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INTRODUCTION

On February 26, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson approved the dispatch of a Marine force to Danang, South Vietnam. At first, this Marine force's only mission was to provide security to the U.S. air base and military compound against enemy attack. By April 1965, U.S. policymakers developed the "enclave" strategy. With the deteriorating ARVN military situation, the "enclave" strategy was supplanted by the "search and destroy" strategy. This change in strategy and the military situation led to General William Westmoreland's call for offensive operations by the in-country U.S. forces, particularly the U.S. Marine units in the I Corps Area, and the first step toward the "Americanization" of the Vietnam War.

With the landing of elements of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) at Red Beach north of Da Nang on March 8, 1965, U.S. combat forces were committed to the war in Vietnam. Organizationally, the 9th MEB consisted of portions of the 3rd Marine Division and the 1st Marine Air Wing (1st MAW). The buildup of Marine forces continued into May, when the 9th MEB (whose name had been changed to III Marine Expeditionary Force) was deactivated. On May 7, the III Marine Amphibious Force (III MAF) was activated. III MAF exercised control over all Marine forces and later attached U.S. Army units in the I Corps Tactical Zone (I CTZ, also known as Military Region 1), until 1970. MACV retained operational control over all U.S. forces in South Vietnam, while the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific (FMFPAC) retained only command and support control over its Marine forces stationed in Vietnam.

The buildup continued through the summer of 1965 with the addition of the 1st Marine Division, remaining elements of the 1st MAW and the 3d Marine Division, and naval and Marine support personnel. Large-scale Marine operations in the "search and destroy" strategy were begun in August 1965. These operations, as well as small unit and civic action operations, would continue until the deactivation of III MAF in April 1971. The height of U.S. Marine involvement in Vietnam was reached in 1968, with the attainment of 85,000 Marines out of 150,000 ARVN, U.S., and other Free World Military Forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone (CTZ). The enemy's Tet Offensive and the subsequent battles for Hue and Khe Sanh predominated Marine activities in 1968.

As III MAF began its fifth year of operation in Vietnam in May 1969, Marine success with Civic Action Programs and pacification were in evidence. The Marine experience with civic action and pacification, developed in the previous years, promoted a sense of increased security and support for democratic principles in South Vietnam. From providing medical assistance to building roads, schools, and hospitals, Marine forces sought to bring peace and security to the rural population.

In 1969, several large-scale operations were implemented to push the enemy back to their cross-border hideouts. In addition, the "Vietnamization" of the war predominated U.S. military and political strategy. This led to the first redeployment of Marine forces from Vietnam in October 1969. With continued Marine redeployments, XXIV Corps (U.S. Army) assumed command of the I CTZ on March 9, 1970. This change in command was simply due to the disparity in size between the U.S. Army and Marine Forces, with XXIV being the senior U.S. command. III MAF

continued as a separate service command under MACV (Military Assistance Command, Vietnam) but was under the operational control of XXIV Corps. The Marines' tactical area of responsibility was limited to Quang Nam Province.

Through 1970–1971 redeployments were continued and large-scale operations diminished in number, culminating in April 1971 with the departure of the III MAF headquarters, the 1st MAW, and the 1st Marine Division. The remaining Marine forces were combined into the 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade. This brigade was deactivated in June 1971. Small-scale Marine units maintained a presence in South Vietnam throughout the remainder of the life of South Vietnam.

UPA's micropublication of the command chronologies (histories) of the primary commands highlights the Marines' prosecution and determination to wrest control of the Vietnamese countryside from the enemy through offensive operations and civic action. The purpose of the command chronology was to record and report the historical experience of the unit and its organic, attached, and reinforcing components.

A command chronology was a documented report of significant events in which a unit participated or which occurred within that unit. It included basic research material that could be exploited by higher commands and field organizations for tactical and strategic considerations, operational lessons, and historical purposes. It provided the reporting unit with a periodic summation of the unit's experiences that were useful in operational planning and orientation and indoctrination of newly arrived personnel and commanders. Subordinate unit command chronologies also provided a concise ground-level review of the highlights encountered during operational activities. The format and content of the command chronology varied with missions, tasks, and functions of the reporting units. However, most command chronologies consisted of the following narrative and statistical information: unit organizational data; personnel and administration; intelligence activities; operations and training; logistical activities; communications; fire support coordination; air support and defense; medical affairs; and civil action and psychological operations. Pertinent documents of operational and/or historical significance were appended to the command chronology. These included operations orders and directives; operational and intelligence journals; standard operating procedures; reports, staff studies, and estimates on tactical procedures, lessons learned, and the enemy; combat after-action reports; operational situation reports; and personnel assignment and casualty reports. In addition, photographs, sketches, and maps were appended.

With the publication of these command chronologies, primary source material for the study of U.S. Marine operations in Vietnam will be available. In general, command chronologies provided a first-hand written record of a unit or command's experiences in the prosecution of the war in Vietnam. These command chronologies, used so rarely by historians outside of the Marine Corps, will provide researchers with a unique documentary collection of experiences and answers to the many questions revolving around the U.S. commitment to combat operations and the desire to "win the hearts and minds of the people."

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

UPA's *Records of the U.S. Marine Corps in the Vietnam War* is subdivided into three parts. These parts are: *Part 1. Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Command Histories, 1964–1973; Part 2. III Marine Amphibious Force Command Histories, 1964–1971;* and *Part 3. Divisional Command Histories, 1965–1971.* The descriptions below outline the primary Marine command units during the Vietnam War and highlight the general contents of the command histories (chronologies) that comprise this micropublication.

Part 1. Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Command Histories, 1964–1973

Fleet Marine Force, Pacific (FMFPAC) is the command unit that controls all U.S. Marine forces in Asia and the Pacific. During the Vietnam War, FMFPAC and its commanding general, Lt. General Victor Krulak, controlled the flow and support of Marines into and out of Vietnam. While FMFPAC did not exercise operational control, its influence was nevertheless felt by MACV and up the chain of command to the president.

FMFPAC produced a semi-annual Command Chronology of the operational activities by U.S. Marine and attached U.S. Army, RVNAF, and Free World Military Forces operating in the I CTZ. These chronologies highlighted Marine strategy and tactics, lessons learned, operations, and logistical support. They were used by FMFPAC in coordinating plans and operations with MACV and in evaluating the U.S. Marine role in Vietnam.

In addition to the semi-annual Command Chronology, FMFPAC published a monthly review of Marine operations in Vietnam. Entitled *Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam*, these monthly reviews highlight the success, failures, lessons learned, and tactical and battlefield strategy of both large-scale and many smaller unit operations. After the redeployment of U.S. Marine forces from Vietnam, FMFPAC compiled one last cumulative report entitled *Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Southeast Asia, July 1971–March 1973.* This report highlighted the activities of the approximately 550 Marines remaining in South Vietnam after the redeployment of the 3d MAB. These activities included naval gunfire support liaison, advisory efforts, embassy protection, and minor support elements.

UPA has also included in this publication a series of special topics files created by the Archives Section of the Marine Corps Historical Center. These files contain reports on a variety of subjects such as visits to South Vietnam by Victor H. Krulak, river warfare, the CAP Program, amphibious operations above the DMZ, and the Khe Sanh siege. These files originally were appended to the command chronologies and/or to other relevant materials provided by FMFPAC and subordinate units.

Part 2. III Marine Amphibious Force Command Histories, 1964–1971

III MAF was a unique integrated combat organization. It combined, under a single commander, all of the elements necessary for sustained combat and pacification. Its area of operations included the northern five provinces of South Vietnam, designated I Corps/CTZ. III MAF eventually commanded and controlled over 85,700 Marines, divided into two reinforced

divisions, one air wing, and a Force Logistics Command. In addition, III MAF was responsible for the command, control, and coordination of the advisory effort in I CTZ and for activities of the U.S. Army, ARVN, and Free World Military Forces. A large number of on-shore and amphibious naval support and combat personnel were also controlled by III MAF during its lifetime. At the time of III MAF's activation, it was charged with a four-fold mission: defense of strategic airfields, destruction of enemy forces, destruction of the Viet Cong (VC) infrastructure, and conduct of civic action and revolutionary development programs in conjunction with the government of South Vietnam. Portions of III MAF's mission changed with the move to a more aggressive offensive strategy. III MAF's control and coordination of large-scale operations, with MACV and the RVNAF, netted significant results during its tenure in Vietnam. III MAF's activities in the "other war"—pacification—consisted of the Combined Action Program (CAP) and other civic action and security operations. Marine units built schools, roads, marketplaces, and hospitals; set-up the Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) to provide the rural population with regular medical care and to help develop hygienic and sanitary practices; provided training and equipment to local and regional militia under the CAP and Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP) to enhance security in the rural areas; and combined civic action, psychological operations, and combat power into "County Fair" operations.

III MAF published its own monthly Command Chronology highlighting its activities as well as summarizing the activities of its subordinate units. Beginning as general activity summaries, these chronologies evolved into a detailed analysis and accounting of III MAF's task organization, staff activities, support and planning of combat and pacification/civic action operations, lessons learned, and command, coordination, and control activities. The Reel Index highlights the various changes in the compilation and contents of the command chronologies.

This micropublication also includes most of the Periodic Intelligence Reports (PERINTREPS) compiled by III MAF. These intelligence reports consisted of an analysis of the various bits of information on the activities and organization of the VC and the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) in the I Corps/CTZ. The information used in the PERINTREP comprised informant reports, aerial and ground reconnaissance assessments, translations of captured documents, and prisoner of war and detainee interrogations.

In addition to the III MAF materials, this micropublication includes historical materials and command chronologies compiled by the 9th MEB, August 1964–April 1965, and the 3d Marine Amphibious Brigade (3d MAB), April–June 1971.

The 9th MEB was activated by the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM) in response to the Gulf of Tonkin Crisis. It consisted of components of the 3d Marine Division and the 1st MAW. On August 6, the 3d Marine Division components were assigned to Seventh Fleet amphibious shipping and were underway to South Vietnam. The 1st MAW components were not embarked at this time. With the fading of the Gulf of Tonkin Crisis, the 3d Marine Division components (three battalion landing teams) did not land in South Vietnam but were redeployed. One battalion landing team remained on station off the coast of South Vietnam to act as a rapid deployment force under the title Special Landing Force (SLF) of the Seventh Fleet. This micropublication includes three publications on the contingency plans that were developed for the 9th MEB. They highlight the evolution of the 9th MEB from a paper organization into an effective force in readiness.

