

# Notes

## PART I The DMZ in Early 1967

### CHAPTER 1

#### THE SITUATION AT THE START OF THE YEAR

Unless otherwise noted the material in this section is derived from: Admiral Ulysses S. G. Sharp, USN, and General Westmoreland, USA, *Report on the War In Vietnam*, hereafter Sharp and Westmoreland, *Report on the War*; FMFPac, U.S. Marine Forces in Vietnam Mar65-Sep67 Historical Summary, Volume I: Narrative; FMFPac monthly summaries, Operation of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam, Jan-Jun67; III MAF ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; 3d Marine Division ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; 1st Marine Aircraft Wing ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; 3d Marine Division AAR, Operation Prairie I, 28 Apr67; Brigadier General Edwin H. Simmons, "Marine Corps Operation in Vietnam, 1967," *USNI, Naval Review 1969*, hereafter Simmons "USMC Ops in RVN, 1967." Unless otherwise noted all documentary material cited is located in the Marine Corps Historical Center (MCHC), Washington, D.C.

1. Colonel John C. Studt, Comments on draft ms, 14May81. (Vietnam Comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.).
2. Quoted in Sharp and Westmoreland, *Report On The War*, p. 132.
3. LtGen Louis Metzger, Comments on draft ms, n.d. (1981) (Vietnam Comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.).

### CHAPTER 2

#### SPRING ACTION SOUTH OF THE DMZ—FEBRUARY-APRIL 1967

Unless otherwise noted, the material in this chapter is derived from FMFPac monthly summaries, Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam, Jan-Jun67, hereafter FMFPac, MarOpsV (month, year); III MAF ComdC Jan-Jun67; 3d MarDiv ComdC, Jan-Jun67; 1st MAW ComdC, Jan-Jun67; BGen Edwin H. Simmons, "Marine Corps Operations in Vietnam, 1967," *USNI, Naval Review 1969*, hereafter Simmons, "USMC Ops, RVN." Unless otherwise noted, all documentary material cited is located at the Marine Corps Historical Center (MCHC), Washington, D.C.)

#### Operation Prairie I Continues

Additional material in this section is derived from 3d MarDiv AAR, Opn Prairie I, 28Apr67; 3d Mar ComdC, Jan67; 12th Mar ComdC, Jan67; 3/4 ComdC, Jan67. All documentary material cited is in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

#### Operation Prairie II

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from 3d MarDiv AAR, Opn Prairie II, 19May67; 3d Mar ComdC, Feb-Mar67; 4th Mar ComdC, Feb-Mar67; 9th Mar ComdC, Feb-Mar67; 12th Mar ComdC, Feb-Mar67; 3d Recon Bn ComdC, Feb-Mar67; 2/3 ComdC, Feb-Mar67; 3/3 ComdC, Feb-Mar67; 3/4 ComdC, Feb-Mar67; 1/9 ComdC, Feb-Mar67; 2/9 ComdC, Feb-Mar67. All documentary material cited is in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

1. LtCol Robert F. Sheridan, comments on draft MS, 11Jun81 (Vietnam Comment File).
2. Ibid.
3. Ibid.
4. Ibid.
5. Ibid.

#### Operation Prairie III

Additional material in this section is derived from 3d MarDiv AAR, Opn Prairie III, 13Jun67; 3d Mar ComdC, Mar-Apr67; 3d Recon Bn ComdC, Mar-Apr67; 11th Engr Bn ComdC, Mar-Apr67; 3/3 ComdC, Mar-Apr67; 1/4 ComdC, Mar-Apr67; 3/4 ComdC, Mar-Apr67; 1/9 ComdC, Mar-Apr67; 3/9 ComdC, Mar-Apr67. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

### CHAPTER 3

#### COMBINED US/ARVN OPERATIONS IN THE DMZ

Unless otherwise noted, the material in this chapter is derived from 3d MarDiv AAR, Opn Prairie IV, 13Jul67; 3d MarDiv AAR, Opn Hickory, 3Aug67; SLF Alpha (TG 79.4) AAR, Opn Beau Charger/Hickory, 10Jun67; 1/3 AAR, Opn Beau Charger, 12Jun67; HMM 263 AAR, Opn Beau Charger, 10Jun67; SLF Bravo (TG 79.5) AAR, Opn Belt Tight/Hickory, 22Jun67. Unless otherwise noted, all documentary cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

### Operation Prairie IV Begins

Additional material in this section is derived from 9th Mar ComdC, May67; 3/3 ComdC, May67; 1/4 ComdC, May67; 1/9 ComdC, May67; 3/9 ComdC, May67; 11th Engr Bn ComdC, May67.

### Attack on Con Thien

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from 1/4 ComdC, May67; 11th Engr Bn ComdC, May67; 1st Amtrac Bn ComdC, May67.

1. LtCol Rheafoord C. Bell, Comments on draft ms, 25May81 (Vietnam Comment File, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)

### Into the DMZ

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from III MAF ComdC, May67; 3d MarDiv ComdC, May67; 1st MAW ComdC, May67, 3d Mar ComdC, May67; 9th Mar ComdC, May67; 1/4 ComdC, May67; 3/4 ComdC, May67; 1/9 ComdC, May67; 2/9 ComdC, May67; 3/9 ComdC, May67; 2/26 ComdC, May67; HMM-164 ComdC, May67; HMM-363 ComdC, May67.

2. BGen Harvey E. Spielman, Comments on draft ms, 27May81 (Vietnam Comment File, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)

### Operation Beau Charger

Additional material in this section was derived from 1/3 ComdC, May67; HMM-263 ComdC, May67.

### Operation Hickory

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section was derived from 3d MarDiv ComdC, May67; 3d Mar ComdC, May67; 2/3 ComdC, May67; 3/4 ComdC, May67; 2/9 ComdC, May67; 3/9 ComdC, May67; HMM-164 ComdC, May67.

3. Col Duncan D. Chaplin, III, Comments on draft ms, 31May81 (Vietnam Comment File, MCHC, Washington, D.C.), hereafter Chaplin comments, May81.
4. Ibid.
5. Col James R. Stockman, Comment on draft ms, 27Jun81; Chaplin comments, May81.

### Operation Prairie IV Ends

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from 3d MarDiv ComdC, May67; 3/4 ComdC, May67.

6. Maj Walter E. Deese, Comments on draft ms, 9Jul81 (Vietnam Comment File, MCHC, Washington, D.C.), hereafter Deese comments, Jul81.
7. 3d MarDiv ComdC, May67; Deese comments, Jul81.

## CHAPTER 4

### THE FIRST BATTLE OF KHE SANH

Unless otherwise noted, the material in this chapter is derived from: FMFPac, MarOpsV, Jan-Jun67; 1st MAW ComdC, Apr-May67; 3d Mar AAR, Khe Sanh, dtd 9Jun67; 1/3 AAR, Opn Prairie I, 7Feb67; Sharp and Westmoreland, *Report on the War*; Capt Moyers S. Shore, II, *The Battle for Khe Sanh* (Washington: HisBr, G-3 Div, HQMC, 1969), hereafter Shore, *Khe Sanh*; Maj Michael W. Sayers, Comments on draft ms, 18May81 (Vietnam Comment File, MCHC, Washington, D.C.), hereafter Sayers Comments, May81. Unless otherwise noted, all documentary material is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

### The Early Days

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from 3d Mar ComdC, Apr67; 1/3 ComdC, Sep66-Feb67; 1/9 ComdC, Feb-Apr67; 2/9 ComdC, Mar67; 2/12 ComdC, Feb-Apr67. Unless otherwise noted all documentary material is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

1. Sayers comments, May81; 2dLt John M. Kramer, intvw by 3d MarDiv dtd 28Feb67, (No. 567, OralHist Coll, MCHC).
2. III MAF ComdC, Mar67, p. 3; LtGen Louis Robertshaw, comments on draft ms, 29May81 (Vietnam Comment File, MCHC).
3. Capt William B. Terrill, et al., intvw by 3d MarDiv, dtd 24Mar67, (No. 1017, OralHistColl, MCHC).
4. Sayers Comments, May81.

### Opening Moves of the Battle

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from: 3d Mar ComdC, Apr-May67; MAG-11 ComdC, Apr-May67; MAG-12 ComdC, Apr-May67; MAG-16 ComdC, Apr-May67; 1/3 ComdC, Apr-May67; 3/3 ComdC, Apr-May67; 1/9 ComdC, Apr-May67; 3/9 ComdC, Apr-May67; 2/12 ComdC, Apr-May67; 3/13 ComdC, Apr-May67; 3d AT Bn ComdC, Apr-May67. Unless otherwise noted, all documentary material is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

5. SSgt Leon R. Burns intvw by 3d MarDiv, dtd 8May67, (No. 993, Oral Hist Coll, MCHC); 2dLt Thomas G. King, intvw by 3d MarDiv dtd 8May67, (No. 994, Oral Hist Coll, MCHC), hereafter King Intvw.
6. Sayers Comments, May81.
7. King Intvw.

### Hill 861

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from: 3d Mar ComdC, Apr-May67; 3/3 ComdC, Apr-May67; 1/9 ComdC, Apr-May67; 3/9 ComdC, Apr-May67.

8. Sayers comments, May81.
9. Capt Bayliss L. Spivey, intvw by 3d MarDiv, dtd 13May67, (No. 950, OralHistColl, MCHC) hereafter Spivey Intvw; LtCol Bayliss L. Spivey, Comments on draft ms, 28May81 and 18Jun81 (Vietnam Comment File, MCHC).
10. Sayers Comments, May81.
11. Spivey Intvw, May67.
12. Sayers Comments, May81.
13. Ibid.
14. Ibid.
15. Ibid.

### Reinforcing the Hill 861 Attack

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from 1st MAW ComdC, Apr-May67; 2/3 ComdC, Apr-May67; 3/3 ComdC, Apr-May67; 1/12 ComdC, Apr-May67; 2/12 ComdC, Apr-May67.

16. LtCol Rodney D. McKittrick, Comments on draft ms, 15Jun81, (Vietnam Comment File, MCHC), hereafter, McKittrick Comments.

### Attacking Hill 881S

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from: 2/3 ComdC, Apr-May67; 3/3 ComdC, Apr-May67; 2/9 ComdC, Apr-May67; 3/9 ComdC, Apr-May67.

17. SSgt Ruben Santos, intvw by 3d MarDiv, dtd 12May67, (No. 949, OralHistColl, MCHC).

### The Final Objective: Hill 881N

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from: 2/3 ComdC, Apr-May67; 3/3 ComdC, Apr-May67; 1/26 ComdC, May67.

18. 1stLt Frank M. Izenour, intvw by 3d MarDiv, dtd 12May67, (No. 2105, OralHistColl, MCHC).

19. McKittrick Comments, Jun81.

20. 2dLt Terry M. Weber, intvw by 3d MarDiv, dtd 12May67, (No. 996, OralHistColl, MCHC).

21. *Sea Tiger*, 19May67, p. 3. PFC Lopez received the Navy Cross for this action.

22. BGen Edwin H. Simmons, "Marine Corps Operations in Vietnam, 1967," USNI, *Naval Review* 1969, p. 136, records a favorable comment on the M-16. For a negative view, see Col Peter L. Hilgartner, Comments on draft ms, 2Jun81, (Vietnam Comment File, MCHC).

### End of the Battle

Additional material in this section is derived from: 26th Mar ComdC, Apr-Jul67; 1/26 ComdC, May-Jul67; 3/26 ComdC, May-Jul67.

## PART II

# Spring Fighting in Southern I Corps

## CHAPTER 5

### THE WAR IN SOUTHERN I CORPS

Unless otherwise noted, material in this chapter is derived from: FMFPac, "U.S. Marine Corps Force in Vietnam Mar65-Sep67, Historical Summary," v.I: Narrative, FMFPac Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam, monthly summaries, Jan-Jun67; III MAF ComdCs Jan-Jun67; 1st Mar Div ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; 1st MAW ComdCs Jan-Jun67; Task Force X-RAY ComdCs, Jan-Apr67. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

### Operation Desoto

Unless otherwise noted, additional material for this section is derived from: III MAF Journal File, Operation Desoto, 27Jan-

7Apr67; Task Force X-RAY, sit reps, Operation Desoto, 27Jan-7Apr67; 3/7 AAR Operation Desoto, 1Jun67; 3/7 ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; HMH 463 ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; 3/12 ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; 1st Engr Bn ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; Col Francis V. White, Comments on draft ms, 22Nov82. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

1. LtCol Edward J. Bronars intvw by 1st MarDiv, dtd 3Apr67, (No. 808, Oral HistCollection, H&MDiv, HQMC).

2. Captain Kenneth W. Johnson, intvw by Combat Information Bureau during Operation Desoto, (No. 0619, Oral HistCollection, HMDiv, HQMC).

3. Col Robert C. Rice, Comments on draft ms, 10Jun81, (Vietnam Comment files, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)

### Deckhouse/Desoto

Unless otherwise noted, additional material for this section is derived from: SLF (TG 79.5) AAR Operation Deckhouse VI, 14Mar67; 1/4 AAR Operation Deckhouse VI, 9Mar67; HMM 363 AAR Operation Deckhouse VI, 12Mar67. 1/5 AAR Operation Deckhouse VI/Desoto, 10Mar67, hereafter 1/5 AAR, Deckhouse/Desoto. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

4. HMM-363 AAR, Operation Deckhouse VI, 12Mar67.

4A. 1/5 AAR; Desoto/Deckhouse, p. 14.

### Desoto Continued

Unless otherwise noted, additional material for this section is derived from: III MAF Journal File, Operation Desoto, 27Jan-7Apr67; Task Force X-Ray, sit reps, Operation Desoto, 27Jan-7Apr67; 3/7 AAR Operation Desoto, 1Jun67; 3/7 ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; HMH 463 ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; 3/12 ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; 1st Engr Bn. ComdCs, Jan-Jun67. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

5. Col Robert C. Rice, Comments on draft ms, 10Jun81, (Vietnam Comment files, MCHC, Washington, D.C.).

6. Captain Patrick J. Morgan intvw by 1st MarDiv, dtd 4Apr67, (No. 811, OralHistColl, HMDiv, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)

7. LtCol Joseph T. Smith, Comments on draft ms, 30May81, (Vietnam Comment files, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)

8. Ibid.

### Operation Union

Unless otherwise noted additional material in this section is derived from: 1st Mar ComdCs, Jan-Apr67; 5th Mar ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; 5th Mar AAR Operation Union, 20Jun67; 1/5 AAR Operation Union, 29May67; 3/5 AAR Operation Union I, Jun67; 3/1 ComdC, Apr67; 1/1 ComdC, Apr-May67. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

9. Col Emil J. Radics, Comments on draft ms, 19May81, (Comments files, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)

10. Ibid.

11. LtCol Peter L. Hilgartner intvw by 1st MarDiv, dtd 4Apr67, (No. 1233, Oral HistCollHist MusDiv, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)

12. Col Peter L. Hilgartner, Comments on draft ms, 2Jun81, (Comments files, MCHC, Washington, D.C.), hereafter Hilgartner comments, 2Jun81.

13. 5th Mar AAR, Operation Union, p.7.

## Union II

Unless otherwise noted additional material in this section is derived from: 5th Mar AAR Operation Union II, 17Jul67; 1/5 AAR Operation Union II, 16Jun67; 2/5 AAR Operation Union II, 8Jun67; 3/5 AAR Operation Union II, 11Jun67. Unless otherwise noted, all documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

14. Col Mallett C. Jackson, Comments on draft ms, 24May81, (Comment files, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
15. Ibid.
16. Hilgartner Comments, 2Jun81
17. Ibid.

## CHAPTER 6

### TASK FORCE OREGON

Unless otherwise noted, material in this chapter is derived from: "U.S. Marine Corps Forces in Vietnam Mar65-Sep67, Historical Summary," v.I: Narrative, hereafter, *FMFPac HistSum*: *FMFPac Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam*, monthly summaries, Jan-Dec67, hereafter *FMFPac USMC Ops in RVN*; III MAF ComdCs Jan-Dec67: Department of Defense, *United States-Vietnam Relations, 1945-67*, 12 Bks (Washington: GPO, 1971), hereafter *Pentagon Papers*. Additional sources for this section are: CMC Trip Reports, Jan and Aug 67, hereafter CMC Trip Report; HQMC Cmd Center Operation Oregon File; III MAF Journal File, Operation Oregon, pts I and II; 1st MarDiv ComdCs, Jan-Jun67; Task Force X-Ray CmdC, Apr67. Unless otherwise noted, all documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

1. MACV msg No. 41191 to CinCPac, 13Sep66, as cited in *Pentagon Papers*, bk5, v.II, p.64.
2. LtGen Louis Metzger, Comments on draft ms, n.d. (1981), (Vietnam Comment files, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
3. CMC debriefing at FMFPac Headquarters, 11 January 1967, CMC file (Archives, MCHC, Washington, D.C.).
4. MACV msg 09101 to CinCpac, 18Mar67, as cited in *Pentagon Papers*, bk5, v.II, p.64.
5. COMUSMACV 10248 to CinCPac, 28 Mar67, subject: Program 4 Force Requirements, as cited in *Pentagon Papers*, bk5, v.II, p.71.

## PART III Continuing Action Along the DMZ

### CHAPTER 7

#### THE BARRIER—ANOTHER APPROACH

Unless otherwise noted, material in this chapter is derived from: "U.S. Marine Corps Forces in Vietnam Mar65-Sep67, Historical Summary," V. I: Narrative, hereafter *FMFPac HistSum*; *FMFPac Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam*, monthly summaries, Jan-Dec67, hereafter *FMFPac USMC Ops in RVN*; III MAF ComdCs Jan-Dec67; Department of Defense, *United States*

*Vietnam Relations, 1945-67*, 12 bks (Washington: GPO, 1971), hereafter *Pentagon Papers*. MACV Cmd History, 1967. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

#### Evolution of the Concept

Unless otherwise noted, additional material for this section was derived from: III MAF Dye Marker msg file; III MAF Op-Admin Plans 11-67; III MAF Op-Admin Plans 12-67; 3d MarDiv ComdC, Oct66; 3d MarDiv ComdCs, Jan-Mar67; BGen Edwin H. Simmons, "Marine Corps Operations in Vietnam, 1967," *USNI, Naval Review 1969*, hereafter Simmons "USMC Ops in RVN 1967." All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

1. Dr. Robert J. Watson, Comments on draft ms, 26May81 (Vietnam Comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
2. *Pentagon Papers*, bk 5, v.I, p.66
3. Copies of MACV working papers on barrier concept, Encl 2, to 3d MarDiv ComdC, Oct 66.
4. See Briefing Paper, Practice Nine Requirement Plan of 26Jan67, Encl 6, 3d MarDiv ComdC, Jan67.
5. LtGen John R. Chaisson, intvw by Historical Division, HQMC, dtd 3Apr72, (Oral HistColl MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
6. Memo, Dir JTF 728 to SecDef, dtd 22Dec66, Subj: Plan for Increased Anti-infiltration Capability for SEA in Box 8 Barrier Starbird Folder (MACV Historical Records, 69A702); also FMFPac Journal File.
7. Practice Nine briefing paper, Encl 6 to 3d MarDiv ComC, 6Jan67.
8. Practice Nine briefing paper for Under SecNav Baldwin, Encl 3 to 3d MarDiv ComC, Jan67.
9. CinCPAC 060820Z February 1967 to JCS, Subj: "Barrier Plan." as cited in *Pentagon Papers*, bk 5, v. II, p. 43.

#### Building the Barrier

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from: III MAF Op-Admin Plans 12-67; 3d MarDiv ComdCs, Mar-Dec67; 9th Mar ComdCs, Mar-Dec67; 3d Bn, 4th Mar ComdCs, Aug-Sep67; 11th Engr Bn ComdCs, Mar-Dec67; and Simmons "USMC Operations in Vietnam, 1967." All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

10. ComUSMACV msg to CG III MAF, 261038Z Mar 67, Subj: Strong Point Obstacle System. Also SecState msg to AMEmb Saigon, 161730Z Mar67, Subj: SVN Strong Point-Obstacle System, III MAF, Dye Marker msg file.
11. ComUSMACV msg to CinCPac, dtd 191125Z Apr67, III MAF, Dye Marker msg file.
12. CG III MAF msg to ComUSMACV, dtd 261046Z Apr67, III MAF, Dye Marker msg file.
13. III MAF, Dye Marker msg file, dtd 30Jul67.
14. Col George E. Jerue, Comments on draft ms, 25May81, (Vietnam Comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
15. LtCol Lee R. Bendell, Comments on draft ms, 25May81, (Vietnam Comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
16. III MAF, Dye Marker msg file, dtd 16Aug67.
17. III MAF, Dye Marker msg file, dtd 5Sep67. The 3 September artillery attack on Dong Ha is covered in Chapter 14.
18. III MAF, Dye Marker msg file, dtd 13Sep67.

