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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the subject report is submitted as enclosures (1) through (6).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

FOR

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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanders and Staff:

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

NAME	BILLET	RANK T/O	RANK ACTUAL
DOUGLAS D. PETTY JR.	CO	COL	COL
FREDERIC T. WATTS JR.	XO	LTCOL	COL
ALONZO B. MCCALL	ADJ	CAPT	2NDLT
FREDERICK L. FARRELL	S-1	MAJOR	MAJOR
CLYDE C. SIMON	S-2	MAJOR	CAPT
HARRY G. ROBINSON	S-3	LTCOL	LTCOL
KENNETH G. FIEGENER	S-4	LTCOL	LTCOL

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

NAME	BILLET	RANK T/O	RANK ACTUAL
WALTER E. DOMINA	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
VIRGIL B. BRANDON	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JAMES H. FULBRIGHT	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR
LOUIS F. GAGNON	OPNSO	CAPT	MAJOR
LIONEL D. TAKER	ADMINO	LT	2NDLT

c. MABS-13 (1-31 January)

NAME	BILLET	RANK T/O	RANK ACTUAL
OWEN L. OWENS	CO (1-25 JAN)	LTCOL	LTCOL
DAVID W. MORRILL	CO (26-31 JAN)	LTCOL	MAJOR
RAY B. STICE	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN L. LOHR	ADMINO	CAPT	2NDLT
WALTER C. SERVICE III	BASEOPSO(1-15 JAN)	MAJOR	MAJOR
ROBERT L. BAINBRIDGE	BASEOPSO(16-31 JAN)	MAJOR	MAJOR
BERNARD H. THOMAS	BASESERVO	MAJOR	MAJOR

d. VMFA-542 (1-31 January)

NAME	BILLET	RANK T/O	RANK ACTUAL
DONALD L. MAY	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
WALTER O. POITEVENT	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JAMES J. MORIN	S-1	LT	CAPT
VINCENT M. LEVITSKY	S-2	LT	1STLT
EDDIE R. MAAG	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
STEPHEN S. EISENHAUER	S-4	WO	MAJOR
MICHAEL P. CADY	A/C MAINTO(1-15 JAN)	MAJOR	MAJOR
HARVEY D. BRADSHAW	A/C MAINTO(16-31 JAN)	MAJOR	MAJOR

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e. VMFA-323 (1-31 January)

NAME	BILLET	RANK T/O	RANK ACTUAL
AUBREY W. TALBERT JR.	CO (1-29 JAN)	LTCOL	LTCOL
GORDON H. KELLER JR.	CO (30-31 JAN)	LTCOL	LTCOL
BILLY D. FRITSCH	XO (1-29 JAN)	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN L. THATCHER	XO (30-31 JAN)	MAJOR	MAJOR
RONALD C. ANDREAS	S-1	LT	MAJOR
HUGH J. JULIAN	S-2	LT	CAPT
JOHN HUBNER	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOSEPH B. WUERTZ	S-4	WO	MAJOR
JIMMY L. PAPPAS	A/C MAINTO(1-24 JAN)	MAJOR	MAJOR
THOMAS WILLIAMS	A/C MAINTO(25-31 JAN)	MAJOR	CAPT

f. VMFA-314 (1-31 January)

NAME	BILLET	RANK T/O	RANK ACTUAL
WILLIAM H. HEINTZ	CO	LTCOL	MAJOR
AUSTIN H. GREEN	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
HARRY COLLINS II	S-1	LT	MAJOR
DAVID E. FRITZ	S-2	LT	1STLT
JAMES RYAN JR.	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
HERBERT F. STROMAN	S-4 (1-25 JAN)	WO	MAJOR
JOHN T. RADICH	S-4 (26-31 JAN)	WO	MAJOR
JOHN T. TYLER	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

Organization	Location	Commanding Officer	Date of Office
MAG-13	CHU LAI, RVN	COL DOUGLAS D. PETTY JR.	1-31 JANUARY
H&MS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL WALTER E, DOMINA	1-31 JANUARY
MABS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL OWEN L. OWENS	1-25 JANUARY
MABS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJ DAVID W. MORRILL	26-31 JANUARY
VMFA-542	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL DONALD L. MAY	1-31 JANUARY
VMFA-323	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL AUBREY W. TALBERT JR.	1-29 JANUARY
VMFA-323	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL GORDON H. KELLER JR.	30-31 JANUARY
VMFA-314	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJ WILLIAM H. HEINTZ	1-31 JANUARY

3. Average Monthly Strengths

SQUADRON	MARINE NA	MARINE NFO	MARINE AG	MARINE ENLISTED	NAVY OFFICERS	NAVY ENLISTED
H&MS-13	25	0	21	409	0	0
MABS-13	6	0	14	666	2	22
VMFA-542	25	20	6	272	1	1
VMFA-323	22	19	6	273	1	2
VMFA-314	24	20	5	270	1	1
TOTAL	102	59	52	1890	5	26

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4. Important Visitors to the Command

GENERAL WALLACE M. GREENE JR.	CMC	8 JANUARY 1967
LTGEN V. H. KRULAK	CG, FMFPAC	1 JANUARY 1967
MAJGEN L. B. ROBERTSHAW	CG, 1STMAW	29 JANUARY 1967

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PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Group flew 1535 sorties for a total of 1944 hours delivering 2256 tons of ordnance. This was flown in support of operations' Cleveland, Chinook, Tuscaloosa, Prairie I, Mississippi, Trinity, Desoto, Clay and Pawnee II for III MAF. An average of ten sorties per day were flown in support of the 7TH Air Force.

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PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. During the month of January, MAG-13 lost five officers and 47 enlisted personnel due to rotation. During the same period, 24 officers and 128 enlisted personnel joined the Group for duty.

2. Awards. The following medals and stars in lieu of medals were awarded during January:

Distinguished Flying Cross -	1
Air Medal -	118
Good Conduct Medal -	17

3. Casualties

a. Non-hostile casualties

(1) Total for January - 22

(2) Total returned to duty - 9

(3) Total Med Evac out of RVN - 4

(4) Total number of man days lost - 132

b. Hostile casualties - one

4. Civic Action

a. MEDCAP is MAG-13's most active civil affairs program. A Group Flight Surgeon goes into An Tan each Tuesday and Thursday to treat patients who come to the local Dispensary/Maternity Ward. An average of 35 patients are treated each week. In addition to the medical services rendered, soap, food and medicine are contributed to the Dispensary. In January, an operation was successful in curing the crossed-eyes of a young boy.

b. MAG-13 has participated in local self-help projects to a limited degree. Some material has been donated to complete a local Protestant Church and a Parsonage.

5. Industrial Relations

a. MAG-13 has been using all 36 Local National Civilians authorized by 1st MAW. The one interpreter and 35 laborers are used by MABS-13 Utilities Section and Motor Transport Section.

b. A request has been submitted to 1st MAW for an additional 30 Local Nationals with some technical skills (auto mechanics, diesel mechanics, carpenters and electricians).

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6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence

a. Preparation for execution of assigned mission.

(1) Particular events related.

(a) Continued Intelligence Operations, Briefing and Debriefing of assigned aircrews, and orientation to insure that assigned units receive maximum familiarity with combat conditions in the Republic of Vietnam.

b. Activities

(1) Cpl. W. J. FITZGERALD joined TAD from VMFA-323 on 1 January 1967.

(2) 1STLT D. E. FRITZ departed for JEST School, Cubi Point, Philippines on 3 January 1967.

(3) GySgt. J. D. NICKISON returned from emergency leave in CONUS on 5 January 1967.

(4) Sgt. M. E. LASSITTER departed for R&R on 5 Jan 67.

(5) GySgt. C. BADAMI returned from annual leave in Japan on 6 January 1967.

(6) Sgt. M. E. LASSITTER returned from R&R on 12 Jan 67.

(7) 1STLT D. E. FRITZ returned from JEST School 14 Jan 67.

(8) Capt. C. C. SIMON attended a briefing on Red Blazer Targets at MAG-12 on 14 January 1967.

(9) Capt. C. C. SIMON attended a Bright Light briefing given at Danang by USAF Joint Personnel Recovery Center on 17 Jan 67.

(10) 1STLT S. R. TOMLINSON, VMFA-314, assigned as a Briefing/Debriefing Officer to replace 1STLT FRITZ on 20 Jan 67.

(11) PFC J. H. BORLAND joined the section on 20 Jan 67.

(12) LCpl J. V. DAY and LCpl F. L. McGINTY JR. joined TAD from VMFA-542 on 21 January 1967.

(13) 1STLT H. J. HUDSON, VMFA-323, joined section as Briefing/Debriefing Officer to replace 1STLT RAMSDELL on 28 Jan 67.

(14) The most significant damage against VC/NVA forces was on 9 Jan 67 with 5 structures destroyed, 20 confirmed killed by air and 4 probable killed by air.

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(15) Inspections. Capt. C. C. SIMON conducted an A&M Inspection of VMFA-314 on 27 Jan 67. An overall grade of Satisfactory was given with no discrepancies noted.

(16) Training

(a) Intelligence briefs were presented to the Commanding Officer, his staff and Squadron Commanders at the regularly scheduled CO's Conference.

(b) On-the-job-training, for all Intelligence personnel within the Group was conducted on a continuous basis, during the entire period.

(c) The S-2 Section hosted a U. S. Navy Briefing Team which briefed aircrews and other interested officers of MAG-13, MAG-12 and MAG-36 at the Enlisted Club, MAG-13, on 28 January 1967. The briefing was on the Soviet produced SA-2 (Surface-to-Air-Missile). The briefing lasted for approximately 2 hours and had an overall classification of Secret. There were approximately 70 officers in attendance.

(d) Capt. G. W. BROKATE commenced briefing the Group Guard, on a weekly basis, on 10 January 1967. The briefing lasts approximately one (1) hour and covers the general situation in the Republic of Vietnam and in the Chu Lai TAOR in more specific detail. The times of this briefing are 1530 hours each Thursday and held in the MAG-13 Enlisted Club.

(17) Administrative

(a) Classified files were maintained in accordance with OPNAVINST 5510.1C and current applicable directives.

(b) Unclassified files were maintained in accordance with SECNAV INST P5213.3 - (Naval Filing System).

(c) Personnel security clearances were processed in accordance with current directives.

7. Air Operations

a. MABS-13. A total of 522 aircraft arrestments were made by the Aircraft Launch and Recovery Section. The Crash Crew responded to 54 emergencies, five of which involved aircraft damage.

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b. Squadrons. The following sorties and hours were flown during January:

SQUADRON		SORTIES	HOURS
H&MS-13	TF-9J	109	143.1
	C-117D	81	76.2
VMFA-542		372	480.4
VMFA-323		516	653.4
VMFA-314		457	590.9
TOTAL		1535	1944.0

8. Logistics. The MABS-13 Ordnance Section assembled and delivered to the tactical squadrons a daily average of 78 tons of ordnance. The TAFDS Unit dispensed 2,968,279 gallons of jet fuel during January.

9. Supply

a. Navy Supply Section

(1) MAG-13 Group Supply is currently supporting three tactical squadrons and a H&MS and MABS. At the present time, all Material is stored in General Purpose tents. Working conditions still remain less than optimum, however, existing facilities are being utilized effectively. Construction of Supply Warehouses is still in progress. The completion of these structures is estimated to be within the next thirty days.

(2) Group Supply has forwarded all "IOL's" applicable to F-4B, TF-9J and C-117 aircraft support to Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, for inclusion by CNAP into an AVCAL.

(3) Group Supply was inspected by representatives of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing on 23 through 28 January 1967.

(4) Based on recommendations by the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing representatives for the forthcoming (3M) Maintenance, Material Management Program for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Units, Group Supply has reorganized the Stock Control Section. This was accomplished by establishing a document distribution unit that will enhance the management and logistic capabilities of the Group Supply. Also, the reorganization of the Aeronautical "RCA" Pool by increasing the number of repairables the Group "IMA" is capable of repairing. In addition, the OPTAR Projects 08, 10, 15, 40, 50 and 51 have been established as a Supply Accounting Section vice being a part of the Group Fiscal Section. A briefing of the Group Supply Inspection will be given by 1st Marine Aircraft Wing representatives on 7 February, 1967.

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(5) Group Supply is still awaiting third quarter OPTAR Project 08 AVCAL funds. These funds are urgently required to maintain current operations.

(6) Group Supply personnel continue to visit supply support activities in an attempt to acquire additional spare parts support.

b. Marine Corps Property Section

(1) A complete reconstruction of the Formal Account was accomplished prior to the Wing Inspection. This included putting the final touches on re-warehousing.

(2) During the period 23 through 27 January, the Wing Supply Management Team conducted a thorough, formal inspection of all supply records. The preliminary results proved to be Satisfactory with Minor Discrepancies.

(3) On 25 January, the Marine Corps Property Officer was relieved of all duties and reassigned to Force Logistics Command.

10. Motor Transport. MABS-13 Motor Transport Section carried 3,583,899 pounds of cargo and approximately 1.5 million gallons of fuel and oil. The total mileage for January was 51,698 miles.

