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SECTION I

SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION AND UNIT ACTIVITIES

A. Command

1. (U) General Officer Assignments and Promotions.

a. Brigadier General S. H. Matheson assumed command of Task Force Oregon on 22 September 1967 vice Major General Richard T. Knowles.

b. Brigadier General S. W. Koster assumed command of Task Force Oregon on 22 September 1967 vice Brigadier General S. H. Matheson. BG Matheson resumed command of the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div.

c. Brigadier General Charles W. Ryder was assigned as Assistant Division Commander on 5 October 1967.

d. Brigadier General S. W. Koster assumed command of the 23d Infantry (Americal) Division on 25 October 1967 on the activation of the Americal Division.

e. Brigadier General S. W. Koster was promoted to Major General (Brevet) on 26 October 1967.

3. (U) Division Headquarters Assignments: Colonel Robert H. Musser assumed duties as Chief of Staff vice Colonel Edgar R. Poole on 25 August 1967.

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4. (U) Brigade Command Changes: Colonel Louis Gelling assumed command of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade vice BG Frank Linnell on 31 October 1967.

5. (C) Arrival of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade. The main body of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade arrived in Chu Lai, RVN, on 22 October 1967. An in-country training program will be conducted at Duc Pho until 15 November 1967. The purpose of the program is to bring the 198th Light Infantry Brigade to maximum combat readiness in a minimum amount of time.

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B. Personnel, Administration, Morale and Discipline.

1. (U) When it became apparent that the Task Force would lose its provisional status and be activated as a division, transitional changes in the procedures which provided TDY personnel to the force were initiated. Instructions from Hq USARV established policies for requisitioning personnel for division units. The procedures follow:

a. Requisitions for officer and senior enlisted personnel are submitted as follows:

(1) Attached units with organic Unit Personnel sections (UPS) forward requisitions through parent unit to Hq USARV.

(2) Requisitions for attached units without UPS are prepared by the 258th Personnel Service Company and forwarded through parent units to Hq USARV.

b. Requisition for E1-6 for all attached units are consolidated at this headquarters and forwarded direct to Hq USARV.

c. Non-brigade division units are listed below according to whether or not they have organic unit personnel sections:

WITH ORGANIC UPS

39th Engr Bn
2d Bn, 11th Arty
3d Bn, 16th Arty
3d Bn, 18th Arty
2d Sqdn, 11th Armd Cav
509th Sig Bn
14th Avn Bn

WITHOUT ORGANIC UPS

HHC (P), TFO
HHC, 15th Spt Bde, Co C, 25th Med
HHC, 94th S&S Bn, 163d Trans Co
3d Plt, 10th Trans Co
221st S&S Bn
HMSC, 188th Maint Bn
335th Avn Trans Co
148th MP Plt, Hq TFO
3d Mil Hist Det, Hq TFO
1st Sqdn, 1st Armd Cav
258th PSC
MI Det

d. Replacement personnel for all attached units come through parent organization channels direct to unit of assignment; however, in some instances, personnel have been assigned by Hq USARV to the 258th PSC for further assignment.

e. Rotation policy for Div units other than Hq AMCAL is as follows: Personnel out-process and report to RVN departures point

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so as to arrive not earlier than 48 hours nor later than 24 hours prior to scheduled departure time.

(1) Units with organic UPS receive port call instructions through parent unit channels, and issue orders and reporting instructions accordingly.

(2) Port calls and reporting instructions for units without organic UPS are received by the 258th PSC, which issues orders accordingly.

f. Effective 1 Oct 67, the division assumed the responsibility for requesting and issuing port calls and CONUS air travel space allocations for all units attached to the command.

2. (U) With the activation and organization of HHC, Americal Division by GO 175, Hq USARPAC, 20 Sep 67, personnel replacement procedures became more critical. USARV major subordinate commanders were directed to continue to furnish E6 and below replacements to their units which are attached to the division. This procedure will remain in effect until 31 Jan 68 unless sooner rescinded by USARV. Additionally, parent units were instructed that attached units would be maintained at 100% of authorized strength, taking priority over similar units not now part of division troops within the same command. Officer and senior enlisted replacements continue to come from parent organizations designated by USARV or from requisitions made by said units. This system will also phase out as the division's requisitioning cycle becomes productive. In line with the above policy, USARV also directed the reassignment of all individuals currently attached to Task Force Oregon or the 258th Pers Svc Co to HHC, 23d Inf Div Americal O/A 27 Oct 67. Personnel with DEROS, through 30 Nov 67 were exempt from reassignment, but were attached to the division.

3. (U) Utilization of AIK Daily Hire personnel continued throughout the quarter. An average of 802 local nationals were employed on a daily basis during the quarter. Allocations were requested from and approved by Hq USARV.

4. (U) The 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry received 5 of 6 interpreters as authorized by MACV Dir 551-5. One (1) interpreter for the 198th LIB was also assigned.

5. (U) The Americal Division Education Center began full operations on 1 Aug 67. An initial \$2,000 allocation from the Da Nang Central Post Fund was approved for FY 68 operations. Additional funds will be made available upon request. The following

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educational services have been provided by the center during the quarter:

a. Counselling visits	502
b. GED (H.S) Test Applications	153
c. CCT (College) Test Applications	25
d. H. S. Diploma Actions	9
e. EOC (End of course correspondence tests)	2
f. Correspondence courses processed	169
g. Residence Vietnamese Language Instruction	15
h. Residence University of Maryland Instruction	50

6. (U) The division safety program continues to be effective. Although the number of accidental deaths and injuries increased during the quarter, the accident rates continue to show a downward trend. The false-positive indication of an increase in accident experience was due to the rapid strength increase of the division.

7. (U) In late July 67, CG, III MAF assigned CG, Americal Division the additional duty of Sub-Zone Coordinator for the Southern Sector, I Corps Tactical Zone. The Sub-Zone Coordinator was specifically charged with the following personnel coordination functional areas:

- a. Maintenance of law and order.
- b. Pass and Liberty regulations.
- c. Morale and personal service.
- d. Safety.
- e. Post Exchange Activities.
- f. Religious Activities.
- g. Special Services Activities.
- h. Motor Vehicle and Traffic Regulations.

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i. Employment of Foreign Nationals.

To assist the CG, Americal Division in accomplishing those tasks assigned as Sub-Zone Coordinator, Southern Sector, I Corps Tactical Zone, the I Corps Coordinator augmented the staff with 7 Marine officers and 9 Marine enlisted. An additional 21 Marine enlisted are assigned as Military Police Support. Major Philip Schmidt was originally assigned as the Marine G1 Liaison. He was replaced by LTC Jack W. Newman.

8. (U) Administrative Services

a. TO/E reproduction equipment received on 21 September.

b. Upon redesignation from Task Force Oregon to Americal Division on 22 September all headings on orders, memorandums, regulations circulars and Daily Bulletin were changed to the new designation.

c. Blank Forms and Publications accounts established for the 198th Lt Inf Bde and 1/1 Cav Sqdn.

d. Semi Annual Inventory of all classified documents was completed in October.

9. (U) Personnel

a. A weekly courier to HQ USARV was established primarily to obtain those assignment instructions not received and to handle all other AG matters requiring liaison.

b. Casualty information reports were revised to obtain daily summary reports from each of the major subordinate commands, thus providing daily check of accuracy of cumulative reports and enabling the AG section to provide more rapid and comprehensive response to requirements for information pertaining to casualties.

c. Division Regulation 630-1 was revised to delegate leave approval authority to commanders exercising special court martial authority for all leaves, except compassionate.

10. (U) Awards and Decorations

During the period from 1 Aug - 31 Oct over 2400 awards were processed. This was possible through a complete study and revision of processing procedures and an increase in personnel in the section to 15.

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11. (U) Postal

a. On 5 Aug modifications to the Post Office building were completed to meet postal security requirements.

b. On 10 Aug an additional finance unit was activated at the main post office to handle increased postal business.

c. On 1 Sep plans were made for the Christmas mailing season (Operation Silver Star). Request for personnel and logistical support were submitted.

d. On 2 Oct, 22 personnel reported for duty as augmentation during Christmas season.

e. On 9 Oct triannual postal postal [sic] inspection of APO 96374 conducted by USARV staff postal officer.

12. (U) Special Services

a. Out of country R&R program initiated in September.

b. Special Services Supply account was established and first shipment received in early August.

13. (U) Replacement Detachment

On 10 Aug five tents were completed to provide additional housing for 100 transient personnel.

14. (U) Reenlistment

a. Reenlistment office was constructed and formal opening ceremony conducted on 15 September.

b. Division, less brigades, had 19 reenlistments during the month of September.

15. (U) Finance

The third calendar quarter has been characterized by a continuous increase in all facets of finance operations. On 23 September 1967 this office was redesignated Americal Division Finance Office with no change in disbursing station symbol number, this was in conjunction with the activation of the Americal Division. Concurrent with this detailed plans have been developed for reorganizing the office under the modified military pay system in

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accordance with DA Circular 37-22. Also integration plans have been developed and partially [sic] implemented to consolidate the 198th Light Infantry Brigade Finance Section DSSN 5408 and the 196th Light Infantry Brigade [sic] Finance Office DSSN 5308.

16. (U) On 24 October 1967 the 198th Brigade arrived in country, 1st phase of consolidation plan was implemented i.e. voucher prepared and computation performed by 198th personnel under the supervision of this office; disbursing voucher processing performed by Americal Finance. Second phase, personnel integration is being implemented by infusing personnel into similar positions. Final deactivation of disbursing account is being held pending deactivation of Brigade Admin Company. Integration plan for the 196th will be similar to the above in order to assure minimum disruption of operation and smooth personnel integration.

17. (U) Raids and checkpoints. In accomplishing the population and resources control mission, the Americal Division Military Police conducted 6 mobile resource control checkpoints and 20 raids. No raids or checkpoints were conducted from June to mid-September due to the Vietnamese political considerations per request of the Vietnamese authorities. Raids and checkpoint operations were conducted in conjunction with VN National Police who conducted identity checks and physical search. Military Police furnished security, area control, and general supervision. Operations were conducted in villages and hamlets within the Americal Division TAOR.

a. Checkpoint results

(1)	Personnel checked	1624
(2)	Vehicles checked	144
(3)	Personnel detained	0
(4)	Items confiscated (checkpoints)	
	(a) Sandbags	138
	(b) Cigarettes	18 cartons
	(c) Misc US Products	45 cartons
	(d) American beer	16 cases
	(e) C rations	8 cases & 177 cans
	(f) Black pepper (U)	1 case (12 1
	(g) Margarine	16 #10 cans

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a. Raid results

(1)	Personnel checked	84
(2)	Vehicles checked	32
(3)	Personnel detained	0

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	(4) Items confiscated (raids)		
	(a) Marijuana	500 sticks	
	(b) Currency - MPC	\$482.60	
	- Greenbacks	\$1.25	
	(c) Cigarettes	21 cartons	
pksg (pipe, cigars, et	(d) Misc tobacco		19
	(e) Radios	5	
	(f) Tape recorders	2	
	(g) Batteries	16	
	(h) Film	7	
	(i) Liquor	30 qts	
	(j) Soap	44 bars	
	(k) Pornographic books	10	
	(l) Pornographic pictures	56	
	(m) Tea	100 bags	
	(n) Other misc US products & goods		

18. PW Activities

Three PW Collecting Points were operated by the Americal Division during the period. Results of detainee processing are as follows:

Detainees processed	2825
PW	(423)
CD	(269)
IC	(2114)
CG	(19)

19. (U) Staff Judge Advocate.

a. The Staff Judge Advocate Section continued to furnish legal services to the Commanding General, his staff, and subordinate units. Visits were continued to subordinate units. Advice and assistance were given to Article 32 investigating officers, counsel of special and summary courtmartial, presidents of special courts, and summary courts.

b. Division regulations concerning military justice, claims and solatium payments [sic] were revised and submitted for publication. A new office SOP was also published.

c. Military justice activities comprised the largest area of activity. During the period August-October 1967 this command tried 2 general courtmartial and received 45 special and 10 summary court-martial [sic] cases for supervisory review. Defense counsel were also furnished for several Article 32 investigations that did not result in general courts. The rates for general, special and summary courts-martial averaged .04, 1.11, and .24, respectively, for the period. The rates reflect the average number of cases per month per thousand average strength .

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d. The number of legal assistance cases and cases involving counseling of personnel on disciplinary matters during the period were 412. The brigades have their own legal officers who handle the cases for those units. Their cases are not reflected in this figure.

e. Of special significance was the number of claims approved for payment during the quarter, a total of 76. Almost all of these claims were reimbursements to servicemen for property lost or damaged as a result of combat activities.

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C. Intelligence and Counterintelligence.

