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- ✓(3) MABS-13 Command Chronology Period 1-31 March 1967
- ✓(4) VMFA-542 Command Chronology Period 1-31 March 1967
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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commanders and Staff:a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-31 March)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
DAN H. JOHNSON	CO	COL	COL
FREDERIC T. WATTS JR.	XO	LTCOL	COL
RICHARD R. EBERT	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ
ALONZO B. MCCALL	ADJ	CAPT	2NDLT
DONALD L. MAY	S-1	MAJOR	LTCOL
CLYDE C. SIMON	S-2	MAJOR	MAJOR
HARRY G. ROBINSON	S-3	LTCOL	LTCOL
KENNETH G. FIEGENER	S-4 (1-27 MAR)	LTCOL	LTCOL
FRANK D. TOPLEY	S-4 (27-31 MAR)	LTCOL	MAJOR

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
WALTER E. DOMINA	CO (1-30 MAR)	LTCOL	LTCOL
LYNN F. WILLIAMS	CO (30-31 MAR)	LTCOL	LTCOL
VIRGIL B. BRANDON	XO (1-2 MAR)	MAJOR	MAJOR
JAMES E. MILLER	XO (2-31 MAR)	MAJOR	MAJOR
DANIEL H. CHARRON	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR
LOUIS F. GAGNON	OPNSO	CAPT	MAJOR
LIONEL D. TAKER	ADMINO (1-15 MAR)	LT	2NDLT
HARRY R. SMITH	ADMINO (15-31 MAR)	LT	2NDLT

c. MABS-13 (1-31 March)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
DAVID W. MORRILL	CO (1-23 MAR)	LTCOL	MAJOR
KENNY C. PALMER	CO (23-31 MAR)	LTCOL	LTCOL
RAY B. STICE	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN L. LOHR	ADMINO	CAPT	2NDLT
ROBERT L. BAINBRIDGE	BASEOPSO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN T. RADICH	BASESERVO	MAJOR	MAJOR

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d. VMFA-542 (1-31 March)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
FREDERICK L. FARRELL JR.	CO	LTCOL	MAJOR
RAY D. PENDERGRAFT	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JAMES J. MORIN	S-1	LT	CAPT
VINCENT M. LEVITSKY	S-2	LT	CAPT
EDDIE R. MAAG	S-3 (1-19 MAR)	MAJOR	MAJOR
STEPHEN S. EISENHAUER	S-3 (19-31 MAR)	MAJOR	MAJOR
STEPHEN S. EISENHAUER	S-4 (1-19 MAR)	WO	MAJOR
DAVID G. SPEARMAN	S-4 (19-31 MAR)	WO	CAPT
HARVEY D. BRADSHAW	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

e. VMFA-323 (1-31 March)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
GORDON H. KELLER JR.	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
JOHN L. THATCHER	XO	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
THOMAS WILLIAMS	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

f. VMFA-314 (1-31 March)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
WILLIAM H. HEINTZ	CO	LTCOL	MAJOR
JAMES RYAN JR.	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
ROBERT D. MILLER	S-1	LT	MAJOR
DAVID E. FRITZ	S-2	LT	1STLT
VIRGIL B. BRANDON	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN L. LAVISH	S-4	WO	CAPT
KENNETH E. KITCHENS	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>	<u>Date of Office</u>
MAG-13	CHU LAI, RVN	COL DAN H. JOHNSON	1-31 March
H&MS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL WALTER E. DOMINA	1-30 March
H&MS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL LYNN F. WILLIAMS	30-31 March
MABS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR DAVID W. MORRILL	1-23 March
MABS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL KENNY C. PALMER	23-31 March
VMFA-542	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR FREDERICK L. FARRELL JR.	1-31 March
VMFA-323	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL GORDON H. KELLER JR.	1-31 March
VMFA-314	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR WILLIAM H. HEINTZ	1-31 March