19. III MAF Operation Plan 12-67, dtd 12Sep67.
20. MajGen Louis Metzger, ltr to CG, FMFPac, Subj: Debrief, 22Jan68 (Archives, MCHC, Washington, D.C.); LtCol Willard N. Christopher, Comments on draft ms, 31Jul81 (Vietnam Comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
21. III MAF, Dye Marker msg file, dtd 22Oct67.
22. III MAF, Dye Marker msg file, dtd 24Oct67.
23. FMFPac, USMC Ops in RVN, Dec67.
24. Quoted in Simmons, "USMC Ops in RVN 1967," p. 134.

## CHAPTER 8

### CON THIEN AND THE SUMMER BATTLES ALONG THE DMZ

Unless otherwise noted, material in this chapter is derived from: "U.S. Marine Corps Forces in Vietnam, Mar65-Sep67, Historical Summary," v.I; FMFPac Operations of U.S. Marine Forces, Vietnam, monthly summaries, Jul-Dec67; III MAF ComdCs, Jul-Dec67; 3d MarDiv ComdCs, Jul-Dec67; 3d Mar ComdCs, Jul-Dec67; 9th Mar ComdCs, Jul-Dec67; 12th Mar ComdCs, Jul-Dec67; MAG-16 ComdCs, Jul-Oct67; 1st Mar ComdCs, Oct-Dec67; LtCol Ralph F. Moody et al, "*Marines in Vietnam*," Ms. (Archives, MCHC, Washington, D.C.); Brigadier General Edwin H. Simmons, "Marine Corps Operations in Vietnam, 1967" USNI, *Naval Review 1969*." All documentary material cited is located in MCHC, Washington, D.C.

#### Why Con Thien?

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from: III MAF ComdCs, Jan-Aug67; 3d MarDiv ComdCs, Mar-Aug67; 9th Mar ComdCs, Mar-Aug67. All documentary material is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

#### Operation Buffalo

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from: 1/9 AAR Operation Buffalo; 3/9 AAR Operation Buffalo; 1/3 AAR Operation Buffalo; 2/3 AAR Operation Buffalo; 9th Mar AAR Operation Buffalo; 3d Mar AAR Operation Buffalo. Unless otherwise noted, all documentary material cited is located in the Historical Branch, History and Museums Division, HQMC.

1. Col Richard B. Smith, "Leatherneck Square," *Marine Corps Gazette*, Vol. 83, No. 8 (Aug 69), p. 35.
2. Col George E. Jerue, Comments on draft ms, 25May81, (Vietnam comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
3. 1stLt William F. Delany intvw by 3d MarDiv, dtd 7Jul67 (No. 1269, Oral Hist Collection, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
4. Maj Darrell C. Daniels on intvw by 3d MarDiv, dtd 7Jul67, (No.1264, Oral Hist Collection, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
5. SSgt Leon R. Burns intvw by 3dMarDiv, dtd 7Jul67 (No. 1265, Oral HistCollection MCHC, Washington, D.C.), hereafter Burns intvw.
6. Col Richard J. Schening, Comments on draft ms, 26May81, (Vietnam comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
7. Burns intvw.

8. Maj Henry J. M. Radcliffe intvw by MCHC, dtd 14Dec73.
9. Maj Darrell C. Danielson, intvw by 3d MarDiv, 7Jul67, (No. 1264, Oral Hist Collection, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
10. LtCol Albert C. Slater, Comments on draft ms, 21May81, (Vietnam comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.), hereafter Slater comments.
11. Capt Burrell H. Landes, intvw by 3d MarDiv, dtd (No. 1519, Oral HistCollection, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
12. Slater comments.
13. Ibid.
14. Ibid.; Navy Cross Citation, Cpl James L. Stuckey, Dec&Med Br, HQMC, Washington, D.C.
15. Col George E. Jerue, Comments on draft MS of "*U.S. Marines in Vietnam*." pt V, 12Jan70.

## PART IV

### Fall Combat, North and South

#### CHAPTER 9

### CONTINUING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE 2D NVA DIVISION

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#### Raids and Rockets in Quang Nam

Unless otherwise noted, additional material in this section is derived from III MAF ComdC, Jul67; 5th Mar ComdC, Jul67; 2/5 ComdC, Jul67; and 2/11 ComdC, Jul67. All documentary material is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

1. 2/5 ComdC, Jul67, p. 3.
2. West, *The Enclave*, pp. 42-45.
3. Col Joseph T. Smith, Comments on draft ms, 30May81 (Vietnam Comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)

#### Operation Cochise

Unless otherwise noted, additional material for this section is derived from: Task Force X-Ray Operations Order 1-67 (Operation Cochise), dtd 9Aug67; 5th Mar AAR, Operation Cochise, dtd 20Sep67; 1/5 AAR, Operation Cochise, dtd 3Sep67; 3/5 AAR, Operation Cochise, dtd 1Sep67; 1/3 AAR, Operation Cochise, dtd 3Sep67. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

## 4. MAG-36, ComdC, Sep67, Encl 1, p. 1.

**Operation Swift**

Unless otherwise noted, additional material for this section is derived from: Task Force X-Ray AAR, Operation Swift, dtd 20Oct67; 5th Mars AAR, Operation Swift, dtd 11Oct67; 1/5 AAR, Operation Swift, dtd 27Sep67; 3/5 AAR, Operation Swift, dtd 22Sep67; 2/11 AAR, Operation Swift, dtd 29Sep67; LtCol Gene W. Bowers, Comments on draft ms, 15Sep81 (Vietnam Comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.), hereafter Bowers comments. Unless otherwise noted, all documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

5. Col Philip M. Crosswait, Comments on draft ms, 14Jul81 (Vietnam Comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.).
6. Col Peter L. Hilgartner, Comments on draft ms, 2Jun81 (Vietnam Comment file, MCHC, Washington, D.C.)
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### CHAPTER 11

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#### Beaver Cage/Union I

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#### Beau Charger/Belt Tight/Hickory/Prairie IV/Cimarron

Unless otherwise noted, additional material for this section is derived from: 1st Bn, 3d Mar ComdCs, May-Jun67; 2d Bn, 3d Mar ComdCs, May-Jun67; HMM-164 ComdCs, May-Jun67; HMM-263 ComdCs, May-Jun67. Unless otherwise noted all documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

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**Bear Bite/Colgate/Choctaw/Maryland**

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**Beacon Torch/Calhoun**

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**Bear Chain/Fremont**

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**Beacon Guide**

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**Kangaroo Kick/Fremont**

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**Belt Drive/Liberty**

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**A Change In Scenario—The 46s are Grounded**

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**Beacon Point/Fremont/Ballistic Charge/Shelbyville**

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**Fortress Sentry/Kingfisher**

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Unless otherwise noted additional material for this section is derived from: 3d MarDiv ComdCs, Oct-Nov67; 7th Mar ComdCs, Oct-Nov67; 2d Bn, 3d Mar ComdCs, Oct-Nov67; 2d Bn, 26th Mar ComdCs, Oct-Nov67. Unless otherwise noted, all documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

**Granite/Kentucky II and III**

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## PART VI

### Support and Conclusion

#### CHAPTER 13

### SUPPORTING ARMS

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Unless otherwise noted, the material in this chapter is derived from FMFPac ComdC, Jul-Dec67; III MAF ComdC, Dec67; Gen William C. Westmoreland, *A Soldier Reports*. (Garden City: Doubleday, 1976), hereafter Westmoreland, *A Soldier Reports*; and Peter Braestrup, *Big Story*, (Boulder: Westview Press, 1977), hereafter Braestrup, *Big Story*. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

#### Operational Aspects

Additional material in this section is derived from 1st MarDiv ComdC, Dec67; 3d MarDiv ComdC, Dec67; 1st MAW ComdC, Dec67; and FLC ComdC, Dec67. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

1. Douglas Pike, conference remarks, quoted in *A Conference Report: Some Lessons and Non-Lessons of Vietnam Ten Years After the Paris Peace Accords*. (Washington: Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, 1983).
2. Westmoreland, *A Soldier Reports*, p. 204; Gen William C. Westmoreland, Oral History Interview, 4Apr83 (Oral History Collection, MCHC, Washington, D.C.).
3. BGen Edwin H. Simmons, "Marine Corps Operations in Vietnam, 1967," *Naval Review*, 1969; FMFPac ComdC, Jul-Dec67; and III MAF ComdC, Dec67.

#### Personnel and Logistics

Additional material for this section is derived from III MAF ComdC, Dec67. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

#### The Outlook for Victory

Additional material for this section is derived from III MAF ComdC, Dec67; 1st MarDiv ComdC, Dec67; and 3d MarDiv ComdC, Dec67. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

5. Quoted in Braestrup, *Big Story*, p. 53 and 59.

#### Enemy Dispositions

Additional material for this section is derived from III MAF ComdC, Dec67; 1st MarDiv ComdC, Dec67; and 3d MarDiv ComdC, Dec67. All documentary material cited is located in the MCHC, Washington, D.C.

6. Gen William C. Westmoreland, quoted in Braestrup, *Big Story*, Vol. 1, p. 61.
7. LtGen Keith B. McCutcheon, "Marine Aviation in Vietnam, 1962-1970," *Naval Review*, 1969.
8. Quoted in Westmoreland, *A Soldier Reports*, p. 239.



# Appendix A

## Marine Command and Staff List January-December 1967

**MARINE COMMAND AND STAFF LIST,  
for III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
1 January - 31 December 1967\***

*\*Unless otherwise indicated, dates refer to the period when a unit was in Vietnam. Only permanent Marine organization of battalion/squadron-size or larger are listed; exceptions are 3d Marine Division (Fwd), Task Force X-Ray, and the Force Logistic Command and its components. The following listing reflects administrative rather than operational organization. (For a complete listing of locations and strength of Marine units in the western Pacific, see Appendix F.)*

**III MAF Headquarters 1Jan-31Dec67**

CG LtGen Lewis W. Walt	1Jan-31May67
LtGen Robert E. Cushman, Jr.	1Jun-31Dec67
DepCG MajGen Herman Nickerson, Jr.	1Jan-31Mar67
MajGen Robert E. Cushman, Jr.	1Apr-31May67
MajGen Herman Nickerson, Jr.	1Jun-17Oct67
MajGen Raymond L. Murray	18Oct-31Dec67
C/S BGen Hugh M. Elwood	1Jan-31Mar67
BGen Robert C. Owens, Jr.	1Apr-20Dec67
BGen Earl E. Anderson	21Dec-31Dec67
G-1 Col John L. Mahon	1Jan-3Jun67
Col James H. Berge, Jr.	4Jun-15Jul67
Col Poul F. Pedersen	16Jul-31Dec67
G-2 Col Roy H. Thompson	1Jan-13Feb67
Col Benjamin S. Read	14Feb-9Jul67
Col Kenneth J. Houghton	10Jul-31Dec67
G-3 Col Drew J. Barrett, Jr.	1Jan-2Jul67
Col Fred E. Haynes, Jr.	3Jul-13Nov67
Col Thomas L. Randall	14Nov-31Dec67
G-4 Col Joseph F. Quilty, Jr.	1Jan-2Jun67
Col Rex O. Dillow	3Jun-31Dec67
G-5 Col Eric S. Holmgren	1Jan-31Jan67
Col John T. Hill	1Feb-26Apr67
Col George O. Ross	27Apr-17May67
Col Robert F. Warren	18-31May67
Col George O. Ross	1Jun-1Jul67
Col James A. Gallo, Jr.	2Jul-5Sep67
LtCol James L. Black, Jr.	6-14Sep67

Col Joseph F. Holzbauer	15-17Sep67
Col John E. Hays	18Sep-31Oct67
LtCol James L. Black, Jr.	1Nov-31Dec67

**1st Marine Division Headquarters 1Jan-31Dec67**

CG MajGen Herman Nickerson, Jr.	1Jan-31May67
MajGen Donn J. Robertson*	1Jun-31Dec67
ADC BGen William A. Stiles	1Jan-23Mar67
BGen Foster C. LaHue*	24Mar-31Dec67
<i>*BGen LaHue was Acting 1st Marine Division Commander during the period 27Oct-28Nov67.</i>	
C/S Col Sidney J. Altman	1Jan-31May67
Col Edward L. Bale, Jr.	1-12Jun67
Col Henry J. Woessner, II	13Jun-31Dec67
G-1 Col Charles C. Crossfield, II	1-18Jan67
Col Arnold L. Emils	19Jan-10May67
Col William R. Earney	11May-31Dec67
G-2 Col John J. O'Donnell	1-14Jan67
Col Stanley Davis	15Jan-30Jun67
LtCol Emmett B. Sigmon, Jr.	1-7Jul67
Col James C. Short	8-11Jul67
LtCol Emmett B. Sigmon, Jr.	12Jul-30Sep67
Col Russell E. Corey	1Oct-31Dec67
G-3 Col Herman Poggemeyer, Jr.	1Jan-31May67
Col Herbert E. Ing, Jr.	1Jun-8Jul67
Col Robert D. Bohn	9-11Jul67
Col James C. Short	12Jul-31Dec67
G-4 Col Edward L. Bale, Jr.	1Jan-27Jun67
LtCol Earl K. Vickers, Jr.	28Jun-31Dec67
G-5 Col Walter Moore	1Jan-2Feb67
Col Donald L. Mallory	3Feb-31May67
LtCol Richard F. Peterson	1Jun-11Jul67
Col Emil J. Radics	12Jul-30Sep67
LtCol Richard F. Peterson	1-4Oct67
Col Herbert L. Beckington	5Oct-31Dec67
<b>Headquarters Battalion</b>	
CO Col Warren A. Leitner	1Jan-31Jul67
Col Joseph F. Donahoe, Jr.	1Aug-31Dec67

**Task Force X-Ray 1Jan-26Apr67\***

*\*TF X-Ray activated at Chu Lai on 10 October 1966 and*

*operated from there until 26 April 1967, at which time it deactivated when Task Force Oregon assumed its mission.*

CO BGen William A. Stiles	1Jan-24Mar67
BGen Foster C. LaHue	25Mar-26Apr67
C/S Col Fred E. Haynes, Jr.	1Jan-26Apr67
G-1 LtCol Roland L. McDaniel	1Jan-3Mar67
Maj John C. Hergert, Jr.	4Mar-26Apr67
G-2 Maj Glenn K. Maxwell	1-4Jan67
Maj Daniel Z. Boyd	5Jan-26Apr67
G-3 LtCol Edward J. Bronars	1Jan-2Feb67
LtCol Robert E. Hunter, Jr.	3Feb-26Apr67
G-4 LtCol Louis A. Bonin	1Jan-3Mar67
LtCol Basile Lubka	4Mar-26Apr67
G-5 Maj Joseph T. Smith	1Jan-26Apr67
<b>1st Marines</b>	
CO Col Donald L. Mallory	1Jan-28Jan67
Col Emil J. Radics	29Jan-11Jul67
Col Herbert E. Ing, Jr.	12Jul-31Dec67
<b>1st Battalion, 1st Marines</b>	
CO LtCol Van D. Bell, Jr.	1Jan-4Jun67
LtCol George E. Petro	5Jun-27Aug67
LtCol Albert F. Belbusti	28Aug-16Nov67
LtCol Marcus J. Gravel	17Nov-31Dec67
<b>2d Battalion, 1st Marines</b>	
CO LtCol Haig Donabedian	1-31Jan67
LtCol Marvin M. Hewlett	1Feb-5Aug67
LtCol Archie VanWinkle	6Aug-14Nov67
LtCol Evan L. Parker, Jr.	15Nov-31Dec67
<b>3d Battalion, 1st Marines*</b>	
<i>*The 3d Battalion, 1st Marines became part of SLF BRAVO on 1Dec67.</i>	
CO LtCol Hillmer E. DeAtley	1Jan-26Apr67
LtCol Robert C. Rice	27Apr-28Aug67
LtCol Max McQuown	29Aug-30Nov67
<b>5th Marines</b>	
CO Col Fred E. Haynes, Jr.	1Jan-27Feb67
Col Kenneth J. Houghton	28Feb-30Jun67
Col Stanley Davis	1Jul-16Oct67
Col Robert D. Bohn	17Oct-31Dec67
<b>1st Battalion, 5th Marines</b>	
CO LtCol Peter L. Hilgartner	1Jan-19Sep67
LtCol Oliver W. Vandenberg	20Sep-31Dec67
<b>2d Battalion, 5th Marines</b>	
CO LtCol William C. Airheart	1-31Jan67
LtCol Mallett C. Jackson, Jr.	1Feb-18Jul67
LtCol George C. McNaughton	19Jul-31Dec67

### 3d Battalion, 5th Marines

CO LtCol Dean E. Esslinger	1Jan-27May67
Col Charles B. Webster	28May-6Sep67
Col William K. Rockey	7Sep-31Dec67

### 7th Marines

CO Col Lawrence F. Snoddy, Jr.*	1-20Jan67
<i>*Surname changed to Snowden 19Apr72</i>	
Col Charles C. Crossfield, II	21Jan-14Aug67
LtCol Russell E. Johnson	15-21Aug67
Col Ross R. Miner	22Aug-31Dec67

### 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

CO LtCol Basile Lubka	1Jan-27Feb67
LtCol Jack D. Rowley	28Feb-14Sep67
LtCol William J. Davis	15Sep-31Dec67

### 2d Battalion, 7th Marines

CO LtCol Warren P. Kitterman	1Jan-16Aug67
LtCol John R. Love	17Aug-31Dec67

### 3d Battalion, 7th Marines

CO LtCol Raymond J. O'Leary	1Jan-1Feb67
LtCol Edward J. Bronars	2Feb-4Apr67
LtCol John D. Counselman	5Apr-18Oct67
LtCol Roger H. Barnard	19Oct-31Dec67

### 11th Marines

CO Col Glenn E. Norris	1Jan-28Jun67
LtCol Clayton V. Hendricks	29Jun-18Jul67
Col Ernest W. Payne	19Jul-27Dec67
LtCol Clayton V. Hendricks	28-31Dec67

### 1st Battalion, 11th Marines

CO LtCol Mark P. Fennessy	1Jan-18May67
Maj Joseph J. Marron	19May-31Jul67
LtCol David A. Rapp	1Aug-6Oct67
LtCol Robert C. V. Hughes	7Oct-31Dec67

### 2d Battalion, 11th Marines

CO Maj Ivil L. Carver	1Jan-21Feb67
Maj Joseph H. Marron	22Feb-11May67
LtCol Robert E. Hunter, Jr.	12May-28Sep67
LtCol David A. Clark	29Sep-31Dec67

### 3d Battalion, 11th Marines

CO LtCol Alexander S. Ruggiero	1Jan-28Jun67
LtCol George T. Balzer	29Jun-31Dec67

### 4th Battalion, 11th Marines

CO LtCol George R. Lamb	1Jan-1Feb67
LtCol Joseph M. Laney, Jr.	2Feb-18Apr67
LtCol Gordon M. B. Livingston	19Apr-31Jul67
Maj John S. Hollingshead	1Aug-31Dec67

### 1st Reconnaissance Battalion

CO LtCol Donald N. McKeon	1Jan-20May67
Maj Bill G. Lowrey	21May-10Jul67
LtCol Browman C. Stinemetz	11Jul-31Dec67

**1st Antitank Battalion\****\*The 1st Antitank Battalion deactivated on 21Dec67.*

CO Maj John J. Keefe	1Jan-4Jun67
Maj Pat S. Galligan	5Jun-20Jul67
LtCol Pierre D. Reissner	21Jul-21Dec67

**1st Tank Battalion**

CO Maj John W. Clayborne	1Jan-1Feb67
LtCol Richard M. Taylor	2Feb-10Nov67
LtCol Vincent J. Gentile	11Nov-31Dec67

**1st Motor Transport Battalion**

CO Maj Jim T. Elkins	1Jan-31Mar67
Maj Kenneth H. Reagan	1Apr-18Jun67
LtCol Kenneth M. Buss	19Jun-7Nov67
Maj Charles F. Cresswell	8Nov-31Dec67

**1st Engineer Battalion**

CO LtCol Charles O. Newton	1Jan-24May67
Maj James M. Mackenzie	25May-1Oct67
LtCol Logan Cassedy	2Oct-31Dec67