1. (C) Quang Tin

a. Activity in Quang Tin Province resulted from Operations Benton, Wheeler, and Wallowa. Operation Benton was conducted during the period 13 AUG - 1 SEP 67 vicinity Base Area 117 (BT2106). Contact was made with elements of the 21st NVA Regt, 2d NVA Div and the 72d LF Bn. Total enemy losses for Operation Benton were 396 KIA (BC) and 86 KIA (P). Large caches of ammunition were uncovered and many buildings and fortifications were destroyed. Some villages were found to be using NVA currency as the principle medium of exchange. There is substantial evidence that Operation Benton was compromised.

b. On 12 SEP 67, elements of the 101st Abn Div launched Operation Wheeler into the high ground west of Tam Ky City in an attempt to inflict heavy casualties on the 2d NVA Div. Contact was made with all subordinate regiments of the 2d NVA Div with enemy losses totalling 940 KIA (BC) and 48 KIA (P) at the end of the reporting period. The Intelligence Sergeant, 3d NVA Regt, 22d NVA Div, was captured by elements of the 101st Abn Div vicinity BT1630 on 28 SEP 67. This PW, during interrogation, revealed detailed information on the activities, personalities, morale, training strength, and organization of the 3d NVA Regt. Nguyen Vann Huu, CPT, XO, 33d Bn, 21st Regt, 2d NVA Div rallied to ARVN elements on 13 OCT 67. CPT Huu gave disillusionment with the Communist effort and failure to receive fair treatment from his superiors as his reasons for rallying. CPT Huu volunteered extensive OB information and has led elements of the 101st Abn Div to three weapons caches.

c. On 4 OCT 67, 3/1st ACD launched Operation Wallowa in the Que Son/Thanh Binh area. Total enemy losses for that operation at the close of the reporting period were 675 KIA (BC) and 51 KIA (P). 3/1st elements contacted elements of the 3d NVA Regt, 2d NVA Div, on 19 OCT 67 vicinity BT2345 and inflicted heavy casualties. During this period, a Warrant Officer, Anh, mortar platoon leader, 12th Co, 3d Bn, 3d NVA Regt, rallied to RVN. He related extensive OB information on his Rgt and other elements of the 2d NVA Div. 3/1st also received a rallier from Hq 21st NVA Regt, 2d NVA Div on 9 OCT 67 vic AT999315. This rallier was a PFC assigned to the political section of Regimental Headquarters. His specialty was PW interrogation. He could speak (fair-poor) Chinese, Russian, and English. He provided extensive OB information on the Hq and subordinate elements of the 21st NVA Regt.

e. Enemy initiated activity decreased in the Chu Lai

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AO during the reporting period. The employment of small-scale harassing attacks and the use of mines and booby traps characterized the enemy's action. The enemy struck the 227th Avn Bn helipad, vicinity BT505150 on 30 OCT 67. The helipad received 40-50 rounds of mortar fire and a ground attack. Satchel charges were placed under the aircraft resulting in 5 aircraft destroyed and 7 damaged. A wounded PW captured during the attack indicated that he was from the 76th Mortar Co, 70th Bn, 21st Regt. There are other indications that elements of the 409th Sapper Bn (BT1295) participated in the attack.

2. (C) Quang Ngai

a. Enemy activity in Quang Ngai (P) during AUG 67 was characterized by light to moderate contact with a LF, MF, and NVA units, small-scale harassing attacks, and employment of mines and booby traps. On 8 AUG 67, elements of the 3/4th Inf Div engaged the 83d LF Bn vicinity BS6756. This contact resulted in 65 VC KIA (BC) and 20 weapons CIA. During 8-15 AUG 67, elements of the 1st ACD operating in the Song Re Valley contacted the 120th MF Bn and the 107th NVA AA Bn. The results of this action were 21 KIA (BC) and 3 AA weapons CIA. Elements of the Americal Division participated in Operation Hood River during the period 2-13 AUG 67. Hood River was a joint operation conducted in the vicinity of Base Areas 118, 120, and 121. The operation was characterized by light, sporadic contact. There were no major enemy units identified. The total enemy losses for Operation Hood River were 78 KIA (BC) and 12 KIA (P). On 20 AUG 67, elements of the 3d/4th Inf Div engaged the 2d Co/97th Bn/2d MF Regt and local elements vicinity BS812455 resulting in 54 EN KIA (BC) and 19 weapons CIA. On 24-25 AUG 67, elements of the 2d/35th Inf engaged the 406th MF Bn vicinity BS7847 and BS7755 resulting in 24 EN KIA (BC) and 19 weapons CIA. On 30 AUG 67 a coordinated mortar attack was initiated against Quang Ngai City. Over 1200 detainees were released from the jail compound during the attack. 800 have been recaptured.

b. Enemy-initiated activity decreased slightly during the month of SEP in Quang Ngai (P). On 2 SEP 67, a PW from the 251st Bn, 5th Regt, 320th Div was captured with a sight assembly for the RPG-7 Rocket Launcher in his possession. He stated that he was part of a recently-infiltrated Bn armed with the RPG-7. Elements of the 1/101st conducted Operation Cook west of Quang Ngai (P) during 2-10 SEP. results of the operation were 54 KIA (BC) and 13 weapons CIA. A significant trend was the increase in sapper training and the conversion of infantry units to sapper units. The C-19 LF and 21st LF Companies were confirmed as being sapper units. Almost every district has recruited its own sapper platoon and many

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of the other local force infantry units have received extensive sapper training.

c. Enemy-initiated activity was relatively light during the month of October. A significant number of newly infiltrated units were identified in Quang Ngai (P) during this period. Infiltration groups identified were the 119th Group (9th Bn/2d Regt/338th Div), D-114 (2d Bn/3d Regt/250th Div) and D-123 (316th Infil Bn/4th Regt/320th Div). On 30 OCT 67, elements of the 83d LF Bn and 97th Bn/2d MF Regt initiated an attack against the Song Ve (BS695635) and Cay Gua (BS692648) bridges and withdrew after causing light damage. On the night of 31 OCT 67, elements of the 2/35th Inf engaged a point element of the 97th Bn/2d MF Regt vicinity BS686576 and BS 681577 resulting in 15 NVA KIA (BC) and 12 weapons CIA (including 1 RPG-7). the capture of the RPG-7 indicated that elements of the 251st Bn may have been used to reinforce the 97th Bn.

3. (C) Military Intelligence Detachment.

a. The Detachment has continued to provide intelligence and counterintelligence support to the Americal Division during the entire reporting period. As opposed to the previous reporting period, the Detachment was able to expend a greater percentage of its efforts on purely operational matters. This was permitted by the reduction of administrative requirements attendant to the organization of a completely new unit.

b. Although personnel were assigned to their parent units for the greater part of the reporting period, many of the problems encountered during the first reporting period disappeared. In many cases parent units have provided reassignment instructions of individuals rotating from Vietnam, allowing reassignment orders to be cut locally. This has allowed the Detachment to retain individuals for a longer period of time prior to returning them to their parent units. In late October 1967, personnel scheduled to rotate from Vietnam after 1 DEC 67 were assigned to the Americal Division. This will eliminate the necessity of personnel returning to their parent units. Personnel strength as a whole is not critical at the present. However, the Counterintelligence and Order of Battle Sections have reached the critical stage. Contributing to this problem of personnel shortages is the reluctance of parent units to provide replacements for individuals rotating from the Americal Division. Enlisted promotions were still governed by parent units during the reporting period; however, for the most part, all recommendations for promotion have been honored by those units.

c. The procurement of supplies has been less than satis-

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factory. Expendable supplies are drawn directly from the self-service store, but many items are frequently out-of-stock. Other supplies and equipment required cannot be requisitioned directly by the Detachment since it remains a provisional unit. Requisitions for such equipment must be coordinated through the HHC, Americal Division. The designation of the Detachment as a TOE unit would alleviate many supply problems. Line items authorized by USARV General Order 1746 (original order) are currently on hand receipt from the 525th Military Intelligence Group. This situation will continue to exist until the Detachment has a Unit Identification Code (UIC). An UIC is required to establish a property book and to make lateral transfer of the above equipment. The ACoFS, G4, has requested the establishment of a temporary UIC pending the designation of the MI Detachment as a TOE unit.

e. Order of Battle Section.

(1) During the period 1 AUG - 31 OCT 67, the Order of Battle Section continued to produce timely intelligence concerning the enemy situation in Southern I CTZ, despite acute personnel shortages. With the arrival of the 198th LIB, the OB Section assisted that unit in establishing an intelligence base for operations in the Duc Pho area. Similarly, the 3d Bde/1st Air Cav Div was assisted in its preparation for operations in northern Quang Tin and southern Quang Nam Provinces. As a result of the consolidation of enemy units in northern Quang Tin, this area has dominated the interest of the OB Section throughout the period.

(2) Significant projects completed by the Order of Battle Section during the period were the following:

(a) Assisted in preparing intelligence estimates for Operations Hood River, Benton, Cook, Wheeler, and Wallowa.

(b) Prepared G2 briefings for General Haines, Westmoreland, Abrams, and Davidson, and GEN Greene, CMC, and Admiral Sharp.

(c) Conducted liaison visits with all USSF/CIDG Camps in southern I CTZ.

(d) Completed comprehensive studies on enemy units in southern I CTZ.

(e) Assisted the 198th LIB and 3/1st ACD in establishing order of battle operations.

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(f) Conducted informal briefings for newly-arrived personnel requiring a knowledge of the enemy situation.

(g) Conducted OB liaison with the 1st Mar Div consistent with the expansion of the Americal TAOR.

e. Imagery Interpretation Section.

(1) The section has continued to improve the working area by building additional shelves for photo storage and other general construction. The Master Cover Trace Book has been brought up to date.

(2) With the addition of O-2 type aircraft to Division Aviation assets, the visual reconnaissance program has increased considerably.

(3) During the reporting period, the section produced 10 Imagery Interpretation Reports from read-out of tactical imagery and assembled 35 mosaics and 5 Special Area Studies for use in planning tactical operations.

(4) The Targeting Branch continues to recommend hard targets for H & I fire and/or air strikes.

f. Interrogation Section.

(1) During the reporting period, the Interrogation Section interrogated and classified 195 detainees at the Division Collection Point. The detainees were classified as follows:

(a) PWs	102
(b) CDs	26
(c) Returnees	11
(d) Doubtful Cases	0
(e) ICs	56

(2) In addition to interrogating detainees forwarded by the brigades of the division, the Interrogation Section furnished interrogation support to other units and hospitals in the Chu Lai area. Interrogation support was also furnished to the Special Forces camps upon request, and interrogation teams took part in "Market Time" operations aboard U.S. Navy "Swift" boats.

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(3) The Interrogation Section screened and forwarded to the Combined Document Exploitation Center (CDEC), 44 batches of captured documents. Documents of immediate tactical value were translated by the section.

(4) Detainees of particular intelligence interest interrogated during the reporting period were:

(a) DINH VAN CHU, MSG (Intelligence Sergeant), NVA, who was able to provide valuable intelligence concerning the 3d NVA Regt, 2d NVA Div.

(b) NGUYEN VAN HUU, CPT, (Bn XO, NVA; CPT Huu, in addition to providing valuable information concerning the disposition of the units of the 21st NVA Regt, 2d NVA Div, led elements of the Americal Division to several weapons caches.

(c) Both CPT Huu and MSG Chu were classified as Hoi Chanhs. They have proved to be extremely cooperative and have provided valuable information.

g. Counterintelligence Section.

(1) The Counterintelligence Section continued to provide counterintelligence services.

(2) The section completed a series of courtesy inspections of all staff sections and units directly subordinate to the Division. This type of inspection had the purpose of pointing out deficiencies and weaknesses in the handling of classified documents and materials, and to assist staff sections and subordinate units in the establishment of sound security procedures.

(3) In conjunction with Annual General Inspections, the section began conducting formal semi-annual counterintelligence inspections. It may be noted that the courtesy inspections, described in 5b above, produced a notable impact on individuals responsible for the security of activities of the Division. This is evidenced by the improvement of security procedures and practices of the sections inspected. The semi-annual inspections will continue into the coming quarter.

(4) Instructions for changing combinations on Sergeant and Greenleaf padlocks and dial type built-in combination locks were published by the section. This was done to preclude the fouling of lock mechanisms, thus rendering security containers and locks useless.

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(5) The section published Americal Reg 381-2, Vol-unteer Informant Program. This regulation provides guidance concerning procedures for rewarding civilian Vietnamese who provide information about the enemy to US Forces.

(6) During the reporting period, the Local National Employee Program was organized in conjunction with the Provost Marshal and the Chu Lai Industrial Relations Office. The CI Section has established card files for all Local National Employees. Security statements and application forms of new employees are received regularly from the IRO, and employees rosters are received monthly from the employing unit.

(7) Personnel shortages within the section resulted in recalling liaison personnel stationed in Duc Pho and Quang Ngai City to the Division Headquarters. The liaison agent in Tam Ky was not replaced upon DEROS.

(8) The Division CI Section was relocated to the Division Prisoner of War Collection Point area to enable closer coordination with the Americal Interrogation Section, 569th MI Detachment CI Section, and the Chu Lai Sub-team, 7th Counter-intelligence Team (USMC).
gent and Greenleaf padlocks and dial type built-in combination locks were published by the section. This was done to preclude the fouling of lock mechanisms, thus rendering security containers and locks useless.

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D. Plans, Operations and Training.