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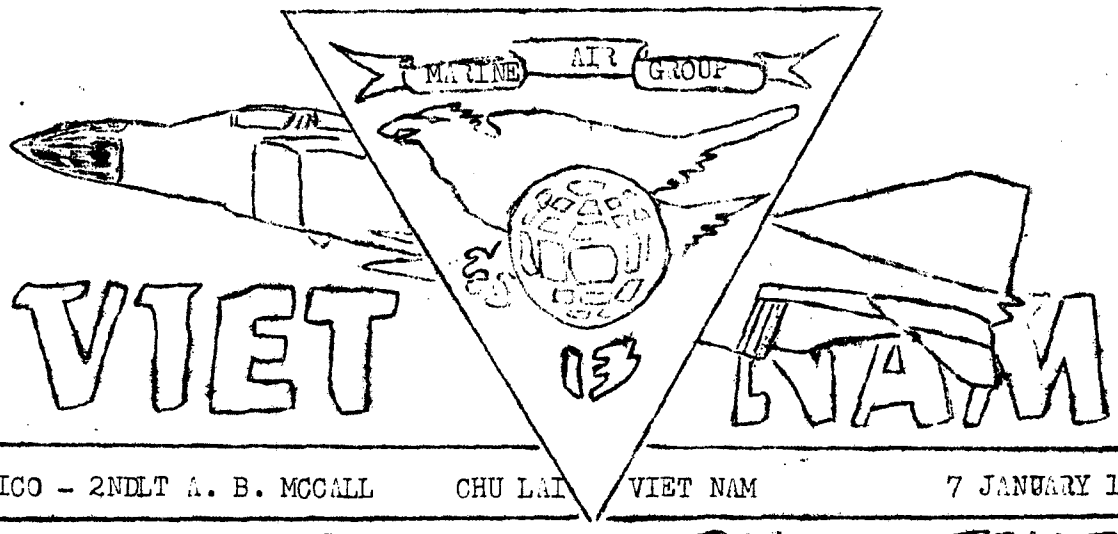
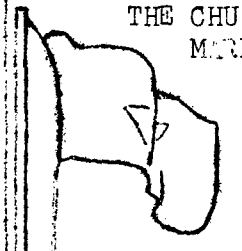


TICO - 2NDLT A. B. MCCALL CHU LAI VIET NAM 7 JANUARY 1967

ORGANIZATIONAL COLORS CRACK TO THE CHU LAI WINDS OVER MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP HEADQUARTERS



AT 1200, 31 DECEMBER 1966, COLONEL D. D. PETTY, JR. ACCOMPANIED BY A GROUP OF HIS STAFF, PRESENTED THE MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-13's COLORS TO SERGEANT KRUM AND CORPORAL GERITY OF MABS-13 TO BE HOISTED ON THE GROUP'S NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FLAG POLE. THUS, MARINE AIR GROUP-13 CLOSED 1966 FLYING THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL COLORS AT CHU LAI, RVN. INASMUCH AS SGT KRUM AND CPL GERITY WERE THE MEN WHO CONSTRUCTED THE POLE AND SUPERVISED THE PLACING AND RIGGING, IT WAS MOST APPROPRIATE THAT THESE MEN HAVE THE HONOR OF RAISING THIS GROUP'S COLORS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE POLE WAS CONSTRUCTED SO THAT THIS COMMAND CAN PROUDLY DISPLAY THE DISTINGUISHING FLAG FOR ALL VISITING GENERAL OFFICERS.

"WELL DONE", MEN OF MABS-13.

CHOW TIME

GROUP ORDER 5330.11 ESTABLISHED NEW CHOW HOURS FOR THIS COMMAND. THEY ARE LISTED BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

0530-0730	MORNING MEAL HOURS
1100-1130	EARLY CHOW
1130-1300	NOON MEAL
1700-1900	EVENING MEAL

SUNDAY

0530-0630	BREAKFAST
0900-1200	BRUNCH
1630-1700	EARLY CHOW
1700-1900	EVENING MEAL

ATTA BOY, CAPTAIN LEWIS, VMFA-542

AT 1550, 3 JANUARY 1967 CAPT LEWIS AND HIS RO, WO STRINGER WERE RETURNING FROM A COMBAT MISSION AND DISCOVERED THAT THE PORT MAIN LANDING GEAR WOULD NOT LOWER. AFTER ALL ATTEMPTS FAILED, THE CAPTAIN ELECTED TO MAKE A MOREST LANDING. INASMUCH AS THE GUSTING CROSSWINDS PRESENTED EVEN MORE OF A PROBLEM, THE CAPT BROUGHT HER DOWN WITH MINIMAL DAMAGE. SHE WAS BACK IN THE AIR IN A MATTER OF HOURS. AS EVIDENCED BY THE DAMAGE DONE, THE SKILL OF CAPTAIN LEWIS IN HANDLING THIS SITUATION UNDOUBTEDLY PREVENTED MUCH MORE DAMAGE.

APPENDIX 1

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PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

SERGEANT BONALD T. DUNCAN

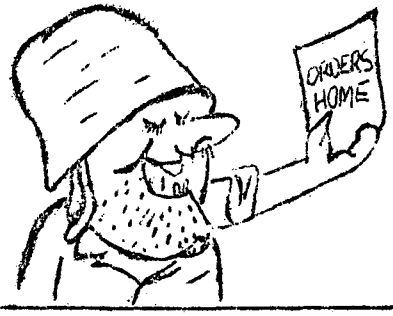
MARINE CORPS SUPPLY SECTION

SERGEANT DONALD J. DUNCAN, WHO IS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO DUTY WITH THE MARINE CORPS SUPPLY SECTION, H&MS-13 IS OUR PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK.

SGT DUNCAN COMES FROM PASADENA, CALIF. HE EBTERED THE MARINE CORPS DURING MARCH 1964. PRIOR TO COMING OUR WAY SGT DUNCAN SERVED WITH THE FIRST FORCE SERVICE REGT AT CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. HE IS A GRADUTE OF ST FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL OF PASADENA WHERE HE PLAYED THREE YEARS ON THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CIF CLASS AAA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM DURING HIS SENIOR YEAR. SGT DUNCAN HAS BEEN SERVING IN RVN SINCE AUGUST LAST YEAR. HE LISTS HIS MAJOR INTEREST AS HIS JOB AND SPORTS. HOWEVER, HE DOES INDICATE THAT HE ENJOYS THE "PLAYBOY". SGT DUNCAN WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST AS YOU CONTINUE TO SERVE WITH MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13 AND THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.....

.. BULLETIN ..... BULLETIN ....

APPROACH YOUR UNIT INFORMATION SERVICES OFFICER AND LET THE PEOPLE BACK HOME KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING HERE. FILL OUT A FLEET HOME TOWN NEWS RELEASE.



PERSONNEL DEPARTING MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13 FOR CONUS JAN67

CAPTAIN SONNTAG
WO KOGERS

CPL MCNEIL	CPL MILLER
LCPL OMAN	CPL DUREN
CPL SCHOONOVER	CPL BEAN
SGT BARR	CPL BREID
CPL BRYAN	SGT PERKINS
SGT ROYSTER	SGT JONES
SGT COSTIE	SGTFISHER
PFC DODSON	LCPL LANGE
SGT POWELL	PVT STOCKARD
SGT ALLEN	SGT GENT
PFC HOECHERL	SGT WILLIAMS
SGT WALDROP	LCPL LEMEOHA
CPL RUSSELL	LCPL SREPHICHIT
LCPL TEACHOUT	LCPL HENRY
SGT BERGEUIN	LCPL BAKER
LCPL LYNN	PVT LABOMBARD
SSGT CAMPBELL	SSGT WHITEMAN
LCPL BODINE	LCPL MCCALL
SSGT CUNNINGHAM	SGT FLITCRAFT
CPL HARRIS	LCPL MONTROY
SSGT ROWLINSON	SGT ALIIFUA
SSGT COLLINS	LCPL ENING
GYSGT HANSØN	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 1 JANUARY 1967 ON THE USO BEACH THE " PHANTOMS " DID NOT TOP ALL OTHER BANDS AT THE BATTLE OF BANDS, HOWEVER, THEY WERE VOTED THE MOST ENTERTAINING GROUP AND SGT MATTA WENT ON TO TOP HONORS AS THE BEST SINGER OF THE BATTLE. AFTER LEAVING THE BEACH THIS GROUP PROVIDED SOUNDS FOR THE 1STHOSTCO.

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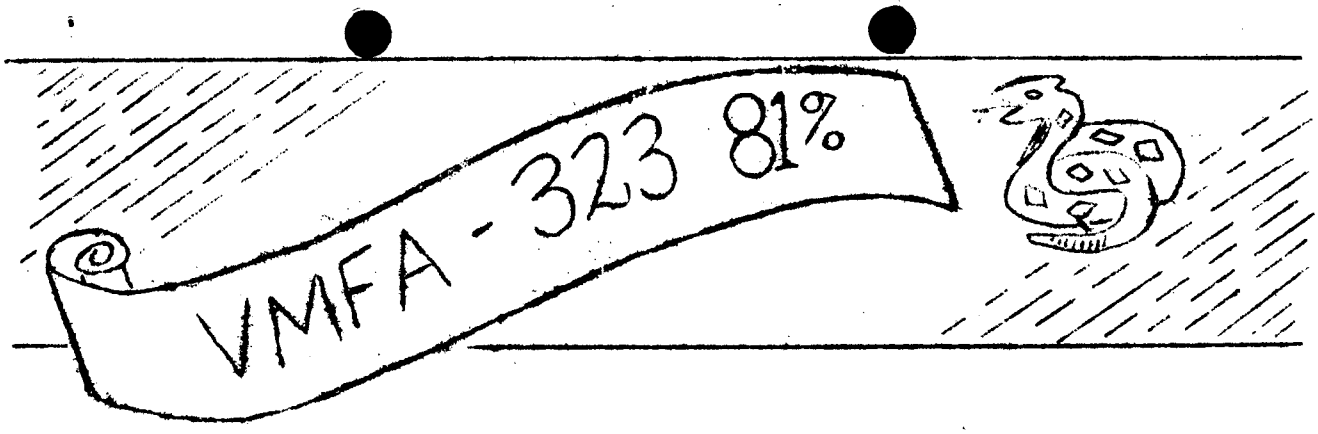

VMFA-323 HAS TAKEN OVER THE NUMBER ONE SPOT IN OUR GROUP SAVINGS BOND DRIVE WITH 81%. VMFA-542 NOW MAINTAINS SECOND PLACE. WHO WILL HOLD THE "SPOTLIGHT" NEXT WEEK? THE COMMAND GOAL IS 75% FOR EACH UNIT. GOOD WORK "SNAKES", THE "RABBIT" HAS BEEN AT WORK.

ANY UNIT THAT OBTAINS 90%, THE COMMANDANT WILL FORWARD THAT UNIT A PENNANT FOR DISPLAY IN THE UNIT AREA.

R R Hawaii

RENDEZVOUS WITH DEPENDENTS IN HAWAII

AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION ERROR RECENTLY CAUSED A HAWAII R&R FLIGHT TO BE SCHEDULED ON AN ERRONEOUS DATE. THE ERROR WAS DISCOVERED AT THE LAST MINUTE AND HEADQUARTERS MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND FORTUNATELY WAS ABLE TO DIVERT AN AIRCRAFT TO FLY THE MISSION. THIS WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT RESENTMENT, IRRITATION, INCONVENIENCE, CONUS TELEPHONE CALLS AND CLAIMS OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BY PERSONNEL WHOSE RENDEZ-VOUS PLANS WITH DEPENDENTS WERE UPSET BY THE LATE DEPARTURE OF SUBSTITUTE AIRCRAFT FROM REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

IT SHOULD BE KNOWN AND UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE ARE MANY FACTORS THAT CAN CAUSE PUBLISHED R&R SCHEDULES TO BE CHANGED OR EVEN CANCELLED AT THE LAST MINUTE. ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION ERRORS, INCLEMENT WEATHER, AIRCRAFT MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES AND SECURITY CONDITIONS ARE EXAMPLES OF FACTORS WHICH MAY AFFECT THESE FLIGHTS.

RENDEZVOUS PLANS WITH FAMILIES ARE MADE AT THE INDIVIDUAL'S VOLITION AND INITIATIVE. HE MUST BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE RISKS INVOLVED AND TO ADJUST PLANS WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES. NO COMMANDER OR SUPERVISOR WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP CAUSED BY FACTORS BEYOND THEIR CONTROL.

Have Fun

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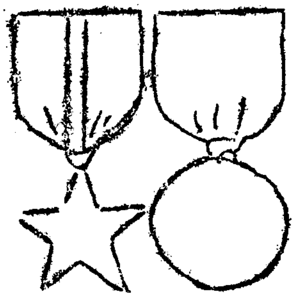

IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE - - - - - - - - -

THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S OFFICE OF VMFA-323 WAS FILLED WITH GOOD SNAKES RECENTLY. LIEUTENANT COLOENEL TALBERT OFFERED HIS PERSONAL CONGRADUTATIONS TO SIX OF HIS SNAKES AND PRESENTED THEM WITH THE MARINE CORPS GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS. RECEIVING GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS WERE:

MSGT F. W. WILSON	SGT R, J. RAYNES	CPL D. W. DOUGLAS
SSGT H. W. SHEARER	CPL J. FETCHEN	LCPL J. D. HALL

NOTE: THIS INDICATES THAT THERE ARE SOME GOOD SNAKES.

RECEIVES THEIR FIRST AIR MEDAL
VMFA-542

MAJOR E. R. MAAG
1STLT G. W. HOGLAND

RECEIVES 12TH AIR MEDAL VMFA-542
CAPTAIN D. F. BUFFINGTON

RECEIVES FIRST AIR MEDAL, VMFA 314

MAJOR J. RYAN	MAJOR C. S. ESTERLINE
1STLT C. L. CULLER	1STLT STANLEY TOMLISON
1STLT H. E. JENSEN	1STLT F. F. DIAZ

CAPT R. C. JONES

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MERITORIOUS MAST

EXTRACTS FROM MERITORIOUS MAST AWARDED TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RAYMOND D. JENKINS 2211477/0141, USMC, MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON-13

IT IS WITH EXTREME PLEASURE THAT I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE YOUR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AND AWARD YOU MERITORIOUS MAST.