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3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>USMC</u>			<u>USN</u>		
	<u>NA</u>	<u>NFO</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
H&MS-13	25	2	24	476	0	0
MABS-13	4	1	17	733	3	26
VMFA-542	22	20	6	293	1	0
VMFA-323	21	23	5	284	1	0
VMFA-314	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MAG-13	91	66	57	2071	6	26

4. Important Visitors to the Command

- a. Lieutenant General WALT, Commanding General of the III MAF, visited on 1 March 1967.
- b. General LAI, Ming Tang visited on 4 March 1967.
- c. Captain J. K. SLOANMAN, USN, and Colonel E. V. FINN, USMC, of Naval Laboratories visited on 27 March 1967.

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PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

MAG-13 flew 1946 combat sorties for a total of 2680 hours delivering 3309 tons of ordnance. This was flown in support of Operations Desoto, Deckhouse VI, Chinook, Chinook II, Prairie II, Prairie III, Newcastle, Beacon Hill, and Sunshine in support of III MAF. Also included in the totals were an average of 8 sorties per day flown in support of 7th Air Force.

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PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

During the month of March, MAG-13 had a loss of twenty-four (24) Officers and eighty-one (81) enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During this same period, sixteen (16) officers and one hundred and eight (108) enlisted personnel reported to the Group for duty.

2. Awards

There were one hundred and twenty-eight (128) Air Medals and stars in lieu of medals received by members of this command during the month of March.

3. CasualtiesNon-hostile casualties

- a. Total for March-----twenty (20)
- b. Total returned to duty-----seven (7)
- c. Total MedEvac out of RVN-----none (0)
- d. Total number of man days lost-----fifty-eight (58)

Hostile casualties

- a. Killed in Action-----three (3)
- b. Wounded in Action-----one (1)

4. Civic Action

a. During the month of March, Medcap visits to An Tan, Dong Binh#1 and Dong Binh#2 have resulted in the Medical and Dental treatment of two hundred and twenty-five (225) patients.

b. A daily Medcap by MAG-13 corpsmen has been instituted with approximately ten (10) persons treated each day.

c. A box of clean clothes, shower shoes, tooth brushes and toothpaste has been given to the hamlet chief of Dong Binh#2 for distribution. A box of clothing, donated by the CO of VMFA-314 to Dong Binh#1 was distributed.

5. Industrial Relations

a. 13 March - The Group is utilizing thirty-four (34) funded employees. MAG-13 medical has set up an examination schedule for employees in order to curb any infectious diseases.

b. Arrangements have been made with RMC to hire their skilled workers as they are laid off.

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6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence

a. Preparation for execution of assigned mission

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

b. Activities

(1) The most significant BDA for this reporting period occurred on 4 March 1967 when VMFA-542 and VMFA-323 shared a total of 70 KBA confirmed and 50 KBA probable.

(2) The Viet Cong mortared Chu Lai with approximately 59 rounds of 81 and 82 mm mortars at 0035 on 5 March 1967. MAG-13 received 10 rounds and sustained no casualties.

c. Training

(1) Intelligence information and actual enemy weapons are circulated to MAG-13 tactical squadrons for their weekly briefing of squadron personnel.

(2) A general Intelligence brief is given each week for the Officers and SNCO's of H&MS-13 and MABS-13.

(3) Weekly intelligence briefing for the Group Guard covers the general situation in the Republic of Vietnam, and Chu Lai TAOR. Displays such as the 140 mm rockets employed against DaNang, enemy propaganda, etc. are used.

7. Airfield Operations

During March 238 arrestments were made. The Crash and Rescue section responded to 35 emergencies and 3 structural fires. The Air Freight and Passenger Section processed 15,284 passengers, 2,975,007 pounds of cargo, and 70,522 pounds of mail during March.

