. The program has also tended to improve relations between the Marine Corps command and the local populace.

d. Logistics

(1) A change in the policy which previously banned local civilians from using military aircraft flying to or from Khe Sanh was authorized by CG III MAF/SA I Corps msg 230510Z OCT67 (S). Implementation of the new policy has not yet been effected by the Senior Province Advisor, Quang Tri Province, but it is hoped that the new travel policy will be placed in effect during November. This will be of measurable assistance to the economy of the Khe Sanh area and should greatly improve the attitudes and usefulness of French coffee planters, local merchants and the populace in the Khe Sanh area.

(2) The Division G-5 Commodities Warehouse issued 9,558 items of Civic Action supplies to unit CA Officers during October. This included 905 bags of cement, 526 sheets of tin, 3,200 bars of soap, 2,390 assorted books, 54 blackboards, 624 boxes of powdered milk, 2,400 rice bags, 53 boxes of assorted clothing (many received by the Division G-5 via direct U.S. Mail) and 3,000 board feet of assorted scrap lumber.

e. Third Marine Division Vietnamese Scholarship Fund. During the

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month, 103 students of Thua Thien Province and 9 students of Quang Tri Province received benefits from the scholarship fund for which a total of 112,500 VN\$ was expended. III MAF General WALT Scholarship funds in conjunction with unit donations to the Division Fund have been used to give an added financial base to the program and to permit its expansion to the present level of 112 students. It is planned to level off the program at 125 students for the remainder of the current school year in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

f. Public Health

(1) A program to present public health films to schools in Thua Thien Province was begun on 24 October 1967. The 1st AA Platoon, 29th Civil Affairs Company, attached to the Division, showed the films, Walt Disney cartoons with a health education theme in the Vietnamese language, to 6,000 students at seven schools in three days. This project will continue throughout November and December. The films were very well received by all the children and their teachers.

g. Lower House Election Results

(1) Elections for the Lower House of the Vietnamese Legislature were held without serious incidents on 22 October 1967. They were highly successful in spite of VC efforts to disrupt the elections. In Quang Tri Province, pre-election incidents were fewer and more poorly executed than in September. The incident rate in Thua Thien Province on 22 October was actually lower than during the week prior to the election. Voting results in the Lower House election were:

PROVINCE	PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS WHO CAST BALLOTS
Thua Thien	76.4%
Quang Tri	80.2%

h. Civic Action Projects. As of 31 October 1967, the following was the status of Civic Action projects for which materials and assistance are being provided by the Division:

TYPE PROJECT	NUMBER BEGUN DURING OCT	TOTAL IN PROGRESS AS OF 31 OCT	NUMBER COMPLETED DURING OCT	TOTAL COM- PLETED FROM 1 JAN-31 OCT 67
Classrooms	1	35	1	31
Agricultural	0	1	0	20
Market Places	1	8	0	3
Wells	1	6	2	43
Bathrooms	0	9	0	36

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<u>TYPE PROJECT</u>	<u>NUMBER BEGUN DURING OCT</u>	<u>TOTAL IN PROGRESS AS OF 31OCT</u>	<u>NUMBER COMPLETED DURING OCT</u>	<u>NUMBER COM- PLETED FROM 1JAN-31OCT67</u>
New Dispen- saries	1	7	0	9
Dispensary Repair	2	5	1	3
Orphanage Construction	0	0	0	2
Livestock Projects	0	1	0	9
Fish Pond Construction	0	0	0	2
Playgrounds	0	2	0	2
Community Buildings	0	0	0	4
Road Culverts	0	0	0	3
Foot Bridges	0	4	0	4
Rice Storage Warehouses	0	1	0	0
Roads	0	3	0	3
Cement Wash Piers	1	2	1	3
Public Information Projects	0	0	0	4
School Furniture	0	4	0	5
Brick Factory	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	7	88	5	187

i. Personal Response

(1) The 3d Marine Division Personal Response Contact Team gave informal presentations to personnel of the Division as follows:

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Number Battalions Visited - 9

Attendance: (approximate)

Officers - 61

SNCO's - 74

Sgts/below - 738

Total - 873

Number of hours: 25

(2) The Contact Team was exceptionally well received by the 26th Marine Regiment and attached units at Khe Sanh during the period 25-31 October 1967. Presentations were given in the field to units located on Hill 881, 861 and 950 plus units in the Patrol Base Camp. A total of 52 officers, 65 SNCOs and 551 Sgts/below attended the presentations at Khe Sanh and their reception of the Personal Response theme was outstanding.