The 3d MAB's operational life was to be short. The 3d MAB was originally planned as the task organization that would command and control Marine air, ground, and logistic elements left in South Vietnam after the redeployment of III MAF. But with the April 7 announcement of further Marine withdrawals, the 3d MAB was planning its own withdrawal before the final departure of III MAF. During the stand-down and withdrawal of the remaining units, 3d MAB conducted only minor patrolling operations and artillery and air support missions for elements of the U.S. Army and ARVN that were moving into Quang Nam Province. On May 7, all units of 3d MAB ceased combat operations and moved into a stand-down posture and waited for redeployment. Some Marine air and logistic units continued to support the U.S. Army relieving units until they were

redeployed in June. The Command Chronologies that comprise this portion of *Part 2* encompass primarily the drawdown and redeployment activities of the 3d MAB and its components between April 14 and June 27.

UPA has also included in this publication a series of special topics files created by the Marine Corps Historical Center. These files contain reports on a variety of subjects such as various operations; message traffic on the 1966 Buddhist Crisis in I Corps; the DMZ and Danang Rocket Belts; operations of the AMERICAL Division, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), and the SLF; Khe Sanh operations; Operation DEWEY CANYON message traffic; ARVN/III MAF Combined Campaign plans; and redeployment. These files originally also were appended to the command chronologies and/or to other relevant materials provided by III MAF and subordinate units in the command chronologies.

Part 3. Divisional Command Histories, 1965–1971

Part 3 consists of the command chronologies compiled by the 1st Marine Division, 3d Marine Division, and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW). The paragraphs below outline the commitment of these primary unit commands and the general scope of their separate command chronologies.

1st Marine Division

The commitment of elements of the 1st Marine Division to Vietnam began in July 1965, when Marines landed at Qui Nhon. (After April 1, 1966, the 1st Marine Division moved to Chu Lai.) Their mission included airfield security, "search and destroy" operations, and rice and corn collection, and civic action operations designed to deny moral and material support to enemy forces operating in the area. Throughout its tour in Vietnam, 1st Marine Division units conducted combat operations from the DMZ in the north to the Rung Sat Special Zone, south of Saigon in the Delta area. The 1st Marine Division participated in over 160 large-scale named operations in the I CTZ, including HASTINGS; DE SOTO; the Go Noi Island area; UNION I and II; HUE CITY; and TAYLOR COMMON. During the Tet Offensive, the 1st Marine Division was the first U.S. unit called to support Operation Hue City to wrest control of the old imperial and spiritual capital of Vietnam away from the VC and North Vietnamese. The 1st Marine Division conducted many operations in coordination with RVNAF and other Free World Military Forces during its tenure in Vietnam. Toward the end of the Marine commitment in Vietnam and promulgation of "Vietnamization," emphasis was shifted more to denying and destroying of the enemy's ability to procure supplies and manpower from the civilian population. Additional efforts were taken in civic action and civil affairs programs. One of these, entitled CUPP, provided for select Marines to work and live with local Vietnamese forces in villages and hamlets. These Marines assisted the village or hamlet in building roads, hospitals, schools, and assisted in the fields with planting and harvesting. In addition, they provided leadership and support for local and regional security operations leaving at least a partial sense of security.

The 1st Marine Division, along with the 3d Marine Division and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing whose descriptions follows, provided III MAF with command chronologies consisting of information on its monthly activities. In addition, these chronologies provided information on the activities of each division's subordinate units. Beginning as general activity summaries, these chronologies evolved into a detailed analysis and accounting of each division's task organization, staff activities, combat and pacification/civic action operations, lessons learned, and command and control activities. The Reel Index highlights the various changes in the compilation and contents of these command chronologies.

3d Marine Division

Forward elements of the 3d Marine Division, the first U.S. division-size ground combat unit in South Vietnam, landed on the beach at Da Nang on March 8, 1965. (In October 1966, headquarters was moved to Phu Bai and in 1968 to Dong Ha.) Interlaced with combat activities

were numerous pacification programs conducted by the 3d Marine Division in its areas of operation. Elements of the 3d Marine Division participated in most of the major large-scale operations in the I CTZ and in many smaller-scale operations and firefights. These included HASTINGS; PRAIRIE; BUFFALO; HICKORY II; KINGFISHER; SCOTLAND; LANCASTER; Battle of Dai Do; and DEWEY CANYON. During its tenure in Vietnam, the 3d Marine Division participated in more than 120 named operations, including the famous siege at Khe Sanh. At Khe Sanh, bottled up by at least four reinforced North Vietnamese Divisions, elements of the 3rd Marine Division inflicted serious casualties and material damage on this overwhelming enemy force. Like the III MAF, the 3d Marine Division pioneered programs in the "other war"—pacification. The 3d Marine Division also used the "County Fair" technique of combining military, civic, and psychological warfare actions to reestablish loyal Vietnamese control over the populace of a given area. The CAP concept was developed by the 3d Marine Division. This program based village and hamlet security on the combined U.S. Marine and local Vietnamese militia units. The Marines provided a sense of security and support to the local militia. In addition to pacification, the 3d Marine Division tested developments in its combat role. The concept of mutually supporting Fire Support Bases (FSBs) was introduced and tested against North Vietnamese sanctuary areas in northern South Vietnam in 1968. This concept allowed for the rapid deployment of mobile Marine units into areas of operations, always under the protection of artillery fire. With President Nixon's orders to reduce the U.S. forces in Vietnam, the 3rd Marine Division was redeployed out of South Vietnam in November 1969. The 3d Marine Division contributed much knowledge to civic action and other pacification methods as well as to the tactical deployment of forces in a jungle combat situation.

1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW)

The 1st MAW's commitment in South Vietnam can be traced back to April 1962, when a helicopter component was sent to South Vietnam to provide airlift support to the ARVN. But it was not until May 1965 that the headquarters of the 1st MAW deployed to South Vietnam. (UPA has not micropublished the subordinate unit command chronologies for this earlier period.) The mission of the 1st MAW was to provide close support for operational forces and to interdict and harass the enemy when possible. The 1st MAW sortie records were broken almost as quickly as they were set. The close air support, helicopter lift, and fixed wing supply operations enabled the various Marine units to function at extreme distances from their home bases. The 1st MAW also assisted in the tactical bombing of North Vietnam when not in support of Marine and, later, combined Marine/Army operations. The war in Vietnam tested the Marine Air-Ground Team concept with the largest heliborne assault in Marine history during Operation Meade River and the subsequent Dewey Canyon Operation in the Ashau Valley in November 1968 and January 1969 respectively. The redeployment of elements of the 1st MAW began in August 1969. During the period of redeployment, August 1969–April 1971, the 1st MAW continued to set records for combat sorties and transport of troops and supplies. The last major operation for 1st MAW was in logistical and transport support of RVNAF forces during Operation LAM SON 719, the South Vietnamese incursion into Laos to cut the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

The 1st MAW, during its tenure in South Vietnam, proved the necessity of close air support for ground operations. Its experiences aided in the development of the Marine Air-Ground Team concept. Redeployment of the 1st MAW was completed in April 1971.

SOURCE NOTE

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EDITORIAL NOTE

The materials in this micropublication have been microfilmed as they are organized in the Archives Section.

In *Parts 1* and *2* some of the appended documents to the Command Chronologies have been filed separately into the Special Topics Files. This separate arrangement was conducted by and is maintained by the Archives Section. These files have been microfilmed in their entirety. There are no Special Topics Files for *Part 3*.

In *Parts 2* and *3*, subordinate unit command chronologies were filed separately by the Archives Section from the Command Chronologies and have not been microfilmed.

In *Part 2*, the III MAF PERINTREPS have been filmed in their entirety. It is recognized that there are missing items, but in the interest of providing what is available to the researcher, UPA has decided to include this incomplete collection of primary documents. UPA has made every effort to ascertain whether these missing items ever existed. The Archives Section has stated that the missing reports may have been destroyed when they were updated, never compiled, and/or misfiled.

In *Part 3*, the Miscellaneous Classified Operational Messages pertaining to the 3d Marine Division, November and December, 1968, and March, April, July, and August 1969, have been filed separately by the Archives Section. UPA has not microfilmed these files.

In *Part 3*, the Supporting Documents section of the Command Chronology contains a wide variety of documents. Many of these documents have been filed separately by the Archives Section. A listing of the separately filed documents has been noted in the report descriptions. In addition, the Supporting Documents section includes a table of contents with notations as to what has been filed separately. All documents that were so filed are not included in this micropublication.

Every effort has been taken to ascertain the appropriate operation type and operational name. In a few cases, it was unclear on the original document what type of operation was being planned and/or executed. Where possible, the operational name has been included in the Reel Index entry.

Every effort has been taken to ascertain the appropriate Vietnamese locales and operational areas of the various military operations highlighted in this Reel Index. In a small number of instances it was difficult to deduce a locale and/or operational area due to lack of geographic information; sometimes only grid coordinates were available. In addition, there are certain village/hamlet/town names that were very common in South Vietnam, for example, there are three villages/hamlets named An Hoa in three different provinces. Every effort has been made to ascertain the correct village/hamlet and operational area name and province.