**1st Shore Party Battalion**

CO LtCol Edward H. Jones	1Jan-17Sep67
Maj Jack E. Townsend	18-28Sep67
LtCol Nicholas Kavakich	29Sep-31Dec67

**3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion**

CO Maj Jack D. Rowley	1Jan-26Feb67
Maj Frederick N. Van Sant	27Feb-5Jun67
Maj James E. Swab	6-26Jun67
LtCol Robert L. Shuford	27Jun-31Dec67

**1st Medical Battalion**

CO Cdr Robert H. Mitchell (MC) USN	1-31Jan67
Cdr John C. Robins (MC) USN	1Feb-12Apr67
Cdr Paul D. Cooper, Jr. (MC) USN	13Apr-31Aug67
Cdr Clinton H. Lowery (MC) USN	1SSep-31Dec67

**1st Military Police Battalion**

CO LtCol Paul J. Stavridis	1Jan-21May67
LtCol Twyman R. Hill	22May-31Dec67

**7th Motor Transport Battalion**

CO Maj Sydney H. Batchelder, Jr	1Jan-10Sep67
Maj Lance D. Thomas	11Sep-31Dec67

**7th Communication Battalion**

CO LtCol William M. Clelland	1Jan-18Nov67
LtCol Harry O. Cowing, Jr.	19Nov-31Dec67

**11th Motor Transport Battalion**

CO Maj Lee V. Barkley	1Jan-11Feb67
Maj Robert C. Tashjian	12Feb-6Jul67
LtCol Joseph B. Brown, Jr.	7Jul-31Dec67

**1st Field Artillery Group**

CO LtCol Joe B. Stribling	1Jan-12Mar67
LtCol Robert B. Metcalfe	4May-17Nov67
LtCol Spencer F. Thomas	18Nov-31Dec67

**7th Engineer Battalion**

CO LtCol Frank W. Harris, III	1Jan-29Jul67
LtCol Ray Funderburk	30Jul-31Dec67

**9th Engineer Battalion**

CO LtCol Richard W. Crispen	1Jan-6Feb67
LtCol George A. Babe	7Feb-6Aug67
Maj Edward W. Lifset	7-30Aug67
LtCol Horacio E. Perea	31Aug-31Dec67

**3d Marine Division Headquarters**

CG MajGen Wood B. Kyle	1Jan-17Mar67
MajGen Bruno A. Hochmuth	18Mar-14Nov67
BGen Louis Metzger	15-27Nov67
MajGen Rathvon M. Tompkins	28Nov-31Dec67
ADC BGen Lowell E. English	1-6Jan67
BGen Michael P. Ryan	7Jan-19May67
BGen Louis Metzger	20May-14Nov67
BGen Louis Metzger	28Nov-31Dec67
C/S Col John B. Sweeney	1Jan-2Mar67
Col Alexander D. Cereghino	3Mar-31Jul67
Col Walter H. Cuenin	1Aug-31Dec67
G-1 Col Robert M. Jenkins	1Jan-20Mar67
LtCol Charles S. Kirchmann	21Mar-14Sep67
LtCol James W. Marsh	15Sep-31Dec67
G-2 LtCol Jack L. Miles	1Jan-9Feb67
LtCol Lemuel C. Shepherd, III	10Feb-1Jun67
Col Philip A. Davis	2Jun-22Sep67
Col Edward J. Miller	23Sep-31Dec67
G-3 Col Edward E. Hammerbeck	1Jan-17May67
LtCol Harvey E. Spielman	18-27May67
Col Edward E. Hammerbeck	28May-15Jun67
Col Clifford J. Robichaud, Jr.	16Jun-10Jul67
Col Roy H. Thompson	11Jul-3Sep67
Col James R. Stockman	5Sep-31Dec67
G-4 Col John F. Mentzer	1Jan-28May67
Col Francis I. Fenton, Jr.	29May-31Dec67
G-5 Col Edward R. McCarthy	1Jan-31Jul67
Col Milton A. Hull	1Aug-31Dec67

**Headquarters Battalion**

CO LtCol Thomas J. Johnston, Jr.	1Jan-13Mar67
LtCol Charles R. Figard	14Mar-10Apr67
Col James R. Stockman	11Apr-17May67
Col John P. Lanigan	18May-3Jul67
Maj Homer L. Welch	4Jul-23Sep67
Col George E. Jerue	24Sep-31Dec67

**3d Marines**

CO John P. Lanigan	1Jan-17May67
Col James R. Stockman	18May-25Aug67
Col Joseph E. Lo Prete	26Aug-31Dec67

**1st Battalion, 3d Marines\***

*\*The 1st Battalion, 3d Marines joined the SLF on 8Feb67 and remained under its control for the rest of the year.*

CO LtCol Peter A. Wickwire	1Jan-7Feb67
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**2d Battalion, 3d Marines\***

*\*The 2d Battalion, 3d Marines served as a SLF BLT from 13Apr67 until 30Nov67.*

CO LtCol Victor Ohanesian	1Jan-28Feb67
LtCol Earl R. DeLong	1Mar-12Apr67
LtCol Henry English	1-31Dec67

**3d Battalion, 3d Marines**

CO LtCol Earl R. DeLong	1Jan-21Feb67
LtCol Gary Wilder	22Feb-30Jun67
LtCol Robert C. Needham	1Jul-31Dec67

**4th Marines**

CO Col Alexander D. Cereghino	1Jan-14Feb67
Col Roy H. Thompson	15Feb-9Jul67
Col William L. Dick	10Jul-31Dec67

**1st Battalion, 4th Marines\***

*\*The 1st Battalion, 4th Marines served with the SLF during the period 1Jan-1Apr67.*

CO LtCol Theodore J. Willis	2Apr-12May67*
Maj Rheafor C. Bell	13May-29Jul67
LtCol Edwin A. Deptula	30Jul-31Dec67

**2d Battalion, 4th Marines\***

*\*The 2d Battalion, 4th Marines arrived in Vietnam on 6Jan67.*

CO LtCol Arnold E. Bench	6Jan-15Jul67
Maj Wells L. Field, III	16-18Jul67
LtCol James W. Hammond, Jr.	19Jul-27Oct67
LtCol William Weise	28Oct-31Dec67

**3d Battalion, 4th Marines**

CO LtCol William J. Masterpool	1Jan-3Mar67
LtCol Wendell N. Vest	4Mar-21Jul67
LtCol Lee R. Bendell	22Jul-31Dec67

**9th Marines**

CO Col Robert M. Richards	1Jan-20Mar67
Col Robert M. Jenkins	21Mar-17May67

Col Edward E. Hammerbeck	18-28May67
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LtCol Joseph J. Kelly	29May-3Jun67
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Col George E. Jerue	4Jun-12Sep67
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Col Richard B. Smith	13Sep-31Dec67
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**1st Battalion, 9th Marines\***

*\*The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines served with the SLF during the period 1Jan-4Feb67.*

CO Maj James L. Day	5Feb-17Mar67
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Maj Donald J. Fulham	18Mar-21Jun67
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LtCol Richard J. Schening	22Jun-9Sep67
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Maj Darrell C. Danielson	10-24Sep67
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LtCol John F. Mitchell	25Sep-31Dec67
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**2d Battalion, 9th Marines**

CO LtCol John J. Peeler	1Jan-4Jul67
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LtCol William D. Kent	5Jul-12Sep67
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LtCol John J. Peeler	13Sep-28Oct67
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LtCol William M. Cryan	29Oct-31Dec67
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**3d Battalion, 9th Marines**

*\*The battalion departed for Okinawa on 11Jan67 and returned to RVN on 28Feb67.*

CO LtCol Sherwood A. Brunnenmeyer	1-10Jan67
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	5-8Mar67
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Maj Samuel G. Faulk	9Mar-28May67
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LtCol James S. Wilson	29May-8Sep67
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Maj Willard J. Woodring, Jr.	9Sep-31Dec67
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Maj Gorton C. Cook	
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**12th Marines**

CO Col Benjamin S. Read	1-22Jan67
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Col William R. Morrison	23Jan-20Jul67
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Col Edwin S. Schick, Jr.	21Jul-31Dec67
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**1st Battalion, 12th Marines**

CO LtCol Lavern W. Larson	1Jan-15Feb67
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LtCol Wayne H. Rice	16Feb-6Sep67
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LtCol Charles H. Opfar	7Sep-31Dec67
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**2d Battalion, 12th Marines**

CO LtCol Willis L. Gore	1Jan-27Apr67
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LtCol Jack L. Norman	28Apr-8Sep67
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Maj George C. Harris, Jr.	9-10Sep67
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LtCol Robert Schueler	11Sep-2Dec67
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LtCol Ronald P. Dunwell	3-31Dec67
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**3d Battalion, 12th Marines**

CO LtCol Charles J. Kirchmann	1Jan-28Feb67
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LtCol Jack L. Miles	1Mar-12Jul67
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LtCol David B. Barker	13Jul-8Nov67
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Maj Robert W. Green	9Nov-31Dec67
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**4th Battalion, 12th Marines**

CO LtCol David G. Jones	1Jan-6Apr67
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Maj Louis G. Snyder	7Apr-23Jul67
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LtCol Joseph K. Gastrock, III	24Jul-31Oct67
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Maj Rudolph W. Bolves	1Nov-31Dec67
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**3d Reconnaissance Battalion**

CO LtCol Gary Wilder	1Jan-15Feb67
Maj Charles N. Dezer, III	16Feb-13Apr67
Maj James R.A. Rehfus	14Apr-2Aug67
Maj Rheafoord C. Bell	3Aug-9Nov67
LtCol William D. Kent	11Nov-31Dec67

**3d Antitank Battalion**

CO LtCol Charles R. Casey	1Jan-29Aug67
LtCol Gene M. McCain	30Aug-20Nov67
Maj Robert M. Jordan	21Nov-31Dec67

**3d Tank Battalion**

CO LtCol William R. Corson	1Jan-14Feb67
LtCol Robert J. Norton	15Feb-23Mar67
Maj Eddis R. Larson	24-26Mar67
Maj Vernon L. Sylvester	27Mar-28Jun67
LtCol Duncan D. Chaplin, III	29Jun-31Dec67

**3d Motor Transport Battalion**

CO Maj Richard F. Armstrong	1Jan-6Sep67
Maj William O. Day	7Sep-6Oct67
Maj William H. Stewart, Jr.	7Oct-31Dec67

**3d Engineer Battalion**

CO Maj Joseph A. Shearman, Jr.	1-31Jan67
LtCol Garry M. Pearce, Jr.	1-17Feb67
LtCol James H. Reid, Jr.	18Feb-20Oct67
LtCol Robert C. McCutchan	21Oct-6Nov67
LtCol Jack W. Perrin	7Nov-31Dec67

**3d Shore Party Battalion**

CO LtCol Donald E. Marchette	1Jan-9May67
Maj Willard T. Layton, III	10May-31Jul67
LtCol James W. Quinn	1Aug-31Dec67

**1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion**

CO LtCol Albert R. Bowman, II	1Jan-15Jul67
Maj Austin C. Rishel	16-25Jul67
LtCol Edward R. Toner	26Jul-31Dec67

**3d Medical Battalion**

CO Cdr John T. Vincent (MC) USN	1Jan-22Aug67
Cdr Robert A. Brown (MC) USN	23Aug-31Dec67

**9th Motor Transport Battalion**

CO Maj Donald R. Tyer	1Jan-20Jun67
Maj David J. Maysilles	21Jun-3Sep67
Maj John R. Stanley	4Sep-31Dec67

**11th Engineer Battalion**

CO LtCol Ross L. Mulford	1Jan-10Jul67
LtCol Willard N. Christopher	11Jul-4Nov67
LtCol Victor A. Perry	5Nov-31Dec67

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*\*The regimental headquarters arrived 26Apr67.*

CO Col John J. Padley	26Apr-12Aug67
Col David E. Lownds	13Aug-31Dec67

**1st Battalion, 26th Marines**

CO LtCol Donald E. Newton	1Jan-3Jul67
LtCol James B. Wilkinson	4Jul-31Dec67

**2d Battalion, 26th Marines**

CO LtCol John M. Cummings	1Jan-10Apr67
LtCol Charles R. Figard	11Apr-18May67
LtCol William J. Masterpool	19May-26May67
LtCol Duncan D. Chaplin, III	27May-3Dec67
LtCol Francis J. Heath, Jr.	4-31Dec67

**3d Battalion, 26th Marines**

CO LtCol Garland T. Beyerle	1-17Jan67
LtCol Kurt L. Hoch	18Jan-20Aug67
LtCol Harry L. Alderman	21Aug-31Dec67

**1st Battalion, 13th Marines\***

*\*The battalion arrived in Vietnam on 23Jul67.*

CO Maj Thomas J. Coyle	23Jul-9Dec67
LtCol John A. Hennelly	10-31Dec67

**Headquarters, Force Logistic Command\***

*\*(Redesignated Headquarters, 1st Force Service Regiment/Force Logistic Command on 16Feb67. The staff for both units was the same.)*

CG BGen James E. Herbold, Jr.	1Jan-5Oct67
BGen Harry C. Olson	6Oct-31Dec67
C/S Col William H. Cowper	1Jan-23May67
Col Lyle S. Stephenson	24May-1Aug67
Col Roy I. Wood, Jr.	2Aug-31Dec67
G-1 Maj Joe B. Noble	1-2Jan67
Maj Leonard E. Fuchs	3Jan-4May67
LtCol Stanley H. Rauh	5May-30Jun67
Capt Harold B. Jensen, Jr.	1-29Jul67
LtCol Minard P. Newton, Jr.	30Jul-31Dec67
G-2 LtCol Richard M. Taylor	1-30Jan67
LtCol Arthur R. Mooney	31Jan-11Jun67
Capt Joseph G. Vindich	12-28Jun67
Maj Clarence E. Watson, Jr.	29Jun-31Dec67
G-3 Col Lyle S. Stephenson	1Jan-23May67
LtCol Nolan J. Beat	24May-21Dec67
Col George K. Reid	22-31Dec67

G-4 Maj Gilbert C. Hazard	1Jan-30Jun67
Maj Richard D. Taber, Sr.	1-11Jul67
Maj William E. Snyder	12-19Jul67
LtCol Robert W. Howland	20Jul-31Dec67
G-5 Maj Leonard E. Fuchs	1Jan-6Oct67
Maj Thomas J. Smyth	7Oct-31Dec67

#### Force Logistic Command Subordinate Units\*

*\*When the FLC changed its designation to FSR/FLC on 16Feb67, the orders also redesignated and restructured its subordinate units. For clarity, the command list shows, first, the integral FLC units through 15Feb67. The subsequent listing presents the new alignment and, where applicable, the previous unit designation.*

#### Force Logistic Support Group Alpha

CO Col Robert R. Weir	1Jan-6Feb67
Col George C. Schmidt, Jr.	7Feb-15Feb67

#### Force Logistic Support Group Bravo

CO Col Kermit H. Shelly	1Jan-15Feb67
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#### Force Logistic Support Unit 2

CO LtCol Rollin F. Van Cantfort	1Jan-15Feb67
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#### Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Regiment\*

*\*Formed 16Feb67 with the arrival of 1st FSR at Da Nang.*

CO LtCol Kenneth D. Seibert	16Feb-27Jul67
LtCol William F. Koehnlein	28Jul-31Dec67

#### Supply Battalion, 1st Force Service Regiment

*(Ex-Force Logistic Support Group Alpha)*

CO Col George C. Schmidt, Jr.	16Feb-2Aug67
LtCol Jack O. Arford	3-13Aug67
Col Julian G. Bass, Jr.	14Aug-31Dec67

#### Maintenance Battalion, 1st Force Service Regiment\*

*\*Established in Vietnam 16Feb67.*

CO LtCol Abie Gordon	16Feb-31Jul67
LtCol Jack M. Hermes	1Aug-31Dec67

#### 3d Service Battalion, Force Logistic Support Group Alpha

*(ex-Force Logistic Support Group 2)*

CO LtCol Rollin F. Van Cantfort	16Feb-28Apr67
Col Stanley D. Low	29Apr-2Sep67
Col James R. Jones	3Sep-31Dec67

#### 1st Service Battalion, Force Logistic Support Group Bravo

*(ex-Force Logistic Support Group Bravo)*

CO Col Kermit H. Shelly	16Feb-14Mar67
LtCol Esten C. Carper, Jr.	15-21Mar67
Col Stanley D. Low	22Mar-27Apr67
LtCol Esten C. Carper, Jr.	28Apr-24May67
LtCol Lynn A. Hall	25May-4Aug67
LtCol Richard J. Smith	5-30Aug67
LtCol John H. Maloney	31Aug-31Dec67

#### United Attached to Force Logistic Command\*

*\*The 5th Communications Battalion was the only battalion-size unit attached to FLC for the entire year.*

#### 5th Communications Battalion

CO Col Phillip K. Leesburg	1Jan-12Apr67
Maj William A. Read	13-20Apr67
LtCol Arnold G. Ziegler	1May-3Nov67
LtCol Donald L. Linderemuth	4Nov-31Dec67

#### 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters

CG MajGen Louis B. Robertshaw	1Jan-2Jun67
MajGen Norman J. Anderson	3Jun-31Dec67
AWC BGen Robert G. Owens, Jr.	1Jan-1Apr67
BGen Robert P. Keller	2Apr-31Dec67
C/S Col Edward J. Doyle	1Jan-31Mar67
Col Herbert H. Long	1Apr-3Sep67
Col John S. Payne	4Sep-7Oct67
Col Franklin C. Thomas, Jr.	8Oct-31Dec67
G-1 Col Dan H. Johnson	1Jan-4Feb67
Col Jay W. Hubbard	5Feb-3May67
LtCol Harry D. Stott	4May-30Aug67
Col Robert Baird	31Aug-31Dec67
G-2 Col George H. Dodenhoff	1Jan-5Jul67
Col Robert D. Limberg	6Jul-31Dec67
G-3 Col Guy M. Cloud	1Jan-5Feb67
Col Douglas D. Petty, Jr.	6Feb-1Aug67
Col Joel E. Bonner, Jr.	2Aug-31Dec67
G-4 Col Herbert H. Long	1Jan-3Feb67
Col Franklin C. Thomas, Jr.	4Feb-6Jun67
Col Joel E. Bonner, Jr.	7Jun-1Aug67
Col Charles A. Armstrong, Jr.	2Aug-31Dec67
G-5 LtCol Ernest J. Berger	1Jan-9Jun67
LtCol Edward R. Rogal	10Jun-31Jul67*

*\*The G-5 Section came under Wing G-4 cognizance on 1Aug67.*

#### Marine Wing Headquarters Group 1 (MWHG-1)

CO Col William L. Atwater	1Jan-5Apr67
Col Kenneth T. Dykes	6Apr-14Aug67
LtCol Wesley H. Rodenberger	15Aug-17Oct67
Col Tolbert T. Gentry	18Oct-31Dec67

#### Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 1 (H&HS-1)

CO Maj Carl C. Foster	1Jan-21Feb67
LtCol Stanley A. Herman	22Feb-9Jun67
Maj Thomas R. Maddock	10Jun-6Aug67
LtCol Merton R. Ives	7Aug-20Oct67
LtCol Albert W. Keller	21Oct-31Dec67

#### Marine Air Support Squadron 2 (MASS-2)\*

*\*MASS-2 transferred to MACG-18, effective 1Sep67.*

CO LtCol Harry Hunter, Jr.	1Jan-15Jun67
LtCol Ben C. Rowe	16Jun-8Dec67
LtCol John M. Johnson, Jr.	9-31Dec67

**Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (MASS-3)\****\*MASS-3 transferred to MACG-18, effective 1Sep67.*

CO LtCol Donald L. Fenton	1Jan-29Mar67
LtCol Gordon D. McPherson	30Mar-14Sep67
LtCol Hugh R. Bumpas, Jr.	15Sep-31Dec67

**Marine Air Control Squadron 4 (MACS-4)\****\*MACS-4 arrived in Vietnam from CONUS on 4Jun67 and transferred to MACG-18 on 1Sep67.*

CO LtCol Conrad P. Buschmann	4Jun-20Dec67
LtCol William A. Cohn	21-31Dec67

**Marine Air Control Squadron 7 (MACS-7)\****\*The squadron returned to CONUS on 15Jul67.*

CO Maj Thomas K. Burk, Jr.	1Jan-15Jul67
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**1st Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion (1st LAAM Bn)\****\*The battalion transferred to MACG-18, effective 1Sep67.*