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8. Combat Operations

The following combat sorties and hours were flown during March:

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Hours</u>
H&MS-13 TF-9J	94	139.4
C-117D	41	78.8
VMFA-542	676	872.7
VMFA-323	733	899.1
VMFA-314	537	689.9
TOTAL	2081	2679.9

9. Supplya. Navy Supply Section

(1) MAG-13 Supply is currently supporting three tactical squadrons and a H&MS and MABS. At the present time all materiel is stored in General Purpose tents. Working conditions have improved with a generator assigned to Group Supply. The five Group Supply Warehouses are near completion.

(2) Group Supply is in the process of reviewing stock records. New high and low limit for materiel based on usage have been completed and replenishment action has been initiated.

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

b. Marine Corps Property Section

(1) The major reconstruction of the informal account has been completed, and those items with unsafe history have been placed on requisition.

(2) The implementation of new supply procedures (MUMMS) is scheduled for 1 May 1967. Currently, four personnel of this section have successfully completed this course of instruction.

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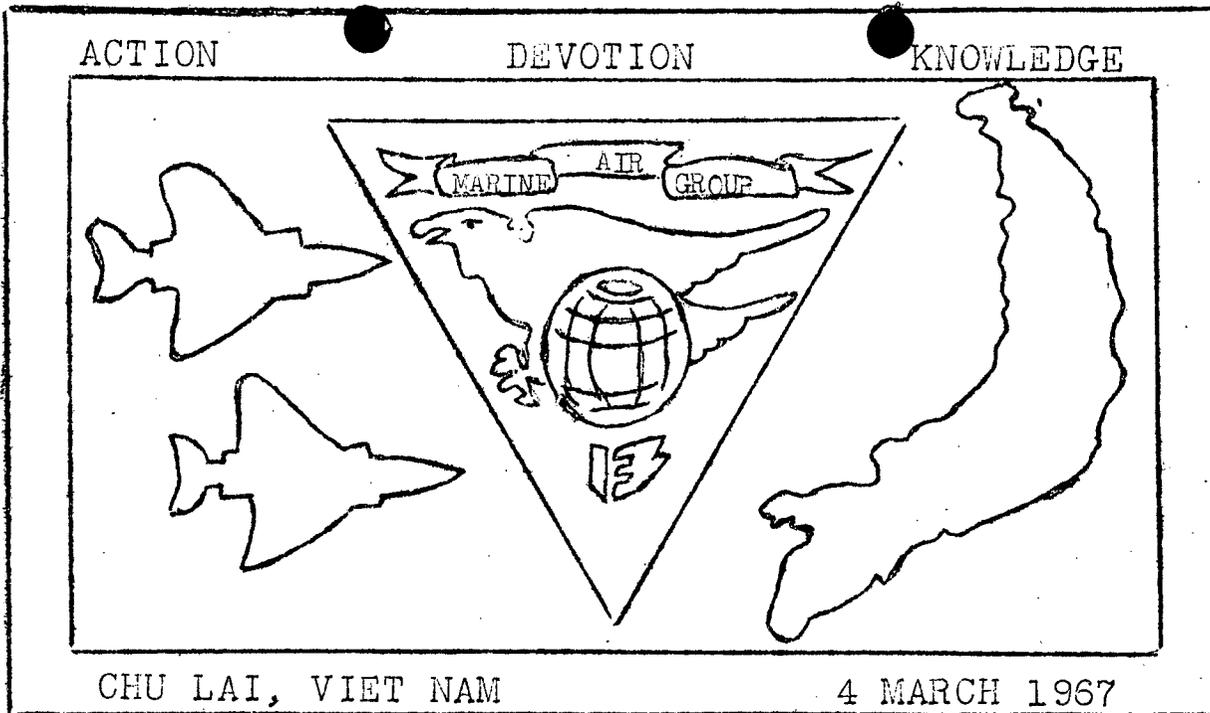
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MARINE CORPS TO PROMOTE 10,648 OFFICERS DURING FISCAL YEAR 68, BELOW IS THE BREAK DOWN BY RANK

	BGen	Col	LtCol	Maj	Capt	1stLt	TOTAL
UNRESTRICTED AND LDO	10	172	418	789	2650	6531	10,579
WOMEN MARINES	2	3	16	48	69
TOTAL	10	172	420	792	2666	6579	10,648

CMC TO EXTEND RETENTION POLICY

Headquarters Marine Corps has announced some good news for Lance Corporals and below. The Enlistment Retention Program of June 9, 1966 has been extended to March 31, 1967.