SINCE JOINING THIS ORGANIZATION IN SEPTEMBER 1966, YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED YOUR ABILITY TO PERFORM ALL PHASES OF ADMINISTRATION WITH COMPETENCE AND DISPATCH. SELDOM HAS A MAN WITH YOUR LIMITED TRAINING BEEN SO QUICK AND THOROUGH IN YOUR GRASP OF ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO WORK LONG HOURS SOMETIMES UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS WITHOUT COMPLAINING. YOU ARE COMMENDED FOR THE CHEERFUL "CAN DO" ATTITUDE WITH WHICH YOU DO YOUR WORK. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JENKINS, YOU ARE WITHOUT QUESTION A FINE MARINE, AN ASSET TO THIS ORGANIZATION AND A CREDIT TO THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

O. L. OWENS

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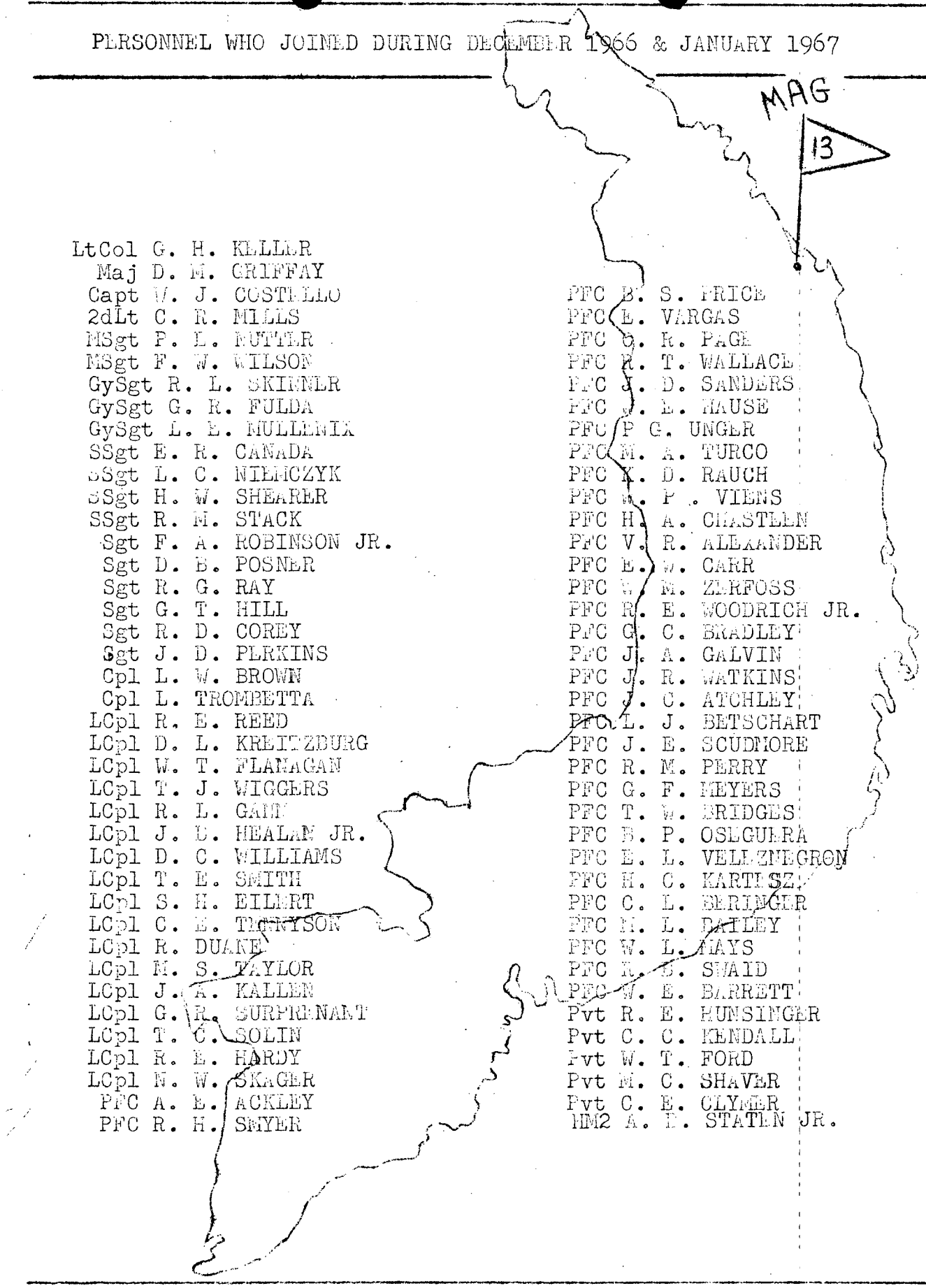

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MSgt P. L. BUTTER
MSgt F. W. WILSON
GySgt R. L. SKINNER
GySgt G. R. FULDA
GySgt L. E. MULLENIX
SSgt E. R. CANADA
SSgt L. C. NIEMCZYK
SSgt H. W. SHEARER
SSgt R. M. STACK
Sgt F. A. ROBINSON JR.
Sgt D. B. POSNER
Sgt R. G. RAY
Sgt G. T. HILL
Sgt R. D. COREY
Sgt J. D. PERKINS
Cpl L. W. BROWN
Cpl L. TROMBETTA
LCpl R. E. REED
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PFC R. H. SMYER

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PFC T. W. BRIDGES
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PFC H. C. KARTESZ
PFC C. L. BERINGER
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PFC W. L. MAYS
PFC K. S. SWAID
PFC W. E. BARRETT
Pvt R. E. HUNSINGER
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Pvt W. T. FORD
Pvt M. C. SHAVER
Pvt C. E. CLYMER
HM2 A. D. STATEN JR.

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The Lamplighter

I JOHN 1:3, "THAT YOU MAY HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH US; AND OUR FELLOWSHIP IS WITH THE FATHER AND WITH HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST." MAN IS A SPECIAL CREATURE. HE WAS NOT CREATED TO LIVE IN ISOLATION. MAN WILL DO MANY THINGS, SEARCH HIS OWN CONSCIENCE, VIOLATE MORAL AND LEGAL LAWS TO BE ACCEPTED INTO A GROUP. WE AS CHRISTIANS NEED FELLOWSHIP. WE CANNOT REMAIN SPIRITUALLY STRONG IN ISOLATION. THE SUNDAY AND DAILY SERVICES AT THE CHAPEL OFFER YOU AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS. YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGED AND STRENGTHENED BY THIS FELLOWSHIP. IT IS A UNIQUE FELLOWSHIP FOR IN FACT "OUR FELLOWSHIP IS WITH THE FATHER AND HIS SON JESUS CHRIST." SEE YOU IN CHAPEL TOMORROW?

DURING YOUR TOUR IN VIETNAM YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME ACQUAINTED FIRST HAND WITH THE WORK OF MISSIONARIES. FAITH IS GOD AND IN MAN AS A CREATION OF GOD IS A BULWARK TO OUR DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE. MISSIONARIES ARE LABORING TO SHARE THIS FAITH WITH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. IN THE PAST MONTHS GOD HAS WORKED IN MANY MARVELLOUS WAYS IN THE COMMUNITY OF QUANG NGAI. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE REV. WOODY STEMPLE AS OUR SPECIAL SPEAKER THIS SUNDAY AT OUR PROTESTANT MONTHLY RALLY AT MAG-13 CHAPEL. REV. STEMPLE IS AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY AND WILL BE SHARING SOME OF HIS EXPERIENCES WITH US. SO PLAN NOW TO ATTEND. THE RALLY WILL BEGIN AT 1400 AND END AT 1600. REMEMBER PMR, 1400 THIS SUNDAY AT OUR CHAPEL.

MEN FIND GOD AT WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

MANY MEN FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE IN AN UNSEEN GOD. ON THE OTHER HAND, MANY MEN HAVE FOUND THAT THIS UNSEEN GOD IS AS REAL AS ANYTHING SEEN. THIS WAS THE CASE FOR NINE MEN FROM MAG-13 WHO JOINED WITH MEN FROM OTHER UNITS AT THE CHAPEL AT TASK FORCE X RAY ON NEW YEARS EVE. THREE MEN RECEIVED CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOR. FIVE MEN INCLUDING TWO OFFICERS RE-DEDICATED THEIR LIVES AND FOUND GOD IN A DEEPER WAY. PERSONAL PROBLEMS AND NEEDS WERE DEALT WITH AND RESOLVED IN THE REAL PRESENCE OF THE LIVING GOD. GOD IS NOT DEAD BUT VERY MUCH ALIVE. ASK ANY OF THE MEN WHO ATTENDED THIS SERVICE.

CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAY: PROTESTANT 0754, 1130
DEVOTIONS 1845

CATHOLIC MASS 1030
WEDNESDAY MASS 1130

PROTESTANT DEVOTIONS DAILY AT 1845.
BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY AT 1930.
CHOIR PRACTICE THURSDAYS AT 1930.

ATTEND

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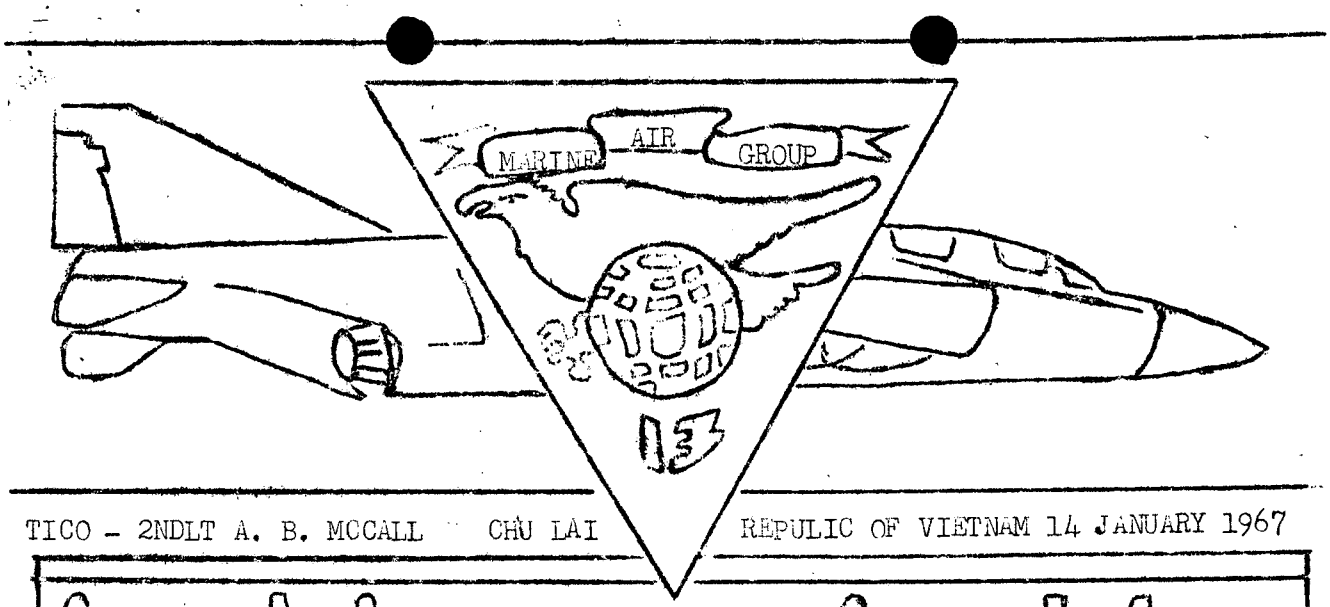

TICO - 2NDLT A. B. MCCALL CHU LAI REPULIC OF VIETNAM 14 JANUARY 1967

Awarded DFC

CAPTAIN CHARLES LARRY BACON, USMC

IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS TO CAPTAIN C. L. BACON:

" FOR HEROISM AND EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT IN AERIAL FLIGHT AGAINST COMMUNIST (VIET CONG) FORCES IN VIET NAM. ON 12 JULY 1966, CAPTAIN CHARLES L. BACON WAS FLIGHT LEADER OF A TWO AIRCRAFT INTERDICTION MISSION, ASSIGNED TO ATTACK A VIET CONG CONTROLLED VILLAGE PRIOR TO OUR GROUND FORCES ASSUALT. THROUGH INTENSE ENEMY GROUND FIRE, CAPTAIN BACON REPEATEDLY DELIVERED HIS NAPALM ON TARGET WITH UNERRING ACCURACY RESULTING IN THE DESTRUCTION OF SEVENTEEN STRUCTURES, AND ELEVEN OTHERS SEVERLY DAMAGED. GROUND REPORTS ATTRIBUTED 71 CONFIRMED DEAD AND 100 PROBABLE DEAD TO HIS FLIGHT. CAPTAIN BACON'S EXTREME SKILL MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE GROUND FORCES TO TAKE THEIR OBJECTIVE WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES.

THE AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO CAPTAIN BACON BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS ON A RECENT VISIT.

Awarded Air Medal

SERGEANT HARRY R. LEVEY USMC

IN THE NAME OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 1st MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FLEET MARINE FORCE PACIFIC TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE AIR MEDAL TO SERGEANT H. R. LEVEY:

"FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT IN AERIAL FLIGHT AS A **FLIGHT CREW** MEMBER OF THE H&MS-13 C117D, SGT LEVEY EARNED HIS FIRST AIR MEDAL DURING COMBAT SUPPORT MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AGAINST THE INSURGENT COMMUNIST GUERRILLA FORCES (VIET CONG) FROM 25 OCTOBER 1966 TO 30 DECEMBER 1966. HE CONTRIBUTED MATERIALLY TO THE SUCCESS OF HIS SQUADRON. HIS COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY IN THE FACE OF HAZARDOUS FLYING CONDITIONS WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE."