1. G3 Section

a. (C) Operation HOOD RIVER was conducted during the period 2-13 August 1967 with elements of Americal Division (1/101 Abn Div, 196th Lt Inf Bde (-)) operating against Base Area 118 and 120 while the 2d ARVN Division conducted operations against Base Area 121 and 2d ROK Mar Bde blocked in the lowlands to the East. Operation HOOD RIVER had the objective of locating and destroying enemy forces and installations in and around the base areas and disrupting LOC. Command and Control was effected from a "coordinated" CP at which Americal, ROK Marine and 2d ARVN elements were located. No significant problems were encountered in planning for and executing the operation. Results for Operation HOOD RIVER are as follows:

<u>FRND</u> (US Only)	<u>ENEMY</u> (US Actions)
3 KHA	78 KIL
38 WHA	7 CIA
	45 IW

b. (C) Operation BENTON was planned to invade Base Area 117 for the purpose of locating and destroying enemy forces and installations in the area while disrupting enemy supply lines and bases. This was conducted during the period 13-31 August 1967 by 1st Bde, 101st Abn, 196th Lt Inf Bde (-), and CIDG Forces from TIEN PHUOC Camp. The operation was highly successful. No significant problems were encountered in planning this operation. Results for Operation BENTON are as follows:

<u>FRND</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>
41 KHA	397 KIA (C)
293 WHA	18 CIA
	158 IW
	6 HOI CHANH

c. (u) 1 Sep 67, GEN Krulak, CG, FMFPAC, visited Americal Division.

d. (C) Operation COOK, again employing the 1/101 Abn Bde, was planned as a distant security operation to protect QUANG NGAI City during the September Presidential Elections. The GVN requested that a US presence be established in the mountains West of QUANG NGAI City and that search and destroy operations be conducted in that area to prevent sizable enemy forces from attempting to disrupt election

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processes. The operation was conducted during the period 2 - 10 September 1967 and successfully prevented disruption of the GV elections. No significant problems were encountered in planning for this operation. Results for Operation COOK are as follows:

<u>FRND</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>
3 KHA	54 KIA (C)
13 WHA	2 CIA
	13 IW

e. (U) 5 Sep 67, enemy forces utilize 120mm mortars on an attack on TAM KY. First enemy use of heavy mortars near Americal Division TAOR.

f. (U) 5 Sep 67, GEN Westmoreland, COMUSMACV, visited Americal Division and was briefed on current situation.

g. (C) 6 Sep 67, tests continue with the MPD E-63 "People Sniffer". Chemical section is developing teams to employ the equipment in an airborne mode with the sensor hanging below a UH-1D flying at treetop level. Preliminary findings indicate the equipment can accurately detect small groups which cannot be detected by any other means at hand.

h. (C) 10 Sep 67, Combat Tracking Teams have been assigned to the Americal Division. One team to the 1/101st Abn Bde and one team to the 196th Bde.

i. (C) Operation COOK was terminated prematurely and the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div was committed to Operation WHEELER on 11 September 1967 in response to intelligence developed by 1st Marine Division elements in heavy contact with 20th NVA Div elements in the QUE SON Valley. Operation WHEELER was planned and executed in a minimum time and has continued throughout the remainder of the reporting period. No significant problems were encountered in preparing and executing this operation. Results at the close of the reporting period were as follows:

<u>FRND</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>
120 KHA	251 VC KIA (C)
516 WHA	424 NVA KIA (C)
	89 IW

j. (C) 11 Sep 67, Advance Planning Group from the 11th Light Infantry Brigade visited with the Americal Division, CHU LAI.

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k. (U) 11 Sep 67, SONG VE River bridge on Highway # 1 was officially dedicated.

l. (U) 15 Sep 67, Advance Planning Group of 198th Light Infantry Brigade arrived at CHU LAI.

m. (U) 15 Sep 67, GOLDEN FLEECE Operations, designed to use US Forces as security for Vietnamese civilians harvesting rice, become increasingly important as the crop matures.

n. (C) 17 Sep 67, 554th Engr Co attached to Americal Division effective 4 Sep 67.

o. (U) 18 Sep 67, 1st Marine Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division conducts LRRP training for Americal units.

p. (C) 1 Oct 67, Americal Division assumes OPCON of 3d Brigade, 1st Air Cav Div.

q. (C) Operation WALLOWA was planned and executed upon the introduction of the 3d Bde, 1st ACD (AML) into I CTZ of the Americal Division. The brigade relieved elements of the 1st Marine Division in the QUE SON Valley on 4 Oct 67 and has conducted operations in that area throughout the remainder of the reporting period. No significant problems were encountered in the planning for the operation. Results for Operation WALLOWA at the close of the reporting period were as follows:

<u>FRND</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>
48 KHA	251 VC KIL (C)
178 WHA	424 NVA KIA (C)
	89 IW

r. (C) 6 Oct 67, Flood Reaction Contingency Plan is prepared for aiding US units and Vietnamese civilians during the monsoon season.

s. (C) 15 Oct 67, 3d Bde, 1st ACD assumes OPCON of 1/1 Cav (-) in TAM KY.

t. (C) 16 Oct 67, C/2/34 ARm released from Americal Division.

u. (C) 17 Oct 67, 2/11 Cav released from Americal Division.

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v. (U) 23 Oct 67, 198th Light Infantry Brigade debarks LST's at CHU LAI.

w. (C) 26 Oct 67, the 196th Brigade receives two flat bottom "Kenner Ski Barges" for evaluation in patrolling island waterways.

x. (C) During the period of 1 August to 31 October 1967 there were 3,727 tactical air sorties flown in support of Task Force Oregon/Americal Division. This figure breaks down into the following: 491 Combat Sky Spot/T-10 sorties; 2,237 preplanned close air support sorties; 999 immediate close air support sorties.

y. (C) During the period 1 August to 31 October 1967 there were two (2) Arc Light Strikes. There was insufficient battle damage assessment of these strikes.

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2. (C) Artillery.

a. Assigned or attached elements.

Headquarters, Americal Division Artillery.
 2d Battalion, 11th Artillery (155mm Howitzer) (Towed).
 3d Battalion 16th Artillery (155mm Howitzer) (Towed).
 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (8 inch Howitzer/175mm
 Gun) (Self-Propelled).
 OPCON
 5th Marine Battery (Provisional).
 1st Platoon 155 Gun Battery (Self-Propelled).
 3d Platoon 8 inch Howitzer Battery (Self-Propelled).
 Battery A, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery (155mm Howit-
 zer) (Towed).
 3d Platoon, Battery G (Searchlight), 30th Artillery
 1st Platoon, Battery C (50 Caliber), 65th Artillery
 (Automatic Weapons).

b. At the end of the report period, the 16 searchlights of the 3d Platoon, Battery G, 29th Artillery were deployed in support of Americal Division units as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>I ?OF??HTS</u>
1st Battalion, 21st Artillery, 3d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile)	4
3d Battalion, 82d Artillery, 196th Light Infantry Brigade	2
Chu Lai Defense Command	1
3d Battalion, 18th Artillery, (196th Light Infantry Brigade AO)	3
2d Battalion, 9th Artillery, 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division	2
2d Battalion, 11th Artillery, (3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division AO)	4

c. The four M55's (Quad .50) of the 1st Platoon, Battery G, 65th Artillery (Automatic Weapons) are deployed under the OPCON of the 3d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile).

2. (C) Summary of Events.

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a. With the redesignation of Headquarters, Task Force OREGON as Headquarters, Americal Division on 20 September 1967, Task Force OREGON Artillery became Americal Division Artillery. The division artillery continues to operate at the austere manning level originally set up for the Task Force, but is scheduled to activate a normal Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, TOE, 6-302, in November.

b. All artillery units with Americal Division received the Field Artillery Digital Automated Computer (FADAC) and associated equipment in August 1967. A team from Field Artillery Digital Automatic Computer/Tactical Imagery Interpretation Facility Assistance Team, Pacific conducted operator and maintenance courses for all personnel of all artillery battalions during the period 21-25 August 1967. The equipment was issued on 25 August 1967, following completion of the course of instruction. FADAC has proven to be a reliable, effective time saving gunnery device, when operational. However, a deadline rate of 33% was experienced.

3. (C) Operations.

a. The Americal Division Artillery in addition to exercising full command over the units listed paragraph d, supervises artillery techniques and coordinates the fire of 5 direct support artillery battalions and two separate batteries. This artillery is spread laterally a distance of some 150 kilometers. In addition to its primary mission of providing artillery fires for the Americal Division, the Division Artillery provides supporting fires, on a coordination and cooperation basis for the 2d ARVN Division, the 2d ROK Marine Brigade, and for Special Forces Teams and US Marine units operating in or adjacent to the Division TAOR.

b. During the report period Division Artillery provided supporting artillery fires for the following major operations of the Division.

Operation HOOD RIVER	2-13 August 1967
Operation BENTON	14-31 August 1967
Operation COOK	2-10 September 1967
Operation WHEELER	11 September 1967 (Continuing)
Operation WALLOWA	4 October 1967 (Continuing)

(1) HOOD RIVER

(a) In coordination with the 2d ARVN Division and the 2d ROK Marine Brigade, the Americal Division (then Task Force OREGON) conducted assaults in zone to destroy enemy forces and installations in the vicinity of Base Area 121.

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(b) Division Artillery supported the operation with two 155mm Howitzer batteries and one 8 inch/175mm gun battery in addition to direct support artillery. C Battery, 2d Battalion, 11th Artillery (155mm Howitzer) was moved by helicopter to a firing position in vicinity of HA THAN CIDG Camp (BS 393703) on 31 July 1967 to reinforce the fires of the 2d Battalion, 320th Artillery. On 2 August 1967, B Battery, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (8 inch/175mm gun) and C Battery, 3d Battalion 16th Artillery (155mm Howitzer) moved to firing positions in the vicinity of BS 467870 to provide general support for the operation and to reinforce the fires of the 2d Battalion, 320th Artillery. C Battery, 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery provided direct support for the 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. The artillery organization for combat was as follows:

2d Battalion, 9th Artillery (-)	DS - 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division
3d Battalion, 82d Artillery (+)	DS - 196th Light Infantry Brigade
2d Battalion, 11th Artillery (-)	GSR - 2d Battalion, 9th Artillery
C Battery OPCON to 2d Battalion, 320th Artillery)	Reinf - 2d Battalion, 320th Artillery
3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (-)	GSR - 2d Battalion, 320th Artillery

(2) BENTON

(a) Americal Division (then Task Force OREGON) conducted offensive operations to locate and destroy enemy forces, installations and facilities in and around Base Area 117.

(b) Division Artillery supported the operation with three 155mm howitzer batteries and one 8 inch/175mm gun battery in addition to direct support artillery. On 11 August 1967, C Battery, 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery moved to the TIEN PHOUC CIDG Camp (BT 104149) and on 14 August 1967 was placed under OPCON of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. The artillery organization for combat was as follows:

2d Battalion, 9th Artillery (-)	DS - 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division
3d Battalion, 82d Artillery (+)	DS - 196th Light Infantry Brigade
2d Battalion, 320th Artillery	DS - 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division

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2d Bn, 11th Arty (+)	Reinf - 2d Bn, 9th Arty
3d Bn, 16th Arty (-)	GSR
A Btry	Reinf - 3d Bn, 82d Arty
Howitzer Btry, 2d Sqdn,	
11th Arm Cav Regt	
B Btry	
3d Bn, 18th Arty (-)	GSR - 3d Bn, 82d Arty
B Btry	

(3) COOK

(a) The Division supported Vietnamese elections by:
(1) Conducting aggressive cordon and search operations within assigned TAOR's; (2) Provided distant security by search and destroy and screening tactics for polling sites established within areas of responsibility; (3) Providing logistical air support to RVNAF, when necessary, within restrictions required by US policy; (4) Providing ground or heli-borne company-size ready-reaction forces, on order, to areas deemed appropriate due to displacement of GVN forces during election period.

(b) Division Artillery conducted and accelerated H & I program on areas containing enemy infiltration routes and likely areas for rocket/mortar firing sites. The operation was supported from the normal (permanent) artillery positions except for a provisional 4-howitzer battery from the 2d Bn, 11th Arty which on 4 SEP 67 was moved to HA THANH (BT 130201) to reinforce the 2d Bn, 320th Arty. Organization for combat was as follows:

2d Bn, 9th Arty (-)	DS - 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div
3d Bn, 82d Arty (+)	DS - 196th Lt Inf Bde
2d Bn, 320th Arty	DS - 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div
2d Bn, 11th Arty (+)	GS; Reinf - 2d Bn, 9th Arty and 2d Bn, 320th Arty with 1 Btry each.
3d Bn, 16th Arty	Reinf - 3d Bn, 82d Arty
3d Bn, 18th Arty	GS Reinf - 3d Bn, 82d Arty

(4) WHEELER

(a) On 10 SEP 67, the Americal Division commenced a 5-battalion offensive and security operation, in three phases, to destroy enemy base camps, fortifications and enemy forces operating in terrain west of TAM KY and along Route 1 between TAM KY and Hill 63. The operation continues

(b) Division Artillery supported the operation as follows: C Btry, 3d Bn, 16th Arty displaced to the TIEN PHOUC

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Special Forces Camp (BT 105144) on 10 SEP 67 to provide reinforcing fires for the 2d Bn, 320th Arty. The battery moved again on 26 SEP 67 to AT992183 to continue its mission of reinforcing the 2d Bn, 320th Arty, returning to TIEN PHOUC on 19 OCT 67. Artillery organization for combat was as follows:

2d Bn, 9th Arty (-)	DS - 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div
3d Bn, 82d Arty (+)	DS - 196th Lt Inf Bde
2d Bn, 320th Arty	DS - 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div
2d Bn, 11th Arty (+)	Reinf - 2d Bn, 9th Arty
3d Bn, 16th Arty	Reinf - 3d Bn, 82d Arty
C Btry	Reinf - 2d Bn, 320th Arty
3d Bn, 18th Arty (-)	GSR, 3d Bn, 82d Arty

(5) WALLOWA

(a) The Americal Division conducted offensive NVA/VA main and local force units and provide security to Province Headquarters TAM KY and engineer elements along Highway 1 between TAM KY and Hill 63 (BT132453). The 3d Bde, 1st Air Cav Div was added to the Americal Division force for the operation. The operation continues.