(3) The 8th Division Personal Response course was conducted from 2-3 October 1967 with 30 students (13 officers, 15 SNCOs and 2 Sgt/below) in attendance.

(4) The Contact Team conducted a two hour class for 22 NCOs as part of the 4th Marines' new Regimental NCO School at Camp Evans. This instruction was enthusiastically received.

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## DIVISION CHAPLAIN

I PERSONNEL

The month of October 1967 began with twenty-eight (28) chaplains serving with the 3d Marine Division; two (2) of whom (Chaplain ROGERS 1/3 and Chaplain RUTHERFORD 2/3) were with their units deployed to Special Landing Force.

Chaplains DAVIS, LAVIN and OLIVER rotated to CONUS during the month.

Chaplains HEINO, DRISCOLL and COHILL reported from CONUS for duty with 3d Marine Division during the month of October.

Chaplains ROGERS and RUTHERFORD returned to country briefly with 1/3 and 2/3 to OPCON 3d Marine Division for several operations but remained ADCON 9th MAB.

Assignments were as follows:

Chaplain COHILL to 4th Marines  
Chaplain DRISCOLL to Hq. Bn. KHE SANH  
Chaplain HEINO to 1/9

Reassignments were as follows:

Chaplain FILMYER to Hq. Bn.  
Chaplain JONES to Hq. Bn.

The month of October ended with twenty-nine (29) chaplains serving with the 3d Marine Division, two of whom (Chaplain ROGERS 1/3 and Chaplain RUTHERFORD 2/3) are with their units deployed to Special Landing Force. Two chaplains were medically evacuated LT N.D. CHASTEEN to Naval Hospital, Great Lakes in August of 1967 and LT J.M. RIGLER to Naval Hospital, Oakland in September of 1967.

II DIVINE SERVICES

3d Marine Division Chaplains conducted 414 Sunday Divine Services during October with an attendance of 13,955 and 495 Weekday Services with an attendance of 8,199; total Services 909 attendance 22,154.

Jewish coverage was provided for Division personnel by the Jewish Chaplain LT SHELDON KIRSH, CHC, USNR, III MAF.

Chaplain KEARSLEY, Force Logistics Command, continued to travel throughout 3d Marine Division TAORs providing Latter Day Saints religious coverage.

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Chaplain FRIMENKO, 1st Marine Division, offered Eastern Orthodox religious services at least once during the month in all 3d Marine Division enclaves.

Chaplain HABIBY, 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines provided weekly Episcopal Holy Communion Services in the Division CP Chapel.

### III OPERATIONS

Chaplains participated in operations as follows:

ARMORE: Chaplains FENNING, RYAN, PHILLIPS, MCELROY, and STUBBE.

CUMBERLAND: Chaplains FENNING, RYAN, KIRK, FILMYER, COHILL, SWIFT, and BRETT.

KINGFISHER: Chaplains FENNING, RYAN, PHILLIPS, FOGARTY, KERLEY, MCMORROW, STANIS, MYATT, MCALISTER, JONES, SEIBERT, BLACK, and HEINO.

MEDINA: Chaplains AUDEL and LYONS (1st Division, OPCON to 3d Marine Division).

GRANITE: Chaplains FENNING, RYAN, BRETT, KIRK, SWIFT, and COHILL.

### IV RELATED ACTIVITIES

1. "Religiously Based Customs in the Republic of Vietnam" lectures were delivered with regularity by 3d Division Chaplains. A one-hour lecture on this subject is a standard part of the indoctrination of newly joined personnel in practically all units. The assistant Division Chaplain provided this lecture session as a standard part of the training cycle for the Personal Response School, as well as the lecture session on Vietnamese Religions in that school. The Headquarters Battalion Chaplain lectures to every Combined Action Group indoctrination class on both subjects.

2. Civic Action. Chaplains reported such varied activities as distribution of food, candy, clothing, firewood, building materials and school supplies; assisting native churches, orphanages and hospitals; teaching English language classes; assistance in Medical Care Programs of Vietnamese villagers; and the showing of films on personal hygiene and patriotism to the villagers near their unit's area.

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3. Chaplain SCHNEIDER, attached to FMFPAC FORWARD, continued working with personnel of 3d Marine Division on the Personal Response Project.