THE AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO SERGEANT LEVEY BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS ON A RECENT VISIT.

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O° Club

THE NEW "O" CLUB NEEDS A NAME.

SUBMIT SUGGESTIONS TO MAJOR MACKEY.

LTCOL MAY, COMMANDING OFFICER, VMFA-542 PRESENTED PROMOTION CERTIFICATES TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ON 30 DECEMBER 1966.

TO CORPORAL

G. N. BJORKLUND
J. O. CULLER
D. I. HARGADINE
R. W. HAWRYLA
J. A. JOHNSON
K. E. JONES, JR.
R. L. MATTA
T. R. OWEN
R. R. RITCH
D. G. SOSNOWSKI
D. E. STEELHAMMER
W. R. THOMAS
J. TREVISO
R. F. WINCHESTER

TO LANCE CORPORAL

K. V. GREEAR, JR.
R. A. KNOERZER
H. E. SANDERS
J. S. SMITI
J. E. SWETT, JR.

— JOINS FIELD GRADE —

— RANKS —

RECENTLY THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-13 PROMOTED MAJOR J. M. KRUTHERS AND MAJOR W. W. MACKEY TO THEIR PRESENT RANK.

MAJOR KRUTHERS IS PRESENTLY SERVING WITH THE GROUP S-3 AND MAJOR MACKEY SERVES WITH H&MS-13.

Good Will

THE OFFICIAL TITLE IS "MEDICAL CIVIL AID PROGRAM". IT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION EVER SINCE THE VIETNAM CRISIS AND IS DESIGNED TO HELP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, THOSE PEOPLE WHO REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND ALSO HELP TO PASS ON A BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF SELF FIRST AID AND PERSONAL HYGIENE.

MARINE AIR GROUP-13's MEDCAP PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE SEPTEMBER 1966 AND IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. ANDY KIRK LT MC USNR WHO, TOGETHER WITH THE HOSPITAL CORPSMEN, ARE DISPENSED EACH WEEK TO ADMINISTER FREE MEDICAL ATTENTION TO THE PEOPLE OF AN TAN. NO ONE IS EXCLUDED WHO DESIRES TREATMENT AND AT THE PRESENT TIME WE ARE TREATING ABOUT 50 PERSONS PER WEEK. BECAUSE OF OUR PERSISTENCE AND INTEREST IN TREATING THESE PEOPLE, THEIR CONFIDENCE HAS GROWN; BUT MORE IMPORTANT IS THE FACT THAT OUR PATIENTS WHO COME TO US FOR TREATMENT ARE VERY MUCH AT EASE, AND ARE ASSURED THAT THEY WILL BE TREATED TO THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF CONSIDERATION. ALL TYPES OF TREATMENT ARE ADMINISTERED INCLUDING DENTAL WORK, WHICH IS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DR. DARDEN EURE LT DC USN.

SURGERY IS BEING DONE ON ANYONE WHO REQUIRES IT, AND THESE PATIENTS ARE OPERATED UPON EITHER AT 1st MEDICAL BATTALION OR ON THE USS REPOSE WHICH IS A HOSPITAL SHIP IN THIS AREA.

THE LOCAL HOSPITAL AT AN TAN IS IN VERY MUCH NEED OF REPAIR AND PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO COMPLETELY RENOVATE THIS HOSPITAL AND EQUIP IT WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

IT IS A IMPORTANT PART OF THIS CONFLICT TO GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE AND THIS IS A MEANS TO HELP THEM REALIZE WE ARE INTERESTED IN THEIR WELFARE.

WARS ARE WON IN MANY WAYS AND OUR WAR AGAINST DISEASE OF ALL SORTS WILL BE WON AT ALL COSTS.

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Good Conduct

THE BELOW LISTED MEN OF VMFA-542 WERE RECENTLY PRESENTED THEIR GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL MAY, COMMANDING OFFICER.

GYSGT J. D. NICKISON
(SIXTH AWARD)

CPL K. A. THOMPSON
(FIRST AWARD)

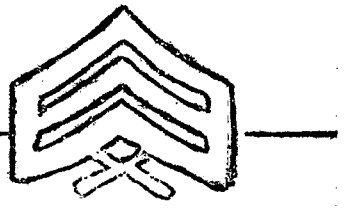
CPL H. J. GLOSSEN
(FIRST AWARD)

CONGRATULATIONS MEN

ANNOUNCING

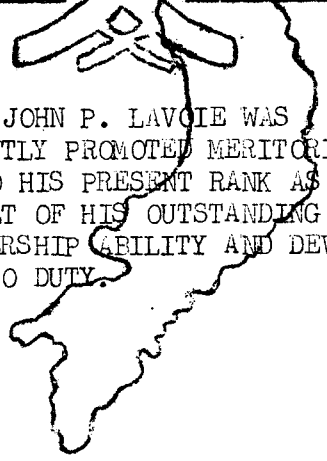
THE BELOW LISTED PERSONNEL HAVE JOINED MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-13 SINCE 1 JANUARY 1967:

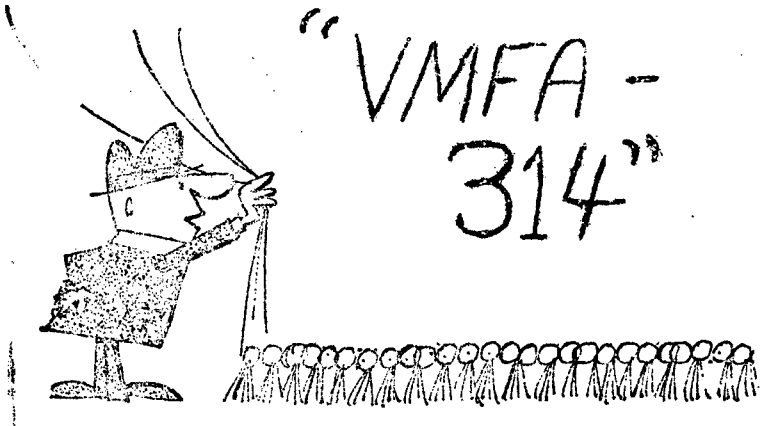
LTCOL G. H. KELLER	2ndLT M. CARSON
MAJOR H. D. BRAISHAW	2ndLT R. E. JOHNSON
MAJOR D. M. GRIFFAY	WO J. P. FINN
CAPT J. D. WEIDES	WO R. N. BOYD
CAPT H. W. TAHEE	GYSGT C. M. PROCTOR
CAPT J. L. LAVISH	GYSGT J. R. WALLEN
CAPT N. E. DOUGLAS	GYSGT S. S. SASSER
CAPT D. J. REYNOLDS	GYSGT H. O. DISQUE
1stLT G. O. JENSEN	GYSGT R. D. GOSS
1stLT M. E. COSTELLO	GYSGT T. N. THOMPSON
1stLT C. J. QUILTER	SSGT R. D. HUMPHRIES
1stLT O. E. HAY	SSGT D. J. JAMES
1stLT R. H. BAILEY	SGT R. GONZALEZ
1stLT E. C. WOODS	CPL J. R. STEWART
2ndLT M. H. PENDLETON	HM2 A. B. STATEN



SGT M. J. RICE AND SGT R. E SMITH WERE RECENTLY PROMOTE MERITORIOUSLY TO THEIR PRESENT RANK. BOTH MARINES WE PROMOTED AS A RESULT OF THE HARD WORK, LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITY IN THE FIELD.

LCPL JOHN P. LAVOIE WAS RECENTLY PROMOTED MERITORIOUSLY TO HIS PRESENT RANK AS A RESULT OF HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP ABILITY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY.





VMFA-314, 5,000 HOURS IN COUNTRY

0600, 8JAN67 RETURNING FROM A TDQ MISSION CAPT LAKE AND LT DIAZ TOUCHED DOWN ESTABLISHING THE MARK OF 5,000 FLIGHT HOURS SINCE VMFA-314 ARRIVED IN COUNTRY.

CONGRATULATIONS "BLACK KNIGHTS"

We Print Your News

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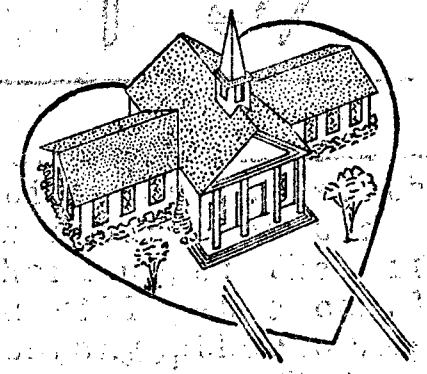
Viktor Frankl, a Vienna psychistist has stated that the God urge is natural to man, as natural as the self urge or the sex urge or the herd urge; That if you suppress God in your lives you will get a complex exactly as you do when you suppress any other urges. He further stated that about fifty percent of his patients are suffering from the suppression of God in their lives. Is it possible that many of us in Viet Nam are doing this? We take time for that which we consider important. Let us take time for God. Tomorrow is Sunday. Attend the worship services of your choice.

NEW BUS SERVICE

A new Chapel Bus Service was initiated last Sunday. Three Chapel pick-up points have been established. One is at the Group Dispensary which will serve officer country as well as the Squadron Office, one is at H&MS 13 Maintenance Office on the flightline. The 3rd one is at the messhall. The times of pick-up are posted at each location. At Group Dospensery pick-up times is 0715, 1000, 1100 and the flightline 0720, 1005, 1105, and at the messhall 0730, 1015, 1115. Freedom to worship is one of the freedoms we are fighting for. Exercise it.



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Religious News

A Bible designed for Protestants as well as Roman Catholics has been released by Oxford University Press. It is called The Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocrypha. This issue carries the imprimatur of Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston. The text of the Bible is that of the Revised Standard Version. Fourteen changes have been made in annotations to indicate Catholic options.

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A national commitee for the Methodist Church in America has been holding discussions with a like commitee of the Anglican Church concerning the possibilities of union. At the last world assembly of the Methodist Church a ten-member commitsion was formed to meet with Roman Catholics to discuss the possibilities of union.

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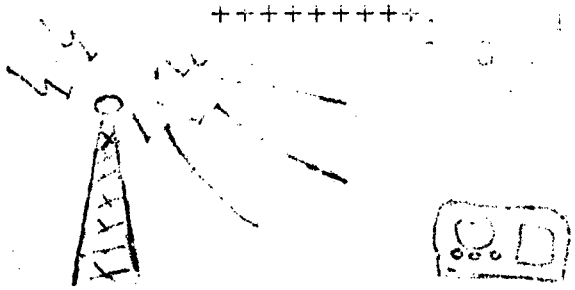

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Answer in Next Weeks

Lamp Lighter

CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAY: Protestant
0745, 1130
Catholic
1030

Protestant devotions daily at 1845, Bible Study Tue. at 1930, Choir Practice Thur. 1930.

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MARINE AIR GROUP 13

TICO - 2NDLT MCCALL 21 JANUARY 1967

NEW CHAPLAIN ABOARD

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER WAYNE L. NIEDERHUTH, USNR REPORTED ABOARD FOR DUTY AS MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-13 CHAPLAIN. HE COMES FROM SPRINFIELD, MISSOURI. CHAPLAIN NIEDERHUTH HAS SPENT THE PAST NINE YEARS AS A CHAPLAIN IN THE ACTIVE RESERVES AND CAME ON ACTIVE DUTY 21 OCTOBER 1966. FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS HE HAS SERVED AS THE CHAPLAIN OF A MARINE RESERVE UNIT IN ROME, GEORGIA. A NOTE OF INTEREST, CHAPLAINS CHRISTMANN AND NIEDERHUTH ATTENDED DRURY COLLEGE, AND CHAPLAIN NIEDERHUTH WAS A MEMBER OF A CHURCH YOUTH GROUP FOR WHICH CHAPLAIN CHRISTMANN WAS THE ADULT SPONSOR. BOTH CHAPLAINS WERE ORDAINED IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLE OF CHRIST) AND WERE MEMBERS OF THE SAME LOCAL CHURCH, CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. WELCOME ABOARD CHAPLAIN NIEDERHUTH.