(b) Division Artillery supported the operation as follows: A Btry, 3d Bn, 16th Arty displaced to Hill 29 (BT 224311) on 14 OCT 67 to provide GSR fires for the 1st Bn, 21st Arty. A platoon of B Btry, 3d Bn, 18th Arty (2-175 mm guns) displaced to Hill 29 on 2 OCT 67 and the 8-inch platoon was displaced to Hill 63 (BT139444) on 26 OCT 67 to provide GSR fire for the 1st Bn, 21st Arty. Along with the DS artillery of the brigades, the Division Artillery was augmented by one 155 mm Btry (A Btry, 1st Bn, 30th Arty), a four-piece provisional Marine battery and by a section (4-M55 Machine Guns) of G Btry, 65th Arty, all of which were placed under OPCON of the 1st Bn, 21st Arty. Artillery organization for combat was as follows:

2d Bn, 9th Arty (-)	DS - 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div
3d Bn, 82d Arty	DS - 196th Lt Inf Bde
2d Bn, 320th Arty	DS - 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div
1st Bn, 21st Arty (+)	DS - 3d Bde, 1st Air Cav Div
2d Bn, 11th Arty (+)	Reinf - 2d Bn, 9th Arty
3d Bn, 16th Arty	Reinf - 3d Bn, 82d Arty
	2d Bn, 320th Arty
3d Bn, 18th Arty (-)	GS, Reinf - 1st Bn, 21st Arty with one battery.

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3. (C) Aviation.

Significant figures for Americal Aviation units are as follows:

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HRS FLOWN	13,246	14,721	16,881	44,848
SORTIES:	50,549	50,943	42,128	143,620
ACFT HITS:	58	83	97	238
MEDEVACS:	129	136	222	487
TONS OF CARGO:	7,368	8,633	11,320	27,321
ORDNANCE EXPENDED				
7.62mm:	1,006,260	1,366,316	1,812,228	4,184,802
40mm:	18,075	20,755	31,263	70,093
2.75 rockets	7,306	8,362	17,208	32,876

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4. Chemical.

a. (U) This office received a copy of the III MAF Crop Destruction Program and an overlay of the Free Herbicide Zone (HZ) within the I CTZ on 9 AUG 67. Command and staff elements of the headquarters were briefed on the significance of this program. To assist subordinate units in originating requests for crop destruction and defoliation missions, a true copy of the above program was distributed to each brigade. By establishing the FHZ, it is anticipated that considerable time will be saved in getting aerial herbicide requests approved and thereby make the program more responsive to unit requirements. During this reporting period, two requests for aerial defoliation have been processed from the 196th Lt Inf Bde. Requirements for aerial defoliation or crop destruction missions, prior to the establishment of the the FHZ, have averaged six to nine months in being processed and receiving approval.

b. (U) The 88th Maintenance Bn, located at Qui Nhon, was contacted on 12 AUG 67 and requested to provide a chemical contact team to Task Force Oregon to hydrostatic test our portable flame throwers. On 13 AUG, a chemical contact team from the 98th Lt Maintenance Co arrived to perform the required testing. All portable flame throwers of the Task Force were tested during the five-day period of their visit. This team will be requested to return in February 1968 to perform the semi-annual testing of all portable flame throwers in the Americal Division.

c. (U) A survey of brigade requirements for bulk CS-1 was completed on 14 August. Results of the survey indicated that the current TRSR (Theater Required Supply Rate) 180 lbs per brigade per day was not required. A message was sent to USARV requesting that the TRSR for bulk CS-1 for the Americal Division be reduced to 160 lbs per brigade per day. On 18 SEP, we were notified by message from USARV that the TRSR for bulk CS-1 had been increased from 180 lbs to 295 lbs per brigade per day. Based upon present usage factors, the increase in bulk CS-1 is not essential for our operations at this time and may result in overstockage of the ASP.

d. (U) On 21 AUG 67, Mr. Richard Johnson, Technical Representative from General Electric, delivered six Manpacked Personnel Detectors to this headquarters. Only two of the six machines received were modified in the airborne mode. During Mr. Johnson's visit, the remaining four sets were modified for use in the airborne mode. After modification, all sets were tested, and it was determined that only two were operational. the four inoperative sets were evacuated to the maintenance.

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facility at Qui Nhon for check out and repairs. During the period from 22 AUG - 12 SEP 67, ground and airborne operation training with the modified MPD was conducted for five personnel from the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, four from the 196th Lt Inf Bde, three from the 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div, and three from the Chemical Section, Hq Task Force Oregon. The first tactical employment of the MPD took place on 13 SEP, in support of the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div. To date, thirty missions have been flown in support of units of the Americal Division (formerly Task Force Oregon.)

The capability of the detector to confirm or determine enemy location has been rated from 75-85 percent reliable.

The 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div located seven detectors previously issued to them. Three have been turned in to the Americal Division for modification and redistribution and four were retained by the unit. Currently, all Americal Division brigades, less the 198th Lt Inf Bde, which just arrived in-country, have detectors available for use. An allocation is expected to be made to the 198th Lt Inf Bde upon completion of their in-country orientation.

On 5 OCT, a BOI for the modified MPD was sent to USARV recommending that four detectors be authorized each brigade and six for each division headquarters.

e. (U) On 24 SEP 67, USARV requested that we submit a consolidated requirement for riot-control agent, CS-2, NLT 12 OCT 67. This agent has about the same effect as CS-1, but is more persistent and has a lower flash point. A survey of each brigade established a total requirement of 29 lbs per brigade per day. On 19 OCT, USARV requested DA to establish a TRSR for CS-2 at 30 lbs per brigade per day. This will be ample to fulfill our present requirements.

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5. Engineer.

a. (C) Throughout the reporting period, monsoon preparation work on 21 construction projects progressed, construction being performed by the 9th Marine Engineer Bn and elements of the 30th Naval Construction Regiment. Approximately 45% of the total requirement was completed...the major delays caused by lack of construction materials and unforeseen high priority work in support of Naval and Army requirements. Route 1 upgrading to all weather, class 50 capacity was not completed due to the lack of 17,000 cubic yards of rock which was not provided to stabilize the road surface.

b. The Division braced for the up-coming monsoon in a posture of semi-preparedness from an engineering standpoint. Route 1 was, and is, the major concern. To help alleviate the LOC situation, the following projects commenced in late September:

- (1) Installation of LST beaching facility at Sa Huynh (1st Log Cmd).
- (2) Expansion of ASP capacity at Duc Pho (39th Engr Bn).
- (3) Installation of a 50,000 barrel tank farm at Duc Pho (30th Naval Construction Regt).
- (4) Upgrading of Duc Pho C-130 airfield base and drainage system.

c. (C) The anticipated arrival of new brigades resulting in a five-brigade division, combined with tactical operations north of Tam Ky, placed additional loads on an already-strained engineer support posture. These conditions were just beginning to develop at the close of the reporting period and negotiations concerning engineer work lines and areas of responsibility are now in progress with the 45th Engr Gp and the Div Engineer, 1st Air Cav Div.

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5. Chu Lai Defense Command

a. (C) During the period of this report a number of changes occurred in units in the Chu Lai Defense Sector.

(1) Units departing Chu Lai Defense Command included:

- a. Mobile Construction Battalion 8 (Subsector I)
- b. 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Subsector VIII)
- c. Detachment, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Reinf) (Subsector VIII)
- d. Mobile Construction Battalion 71 (Subsector IV)
- e. Marine Aircraft Group 36 (Subsector I)
- f. 7th Communications Battalion (Subsector III)

(2) (C) Newly arrived units lodging in the Chu Lai Defense Sector included:

- a. Mobile Construction Battalion 6 (Subsector I)
- b. Mobile Construction Battalion 40 (Subsector IV)
- c. 39th Engineer Battalion (-) (Subsector VII)
- d. 588th Maintenance Company (DS) (DIV) (Subsector III)
- e. 288th Aviation Company (Subsector I)
- f. Company C, 15th Aviation Battalion (Subsector I)
- g. 160th Engineer Company (DS) (Subsector III)

(3) (C) Units relocated during this period included:

- a. Headquarters, Division Artillery (Subsector I)
- b. 335th Aircraft Maintenance Company (Subsector I)
- c. 176th Aviation Company (Subsector I)

(4) (C) Commanding Officer, Mobile Construction Battalion 6 assumed command of Subsector I effective 5 October 1967 vice Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36.

b. (C) Boundary adjustments were made between Subsector VII and VIII to accommodate the 39th Engineer Battalion (-). their base camp area overlapped into Subsector VIII and by mutual agreement the Subsector VIII area of responsibility was reduced correspondingly. See Inclosure 2.

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c. (C) Additional boundary adjustments were effected with Subsector V and VIII on 8 September 1967. Subsector V boundary was extended to the west edge of the small permanent lake located near the southern perimeter. This was another substantial decrease in the area of responsibility for Subsector VII and more compatible with their capability of manning that portion of the perimeter. Tower 82 was redesignated Tower 52.

d. (U) Construction of three additional observation towers has been delayed due to the lack of materials.

e. (U) Bunker construction materials remain in short supply. Higher priority projects continue to receive all available stocks. 60% of the perimeter bunkers meet the criteria established by letter at the onset of the building program.

f. (C) During the latter part of October Chu Lai Defense Command was given an ASR of 50 hand held illuminating flares. However rates were further reduced for the division and Chu Lai Defense Command's allocation was withdrawn completely. A meeting of the subsector security officers was held to determine the number of flares on hand in each subsector and develop a usage factor for future planning. Subsector II and VI had quantities of flares on hand which were in excess of their immediate needs. These flares were brought to the CLDC TOC and redistributed on the basis of two basic loads per bunker to subsectors which were unable to replenish depleted stocks. The remainder of the flares were stored as a reserve in the event the shortage at the ASP becomes prolonged.

To reduce the expenditures of hand held flares Subsectors VII and VIII were advised to request artillery and aircraft flare illumination. However care must be exercised in the use of artillery illumination to prevent casualties which may result from the projectile impact.

g. (C) The 7th Communications Battalion and Marine Aircraft Group 36 operated an excellent perimeter lighting system. Both units have relocated to other installations north of Chu Lai. As a result approximately 2500 meters of perimeter lighting hardware and generating equipment was removed from the line. New units responsible for that portion of the perimeter have neither the hardware, cable, or generating equipment to provide fixed illumination. Units have requisitioned generators and other lighting equipment to replace that which was removed.

h. (C) Elements of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division established a base camp on the high ground adjacent to Chu Lai Defense Command Subsectors I, II, and III. A Company, 320th Engineer

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Battalion cut access roads, cleared the perimeter of vegetation and enclosed the base camp with a belt of concertina wire five rolls in depth. A joint survey conducted by the Security Officer, 1st Bde, 101st Airborne Division and the executive officer and S3, CLDC, determined a need for twenty bunkers and five twenty foot observation towers along the perimeter of the base camp. As construction materials become available the bunkers and observation towers will be constructed. However, it is anticipated that no major effort will be made by the Airborne Brigade due to their future relocation plans. Units manning the original perimeter positions were relieved of the responsibility and reallocated remaining perimeter bunkers.

i. (C) The night observation capability was reduced considerably with the relocation of one of the searchlight teams to provide illumination of units operating north of Tam Ky. The least used team from the base of Tower 81 was selected to execute the mission.

j. (C) On the 8th of October the Chu Lai Installation was lashed by a tropical storm which dumped 17.2 inches of rain within a 24 hour period. Considerable damage was sustained by the road network on the base. Shoulders of black top surfaced roads were washed away. Regrading of shoulders proved ineffective. Crushed rock has been dumped in the most seriously affected areas to prevent further deterioration of the road bed. Culverts in Subsectors VIII and V were completely washed away on the perimeter road and the trash dump road. The bypass for the concrete bridge in Subsector VII had the effect of a dam before it gave way and caused considerable flooding in the low areas occupied by the 188th Maintenance Battalion and the 39th Engineer Battalion. The concrete culverts in Subsector IV were underwashed causing the level of the road to drop several feet. The footing of the bridge on the MSR near the USO beach was undermined by flooding waters reducing traffic to one lane for several weeks while repairs were made. All perimeter roads required considerable fill and regrading effort. Buildings withstood the wind gusts but offered little in the way of protection against the driving rain. Several large antenna masts were snapped at the communications relay site. The observation towers were evacuated at the height of the storm. A number of the units sandbagged roofs to prevent their being blown away by gusting winds.