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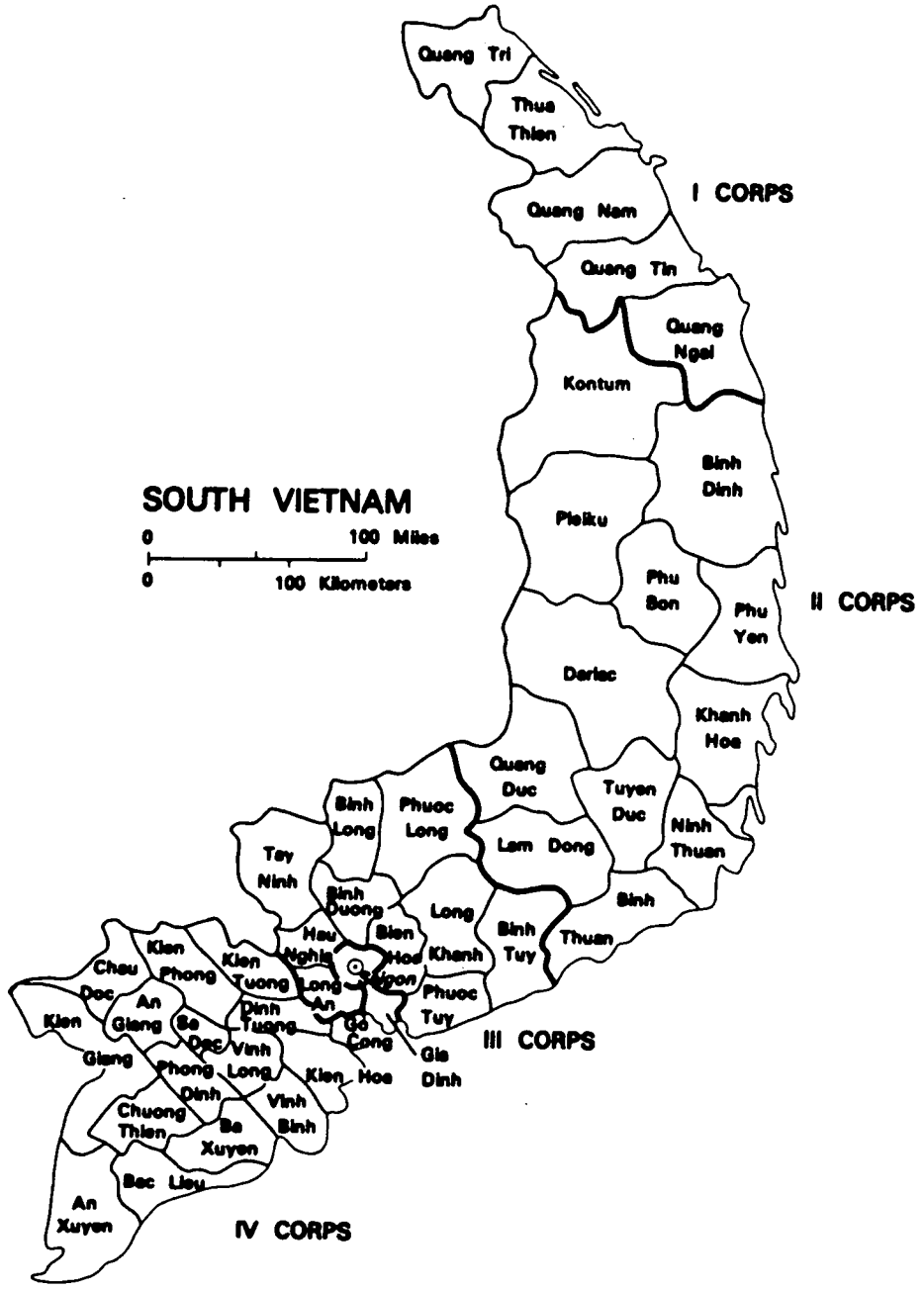
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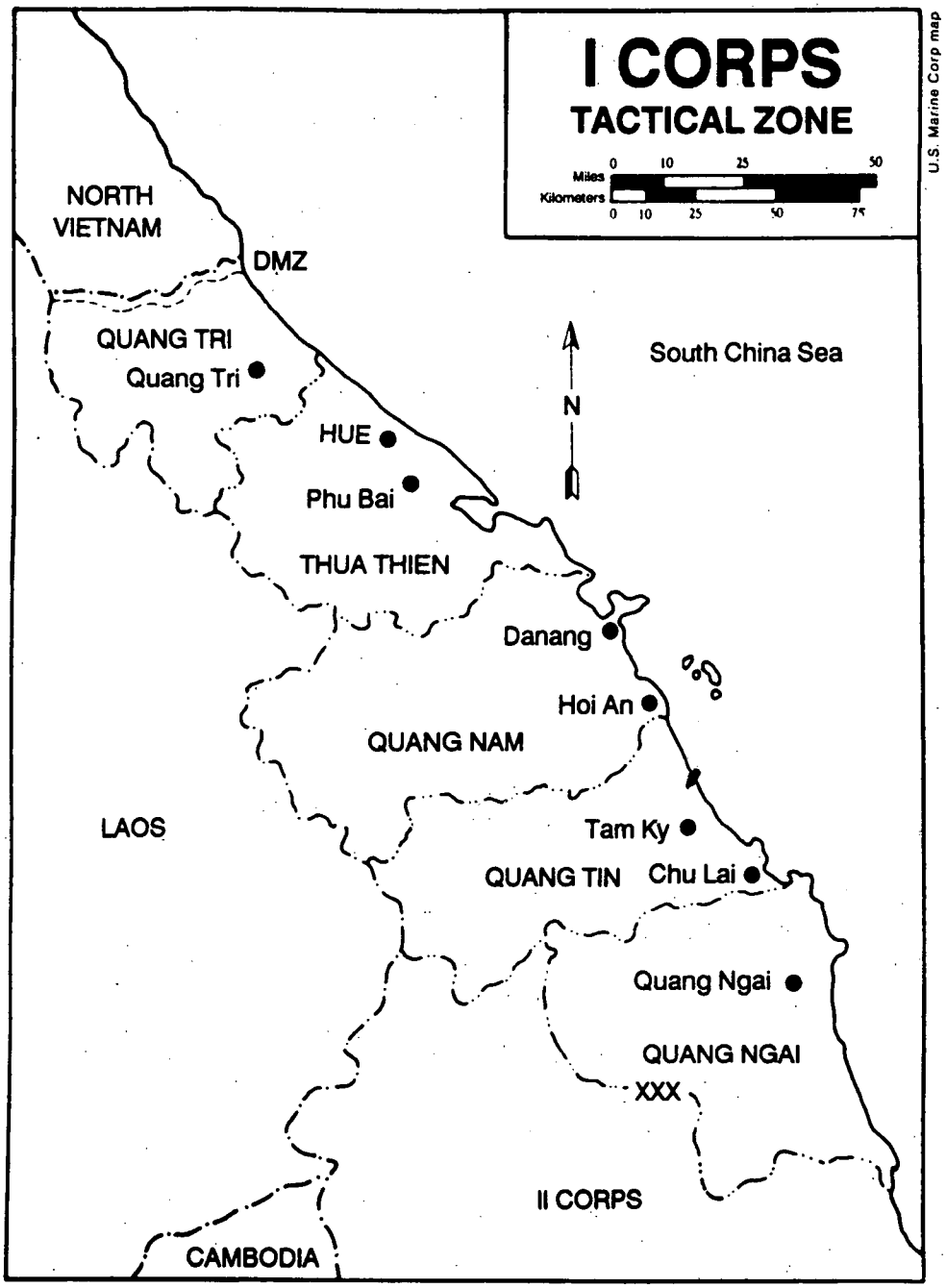
ACRONYMS AND INITIALISMS

The following acronyms and abbreviations are used throughout this guide and are reproduced here for the convenience of the user.

AAR	After-Action Report
ALPHA	Military communication code word for the letter "A"
AMERICAL	A historic unit name
ANGLICO	Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company
AN/TPQ—10	Type of very high frequency radio used for aerial navigation
AO	Area of operation
ARC LIGHT	Code name for U.S. B-52 bombing operations
ARVN	Army of the Republic of Vietnam
BRAVO	Military communication code word for the letter "B"
CAF	Combined Action Force
CAG	Combined Action Group
CAP	Combined Action Program
CH	Designation of a type of Sikorsky helicopter
CHIC	Combined Headquarters (Command Headquarters) Interrogation Center
CIDG	Civilian Irregular Defense Group
Class V material	Categories of military supplies—V is ammunition
COMUSMACV	Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command Vietnam
CONEX	Large corrugated steel packing box
CTZ	Corps Tactical Zone
DENTCAP	Dental Civilian Assistance Program
DMZ	Demilitarized Zone along the 17th Parallel separating North and South Vietnam
EastPac	Eastern Pacific Command, Fleet Marine Force (component of FMFPAC)
FMFPAC	Fleet Marine Force Pacific
FSB	Fire Support Base
FSCC	Fire Support Coordination Center
FY	Fiscal year
G-1	Staff office in charge of personnel
G-2	Staff office in charge of intelligence
G-3	Staff office in charge of operations
G-4	Staff office in charge of logistics
G-5	Staff office in charge of civil affairs
HMM	Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron
HQ	Headquarters
JUSPAO	Joint U.S. Public Affairs Office
LOC	Lines of communication
LOGSUM	Logistic Summary
LOI	Letter of Instruction

M16A1	5.56mm caliber automatic shoulder weapon, improved model
MAB	Military Amphibious Brigade
MACV	Military Assistance Command Vietnam
MAF	Marine Amphibious Force
MAW	Marine Air(craft) Wing
MEB	Marine Expeditionary Brigade
MEDCAP	Medical Civilian Assistance Program
NCC	Naval Component Command
NVA	North Vietnamese Army
OPLAN	Operation Plan
OPORD	Operation Order
OPREP 4	Type of operational report
PERINTREPS	Periodic Intelligence Reports
PSYOPS	Psychological operations
PSYWAR	Psychological warfare
RD	Revolutionary Development
R & R	Rest and recreation
ROKMC	Republic of Korea Marine Corps
RVN	Republic of Vietnam
RVNAF	Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces
RZ	Reconnaissance zone
SA	Senior Advisor
SLF	Special Landing Force
SOP	Standard operating procedures/Standing operational procedures
SPECAT EXCLUSIVE	Message classification meaning Special Category, Exclusive
T/A	Table of allocation
TAOR	Tactical Area of Responsibility
USA	U.S. Army
USAFI	U.S. Armed Forces, Infantry
VC	Viet Cong (South Vietnamese Communists)
WestPac	Western Pacific, Fleet Marine Force (component of FMFPAC)


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This Reel Index consists of three types of documents. The first portion comprises a calendar listing of two types of documents produced by the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific (FMFPAC): a description of the FMFPAC Command Chronologies (referred to as histories in this guide) with a listing of the months/years that this particular document was used, and a monthly review of U.S. Marine operations in Vietnam. These are arranged by month/year. The third type of document included in this micropublication consists of Special Topic Files, arranged chronologically.