WE WISH CHAPLAIN CHRISTMANN THE VERY BEST IN HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

BLACK KNIGHT OF VMFA-314 SELECTED TO BE OUR MAN FOR PERSONALITY OF THE = WEEK = PRIVATE FIRST CLASS M. E. MELVIN USMC

THIS WEEK THE PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK IS A "BLACK KNIGHT" WHO COMES FROM THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THE STATES, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA. PFC MICHAEL E. MELVIN IS A MEMBER OF THE ADMIN STAFF OF VMFA-314. MIKE GRADUATED FROM CAPITOL HILL HIGH SCHOOL OF OKLAHOMA CITY. WHILE ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL HE MAJORED IN MUSIC. DURING THIS TIME HE TOOK PART IN SEVERAL MUSICAL CONTESTS AND COLLECTED TWO FIRST PLACE MEDALS AND ONE THIRD. YOU COULD SAY HE PLAYED HIS WAY INTO COLLEGE, HAVING RECEIVED A MUSICAL SCHOLARSHIP TO CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE. MIKE ATTENDED THERE FOR ONE YEAR. HE IS ANOTHER OF MANY WHO UNCIE SAM SENT HIS GREETINGS. HOWEVER, HE HOPES TO CONTINUE HIS EDUCATION AFTER COMPLETING HIS MILITARY OBLIGATION. MELVIN JOINED MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-13 DURING NOVEMBER 1966. PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT TO VIETNAM HE SERVED WITH VMGR-352 AT EL TORO, CALIF. MIKE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER KATHLEEN KAYE OF OKLAHOMA CITY. MIKE AND KATHY ARE THE PROUD PARENTS OF A DAUGHTER BORN 11 JULY 1966. WHILE SERVING IN RVN, MIKE IS CONTINUING HIS EDUCATION THRU CORRESPONDENCE COURSES. PFC MELVIN WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST AS YOU CONTINUE TO SERVE WITH MAG-13 AND THE U. S. MARINE CORPS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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SANDY BADGLEY, Box 543 College Station, Hammond, Louisiana
CECILIA "CECE" BAINA, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan
CYNTHIA BASSIER, Box 3235 S. L. C., Hammonds, Louisiana
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BETTY BONURA, Box 177 College Station, Hammond, Louisiana
KAREN CHABIE, Regina Hall Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506
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MARY DOMAN, Regina Hall Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan
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PATTI ELLIOTT, Box 1354 College Station, Hammond, Louisiana 70401
CLARA FOIL, Box 4295 College Station, Hammond, Louisiana 70401
BETTY GILBERT, Box 4155 S. L. C., Hammond, Louisiana
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SHIRLEY HODNETT, Box 3117 College Station, Hammond, Louisiana
VERONICA HOWARD, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan
ANN HUFF, Box 42 S. L. C., Hammond, Louisiana
JUDY HUFFMAN, Sweetheart of Circle K Southeastern College, Hammond, La.
JERRI ANN IRWIN, P.O. Box 1354 College Station, Hammond, La.
JACKIE JANNECK, Box 794 College Station, Hammond, Louisiana
TERRIE JOHNS, Box 763 College Station, Hammond, Louisiana
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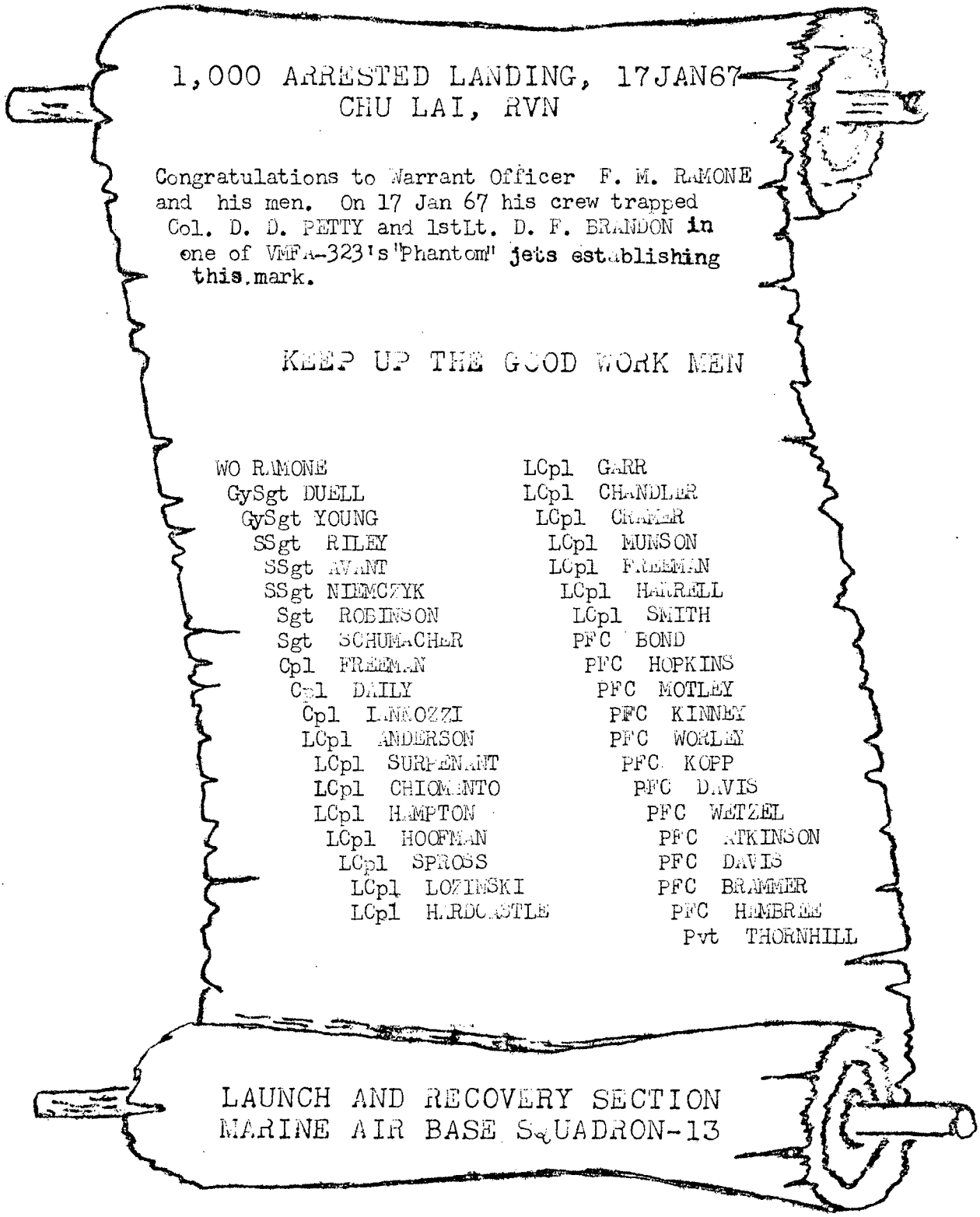

1,000 ARRESTED LANDING, 17JAN67
CHU LAI, RVN

Congratulations to Warrant Officer F. M. RAMONE and his men. On 17 Jan 67 his crew trapped Col. D. D. PETTY and 1stLt. D. F. BRANDON in one of VMFA-323's "Phantom" jets establishing this mark.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK MEN

WO RAMONE
GySgt DUELL
GySgt YOUNG
SSgt RILEY
SSgt AVANT
SSgt NIEMCZYK
Sgt ROBINSON
Sgt SCHUMACHER
Cpl FREEMAN
Cpl DAILY
Cpl LANOZZI
LCpl ANDERSON
LCpl SURPENANT
LCpl CHIOMENTO
LCpl HAMPTON
LCpl HOOFMAN
LCpl SPROSS
LCpl LOZINSKI
LCpl HARDCASTLE

LCpl GARR
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PFC BOND
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Pvt THORNHILL

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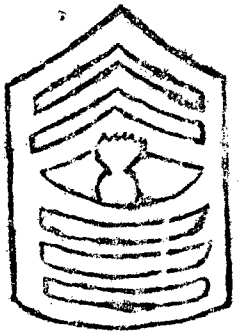

MERITORIOUS MAST AWARDED TO MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT JOHN L. BISHOP USMC

"IT IS WITH EXTREME PLEASURE THAT I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE YOUR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AND AWARD YOU MERITORIOUS MAST.

SINCE JOINING THIS ORGANIZATION IN MARCH 1966, YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED AN OUTSTANDING KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR FIELD AND THE ABILITY TO PERFORM UNDER THE MOST DIFFICULT OF CONDITIONS. UPON ARRIVING IN CHU LAI, VIETNAM, AS PART OF THE ADVANCE PARTY FROM MABS-13 AND WORKING UNDERSTAFFED AND WITH MINIMUM EQUIPMENT, YOU DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING RESOURCEFULNESS AND IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDED TO SET UP A FIELD MESS SERVING THREE HOT MEALS A DAY. THIS IN ITSELF WAS A MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT, BUT IN ADDITION THE QUALITY OF THE FOOD WAS OUTSTANDING, AND HAS REMAINED SO. YOU HAVE CONTINUED TO OPERATE IN THIS MANNER WITHOUT FAILING TO SERVE A MEAL, THROUGH PERIODS OF INTERMITTENT UTILITIES SERVICE AND COMPLETE RELOCATION OF THE MESS HALL. IN ADDITION, YOUR COMPLETE DEVOTION TO DUTY AND YOUR DEEP CONCERN FOR YOUR FELLOW MARINES IS EVIDENCED BY THE UNANIMOUS PRAISE OF YOUR MESS BY ALL WHO HAVE BEEN SERVED THERE.

MGYSGT BISHOP, YOU ARE TO BE HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THE PROFESSIONAL, PERSONAL AND COMPETENT MANNER IN WHICH YOU HAVE RESPONDED TO YOUR DUTIES, AND THE EXCEPTIONAL VALUE OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE HIGH MORALS OF THIS ORGANIZATION HAS AIDED IMMEASUREABLY IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MAG-13's MISSION. YOU EXEMPLIFY THAT WHICH THE MARINE NCO IS KNOWN FOR, LOYALTY, DEVOTION TO DUTY, AND ESPIRIT DE CORPS."

PRESENTED BY GROUP COMMANDER IN THE GROUP MESS ON 19 JANUARY 1967.

COMMENDABLE PERFORMANCE

ALTHOUGH 14 JANUARY COULD BE REMEMBERED FOR THE ABNORMALLY HIGH RATE OF FIRE AND HIT INCIDENTS INCURRED ON OUR AIRCRAFT, IT MORE PROPERLY WILL BE RECORDED AS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF THE DETERMINATION OF THIS WING TO ACCOMPLISH THOSE TASKS, BOTH PRE-PLANNED AND EMERGENCY, WHICH WERE LEVIED UPON US BY THE GROUND HALF OF OUR III MAF TEAM.

A TOTAL OF 244 FIXED-WING SORTIES WERE FLOWN WHICH INCLUDED 57 SCRAMBLES FROM THE HOT PADS. THIS EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE, LARGELY FLOWN UNDER ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THIS WING.

PLEASE EXPRESS MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO ALL HANDS WHOSE JOINT EFFORTS MADE THIS EFFORT POSSIBLE. MAJOR GENERAL ROBERTSHAW SENDS.

PROMOTIONS WITHIN MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP - 13

SINCE 1 JANUARY 1967 A TOTAL OF 47 MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP HAVE BEEN PROMOTED.

OFFICERS: 6 ENLISTED: 41

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Meritorious Mast

DURING CEREMONIES ON 5 JANUARY 1967, THE COMMANDING OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS AND MAINTENANCE SQUADRON-13, PRESENTED MERITORIOUS MAST TO THE BELOW LISTED MEMBERS OF H&MS-13 FOR OUTSTANDING DUTY:

LANCE CORPORAL RAYMOND G. HAWKINS 858686/6613/6611 USMC

"SUBSEQUENT TO THE ARRIVAL OF H&MS-13 IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, THE SITUATION IN THE COM/NAV SHOP BECAME CRITICAL DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL TRAINED TO MAINTAIN THE ASQ-19 COM/NAV SYSTEM. IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT IT WOULD TAKE A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME TO OVERCOME THIS DEFICIT. HOWEVER, UPON ASSESSING THE SITUATION, LCPL HAWKINS WILLINGLY AND DILIGENTLY WORKED FOR 36 CONTINUOUS HOURS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THE ASQ-19, BY THOROUGH RESEARCH AND THROUGH APPLICATION OF HIS BROAD EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER COM/NAV SYSTEMS, HE WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE FOR THIS COMPLEX PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND FURNISH IMMEDIATE SUPPORT TO THE TACTICAL SQUADRONS. FURTHERMORE, AFTER A COMPLETE SURVEY OF ALL COMPONENTS OF THE ASQ-19 SYSTEM, HE DISCOVERED THAT THERE WAS NO PROCEDURE AVAILABLE TO TEST CERTAIN HIGH VALUE VACUUM TUBES. LCPL HAWKINS THEN DESIGNED AND FABRICATED EQUIPMENT THAT PERMITTED THE TESTING OF THESE TUBES WITH A RESULTANT INCREASE IN THE EFFICIENCY OF HIS SHOP."

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD E. PETERSON 2163170/6412 USMC

"A MERITORIOUS MAST IS HEREBY AWARDED TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD E. PETERSON 2163170/6412 FOR INITIATIVE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY RARELY DISPLAYED BY A MARINE OF HIS RANK. IN AUGUST OF 1966 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS PETERSON JOINED THE POWER PLANTS DIVISION OF H&MS-13. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS WORKED ON BOTH THE J-65 AND J-79 JET POWER PLANTS. IN BOTH CASES HIS WORK HAS BEEN EXCEPTIONAL. IN ADDITION, HIS KNOWLEDGE OF AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT HAS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT UTILIZED BY THE POWER PLANTS DIVISION. HE HAS INDICATED AN ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH THE MOST DIFFICULT JOBS WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION AND INSTRUCTION. HIS CONTINUAL SEARCH OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND HIS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE METHODS AND CONDITIONS IN THE ENGINE SHOP ARE PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY."

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PERSONNEL DEPARTING MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP - 13 DURING FEBRUARY 1967 FOR CONUS...

Major	WHIPPLE	Sgt	HANN	Cpl	HAMELIN
Major	FULBRIGHT	Sgt	WILLIAMS	Cpl	LITTLE
Capt.	KEENAN	Sgt	COLLINS	Cpl	FLOOD
Capt.	MCCARTY	Sgt	KNIGHT	Cpl	JOHNSON
Capt.	BRATON	Sgt	BLUE	Cpl	WILLIAMS
1stLt	VANHOUTEN	Sgt	FRICK	Cpl	PROKOP
2ndLt	FREEMAN	Sgt	FERREIRA	Cpl	HODSON
2ndLt	JEWETT	Sgt	RUSHING	Cpl	POLLARD
MGySgt	BISHOP	Sgt	DAVIS	LCpl	KEITH
GySgt	CHOLAK	Sgt	BENNETT	LCpl	GARR
GySgt	ANIELSKI	Sgt	WISE	LCpl	THOMPSON
GySgt	PULDT	Sgt	SURGES	LCpl	BASSI
GySgt	MCTT	Cpl	ANCHIE	LCpl	CHICMENTO
GySgt	SCUDDER	Cpl	WALTERS	LCpl	KAY
SSgt	RUSH	Cpl	BERRENS	LCpl	WILKINSON
SSgt	SANTOS	Cpl	PALMER	LCpl	HORNER
SSgt	BRATTON	Cpl	FERRIS	PFC	HENDRICK
SSgt	GRAHAM	Cpl	TATE	PFC	OWENS
Sgt	PIETRANTONI	Cpl	BURGESS	PFC	HOXSIE
Sgt	GILLESPIE	Cpl	STAAT	Pvt	CANTRELL

GROUP BARBER SHOP OPEN

THE GROUP BARBER SHOP IS NOW IN OPERATION AND IS LOCATED IN THE H&MS-13 AREA.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
0730-1100 1200-1530

OFFICERS HAVE PRIORITY BETWEEN 1200-1230 AND 1500-1530 DAILY.