Personnel whose enlistments expire before March 31, and who extend or reenlist for three years, may be promoted to the next higher rank if they have four months in grade as a Private First Class or Lance Corporal. These promotions are temporary, but become permanent upon reenlistment.

In addition to these promotions, the program also offers regular and Variable Reenlistment Bonus Plans and new occupational fields and area options for duty. The areas include East and West Coasts and the Western Pacific, both air and ground forces.

It's A GOOD Career, Stay With It.

APPENDIX 1

WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

Record Sorties

VMFA-542 LEADS =

MARINE AIRCRAFT
GROUP-13 IN:

SORTIES	HOURS	ORDNANCE
529 COMBAT SORTIES	675.4 COMBAT HOURS	2,075,300 LBS OF ORDNANCE
548 TOTAL SORTIES	703.6 TOTAL HOURS	
192 NIGHT COMBAT SORTIES		

CAPTAIN T. J. PROSCH "TOP PILOT OF THE MONTH"
WITH 30 MISSIONS.

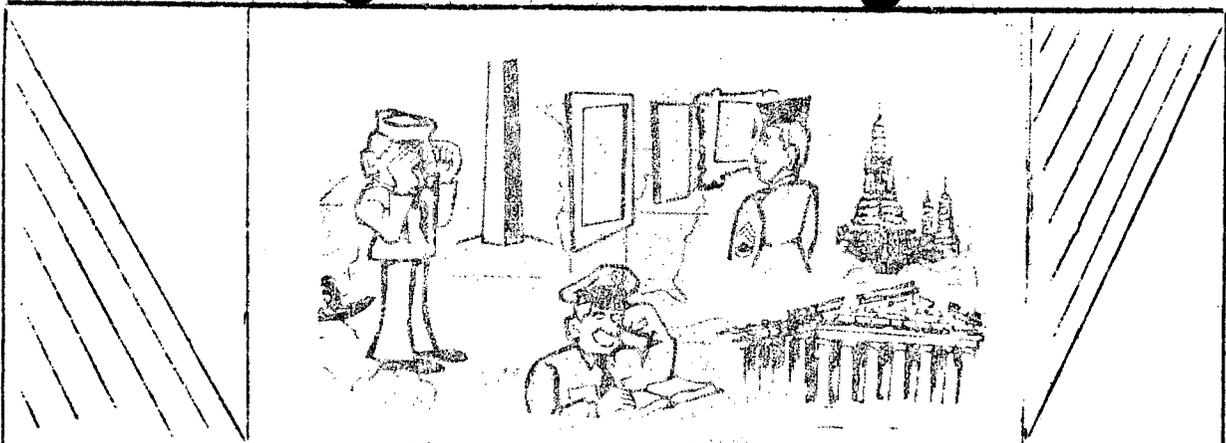
SHARING RIO HONORS FOR THE MONTH: CAPT D. J.
MATZOLA AND LT P. A. FRATARCANGELO - 33 MISSIONS.

MERITORIOUS MAST AWARDED TO LANCE CORPORAL G. W.
WOOLSLEY 2160609/6412, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

"In October 1966 Lance Corporal WOOLSLEY was temporarily assigned to the Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron-13 Power Plants Division from VMFA 314. At that time, the shop was undermanned and subject to a heavy work load. Due to Lance Corporal WOOLSLEY's outstanding attitude and exceptional technical ability, he was appointed a J-79 engine check crew leader. This occurred even though Lance Corporal WOOLSLEY had less than one month experience as a member of the check crew. Since becoming a check crew leader, Lance Corporal WOOLSLEY has shown leadership qualities, initiative and technical knowledge rarely displayed by a man of his rank.