The four-digit frame number on the far left indicates where a report begins. In the interest of accessing material, this index denotes the major policies, programs, plans, operations and conduct of the war by the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army, ARVN, and Free World Military Forces under the heading *Major Topics.* Important military movements are highlighted after the heading *Major Operations.*

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Command Histories (Chronologies)

The Fleet Marine Force, Pacific (FMFPAC) Command History or Chronology, compiled semi-annually beginning in 1966, highlighted the operational activities of the U.S. Marine and attached ARVN and Free World Military Forces operating in the I CTZ. These chronologies highlighted Marine strategy and tactics, lessons learned, operations, and logistical support. These chronologies were used by FMFPAC in coordination of plans and operations with MACV and in evaluating the U.S. Marine role in Vietnam.

The semi-annual FMFPAC Command History(Chronology) was compiled from command chronologies submitted by its subordinate commands. This information was analyzed and subdivided into the following categories: Narrative Summary; Significant Events, Decisions, and Policy Formulation; Command Relationships; Monthly Strengths; Staff Assignment, HQ, FMFPAC; and Supporting Documents. Beginning with the June 1966–December 1966 FMFPAC Command Chronology, the FMFPAC HQ's chronology was included.

1965

0001 **March–December.** 53pp.
Major Topics: Buildup; training; aviation lessons learned; Operation SILVER LANCE; deployments; strategy; command and control; WestPac activities; EastPac activities.

1966

0053 **January–June.** 92pp.
Major Topics: Buildup; strategy; tactics; pacification; EastPac activities; WestPac activities.

0145 **July–December.** 121pp.
Major Topics: Buildup; strategy; pacification; NVA; counterguerrilla strategy; RD activities; I CTZ hinterland operations; ARVN activities; aviation activities; EastPac activities.

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0266 **January–June.** 119pp.
Major Topics: I CTZ and DMZ operations; U.S. Army and Task Force OREGON; ARVN operations; RD activities; aviation activities; M-16 conversion; CAP; logistical support; WestPac activations; EastPac activities.

0385 **July–December.** 127pp.
Major Topics: III MAF large-unit operations; strategy; logistical support and base construction; Strongpoint/Obstacle Subsystem in Quang Tri Province; CAP; RD; aviation buildup; SLF operations; CH-46 helicopter; EastPac activities.

1968

0512 **January–June.** 106pp.
Major Topics: Buildup; U.S. Army activities in I CTZ; Tet Offensive and III MAF counteroffensive; pacification; Le My Village—pacification model; CAP; air operations; logistical support; command changes; EastPac activities.

0618 **July–December.** 98pp.
Major Topics: III MAF order of battle; in-country redeployments; Accelerated Pacification Program; CAP; air operations; logistical support; EastPac activities.

1969

0716 **January–June.** 77pp.
Major Topics: III MAF operations; enemy-base area operations; air operations; CAP; logistical support; redeployments; EastPac activities.

0793 **July–December.** 52pp.
Major Topics: Redeployments; III MAF operations; interdictory and preemptive operations; CAP; Infantry Company Intensive Pacification Program; pacification program; SLF operations; air and naval gunfire liaison activities with Free World Military Forces; unit deactivations and redesignations.

1970

0845 **January–June.** 70pp.
Major Topics: Redeployments; III MAF organization and command responsibility changes; CAF and XXIV Corps; CAP; WestPac and I Marine Expeditionary Force.

0915 **July–December.** 17pp.
Major Topics: Redeployments; CAF; tactical area of responsibility changes in Quang Nam Province; WestPac force readiness and training; I MAF activities; Force Management Information System; Force Headquarters table of organization; Marine Senor System units; amphibious operational planning developments.

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Command Histories (Chronologies) cont.

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0001 **July–December cont.** 70pp.

1971

0071 **January–June 1971.** 92pp.
Major Topics: Redeployments; 3d MAB; air and naval gunfire liaison with MACV; Force post-RVN plans and programs; MAF Headquarters; unit redesignations; Force structure realignments; RVN logistics excesses; Force materiel readiness; morale and Human Affairs Program; mission-oriented training; inspection concept development.

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Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam

In addition to the semi-annual Command Chronology, FMFPAC published a monthly review of Marine operations in Vietnam. *Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam* highlights the success, failures, lessons learned, and tactical and battlefield strategy of both large-scale and many smaller unit operations and programs. In addition, the December report includes an annual general summary and analysis of the prosecution of the war. While operational command was vested in III MAF and the majority of the operations were conducted by U.S. Marines, the Special Landing Forces (SLF), U.S. Army (USA), South Vietnamese Army (ARVN), and South Korean Marines (ROKMC) participated in or conducted their own operations in the I CTZ. The SLF was composed of U.S. Marines detailed to the U.S. Navy's Seventh Fleet for amphibious assault purposes. Operations listed in this index have been annotated with the appropriate acronym from above to denote participation in or conduct by forces other than U.S. Marines.

These reports include a variety of information, statistics, and charts/maps. The information in these reports is categorized into the following: Summary; Significant Events, Civic Action and Pacification Activities; Small Unit Operations; Air Operations; Statistical Highlights; Logistics; Psychological Warfare Operations, and Conclusions.

0163 Overview and [Subject] Index. 113pp.

1965

0276 **March–September.** 54pp.
Major Operations: Danang Enclave; Chu Lai Enclave; Phu Bai Enclave; STARLITE; PIRANHA; GOLDEN FLEECE.

0331 **October.** 29pp.
Major Operations: GOLDEN FLEECE; TRAIL BLAZER; RED SNAPPER; LIEN KET 10 [ARVN]; MARBLE MOUNTAIN; DAGGER THRUST [SLF].

0359 **November.** 40pp.
Major Operations: BLACK FERRET; BLUE MARLIN; HIEP DUC; BLUE MARLIN II; THACH TRU; DAGGER THRUST [SLF].

0399 **December.** 58pp.
Major Operations: HARVEST MOON; DAGGER THRUST [SLF].

1966

0457 **January.** 53pp.
Major Operations: WAR BONNET; LONG LANCE; MALLARD; BIG LODGE; DOUBLE EAGLE I.

Beginning in February 1966, the monthly report changes the major categories highlighted to now include: Summary; Goals; Counter-Guerrilla Operations; Large Unit Operations; Civic Action [Revolutionary Development] and Pacification; Airfield [Base] Security; Air Operations; Logistics; Statistical Highlights; and Conclusions. Beginning with the April 1966 report, all of the large unit operations are not described; only a few distinctive operations are described in detail. This is due to the growing number and complexity of operations.

0510 **February.** 65pp.
Major Operations: DOUBLE EAGLE I; NEW YORK; DOUBLE EAGLE II; TAUT BOW; 3d Battalion, 9th Marines in Danang Area.

0575 **March.** 50pp.
Major Operations: UTAH; TEXAS; INDIANA; JACK STAY [SLF].

0625 **April.** 54pp.
Major Operations: JACK STAY [SLF]; ORANGE; NEVADA; HOT SPRINGS; OSAGE [SLF].

0679 **May.** 53pp.
Major Operations: VIRGINIA; MOBILE; RENO.

0732 **June.** 53pp.
Major Operations: RENO; JAY; DECKHOUSE I [SLF].

0785 **July.** 57pp.
Major Operations: MACON; HASTINGS; DECK HOUSE II [SLF].
0842 **August.** 57pp.
Major Operations: HASTINGS; COLORADO; ALLEGHENY; POLE STAR [ROKMC].
0899 **September.** 59pp.
Major Operations: PRAIRIE; MACON; GOLDEN FLEECE 5-1; DECK HOUSE IV; GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1; GOLDEN FLEECE 1-1.
0958 **October.** 43pp.
Major Operations: PRAIRIE; MACON; LAM SON 318 [ARVN]; TETON; KERN.

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Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam cont.

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0001 **October** cont. 35pp.
0036 **November.** 71pp.
Major Operations: PRAIRIE; PAWNEE III; SHASTA; RIO BLANCO; DRAGON EYE [ROKMC]; LIEN KET 70 [ARVN].
0107 **December and Annual Summary.** 91pp.
Major Operation: CHINOOK.

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0198 **January.** 72pp.
Major Operations: PRAIRIE; SIERRA; TUSCALOOSA; DESOTO; DECK HOUSE V [SLF].
0270 **February.** 86pp.
Major Operations: DESOTO; PRAIRIE II; INDEPENDENCE; STONE; DECK HOUSE VI [SLF].
0356 **March.** 74pp.
Major Operations: DESOTO; PRAIRIE II; DECK HOUSE VI [SLF]; BEACON HILL I [SLF]; NEW CASTLE.
0430 **April.** 93pp.
Major Operations: SHAWNEE; UNION; Khe Sanh; BEAVER CAGE [SLF].
0523 **May.** 76pp.
Major Operations: SHAWNEE; UNION; Khe Sanh; MALHEUR [USA]; LAM SON 54; BEAU CHARGER [SLF]; HICKORY; BELT TIGHT [SLF]; CHOCTAW; UNION II.
0599 **June.** 95pp.
Major Operations: MALHEUR [USA]; CROCKETT; UNION II; CHOCTAW; CIMARRON; BEAR BITE [SLF]; CUMBERLAND; COLGATE; ADAIR; BEACON TORCH [SLF]; MARYLAND.
0694 **July.** 101pp.
Major Operations: CROCKETT; MALHEUR II [USA]; BUFFALO; BEAVER TRACK [SLF]; HICKORY II; KINGFISHER; ARDMORE; BEAR CHAIN [SLF]; BEACON GUIDE [SLF].
0795 **August.** 84pp.
Major Operations: PIKE; COCHISE; BENTON [USA].
0879 **September.** 89pp.
Major Operations: SWIFT; DRAGON FIRE [ROKMC]; WHEELER [USA]; FORTRESS SENTRY [SLF].

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Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam cont.

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0001 **October.** 97pp.
Major Operations: KINGFISHER; ARDMORE; WHEELER [USA]; WALLOWA [USA]; MEDINA; OSCEOLA.

0098 **November.** 65pp.
Major Operations: WHEELER [USA]; WALLOWA [USA]; OSCEOLA; KENTUCKY; NEOSHO; ESSEX; FOSTER; BADGER HUNT [SLF].

0163 **December and Annual Summary.** 134pp.
Major Operations: PRAIRIE; Khe Sanh.

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0297 **January.** 100pp.
Major Operations: LANCASTER; SCOTLAND; NAPOLEON; LANCASTER II; BADGE CATCH/SALINE [SLF]; Hue City; Danang Area.