HAIRCUTS - 25 CENTS - MPC

CONTACT YOUR SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER. FORMS ARE AVAIABLE TO ORDER FLOWERS TO BE SENT HOME. INDIVIDUALS ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING MONEY ORDERS AND PLACING THEIR ORDERS.

FROM GOLD BAR TO SILVER

PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF FIRST LIEUTENANT

MCCORD, J. R.	VMFA-542
CONLON, C. J. JR.	VMFA-323
GRIFFANTI, E. L.	VMFA-323

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SURVIVOR BENEFITS

Should you meet the Grim Reaper in anyone of his forms over the next year, what will happen to your wife and children? Have you provided an estate that will support your wife and enable her to put your children through school? Will she have to work, thus depriving your children of both parents? Have you considered the possibility that a welfare organization will have to wash your dirty linen because you didn't have the foresight to provide for your family?

One of the most important fringe benefits of a service career is the very substantial estate, in the form of Government, Social Security and Veteran's Administration-related benefits payable to the survivors of service personnel.

The major categories of survivor's benefits are listed below. For example purposes we have chosen a sergeant with four years service who is married with two children (basic pay $270.00).

A. Lump sum death gratuity equal to six times the monthly basic pay (plus incentive pay). $800 minimum-$3,000 maximum. Example: $270 X 6 equals $1,620.

B. Dependency and indemnity compensation-the money amount payable to widows by the VA is equal to $120 plus 12% of basic pay. (Example - 270 X 12% equals $32 plus $120 equals $152). The amount payable to the widow continues for her lifetime, unless she remarries. Income from other sources does not effect payments.

C. Social Security - the one-time lump sum death benefit normally averages $255. The monthly benefit would be approximately

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$202.40. The total payment to one family cannot exceed $368 or 80% of monthly earnings, whichever is less.

D. Serviceman's Group Life Insurance--SGLI automatically provides $10,000 of life insurance ($2 premium deducted from pay). Settlement i made either by lump sum or 36 monthly payments, at serviceman's option.

EXAMPLES:

One time payments--sergeants over four years service

Lump Sum Death Gratuity	$1620.00
Social Security Death Benefit	255.00
SGLI	10000.00
Total	$11875.00

Monthly Payments

DIC	$152.00
Social Security	202.40
Total	$354.40

Add these payments to the following items to which a true money value cannot be assigned: Medical Care, Theater, Commissary, NC Exchange, Funeral Expenses, Memorial Flag, Headstone, National Cemetery, Legal Assistance, Dependent's Transportation, Movement of Household Goods and Casualty Assistance. Can you provide such an estate to your survivors outside the U. S. Marine Corps?

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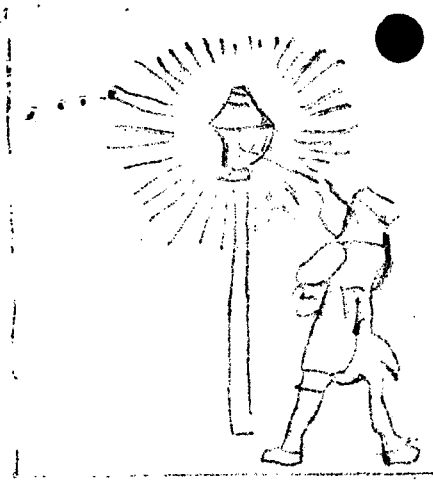

MAG 13 The CHAPEL Accomplisher

The peace of God comes to us with the inner realization: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." If you walk through the water, I will be with you. Whither thou goest, I will go... Thy people shall be my people. Never-I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Whither soever thou goest, I will go. Yea, though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will walk with you. I will be with you, I will be in you, and I will be through you. Fear not, fear not I am with you."

PROBLEMS OF MARRIAGE

What do most married couples quarrel about? What problems lead to separations and divorce?

A University of Pennsylvania research team interviewed 300 couples, 200 of whom had once sought marital advice. Husbands and wives, questioned separately, reported that the following problems bugged them the most frequently.

(1) Money
(2) Household management
(3) Personality clashes
(4) Sex
(5) Sharing household jobs
(6) Children
(7) Leisure-time activities
(8) The husband's mother
(9) Personal habits
(10) Jealousy
(11) Husband's occupation
(12) The wife's mother

Infidelity ranked seventeenth on the list.

Habit is either the best of servants, or the worst of masters.

TOLL ON CAMPUS: ACCIDENTS ARE FIRST, THEN SUICIDES

Suicide is second only to accidents as the greatest cause of death among U.S. college students, reports the Moderator, a national magazine for college students. "There were 1,000 students who lost their lives last year, 9,000 attempted to do so, and 90,000 more who threatened suicide," the magazine stated.

Chaplain Harold L. Christmann left country on 20 Jan for CONUS. We wish him God's speed and thank him for his outstanding Christian spirit as he served MAG 13. Your new Chaplain, Wayne L. Niederhuth plans to keep the same Chapel Schedule which is now in effect as follows:

SUNDAY SERVICES:
Protestants-0745,1130.1845
Catholics- Confession 1000
Service 1030

WEEKDAY SERVICES:
Protestants-Daily Devotions 1345
Bible Study 1930 Tue.
Catholic- Wed. Confession 1100
Service 1130

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MARINE AIR GROUP 13

ACTION-KNOWLEDGE-DEVOTION

VMFA - 314

VMFA - 323

VMFA - 542

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CHANGE OF COMMAND MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON = = = = 13 = = = =

Major David W. MORRILL, assumed command of MABS-13 on 25 January 1967 relieving Lieutenant Colonel Owen L. OWENS. Major MORRILL joins from Naval Evaluation Facility at Kirtland Air Force Base, Alburquerque, N. M. The Major has been selected for Lieutenant Colonel. Lieutenant Colonel OWENS is awaiting reassignment.

DISBURSING NOTICE $$$$$

The Disbursing Office will continue to issue Treasury checks each payday for those individuals who request a check on the advance payroll. Members are reminded there is a $50 minimum on each check and a check certificate must be on file in the Disbursing Office before a check may be issued. Check certificates may be filled out in your Squadron office. U.S. Treasury checks must be sent out of Vietnam and these checks may not be cashed in RVN. Since all checks must be cut by hand in a time consuming process, only one check may be issued to any one individual per payday.

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK SSGT ROSS "J" RILEY MABS-13

Staff Sergeant Ross "J" RILEY is with MABS-13 Launch and Recovery Unit. He has been with MAG-13 since January 1965, and was one of the "pineapples" that made the move from Hawaii with the Brigade. Before reporting to MAG-13 he was a member of MABS-37 at El Toro, California.

SSgt RILEY is married and has one daughter, born 20 March 1964. His wife and daughter are presently living with his parents in Golden, Colorado, during his tour in Vietnam.

SSgt RILEY graduated from Ozark Academy at Gentry, Arkansas in May 1966. He joined the Marine Corps in May 1957 at Dallas, Texas. Before joining, he worked as a machinist at Temco Aircraft in Dallas.

SSgt RILEY's interests include cars, auto racing and for the past year and a half has been collecting coins. At the present time, he states that he has over $1400.00 in rare coins.

SSgt RILEY, we wish you continued success with Marine Aircraft Group 13 and the U. S. Marine Corps.

APPENDIX 4

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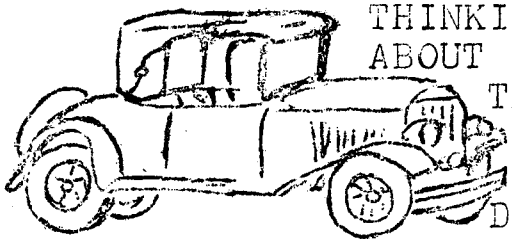
WRITER VISITING MARINE AIR GROUP-13

BOB BOWEN, a staff writer/photographer for the "Leatherneck", arrived 25 January to commence gathering material for an article "Marine Close Air Support". Bob will be in the Group area for about six days and visiting each Squadron. Maximum Command assistance is desired.



THINKING ABOUT BUYING THROUGH AN OVERSEAS DEALER

FMFPAC BULLETIN 1700 OF 4 JAN 67 CONTAINED THE BELOW INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASING OF MOTOR VEHICLES THROUGH OVERSEAS DEALERS:

AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT UNIVERSAL AUTO SALES IS A SUCCESSOR COMPANY IN BEING TO NAVY AUTO SALES. COMPLAINTS, TO DATE, REGARDING UNIVERSAL AUTO SALES, INCLUDE LATE DELIVERY, DELAYS IN ANSWERING CORRESPONDENCE AND INCREASE IN CHARGES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE ORDERED. ALL PERSONNEL SHOULD BE CAUTIONED AS TO THE HAZARDS INVOLVED IN PURCHASING A MOTOR VEHICLE THROUGH AN OVERSEAS DEALER. PUBLISHED ONLY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

CHANGE IN OPERATION HOURS OF THE GROUP BARBER SHOP

MON. THRU SAT.

0800-1100 1200-1515

OFFICERS HAVE PRIORITY DURING THE BELOW LISTED HOURS OF OPERATION:

1200-1230 1445-1515

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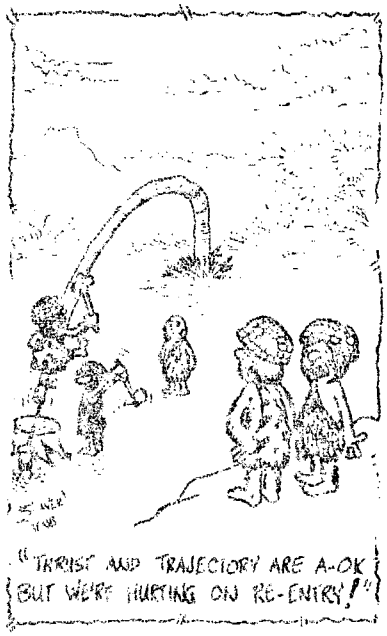
HOURS

SUNDAY
0900 - 1200

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

0930 - 1200



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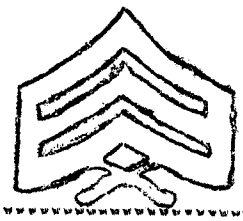

MERITORIOUS MAST AWARDED TO SERGEANT WILLIAM R. BETTS, U. S. MARINE CORPS VMFA-542

On 25 January 1967, Sergeant William R. BETTS appeared before the Commanding Officer, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-542 for Meritorious Mast. The following comments were made concerning his performance of duty:

"Sergeant BETTS, you became the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the Airframes Shop on 17 November 1966. The squadron, having been in Chu Lai only one month, was still in the process of adjusting to the tempo of combat operations. Every shop in the Maintenance Department was losing their key personnel and no replacements were anticipated. The Airframes Shop was operating at thirty percent of T/O and of that number, few were sufficiently qualified to work on the F4B. To a young Sergeant with less than a year in grade this initial supervisory experience posed quite a challenge, however, Sergeant BETTS, you have, in a remarkably short period of time, established a level of proficiency in your shop that is second to none. You have initiated a technical training program wherein each man not only acts as instructor, but also prepares his own lesson outline. This in itself is a unique teaching method. Under your expert guidance the training level has increased rapidly. As the pace of shop activity increases you seem to be all places at once. As was seen in the last few weeks you have supervised work on five and six different aircraft simultaneously. For you Sergeant BETTS, long hours seem to be the rule; not the exception. I congratulate you on an ever continuing job well done. Your initiative and drive along with your "Can do" attitude set an outstanding example to all around you."

WELCOME ABOARD IS EXTENDED TO THE NEWLY JOINED OFFICERS AND MEN LISTED BELOW:

Major D. W. MORRILL
2ndLt R. C. HITTE
2ndLt D. C. DIRKS
WO-1 J. L. SMITH
GySgt J. S. WOOD
GySgt L. C. BUEDOIN
GySgt E. Q. SMITH
GySgt F. A. JOGOW
SSgt K. E. MUNGER
SSgt G. R. BAKER
SSgt W. E. CHALLIS
SSgt J. L. PENNYWELL
SSgt J. W. HAIRFIELD

Sgt W. L. WASHINGTON
Sgt D. A. BRININGER
Sgt W. P. NORRIS
Sgt W. B. SIPES
Sgt B. PATTESON
Sgt E. A. HIGHERS
Cpl P. C. WEISE
PFC D. R. WALDEN
PFC R. F. DOERR
PFC R. A. COIAIANNI
PFC B. R. HESS
PFC R. S. DISNEY
PFC H. J. BORLAND

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MERITORIOUS MAST AWARDED TO LANCE CORPORAL ARTHUR C. QUIRK, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

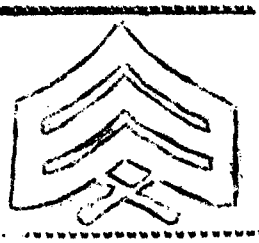
H&MS-13

"LANCE CORPORAL QUIRK HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE H&MS-13 POWER PLANTS DIVISION SINCE AUGUST OF 1966. HE WAS ASSIGNED DUTIES WITH THE J-79 CHECK CREW. THROUGH INITIATIVE AND WILLINGNESS TO LEARN, HE WAS ABLE TO REPLACE AN EXPERIENCED MAN IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. DUE TO HIS CONTINUING DRIVE TO OBTAIN KNOWLEDGE, HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, AND A POSITIVE "CAN DO" ATTITUDE HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS A J-79 CHECK CREW LEADER, AN ASSIGNMENT NORMALLY HELD BY A MAN TWO RANKS HIS SENIOR. IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS HE HAS MADE TOWARD SUCCESS OF THE MISSION OF THIS SQUADRON LANCE CORPORAL QUIRK IS HEREBY AWARDED A MERITORIOUS MAST."