Subsector III reported that Bunker 355 was completely washed away by waves and Bunker 340 and 351 were evacuated as rising waters endangered personnel. Bunkers along the north side of the perimeter road in Subsector VII were damaged by water washing away the base and causing the protective layers of sand bags to fall away and expose the timber structure. Several reports were received of overhead cover collapsing and injuring the occupants.

k. (C) On 300057H August 1967, Subsector VIII received 40 rounds of enemy 60mm and 82mm mortar fire near the 14th Aviation Battalion helipad. Firing positions for the 82mm mortars were

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located at coordinates BT578019 and 60mm mortar positions at BT572020. Positions were confirmed by packing debris and misfires left at the sites. Thirty-nine craters were located between coordinates BT578028 and BT576032. Twelve to fifteen rounds impacted in the 161st Aviation Company refueling area. Two refueling hoses and one nozzle were punctured. The nearest rounds were 30 meters short on the gun target line. Two rounds fell near Bunker 880, coordinates BT578028. One 82mm mortar round landed 6 feet in front of the bunker. The two men occupying the bunker climbed into the Armored Personnel Carrier flame thrower vehicle killing the driver and wounding the other individual [sic]. Two more rounds impacted ten meters from tents occupied by personnel of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, vicinity of BT576028. One individual received a light wound in the buttocks. Two more rounds landed near the base of Tower 82. Personnel in Tower 82 upon sighting muzzle flashes at an azimuth of 205 degrees and a range of 500 meters, opened fire with an M-60 machine gun expending approximately 1200 rounds. The Chu Lai Defense Sector was placed on alert condition YELLOW at 0101 hours and remained on YELLOW alert until 121 hours at which time it returned to normal conditions. Flare and gunships were used within the area of attack.

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E. Logistics.

1. (U) The primary problems facing the G-4 during this period were establishing locations for incoming units, building stockage levels, improving maintenance, repair parts, supply posture of the Division, and expanding base development.

2. (U) On 15 SEP the principal mission to support Army units at Chu Lai was shifted from Cam Ranh Bay to Qui Nhon for Class II & IV supplies, less common items which remains with COMNAVFORV. Previously, requisitions were passed through Qui Nhon to Cam Ranh Bay for shipping. This has improved control of documents and coordination capability, which has resulted in improved response to supply requirements. However, movement from Qui Nhon port to Chu Lai has been a problem due to lack of shipping.

3. (U) Personnel of the 588th DS Maintenance Co (DIV) arrived at Chu Lai on 21 SEP 67. Their equipment arrived 12 OCT, and they are now assigned to the 80th GS GP with the mission to provide back-up maintenance support to non-divisional units.

4. (U) On 27 SEP a fortification and construction platoon from the 31st GS Co arrived in Chu Lai. They are assigned to the 80th GS GP and further OPCON to the 94th S & S Bn with mission to operate the Engineer Class IV Yard located with the 94th S & S Bn.

5. (U) On 1 OCT, the over-the-beach operation at Duc Pho was discontinued due to the monsoon season, and the principal supply LOC switched to convoy via Rte 1 from Qui Nhon to Duc Pho with secondary means by air and by convoy from Chu Lai. In addition, on or about 17 OCT, a small port facility was established at Sa Huynh, approximately 11 kilometers south of Duc Pho, with an estimated capacity of 200 S/t per day. When fully operational, it is planned to resupply barges anchored off shore and move cargo from barges by LCU into the port facility.

6. (U) On 4 OCT, the 80th GS GP received the 57th Transportation Truck Co and the 556th POL Platoon to provide needed backup transportation support for the Americal Division.

7. (U) During OCT, the Marine 7th Communications Bn and Marine Air Group 36 commenced movement from Chu Lai with subsequent movement of Army units into these areas. This posed an immediate problem of providing electrical power, water, and other equipment and support for cantonment facilities as generators, water pumps and bags were displaced with the Marines. This problem is being alleviated by receipt of 100 KW Generators and

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anticipated receipt of collapsible water bags, water pipe, and water pumps in the near future. However, this constant influx and displacement of units at Chu Lai and the resulting problems of cantonment support continues to bring out the difficulties resulting from the lack of a Post Engineer type activity and inadequate R & U support at Chu Lai.

8. (U) The addition of the 1st Bde/101st Abn Div, the 198th Lt Inf Bde, and the 3d Bde/1st Air Cav Div along with other elements of the 1st Air Cav Div into the Chu Lai-Duc Pho areas increased support requirements to a five-brigade force. This placed an extremely heavy demand on Americal Div Class II & IV, Class V stocks were readily built up. However, this large requirement, added to a reduction in the amounts of Class II and IV supplies received during October, resulted in a continuing large number of ASL zero balances. As a result of liaison visits and meetings with Qui Nhon Spt Cmd, Hq 1st Log Cmd, and USARV personnel, it appeared that shipping is the major problem as large tonnages of Class II and IV have been released from Depot and are at Qui Nhon port. Action is being taken to alleviate this situation.

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F. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

1. (U) Organization.

a. The G5 section of the Americal Division is a standard TOE Infantry Division G5 section with:

G5	LTC
Asst G5	MAJ
Admin Supv	E-7
Clerk/typist	E-4
Driver	E-3

b. The section is full strength. However, the driver presently assigned is a SP4, E-4.

c. The G5 section has a USMC augmentation of one USMC Major and a USMC enlisted clerk. This augmentation is provided by HQ III Marine Amphibious Force to assist in the supervision of the civil affairs/civic action activities of the USN/USMC elements in the Chu Lai area.

d. The G5 section is further augmented by two civil affairs platoons which are under the operational control of the US Office of Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS). The two civil affairs platoons each have two (2) officers and four (4) enlisted authorized by TOE. The 4th platoon, in an area support role in the Duc Pho TAOR is at full strength. The 6th platoon, in area support of the Chu Lai TAOR is short one (1) officer. Both platoons coordinate the overall civic action program in the Americal Division TAOR and act as liaison agents between the US Military and civilian agencies.

e. Each brigade of the Division has an S5 and appropriate staff at brigade level. Of the five (5) brigades which presently comprise the Americal Division, three (3) (196th Inf Bde, 198th Inf Bde, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div) have primary duty S5's at battalion level. The battalions of the 3d Bde, 1st Air Cav Div and the 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div have personnel acting as the S5 as and additional duty.

f. On 15 September, the 1st Bde, 101st Abn and the 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div lost the civil affairs displaced persons teams which were attached to them from the 41st Civil Affairs Company in Nha Trang. Both these teams returned to their parent organization.

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g. Two (2) civil affairs displaced persons teams of the 29th Civil Affairs Company, continue to perform in an area support refugee relief role in Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Province. One (1) team is under the operational control of the senior province advisor in each of the two (2) provinces. The teams assist the provincial refugee programs by maintaining records of relief supplies from CORDS warehouses to issue points.

2. (U) Operations.

a. In order to clarify the coordination channels between elements of the Division and the GVN province and district officials and the US Advisory Teams, the G5 instructed the subordinate units of the Division that the office of the ACofS, G5, Americal Division would be the focal point for all coordination of functions in the G5 area of interest. This was done to eliminate duplication of effort and to assist the officials at province and district levels by limiting the number of persons with which the officials would have to deal with on a day to day basis. An agreement was reached between the G5, Americal Division where daily coordination could be performed through the Division liaison officer at the 2d ARVN Div TOC. The Americal Division was also invited to send a representative to the weekly staff meeting held at CORDS Headquarters in the province capitals.

b. Meetings were held in early August between GVN officials and the staff to discuss combat operations for period just prior to and during the GVN National elections to be held on 3 September 1967. LTC Tho, Province Chief, Quang Tin Province, RVN, presented a plan whereby US Forces would increase patrol activities and conduct combat operations to interdict the natural routes of approach into populated areas. The US Forces would provide distant security for the polling places and the ARVN, RF/PF and RD teams would provide close-in security. The result of this meeting was Operation Cook. Both provinces recorded record voter turn-out with only minor incidents.

c. A series of meetings was held during August and September between the Public Safety Team from the 29th Civil Affairs Company in Danang and the US and GVN officials in Chu Lai and Duc Pho areas to establish a system of commodities control and procedures to register and control fishing boats on the inland water ways and the beach areas around the Chu Lai and Duc Pho base areas.

d. During the period 10 thru 20 August, the G5 attended a series of meetings with the 196th Inf Bde, CORDS officials in

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Quang Ngai and Danang, and GVN officials, These meetings were to coordinate a population relocation operation which was to be conducted by the 4th Bn, 31st Inf, 196th Inf Bde. Approximately 4000 VN nationals were to be relocated from a VC controlled area to a GVN controlled hamlet at Son Tra (1) (BT 6520020) in Binh Giang Village, Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN. The G5 was responsible for coordinating CORDS support for the operation. The operation began on 21 August 1967 and was suspended from 25 August until 7 September 1967, so as not to interfere with the GVN National elections. During the period when persons were not being relocated there persons who had been relocated prepared their homes, improved water supplies and resumed their normal activities. The majority of the people are fishermen and they resumed their occupational activity within 24 hours after being relocated. The relocation operation resumed on 8 September 1967, and was completed on 13 September 1967. A total of 4092 Vietnamese nationals were relocated during the operation. Family and family group integrity was maintained during the movement and in relocation sites. The operation was highly successful and met the objective of removing the people from VC control and denying the VC a source of food, shelter, and support. The essential elements of the successful relocation were close coordination between US Military and district GVN officials and the desire of the relocated populace to establish secure homesites.

e. On 19 August 1967, a team composed of MAJ Henry J. Lewis, US Army, Mr. Donald Johnston, and Mr. Tran Huu Tri, of CORDS, Saigon, visited to evaluate Task Force Oregon's (Americal Division) operations in Quang Ngai province and the effect these operations have had on pacification progress in Quang Ngai Province. The team departed on 23 August 1967.

f. On 25 August 1967, the G5 negotiated for the use of some land adjacent to the Chu Lai base perimeter for use of the 1st Bde, 101st Abn as a base camp for the period of 15 Sep - 31 Oct 67. The district chief approved the use of the land. After the land was occupied, trees had to be removed so the defensive wire could be installed. The Americal Division is in the process of acquiring the land for long term use. LT Shank, USN, MACV Real Estate Section, recommended that indemnification for the land. This information was passed to the district chief.

g. Civil action supplies such as lumber, tin, and cement are sometimes hard to get. The G5 has been attempting to establish an area where scrap lumber and other supplies to be used for civic action can be consolidated for issue to civic action elements. The 6th CA Plt has constructed a storage yard near the Americal Division CP area for the purpose of storing these supplies. The G5 has

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coordinated with the 94th S&S Bn of the AMCAL Spt Bde to get all salvage canvas, lumber, and any other items which could be of use. Items will be issued from the civic action storage yard to all units participating in civic action.

h. Starting on 1 Oct 67, the G5 coordinated with district and province GVN officials for land on Ky Hoa Island to be used as a helipad by Avn elements of the 1st Air Cav Div. The land was taken as a military necessity under provisions para 4b, MACV Dir 405-1 for a limited period of time. On 23 Oct 67, a formal request for the land was submitted to III MAF, under provisions of para 4a (1), MACV Dir 405-1.

i. On 19 October 1967, COL Don P. Wyckoff, Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington D.C., visited the Americal Division. COL Wyckoff, escorted by the G5, discussed revolutionary development and pacification with the senior province advisors of Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces. COL Wyckoff made the following observations concerning Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Province CORDS Teams:

(1) Additional personnel are needed at province and district level as operational supervisors.

(2) A more aggressive RD program is needed for ARVN and composite RF/PF battalions in support of RD. Effectiveness could be greatly increased by their execution of a prescribed RD program similar to the RD team program.

(3) No action is being taken to permanently resettle refugees. This is a GVN problem, however, refugee care, housing, feeding, medical care, and employment dominates CORDS activities, overtaxes their personnel and supply assets and limits their economy/government building effort.

j. On 25 October 1967, Major General Leonard D. Shea, DCSOIS, visited the Americal Division. MG Shea was working on a project to combine the PSYOP and Civil Affairs Officer Career Fields.