0397 **February.** 109pp.
Major Operations: KENTUCKY; SCOTLAND; SALINE [SLF]; Hue City.

0506 **March.** 112pp.
Major Operations: KENTUCKY; SCOTLAND; JEB STUART [USA]; Hue City; HOUSTON; NAPOLEON/SALINE; WORTH; FORD; PEGASUS [USMC/USA].

0618 **April.** 90pp.
Major Operations: KENTUCKY; HOUSTON; PEGASUS [USMC/USA]; SCOTLAND II; DELAWARE VALLEY [USA]; Dong Ha.

0708 **May.** 105pp.
Major Operations: KENTUCKY; NAPOLEON/SALINE [USMC/USA]; SCOTLAND II; DELAWARE VALLEY [USA]; Dong Ha; ALLEN BROOK; CONCORDIA SQUARE [USA]; MAMELUKE THRUST.

0813 **June.** 101pp.
Major Operations: SCOTLAND II; ALLEN BROOK; MAMELUKE THRUST.

0914 **July.** 58pp.
Major Operations: KENTUCKY; LANCASTER II; NAPOLEON/SALINE; SCOTLAND II; ALLEN BROOK; MAMELUKE THRUST; THOR.

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Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam cont.

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0001 **July** cont. 35pp.

0036 **August.** 94pp.
Major Operations: KENTUCKY; LANCASTER II; ALLEN BROOK; MAMELUKE THRUST.

0130 **September.** 92pp.
Major Operations: LANCASTER II; HOUSTON; SCOTLAND II; MAMELUKE THRUST.

0222 **October.** 87pp.
Major Operations: KENTUCKY [USA]; LANCASTER II; NAPOLEON/SALINE; SCOTLAND II; MAMELUKE THRUST; MAUI PEAK; HENDERSON HILL.

0309 **November.** 78pp.
Major Operations: WHEELER/WALLOWA [USA]; LANCASTER II; HENDERSON HILL; DARING ENDEAVOR [SLF]; MEADE RIVER/SWIFT MOVE.

0387 **December and Annual Summary.** 131pp.
Major Operations: MEADE RIVER; TAYLOR COMMON; VALIANT HUNT [SLF]; Dong Ha; Hue City; Khe Sanh; PEGASUS; DELAWARE VALLEY [USA]; ALLEN BROOK; MAMELUKE THRUST.

1969

0518 **January.** 64pp.
Major Operations: TAYLOR COMMON; BOLD MARINER [SLF]; RUSSELL BEACH [USA]; DEWEY CANYON.

0582 **February.** 69pp.
Major Operations: TAYLOR COMMON; DEWEY CANYON.

0651 **March.** 68pp.
Major Operations: TAYLOR COMMON; DEWEY CANYON; PURPLE MARTIN; MAINE CRAG; MONTANA MAULER [USA]; OKLAHOMA HILLS.

0719 **April.** 69pp.
Major Operations: OKLAHOMA HILLS; MUSKOGEE MEADOW.

0788 **May.** 72pp.
Major Operations: OKLAHOMA HILLS; VIRGINIA RIDGE; DARING REBEL [SLF]; HERKIMER MOUNTAIN [USA]; APACHE SNOW [USMC/USA].

0860 **June.** 73pp.
Major Operations: VIRGINIA RIDGE; PIPESTONE CANYON; CAMERON FALLS; UTAH MESA [USMC/USA].

0933 **July.** 65pp.
Major Operations: VIRGINIA RIDGE; HERKIMER MOUNTAIN [USA]; PIPESTONE CANYON; UTAH MESA [USMC/USA]; BOLD PURSUIT [SLF]; ARLINGTON CANYON; MIGHTY PLAY [SLF]; IDAHO CANYON [USMC/USA]; GEORGIA TAR; BRAVE ARMADA [SLF].

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Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam cont.

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0001 **August.** 73pp.
Major Operations: FREDERICK HILL [USA]; PIPESTONE CANYON; IDAHO CANYON [USMC/USA]; Arizona area; RICHLAND SQUARE [USA].

0074 **September.** 63pp.
Major Operations: IDAHO CANYON [USMC/USA]; DEFIANT STAND [SLF].

Beginning in October 1969, the monthly report changes the major categories to now include: Summary; Combat Operations; Revolutionary [Rural] Development and Pacification; Air Operations; Logistics; Statistical Highlights; and, infrequently, special topic discussions. Due to the continued USMC redeployments out of South Vietnam, the Combat Operations category combines the large unit and counterguerrilla operations into one narrative that describes prominent operations in terms of regimental operational areas located in Quang Nam Province. [The December and Annual Summary 1969 describes prominent operations throughout 1969, as well as the various regimental operational areas. Beginning in July 1970, regimental operational areas are no longer designated by geographical location; the use of operational names replaces the geographic location designation.

0137 **October.** 53pp.
Major Operations: 7th Marines—Antenna Valley, Que Son Mountains, and Nui Loc Son Basin.

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0190 **November.** 58pp.
Major Operations: 1st Reconnaissance—Dai Loc Corridor and Barrier Island area; 5th Marines—An Hoa Basin; 7th Marines—Nui Loc Son Basin, Arizona Area, and Antenna Valley.

0248 **December and Annual Summary.** 105pp.
Major Operations: TAYLOR COMMON; OKLAHOMA HILLS; PIPESTONE CANYON; DURHAM PEAK; DEWEY CANYON; APACHE SNOW [USMC/USA]; BOLD MARINER [SLF]; RUSSELL BEACH [USA]; 1st Marines—Danang Area; 5th Marines—An Hoa Basin and Arizona Area; 7th Marines—Que Son Mountains.

1970

0353 **January.** 55pp.
Major Operations: 1st Marines—Danang Area; 1st Reconnaissance—Go Noi Island, Phu Loc Valley, and Arizona Area; 5th Marines—Arizona Area, Go Noi Island, and Charlie Ridge Region; 7th Marines—Que Son Mountains; 26th Marines—Danang Area.

0408 **February.** 51pp.
Major Operations: 1st Marines—Hill 55 Area; 1st Reconnaissance—Go Noi Island; 5th Marines—An Hoa Basin, Arizona Area, and Charlie Ridge Region; 7th Marines—Que Son Mountains, Antenna Valley, and Nui Loc Son Basin.

0459 **March.** 47pp.
Major Operations: 1st Marines—Hill 270 Area; 1st Reconnaissance—Thuong Duc Corridor and Que Son Mountains; 5th Marines—An Hoa Basin, Thuong Duc Corridor, and Charlie Ridge Region; 7th Marines—Nui Loc Son Basin, Phu Loc Valley, and Que Son Area.

0506 **April.** 45pp.
Major Operations: 5th Marines—Phu Loc Valley.

0551 **May.** 55pp.
Major Operations: 1st Marines—Danang Area; 1st Reconnaissance—An Hoa Basin and Thuong Duc Corridor; 5th Marines—An Hoa Basin and Thuong Duc Corridor; 7th Marines—Que Son Area.

0606 **June.** 59pp.
Major Operations: 1st Marines—Danang Area and Elephant Valley; 1st Reconnaissance—Elephant Valley and Que Son Mountains; 5th Marines—An Hoa Area; 7th Marines—Que Son Mountains; 11th Marines—An Hoa Area.

0665 **July.** 52pp.
Major Operations: 1st Reconnaissance—Elephant Valley and Que Son Mountains; 5th Marines—Arizona Area, Go Noi Island, Charlie Ridge Region, LYON VALLEY, and BARREN GREEN; 7th Marines—Que Son Mountains, Nui Loc Son Basin, and PICKENS FOREST.

0717 **August.** 51pp.
Major Operations: 5th Marines—LYON VALLEY; 7th Marines—PICKENS FOREST and IMPERIAL LAKE.

0768 **September.** 39pp.
Major Operations: 1st Marines—DUBOIS SQUARE; 7th Marines—IMPERIAL LAKE and Nebraska Rapids.

0807 **October.** 40pp.
Major Operations: 1st Marines—HOANG DIEU; 5th Marines—HOANG DIEU, IMPERIAL LAKE, NOBLE CANYON, and TULARE FALLES.

0847 **November.** 33pp.
Major Operations: 1st Marines—HOANG DIEU; 5th Marines—IMPERIAL LAKE and NOBLE CANYON; 11th Marines—An Hoa Area/District.

0880 **December and Annual Summary.** 91pp.
Major Operations: 1st Marines—HOANG DIEU and HOANG DIEU 101; 5th Marines—HOANG DIEU, HOANG DIEU 101 and IMPERIAL LAKE.

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Beginning in January 1971, the monthly report changes to bi-monthly. The major categories highlighted also change to Summary; Ground Operations; Air Operations; Logistics. This change reflects the diminishing role of the USMC in the Vietnam War. The Ground Operations category continues to describe prominent operations in terms of regimental operational area. These regimental operational areas are all located in Quang Nam Province. (Beginning in July 1970, regimental operational areas are no longer designated by geographical location; the use of operational names replace the geographic location designation.)

1971

0980 **January–February.** 43pp.
Major Operations: 1st Marines—UPSHUR STREAM, HOANG DIEU 101, and HOANG DIEU 103; 1st MAW—LAM SON 719; 5th Marines—IMPERIAL LAKE, HOANG DIEU 101, and HOANG DIEU 103.

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Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam cont.

1971 cont.

0001 **January–February** cont. 29pp.
0030 **March–April.** 55pp.
Major Operations: 1st Marines—UPSHUR STREAM, SCOTT ORCHARD, and HOANG DIEU 103; 5th Marines—IMPERIAL LAKE and HOANG DIEU 103.
0085 **May–June.** 65pp.
Major Operation: 1st Marines—IMPERIAL LAKE.

Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Southeast Asia

After the redeployment of U.S. Marine forces from Vietnam, FMFPAC compiled one last cumulative report on Marine operations in Southeast Asia (July 1971–March 1973). This report highlights the activities of USMC advisory personnel; ANGLICO units; remaining air support assets; Task Force Delta; and the 9th MAB. This report also highlights activities in the Philippines and Thailand, and there is material on ceasefire activities.

0153 **July 1, 1971–March 31, 1973.** 143pp.

Special Topics Files

UPA has also included in this publication a series of Special Topics Files created as such by the Marine Corps Historical Center. These files contain reports on a variety of subjects. These files originally were appended materials and/or other relevant materials provided by FMFPAC and subordinate units. They are arranged in chronological order. Indented frame numbers precede names of specific reports.