CO LtCol Merton P. Ives	1Jan-4Aug67
LtCol Marshall J. Treado	5Aug-31Dec67

**2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion (2d LAAM Bn)\****\*The battalion transferred to MACG-18, effective 1Sep67.*

CO LtCol Thomas I. Gunning	1Jan-12Jun67
LtCol Stanley A. Herman	13Jun-31Dec67

**Marine Wing Communications Squadron 1 (MWCS-1)\****\*The squadron activated on 1Sep67 with the reorganization of MWHG-1.*

CO Maj David H. Tinius	1Sep-31Dec67
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**Marine Wing Facilities Squadron 1 (MWFS-1)\****\*The squadron activated on 1Sep67 with the reorganization of MWHG-1.*

CO Maj Edward A. Laning	1Sep-31Dec67
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**Marine Wing Support Group 17 (MWSG-17)**

CO Col Orlando S. Tosdal	1Jan-28Mar67
Col Victor A. Armstrong	29Mar-30Jun67
Col John E. Hansen	1Jul-31Dec67

**Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 (H&MS-17)**

CO LtCol John J. Leogue	1Jan-9Aug67
LtCol Eugene V. Goldston	10Aug-31Dec67

**Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17 (WERS-17)**

CO LtCol Lawrence P. Hart	1Jan-11Apr67
LtCol John R. Hansford	12Apr-31Dec67

**Marine Air Control Group 18 (MACG-18)\****\*MACG-18 activated at Da Nang on 1Sep67. For other units assigned to MACG-18, see the command list for MASS-2,**MASS-3, MACS-4, 1st LAAM Bn, and 2d LAAM Bn under MWHG-1.*

CO Col Lyle V. Tope	1Sep-31Dec67
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**Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 18 (H&HS-18)\****\*H&HS-18 activated with the formation of MACG-18 on 1Sep67.*

CO LtCol John M. Johnson, Jr.	1Sep-5Nov67
LtCol Paul B. Montague	6Nov-31Dec67

**Marine Aircraft Group 11**

CO Col Franklin C. Thomas, Jr.	1Jan-3Feb67
Col William F. Guss	4Feb-30Jun67
Col Arthur O. Schmagel	1Jul-29Dec67
Col LeRoy T. Frey	30-31Dec67

**Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 11 (H&MS-11)**

CO LtCol Raymond A. Cameron	1Jan-30Apr67
LtCol Charles E. Dove	1May-31Aug67
LtCol Earl E. Jacobson	1Sep-3Nov67
LtCol Anthony L. Blair	4Nov-31Dec67

**Marine Air Base Squadron 11 (MABS-11)**

CO Maj Guy R. Campo	1-23Jan67
Maj Edgar J. Love	24Jan-30Apr67
LtCol Lonnie P. Baites	1May-11Jun67
Maj Stanley D. Cox	12Jun-9Oct67
LtCol John W. Irion, Jr.	13Oct-31Dec67

**Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron 1 (VMCJ-1)**

CO LtCol William B. Fleming	1Jan-30Apr67
Maj Edgar J. Love	1May-15Oct67
LtCol Robert W. Lewis	16Oct-31Dec67

**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 (VMFA-115)\****\*The squadron left Vietnam for Iwakuni, Japan on 15Feb67.*

CO Maj Larry Vandeusen	1-23Jan67
Maj Guy R. Campo	24-15Feb67

**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 (VMFA-122)\****\*The squadron joined MAG-11 from CONUS on 1Sep67.*

CO LtCol John M. Verdi	1Sep-31Dec67
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**Marine All-Weather Attack Squadron 242 (VMA (AW)-242)**

CO LtCol Howard Wolf	1Jan-30Apr67
LtCol Earl E. Jacobson, Jr.	1May-17Aug67
LtCol Lewis H. Abrams	18Aug-26Nov67
Maj Arthur W. D. Lavigne	27Nov-31Dec67

**Marine All-Weather Fighter Squadron 232 (VMF (AW)-232)***\*The squadron departed for CONUS 31Aug67.*

CO LtCol Nicholas M. Trapnell, Jr.	1Jan-22Mar67
Maj Melvin H. Sautter	23Mar-31Aug67

**Marine All-Weather Fighter Squadron 235 (VMF (AW)-235)\****\*The squadron arrived in Vietnam on 15Feb67.*

CO LtCol Edward R. Rogal	15Feb-31May67
LtCol Wallace Wessel	1Jun-15Oct67
LtCol Lee E. Blanchard	16Oct-28Dec67
LtCol Carl R. Lundquist	29-31Dec67

**Marine Aircraft Group 12 (MAG-12)**

CO Col Jay W. Hubbard	1Jan-15Feb67
Col Baylor P. Gibson, Jr.	16Feb-31Aug67
Col Dean Wilker	1Sep-31Dec67

**Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 12 (H&MS-12)**

CO LtCol Paul G. McMahon	1Jan-31Mar67
Maj Eugene Lichtenwalter	1Apr-28May67
LtCol Robert E. Miller	29May-9Nov67
LtCol Dan C. Alexander	10Nov-31Dec67

**Marine Air Base Squadron 12 (MABS-12)**

CO LtCol Ralph D. Wallace	1Jan-2May67
Maj Forest G. Dawson	3May-2Sep67
LtCol Leo J. Leblanc, Jr.	3Sep-31Dec67

**Marine Attack Squadron 121 (VMA-121)\****\*During the period 3Jun-5Sep67, the squadron was at Iwakuni, Japan undergoing rehabilitation.*

CO LtCol Donald R. Stiver	1Jan-16Mar67
Maj Forest G. Dawson	17-30Mar67
LtCol James H. McGee	31Mar-24Sep67
Maj Richard J. Kern	25Sep-31Dec67

**Marine Attack Squadron 211 (VMA-211)\****\*The squadron departed from Vietnam on 3Sep67 for rehabilitation at MCAF Iwakuni, Japan and returned to Vietnam on 1Dec67.*

CO LtCol William G. McCool	1Jan-25Feb67
LtCol Knowlton P. Rice	26Feb-30Jun67
Maj Gerit L. Fenenga	1Jul-25Aug67
LtCol Francis H. Thurston	26Aug-31Dec67

**Marine Attack Squadron 214 (VMA-214)\****\*The squadron departed for CONUS 3Apr67.*

CO Maj Richard E. Hemingway	1Jan-3Apr67
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**Marine Attack Squadron 223 (VMA-223)\****\*The squadron arrived from Iwakuni, Japan on 2Mar67 and returned to Iwakuni for rehabilitation on 3Dec67.*

CO LtCol Leonard C. Taft	2-25Mar67
LtCol Claude E. Deering, Jr.	26Mar-26Sep67
LtCol Arthur W. Anthony	27Sep-31Dec67

**Marine Attack Squadron 311 (VMA-311)\****\*During the period 1Mar-3Jun67 the squadron was at MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan for rehabilitation.*

CO LtCol Roger A. Morris	1Jan-17Jun67
LtCol Eugene Lichtenwalter	8Jun-25Aug67
LtCol Edgar K. Jacks	26Aug-21Sep67
LtCol Richard B. Taber	22Sep-31Dec67

**Marine All-Weather Attack Squadron 533 (VMA [AW]-533)***\*VMA (AW)-533 arrived from CONUS on 1Apr67.*

CO LtCol William P. Brown	1Apr-1Oct67
LtCol William H. Fitch	2Oct-31Dec67

**Marine Air Group 13 (MAG-13)**

CO Col Douglas D. Petty, Jr.	1Jan-5Feb67
Col Dan H. Johnson	6Feb-7Aug67
Col Edward F. LeFaivre	8Aug-31Dec67

**Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 13 (H&MS-13)**

CO LtCol Walter E. Domina	1Jan-30Mar67
LtCol Lynn F. Williams	1Apr-19Jul67
LtCol James E. Miller	20Jul-22Sep67
LtCol Paul Sigmund	23Sep-31Dec67

**Marine Air Base Squadron 13 (MABS-13)**

CO LtCol Owen L. Owens	1-25Jan67
LtCol David W. Morrill	26Jan-23Mar67
LtCol Kenny C. Palmer	24Mar-27Jul67
LtCol Richard E. Carey	28Jul-5Oct67
LtCol Leroy A. Madera	6Oct-31Dec67

**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 (VMFA-115)\****\*The squadron arrived in Vietnam from MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan on 15May67.*

CO LtCol Guy R. Campo	15May-27Jul67
LtCol Kenny C. Palmer	28Jul-5Oct67
LtCol Richard E. Carey	6Oct-31Dec67

**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 (VMFA-314)\****\*During the period 16Aug-16Nov67 the squadron was at MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan for rehabilitation.*

CO Maj William H. Heintz	1Jan-31May67
LtCol Frank D. Topley	1Jun-31Dec67

**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 323 (VMFA-323)\****\*The squadron departed from Vietnam on 15May67 for MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan for a rehabilitation period; it returned to Vietnam on 15Aug67.*

CO LtCol Aubrey W. Talbert	1-29Jan67
LtCol Gordon H. Keller, Jr.	30Jun-14Jul67
LtCol Edison W. Miller	15Jul-13Oct67
LtCol Harry T. Hagaman	14Oct-31Dec67

**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 542 (VMFA-542)**

CO LtCol Donald L. May	1Jan-2Feb67
LtCol Frederick L. Farrell, Jr.	3Feb-18Jul67
LtCol John Hubner	19Jul-14Sep67
LtCol Richard C. Marsh	15Sep-31Dec67

**Marine Aircraft Group 16 (MAG-16)**

CO Col Frank M. Hepler	1Jan-21Apr67
Col Samuel F. Martin	22Apr-4Sep67
Col Edwin O. Reed	5Sep-31Dec67

**Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 16 (H&MS 16)**

CO LtCol Lucius O. Davis	1-31Jan67
LtCol Walter C. Kelly	1Feb-21Apr67
LtCol William E. Deeds	22Apr-20Jul67
Maj Glenn A. Stephens	21Jul-30Sep67
LtCol Lawrence J. Flanagan	1Oct-31Dec67

**Marine Air Base Squadron 16 (MABS-16)**

CO LtCol Rodney D. McKittrick	1-4Jan67
LtCol Charles E. Wydner, Jr.	5Jan-30Sep67
LtCol Frederick M. Kleppsattel, Jr.	1-25Oct67
LtCol Samuel J. Fulton	26Oct-31Dec67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 (HMM-163)\***

*\*The squadron transferred to the SLF on 9Sep67.*

CO LtCol Rocco D. Bianchi	1Jan-26Apr67
LtCol Walter C. Kelly	27Apr-8Sep67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 164 (HMM-164)\***

*\*During the period 3Apr-13Jul67 the squadron served with the SLF; it transferred to MAG-36 effective 16Oct67.*

CO LTCol Warren C. Watson	1Jan-14Feb67
LtCol Rodney D. McKittrick	15Feb-24Jul67
LtCol Manning T. Jannell	25Jul-16Sep67
LtCol Robert F. Rick	17Sep-15Oct67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263 (HMM-263)\***

*\*On 15Feb67 the squadron returned to MCAS, Futema, Okinawa to assist in the CH-46 repair program.*

CO LtCol Leslie L. Darbyshire	1Jan-15Feb67
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**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 (HMM-265)\***

*\*During the period 12Jul-23Aug67 the squadron served with the SLF; on 23Aug67 it returned to MAG-36 and on 16Oct67 transferred back to MAG-16.*

CO Maj Frank B. Ellis	1-31Jan67
LtCol Clifford D. Corn	1Feb-2Apr67
LtCol Robert L. Gover, Jr.	3Apr-18Jun67
LtCol William R. Beeler	29Jun-31Dec67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 361 (HMM-361)\***

*\*The squadron arrived from Okinawa on 16Feb67; on 16Nov67 it transferred to the SLF.*

CO LtCol McDonald D. Tweed	16-28Feb67
LtCol Earl W. Traut	1Mar-23May67
Maj Homer A. Bruce	24May-17Oct67
LtCol Daniel M. Wilson	18Oct-15Nov67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 362 (HMM-362)\***

*\*The squadron joined MAG-16 from the SLF on 8Sep67 and on 15Oct67 it transferred to MAG-36.*

CO LtCol Nick J. Kapetan	8-13Sep67
LtCol Richard W. Cline	14Sep-15Oct67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 363 (HMM-363)\***

*\*The squadron joined MAG-13 from the SLF on 4Apr67.*

CO Maj Marvin E. Day	4Apr-10Jul67
LtCol Robert Lewis, Jr.	11Jul-2Dec67
LtCol Frankie E. Allgood	3-31Dec67

**Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 (HMH-463)\***

*\*The major portion of the squadron arrived in Vietnam from CONUS on 23May67, but a detachment had served with MAG-16 since 26Dec66.*

CO LtCol Samuel G. Beal	23May-5Oct67
LtCol Joseph L. Sadowski	6Oct-31Dec67

**Marine Observation Squadron 2 (VMO-2)**

CO LtCol William F. Harrell	1Jan-14Jul67
Maj Morris G. Robbins	14-23Jul67
LtCol Philip M. Crosswait	24Jul-10Dec67
LtCol Morris G. Robbins	11-31Dec67

**Marine Observation Squadron 3 (VMO-3)\***

*\*The squadron transferred effective 16Oct67.*

CO Maj Kyle W. Townsend	1Jan-17Aug67
LtCol Glenn R. Hunter	18Aug-15Oct67

**Marine Air Group 36 (MAG-36)**

CO Col Victor A. Armstrong	1Jan-28Mar67
Col Orlando S. Tosdal	29Mar-1Jul67
Col Frank E. Wilson	2Jul-31Dec67

**Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 36 (H&HS-36)**

CO LtCol William C. Carlson	1Jan-14Aug67
Maj Harold E. Roth	15Aug-13Oct67
LtCol Richard G. Courtney	14Oct-31Dec67

**Marine Air Base Squadron 36 (MABS-36)**

CO LtCol Joseph A. Nelson	1Jan-26Mar67
LtCol Thomas E. Fish	27Mar67-30Apr67
LtCol William L. Walker	1May-3Sep67
Maj Claude E. Hendrix	4Sep-5Oct67
LtCol Melvin J. Sternberg	6Oct-15Dec67
Maj James C. Robinson	16-31Dec67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 (HMM-163)\***

*\*The squadron joined MAG-36 from the SLF on 30Oct67.*

CO Maj Frederick A. Rueckel	30Oct-19Nov67
LtCol Louis W. Schwindt	20Nov-31Dec67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 164 (HMM-164)\***

*\*The squadron transferred from MAG-16 to MAG-36 on 16Oct67.*

CO LtCol Robert F. Rick	16Oct-31Dec67
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**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165 (HMM-165)**

CO LtCol William W. Eldridge, Jr.	1Jan-30Apr67
LtCol John A. Reames	1May-31Oct67
LtCol Richard E. Romine	1Nov-31Dec67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 (HMM-262)\***

*\*The squadron transferred to the SLF on 23Aug67.*

CO LtCol Ural W. Shadrick	1Jan-15Jun67
Maj Gregory A. Corliss	16Jun-23Aug67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263 (HMM-263)\***

*\*The squadron joined MAG-36 from the SLF on 13Jun67 and departed from Vietnam for CONUS on 31Oct67.*

CO LtCol Edward K. Kirby	13Jun-9Jul67
Maj James C. Robinson	10Jul-31Oct67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 (HMM-265)\***

*\*The squadron joined MAG-36 from the SLF on 23Aug67 and transferred to MAG-16 on 16Oct67.*

CO LtCol William R. Beeler	23Aug-16Oct67
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**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 362 (HMM-362)\***

*\*The squadron joined MAG-36 from the SLF on 19Jan67. On 8Sep67 it transferred to MAG-16, but on 16Oct67 it rejoined MAG-36.*

CO LtCol Marshall B. Armstrong	19Jan-15Mar67
LtCol Nick J. Kapetan	16Mar-13Sep67
LtCol Richard W. Cline	14Sep-23Dec67
Maj Walter H. Shaver	24-31Dec67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 363 (HMM-363)\***

*\*The squadron transferred to the SLF on 19Jan67 as a replacement for HMM-362.*

CO LtCol Kenneth E. Huntington	1-19Jan67
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**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 (HMM-364)\***

*\*The advance party of HMM-364 arrived in Vietnam on 29Oct67; the rest of the squadron arrived during November.*

CO LtCol Louis A. Gulling	29Oct-31Dec67
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**Marine Observation Squadron 3 (VMO-3)\***

*\*The squadron joined MAG-36 from MAG-16 on 16Oct67.*

CO LtCol Glenn R. Hunter	16Oct-31Dec67
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**Marine Observation Squadron 6 (VMO-6)**

CO LtCol William R. Maloney	1Jan-27Mar67
LtCol Joseph A. Nelson	28Mar-16Sep67
LtCol William J. White	17Sep-31Dec67

**9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/Task Force 79\***

*\*The 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (9th MAB) activated on 1 March 1966 and assumed responsibility for Task Force 79 (TF 79) duties on that date. On 15Apr66, 9th MAB assumed responsibility for tactical Marine aviation and ground units in the Western Pacific which were not in Vietnam.*

**9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Headquarters**

CG BGen Michael P. Ryan	1-4Jan67
BGen Louis G. Metzger	4Jan-18May67
BGen Jacob E. Glick	19May-31Dec67
C/S Col Richard R. Amerine	1Jan-16Sep67
Col Elton Mueller	17-27Sep67
Col James A. Etheridge	28Sep-31Dec67
G-1 LtCol Edward V. Easter	1Jan-10Sep67
Maj Patrick E. Duffy	11-24Sep67
LtCol George H. Benskin, Jr.	25Sep-31Dec67
G-2 Maj James C. Hitz	1Jan-21Feb67
Capt Eugene B. Burleson, Jr.	22-27Feb67
Maj Clark G. Henry	28Feb-25Jul67
Capt Eugene B. Burleson, Jr.	26Jul-28Aug67
Capt Hugh S. Jolley	29Aug67
Maj James V. Knapp	30Aug-31Dec67
G-3 LtCol James G. Dionisopoulos	1Jan-25Jun67
LtCol William L. Smith	26Jun-12Jul67
Col David E. Lownds	13-24Jul67
LtCol Bruce F. Meyers	25Jul-31Dec67
G-4 Col Elton Mueller	1Jan-8Sep67
Col Warren A. Butcher	9Sep-31Dec67

**Regimental Landing Team 26 (RLT-26)/Task Force 79.2\***

*\*On 26Apr67, RLT-26 Headquarters became RLT-26 (Forward) when it deployed to Vietnam, leaving RLT-26 (Rear) on Okinawa.*

CO Col John J. Padley	1Jan-11Aug67
Col David E. Lownds	12Aug-31Dec67

**Regimental Landing Team 26 (Rear) (RLT-26 [Rear])\***

*\*During the year 1967, RLT-26 and later RLT-26 (Rear) acted as the command headquarters for battalion and battalion landing teams as they arrived in Vietnam for training, rehabilitation, and deployment. All of the regiment's integral battalions had deployed in Vietnam, consequently the listing of battalions which*

*follows presents only the periods when the individual battalions came under 26th Marines' control. They appear in the sequence of their arrival during the year, rather than in any numerical sequence.*

CO LtCol Joseph K. Gastrock, III	26Apr-15Jul67
LtCol Richard D. Alexander	16Jul-31Dec67

**1st Battalion, 13th Marines\***

*\*The battalion arrived on Okinawa on 20Aug66.*

CO Maj Robert L. Christian, Jr.	1Jan-12May67
Maj Alva F. Thompson, Jr.	13May-15Jun67
Maj Thomas J. Coyle	16Jun-14Dec67
LtCol John A. Hennelly	15-31Dec67

**1st Battalion, 4th Marines\***

*\*The battalion became BLT 1/4 for planning on 13Jan67, transferred to the SLF on 27Jan67 and departed from Okinawa on 28Jan67.*

CO LtCol Jack Westerman	1-26Jan67
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**Battalion Landing Team 3/9 (BLT 3/9)\***

*\*The BLT arrived from Vietnam on 14Jan67, deactivated as a BLT on 18Jan67, but rejoined the SLF on 22Feb67, and sailed from Okinawa on 24Feb67.*

CO LtCol Sherwood A. Brunnenmeyer	14Jan-22Feb67
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**Battalion Landing Team 1/9 (BLT 1/9)\***

*\*The battalion arrived from Vietnam on 24Jan67 and departed for Vietnam on 31Jan67.*

CO Maj James L. Day	24-31Jan67
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**Battalion Landing Team 1/3 (BLT 1/3)\***

*\*The BLT arrived from Vietnam on 13Feb67 and departed as part of the SLF on 4Apr67.*