In recognition of his excellent performance and the contribution he has made to the successful accomplishment of this squadron's mission, Lance Corporal WOOLSLEY is hereby awarded a meritorious mast."

W. E. DOMINA
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding



How much are you learning from the area in which you are stationed?

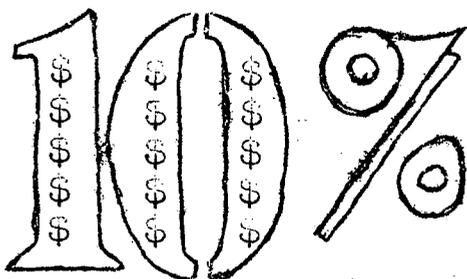
No matter where you are stationed, you can broaden your education. There are sights to see, people to meet, and possibly, a new language to speak. Whether in the states or overseas, almost every area has points of scenic or historical interest to visit which can make your tour of duty more enjoyable.

People of the area to which you are assigned can help you gain greater understanding of the area, culture and customs. As American's ambassadors in uniform, getting to know and understand people of a foreign country will not only make your tour of duty more interesting, but will help our nation as well.

With few exceptions, servicemen have more opportunity to travel and visit new places than any other segment of our population. Millions of people spend billions of dollars each year to travel to the far corners of our own country and the world, squeezing into two or three weeks' vacation many of the sights and activities we take for granted or ignore.

Get the most from your time in the Armed Forces. Take full advantage of every opportunity you have to see and learn more about our own country and the rest of the world (AFNB).

MORE THIRD COUNTRY forces are serving today in Vietnam than during the Korean Conflict more than a decade ago. These include some 46,000 Koreans, 4,500 Australians, 2,000 Filipinos, 200 Thais and 150 New Zealanders.



HERE IS HOW OUR UNITS
STAND IN THE UNIFORM-
ED DEPOSITE SAVINGS
PLAN:

NUMBER ONE: VFMA-323

NUMBER TWO: VMFA-314

NUMBER THREE: MABS-13

NUMBER FOUR: VMFA 542

NUMBER FIVE: H&MS-13

--NOTICE-----

This schedule
is printed to
inform and
remind you of
the Catholic
Services at
MAG-13 Chapel:

SUNDAY

Confessions = 1000
Mass = 1030
Mass = 1800

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Mass = 1130

NO EXTENSIONS FOR
OKINAWA, JAPAN UNLESS
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According to FMFPac
Order 1300.9c Marines
serving restricted
tours of duty on
Okinawa or Japan can-
not extend their over-
seas tours unless a
request for duty in
Vietnam is included.

A restricted tour is
defined as one without
dependents.

The only other way a
Marine can extend his
overseas tour on

Okinawa or
Japan is to re-
enlist. He can
then choose the
desired duty
station as a
reenlistment
option.
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NEW TOP SECRET AIRCRAFT!"

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THAT

TRAFFIC MEN!

WALK ON
FACING
COMING
VEHICLES

YOU ARE NOW A MEMBER OF THE FINEST MARINE AIR GROUP IN VIETNAM.....