1964

0296 South Vietnam Observations. March 18. 5pp.
0301 On-the-Job Training in the RVN. September [Transmittal Date of Report, January 5, 1965]. 92pp.
0304 Observations of Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers of the 3d Marine Division and 1st MAW. September 1964.
0393 On-the-Job Training in the RVN. October. 85pp.
0397 Observations of Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers of the 3d Marine Division and 1st MAW. June 1964.

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1965

0478 CG's Trip Summary, WestPac Visit. May 14–21, 1965. 213pp.
0691 CG (FMFPAC) Vietnam Trip Summary Report. May 22. 49pp.
0740 Establishment of an International Force in South Vietnam, Letter from FMFPAC to CINCPACFLT. December 21, 1965. 6pp.
0746 Facts about the Cam Ne Incident. 1965. 19pp.

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0765 Lessons Learned (Counterinsurgency). February 14, 1966. 12pp.
0777 Op Order 201–66. April 8, 1966. 69pp.

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0001 Letter to CMC: Mekong Delta Mobile Afloat Force. April 22, 1966. 6pp.
0007 Letter from Lieutenant General Victor H. Krulack to the Secretary of the Navy regarding Facts and Figures on Marine Participation in the Vietnam War. July 17, 1966. 8pp.
0016 Determination of Force Requirements, I CTZ. September 28, 1966. 40pp.
0056 River Warfare, Volume I: A Summary of Past Experiences in Southeast Asia. 1966. 212pp.
0268 River Warfare, Volume II: A Study of the Tactics, Techniques, Doctrine, and Equipment for Southeast Asia Operations. 1966. 72pp.

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0340 The Marine Combined Action Program, Vietnam. August 1965–January 1967. 50pp.
0390 Amphibious Operations North of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ): Outline Concept for Destruction of the Enemy in the DMZ Area, Vietnam, May 22, 1967. May 29, 1967. 23pp.
0413 Historical Summary, USMC Forces in Vietnam—Volume I: Narrative, March 1965–September 1967. 312pp.

1968

0725 Possible Actions in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) Area. January 31, 1968. 30pp.
0755 Khe Sanh Contact. April 1967–April 1968. 30pp.

SUBJECT INDEX

The following index is a guide to the major topics highlighted in the Reel Index to Part 1. The first arabic number refers to the reel, and the arabic number after the colon refers to the frame number at which a particular report/file folder begins that contains material on the subject. Hence 1: 0053 directs the researcher to the file that begins at Frame 0053 of Reel 1. By referring to the Reel Index that constitutes Part 1 of this guide, the researcher can find the report/file folder for this subject. Operational and task force names are in all capital letters. Every effort has been made to identify the appropriate province name with each South Vietnamese locale, military encampment, and/or operational location. Local areas have not been indexed under the individual provinces.

The names of many military units are expressed in a combination of number and name, such as 1st (First) Division, III (Third) MAF, etc. While these names are expressed in print with the roman or arabic numerals, users should be aware that they are alphabetized in indexes as though spelled out. III MAF is alphabetized as Third, I CMF as First, etc. The exception utilized by UPA is to arrange items in chronological or numerical order if numbered items are the only items listed (Deck House I, II, III, IV, or 1966, 1967, 1968, for example).

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The first portion of this Reel Index consists of a calendar listing of the reports and command histories (chronologies) compiled by the three organizations. This index begins with a description of the organization's Command Chronologies (referred to as histories in this guide) and a listing of the months/years that this particular document was used. The second portion of this index consists of the chronological listing of the III MAF PERINTREPS. The third portion of this index consists of III MAF Special Topics Files, arranged chronologically.

Entries in this index refer to specific documents within this micropublication. The four-digit frame number on the left indicates where a report begins. In the interest of accessing material, this index denotes the Supporting Documents/Enclosures of each report. These Supporting Documents/Enclosures highlight the various background materials utilized in the compilation of the monthly reports. These background materials include reports compiled by the various staff offices, operational summaries and analyses, message traffic, and orders and bulletins. In addition, PERINTREPS have been identified in the Reel Index with indented frame numbers, beginning in Reel 9.

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9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (9th MEB)
Reports and Command History (Chronology)

The reports listed here reflect the U.S. response to the Tonkin Gulf Incidents and the beginning of the "Americanization" of the war. The titles of these reports are self-explanatory. Then in March 1965, the 9th MEB compiled a Command History (Chronology) reflecting its activities to date. This Command History is divided into Part I—Organizational Data, Part II—Narrative Summary, and Supporting Documents and Enclosures. Part I—Organizational Data highlights the command structure and staff relations and personnel. Part II—Narrative Summary highlights the deployment and build-up of forces and material in-country. The Supporting Documents are the background material used in the compilation of the Command History. The Enclosures are command diaries submitted to III MEB headquarters from its subordinate units. The Supporting Documents and Enclosures have been listed in this reel index. The March Command History was updated with April highlights, so there is no April Command History.

1964–1965

0001 9th MEB Contingency Operations Southeast Asia Report, August 4, 1964–October 16, 1964. 86pp.

0087 9th MEB Mount–Out: Southeast Asia Preparatory Actions, September 15, 1964. 45pp.

0132 Chronological History of 9th MEB Southeast Asia Contingency Operations, October 16, 1964–January 22, 1965. March 8, 1965. 4pp.

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0138 **March** [with April highlights]. 261pp.
Supporting Documents:
Photographic Review.
Weekly Operational Summary for March 20–27.
G-1 Journal.
G-2 Journal.
G-3 Journal.
G-4 Journal.
Enclosures:
Brigade Logistic Support Group Command Diary.
Brigade Artillery Group Command Diary.
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III Marine Amphibious Force (III MAF)
Command Histories (Chronologies)

The III MAF Monthly Command History consists of three parts. These are Part I—Organizational Data; Part II—Chronological Summary of Significant Events [or Narrative Summary]; and Part III—Supporting Documents.

Part I—Organizational Data outlines the command and control hierarchy and highlights the commanding officers of each primary staff office and subordinate commands. In addition, this part notes the average monthly strength figures for in-country forces.

Part II—Chronological Summary of Significant Events [Narrative Summary] summarizes the monthly activities of III MAF and its components.

Part III—Supporting Documents consists of background materials used in the compilation of the monthly command chronology. For the benefit of the researcher, UPA has listed the enclosures with each monthly entry when available. The Enclosures also list subordinate unit command diaries, but the Archives staff has removed these and filed them individually by unit.

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0400 **May 6–31**. 96pp.
Supporting Documents:
Message Traffic—III MAF and 9th MEB.
Communications–Electronics Diary.
Battalion Surgeon Diary.
Combat Information Bureau.
G-4 Diary.
MACV LOI: Danang Administrative Coordination.
Operation of U.S. Military Ports, Beaches, and Depots from Chu Lai to the DMZ.
Concept of Logistic Support.
Petroleum, Oil, and Lubricants Support of Chu Lai.
Class V Expenditure Report.
463-L Materials Handling System.
Establishment of Logistic Support Units.

0497 **June.** 475pp.
Supporting Documents:
Assumption of Command [by III MAF].
Communication Security Team.
Release of USS *Iwo Jima.*
Command and Control of Marine Aviation in RVN.
Scout Dogs.
Resume of Secretary of the Navy's Visit [to RVN].
Movement of Forces.
Contingency Plans [in Phuoc Long Province].

OPORD 302–65 [Standby plan for III MAF support of ARVN in Pleiku].
III MAF Task Organization.
G-4 Command Diary.
Communications-Electronics Command Diary.
Combat Information Bureau.
III MAF Situation Reports [Daily].

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III Marine Amphibious Force (III MAF) cont.
Command Histories (Chronologies) cont.

Beginning in June 1965, the III MAF Monthly Command Histories becomes standardized into four parts. These are Organizational Data; Significant Events [or Narrative Summary]; Chronology of Events; and Enclosures.

Organizational Data outlines the command and control hierarchy and highlights the commanding officers of each primary staff office and subordinate commands. In addition, this part notes the average monthly strength figures for in-country forces.

Significant Events [Narrative Summary] summarizes the monthly activities of III MAF and its components. This part is subdivided into several sections: Introduction (mission and task organization); Operations; Command and Control; Intelligence; Personnel and Administration; Logistics; Communications; Civil Affairs; Combat Information; Psychological Warfare Operations; and RVNAF I Corps Activities. In 1966, a chronological listing of VIP visits is included.

Chronology of Events highlights the day-to-day activities of III MAF. Beginning in 1966, this part consists primarily of the beginning and end dates of large unit operations.

Enclosures consists of background materials used in the compilation of the monthly command chronology. In addition, large maps and overlays are located in this part. For the benefit of the researcher, UPA has listed the enclosures with each monthly entry when available. The Enclosures also list subordinate unit command diaries, but the Archives staff has removed these and filed them individually by unit. Beginning with January 1967, Enclosures become Supporting Documents.

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0001 **July.** 95pp.
Enclosures:
MACV LOI covering operations of the III Marine Expeditionary Forces in the RVN. May 5.
MACV LOI governing operations of III MAF elements in the Qui Nhon area. July 6,
Letter from Brigadier General Nguyen Chanh Thi, ARVN I CTZ Commanding General, authorizing enlargement of the Danang TAOR. July 20.
Letter from Brigadier General Nguyen Chanh Thi, ARVN I CTZ Commanding General, authorizing establishment of a reconnaissance zone in the Chu Lai TAOR. July 18.
III MAF Task Organization. July 15.
Activation of the NCC. July 8.
Establishment of Naval Support Activity (NSA), Danang. July 31.
OPORD 304–65 [continued deployment of U.S. Marine Forces to the RVN]. July 4.
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  - III MAF Task Organization Chart. September 30.
  - Force Order 7000.1 Acquisition, Possession, and Conversion of U.S. Currency, Military Payment Certificates, and/or local currency.
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  - Monthly Evaluation Report of I Corps Activity [I Corps Advisory Group]. October 7.

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  - OPLAN 105-66 RED SNAPPER [III MAF support of ARVN operations along Highway #1 and National Railroad]. October 18.
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III MAF/NCC Logistics SOP.
III MAF/NCC Task Organization/Troop List.
Counterinsurgency Lessons Learned.