3. (U) Civic Action/Revolutionary Development.

a. In support of the GVN Program of revolutionary development, the G5 Americal Division, maintained close coordination with the office of Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS) in both Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces.

b. Since 1 July 1967, Americal Division elements have performed the following MEDCAP activities.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO. OF VISITS</u>	<u>PATIENTS</u>
Division Artillery	77	3,604
Division Surgeon	6	728
15th Spt Bde	43	4,269
196th Inf Bde	767	52,918

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3d Bde, 4th Inf Div	174	16,644
1st Bde, 101st Abn Div	51	8,379
*3d Bde, 1st Air Cav	11	466
39th Engr Bn	22	1,737

*NOTE: 3d Bde, 1st ACD came under OPCON of AMCAL Div on 6 Oct67.

c. Elements of the Americal Division have assisted in many "Self-Help" projects during the reporting period. The following is a recap of projects which elements of the Division have assisted in:

- 2 Dispensaries
- 116 Schools (44 classrooms) (??16 schools)
- 42 Wells
- 3 Latrines
- 2 Spillways
- 8 Water gates
- 4 Public buildings
- 1 Bridge
- 2 Market places
- 583 Refugee housing units
- 3 Rice drying courts
- Furniture for 23 classrooms

d. Following items were contributed by units and individuals:

Clothing	7,550 lbs
Food	79,273 lbs
Lumber	12,425 Bd Ft
Candy	3,534 lbs
Money	63,500 \$VN

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4. (U) Psychological Operations.

a. General: This report covers the organization and significant activities conducted by PSYOP Section Americal Division during the period 1 August 1967 to 31 October 1967.

b. Organization: PSYOP Section is organized as follows:

Section headquarters, administrative section, operations section, and a detachment from the 244th PSYOP Company, Danang, consisting of one audio-visual team and four combat loudspeaker teams.

c. Statistical Data:

1. Leaflets dropped: 126,002,000

2. Loudspeaker broadcasts:

(a) Waterborne: 93 Hrs

(b) Ground: 688 Hrs

(c) Air: 357 Hrs

3. Movies shown: 135

4. Tapes developed: 35

5. Leaflets developed: 60

6. Posters developed 2

7. Themes used on propaganda:

(a) Chieu Hoi

(b) MEDCAPS

(c) Fishing Regulations

(d) VC Atrocities

(e) Pre-strike Warnings

(f) Curfew Instructions

(g) Support GVN

(h) Rewards

(i) Allied Power

(j) VC/NVA Misery

(k) Rallying Instructions

(l) Special Chieu Hoi Day

(m) Reward for Rocket Info

(n) Sapper Units Injure Innocent Civilians

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8. Hoi Chanh Status:

- (a) Turned in to Americal Div Units: 10
- (b) Turned in to GVN Agencies: 277

d. Activities:

1. On 2 August 1967 an Army helicopter spotted a group of VC moving across a field in Quang Ngai Province. The VC fled and in doing so dropped 14 rifles and machine guns. This is the first known incident where the VC have left their weapons behind in such a manner. 100,000 copies of leaflets 244-97-67, Inclosure 3, were printed and dropped in Quang Ngai Province to exploit this psychological opportunity.

2. 53 Hoi Chanh rallied to the GVN in Quang Tin Province during the month of August 1967. This is evidence of the effectiveness of psychological operations when used in conjunction with ground operations; during the month of August the Division PSYOP effort was intensified to support Operation Benton in Quang Tin Province. The 53 Hoi Chanh figure is significant in that it is an increase of 50 over the 3 Hoi Chanh that rallied during the month of July 1967 in Quang Tin Province.

3. During the reporting period the Province Chief of Quang Tin Province prepared two taped messages for use in the Division's PSYOP campaign in the Province. One tape is a Chieu Hoi appeal to both VC and NVA soldiers; the other tape consists of curfew instructions.

4. The combat loudspeaker team attached to the 196th Light Infantry Brigade has been instrumental in the movement of refugees by the brigade in Quang Tin Province. The team assisted the brigade by broadcasting instructions to over 2,000 refugees thus expediting the movement of these people to resettlement areas.

5. Liaison has been effected with the Combined Action Group, Chu Lai, in order to assist them in the conduct of psychological operations in their area of operation. As a result of intelligence from an after-action report received from the Group Headquarters, a taped message was prepared and played by O2 Aircraft over a hamlet which the VC had attacked on 3 Sep 67 vic BT 338117. The USMC/PF Unit had effectively repulsed the attack on the hamlet and provided medical assistance to ten civilians that were wounded. The theme of the message was VC bring death and destruction: USMC/PF protect and help the people. The psychological objective of the message was to enhance the prestige of the USMC/PF

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Unit and induce the inhabitants of the hamlet to report VC activity. Leaflet 244-217-68, Inclosure 3, has been printed to support insertion of combined action units in operational area.

6. 500,000 copies of leaflet 244-277-68, Inclosure 3, have been printed to exploit the hardships that the VC/NVA will suffer during the monsoon season as a result of living conditions in the jungles, lack of food, and allied pressure. The psychological objective of the leaflet is to lower enemy morale and induce him to rally to the GVN>

7. On a daily basis aerial loudspeaker messages are played in Quang Tin Province letting the VC/NVA Units know the number of casualties that they are suffering on a daily basis and the cumulative number as a result of operation Wheeler. The theme of the message is the inevitable defeat of the VC/NVA.

8. 200,000 copies of leaflet 244-198-68, Inclosure 3, have been dropped in Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces warning the civilians not to run from helicopters. A special tape of the text of the message is played in conjunction with the leaflet drop.

9. A combat loudspeaker team was attached to the 3rd Bde, 1st Cav Division to support their operations in Quang Tin Province. The brigade has demonstrated their enthusiasm for employing PSYOP in the field. The brigade's experience with PSYOP should be effective in exploiting psychological opportunities in Quang Tin Province.

10. A Psychological Opportunity Exploitation Team from Americal Division interrogated rallier Nguyen Van Huu, Captain, 33rd Bn, 21st Regiment. The NVA rallier was very cooperative and allowed team to take his picture for dissemination with a personal message urging his comrades to rally to the GVN. Leaflet 244-274-68, Inclosure 3, was dropped over the area of operation of the 21st Regiment. Leaflet drop was augmented with aerial loudspeaker broadcast of the text of the leaflet.

11. One (1) million copies of leaflet 244-266-68, Inclosure 3, have been dropped to announce that 1 November 1967, Independence Day, will be a Special Day in the Chieu Hoi Program in Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces. Tapes have been played during ground and aerial loudspeaker missions, and radio announcements over Quang Ngai Radio. The purpose of the Special Rally Day is to induce as many VC/NVA to rally prior to the and during 1 November 1967.

12. In compliance with guidance from COMUSMACV two

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special leaflets, 267-68, 267-67, Inclosures 3, were printed and employed against sapper units mining activities. The theme of the leaflets is, mines planted by sapper units kill innocent civilians, blood on the hands of the sapper units. One leaflet will be directed at the civilian populace to induce them to report sapper mining. The second leaflet will be directed at the sapper units to tell them that their mines are killing their Vietnamese brothers.

13. On 25 October 1967 a meeting of Division PSYOP officers was held at Division HQs to discuss PSYOP programs to be conducted at brigade level. Brigade PSYOP officers were instructed to personalize their program by coordinating with all agencies in their area and making their propaganda appeals to specific target audiences.

14. 155,000 copies of leaflet 244-292-68, Inclosure 3, were dropped in Northern Quang Tin Province to exploit the numerous casualties that the 3rd NVA Regiment suffered at the hands of the AMERICAL Division. National Safe Conduct Passes and map leaflets were also dropped. The leaflet drop was augmented with aerial broadcasts encouraging the NVA to lay down their weapons and rally to the Government of South Vietnam.

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G. Inspector General.

1. (U) Inspector General Activities during the last quarter included the conduct of two formal annual general inspections, courtesy inspections, many inquiries as a result of routine complaints and requests for assistance, and publication of additional IG guidance material for use by this headquarters and subordinate units.

2. (U) The complaints and requests for assistance processed by this office averaged 24 per month. Seven out of a total eight [sic] actual complaints received were considered to be justified. The remainder of the actions were requests for assistance. The bulk of the requests and complaints were in the categories of reassignment/transfer, excess duty, and actions of superiors.

3. (U) Because of normal rotation and subsequent discharge, the clerk of the Inspector General has been replaced. No major problems were encountered even though this section was without a clerk for approximately two weeks.

4. (U) Future plans include courtesy inspections as time permits and annual general inspections as scheduled in Americal Circular 20-1.

5. (U) This section is in the process of obtaining full time inspectors to be utilized whenever Annual General Inspections are conducted.

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H. Information.

1. (U) During the period 1 August through 31 October 1967, the Americal Division Information Office served as a clearing agency for news releases from brigade Information Offices, as well as a new-generating office. Support was provided to the news media, both military and civilian as indicated:

Number of printed releases: 580

Number of pictorial releases: 291

Number of Home Town News Releases: 5051

Number of formal press interviews or briefings: 109

Number of correspondents provided support: 226

2. (U) Significant events and activities were as follows:

a. Publication of a Division Newspaper: In August a study was prepared to initiate an Americal Division Command Information newspaper. Da Nang Sub Area Command was requested to provide \$400 from non-appropriated Central Post Funds to offset costs. The request was denied on 15 October 1967 due to a misinterpretation of USARV Regulation 320-10, paragraph 19. On inquiry, the Command Information Division USARV obtained a definition that paragraph 19 did not apply to unit newspapers. In the meantime Pacific Stars and Stripes replied to a letter from this headquarters that their facilities could not support printing another unit newspaper until their printing facilities were expanded -- probably in March of 1968. Letters were forwarded to several other printing agencies in Okinawa and Tokyo. Action to obtain funds and a publisher are continuing.

b. Stars and Stripes Distribution Increased: With the arrival of the 3d Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division under the operational control of the Americal Division on 1 October 1967 and the anticipated late October arrival of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade, Stars and Stripes circulation was increased to meet new strength figures.

c. New Stars and Stripes Distribution System: During the summer of 1967 Stars and Stripes distribution supervision was transferred to Command Information Division, USARV. On September 1, 1967 a new distribution procedure with new flight schedules and drop-off locations began throughout Vietnam. Chu Lai (Americal Division) had previously been receiving newspapers from the 8th Aerial Post Squadron in Tan Son Nhut on a same day basis. As soon as the new procedure went into effect, no Stars and Stripes

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newspapers were received for eight days. An officer from USARV finally determined that the enlisted supervision in Da Nang had not been aware of the new requirement and had given out the additional 13 or 14 bundles of 250 newspapers to other units in the Da Nang area. At the present time the system is still marginally responsive and usually arrives one day late. When the newspapers were shipped from Tan Son Nhut they were usually distributed the same day.

d. New Units

(1) The 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry arrived on 28 August. There was little prior information furnished the Information Office of their anticipated arrival and therefore news media representatives were not informed or invited. The Squadron has since been visited frequently by news representatives during combat missions.

(2) The 198th Light Infantry Brigade arrived on 23 OCT at Chu Lai with all major news media representatives on hand for the event.

f. Published Americal History: In connection with the re-activation of the Americal Division, the Information Office published a fact sheet, "History of the Americal Division." Approximately 3,000 copies were published for the Division, Distribution", and the fact sheet was also used as a handout to the newsmen and correspondents who covered the Reception of Colors ceremony on 26 OCT and Vice-President Humphrey's visit to the Division on 1 NOV. Included within the fact sheet was the original organization and activation in 1942, combat record in World War II, description of the unit patch, origin of the Division's name, battle credits, awards and decorations, present mission and organization, and proposed organization for the future. The Information Office has 1,000 copies of the fact sheet on hand, which will be used in the future as necessary.

g. Published CI Topic, Money Power (Saving's Deposits): The Americal Division Information Office published and distributed on 30 SEP, a fact sheet entitled "MONEY POWER." It dealt with the Saving's Deposit Program sponsored by the Army, and explained the benefits inherent in the program and the ease with which it can be initiated. It also included the limitations on deposits; interest and how it is computed; and how to go about withdrawing deposits under normal and extraordinary circumstances. The publication was produced in 1,500 copies for the Americal Division, Distribution "A".

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Section 2, Part 1, Observations-Lessons Learned.

A. Personnel, Administration, Morale and Discipline.

ITEM: (U) Expendable Supplies.

DISCUSSION: (U) There have been frequent occurrences of non-availability of supply items such as stencils, mimeograph paper, ink and manila folders. This has caused sections such as Awards and Reproduction to virtually cease operations for lack of essential materials or to borrow from other units in the area.

OBSERVATION: (U) Predetermined stock levels of essential expendable supplies should be maintained.

ITEM: (U) Control of Classified Documents.

DISCUSSION: (U) Semi-Annual Inventory of all classified documents revealed a need for a more stringent suspense system for return of DA Form 631 (Receipt for Classified Document).

OBSERVATION: (U) A strict control of classified documents is necessary during period of movement of units within the combat zone to insure later accountability.

ITEM: (U) Personnel Details.

DISCUSSION: (U) Enlisted personnel required to perform KP and Guard details are lost from the section on the average of three days per week. This greatly reduces the section's capability to perform assigned missions within personnel authorizations.

OBSERVATION: (U) Efforts to broaden distribution of details among personnel or to decrease requirements are necessary. Work in progress.

ITEM: (U) Out-of-Country R & R Processing.

DISCUSSION: (U) Personnel reporting to the R & R processing center in Da Nang have on several occasions discovered that they are not booked on a scheduled flight or have been diverted to a different R & R site.