4. Visits. Captain R.W. BELOW, CHC, USN, III MAF Chaplain, visited the Phu Bai TAOR on 11 and 12 October 1967.

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## DIVISION SURGEON

## 1. PERSONNEL

- a. Division Surgeon: Captain G. E. CRUFT, MC, USN
- b. Medical Administrative Officer: CDR W. E. ARNS, MSC, USN
- c. Medical Officers on board at months end: 61
- (1) General Duty Medical Officers: 37
  - (2) Specialist Medical Officers: 24
- d. Medical Officers Detached and Joined
- (1) Detached 2
  - (2) Joined 2
  - (3) Medical Officers on Sick List 0
  - (4) Medical Officers TAD (NSA and III MAF) 1
  - (5) Medical Officers gained through BLT rotation 0
- e. Medical Service Corps Officers on board at months end
- (1) On Board: 14
  - (2) Detached 0
  - (3) Joined 0
- f. Hospital Corpsmen on board at months end
- (1) On board: 964
  - (2) Detached: 86
  - (3) Transferred to III MAF (CAG) 28
  - (4) Joined 180
  - (5) Corpsmen gained through BLT rotation 0
  - (6) During October the minimum/maximum on board strength was 930/1028
  - (7) Casualties
    - (a) Hospital Corpsmen deaths 7
    - (b) Hospital Corpsmen WIA and evacuated out of country 17
    - (c) Hospital Corpsmen thrice wounded and transferred 6
    - (d) Hospital Corpsmen Missing in action 1
    - (e) Hospital Corpsmen Humanitarian transferred 2

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## 2. ADMINISTRATION

- a. A meeting of senior enlisted personnel in each infantry and separate battalion was held at Dong Ha on 26 October 1967 and at Phu Bai on 27 October 1967 for the purpose of disseminating information on medical supply, administration, advancement returns and further advancement information.
- b. On 3 October 1967 the Military/Leadership examination was administered for Petty Officer 3d Class to the below numbered personnel:
 

At Dong Ha	8	At Phu Bai	10
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- c. On 5 October 1967 the Military/Leadership examination was administered for Petty Officer 2nd Class to the below numbered personnel:
 

At Dong Ha	9	At Phu Bai	42
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- d. On 30 October 1967 a Special Substitute Advancement Examination was administered to the below numbered personnel:
 

At Camp Carroll	HM3 - 13	HM2 - 2
At Dong Ha	HM3 - 6	
At Phu Bai	HM3 - 4	
- e. On 30 October 1967 the HMC examination was administered to establish eligibility for the Warrant Officer Program to 3 Hospital Corpsmen First Class at Phu Bai.

## 3. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE/SANITATION

- a. A Preventive Medicine Section inspection investigated the probabilities of malaria increase in PAYABLE area on 2 October 1967.
- b. A survey of the rodent control program was conducted at Gio Linh on 3 October 1967.
- c. On 5 October a report was submitted concerning outbreak of amebiasis at 3d Engineer Battalion. Investigation revealed no serious problems.
- d. On 16 October 1967 Mr. B. DICKSON, Sanitary Engineer from NSA, Danang conferred with Preventive Medicine Section regarding Phu Bai enclave water supply system.
- e. On 19 October Preventive Medicine Section conferred with Mr. KONG, Vietnam Public Health Officer, regarding sewage disposal facilities at the new Huong Thuy Hospital.

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- f. On 25 October 1967 one hundred twenty one (121) cases of chicken were inspected at FISC-A and recommended surveyed because of thawing and contamination.
- g. On 25 October 1967 it was reported that there was a rodent problem at Hills 861 and 881, Khe Sahn. Emergency rodent control program put into effect on the 26th with complete satisfaction.

#### 4. DISEASES

- a. Third Marine Division personnel admitted to the sick list by the Division Psychiatrist with psychiatric diagnosis 12, 32 were evacuated, 9 were returned to duty, and a total of 93 outpatients were seen. There were 11 recommended for administrative discharges.
- b. A total of 48 cases of illness classified under the category of venereal disease were reported in the Third Marine Division personnel during October. There were 39 cases of Gonorrhea, 7 cases of Non-specific Urethritis, 1 case of Syphilis, and 1 case of Lymphogranuloma Venereum. Nine cases of VD were acquired in RVN and 39 in R&R centers.
- c. For the month of October there were 694 non hostile casualties admitted to the sick list. Of this group there were 174 cases of Fever of Undetermined Origin, 9 cases of Gastroenteritis, 39 cases of Cellulitis and 14 cases of Immersion Foot. There was 1 death due to heatstroke.
- d. For the month of September there were 101 confirmed cases of Malaria, of which 56 were P. Falceparin, 16 were P.Vivax and 29 were undetermined.