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0453 **November.** 57pp.
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III MAF Campaign Plan #1-67. December 26.

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III MAF Command Directory. February 8.
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0042 **March.** 194pp.
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III MAF Command Directory. March 7.
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Annexes "B"–"F" to Part II, Section VIII [I Corps Joint Coordinating Council activities; displaced persons].
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Beginning in April 1967, the contents of the III MAF Command History changes slightly. Part II—Narrative Summary consists of a general overview of the activities of III MAF during the month. Part III—Sequential Listing of Significant Events consists of a more in-depth analysis of III MAF's monthly activities. Part III consists of Summary of Operations; Casualty Statistics; Personnel; Changes in Command; Intelligence; Logistics; Civil Affairs; Psychological Operations; Communications; Combat Information Bureau; RVNAF I CTZ Activities; Histories of VIP Visits and Operations. The Supporting Documents section is the annotation in the Command History of the various background materials used in its compilation.

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0429 **May.** 125pp.
Supporting Documents:
III MAF Command Directory. May 6.
Annexes "A"–"E" to Part III [I Corps Joint Coordinating Council activities; Psychological Operations Newsletter].

0554 **June.** 110pp.
Supporting Documents:
III MAF Command Directory. July 9.
Annexes "A"–"B" to Part III. [I Corps Joint Coordinating Council activities; Psychological Operations Conference, June 28].

0664 **July.** 105pp.
Supporting Documents:
III MAF Command Directory. August 8.
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0769 **August.** 101pp.
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III MAF Command Directory. September 6.
Annexes "A"–"D" to Part III [I Corps Joint Coordinating Council activities].

0870 **September.** 99pp.
Supporting Documents:
Annexes "A"–"F" to Part III [Piaster Expenditure Reduction Program Workshop Summary Report; I Corps Joint Coordinating Council activities; I CTZ Refugee Conference; Statistical Summary of 5th Communications Battalion functions].

0969 **October.** 31pp.
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Annexes "A"–"B" to Part III [I Corps Joint Coordinating Council activities].

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Supporting Document:
III MAF Command Directory. March 1.

0356 **March.** 58pp.
Supporting Document:
III MAF Command Directory. April 8.

0414 **April.** 58pp.
Supporting Document:
III MAF Command Directory. May 4.

0472 **May.** 64pp.
Supporting Documents:
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Annex "A" to Part III [May 5th rocket attack damage to communications network].

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Supporting Document:
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Supporting Document:
III MAF Command Directory. August 5.

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III MAF Command Directory. October 8.

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0893 **November.** 81pp.
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III MAF Command Directory. January.

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Change of Command Program for Assumption of Command Ceremony Held December 24. [Lieutenant General Donn J. Robertson assumes command of U.S. Marine forces from Lieutenant General Keith B. McCutcheon].

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Commanding General's Command Information Notebook for April 1971.

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The 3d Marine Division Command Histories (Chronologies) for 1965 consist of three sections: Organizational Data; Narrative Summary; and Chronological Summary of Significant Events. In addition, there are attached background materials used in the compilation of the command chronologies. These background materials vary in scope and type of document. The Organizational Data section outlines the primary headquarters, staff, and subordinate commanders and provides strength statistics. The Narrative Summary section highlights the primary activities of the division during the monthly reporting period and provides a description of the assigned mission and a resume of activities, movements, and results. The Chronological Summary of Significant Events section outlines, in brief chronological entries, the activities of the 3d Marine Division during its deployment, buildup, and early operations in the RVN. Beginning in July, Civic Action inputs are included. The attached background materials are not a formal part of the command chronology. These attached materials may include the G-4 Journals, task organization outlines, descriptions of operation orders and plans, and message traffic.

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Beginning in December 1966, the 3d Marine Division's Command History was standardized to reflect the types of information needed in compiling the III MAF Command History. The organization of the 3d Marine Division's Command Chronology is similar to III MAF's History. The new Command Chronology consists of Part I—Organizational Data; Part II—Narrative Summary; Part II—Sequential Listing of Significant Events; and Part IV—Supporting Documents. Part I—Organizational Data consists of a listing of the commanders and staff officers of the command and its subordinate units and offices, as well as strength statistics. Part II—Narrative Summary is subdivided into the various staff offices (G-1 to G-5, Communications-Electronics Section, Civil Affairs/Civic Action, Comptroller, etc.). The information in this part highlights the prominent activities of the Division and its conduct of the war in its TAOR. Part III—Sequential Listing of Significant Events outlines, in brief chronological entries, the activities of the various Division staff offices and adjunct sections listed in Part II. In addition, there is information on general enemy activities and trends and U.S. psychological operations (PSYOPS). Part IV—Supporting Documents consists of the 3d Marine Division Operations Plans and Orders; Frag and Division Orders; Operational Messages; special topics; Command Directory; Photographs and News Release; Situation Reports; G-3 and FSCC Journals; Casualty Reports; VIP Visits Report; and subordinate unit command histories. Many of these items have been removed and filed separately by the USMC Historical Center's Archives staff. The items that remain attached to the Command History include Operation Orders and Plans, Frag and Division Orders, Operational Messages, special topics, FSCC Journals, Casualty Reports, VIP Visits Report, and the Command Directory. UPA has listed the Operation Orders and Plans, Frag Orders, and other major documents (from the Operational Messages sub-section) under each monthly entry. Command Directories, FSCC Journals, Casualty Reports, and VIP Visits Reports occur frequently and so have not been listed for each item.

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OPORD 2-67 (Operation SPARROW HAWK): Alert Forces for Daylight Operations. January 27.
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Frag Order 9-67: Defense of Phu Bai Combat Base; Conducts Patrols and Ambushes in Area of Operations. February 9.
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OPORD 17-67 (Operation PRAIRIE IV): Conducts Search and Destroy Operations in the Dong Ha AO; Defends Dong Ha Combat Base Area. April 17.
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In April 1969, the XXIV Corps took over operational control of the 3d Marine Division as well as other Marine units in I CTZ due to the growing number of U.S. Army units located in I CTZ and the decision to redeploy Marine forces out-of-country. The information included in the May 1969 Command History reflects this change in command. The format for the command history retained the four primary divisions: Part I—Organizational Data; Part II—Narrative Summary; Part III—Sequential Listing of Significant Events; and Part IV—Supporting Documents.

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1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized)—Operation Task Force REMAGEN [reconnaissance-in-force operation in western Quang Tri Province, along the Laotian border, north, west and south of Khe Sanh]. June 20.
1st Battalion, 77th Armor—Operation MAINE CRAG [reconnaissance-in-force operation along Laotian border, northwest, southwest and west of Khe Sanh]. May 5.
1st Battalion (Mechanized), 61st Infantry, 1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized)—Operation Task Force REMAGEN II [search, reconnaissance-in-force, and pioneering and clearing operations west of Khe Sanh to the Laotian border and south to Route 616]. May 29.
1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized)—Operation WILLIAM'S GLADE [search and clear operation in the Dong Ha and Quang Tri combat base areas]. September 30.

1026 **May** cont. 88pp.
AARs:
1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) Division—Unnamed Search and Clear Operation throughout the Quang Tri Province and Enemy Base Area 101. May 31.
1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) Division—Lessons Learned. May 30.
1st Infantry Brigade, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) Division—Operation MONTANA MAULER [reconnaissance-in-force operation in north central Quang Tri Province, along the DMZ]. June 1.

1114 **June.** 186pp.

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0001 **June** cont. 226pp.
- Supporting Documents:
  - Vandegrift Installation Command Chronology. July 13.
  - Unit Operational Summaries. June 1–30.
  - Daily Attack By Fire Reports. June 1–30.
  - 101st Airborne Commander's Daily Situation Reports. June 1–17.

0227 **July.** 395pp.
- Supporting Documents:
  - Unit Locations. July 2–30.
  - *A Salute to Regimental Landing Team 9.* July 25.
  - Unit Operational Summaries. July 1–31.
  - Daily Attack By Fire Reports. July 1–31.

0622 **August.** 239pp.
- Supporting Documents:
  - Unit Locations. August 1–31.
  - Unit Operational Plans. August 1–September 1.
  - Daily Attack By Fire Reports. August 1–31.

0861 **September.** 161pp.
- Supporting Documents:
  - Operation Ca Lu: Movement of Ca Lu Populace to Resettlement Areas in Cua Valley. September.
  - 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein) Situation Reports. September 10–15.

1022 **October–December.** 156pp.
- Supporting Documents:
  - History of FSBs (Fire Support Bases) Cates and Fuller. Undated.
  - 11th Engineer Battalion AAR on the Construction of FSBs Cates and Shepherd. August 4, 1968.
  - "Opening Up the West" [operations in northwest Quang Tri Province, October–December 1968]. Undated.
  - Discussion on the Development of Fire Support Bases. Undated.

1st Marine Aircraft Wing (1st MAW)
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The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (MAW) Command Histories (called Command Diaries) for May and June 1965 consist of three parts. The information in these parts reflects the deployment and buildup of Marine aviation assets in RVN, particularly in I CTZ. The parts are titled: Part I—Organizational Data Sheet; Part II—Narrative Summary of Highlights; and a third part entitled Informational Messages. Part I outlines the primary headquarters, staff, and subordinate commanders and provides strength statistics. Part II highlights the important activities of the 1st MAW and its subordinate units deploying to RVN. These highlights include disposition of forces, establishment of airbases, operational activities, and VIP visits. The third part, Informational Messages, consists of unit situation reports, movements, deployments, and problems subdivided by individual unit designations.

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1178 **May 11–31.** 22pp.
Supporting Documents:
HMM-161: Situation Reports. May 15–30.
HMM-163: Rotation Message with HMM-261. May 4.
HMM-261: Change in Operational Control of HMM-261 and HMM-162.

1200 **June.** 24pp.
Supporting Documents:
HMM-161: Movement ashore and organizational messages. June 6–8.
HMM-163: SLF activities and movement messages. June 17–20.
HMM-261: Movement report. June 21.
HMM-361: Replacement of forces messages. June 6–10.
VMO-2: Operational messages. June 8–22.