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LtCol K. C. PALMER	Sgt E. G. HOOKS
Capt W. T. ZINOWSKI	Sgt V. B. MORRISON
1stLt J. S. GRABILL	LCpl J. R. HOWARD
1stLt E. F. MCCARTHY	LCpl W. K. BOHN
2ndLt K. P. O'MARA	LCpl R. W. STUCKEY
2ndLt F. E. MADGEARY	LCpl G. L. CULP
2ndLt E. J. KEGLOVITS	LCpl M. T. COONEY
MSGT E. L. QUEEN	LCpl T. W. PRICHARD
MSGT C. C. LANGENBACK	LCpl P. D. QUICK
MSGT B. U. BRAVAMAN	LCpl A. K. CURLEY
GySgt J. W. SCOTT	PFC L. W. CRAMER
GySgt F. J. CAIN	PFC K. D. BELLANGER
GySgt C. W. COLLINS	PFC J. N. VUKSIC
SSgt J. T. HARBAUGH	PFC B. B. SARGENT
SSgt R. A. HOLMES	PFC S. BELL III
SSgt J. C. LEWIS	PFC D. K. VICKERMAN
SSgt J. A. GREBAS	PFC A. R. BLANN
SSgt D. W. SHOENFELT	PFC D. P. BOUSLAUGH
Sgt K. E. LOMAX	PFC C. R. LEE
Sgt C. H. LUNDQUIST	Pvt E. R. ERWIN
Sgt D. E. HILL	

COMMAND REASSIGNMENT ARE SET BY HQMC

Reassignment of two general officers and two brigadier general selectees has been announced by Headquarters Marine Corps.

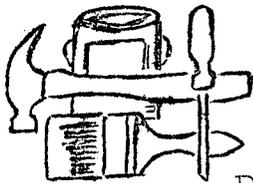
MajGen Robert E. CUSHMAN Jr., currently serving as CG, MCB, CamPen will join the III MAF as Deputy Commander about 1Apr67. He will be replaced at CamPen by MajGen Lewis J. FIELDS, CG 5thMarDiv. BrigGen selectee Jacob E. GLICK will be transferred from Atlantic Command to HQMC on 1May67, while BrigGen selectee Robert R. FAIRBURN, currently serving with (1stMAW), will replace BrigGen SANDERS as CG, MCSC, Ablany, Ga. upon General SANDERS' retirement on 1 May 1967.



1 MARCH 1967, THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE III MAF VISITED MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-13 ON OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

THANK YOU GENERAL FOR STOPPING BY OUR WAY "FIGHTER-TOWN" IT IS CALLED.....

GOING FIRST CLASS

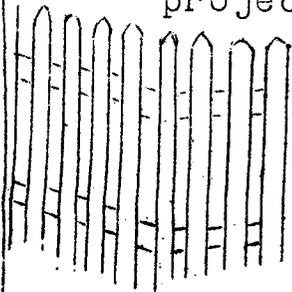


WE ARE IMPROVING
IN EVERY AREA
BELOW ARE LISTED
SOME OF OUR CURRENT
PROJECTS AND WHO IS PUTTING
IN THAT EXTRA TIME - SELF HELP TYPE MEN

GUEST QUARTERS = MABS-13 is currently working long and hard hours to finish off our GUEST QUARTERS. The quarters will be used by our visiting entertainers and visiting officers. It will include a VIP room for our visiting general officers who spend the night at FIGHTERTOWN.

MESS HALL = The self-help project continues across the lake at our Mess Hall. What a difference a day makes when those men work over there. When all the finishing touches are added, we can easily say, We Have the Best.

DISPENSARY = With the white background and the red cross the flag flies over MAG-13's dispensary. Those sailors have learned to like land (sand), and many improvements have been made over that way. Another self-help project.