#### 5. VISITORS

- a. CDR BROWN, MC, USN of U. S. Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Psychiatric Department visited the Division Surgeon on official medical matters from 24-31 October 1967.
- b. LCDR FRENCH, MSC, USN, Medical Coordinator, G-5, of III MAF visited the Division Surgeon's Office on medical matters.
- c. CDR LOBPREIS, MC, USN, BuMed Assistant for Field Medical Research visited the Division Surgeon on Field Medical Research matters on 12 October 1967.
- d. CAPTAIN JONES, MC, USN 1st Marine Division Surgeon visited concerning medical matters on 22 October 1967.

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## 3D DENTAL COMPANY

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 3d Dental Company furnishes dental support to Marine Corps personnel in the Hue-Phu Bai, Dong Ha, Khe Sanh, and Cam Lo areas of RVN. The construction of a new clinic in the 3d Marine Division CP area was completed on 15 October. The hard-clinic formerly serving this area was disestablished at that time.

A hardback clinic was completed at Camp Carroll during the month of October. The Dental/Surgical Van formerly serving this area was relocated at Cam Lo.

The 3d Dental Company personnel assist Medical in Mass Casualty Care and are active in the Civic Action Program. The oral surgeons treat maxillo-facial wound cases.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 October 12th Marines assumed OPCON 3d PLT, 1st  
ARMD AMPHIB Co.

Hai Lang PF Killed 1 VC and captured 1 M-1  
rifle at 401466 in Hue Toc.

Ref: Journal entry #27

K/3/9 patrol 1 NVA KIA at YD 117704 with  
2 bangalore torpedos and a bag containing  
10 lbs TNT.

Ref: Journal entry #107

2 October 3d MTBn assumed OPCON 1 PLT 515th TransCo  
(USA)

CAC H-8B killed 1 VC in split ambush at YD  
966043. Sweep produced VC remains and 1  
AW of unknown type.

Ref: Journal entry #13

2 flights of fixed wing aircraft bombed  
15-20 NVA at YD 093666. BDA - 6 NVA KIA  
(C).

Ref: Journal entry #94

3 October 1stBn, 12th Marines assumed OPCON B/1/40  
Company Bn assumed OPCON C/1/40.

7th Cav (Tanks) found 5 VC bodies after  
action as reported by Hue TOC.

Ref: Journal entry #57

5 October 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON 1stMarines (-)  
1stBn  
2dBn  
HqCo (-)

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Co A (-) 1st ATBn  
 Co A (-) 1st EngrBn  
 Co B 1st MTBn  
 Co B 1st MEDBn  
 Det 1st SP Bn  
 Det RadRelay 7thCommBn  
 Sub Team (-) 3d CIT

9th Marines assumed OPCON 1/9 from 3dMarDiv

2/9 OPCON to 3dMarDiv

12th Marines assumed OPCON C/1/9

6 October

12th Marines assumed OPCON Det 238th GMR  
 (USA)

3/9 relieved 3/3

9th Marines found 3 EN bodies well deteriorated  
 apparently hit by Arty.

Ref: Journal entry #61

1 VC KIA (C) by arty mission at YD 635216

Ref: Journal entry #128

7 October

1stBn, 11th Marines assumed OPCON Btry A  
 1/40 (USA).

3d ReconBn 5 NVA KIA (C) at YD 358427 by  
 patrol which also captured 2 NVA (WIA).

Ref: Journal entry #99

G/2/1 KIA (C) 1 VC at YD 370447.

Ref: Journal entry #108

8 October

2 VC KIA at YD 490310 by C/1/1 during fire  
 fight.

Ref: Journal entry #62

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1 VC KIA at YD 091528 by PF while evading capture by CAC/P5.

Ref: Journal entry #82

10 October

3d MarDiv assumed OPCON BLT 1/3

3d Marines assumed OPCON 3/9 (-) CMD GRP  
1 1/2 H&SCo L&M

9th Marines assumed OPCON 3/3 (-) CMD GRP  
1 1/2 H&SCo L&M

1stBn, 11th Marines assumed OPCON C (-)  
8th Bn, 4th Arty (USA) and 1 PLT 5th 155  
GUN Btry - (2-155 GUNS)

1/11 assumed OPCON W/1/13 (-)

2/4 recovered 9 KIA'S cont at YD 1420

Ref: Journal entry #58

Arty mission KIA (C) 2 VC who were walking behind ridge line at YD 735157.

Ref: Journal entry #113

D/1/4 found 2 VC graves at YD 537244.

Ref: Journal entry #131

G/2/4 found 1 NVA body along side trail at YD 143694.

Ref: Journal entry #144

11. October

3d ReconBn PLT KIA(C) 1 NVA in firefight at YD 201456.