OBSERVATION: (U) Many of these problems should be alleviated by the assignment of a liaison NCO to the R & R facility.

ITEM: (U) 16 mm Motion Picture Projectors.

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DISCUSSION: (U) Two newly-arrived units in RVN have been unable to obtain 16mm movie projectors. Lamps for the projector have been difficult to obtain through normal supply channels which presents a problem, due to the short "life span" of the lamps.

OBSERVATION: (U) An adequate reserve supply of projectors and lamps should be maintained by Special Services supply depots.

ITEM: (U) Emergency Chaplain Coverage.

DISCUSSION: (U) From 6 SEP - 7 OCT 67, Chaplain (CPT) Thomas R. Thompson, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, was wounded and medically evacuated. On 1 OCT 67, Chaplain (CPT) Roland Tower, also of the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, went home on a 30-day extension leave. In each case Chaplain coverage had to be obtained from Americal Division resources.

OBSERVATION: (U) Coverage was maintained by using the Division and Assistant Division Chaplains, 2d Surgical Hospital Chaplain, and Chaplains from the 196th Light Infantry Brigade. The USARV Chaplain's Office was notified of these emergencies but could not assist in alleviating the problem.

ITEM: (U) Assignment of Catholic Chaplains.

DISCUSSION: (U) The 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div and the 198th Lt Inf Bde have only one Catholic Chaplain assigned. The number of men assigned to these brigades and the scattered areas of operation make it very difficult for one Catholic Chaplain to adequately cover his units. As a result, some units do not see a Catholic Chaplain for Mass or Confession for as long as two weeks.

OBSERVATION: (U) The experience of both the 196th Lt Inf Bde and the 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div with two Catholic Chaplains assigned has shown that two Chaplains are necessary for full and adequate Catholic coverage.

ITEM: (U) Marijuana.

DISCUSSION: (U) The sale and use of marijuana constitutes a continuing problem area. The easy availability of marijuana throughout the Americal Division TAOR is a major command problem.

OBSERVATION: (U) A continuing series of lectures has been offered to Army Navy, ? units by the PM, Americal Division. The lectures consist not only of how to identify ??????? mari-juana but also the legal implications of search and seizure and chain of evidence on custody of property or articles seized. Unit

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commanders and their subordinate leaders can materially reduce the problem area through use of shakedowns, observation of personnel, and prompt reporting to the Military Police of known or suspected outlets for the sale of marijuana. Military Police activities in raids and checkpoints has met with success as has the practice of quick-first searches of all apprehended individuals.

ITEM: (U) Geneva Convention Rules Applicable to PW's.

DISCUSSION: (U) While US and FWMF forces do not operate or maintain PW Camps, they do, in most cases, operate PW Collecting Points and IPW interrogation areas. The propaganda value of alleged or actual maltreatment of detainees during interrogation is immeasurable.

OBSERVATION: (U) Normally the PW Collecting Point operated by MP's and the IPW interrogations areas operated by MI elements are in close proximity or adjacent to one another. Where at all feasible, at least one guard tower should be in a position to observe both the PW Collecting Point and the IPW area. The allows and MP guard in the tower to observe activities in both the PW Collecting Point and IPW area.

ITEM: (U) Political Implications in Use of VN National Police.

DISCUSSION: (U) Search and seizure in secure areas of RVN must be done in joint coordination with the VN National Police. However, within the National Police structure itself, intense rivalry exists between members of the opposite political parties. In fact, control of the National Police is a point of contention between the two political parties (QDD and Dai Viet). As the National Policemen are supposed to conduct the actual search operations and identity checks, the Military Police are limited to general supervision and area security. Due to the political ramifications, many National Police are extremely reluctant to conduct searches. This is particularly true where the local economy is engaged in large-scale black market activities. On a number of occasions, the National Policemen with the Military Police teams have confiscated some items but have refused to confiscate other obvious contraband, e.g., beer, cigarettes, etc.

OBSERVATION: (U) In arranging joint operations with National Police, it has proven prudent to contact the District MACV Advisor and arrange for a number of National Policemen to participate in operations. However, the National Police are only advised as to the time and date of the raid/checkpoint and not as to the

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specific location. If location is mentioned, inevitably there will be no contraband goods or materials in evidence when a raid takes place. In making a list of items seized, the Military Police note which goods were seized and which contraband goods the National Police would not confiscate. In addition, a list of all confiscated items is forwarded to the CORDS Public Safety Advisor at province level so that he can check on how much of the confiscated items are being forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

ITEM: (U) Personnel.

DISCUSSION: (U) The TOE for the SJA Section provides for a Warrant Officer, Legal Administrative Technician. This position is especially important because of the specialized administrative functions of a legal office. The Warrant Officer position has never been filled even through repeated requests have been made to higher headquarters.

OBSERVATION: (U) When the necessity for a particular occupational specialty is recognized and that position is established in a TOE, the position should be filled as quickly as possible.

ITEM: (U) Personnel.

DISCUSSION: (U) The TOE for the SJA Section provides for two Enlisted court reporters. These spaces have never been filled by qualified court reporters. One of the incumbents has the correct MOS but he is not a court reporter. He was given the MOS so that he could be promoted. The section has had to borrow from other jurisdictions and use a legal clerk for reporting. This is not satisfactory.

OBSERVATION: (U) A qualified court reporter is necessary in a General Court-Martial that by statutes requires a verbatim record. At least one such reporter must be assigned to this section.

ITEM: (U) Reduction of Enlisted Personnel.

DISCUSSION: (U) The commander of a unit has reduction authority only to the extent that he has promotion authority. For a provisional unit this authority extends only to the grade of Private First Class. Thus, the commander of a provisional unit is deprived of one of the necessary tools of command in that he can only reduce the PFC's in his command.

OBSERVATION: (U) This limitation on commanders will be removed when the units lose their provisional status.

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B. Operations.

ITEM: (U) CS-1 Drum Drops.

DISCUSSION: (U) CS-1 drum drops have been dropped primarily to deny the enemy use of selected terrain. Drums are "jury-rigged" with a time fuze and an explosive charge to rupture the drum and disseminate the agent. On several occasions the time fuze has failed to function; therefore, that particular drum becomes a dud. This provide the enemy with a ready-made "booby trap." To reduce the possibility of duds, fuzes from napalm bombs have been installed as a back-up system, which will cause a detonation upon contact with the ground.

OBSERVATION: (U) To date, the 196th Lt Inf Bde has dropped a total of twenty drums using the napalm fuze as a back-up and has had 100% of the drums detonate.

ITEM: (U) Coordinated employment of the Personnel Detector, riot-control agent, and high explosives.

DISCUSSION: (U) Based upon intelligence reports of an enemy battalion headquarters location, a Personnel Detector survey mission was scheduled to be conducted over the area for verification. If the location was confirmed, the area was to be covered with a non-persistent riot-control agent CS using the CBU-19 delivered by A-1 aircraft. The pinpoint location, detected during the survey, was to be given to the Forward Air Controller (FAC) in the area for relay to fighter aircraft. The fighter aircraft were to deliver high explosives on those targets.

OBSERVATION: (U) The survey mission went as planned; enemy location was confirmed but the aircraft with the CBU-19 did not arrive on station in time to deliver the non-persistent CS because of weather. The pinpoint locations detected were relayed to the fighter aircraft. High explosives were delivered on targets detected and in some cases secondary explosions resulted. The Americal Division Air Force Air Liaison Officer has stated that there may be a restriction on the employment of Air Force aircraft in an area where the riot-control agent CS has been used recently. The point of primary concern here is the possibility of the agent getting into the aircraft cockpit and effecting the pilot. Until a decision is made on the above usage of high-performance aircraft, artillery fire will be used ILO air strikes on targets that are to be attacked with CS and high explosives.

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C. Training and Organization.

ITEM: (U) Tactical Bridging for Naval Engineers in the T/O.

DISCUSSION: (U) Naval construction forces do not maintain tactical, prefabricated bridging in their inventory. However, in the I Corps Tactical Zone, they have been assigned route maintenance in areas where mining and bridge demolition are frequent. Marine Engineers have a limited supply of M4T6 float and dry-span capability, but the dry span is limited to 45 feet of span.

OBSERVATION: (U) The lack of Bailey Bridging to non-Army engineers forces the Army to provide back-up support which, in our case, was unprogrammed and is still not satisfied. LOCs, maintained by non-Army engineers, to outlying Brigades may be severed at any time, and these non-Army engineers have very little capability to restore traffic flow quickly.

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D. Intelligence and Counterintelligence.

ITEM: (C) Implementation of the Installation Informant Program.

DISCUSSION: (C) The recruiting of informants among the indigenous labor force is desirable and necessary for internal security. However, the Detachment does not have the number of personnel required to control sources under current MACV and USARV requirements.

OBSERVATION: (C) Installation informants should be treated as casual informants, keeping the administration to a minimum. A Name Trace Request should be submitted to determine if the source is of operational interest to any other intelligence agency, or if the source has been terminated with prejudice by any other agency. Brief Contact Reports should be maintained in order to properly evaluate information provided by the source. Should a source possess potential to furnish information from off-post areas, he should be turned over to area coverage agencies, e.g., 135th or 149th MI Groups, for exploitation.

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E. Logistics.

ITEM: (U) Base Development and Construction.

DISCUSSION: (U) During this period the construction effort of the Americal Division was primarily devoted to preparation for the monsoon period. Essentially, this was the construction of strong-back buildings for troop billets, maintenance sheds, warehouses, mess halls, hardstands, etc. A substantial portion of this program has been completed. Much of this construction was accomplished through the self-help program.

In the Chu Lai area the expansion and upgrading of the 80th Spt Gp ASP was near a completion date; however, the hardstand construction for the Americal Division Class II & IV Yard is far behind schedule. An adjustment has been made in the Chu Lai construction priorities which should expedite the construction of this facility. Five Butler-type warehouse buildings requested in July arrived during the month of October. Vertical construction capability is available from Seabee units for the erection of the buildings.

The Duc Pho area's construction requirements have largely been completed. These included ASP expansion which is 50% completed, a POL tank farm, and other facilities. Airfield lighting has not been installed due to the non-availability of airfield lighting sets in Vietnam. Out-of-country procurement has been undertaken by 1st Log Cmd. Additional real estate and facilities were acquired by the Americal Division with the displacement of Marine units to the Northern I Corps Tactical Zone.

In October, USARV charged CG, Americal Division with base development for all U.S. Army units in the Chu Lai - Duc Pho area. To execute this requirement, a base development office for the Americal Division was established. Work is now in progress to formulate a base development plan for the Americal Division.

OBSERVATION: (U) Although a base development plan for Chu Lai - Duc Pho is now underway, it is difficult at this time to determine the exact construction requirements for the Chu Lai area. This difficulty is caused by the continuing displacement of Marine units and a lack of a troop list of US Army units to be positioned in the Americal Division area.

ITEM: (U) Relocation of Vietnamese Nationals in Secured Areas.

DISCUSSION: (U) Following clearing operations by US/FWMAF, small land areas are often secured by the presence of a US Army squad/platoon base, a USMC CAP base, or the presence of a GVN RD Team. The security of the area attracts Vietnamese Nationals living

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in the surrounding GVN - VC contested/VC controlled areas. Almost instantly the secured area becomes overpopulated causing serious health, sanitation, fire-prevention, and food problems. Rightful land owners return to the scene and seek occupation or utilization of their land causing additional disturbance.

OBSERVATION: (U) Relocation of Vietnamese Nationals to a secure area requires detailed planning between hamlet, village, and district chiefs and military units if the unit is to assist in the movement or security of the populace.

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Section II, Part II, Recommendations.

A. Personnel, Administration, Morale and Discipline.

SUBJECT: (U) Publications Accounts.

BACKGROUND: (U) Newly-arrived units have experienced delay in receiving publications through accounts established in Japan.

RECOMMENDATION: (U) That units scheduled to deploy to RVN submit requests to establish accounts prior to deployment.

SUBJECT: (U) Casualty Reporting.

BACKGROUND: (U) Several instances of delays in submission of casualty reports occurred in newly-arrived units.

RECOMMENDATION: (U) Increased emphasis must be placed on the subject of Casualty Reporting when giving in-country briefings to new units.

SUBJECT: (U) Coordination of Personnel Actions.

BACKGROUND: (U) Occasionally recommendations on awards or personnel actions signed by members of the command section or general staff are dispatched to higher headquarters direct from that office. When subsequent inquiry is made to the AG Section normally handling those type actions, there is often no record of the action.

RECOMMENDATION: (U) That actions signed by other than the AG be returned to the AG for dispatch to insure that file copy and suspense is maintained for further reference.

SUBJECT: (U) Requirement for a Larger Postal Unit.

BACKGROUND: (U) The Postal Officer is performing dual mission of operating an aerial mail terminal and post office serving all units in the Chu Lai area.

RECOMMENDATION: (U) That a Type-Z Army Postal Unit be authorized, to perform this mission adequately.

SUBJECT: (U) Preparation of Tents for Monsoon Rains.

BACKGROUND: (U) During heavy monsoon rains, deep gullies formed in the sand around tents at the Replacement Detachment threatening to wash them out.