CO LtCol Peter A. Wickwire	13Feb-4Apr67
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**Battalion Landing Team 2/3 (BLT 2/3)\***

*\*The BLT arrived from Vietnam on 13Mar67 and departed as part of the SLF on 14Apr67.*

CO LtCol Earl R. DeLong	13Mar-14Apr67
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**Battalion Landing Team 3/4 (BLT 3/4)\***

*\*The BLT arrived from Vietnam on 11Apr67 and, upon receipt of orders recalling it to Vietnam, departed Okinawa on 16May67.*

CO LtCol Wendell N. Vest	11Apr-16May67
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**Marine Air Group 15 (MAG-15)/Task Group 79.3\***

*\*Marine Air Group 15, stationed at MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan served as a command and control headquarters for Marine aviation units requiring repair, rehabilitation, and training between Vietnam deployments. The following listing of squadrons both resi-*

*dent and transient, appears in order of arrival during the year 1967.*

CO Col Charles Kimak	1Jan-31Aug67
LtCol David O. Takala	1-27Sep67
Col Wilbur C. Kellogg, Jr.	28-30Sep67
LtCol David O. Takala	1-31Oct67
Col Wilbur C. Kellogg	1Nov-31Dec67

**Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 15 (H&MS-15)**

CO LtCol James McDaniel	1Jan-22Aug67
LtCol Herman L. Mixon	23Aug-31Dec67

**Marine Air Base Squadron 15 (MABS-15)**

CO LtCol George H. Albers	1Jan-6Sep67
LtCol Clement C. J. Chamberlain	7Sep-31Dec67

**Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 (VMGR-152)**

CO LtCol John Urell	1Jan-15May67
LtCol Royce M. Williams	16May-31Dec67

**Marine Air Control Squadron 6 (MACS-6)**

CO Maj William K. Hutchings	1Jan-30Mar67
Maj Rollin E. Hippler	31Mar-31Dec67

**Marine All-Weather Fighter Squadron 235 (VMF[AW]-235)\***

*\*The squadron transferred to MAG-11 on 14Feb67.*

CO LtCol Edward R. Rogal	1Jan-14Feb67
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**Marine Attack Squadron 223 (VMA-223)\***

*\*VMA-223 transferred to MAG-12, effective 1Mar67 and returned to MAG-15 after relief by VMA-221 on 1Dec67.*

CO LtCol Leonard C. Taft	1Jan-28Feb67
LtCol Arthur W. Anthony, Jr	1-31Dec67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 361 (HMM-361)\***

*\*The squadron transferred to MAG-16 on 17Feb67.*

CO LtCol McDonald D. Tweed	1Jan-17Feb67
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**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 (VMFA-115)\***

*\*The squadron departed MAG-11 in Vietnam on 15Feb67 and transferred to MAG-13 on 14May67.*

CO Maj Guy R. Campo	15Feb-13May67
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**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263 (HMM-263)\***

*\*The squadron arrived from MAG-16 on 20Feb67 and departed to the SLF on 3Apr67.*

CO LtCol Edward K. Kirby	20Feb-3Apr67
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**Marine Attack Squadron 311 (VMA-311)\***

*\*The squadron arrived from MAG-12 on 1Mar67 and returned to MAG-12 on 1Jun67.*

CO LtCol Roger A. Morris	1Mar-1Jun67
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**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 323 (VMA-323)\***

*\*The squadron arrived from MAG-13 on 16May67 and returned to MAG-13 on 17Aug67.*

CO LtCol Gordon H. Keller, Jr 16May-15Jul67  
LtCol Edison W. Miller 16Jul-17Aug67

**Marine Attack Squadron 121 (VMA-121)\***

*\*The squadron was joined from MAG-12 on 1Jun67 and returned to MAG-12 on 5Sep67.*

CO LtCol James H. McGee 1Jun-5Sep67

**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 (VMFA-314)\***

*\*The squadron arrived from MAG-13 on 18Aug67 and returned to MAG-13 on 15Nov67.*

CO LtCol Frank D. Topley 18Aug-15Nov67

**Marine Attack Squadron 211 (VMA-211)\***

*\*The squadron joined from MAG-12 on 6Sep67 and was returned to MAG-12 on 1Dec67.*

CO LtCol Francis H. Thurston 6Sep-1Dec67

**Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 542 (VMFA-542)\***

*\*The squadron joined from MAG-13 on 15Nov67.*

CO LtCol Richard C. Marsh 15Nov-31Dec67

**Special Landing Force Alpha (SLF Alpha)/TG 79.4)**

*Activated 1Mar67, SLF Alpha was in fact junior to its companion SLF, Bravo, which as Task Group 79.5, formed in 1966.*

CO Col James A. Gallo 1Mar-11Jun67  
Col John A. Conway 12Jun-31Dec67

**Special Landing Force Alpha Battalion Landing Team****Battalion Landing Team (BLT 1/3)\***

*\*BLT 1/3 joined SLF Alpha on 3Apr67. During the period 11-27Aug67, BLT 1/3 served under the operational control of Task Force X-Ray in Vietnam.*

CO LtCol Peter A. Wickwire 3Apr-15Jul67  
LtCol Alfred I. Thomas 16Jul-17Nov  
LtCol Richard W. Goodale 10Nov-31Dec67

**Special Landing Force Alpha Helicopter Squadron \*****Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263 (HMM-263)**

*\*HMM-263 joined SLF Alpha on 3Apr67, the same date as BLT 1/3. During the periods 13-27Jun67 and 31Oct-14Nov67, no squadron served with SLF Alpha, and during the period 16-27Aug67 HMM-362 reverted to the operational control of 1st MAW.*

CO LtCol Edward K. Kirby 3Apr-12Jun67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 362 (HMM-362)**

CO LtCol Nick J. Kapetan 28Jul-7Sep67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 (HMM-163)**

CO LtCol Walter C. Kelly 8-22Sep67  
Maj Fredrick A. Rueckel 23Sep-30Oct67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 361 (HMM-361)**

CO LtCol Daniel M. Wilson 15Nov-31Dec67

**Special Landing Force Bravo (SLF Bravo)/TG 79.5\***

*\*The first special landing force, Task Group 79.5 became Special Landing Force Bravo on 1Mar67.*

CO Col Harry D. Wortman 1Jan-6Jul67  
Col James G. Dionisopoulos 7Jul-5Nov67  
Col Maynard W. Schmidt 6Nov-31Dec67

**Special Landing Force Bravo Battalion Landing Team****Battalion Landing Team 1/9 (BLT 1/9)**

CO Maj James L. Day 1-25Jan67

**Battalion Landing Team 1/4 (BLT 1/4)**

CO LtCol Jack Westerman 26Jan-28Mar67  
LtCol Theodore J. Willis 29Mar-1Apr67

**Battalion Landing Team 2/3 (BLT 2/3)\***

*\*Effective 2Apr67, BLT 1/4 transferred to the 3d Marine Division. Its replacement BLT 2/3, activated on Okinawa on 3Apr67 but did not embark until the 13th.*

CO LtCol Earl R. Delong 3Apr-21May67  
Maj Wendell O. Beard 22May-12Jul67  
Maj John R. Broujos 13-16Jul67  
LtCol Emil W. Herich 17Jul-22Aug67  
Maj Wendell O. Beard 23Aug-9Oct67  
LtCol Henry Englisch 10Oct-31Dec67

**Battalion Landing Team 3/1 (BLT 3/1)**

CO LtCol Max McQuown 1-31Dec67

**Special Landing Force Bravo Helicopter Squadrons****Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 362 (HMM-362)**

CO LtCol Marshall B. Armstrong 1-18Jan67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 363 (HMM-363)**

CO LtCol Kenneth E. Huntington 19Jan-3Mar67  
Maj Marvin E. Day 4Mar-3Apr67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 164 (HMM-164)**

CO LtCol Rodney D. McKittrick 4Apr-12Jul67

**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265 (HMM-265)**

CO LtCol William R. Beeler 12Jul-22Aug67



**Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 (HMM-262)**  
 CO Maj Gregory A. Corliss 23Aug-11Oct67

CO Maj John W. Alber 12Oct-23Nov67  
 Maj David L. Althoff 24Nov-31Dec67

**Detachment Alpha, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262\***

*\*Detachment Alpha, HMM-262 formed when the 1st MAW grounded the CH-46s. Used only for emergency operations, the detachment remained with the ARG shipping until correction of the CH-46 structural problems.*

**Marine Advisory Unit, Naval Advisory Group**  
 SMA Col Nels E. Anderson 1Jan-23Jul67  
 Col Richard L. Michael, Jr. 24Jul-31Dec67



# Appendix B

## Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

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- A-1E—Douglas Skyraider, a propeller-driven, single-engine, attack aircraft.
- A-4—Douglas Skyhawk, a single-seat, jet attack aircraft in service on board carriers of the U.S. Navy and with land-based Marine attack squadrons.
- A-6A—Grumman Intruder, a twin-jet, twin-seat, attack aircraft specifically designed to deliver weapons on targets completely obscured by weather or darkness.
- AAR—After action report.
- AC-47—Douglas C-47 Skytrain, twin-engine fixed-wing transport modified with 7.62mm miniguns and used as a gunship.
- ADC—Assistant division commander.
- AdminO—Administrative officer.
- Adv—Advanced.
- AGC—Amphibious command ship. The current designation is LCC.
- AK-47—Russian-made Kalashnikov gas-operated 7.62mm automatic rifle, with an effective range of 400 meters. It was the standard rifle of the North Vietnamese Army.
- AKA—Attack cargo ship, a naval ship designed to transport combat-loaded cargo in an assault landing. LKA is the current designation.
- ANGLICO—Air and naval gunfire liaison company, an organization composed of Marine and Navy personnel specially qualified for control of naval gunfire and close air support. ANGLICO personnel normally provided this service while attached to U.S. Army, Korean, and ARVN units.
- AOA—Amphibious objective area, a defined geographical area within which is located the area or areas to be captured by the amphibious task force.
- APA—Attack transport ship, a naval ship, designed for combat loading elements of a battalion landing team. LPA is the current designation.
- APC—Armored personnel carrier.
- Arc Light—The codename for B-52 bombing missions in South Vietnam.
- ARG—Amphibious ready group.
- Arty—Artillery.
- ARVN—Army of the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam).
- ASRT—Air support radar team, a subordinate operational component of a tactical air control system which provides ground controlled precision flight path guidance and weapons release for attack aircraft.
- B-3 Front—North Vietnamese military command established in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam to control military operations in Kontum, Dar Loc, and Pleiku Provinces.
- B-52—Boeing Stratofortress, U.S. Air Force eight-engine, swept-wing, heavy jet bomber.
- BGen—Brigadier general.
- BLT—Battalion landing team.
- Bn—Battalion.
- Brig—Brigade.
- C-117D—Douglas Skytrain, a twin-engine transport aircraft. The C-117D was an improved version of the C-47, the military version of the DC-3.
- C-130—Lockheed Hercules, a four-engine turboprop transport aircraft.
- CAAR—Combat after action report.
- Capt—Captain.
- CAS—Close air support.
- Cdr—Commander.
- CG—Commanding general.
- CH-37—Sikorsky twin-engine, heavy transport helicopter which carries three crew members and 20 passengers.
- CH-46—Boeing Vertol Sea Knight, a twin-turbine, tandem-rotor transport helicopter, designed to carry a four-man crew and 17 combat-loaded troops.
- CH-53—Sikorsky Sea Stallion, a single-rotor, heavy transport helicopter powered by two shaft-turbine engines with an average payload of 12,800 pounds. Carries crew of three and 38 combat-loaded troops.
- CIDG—Civilian Irregular Defense Group, South Vietnamese paramilitary force, composed largely of Montagnards, the nomadic tribesmen who populate the South Vietnamese highlands, and advised by the U.S. Army Special Forces.
- CinCPac—Commander in Chief, Pacific.
- CinCPacFlt—Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet.
- Class (I-V)—Categories of military supplies, e.g., Class I, rations; Class III, POL; Class V, Ammunition.
- CMC—Commandant of the Marine Corps.
- CMH—Center of Military History, Department of the Army.
- CNO—Chief of Naval Operations.
- CO—Commanding officer.
- Col—Colonel.
- CORDS—Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support, the agency organized under MACV in May 1967 and charged with coordinating U.S. and Vietnamese pacification efforts.
- Combined action program—A Marine pacification program which integrated a Marine infantry squad with a South Vietnamese Popular Forces platoon in a Vietnamese village.
- ComdC—Command chronology.
- ComUSMACV—Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.
- COSVN—Central Office of South Vietnam, the nominal Communist military and political headquarters in South Vietnam.

County Fair—A sophisticated cordon and search operation in a particular hamlet or village by South Vietnamese troops, police, local officials, and U.S. Marines in an attempt to screen and register the local inhabitants.

CP—Command post.

CRC—Control and reporting center, an element of the U.S. Air Force tactical air control system, subordinate to the Tactical Air Control Center, which conducted radar and warning operations.

CTZ—Corps Tactical Zone.

DASC—Direct air support center—A subordinate operational component of the Marine air control system designed for control of close air support and other direct air support operations.

D-Day—Day scheduled for the beginning of an operation.

DD—Navy Destroyer.

DMZ—Demilitarized Zone separating North and South Vietnam.

DRV—Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam).

Dtd—Dated.

Div—Division.

DOD—Department of Defense.

Duster—The nickname for the U.S. Army's tracked vehicle, the M-42, which mounted dual 40-mm automatic weapons.

EA-6A—The electronic-countermeasures version of the A-6A Intruder.

ECM—Electronic countermeasures, a major subdivision of electronic warfare involving actions against enemy electronic equipment or to exploit the enemy's use of electromagnetic radiations from such equipment.

EF-10B—An ECM modified version of the Navy F-3D Skynight, a twin-engine jet night-fighter of Korean War vintage.

ELINT—Electronic intelligence, the intelligence information gained by monitoring radiations from enemy electronic equipment.

Engr—Engineer.

F-4B—McDonnell Phantom II, a twin-engined, two-seat, long-range, all-weather jet interceptor and attack bomber.

FAC (A)—Forward air controller (Airborne).

FFV—Field Force, Vietnam I and II, U.S. Army commands in II and III Corps areas of South Vietnam.

FLC—Force Logistic Command.

FLSG—Force logistic support group.

FLSU—Force logistic support unit.

FMFPac—Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

FO—Forward observer.

FSCC—Fire support coordination center, a single location involved in the coordination of all forms of fire support.

FSR—Force service regiment.

Fwd—Forward.

G—Refers to staff positions on a general staff, e. g., G-1 would refer to the staff member responsible for personnel; G-2 intelligence; G-3 operations; G-4 logistics, and G-5 civil affairs.

Gen—General.

Golden Fleece—Marine rice harvest protection operation.

Grenade Launcher, M79—U.S.-built, single-shot, breech-loaded shoulder weapon which fires 40mm projectiles and weighs approximately 6.5 pounds when loaded; it has a sus-

tained rate of aimed fire of five-seven rounds per minute and an effective range of 375 meters.

Gun, 175mm, M107—U.S.-built, self-propelled gun which weighs 62,000 pounds and fires a 147-pound projectile to a maximum range of 32,800 meters. Maximum rate of fire is one round every two minutes.

Gun, 155mm, M53—U.S.-built, medium, self-propelled gun, with a 23,300 meter range, and weighing 96,000 pounds. It has a sustained rate of fire of one round every two minutes.

GVN—Government of Vietnam (South Vietnam).

H&I fires—Harassing and interdiction fires.

H&S Co—Headquarters and service company.

HAWK—A mobile, surface-to-air guided missile, designed to defend against low-flying enemy aircraft and short range missiles.

HE—High explosive.

H-Hour—The specific hour an operation begins.

HistBr, G-3Div, HQMC—Historical Branch, G-3 Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, the Vietnam-era predecessor of the History and Museums Division.

HLZ—Helicopter landing zone.

HMM—Marine medium helicopter squadron.

Howitzer, 8-inch (M55)—U.S.-Built, self-propelled, heavy-artillery piece with a maximum range of 16,900 meters and a rate of fire of one round every two minutes.

Howitzer, 105mm, M101A1—U.S.-built, towed, general purpose light artillery piece with a maximum range of 11,000 meters and maximum rate of fire of four rounds per minute.

Howitzer, 155mm, M-114A towed and M-109 self-propelled—U.S.-built medium artillery with a maximum range of 15,080 meters and a maximum rate of fire of 3 rounds per minute. Marines employed both models in Vietnam. The newer and heavier self-propelled M109 was largely road bound, while the lighter, towed M114A could be moved either by truck or by helicopter.

Howtar—A 4.2-inch (107mm) mortar tube mounted on a 75mm pack howitzer frame.

"Huey"—Popular name for UH-1 series of helicopters.

ICC—International Control Commission, established by the Geneva Accords of 1954 to supervise the truce ending the First Indochina War between the French and the Viet Minh and resulting in the partition of Vietnam at the 17th Parallel. The members of the Commission were from Canada, India, and Poland.

ICCC—I Corps Coordinating Council, consisting of U.S. and Vietnamese officials in I Corps who coordinated the civilian assistance program in I Corps.

I Corps—The military and administrative subdivision which includes the five northern provinces of South Vietnam.

J—The designations for members of a joint staff which includes members of several services comprising the command, e. g., J-1 would refer to the staff member responsible for personnel; J-2 intelligence; J-3 operations; J-4 logistic and J-5 civil affairs.

JCS—Joint Chiefs of Staff (U.S.).

JGS—Joint General Staff (South Vietnamese).

JTD—Joint table of distribution.