Ref: Journal entry #85

12 October

3d ReconBn team exchanged SAF w/20 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA(C) at ZC 083946.

Ref: Journal entry #157

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B/1/1 squad KIA(C) 1VC.  
 Ref: Journal entry #166

13 October D/1/1 found 1 VC KIA(C) while searching  
 in front of their PSN at YD 328369.  
 Ref: Journal entry #63

13 October D/1/3 found 1 VC KIA at YD 367423.  
 Ref: Journal entry #152

27 VC KIA(C) by AO after air strike and  
 arty MSN at YD 583243.  
 Ref: Journal entry #160

14 October 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON BLT 2/3 III MAF  
 assumed OPCON BLT 2/3 passed to CTG 79.5  
 same time.  
 BLT 2/3 assumed OPCON B/1/12.  
 BLT 2/3 assumed OPCON PLT 3d MTBn.

15 October B/1/1 found 2 KIA(C) at YD 323368 after a  
 firefight.  
 Ref: Journal entry #10

16 October 1 VC KIA(C) at YD 343383 by F/2/1.  
 Ref: Journal entry #90

1 NVA KIA(C) at YD 878045 by arty MSN.  
 Ref: Journal entry #114

18 October 3d MarDiv assumed OPCON BLT 2/3  
 8" HOW Btry assumed OPCON PLT 5th 155  
 GUN Btry.

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12th Marines assumed OPCON B/1/12.

Phong Dien PF killed 5 VC during sweep at YD 5540.

Ref: Journal entry #70

19 October

1stBn, 40th Arty (USA) assumed OPCON Btry A (-) 1/40th

8thBn, 4th Arty assumed OPCON Btry C (-),  
8thBn, 4th Arty (USA).

20 October

B/1/3 killed 2 VC at coords 412419, 411420.

Ref: Journal entry #61

4th Marines Scout-Sniper found 1 VC dead, at coords YD 571295, 572295.

Ref: Journal entry #76

1/9 found 1 dead enemy at YD 117691.

Ref: Journal entry #121

22 October

A/1/1 found 3 VC KIA(C) at coords YD 314498 during sweep.

Ref: Journal entry #102

23 October

Americal Div assumed OPCON PLT G/65th Arty (USA)

4th Marines reported 60 KIA at K-2 and K-6.

Ref: Journal entry #202

24 October

1st MarDiv assumed OPCON BLT 2/3 (-).

C/1/1 killed 1 VC while he was running away at coords YD 298489.

Ref: Journal entry #90

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25 October 12th Marines assumed OPCON W/Btry (-) 1/13.

26 October 4th Marines assumed OPCON 2/1 (-) (Rein).  
G/2/1 killed 5 VC at coords YD 306477.  
Ref: Journal entry #70

27 October 1stAmtracs Bn assumed OPCON Co A 1stBn, 1stMar.  
1st MarDiv assumed OPCON Co B 1stAmtrac Bn.  
3d ReconBn team killed 2 VC in firefight at YD 625193.  
Ref: Journal entry #147

28 October 12th Marines assumed OPCON 108th Arty Grp (USA).  
B/1/4 killed 1 NVA at YD 508227.  
Ref: Journal entry #3

29 October B/1/1 found 1 VC KIA(C) at YD 295550.  
Ref: Journal entry #4  
Fixed wing/ac expended 16 tons hard and soft ordnance BDA: 3 KIA(C) at YD 114701, 127719.  
Ref: Journal entry #130  
3d ReconBn team engaged approx 25 enemy in firefight resulting in 4 KIA(C) at XD 803459.  
Ref: Journal entry #133

30 October 1st Marines assumed OPCON 2/1 (-)  
12th Marines assumed OPCON 2ndBn, 26th Arty (USA).

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L/3/26 killed 2 VC with M-26 grenade at YD 600289, 600290.

Ref: Journal entry #132

A/1/3 killed 1 NVA at YD 487227.

Ref: Journal entry #131 and entry #151 of 3 October 1967.

31 October

1st Marines assumed OPCON E&H CMD GRP 2/4.

3 VC KIA(C) in CAC-H8 ambush at YD 975047.

Ref: Journal entry #17

3d Recon Bn team confirmed 28 NVA KIA at coord YD 019593.

Ref: Journal entry #67

B/1/3 killed 2 NVA of a 3 man patrol at YD 432216.

Ref: Journal entry# 107 and entry #156

Air strikes accounted for 1 VC KIA(C) at coords YD 263523, 280528 as reported by A0.

Ref: Journal entry #174