RECOMMENDATION: (U) Ground around tents must be leveled and drainage ditches prepared.

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SUBJECT: (U) Emergency Chaplain Coverage.

BACKGROUND: (U) As was noted in Part I emergencies in Chaplain coverage do arise in the Americal Division which cannot always be anticipated in advance or adequately and fully solved at division level.

RECOMMENDATION: (U) USARV should be notified that emergency contingency planning at their level is necessary if adequate and timely chaplain coverage is to be maintained in the Division maneuver battalions at all times.

SUBJECT: (U) Assignment of Catholic Chaplains.

BACKGROUND: (U) As was noted above in Section 2, Part I, experience has shown in two of the Americal Division brigades that if Catholic coverage is to be adequate, not only in the field but for hospital emergencies, two Catholic Chaplains must be assigned to each brigade.

RECOMMENDATION: (U) It is recommended that the 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div and the 198th Lt Inf Bde both be given another Catholic Chaplain. The Protestant Chaplain replaced in the 198th Lt Inf Bde would be reassigned within the Division to the Support Command.

B. Operations: None

C. Training and Organization.

SUBJECT: (U) Tactical Bridging for Naval Engineers.

BACKGROUND: (U) The Navy Seabees, currently assigned Line of Communication (LOC) maintenance in the I CTZ, do not possess prefabricated, rapidly employed, tactical bridging. As a result, they are not capable, in many instances, of restoring traffic rapidly enough to support tactical operations. In the situation where Army tactical operations are dependent on Navy-maintained LOC's, the Army is forced to provide necessary tactical bridging which may, or may not, have been programmed.

RECOMMENDATION: (U) That the Navy construction forces, assigned route maintenance in a tactical zone, obtain sufficient tactical bridging to accomplish rapid restoration of traffic flow.

D. Intelligence and Counterintelligence: None

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E. Logistics.

SUBJECT: (U) Resupply of Chu Lai.

BACKGROUND: (U) The Americal Division has at numerous times experienced long delays in obtaining Class II & IV supplies. Liaison visits and coordination with Qui Nhon Spt Cmd indicates that the majority of these supplies are available at Depot, have been released, and are waiting shipment. The fact that the principal means of supplying Chu Lai is by sea LOC makes this shipping problem more serious.

RECOMMENDATION: (U) In view of the shipping problems experienced as noted above and the significant tonnage used at Chu Lai, recommend consideration for a dedicated LST for use between Qui Nhon and Chu Lai.

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Section 3, DA Survey Information.

A. (U) Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols (LRRP).

1. During this reporting period, Task Force Oregon/Americal Division was not authorized, nor constituted, a Divisional LRRP unit. LRRP activities were limited to units established within the Brigades attached/assigned to this headquarters, with operational control being maintained by the parent organization.

2. Upon activation of this Division, preliminary planning commenced for the establishment of a Divisional LRRP unit. Organization, functions, and employment of this unit will be included in the next quarterly reporting period.

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

ROBERT H. MUSSER
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO 96375 29 JAN 1968

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT,
APO 96558

Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department
of the Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons
Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 October 1967 from Headquarters,
Americal Division as indorsed.

2. (C) Pertinent comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning expendable supplies, page 49: Concur,
Coordination with the Navy has been initiated to improve stockage in their
store at Chu Lai. Americal Division units now submit their requisitions for
particularly critical items.

b. Reference item concerning motion picture projectors, page 49,
section 2, part I, paragraph A: Concur. Americal Division has been issued
17 projectors since 25 November 1967. A shipment of projector lamps has
been received and distribution has been made to supply agencies.

c. Reference item concerning emergency chaplain coverage, page 50,
section 2, part I; and page 59, section 2, part II: Concur. The Staff
Chaplain, USARV, attempts to plan for all contingencies within the framework
of his available resources. Since USARV does not have a reserve pool of
chaplains at its disposal, each situation must be carefully examined to
explore all possibilities to alleviate the problem. Normal policy has been
to fill all unprogrammed losses of a permanent nature in combat units as
soon as possible. This action is accomplished by diverting an incoming
chaplain or by reassigning an individual in-country. Temporary losses are
handled on an individual basis. Since extension leave normally creates a
vacancy in excess of 30 days, the vacancy is filled. The chaplain who
extends no longer returns to his old unit, but is reassigned to a new unit
as a replacement. The problem created

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by a temporary loss of less than 30 days is normally satisfied within the unit. Chaplains are called upon to extend their coverage until the individual returnees. The temporary loss of a Catholic chaplain can cause some severe problems. However, with proper coordination, each division has sufficient Catholic chaplains to provide temporary religious coverage. Also, pertinent to this situation is the fact that the resources of Catholic chaplains in the Americal Division and their TAOR is greater than that of any other unit or area in RVN.

d. Reference item concerning assignment of Catholic chaplains, page 50, section 2; and page 59, section 2: Nonconcur.

(1) Catholic chaplains are in short supply throughout the Army. The Army-wide distribution of Catholic chaplains is one out of five. USARV enjoys a higher percentage in that one out of every four chaplains is Catholic. This shortage demands that all Catholic chaplains be assigned to units and areas where they can provide optimum religious coverage. The assignment of two Catholic chaplains to brigade would not only be contrary to this policy, but also an impossibility.

(2) The problem of Catholic coverage can best be solved through careful planning and proper coordination. When a Catholic chaplain is out of his base camp, religious coverage should be arranged with adjacent units.

e. Reference item concerning personnel, page 52, paragraph A. A warrant officer Legal Administrative Technician, MOS 713A, was assigned to the Division on 12 September 1967.

f. Reference item concerning personnel, page 52. This headquarters has experienced extreme difficulty in obtaining court reporter replacements, MOS 71E, for the past seven months. In October 1967, a representative from the Office of the Adjutant General, this headquarters, visited OPO at which time he inquired, among other things, about court reporters. The reply from OPO at that time was substantially that these personnel were in short supply Army-wide and complete fill of our requirements was not expected. However, OPO has apparently expended additional effort to identify court reporters since a telephonic message was passed to this headquarters on

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14 November 1967 from EPD which indicated that DA should be able to fill 100% of our requirements in this MOS. Assignment of a court reporter to the Americal Division is not contemplated at this time.

g. Reference item concerning publication accounts, page 58: Non-concur. Units alerted for deployment to Vietnam are, in most instances, unsure of their exact location in-country or their APO number. Further, the Printing and Publications Center, Japan, is the source of supply for DD, DA, and SF blank forms only. Units alerted for deployment should have an operating supply (basic load) of these forms on hand when they arrive in-country. Therefore, the short delay in establishing an account and receipt of required blank forms should have no adverse effect on the operation of the unit.

h. Reference item concerning larger postal, unit, page 58: Nonconcur. This unit is not performing the mission of an Aerial Mail Terminal. In addition, postal assistance is being provided by the Marine and Naval forces stationed at the Chu Lai complex. Assistance in the postal mission is obtained by application of MACV Directive 10-4 and USARV Regulation 10-4.

i. Reference item concerning resupply of Chu Lai, page 60, paragraph E: Nonconcur. Intra-coastal sealift is allocated based on cargo priority. To dedicate an LST for the Americal Division would depreciate available LST lift for cargo with higher priority at other RVN ports. The scheduled LST lift from Qui Nhon to Chu Lai exceeds two shuttles weekly. It is recommended that unit continue to monitor cargo destined for Chu Lai to assure RDD's are met.

3. (U) A copy of this indorsement will be furnished to the reporting unit through channels.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

C.S. NAKATSUKASA
Captain, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

Copy furnished:
HQ, Amer Div

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Ending 31 Oct 67 from Hq, Americal Division
(UIC: WGLCAA) (RCS CSFOR-65)

HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 27 FEB 1968

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development,
Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

1. This headquarters has evaluated subject report and forwarding indorsements and concurs in the report as indorsed.

2. Reference paragraphs 2c and 2d, 1st Indorsement: According to USARV Roster of Chaplains, dated 11 January 1968, the 198th Light Infantry Brigade has two Catholic Chaplains and three Protestant Chaplains. The ratio of Catholic to Protestant Chaplains throughout USARV, as of the week of 12-19 January 1968, was 2.9 Protestant Chaplains to one Catholic Chaplain. therefore, it is considered that the distribution of Catholic and Protestant Chaplains throughout uSARV and specifically in the Americal Division is especially good

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

K. F. OSBOURN
MAJ, AGC
Asst AG

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AMERICAL DIVISION TROOP LIST
AS OF 31 OCTOBER 1967

1. (C) HQ AMERICAL DIVISION TROOPS

HHC, Americal Division
 1st Sqdn, 1st Cav (OPCON 196th Lt Inf Bde)
 14th Cbt Avn Bn
 71st Aslt Hcptr Co
 161st Aslt Hcptr Co
 174th Aslt Hcptr Co
 176th Aslt Hcptr Co
 39th Engr Bn (Cbt)
 544th Engr Co (-)
 509th Sig Bn (-)
 Co A, 36th Sig Bn (Spt Opns)
 Co C, 459th Sig Bn (Cmd Opns)
 4th Plt (+), 167th Radio Relay Co
 4th Plt (-), Co B, 3d AMTRAC Bn (USMC) (OPCON 196th Lt Inf Bde)
 148th MP Plt
 Div MI Det (Prov)
 O/L6, Det 31, 5th Weather Sqdn (USAF)
 Tactical Air Control Party (USAF) (Prov)
 4th Plt, 29th CA Co
 6th Plt, 29th CA Co

2. (C) AMERICAL DIVISION ARTILLERY

HHB, Div Arty
 2d Bn, 11th Arty (155th)
 3d Bn, 16th Arty (155th)
 3d Bn, 18th Arty (8"/175 mm) (SP)
 C Btry, 1st Bn, 77th Arty (60105T)
 Prov Btry, 5th MAR (155mm/8") (SP)
 A Btry, 1st Bn, 30th Arty (6-155T)
 3d Plt, Btry G, 29th Arty (Searchlight)
 1st Plt, G Co, 65th Arty (4-M55)

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3. (C) AMERICAL DIVISION SUPPORT COMMAND

HHC (-), 15th Spt Bde (GS)
HHC, 94th Sup & svc Bn (-) DS
221st Sup & SVC Co
163d Trans Co (Lt Trk)
3d Plt, 10th Trans Co (Med Trk)
Co C, 25th Med Bn
Hqs & Main Spt Co, 188th Maint Bn
335th Trans Co (DS) (Acft Maint)

4. (C) 1st BDE, 101st ABN DIV

HHC, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div
1st Bn, 327th Inf (Abn)
2d Bn, 327th Inf (Abn)
2d Bn, 502d Inf (Abn)
2d Bn, 320th Arty (Abn)
Trp A, 17th Cav (Abn)
Co A, 326th Engr Bn (Abn)
Co D, 326th Med Bn (Abn)
Co A (-), 801st Cbt Spt Bn
501st Cbt Spt Co
1st Plt, 101st MP Co (Abn)
20th Cml Det
181st MI Det
406th Radio Research Det
Det, 101st Admin Co
42d Inf Plt, Scout Dog
US Army Combat Tracker Team No. 9 (Prov)
22d Mil Hist Det

5. (C) 3d BDE, 4th INF DIV

HHC, 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div
1st Bn, 14th Inf
1st Bn, 35th Inf
2d Bn, 9th Arty
Trp C, 1st Sqdn, 10th Cav
3d Supt Bn (Prov)
Co D, 725th Maint Bn
Co B, 25th Med Bn
Co D, 65th Engr Bn
Co B (-), 124th Sig Bn
Tm C, 41st CA Co
Det, 374th Radio Research Co
4th Inf Plt, Scout Dog

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6. (C) 196th LT INF BDE

HHC, 196th Lt Inf Bde
2d Bn, 1st Inf
3d Bn, 21st Inf
4th Bn, 31st Inf
3d Bn, 82d Arty
Trp F, 17th Armd Cav
175th Engr Co (Cbt)
8th Cbt Svc Spt Bn
156th Sig Plt (Fwd Area)
544th MP Plt (OPCON Americal Division)
10th PI Det
27th Cml Det
408th Radio Research Det
569th MI Det
48th Inf Plt, Scout Dog
US Army Combat Tracker Team No. 10 (Prov)

7. (C) 3d BDE, 1ST AIR CAV DIV

HHC, 3d Bde, 1st Air Cav Div
1st Bn, 7th Cav
5th Bn, 7th Cav
2d Bn, 12th Cav
227th Aslt Hcptr Co (-)
228th Aslt Hcptr Co
C Co, 8th Engr (+)
1st Bn, 21st Arty
B Trp, 1st Bn, 9th Cav
C Trp, 2d Bn, 20th Arty

8. (C) 198th LT INF BDE

HHC, 198th Lt Inf Bde
1st Bn, 6th Inf
1st Bn, 46th Inf
1st Bn, 52d Inf
1st Bn, 14th Arty
55th Engr Co
9th Spt Bn
265th MP Plt
49th Sig Plt
47th Mil Hist Det
635th MI Det
610th RRU
H Trp, 17th Cav