- KANZUS**—A proposed international brigade to man defenses along the DMZ; the acronym stands for Korean, Australian, New Zealand, and United States.
- KC-130**—The in-flight refueling tanker configuration of the C-130 Lockheed Hercules.
- KIA**—Killed-in-action.
- Kit Carson Scout**—Viet Cong defectors recruited by Marines to serve as scouts, interpreters, and intelligence agents.
- L-Hour**—In planned helicopter operations, it is the specific hour the helicopters land in the landing zone.
- LAAM Bn**—Light antiaircraft missile battalion.
- LCM**—Landing craft mechanized, designed to land tanks, trucks, and trailers directly onto the beach.
- LCVP**—Landing craft, vehicle, personnel, a small craft with a bow ramp used to transport assault troops and light vehicles to the beach.
- LOI**—Letter of Instruction.
- LPD**—Amphibious transport, dock, a ship designed to transport and land troops, equipment, and supplies by means of embarked landing craft, amphibious vehicles, and helicopters. It has both a submersible well deck and a helicopter landing deck.
- LPH**—Amphibious assault ship, a ship designed or modified to transport and land troops, equipment, and supplies by means of embarked helicopters.
- LSA**—Logistic support area.
- LSD**—Landing ship, dock, a landing ship designed to combat load, transport, and launch amphibious crafts or vehicles together with crews and embarked personnel, and to provide limited docking and repair services to small ships and crafts. It lacks the helicopter landing deck of the LPD.
- LST**—Landing ship, tank, landing ship designed to transport heavy vehicles and to land them on a beach.
- Lt**—Lieutenant.
- LtCol**—Lieutenant colonel.
- LtGen**—Lieutenant general.
- Ltr**—letter.
- LVTE**—Amphibian vehicle, tracked, engineer; a lightly armored amphibious vehicle designed for minefield and obstacle clearance.
- LVTH**—Amphibian vehicle, tracked, howitzer; a lightly armored, self-propelled, amphibious 105mm howitzer. It resembles an LVTP with a turret for the howitzer.
- LVTP**—Landing vehicle, tracked, personnel; an amphibian vehicle used to land and or transport personnel.
- LZ**—Landing zone.
- MAB**—Marine Amphibious Brigade.
- Machine gun, .50 caliber**—U.S. built, belt-fed, recoil-operated, air-cooled automatic weapon, which weighs approximately 80 pounds without mount or ammunition; it has a sustained rate of fire of 100 rounds per minute and an effective range of 1,450 meters.
- Machine gun, M60**—U.S. built, belt-fed, gas-operated, air-cooled, 7.62mm automatic weapon, which weighs approximately 20 pounds without mount or ammunition; it has a sustained rate of fire of 100 rounds per minute and an effective range of 1,000 meters.
- MACS**—Marine air control squadron, provides and operates ground facilities for the detection and interception of hostile aircraft and for the navigational direction of friendly aircraft in the conduct of support operations.
- MACV**—Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.
- MAF**—Marine amphibious force.
- MAG**—Marine aircraft group.
- Main Force**—Refers to organized Viet Cong battalions and regiments as opposed to local VC guerrilla groups.
- Maj**—Major.
- MajGen**—Major general.
- MarDiv**—Marine division.  
—Marines—Designates a Marine regiment, e.g. 3d Marines.
- MASS**—Marine air support squadron, provides and operates facilities for the control of support aircraft operating in direct support of ground forces.
- MAW**—Marine aircraft wing.
- MCAF**—Marine Corps air facility.
- MCAS**—Marine Corps air station.
- MCCC**—Marine Corps Command Center.
- MCOAG**—Marine Corps Operations Analysis Group.
- MedCap**—Medical civilian assistance program.
- MIA**—Missing-in-action.
- MilHistBr**—Military History Branch.
- Mortar, 4.2-inch, M30**—U.S. built, rifled, muzzle-loaded, drop-fired weapon consisting of tube, base-plate and standard; weapon weighs 330 pounds and has a maximum range of 4,020 meters. Rate of fire is 20 rounds per minute.
- Mortar, 60mm, M19**—U.S. built, smooth-bore, muzzle-loaded, weapon, which weighs 45.2 pounds when assembled; it has a maximum rate of fire of 30 rounds per minute and sustained rate of fire of 18 rounds per minute; the effective range is 2,000 meters.
- Mortar, 81mm, M29**—U.S. built, smooth-bore, muzzle-loaded, which weighs approximately 115 pounds when assembled; it has a sustained rate of fire of two rounds per minute and an effective range of 2,300-3,650 meters, depending upon ammunition used.
- Mortar, 82mm, Soviet-built, smooth-bore, mortar, single-shot, high angle of fire** weapon which weighs approximately 123 pounds; it has a maximum rate of fire of 25 rounds per minute and a maximum range of 3,040 meters.
- Mortar, 120mm**—Soviet or Chinese Communist built, smooth bore, drop or trigger fired, mortar which weighs approximately 600 pounds; it has a maximum rate of fire of 15 rounds per minute and a maximum range of 5,700 meters.
- MR-5**—Military Region 5, a Communist political and military sector in northern South Vietnam, including all of I Corps. NVA units in MR-5 did not report to COSVN.
- MS**—Manuscript.
- Msg**—Message.
- NAG**—Naval Advisory Group.
- NCC**—Naval component commander.
- NCO**—Non-commissioned officer.
- NLF**—National Liberation Front, the political arm of the Communist-led insurgency against the South Vietnamese Government.
- NMCB**—Naval mobile construction battalion (Seabees).
- NMCC**—National Military Command Center.
- NPA**—National priority area, designated targeted area for

- pacification in South Vietnam.
- Nui—Vietnamese word for hill or mountain.
- Nung—A Vietnamese tribesman, of a separate ethnic group and probably of Chinese origin.
- NVA—North Vietnamese Army; often used colloquially to refer to a North Vietnamese soldier.
- O-1B—Cessna, single-engine observation aircraft.
- OAB, NHD—Operational Archives Branch, Naval History Division.
- Ontos—U.S. built, lightly-armored, tracked antitank vehicle armed with six coaxially-mounted 106mm recoilless rifles.
- OpCon—Operational control, the authority granted to a commander to direct forces assigned for specific missions or tasks which are usually limited by function, time, or location.
- OpO—Operation order, a directive issued by a commander to subordinate commanders for the execution of an operation.
- OPlan—Operation plan, a plan for a single or series of connected operations to be carried out simultaneously or in succession; it is the form of directive employed by higher authority to permit subordinate commanders to prepare supporting plans and orders.
- OpSum—Operational summary.
- OSJS (MACV)—Office of the Secretariat, Joint Staff (Military Assistance Command Vietnam).
- PAVN—Peoples Army of Vietnam (North Vietnam). This acronym dropped in favor of NVA.
- PF—Popular Force, Vietnamese militia who were usually employed in the defense of their own communities.
- POL—Petroleum, oil, and lubricants.
- Practice Nine—The codename for the planning of the antiinfiltration barrier across the DMZ.
- Project Delta—A special South Vietnamese reconnaissance group consisting of South Vietnamese Special Forces troops and U.S. Army Special Forces advisors.
- Recoilless rifle, 106mm, M401A1—U.S. built, single-shot, recoilless, breech-loaded weapon which weighs 438 pounds when assembled and mounted for firing; it has a sustained rate of fire of six rounds per minute and an effective range of 1,365 meters.
- RF—Regional Force, Vietnamese militia who were employed in a specific area.
- RF-4B—Photo-reconnaissance model of the F4B Phantom II.
- RF-8A—Reconnaissance version of the F-8 Chance Vought Crusader.
- Regt—Regiment.
- Revolutionary Development—The South Vietnamese pacification program started in 1966.
- Revolutionary Development Teams—Especially trained Vietnamese political cadre who were assigned to individual hamlets and villages and conducted various pacification and civilian assistance tasks on a local level. (See rural reconstruction.)
- Rifle, M14—Gas-operated, magazine-fed, air-cooled, semi-automatic, 7.62mm caliber shoulder weapon, which weighs 12 pounds with a full 20-round magazine; it has a sustained rate of fire of 30 rounds per minute and an effective range of 460 meters.
- Rifle, M16—Gas-operated, magazine-fed, air-cooled, automatic, 5.56mm caliber shoulder weapon, which weighs 3.1 pounds with a 20-round magazine; it has a sustained rate of fire of 12-15 rounds per minute and an effective range of 460 meters.
- RLT—Regimental landing team.
- ROK—Republic of Korea (South Korea)
- Rolling Thunder—Codename for U.S. air operations over North Vietnam.
- Rough Rider—Organized vehicle convoys, often escorted by helicopters and armored vehicles, using Vietnam's roads to supply Marine bases.
- Route Package—Code name used with a number to designate areas of North Vietnam for the American bombing campaign. Route Package I was the area immediately north of the DMZ.
- RRU—Radio Research Unit.
- Rural Reconstruction—The predecessor pacification campaign to Revolutionary Development.
- RVN—Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)
- RVNAF—Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces.
- S—Refers to staff positions on regimental and battalion levels. S-1 would refer to the staff member responsible for personnel; S-2 intelligence; S-3, operations; S-4 logistics; and S-5 civil affairs.
- SAR—Search and rescue.
- SATS—Short airfield for tactical support, an expeditionary airfield used by Marine Corps aviation that included a portable runway surface, aircraft launching and recovery devices, and other essential expeditionary airfield components.
- SEATO—Southeast Asia Treaty Organization.
- 2d AD—2d Air Division, the major U.S. Air Force command in Vietnam prior to the establishment of the Seventh Air Force.
- SecDef—Secretary of Defense.
- SecState—Secretary of State.
- Seventh AF—Seventh Air Force, the major U.S. Air Force command in Vietnam.
- Seventh Flt—Seventh Fleet, the U.S. fleet assigned to the Pacific.
- SitRep—Situation Report.
- SIF—Special landing force.
- Song—Vietnamese for "river".
- SOP—Standing operating procedure, set of instructions laying out standardized procedures.
- Sortie—An operational flight by one aircraft.
- Sparrow Hawk—A small rapid reaction force on standby, ready for insertion by helicopter for reinforcement of units in contact with the enemy.
- Steel Tiger—The codename for the air campaign over Laos.
- Stingray—Special Marine reconnaissance missions in which small Marine reconnaissance teams call artillery and air attacks on targets of opportunity.
- SPOS—Strong point obstacle system, often called the "McNamara Line," which had the intended purpose of controlling movement of NVA units from North Vietnam into I Corps.
- Strike Company—an elite company in a South Vietnamese infantry division, directly under the control of the division commander.
- TAC(A)—Tactical air coordinator (Airborne), an officer in an

- airplane, who coordinates close air support.
- TACC—Tactical air control center, the principal air operations installation for controlling all aircraft and air-warning functions of tactical air operations.
- TADC—Tactical air direction center, an air operations installation under the tactical air control center, which direct aircraft and aircraft warning functions of the tactical air center.
- TAOC—Tactical air operations center, a subordinate component of the air command and control system which controls all enroute air traffic and air defense operations.
- TAFDS—Tactical airfield fuel dispensing system, the expeditionary storage and dispensing system of aviation fuel at tactical airfields. It uses 10,000 gallon fabric tanks to store the fuel.
- Tally Ho—Bombing campaign under ComUSMACV begun in July 1966 of Route Package I in North Vietnam.
- Tank, M48—U.S. built 50.7-ton tank with a crew of four; primary armament is turret-mounted 90mm gun with one .30 caliber and one .50 caliber machine gun. Maximum road speed of 32 miles per hour and an average range of 195 miles.
- TAOR—Tactical area of responsibility, a defined area of land for which responsibility is specifically assigned to the commander of the area as a measure for control of assigned forces and coordination of support.
- TE—Task element.
- TG—Task Group.
- Tiger Hound—Airstrikes in Laos directed by U.S. Air Force small fixed-wing observation aircraft, flying up to 12 miles in southeastern Laos.
- TU—Task unit.
- UH-1E-Bell "Huey"—A single-engine, light attack/observation helicopter noted for its maneuverability and firepower; carries a crew of three; it can be armed with air-to-ground rocket packs and fuselage-mounted, electrically-fired machine guns.
- UH-34D—Sikorsky Sea Horse, a single-engine medium transport helicopter with a crew of three, carries 8-12 combat soldiers, depending upon weather conditions.
- USA—United States Army.
- USAF—United States Air Force.
- USAID—United States Agency for International Development.
- USMC—United States Marine Corps.
- U.S. Mission Council—Council, chaired by the U.S. Ambassador to South Vietnam and included ComUSMACV, which developed and coordinated U.S. policy within South Vietnam.
- USN—United States Navy.
- USOM—United States Operations Mission, the United States civilian organization in RVN including the U.S. Embassy, AID, etc.
- VC—Viet Cong, a term used to refer to the Communist guerrilla in South Vietnam; a derogatory contraction of the Vietnamese phrase meaning "Vietnamese Communists."
- Viet Minh—The Vietnamese contraction for Viet Nam Doc Lap Nong Minh Hoi, a Communist-led coalition of nationalist groups, which actively opposed the Japanese in World War II and the French in the first Indochina War.
- VMA—Marine attack squadron. In naval aviation, the "V" designates "heavier than air" as opposed to craft that were "lighter than air."
- VMF (AW)—Marine fighter squadron (all-weather).
- VMFA—Marine fighter attack squadron.
- VMCJ—Marine composite reconnaissance squadron.
- VMGR—Marine refueller transport squadron.
- VMO—Marine observation squadron.
- VNAF—Vietnamese Air Force.
- VNMB—Vietnamese Marine Brigade.
- VNMC—Vietnamese Marine Corps.
- VNN—Vietnamese Navy.
- VT—Variable timed electronic fuze for an artillery shell which causes airburst over the target area.
- WestPac—Western Pacific.
- WIA—Wounded-in-action.
- WFRC—Washington Federal Records Center.





## Appendix C

# Chronology of Significant Events

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- 1 January III MAF strength totaled 65,789.
- 6 January Operation Deckhouse V, the first major offensive by U.S. forces into the Mekong Delta, began with helicopter and waterborne landings by the SLF and Vietnamese Marines. The Viet Cong knew of the operation in advance and departed before the Marines landed.
- 26 January MACV headquarters completed its Practice Nine Requirement Plan for constructing a strong point obstacle system (SPOS) south of the DMZ.
- 26 January Operation Desoto began. Task Force X-Ray controlled this operation which involved elements of the 4th and 5th Marines in a search and destroy mission in Quang Nam Province. The operation lasted 73 days.
- 31 January Operation Prairie, the 3d Marine Division's multi-battalion operation, which began in August 1966, ended in Quang Tri Province. The operation opposed elements of two North Vietnamese divisions.
- 1 February The 3d Marine Division began Operation Prairie II, a continuation of Prairie I.
- 8-12 February These dates marked the ceasefire for Tet, a major Vietnamese holiday. Thereafter, North Vietnamese units, for the first time, defended key terrain from well-constructed, fortified lines and employed artillery weapons ranging from 82mm to 130mm in size.
- 12-22 February The 1st Marines conducted Operation Stone in Quang Nam Province. In this operation, Marines destroyed a vast network of caves, tunnels, and bunkers. In the operation's second phase, Marines surrounded elements of the *R-20 Battalion* and then swept back and forth over the cordoned area.
- 21 February Dr. Bernard Fall, noted historian of the French combat experience in Indochina, died in a explosion of an enemy mine. Dr. Fall was accompanying the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines on Operation Chinook II.
- 26 February The 1st Marines began Operation Lafayette, a multi-battalion effort in Quang Nam Province.
- 10 March III MAF completed the introduction of the M-16 to Marines in Vietnam.
- 18 March The first woman Marine to serve in Vietnam, MSgt Barbara J. Dulin-sky, arrived in Saigon, for assignment to the MACV combat operations center.
- 18 March The 3d Marine Division ended Prairie II and began Prairie III the following day. The latter continued until 20 April.
- 26 March COMUSMACV ordered III MAF to prepare a plan for locating, constructing, and occupying a strongpoint obstacle system south of the DMZ.
- 5 April The 4th Marines began a multi-battalion operation named Big Horn in Thua Thien Province.

- 6-10 April The 1st Marines conducted Operation Canyon with South Vietnamese ranger battalions participating.
- 20 April Operation Prairie IV began in Quang Tri Province. It ended on 17 May.
- 20 April Task Force Oregon arrived at Chu Lai.
- 24 April The First Battle of Khe Sanh began. Units of the 3d Marine Division subsequently fought bitter battles with regular NVA forces for control of Hills 881S, 881N, and 861. This battle continued into May.
  - 2 May 11th Engineer Battalion completed clearing a 200-meter wide trace between Con Thien and Gio Linh and began clearing a 500-meter perimeter around each position.
- 13 May The 26th Marines began Operation Crockett in the Khe Sanh area.
- 18 May Units of the 3d Marine Division, augmented by the SLF and ARVN forces, began Operation Hickory by moving into the southern portion of the DMZ in a three-pronged attack against North Vietnamese units using the area as a sanctuary.
- 26 May The 5th Marines began Operation Union II, which continued until 5 June.
- 31 May LtGen Robert E. Cushman, Jr., succeeded LtGen Lewis W. Walt as CG, III MAF.
  - 7 June A company-size force from the 26th Marines engaged an NVA force on Hill 881 during Operation Crockett and reported killing 59 NVA soldiers.
- 14-22 June The 7th Marines conducted Operation Arizona with a multi-battalion force. The operation moved 1,650 refugees to camps at Duc Duc, the headquarters of the An Hoa industrial complex 15 miles south of Da Nang.
  - 18 June III MAF published its OpPlan 11-67 outlining the SPOS concept.
  - 25 June LtGen Cushman and MajGen Hoang Xuan Lam, the Vietnamese Army I Corps commander, opened the new 1,680 foot prefabricated bridge across the Da Nang River.
  - 3 July North Vietnamese artillery fired supply dumps at the Marines' base at Dong Ha.
  - 14 July The name "Dye Marker" became effective as the title of the efforts to construct an SPOS south of the DMZ.
  - 15 July An early morning enemy rocket attack heavily damaged aircraft and the southern end of the Da Nang Air Base.
- 28-29 July The 3d Marine Division sent the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines, reinforced with armored vehicles, into the DMZ north of Con Thien on a search and destroy mission. The battalion had to fight its way out on the DMZ on the second day.
- 7-11 August BLT 1/3 of the SLF conducted Operation Beacon Gate southeast of Hoi An.
- 10-28 August The 1st Marine Division's Task Force X-Ray conducted Operation Cochise in Quang Tin Province in conjunction with the ARVN Operation Lien Ket-122.
- 27 August The 1st Battalion, 7th Marines began Operation Yazoo in Happy Valley near Da Nang. There was little contact and the operation ended on 5 September.

- 3 September North Vietnamese artillery fire destroyed the large ammunition dump at Dong Ha.
- 4 September Navy Chaplain Vincent R. Capodanno died earning the Medal of Honor while serving with the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines.
- 4-15 September Task Force X-Ray's Operation Swift pitted elements of two Marine battalions against a large and well-equipped force of NVA soldiers northwest of Tam Ky. ARVN forces and elements of Task Force Oregon fought simultaneous operations in conjunction with Swift.
- 6 October BGen Harry C. Olson relieved BGen James E. Herbold, Jr., as commander of the Force Logistics Command.
- 11-20 October The 1st Marines conducted Operation Medina near Quang Tri.
- 20 October The 1st Marines began Operation Osceola.
- 24 October The 7th Marines began Operation Knox, which ended 4 November, in the Phu Loc-Hai Van area.
- 31 October Operation Ardmore, Fremont, and Kingfisher, which began in mid-July, ended in northern I Corps.
- 1 November Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, on a visit to South Vietnam, presented the Presidential Unit Citation to the 3d Marine Division and the 7th ARVN Airborne.
- 14 November MajGen Bruno A. Hochmuth died in a helicopter crash near Hue. BGen Metzger assumed command of the 3d Marine Division pending the arrival of MajGen Tompkins.
- 6-17 November The 5th Marines conducted Operation Essex in Quang Nam Province.
- 13-30 November The 7th Marines conducted Operation Foster northwest of An Hoa.
- 1-31 December The 3d Marine Division continued Operation Scotland, Lancaster, Kentucky, Napoleon, Neosho, and Osceola.
- 23 December The 7th Marines terminated Operation Citrus.
- 31 December As of this date, III MAF units had expended 757,520 man days and 114,519 equipment hours on the construction of the strong point obstacle system, which many Marines referred to as the "McNamara Line." Enemy action had destroyed \$1,622,348 worth of Marine equipment being used on the project.



# Appendix D

## Medal of Honor Citations, 1967

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The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES ANDERSON, JR.  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a rifleman, Second Platoon, Company F, Second Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division in Vietnam on 28 February 1967. Company F was advancing in dense jungle northwest of Cam Lo in an effort to extract a heavily besieged reconnaissance patrol. Private First Class Anderson's platoon was the lead element and had advanced only about 200 meters when they were brought under extremely intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. The platoon reacted swiftly, getting on line as best they could in the thick terrain, and began returning fire. Private First Class Anderson found himself tightly bunched together with the other members of the platoon only 20 meters from the enemy positions. As the fire fight continued several of the men were wounded by the deadly enemy assault. Suddenly, an enemy grenade landed in the midst of the Marines and rolled along side Private First Class Anderson's head. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he reached out, grasped the grenade, pulled it to his chest and curled around it as it went off. Although several Marines received shrapnel from the grenade, his body absorbed the major force of the explosion. In this singularly heroic act, Private First Class Anderson saved his comrades from serious injury and possible death. His personal heroism, extraordinary valor, and inspirational supreme self-sacrifice reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

LANCE CORPORAL JEDH COLBY BARKER  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a machine gunner with Company F, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 September 1967. During a reconnaissance operation near Con Thien, Corporal Barker's squad was suddenly hit by enemy sniper fire. The squad immediately deployed to a combat formation and advanced to a strongly fortified enemy position, when it was again struck by small arms and automatic weapons fire, sustaining numerous casualties. Although wounded by the initial burst of fire, Corporal Barker boldly remained in the open, delivering a devastating volume of accurate fire on the numerically superior force. The enemy was intent upon annihilating the small Marine force and, realizing that Corporal Barker was a threat to their position directed the preponderance of their fire on his position. He was again wounded, this time in the right hand, which prevented him from operating his vitally needed machine gun. Suddenly, and without warning, an enemy grenade landed in the midst of the few surviving Marines. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Corporal Barker threw himself upon the deadly grenade, absorbing with his own body the full and tremendous force of the explosion. In a final act of bravery, he crawled to the side of a wounded comrade and administered first aid before succumbing to his grievous wounds. His bold initiative, intrepid fighting spirit, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of almost certain death undoubtedly saved his comrades from further injury or possible death and reflected great credit upon himself, the Marine Corps, and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN PAUL BOBO  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Weapons Platoon Commander, Company I, Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, in Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam, on 30 March 1967. Company I was establishing night ambush sites when the command group was attacked by a reinforced North Vietnamese company supported by heavy automatic weapons and mortar fire. Lieutenant Bobo immediately organized a hasty defense and moved from position to position encouraging the outnumbered Marines despite the murderous enemy fire. Recovering a rocket launcher from among the friendly casualties, he organized a new launcher team and directed its fire into the enemy machine gun positions. When an exploding enemy mortar round severed Lieutenant Bobo's right leg below the knee, he refused to be evacuated and insisted upon being placed in a firing position to cover the movement of the command group to better location. With a web belt around his leg serving as a tourniquet and with his leg jammed into the dirt to curtail the bleeding, he remained in this position and delivered devastating fire into the ranks of the enemy attempting to overrun the Marines. Lieutenant Bobo was mortally wounded while firing his weapon into the mainpoint of the enemy attack but his valiant spirit inspired his men to heroic efforts, and his tenacious stand enabled the command group to gain a protective position where it repulsed the enemy onslaught. Lieutenant Bobo's superb leadership, dauntless courage, and bold initiative reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

LIEUTENANT VINCENT R. CAPODANNO  
CHAPLAIN CORPS, UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Chaplain of the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF, in connection with operations against enemy forces in Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam, on 4 September 1967. In response to reports that the 2d Platoon of M Company was in danger of being overrun by a massed enemy assaulting force, Lieutenant Capodanno left the relative safety of the Company Command Post and ran through an open area raked with fire, directly to the beleaguered platoon. Disregarding the intense enemy small-arms, automatic-weapons, and mortar fire, he moved about the battlefield administering last rites to the dying and giving medical aid to the wounded. When an exploding mortar round inflicted painful multiple wounds to his arms and legs, and severed a portion of his right hand, he steadfastly refused all medical aid. Instead, he directed the corpsmen to help their wounded comrades and, with calm vigor, continued to move about the battlefield as he provided encouragement by voice and example to the valiant Marines. Upon encountering a wounded corpsman in the direct line of fire of an enemy machine gunner positioned approximately fifteen yards away, Lieutenant Capodanno rushed forward in a daring attempt to aid and assist the mortally wounded corpsman. At that instant, only inches from his goal, he was struck down by a burst of machine gun fire. By his heroic conduct on the battlefield, and his inspiring example, Lieutenant Capodanno upheld the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the cause of freedom.