Beginning in July, the format for the 1st MAW's Command History is standardized. Information in the Command History is divided into four distinct parts. These parts include: Part I—Organizational Data; Part II—Narrative Summary; Part III—Significant Events; and Part IV—Supporting Documents. Part I continues to outline the primary headquarters, staff, and subordinate commanders and provide strength statistics. In addition, Part I includes a listing of the VIP visits. Part II provides a chronological summary and analysis of the primary activities and operations of the 1st MAW during the reporting period. The summary also contains notations referring to the supporting documents in Part IV. Part III consists primarily of summaries refering to specific topics and also highlights ground operations supported by 1st MAW. These topics include the activities of G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, and G-5 staff offices and subordinate command offices; descriptions of programs and plans, including the morale and welfare program; establishment and operation of various other offices, including civil affairs, informational services, and communications-electronics; and discussion of various special topics, including awards, casualties, and major operations. Part IV consists of a variety of materials, including staff office and subordinate unit command histories, situation reports, operational and wing command orders, command directories, and special topics. Part IV of each command history includes a table of contents. Many of these supporting documents are filed separately from the command history. UPA has listed operation orders and plans, wing command orders, and other special topics under each monthly entry. The staff office command histories for G-1, G-4, G-5, Communications-Electronics, Medical Department, and Wing Chaplain have not been listed for each month. [See the Scope and Content Note for a description of the types of documents in these staff offices.] In addition, the 1st MAW Utilization Charts and G-3 Personnel Rosters occur frequently have not been listed.

1224 **July–August.** 75pp.
Supporting Documents:
OPORD 303-65: Conduct of Offensive and Defensive Tactical Operations to include Close Air Support, Interdiction, Reconnaissance, Transport, and Search and Rescue. July 15.

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0001 **July–August** cont. 237pp.
Supporting Documents:
OPORD 303-65 cont.
OPLAN 304-65: Close Air Support for Marine Corps and ARVN Forces in Ba Long Valley. August 14.
Wing Order 03320.2: Air Defense Operations. September 4.
Wing Order 03730.1: Search and Rescue Procedures for Downed Helicopter or Light Aircraft. July 22.

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0001 **July–August** cont.
Communications Operating Instructions. June 5.
Commanding General's Conference, Iwakuni, Japan [regarding deployment and buildup of 1st MAW to RVN and support of III MAF]. July 19 .

0238 **September.** 273pp.
Supporting Documents:
OPORD 305-65: Close Air Support and Lift Capability for Operations in the Cape Batangan and An Ky Peninsula Areas. September 5.
OPLAN 101-66 (Operation TANGLEWOOD): Helicopter and Fixed Wing Support of Units Exploiting B-52 Bombing Mission in Areas West of Chu Lai. September 23.
YANKEE Team [Reconnaissance] Operations Historical Report, July 1–September 30. October 7.
Wing Order 03730.1A: Procedures for Rescue of Downed Helicopter in Unsecure Area. September 18.

0511 **October.** 219pp.
Supporting Document:
Operations Plan 103-66 (Operation RED SNAPPER): [search and clear operation] Helicopter and Fixed Wing Support for Units Operating in Highway #1 and National Railroad Areas. October 21.

0730 **November.** 327pp.
Supporting Documents:
OPORD 305-66 (Operation BLUE MARLIN): Helicopter and Fixed Wing Support to the Amphibious Task Force, 3d Marine Division Search and Clear Operations in the Tam Ky and Hoi An Areas. November 6.
OPORD 304-66 (Operation BLACK FERRET): Helicopter and Fixed Wing Support of Combined Search and Clear Operation in Central Binh Son District. October 31.
III MAF Special Situation Reports on Loc Thach Tru engagement. November 22–23.
III MAF Special Situation Reports on Operation BLUE MARLIN. November 10–18.
1st MAW Commanding General's Conference. November 23.

1057 **December.** 234pp.
Supporting Documents:
Operation HARVEST MOON AAR. December 24.
1st MAW Task Organization. December 28.
Wing Order 3000.2B: FMF Operational Effectiveness Reporting System. December 28.
Wing Order 5750.1B: Instructions for Preparation of Command Chronology. December 17.
Aviation Safety Bulletin. January 21, 1966.

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1291 **January.** 9pp.

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1966 cont.

0001 **January** cont. 236pp.
Supporting Documents:
Chronology of Significant 1st MAW Activities in Vietnam, January 1, 1965–January 14, 1966. January 13.
Aviation Safety Bulletin. February 17.

0237 **February.** 312pp.
Supporting Documents:
1st MAW Wing Wide Commanders' Conference. February 23.
Hue Chart. Undated.

0549 **March.** 292pp.
Supporting Documents:
1st MAW Wing Wide Commanders Conference. April 2.
Assault on Ashau Outpost [A Shau Special Forces/CIDG Camp]—Chronology of Events, March 9–10. Undated.
Marine Air Group 16 Special Situation Report on the Evacuation of Ashau Outpost [A Shau Special Forces/CIDG Camp], March 9–12. Undated.

0841 **April.** 319pp.
Supporting Documents:
Change of Command Ceremony. May 3.
Sea Tiger, Vol. 2, No. 15, May 4.
MACV Command Information Pamphlet 2-66: *USMACV, History and Organization*. April 27.
A Pocket Guide to Vietnam, U.S. Armed Forces Information and Education Publication. December 6, 1962 (Revised April 5, 1966).

1160 **May.** 140pp.

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0001 **May** cont. 129pp.
Supporting Documents:
Aviation Safety Bulletin. May 25.
The Observer, Vol. V, No. 2, May 16.

0130 **June.** 197pp.

0327 **July.** 164pp.
Supporting Document:
Summary of Helicopter Support Provided I Corps, July. August 1.

0491 **August.** 294pp.
Supporting Documents:
Civil Affairs Office Command Chronology. September 12.
Summary of Helicopter Support Provided I Corps, August. September 2.

0785 **September.** 155pp.
Supporting Document:
Summary of Helicopter Support Provided I Corps, September. October 4.

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0940 **October.** 196pp.
Supporting Document:
Summary of Helicopter Support Provided I Corps, October. November 3.
1136 **November.** 165pp.
Supporting Document:
Civil Affairs Office Command Chronology, September–November. December 12.

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0001 **December.** 298pp.
Supporting Documents:
Summary of Helicopter Support Provided I Corps, December. January 3.
Civil Affairs Office Command Chronology. January 12.
FMFPAC WestPAC Situation Report. January 2.
Photographs Pertaining to Base Development. December 1966.

1967
0299 **January.** 226pp.
Supporting Documents:
VIP Visits to III MAF Command Headquarters. December 30, 1966–January 10.
Photographs of Helicopter Operations. January.
Frag Order 3-67: Repositioning of Battalions [in southern Quang Tri Province]. January 7.
7th Air Force Ground Fire Report 924. January 15.
1st Marine Division Message: Detailed Plans for Increased Offensive Effort Prior to, during, and after Tet Stand down. January 31.
0525 **February.** 256pp.
Supporting Documents:
Change of Command Ceremony for Marine Air Group 1 (MAG-1). February 14.
Frag Order 02-18: Target Clearance Information. February 18.
III MAF Historical Summary #56. February 26.
1st Marine Division Intelligence Summary. February 27.
1st Marine Division Situation Report. February 28.
0781 **March.** 209pp.
0990 **April.** 202pp.
1192 **May.** 107pp.

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0001 **May** cont. 103pp.
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0304 **July.** 362pp.
Supporting Documents:
Operations BEAVER TRACK/BUFFALO/HICKORY II Combat AAR [SLF Search and Destroy Operation in Gio Linh and Cam Lo Districts, Quang Tri Province]. July 30.
Operation BEACON TORCH/CALHOUN Combat AAR [SLF Search and Destroy Operations in Duy Xuyen District, Quang Nam Province and Thang Binh-Que Son Districts, Quang Tin Province]. July 17.
Operation GEM Combat AAR [Search and Destroy Operation in Dai Loc-Hieu Duc Districts, Quang Nam Province]. July 23.
Aviation Safety Bulletin. July 20.
0666 **August.** 137pp.
0803 **September.** 225pp.
1028 **October.** 247pp.
1275 **November.** 24pp.

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0423 **February.** 143pp.
0566 **March.** 201pp.
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0001 **June.** 281pp.
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0544 **January.** 88pp.
0632 **February.** 366pp.
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0160 **November.** 106pp.
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0624 **March.** 111pp.
0735 **April.** 121pp.
0856 **May.** 103pp.
0959 **June.** 106pp.
1065 **July.** 92pp.
1157 **August.** 82pp.
1239 **September.** 60pp.

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0001 **September** cont. 29pp.

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document highlighted. In January 1970, the Public Affairs Office, from the G-3 Command History, is also highlighted.

0030 **October.** 53pp.
Supporting Document:
Career Planning Newsletter.

0083 **November.** 54pp.
Supporting Document:
Career Planning Newsletter.

0137 **December.** 46pp.
Supporting Document:
Career Planning Newsletter.

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0183 **January.** 150pp.
Supporting Documents:
Career Planning Newsletter.
Public Affairs Office news clippings, press releases, and photographs.

From February to March 1971, the 1st MAW Command History's Part IV—Supporting Documents returns to highlighting some of the staff offices' command histories. These include G-1, G-2, G-4, the Wing Medical Officer, and the Wing Chaplain. The G-3 Command History is not highlighted, but the supporting documents of the G-3 Command History are attached.

0333 **February.** 99pp.
Supporting Documents:
G-1 Command Chronology.
G-2 Command Chronology.
G-4 Command Chronology.
Wing Civic Action Officer's Command Chronology.
Wing Special Services Command Chronology.
Office of the Wing Chaplain's Command Chronology.
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Industrial Relations Office Command Chronology.
Public Affairs Office Command Chronology.

0432 **March.** 113pp.
Supporting Documents:
G-1 Command Chronology.
G-4 Command Chronology.
Civil Affairs Office Command Chronology.
Wing Medical Officer's Command Chronology.
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0545 **April 1–14.** 10pp.

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The names of many military units are expressed in a combination of number and name, such as 1st (First) Division, III (Third) MAF, etc. While these names are expressed in print with the roman or arabic numerals, users should be aware that they are alphabetized in indexes as though spelled out. III MAF is alphabetized as Third, I CMF as First, etc. The exception utilized by UPA is to arrange items in chronological or numerical order if numbered items are the only items listed (Deck House I, II, III, IV, or 1966, 1967, 1968, for example).

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