MERITORIOUS MAST AWARDED TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CHARLES E. ROSENBAN, U. S. MARINE CORPS

"WHEN PFC ROSENBAN JOINED THE POWER PLANTS DIVISION IN OCTOBER OF 1966 THE DIVISION WAS UNDERMANNED AND SUBJECT TO A HEAVY WORK LOAD. ALTHOUGH PFC ROSENBAN WAS ON TEMPORARY DUTY FROM VMFA-314, HE APPROACHED HIS JOB WITH INITIATIVE AND A DEVOTION TO DUTY EXCEPTIONAL FOR A MARINE OF HIS RANK. HE HAS CONTINUOUSLY SEARCHED FOR TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND METHODS OF IMPROVING THE SHOP AND WORKING CONDITIONS. HE HAS THE ABILITY TO DO ANY ASSIGNED JOB EXPEDITIOUSLY AND WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION. PFC ROSENBAN HAS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE MISSION OF THIS SQUADRON. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE PFC ROSENBAN IS HEREBY AWARDED A MERITORIOUS MAST."

MERITORIOUS MAST AWARDED TO SERGEANT CHARLES H. LEDBETTER U. S. MARINE CORPS



"ON 4 DECEMBER 1966 SERGEANT LEDBETTER WAS APPOINTED THE NCOIC OF GROUP FISCAL BECAUSE OF PRIOR DISPLAY OF COMPETENCE AND INITIATIVE AS A MEMBER OF THAT OFFICE. THE BILLET REQUIRES THE ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE OF A STAFF NCO AND HAS BEEN HELD BY AN INDIVIDUAL OF THAT RANK IN THE PAST. HE ASSUMED HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT WITH ENTHUSIASM, CONFIDENCE AND A "CAN DO" ATTITUDE. AS A RESULT, HIS PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING AND THE MISSION OF THIS OFFICE HAS BEEN GREATLY ENHANCED. THOUGH HAVING LITTLE PRIOR FISCAL EXPERIENCE, SERGEANT LEDBETTER PROVED THAT A SUPERIOR JOB COULD BE ATTAINED WITH HARD WORK, LONG HOURS, AND AN EXTREMELY HIGH DEGREE OF DEDICATION. HE HAS CONSTANTLY SOUGHT TO IMPROVE HIS WORK AND THAT OF HIS SUBORDINATES. HE HAS MODIFIED AND IMPROVED OFFICE PROCEDURES AND ELICITED OUTSTANDING WORK FROM HIS SUBORDINATES THROUGH PROPER SUPERVISION AND EXTENSIVE PERSONAL EFFORTS. BECAUSE OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTINUED EXCELLENCE IN HIS WORK, SERGEANT LEDBETTER IS AWARDED A MERITORIOUS MAST.

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VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR

BACKGROUND

The celebration of TET is the most important, solemn and festive holiday of the Vietnamese people. TET is unlike any holiday that we are familiar with in the United States. It is highly complex in nature due to the fact that it commemorates three or more events rather than one. TET embodies the idea of a Spring Festival, the New Year, and general ancester worship. For the Vietnamese, it is a time of solemnity, gaiety and hope emcompassing homage to their ancestors, family visits, the observation of traditional taboos, and general merriment. It is truly a comprehensive holiday and all Vietnamese give it full observance. This year the holiday begins 9 February and lasts through 12 February.

To appreciate the customs of TET, an understanding of some ancient spirit-world legends is necessary because TET is a mixture of religion and superstition, with mythological derivation. The following are examples of the colorful superstitions and symbols that represent TET:

1. Each family erects a clean bamboo pole about 30 feet long in front of the house on TET Eve to frighten off "evil spirits". The pole is called the "Cay Neu". Attached to the top of the pole is a basket containing nuts and other items symbolizing gifts to "good spirits".

2. Throughout the TET holiday season, the Vietnamese refrain from cleaning their houses. They believe that a "good spirit" may be swept from the house in the cleaning process.

3. Fire or lighted coals are never borrowed from neighbors because the family spirit must provide its own warmth during TET.

INSTRUCTIONS

The Vietnamese attach special significance to the first visitor of TET as an omen of good and bad fortune for the coming year. Unless invited by the Vietnamese, visits by Marines during the first day of TET are to be avoided. You may visit only in the afternoon if an invitation has been rendered. Visits during the next two days are permissible. An invitation to visit is considered to be a great honor and the visit should be made if at all possible. The cleanest uniform you have should be worn.

A proper way to greet a Vietnamese during this time would be, "I wish you a happy and prosperous new year" rather than "Happy TET", which is meaningless.

To properly observe Vietnamese etiquette in the home when visiting, honored ancestors should be greeted prior to greeting the hosts. To do this you should face the family alter, press your palms together and incline your head three to five times. Then you may greet your hosts as told in the above paragraph.

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If gifts or food are offered during a visit to a Vietnamese friend, accept them. The food will probably be tea and rice cakes. It is unpardonably rude to refuse this offer.

Certain gifts are taboo during this time such as: medicine and vitamins, sharp objects, and anything that is not new.

An appropriate gift for TET would be a bouquet of red roses for the wife of a family, but gifts are not necessary for adults.

For children up to 15 years of age, small red envelopes containing 20 new piasters have special significance. One such gift per family is considered sufficient. Appropriate envelopes will be provided by unit S-5's. Address the envelope, "CUNG CHUC TAN XUAN" which means "Many wishes for the new Spring".

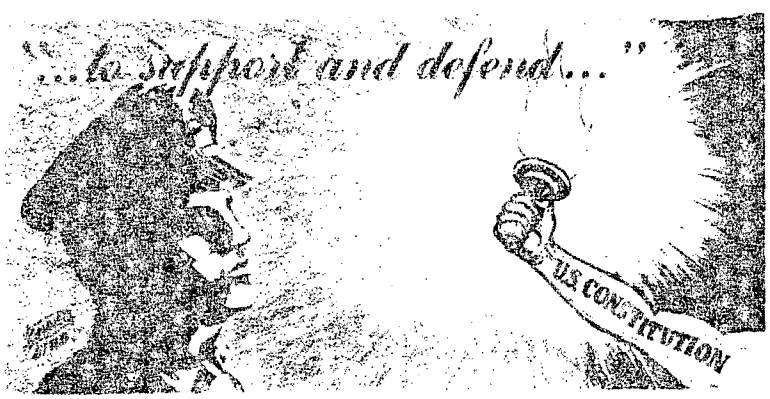
If greeting cards are sent, they should arrive prior to the first day of TET to be considered sincere. Greeting cards may be purchased locally.

Arguments, violent insults or emotions should be avoided during this period. To the Vietnamese, what a man does during TET forecasts his actions for the rest of the year.

Caution. It is not unusual to celebrate TET with fireworks. Also, RF/PF troops occasionally fire their weapons during the holiday. Discretion and positive identification must be made before engaging targets during this period.

Appropriate unit participation in TET observance includes luncheons for village and hamlet officials, including elders, parties for children or other groups, and presenting gifts to individuals or selected military or civilian groups with which the unit may have led close association.

Of particular importance during the entire TET period are respect for Vietnamese traditions and exemplary courtesy and good behavior. Those are necessary throughout the year, but should be given special attention by all personnel during the TET holiday.



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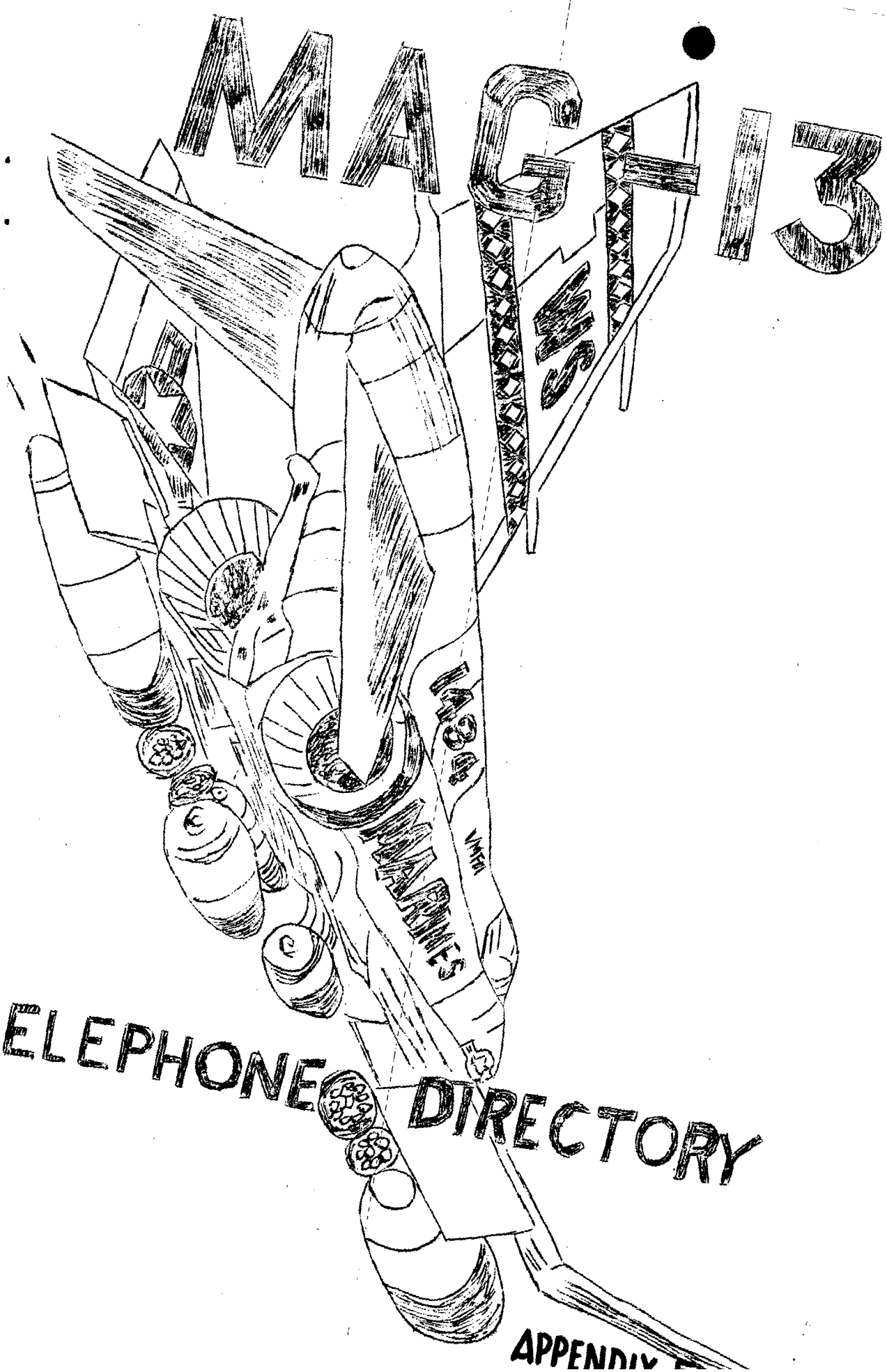

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HEADQUARTERS
Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force Pacific
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Telephone Directory, Marine Aircraft Group 13

1. Purpose To publish a revised field telephone directory.

2. Action

a. This directory is effective upon receipt and supercedes all previous issues.

b. Timely changes will be published by this Headquarters to up date the listings.

F. T. WATTS, JR.
Executive Officer

DISTRIBUTION

HQ III MAF	5
HQ FMAW	5
HQ 1ST MARDIV	15
HQ MAG 12	5
HQ MAG 36	5
H&MS 13	20
MABS 13	20
VMFA 323	20
VMFA 314	20
VMFA 542	20
HQ MAG 13	20
HQ 3RD MARDIV	5
MACS 7	2
MCB 3	2
FLSG-B	2
2ND LAAM BN	2
DET A, MASS-2 ASRT	2
DET A, MASS-2 DASC	2
NAVSPTFAC CHU LAI	2

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. DO NOT discuss classified information over telephone circuits.

2. Emergency Numbers

Fire/Crash Crew	SWISS	66
Medical	SWISS	16
Chaplain	SWISS	19
Security	SWISS	67
Operations Duty Officer	SWISS	69
Telephone Trouble	SWISS	31

3. Operating Instructions:

a. Crank the generator handle to alert the switchboard.

b. "RING OFF" after completing the call. It is not necessary to wait and tell the operator to break the call down.

c. Conference calls will be made only at the direction of the Group Commander.

d. The operator is not permitted to pass messages except in the case of an emergency.

e. Avoid making unnecessary calls and limit the length of the call to three (3) minutes.

f. DO NOT request to 'hold' as the switchboard operator is instructed not to do so.

g. When information desired is not readily available, request a "call back" rather than holding the circuit open.

h. Know the number you desire, or ask for the switchboard supervisor; do not require the operator to find the number for you.