The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

SERGEANT RODNEY MAXWELL DAVIS  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as the right guide of the Second Platoon, Company B, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in action against enemy forces in Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam, on 6 September 1967. Elements of the Second Platoon were pinned down by a numerically superior force of attacking North Vietnamese Army Regulars. Remnants of the platoon were located in a trench line where Sergeant Davis was directing the fire of his men in an attempt to repel the enemy attack. Disregarding the enemy hand grenades and high volume of small arms and mortar fire, Sergeant Davis moved from man to man shouting words of encouragement to each of them while firing and throwing grenades at the onrushing enemy. When an enemy grenade landed in the trench in the midst of his men, Sergeant Davis, realizing the gravity of the situation, and in a final valiant act of complete self-sacrifice, instantly threw himself upon the grenade, absorbing with his own body the full and terrific force of the explosion. Through his extraordinary initiative and inspiring valor in the face of almost certain death, Sergeant Davis saved his comrades from injury and possible loss of life, enabled his platoon to hold its vital position, and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantry gave his life for his country.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DOUGLAS EUGENE DICKEY  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with the Second Platoon, Company C, First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam on 26 March 1967. While participating in Operation Beacon Hill 1, the Second Platoon was engaged in a fierce battle with the Viet Cong at close range in dense jungle foliage Private First Class Dickey had come forward to replace a radio operator who had been wounded in this intense action and was being treated by a medical corpsman. Suddenly an enemy grenade landed in the midst of a group of Marines, which included the wounded radio operator who was immobilized. Fully realizing the inevitable result of his actions, Private First Class Dickey, in a final valiant act, quickly and unhesitatingly threw himself upon the deadly grenade, absorbing with his own body the full and complete force of the explosion. Private First Class Dickey's personal heroism, extraordinary valor and selfless courage saved a number of his comrades from certain injury and possible death at the cost of his own life. His actions reflected great credit upon himself, the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

SERGEANT PAUL HELLSTROM FOSTER  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an Artillery Liaison Operations Chief with the Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third Marine Division, near Con Thien in the Republic of Vietnam. In the early morning hours of 14 October 1967, the Second Battalion was occupying a defensive position which protected a bridge on the road leading from Con Thien to Cam Lo. Suddenly, the Marines' position came under a heavy volume of mortar and artillery fire, followed by an aggressive enemy ground assault. In the ensuing engagement, the hostile force penetrated the perimeter and brought a heavy concentration of small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket fire to bear on the Battalion Command Post. Although his position in the Fire Support Coordination Center was dangerously exposed to enemy fire and he was wounded when an enemy hand grenade exploded near his position, Sergeant Foster resolutely continued to direct accurate mortar and artillery fire on the advancing North Vietnamese troops. As the attack continued, a hand grenade landed in the midst of Sergeant Foster and his five companions. Realizing the danger, he shouted a warning, threw his armored vest over the grenade, and unhesitatingly placed his own body over the armored vest. When the grenade exploded, Sergeant Foster absorbed the entire blast with his own body and was mortally wounded. His heroic actions undoubtedly saved his comrades from further injury or possible death. Sergeant Foster's courage, extraordinary heroism, and unfaltering devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

CAPTAIN JAMES ALBERT GRAHAM  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Commanding Officer, Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam on 2 June 1967. During Operation Union II, the First Battalion, Fifth Marines, consisting of Companies A and D, with Captain Graham's company attached, launched an attack against an enemy occupied position, with two companies assaulting and one in reserve. Company F, a leading company, was proceeding across a clear paddy area one thousand meters wide, attacking toward the assigned objective, when it came under heavy fire from mortars and small arms which immediately inflicted a large number of casualties. Hardest hit by fire was the second platoon of Company F, which was pinned down in the open paddy area by intense fire from two concealed machine guns. Forming an assault unit from members of his small company headquarters, Captain Graham boldly led a fierce assault through the second platoon's position, forcing the enemy to abandon the first machine gun position, thereby relieving some of the pressure on his second platoon, and enabling evacuation of the wounded to a more secure area. Resolute to silence the second machine gun, which continued its devastating fire, Captain Graham's small force stood steadfast in its hard won enclave. Subsequently, during the afternoon's fierce fighting, he suffered two minor wounds while personally accounting for a estimated fifteen enemy killed. With the enemy position remaining invincible upon each attempt to withdraw to friendly lines, and although knowing that he had no chance of survival, he chose to remain with one man who could not be moved due to the seriousness of his wounds. The last radio transmission from Captain Graham reported that he was being assaulted by a force of twenty-five enemy; he died while protecting himself and the wounded man he chose not to abandon. Captain Graham's actions throughout the day were a series of heroic achievements. He outstanding courage, superb leadership and indomitable fighting spirit undoubtedly saved the second platoon from annihilation and reflected great credit upon himself, the Marine Corps, and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GARY WAYNE MARTINI  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. On April 21, 1967, during Operation Union, elements of Company F, conducting offensive operations at Binh Son, encountered a firmly entrenched enemy force and immediately deployed to engage them. The Marines in Private Martini's platoon assaulted across an open rice paddy to within twenty meters of the enemy trench line where they were suddenly struck by hand grenades, intense small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire. The enemy onslaught killed 14 and wounded 18 Marines, pinning the remainder of the platoon down behind a low paddy dike. In the face of imminent danger, Private Martini immediately crawled over the dike to a forward open area within 15 meters of the enemy position where, continuously exposed to the hostile fire, he hurled hand grenades, killing several of the enemy. Crawling back through the intense fire, he rejoined his platoon which had moved to the relative safety of a trench line. From this position he observed several of his wounded comrades laying helpless in the fire-swept paddy. Although he knew that one man had been killed attempting to assist the wounded, Private Martini raced through the open area and dragged a comrade back to a friendly position. In spite of a serious wound received during this first daring rescue, he again braved the unrelenting fury of the enemy fire to aid another companion lying wounded only 20 meters in front of the enemy trench line. As he reached the fallen Marine, he received a mortal wound, but disregarding his own condition, he began to drag the Marine toward his platoon's position. Observing men from his unit attempting to leave the security of their position to aid him, concerned only for their safety, he called to them to remain under cover, and through a final supreme effort, moved his injured comrade to where he could be pulled to safety, before he fell, succumbing to his wounds. Stouthearted and indomitable, Private Martini unhesitatingly yielded his life to save two of his comrades and insure the safety of the remainder of his platoon. His outstanding courage, valiant fighting spirit and selfless devotion to duty reflected the highest credit upon himself, the Marine Corps, and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MELVIN EARL NEWLIN  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a machine gunner attached to the First Platoon, Company F, Second Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam on 3 and 4 July 1967. Private Newlin, with four other Marines, was manning a key position on the perimeter of the Nong Son outpost when the enemy launched a savage and well coordinated mortar and infantry assault, seriously wounding him and killing his four comrades. Propping himself against his machine gun, he poured a deadly accurate stream of fire into the charging ranks of Viet Cong. Though repeatedly hit by small arms fire, he twice repelled enemy attempts to overrun his position. During the third attempt, a grenade explosion wounded him again and knocked him to the ground unconscious. The Viet Cong guerrillas, believing him dead, bypassed him and continued their assault on the main force. Meanwhile, Private Newlin regained consciousness, crawled back to his weapon, and brought it to bear on the rear of the enemy causing havoc and confusion among them. Spotting the enemy attempting to bring a captured 106 recoilless weapon to bear on other marine positions, he shifted his fire, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and preventing them from firing the captured weapon. He then shifted his fire back the primary enemy force, causing the enemy to stop their assaults on the marine bunkers and to once again attack his machine gun position. Valiantly fighting off two more enemy assaults, he firmly held his ground until mortally wounded. Private Newlin had singlehandedly broken up and disorganized the entire enemy assault force, causing them to lose momentum and delaying them long enough for his fellow marines to organize a defense and beat off their secondary attack. His indomitable courage, fortitude, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of almost certain death reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

CORPORAL WILLIAM THOMAS PERKINS, JR.  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a combat photographer attached to Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam on 12 October 1967. During Operation Medina, a major reconnaissance in force southwest of Quang Tri, Company C made heavy combat contact with a numerically superior North Vietnamese Army Force estimated at from two to three companies. The focal point of the intense fighting was a helicopter landing zone which also serving as the Command Post of Company C. In the course of strong hostile attack, an enemy grenade landed in the immediate area occupied by Corporal Perkins and three other Marines. Realizing the inherent danger, he shouted the warning, "Incoming Grenade" to his fellow Marines, and in a valiant act of heroism, hurled himself upon the grenade absorbing the impact of the explosion with his own body, thereby saving the lives of his comrades at the cost of his own. Through his exceptional courage and inspiring valor in the face of certain death, Corporal Perkins reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

SERGEANT LAWRENCE DAVID PETERS  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a squad leader with Company M, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam on 4 September 1967. During Operation Swift, in the province of Quang Tin, the Marines of the second platoon of Company M were struck by intense mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire from an entrenched enemy force. As the company rallied its forces, Sergeant Peters maneuvered his squad in an assault on an enemy defended knoll. Disregarding his own safety, as enemy rounds hit all about him, he stood in the open, pointing out enemy positions until he was painfully wounded in the leg. Disregarding his wound he moved forward and continued to lead his men. As the enemy fire increased in accuracy and volume, his squad lost its momentum and was temporarily pinned down. Exposing himself to devastating enemy fire, he consolidated his position to render more effective fire. While directing the base of fire, he was wounded a second time in the face and neck from an exploding mortar round. As the enemy attempted to infiltrate the position of an adjacent platoon, Sergeant Peters stood erect in the full view of the enemy firing burst after burst forcing them to disclose their camouflaged positions. Sergeant Peters continued firing until he was critically wounded by a gunshot wound in his chest. Although unable to walk or stand, Sergeant Peters steadfastly continued to direct his squad in spite of two additional wounds, persisted in his efforts to encourage and supervise his men until he lost consciousness and succumbed. Inspired by his selfless actions, the squad regained fire superiority and once again carried the assault to the enemy. By his outstanding valor, indomitable fighting spirit and tenacious determination in the face of overwhelming odds, Sergeant Peters upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.



The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pleasure in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR to

MAJOR STEPHEN WESLEY PLESS  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a helicopter gunship pilot attached to Marine Observation Squadron Six in action against enemy forces near Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam, on 19 August 1967. During an escort mission Major (then Captain) Pless monitored an emergency call that four American soldiers, stranded on a nearby beach, were being overwhelmed by a large Viet Cong force. Major Pless flew to the scene and found 30 to 50 enemy soldiers in the open. Some of the enemy were bayoneting and beating the downed Americans. Major Pless displayed exceptional airmanship as he launched a devastating attack against the enemy force, killing or wounding many of the enemy and driving the remainder back into a treeline. His rocket and machine gun attacks were made at such low levels that the aircraft flew through debris created by explosions from its rockets. Seeing one of the wounded soldiers gesture for assistance, he maneuvered his helicopter into a position between the wounded men and the enemy, providing a shield which permitted his crew to retrieve the wounded. During the rescue the enemy directed intense fire at the helicopter and rushed the aircraft again and again, closing to within a few feet before being beaten back. When the wounded men were aboard, Major Pless maneuvered the helicopter out to sea. Before it became safely airborne, the overloaded aircraft settled four times into the water. Displaying superb airmanship, he finally got the helicopter aloft. Major Pless' extraordinary heroism coupled with his outstanding flying skill prevented the annihilation of the tiny force. His courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and uphold the greatest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

SERGEANT WALTER K. SINGLETON  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Supply Sergeant, Company A, First Battalion, Ninth Marines, Third Marine Division, on 24 March 1967. Sergeant Singleton's company was conducting combat operations in Gio Linh District, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam, when the lead platoon received intense small arms, automatic weapons, rocket, and mortar fire from a well entrenched enemy force. As the company fought its way forward, the extremely heavy enemy fire caused numerous friendly casualties. Sensing the need for early treatment of the wounded, Sergeant Singleton quickly moved from his relatively safe position in the rear to the foremost point of the advance and made numerous trips through the enemy killing zone to move the injured men out of the danger area. Noting that a large part of the enemy fire was coming from a hedgerow, he seized a machine gun and assaulted the key enemy location, delivering devastating fire as he advanced. He forced his way through the hedgerow directly into the enemy strong point. Although he was mortally wounded, his fearless attack killed eight of the enemy and drove the remainder from the hedgerow. Sergeant Singleton's bold actions completely disorganized the enemy defense and saved the lives of many of his comrades. His daring initiative, selfless devotion to duty and indomitable fighting spirit reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps, and his performance upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

CORPORAL LARRY EUGENE SMEDLEY  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a squad leader with Company D, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On the evening of 20-21 December 1967, Corporal Smedley led his six-man squad to an ambush site at the mouth of Happy Valley, near Phouc Ninh (2) in Quang Nam Province. Later that night, an estimated 100 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army Regulars, carrying 122mm rocket launchers and mortars, were observed moving toward Hill 41. Realizing this was a significant enemy move to launch an attack on the vital Da Nang complex, Corporal Smedley immediately took sound and courageous action to stop the enemy threat. After he radioed for a reaction force, he skillfully maneuvered his men to a more advantageous position and led an attack on the numerically superior enemy force. A heavy volume of fire from an enemy machine gun positioned on the left flank of the squad inflicted several casualties on Corporal Smedley's unit. Simultaneously, an enemy rifle grenade exploded nearby, wounding him in the right foot and knocking him to the ground. Corporal Smedley disregarded this serious injury and valiantly struggled to his feet, shouting words of encouragement to his men. He fearlessly led a charge against the enemy machine gun emplacement, firing his rifle and throwing grenades, until he was again struck by enemy fire and knocked to the ground. Gravely wounded and weak from loss of blood, he rose and commenced a one-man assault against the enemy position. Although his aggressive and singlehanded attack resulted in the destruction of the machine gun, he was struck in the chest by enemy fire and fell mortally wounded. Corporal Smedley's inspiring and courageous actions, bold initiative, and selfless devotion to duty in the face of certain death were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

LANCE CORPORAL ROY MITCHELL WHEAT  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

#### CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, while serving as a fire team leader with the First Platoon, Company K, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam. On 11 August 1967, Corporal Wheat and two other Marines were assigned the mission of providing security for a Navy construction battalion crane and crew operating along Liberty Road in the vicinity of the Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province. After the Marines had set up security positions in a tree line adjacent to the work site, Corporal Wheat reconnoitered the area to the rear of their location for the possible presence of guerrillas. He then returned to within ten feet of the friendly position, and here unintentionally triggered a well concealed, bounding type, antipersonnel mine. Immediately, a hissing sound was heard which was identified by the three Marines as that of a burning time fuse. Shouting a warning to his comrades, Corporal Wheat in a valiant act of heroism hurled himself upon the mine, absorbing the tremendous impact of the explosion with his own body. The inspirational personal heroism and extraordinary valor of his unselfish action saved his fellow Marines from certain injury and possible death, reflected great credit upon himself, and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

# Appendix E

## List of Reviewers

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### Marines

Gen Robert E. Cushman, Jr. (Ret)  
Gen Wallace M. Greene, Jr. (Ret)  
Gen Lewis W. Walt (Ret)

LtGen Hugh M. Elwood (Ret)  
LtGen Joseph C. Fegan, Jr. (Ret)  
LtGen Louis Metzger (Ret)  
LtGen Herman Nickerson, Jr. (Ret)  
LtGen Louis B. Robertshaw (Ret)  
LtGen Donn J. Robertson (Ret)

MajGen Norman J. Anderson (Ret)  
MajGen Lowell E. English (Ret)  
MajGen William B. Fleming (Ret)  
MajGen Kenneth J. Houghton (Ret)  
MajGen Wood B. Kyle (Ret)  
MajGen Herman Poggemeyer, Jr. (Ret)  
MajGen Rathvon McC. Tompkins (Ret)

BGen Edward J. Doyle (Ret)  
BGen Jacob E. Glick (Ret)  
BGen Harvey E. Spielman (Ret)  
BGen William A. Stiles (Ret)

Col Harry L. Alderman (Ret)  
Col Nels E. Anderson (Ret)  
Col Marshall B. Armstrong (Ret)  
Col Robert Baird (Ret)  
Col Arnold W. Barden (Ret)  
Col Drew J. Barrett, Jr. (Ret)  
Col George F. Bauman (Ret)  
Col Julian G. Bass, Jr. (Ret)  
Col Lee R. Bendell (Ret)  
Col James L. Black, Jr. (Ret)

Col Louis A. Bonin (Ret)

Col Billy D. Bouldin (Ret)  
Col Edward H. Boyd  
Col Henry K. Bruce (Ret)  
Col Alexander D. Cereghino (Ret)  
Col Duncan D. Chaplin III (Ret)  
Col John A. Conway (Ret)  
Col John D. Counselman (Ret)  
Col Charles C. Crossfield II (Ret)  
Col William H. Dabney

Col Philip A. Davis (Ret)  
Col William J. Davis (Ret)  
Col William L. Dick (Ret)  
Col Rex O. Dillow (Ret)  
Col Dale D. Dorman  
Col Kenneth T. Dykes (Ret)  
Col William R. Earney (Ret)  
Col Arnold L. Emils (Ret)  
Col Dean E. Esslinger (Ret)  
Col Charles R. Figard (Ret)

Col Leroy T. Frey (Ret)  
Col James A. Gallo, Jr. (Ret)  
Col Tolbert T. Gentry (Ret)  
Col Baylor P. Gibson, Jr. (Ret)  
Col Vincent J. Gottschalk (Ret)  
Col William F. Guss (Ret)  
Col Edward E. Hammerbeck (Ret)  
Col James W. Hammond, Jr. (Ret)  
Col Frank W. Harris III (Ret)  
Col William H. Heintz (Ret)

Col Clayton V. Hendricks (Ret)  
Col Frank M. Hepler (Ret)  
Col Peter L. Hilgartner (Ret)  
Col Milton A. Hull (Ret)  
Col Kenneth E. Huntington (Ret)  
Col Mallett C. Jackson, Jr. (Ret)  
Col Robert M. Jenkins (Ret)  
Col George E. Jerue (Ret)  
Col Wilbur C. Kellogg, Jr. (Ret)  
Col Joseph J. Kelly (Ret)

Col William D. Kent, Jr.  
 Col Charles Kimak (Ret)  
 Col Edward N. Le Faivre (Ret)  
 Col Robert W. Lewis (Ret)  
 Col Robert D. Limberg (Ret)  
 Col Herbert H. Long (Ret)  
 Col Joseph E. Lo Prete (Ret)  
 Col Edgar J. Love (Ret)  
 Col Stanley D. Low (Ret)  
 Col David E. Lownds (Ret)

Col John L. Mahon (Ret)  
 Col Donald L. Mallory (Ret)  
 Col Samüel F. Martin (Ret)  
 Col Glenn K. Maxwell (Ret)  
 Col George C. McNaughton (Ret)  
 Col Max McQuown (Ret)  
 Col Ross L. Mulford (Ret)  
 Col Robert C. Needham (Ret)  
 Col Ernest W. Payne (Ret)  
 Col John S. Payne (Ret)

Col Poul F. Pederson (Ret)  
 Col Richard F. Peterson (Ret)  
 Col Emil J. Radics (Ret)  
 Col Robert L. Rathbun (Ret)  
 Col Stanley Rauh (Ret)  
 Col Edwin O. Reed (Ret)  
 Col Robert C. Rice (Ret)  
 Col David D. Rickabaugh (Ret)  
 Col William K. Rockey  
 Col Joseph L. Sadowski (Ret)

Col Richard J. Schening (Ret)  
 Col Edwin S. Schick, Jr. (Ret)  
 Col George C. Schmidt, Jr. (Ret)  
 Col Maynard W. Schmidt (Ret)  
 Col James C. Short (Ret)  
 Col Richard B. Smith (Ret)  
 Col James C. Stanfield (Ret)  
 Col James R. Stockman (Ret)  
 Col John C. Studt  
 Col Richard D. Taber, Sr. (Ret)

Col David O. Takala (Ret)  
 Col Orlando S. Tosdal (Ret)  
 Col George M. Van Sant (Ret)  
 Col Wendell N. Vest (Ret)  
 Col Kirby B. Vick (Ret)  
 Col Marvin D. Volkert (Ret)

Col Francis V. White, Jr.  
 Col Gary Wilder (Ret)  
 Col Dean Wilker (Ret)  
 Col Theodore J. Willis (Ret)

Col Donald E. Wood  
 Col Roy I. Wood, Jr. (Ret)  
 Col Robert J. Zitnik (Ret)

LtCol Rheafor C. Bell (Ret)  
 LtCol Gene W. Bowers  
 LtCol Albert R. Bowman, II (Ret)  
 LtCol Harold F. Brown (Ret)  
 LtCol Horace A. Bruce (Ret)  
 LtCol Willard N. Christopher (Ret)  
 LtCol Philip M. Crosswait (Ret)  
 LtCol James R. Davis  
 LtCol Edwin A. Deptula (Ret)  
 LtCol Henry Englisch (Ret)

LtCol Frederick L. Farrell, Jr. (Ret)  
 LtCol Wells L. Field, III (Ret)  
 LtCol Abie Gordon (Ret)  
 LtCol John C. Hergert, Jr. (Ret)  
 LtCol Jack M. Hermes (Ret)  
 LtCol Earl E. Jacobson, Jr. (Ret)  
 LtCol Roland L. McDaniel (Ret)  
 LtCol Rodney D. McKittrick (Ret)  
 LtCol John J. Mullen, Jr. (Ret)  
 LtCol James E. Murphy (Ret)

LtCol Raymond J. O'Leary (Ret)  
 LtCol Charles E. Parker (Ret)  
 LtCol Wesley H. Rodenberger (Ret)  
 LtCol Richard E. Romine (Ret)  
 LtCol Robert F. Sheridan (Ret)  
 LtCol E. Bruce Sigmon, Jr. (Ret)  
 LtCol Albert C. Slater  
 LtCol Joseph T. Smith (Ret)  
 LtCol Bayliss L. Spivey, Jr.  
 LtCol Philip E. Tucker

LtCol Charles B. Webster (Ret)  
 LtCol James B. Wilkinson (Ret)  
 LtCol James S. Wilson (Ret)

Maj Walter E. Deese  
 Maj Leonard E. Fuchs (Ret)

Maj Michael W. Sayers (Ret)  
 Maj William E. Snyder (Ret)  
 Maj Raymond A. Thomas

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 RAdm Edwin B. Hooper (Ret)

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# Appendix F

## Distribution of Aircraft Fleet Marine Force, Pacific December 1967

<i>UNIT</i>	DA NANG	CHU LAI	PHU BAI	OKINAWA	JAPAN	HAWAII	EASTPAC	OTHER*
<i>MAG-11</i>								
H&MS-11	3/TA-4F 1/C-117D							
VMCJ-1	8/EF-10B 9/RF-4B 4/EA-6A							
VMFA-122	14/F-4B							
VMF (AW)-235	16/F-8E							
VMA (AW)-242	11/A-6A							
<i>MAG-12</i>								
H&MS-12		1/C-117 3/TA-4F						
VMA-121		16/A-4E						
VMA-211		21/A-4E						
VMA-311 (AW)-533		15/A-4E 12/A-6A						
<i>MAG-13</i>								
H&MS-13		3/TF-9J 1/C-117D						
VMFA-115		14/F-4B						
VMFA-323		12/F-4B						
VMFA-314		10/F-4B						
<i>MAG-15</i>								
H&MS-15				5/UH-34D	3/C-54 4/TF-9J 1/C-117D			
VMGR-152				12/KC-130F				
VMA-223					19/A-4C			
VMFA-542					6/F-4B			
HMM-262				12/CH-46A				9/CH-46A
HMM-361								23/UH-34D*
<i>MAG-16</i>								
H&MS-16	1/C-117D 14/O-1C 4/UH-34D							
VMO-2	29/UH-1E							
HMM-265	6/CH-46A				15/CH-46A**			
HMM-363	29/UH-34D							
HMM-463	36/CH-53A							

\*Aircraft indicated in "other" column with SLF, Seventh Fleet

\*\*CH-46A REhab Program.

UNIT	DA NANG	CHU LAI	PHU BAI	OKINAWA	JAPAN	HAWAII	EASTPAC	OTHER
<i>MW/SG-17</i> H&MS-17			5/UH-34D 3/C-117D 2/US-2B					
<i>MAG-36</i> H&MS-36			3/UH-34D 1/C-117D					
VMO-3			20/UH-E					
VMO-6			21/UH-1E					
HMM-163			26/UH-34D					
HMM-164			3/CH-46A	12/CH-46A**				
HMM-165			3/CH-46A	16/CH-46A**				
HMM-362			25/UH-34D					
HMM-364			6/UH-34D					
<i>MAG-33</i> H&MS-33 VMCJ-3							2/T-1A 11/RF-4B 7/EF-10B	
VMF-214							17/A-4C	
VMFA-232							17/A-4C	
VMFA-334							15/F-4J	
<i>MW/SG-37</i> H&MS-37							4/T-1A 4/C-117D 3/C-54Q	
VMGR-352				4/KC-130F			11/KC-130F	
<i>MHTG-30</i> H&MS-30 HMMT-301 HMMT-302							3/UH-34D 24/UH-34D 23/UH-1E	
<i>1ST MAR BRIG</i> H&MS							3/UH-34D 1/VH-34D 3/T-1A	
VMF (AW)-212							16/F-8D/B	
<i>MAG-36</i> H&MS-56 VMO-5 HMM-263 HMH-462							6/CH-46D 23/UH-1E 24/CH-46A 19/CH-53A	
<i>TOTAL PAC AIRCRAFT</i> Fixed Wing (338)	72	129		16	34	15	72	
Helicopters (364)	108	94	24	23		5	68	42

# Appendix G

## Distribution of Personnel Fleet Marine Force, Pacific 31 December 1967

UNIT	NOTE	ASSIGNED STRENGTH		STR RPT DATE	DANANG		CHU LAI		PHU BAI		DONG HA		OKINAWA		JAPAN		HAWAII		EASTPAC		OTHER		
		USMC	USN		USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC
<b>HEADQUARTERS</b>																							
HQ, FMF, PAC																							
FMF, PAC (FWD)		75		24AUG									75										
H&S BN, FMF, PAC		1065	30	23NOV													1065	30					
CAMP S. M. BUTLER		1241	109	6NOV									1241	109									
CASUAL/TRANSIENT		1287		6NOV									1287										
HQ, V MFP		82	2	23NOV																82	2		
1ST CIV AFF GRP		80	7	23NOV																80	7		
HQ, 5TH MAR DIV																							
HQBN, 5TH MAR DIV		1407	43	23NOV																1407	43		
HQ, FORTRPS, FMF, PAC																							
HQ CO, FORTRPS		321	18	23NOV																	321	18	
HQ, 1ST MAR BRIG																							
HQ CO, 1ST MAR BRIG		214	17	23NOV														214	17				
HQ, 9TH MAB																							
HQ CO, 9TH MAB		422	12	23NOV									422	12									
HQ, III MAF																							
H&S CO, III MAF																							
1ST & 2D CAG	4	768	62	2NOV	768	62																	
HQ, 1ST MAR DIV																							
HQBN, 1ST MAR DIV		1588	32	16NOV	1588	32																	
HQ, 3D MAR DIV																							
HQBN, 3D MAR DIV		1897	32	16NOV				1897	32														
<b>INFANTRY</b>																							
<b>1ST MARINES</b>																							
HQ CO		255	6	16NOV						255	6												
1ST BATTALION		1132	49	16NOV						1132	49												
2D BATTALION		1081	54	16NOV						1081	54												
3D BATTALION	1	1498	94	16NOV																		1498	94
<b>3D MARINES</b>																							
HQ CO		218	5	16NOV						218	5												
1ST BATTALION	1	1533	83	17NOV																		1533	83
2D BATTALION		1123	54	12OCT	1123	54																	
3D BATTALION		1081	50	16NOV						1081	50												
<b>4TH MARINES</b>																							
HQ CO		218	3	16NOV					218	3													
1ST BATTALION		1082	48	16NOV					1082	48													
2D BATTALION		1051	49	16NOV									1051	49									
3D BATTALION		1062	53	16NOV									1062	53									
<b>5TH MARINES</b>																							
HQ CO		234	4	16NOV	234	4																	
1ST BATTALION		985	53	16NOV	985	53																	
2D BATTALION		1081	45	16NOV	1081	45																	
3D BATTALION		982	51	16NOV	982	51																	
<b>7TH MARINES</b>																							
HQ CO		223	7	16NOV	223	7																	
1ST BATTALION		1050	54	16NOV	1050	54																	
2D BATTALION		1030	53	16NOV	1030	53																	
3D BATTALION		1039	51	16NOV	1039	51																	
<b>9TH MARINES</b>																							
HQ CO		219	3	16NOV						219	3												
1ST BATTALION		1052	52	16NOV						1052	52												
2D BATTALION		1079	51	16NOV						1079	51												
3D BATTALION		1040	49	16NOV						1040	49												
<b>26TH MARINES</b>																							
HQ CO		503	17	23NOV						220	2	283	15										
1ST BATTALION		1012	50	16NOV						1012	50												
2D BATTALION		1058	49	16NOV					1058	49													
3D BATTALION		1079	49	16NOV					1079	49													
<b>27TH MARINES</b>																							
HQ CO		216	3	23NOV																	216	3	
1ST BATTALION	3	1491	65	23NOV														1491	65			1017	33
2D BATTALION		1017	33	23NOV																		1012	32
3D BATTALION		1012	32	23NOV																			

28TH MARINES														
HQ CO		313	5	23NOV									313	5
1ST BATTALION		942	33	23NOV									942	33
2D BATTALION		945	35	23NOV									945	35
3D BATTALION		916	33	23NOV									916	33
ARTILLERY														
11TH MARINES														
HQ BTRY		262	7	16NOV	262	7								
1ST BATTALION		431	14	16NOV				431	14					
2D BATTALION		638	11	16NOV	638	11								
3D BATTALION		577	15	16NOV	577	15								
4TH BATTALION		427	11	16NOV	427	11								
12TH MARINES														
HQ BTRY		296	12	16NOV					296	12				
1ST BATTALION		703	13	16NOV					703	13				
2D BATTALION		541	8	16NOV					541	8				
3D BATTALION		516	9	16NOV				516	9					
4TH BATTALION		646	12	16NOV				646	12					

\* UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, STRENGTHS AND LOCATION ARE THOSE REPORTED BY UNIT PERSONNEL STATUS REPORTS AND DO NOT REFLECT DAY-TO-DAY ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN REPORTING PERIODS.

UNIT	NOTE	ASSIGNED STRENGTH		STR RPT DATE	DANANG		CHU LAI		PHU BAI		DONG HA		OKINAWA		JAPAN		HAWAII		EASTPAC		OTHER		
		USMC	USN		USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	
13TH MARINES																							
HQ BTRY		255	5	23NOV																255	5		
1ST BATTALION		388	8	16NOV																			
2D BATTALION		401	8	23NOV							388	8								401	8		
3D BATTALION		627	14	23NOV																627	14		
4TH BATTALION		366	8	23NOV																366	8		
HQ BTRY, 1ST FAG		91	2	16NOV					91	2													
HQ BTRY, 5TH FAG		156	5	23NOV																156	5		
1ST 155MM GUN BTRY		118	3	16NOV																			
3D 155MM GUN BTRY		140	3	16NOV	140	3				118	3												
5TH 155MM GUN BTRY		150	3	16NOV	150	3																	
7TH 155MM GUN BTRY		162	3	23NOV																	162	3	
1ST 8" HOW BTRY		189	3	16NOV																			
3D 8" HOW BTRY		197	3	16NOV	197	3				189	3												
5TH 8" HOW BTRY		203	2	23NOV																			
1ST SEARCH LIGHT BTRY		111	2	16NOV							111	2									203	2	
RECONNAISSANCE																							
1ST RECON BN		441	24	16NOV	441	24																	
3D RECON BN		500	34	16NOV					500	34													
5TH RECON BN		334	15	23NOV																			
1ST FORCE RECON CO		146	4	16NOV	146	4							31	1							303	14	
3D FORCE RECON CO		161	7	16NOV							161	7											
5TH FORCE RECON CO		116	3	23NOV																	116	3	
ANTI-TANK																							
1ST AT BN		303	7	16NOV	303	7																	
3D AT BN		348	7	16NOV					348	7													
5TH AT BN		269	7	23NOV									20	1							249	6	
TANK																							
1ST TANK BN		593	15	16NOV	593	15																	
3D TANK BN		611	8	16NOV					611	8													
5TH TANK BN		604	12	23NOV										77	1						527	11	
AMTRAC																							
1ST AMTRAC BN		631	15	16NOV						631	15												
3D AMTRAC BN		656	15	16NOV	656	15																	
5TH AMTRAC BN		705	17	23NOV									110	1							595	16	
1ST ARM AMPHIB CO		244	3	16NOV	244	3																	
ENGINEER																							
1ST ENGR BN		668	14	16NOV	668	14																	
3D ENGR BN		672	11	16NOV					672	11													
5TH ENGR BN		493	12	23NOV									37	1							456	11	
7TH ENGR BN		947	22	16NOV	947	22																	
9TH ENGR BN		946	14	16NOV				946	14														
11TH ENGR BN		1165	21	16NOV								1165	21										
13TH ENGR BN		869	17	23NOV																	869	17	
1ST BRIDGE CO		140	1	16NOV	140	1																	
3D BRIDGE CO		156	1	16NOV	156	1																	
5TH BRIDGE CO		118	2	23NOV																	118	2	
MOTOR TRANSPORT																							
1ST MT BN		246	5	16NOV	246	5																	
3D MT BN		395	8	16NOV					395	8													
5TH MT BN		193	8	23NOV																			
7TH MT BN		387	3	16NOV	387	3								12	1						181	7	
9TH MT BN		366	9	16NOV								366	9										
11TH MT BN		381	9	16NOV	381	9																	
13TH MT BN		358	9	23NOV																		358	9
COMMUNICATION																							
1ST RADIO BN		475	2	23NOV	247													228	2				
5TH COMM BN		712	7	16NOV	712	7																	
7TH COMM BN		669	13	16NOV	669	13																	
9TH COMM BN		670	4	24NOV																			
1ST ANGLICO	2	330	10	23NOV									190	3							480	1	
SHORE PARTY																							
1ST SP BN		373	15	16NOV	373	15																	
3D SP BN		496	35	16NOV					496	35													
5TH SP BN		298	21	23NOV																		277	17



<b>MAG-16</b>														
H&MS-16	496		16NOV	496										
MABS-16	689	30	16NOV	689	30									
MATCU-62	82		16NOV					82						
MATCU-68	73		16NOV					73						
VMO-2	163	1	16NOV	163	1									
HMH-463	306	1	16NOV	306	1									
HMM-265	179	4	16NOV	179	4									
HMM-363	187	1	16NOV	187	1									
<b>MAG-36</b>														
H&MS-36	474		16NOV					474						
MABS-36	701	35	16NOV					701	35					
MATCU-70	23		16NOV					23						
VMO-3	192	1	16NOV					192						
VMO-6	202	1	16NOV					202	1					
HMM-163	225	4	16NOV							225	4			
HMM-164	176	1	16NOV					176	1					
HMM-165	185	1	16NOV			185	1							
HMM-362	212	1	16NOV					212	1					
HMM-364	399	2	16NOV					399	2					
<b>9TH MAB</b>														
<b>MAG-15</b>														
H&MS-15	568		23NOV							97		471		
MABS-15	383	29	23NOV									383	29	
H&HS IWAKUNI	394	293	15JUN									394	293	
H&HS FUTEMA	244	61	9MAR							244	61			
MACS-6	208	2	23NOV							208	2			
MATCU-60	69	1	23NOV									69	1	
MATCU-66	38		22NOV									38		
VMGR-152	485	6	23NOV	94						391	6			
VMA-223	209	1	16NOV									209	1	
VMFA-542	303	2	16NOV									303	2	
HMM-267	163	1	16NOV							163	1			
HMM-361	1	192	4	16NOV									192	4

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		USMC	USN		USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USMC	USN
<b>1ST BRIG</b>																						
H&MS 1ST BRIGADE		93		23NOV														93				
MACS-2		235		9NOV														235				
VMF (AW)-212		233	1	9NOV														233	1			
<b>3D MAW</b>																						
<b>MWHG-3</b>																						
H&HS-3		676	6	23NOV																676	6	
MWFS-3		170		23NOV																170		
MWCS-3		149		23NOV																149		
<b>MHTG-30</b>																						
H&MS-30		457	1	23NOV																457	1	
HMMT-301		261	1	23NOV																261	1	
HMMT-302		307	1	23NOV																307	1	
<b>MAG-33</b>																						
H&MS-33		758		23NOV																758		
MABS-33		145	2	23NOV																145	2	
MATCU-65		79		23NOV																79		
VMCJ-3		419	2	23NOV																419	2	
VMA-214		251	1	16NOV																251	1	
VMFA-232		238	1	16NOV																238	1	
VMFA-334		305	2	23NOV																305	2	
<b>MWSG-37</b>																						
H&MS-37		694	3	23NOV																694	3	
WERS-37		251		23NOV																251		
VMGR-352		449	1	23NOV																449	1	
<b>MACG-38</b>																						
H&HS-38		221		23NOV																221		
MASS-5		186		23NOV																186		
MACS-1		301		23NOV																301		
MACS-3		226		23NOV																226		
MACS-7		194	4	26OCT																194	4	
5TH LAAM BN		489	9	23NOV																489	9	
<b>MAG-56</b>																						
H&MS-56		327	1	26OCT																327	1	
MABS-56																						
VMO-5		368	4	23NOV																368	4	
HMH-462		205	1	23NOV																205	1	
HMM-263		229	3	19OCT																229	3	
USMC		27,280			7,664	4,705	2,534	225	1,141	1,829	635	8,355	192									
USN		717			143	85	41	4	70	326	1	43	4									
<b>AVIATION TOTAL</b>		27,997			7,807	4,790	2,575	229	1,211	2,155	636	8,398	196									

RECAPITULATION OF FMFPAC PERSONNEL DISTRIBUTION

		ASSIGNED STRENGTH	DANANG	CHU LAI	PHU BAI	DONG HA	OKINAWA	JAPAN	HAWAII	EASTPAC	OTHER
GROUND TOTAL	USMC	85,790	25,463	1,737	12,186	15,134	8,133		3,131	16,778	3,228
	USN	3,855	1,154	100	668	575	222		125	826	185
AVIATION TOTAL	USMC	27,280	7,664	4,705	2,534	225	1,141	1,829	635	8,355	192
	USN	717	143	85	41	4	70	326	1	43	4
GRAND TOTAL	USMC	113,070	33,127	6,442	14,720	15,359	9,274	1,829	3,766	25,133	3,420
	USN	4,572	1,297	185	209	579	292	326	126	869	189

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1. FIGURES IN "OTHER" ASSIGNED TO SLF'S AND ARE BLT STRENGTHS.
  2. FIGURES IN "OTHER" ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS RVN LOCATIONS.
  3. STRENGTH INDICATED IS FOR BLT 1/27.
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