4. It is emphasized that the telephone system in this organization is a FIELD TELEPHONE SYSTEM. Patience on the part of users will facilitate handling the maximum number of calls. Complaints should be registered with the Group Communications Officer, SWISS 10, not the switchboard operator.

5. Restriction on calls to MOMENT: Place non-essential calls to MOMENT at times other than 0800 - 1100. Limit duration of all calls.

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JOINT UNIFORM TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS PRECEDENCE SYSTEM

1. The precedence indicators listed in the chart following are directed for joint use and specify, by its military precedence designator, the relative order in which telephone calls should be handled based on the importance (content) of the call.

2. The precedence system is directed for use by all authorized users of the voice communication facilities of the Department of Defense. Since the effectiveness of the system depends upon cooperation on the part of all authorized to employ it, users must be familiar with the purpose to be served by precedence category and the types of calls which may be assigned the respective precedences. Each authorized user should consider whether a call requires special precedence and exercise care not to request or utilize one higher than the circumstance requires.

3. A high precedence call can ordinarily be placed only by the Commanding Officer and members of his Executive Staff. In emergencies, anyone may place such a call. The switchboard operator is required to take the name and rank of any person originating a precedence call. High precedence calls will pre-empt (interrupt) any call of lower precedence.

FLASH Has precedence over any other telephonic calls of lower precedence. Pre-empts lower precedence calls. May be pre-empted by the application of the FLASH OVERRIDE capability available to: (1) President of the US, Secretary of Defense, and Joint Chiefs of Staff; (2) Commanders of Unified and Specified Commands when declaring Defense Condition ONE or Defense Emergency.

Flash precedence is reserved for alerts, warnings, or other emergency actions having command or area security. (e.g., Presidential use, announcement of an alert ; opening of hostilities; land, air, or sea catastrophies; intelligence reports on matters leading to enemy attack; potential or actual nuclear accidents or incidents; implementation of services unilateral emergency action precedences, etc.)

IMMEDIATE Has precedence over any other telephonic calls of lower precedence. Pre-empts lower precedence calls.

Immediate precedence is reserved for vital communications: (1) having an immediate operational effect on tactical operations, (2) which directly concern safety or rescue operations, (3) which affects the intelligence community operational role; (e.g., initial vital reports which must be completed from vehicles in motion such as operational mission aircraft; intelligence reports on vital actions in progress; natural disaster or widespread damage; emergency weather reports having an immediate bearing on mission in progress; emergency use for circuit restoration, use by tactical command posts for passing immediate operational traffic, etc.)

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PRIORITY Has precedence over any other telephonic call of lower precedence. Pre-empts lower precedence calls.

Priority precedence is reserved for calls which require prompt completion for national defense and security, the successful conduct of war or to safeguard life or property, which do not require higher precedence. (e.g., reports of priority land, sea, or air movements; administrative, intelligence, operations, or logistic activity calls requiring priority action; calls that would have a serious impact on military, administrative, intelligence, operational or logistic activities if handled as a ROUTINE call.) "Normally, PRIORITY will be the highest precedence which may be assigned to administrative matters for which speed of handling is of paramount importance."

ROUTINE Has no precedence over any other call and is handled sequentially as placed by the calling party. No pre-empt.

Routine Precedence is reserved for all other official communications.

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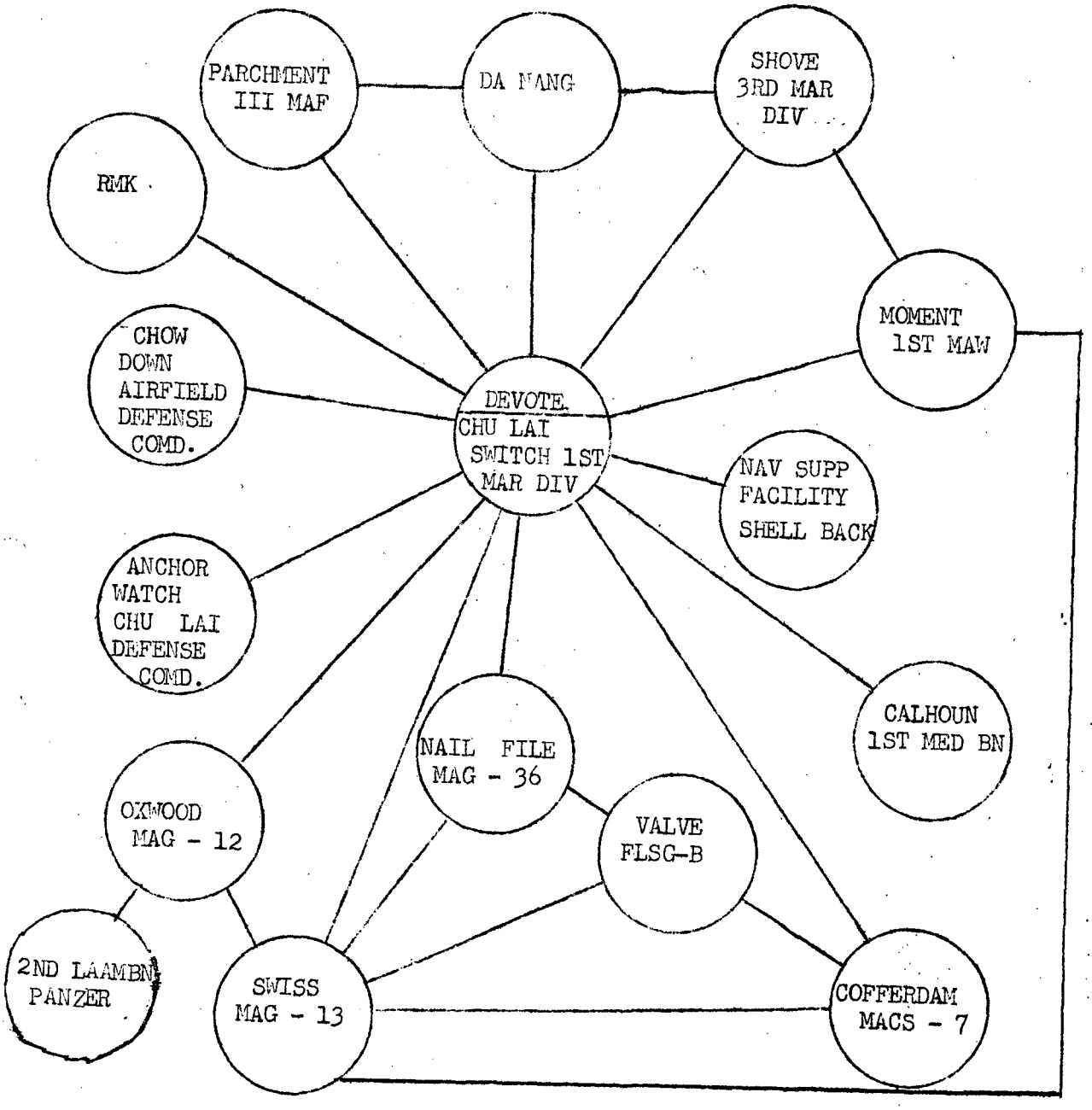

SWISS TELEPHONE TRAFFIC DIAGRAM

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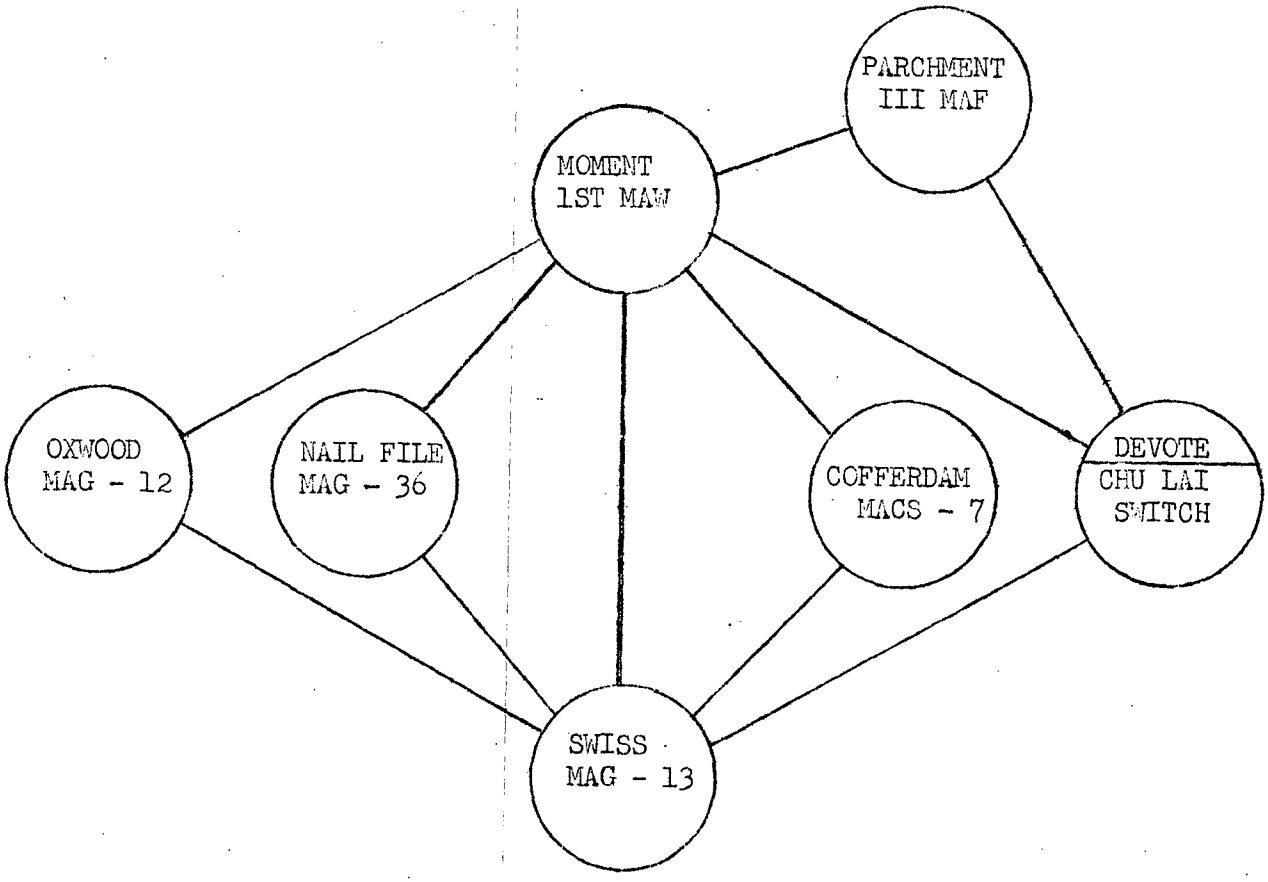

TRAFFIC ROUTING TO MOMENT

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MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-13

MAG-13 HEADQUARTERS	SWISS
Commanding Officer	6
Executive Officer	5
Adjutant	7
S-1	1
Admin Chief	101
S-2	2
S-3	3
Operations Chief	103
Operations Duty Officer	69
S-4	4
Logistics Chief	104
Aviation Safety	103
Sergeant Major	107
Communications Office	10
Communications Repair	49
Legal	101
Briefing Room.	70
SUBSCRIBERS	
Chaplain	19
Crash Crew	66
Dental Clinic	40
Explosive Ord Disposal	166
Fire Department	66
Group Guard	67
Hot Pad	169
Medical Officer	16
Mess Hall	58
Message Center	11
MOREST	65
Motor Transport Officer	35
Motor Transport Dispatcher	135
NAVMC Property	121
Ordnance Officer	104
Post Exchange	44
Ready Bomb Dump	159
Refuelers	165
Security	67
Sick Bay	116
Special Services	37
Supply Officer	21
TAFDS	59
Telephone Repair	31
Utilities	60

MABS-13	SANDBAR
Commanding Officer	6
Executive Officer	5
Administrative Officer	1
Admin Chief	101
Base Operations	3
Base Services	4
First Sergeant	7
Material	21

H&MS-13	CLOUDBIRD
Commanding Officer	6
Executive Officer	5
Administrative Officer	1
Avionics	49
First Sergeant	7
Maintenance	15
Ordnance	8
RCA Pool	121
Supply Officer	21

VMFA-323	BLACK ACE
Commanding Officer	6
Executive Officer	5
S-1	1
S-3	3
S-4	4
First Sergeant	105
Maintenance	15
Duty NCO	61

VMFA-542	CASTOR OIL
Commanding Officer	6
Executive Officer	5
S-1	1
S-3	3
S-4	4
First Sergeant	7
Maintenance	15
Marine Corps Property	21

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DIRECTORY (cont.)

VMFA-314	JERSEY DAY
Commanding Officer	6
Executive Officer	5
S-1	1
S-3	3
S-4	4
First Sergeant	5
Maintenance	15
Material	21
Duty N.C.O.	61

MATCU - 67	GYPSY GOLD
Officer in Charge	63

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OFFICER HUTS

All phones in the Officers' Quarters are numbered the same as the huts. Hut numbers not listed DO NOT have phones. Place call to the nearest Hut.

SWISS

6	MAG-13 Commanding Officer
5	MAG-13 Executive Officer

HOTEL

1	MABS-13
3	VMFA-314
4	VMFA-323
5	H&MS-13 and MABS-13 Commanding Officers'
8	H&MS-13
9	VMFA-323 Commanding Officer
11	VMFA-542 Commanding Officer
12	VMFA-314 Commanding Officer
15	VMFA-314
18	VMFA-314
21	VMFA-542
29	VMFA-323
33	VMFA-323
37	MABS-13
40	H&MS-13
41	MABS-13

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