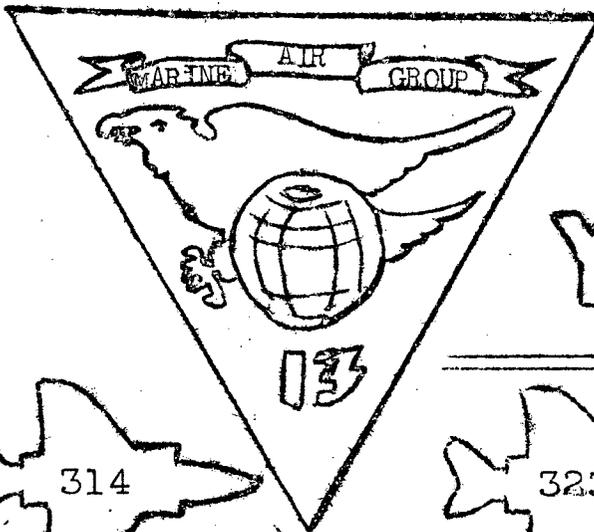


SQUADRONS = Many improvements have been noted thru out our squadron areas. Of course these are self-help projects.

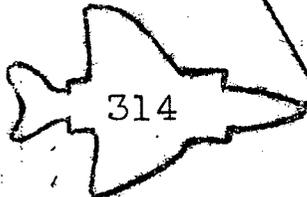
ATTA-BOY, LET'S KEEP ON THE MOVE
AND ON THE IMPROVING TREND.....

SERVING AT CHU LAI, VIETNAM

1 MARCH 1942- SAN DIEGO



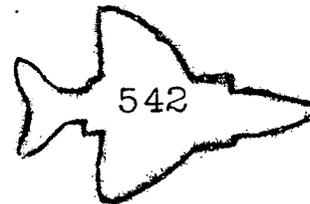
25 Years Old



"KNIGHTS"



"SNAKES"



"TIGERS"

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-13 ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Marine Aircraft Group-13 was activated 25 years ago on 1 March 1942 at San Diego, California and participated in the Marshall Islands Campaign during World War II. It was deactivated at the close of the war.

Reformed in April 1951, the Group moved to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii in early 1952 with only two fighter squadrons and Marine Air Control Squadron-2. Aviation units based at MCAS El Toro, were rotated to Kaneohe Bay every six months for training until April 1954.

MAG-13 itself never saw combat in Korea. But many of the officers and men trained by MAG-13 undoubtedly distinguished themselves and their units in Korea.

On 1 May 1956, the First Marine Brigade assumed its title in lieu of the 1st Provisional Marine Air-Ground Task Force designation. MAG-13 provided the air support for this unique organization.

At this time MAG-13 gained the distinction of being the only Composite Marine Aircraft Group.

Comprised of Fighter, Attack, and Helicopter squadrons with transport and training aircraft included, MAG-13 was equipped to support the ground arm of the 1st Marine Brigade. At this time the squadrons which made up MAG-13 were; Marine Attack Squadron-214, the famous "Black Sheep" of Medal of Honor winner Colonel Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, the "Red Devils" of Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron 232, the "Lancers" of Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron-212, and the "Work Horse" squadron, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-161, the first Marine helicopter squadron to be activated.

In mid-1964 MAG-13 first began to become involved in the planning of Operation Silver Lance. During the period 1-8 February 1965, MAG-13 embarked aboard one APA and eight LST's. On 16 February, MAG-13 arrived at San Clemente Island and commenced to offload. At 2300 hours of the same date, MAG-13 was ordered to commence backloading and was phased out of Operation Silver Lance along with the rest of the 1st Marine Brigade. By the evening of 17 February, MAG-13 was enroute back to Pearl Harbor and arrived at same on 29 February; here the Group remained loaded and in a ready status until 11 March when MAG-13 departed for Okinawa. Upon arrival, on 31 March, MAG-13 unloaded and set up operations at MCAF Futema. On 1 April all tactical squadrons were phased out and assigned to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing units. On 25 May MAG-13 became a unit of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

At this time MAG-13 was assigned to MCAs Iwakuni, Japan. On 26 May the advance party arrived at Iwakuni marking the beginning of a gradual relocation of personnel and equipment which was completed on 31 June. On 6 June the first tactical squadron of the new MAG-13 was chopped ADCON and OPCON.

At the present time Marine Aircraft Group-13 is commanded by Colonel Dan H. Johnson. The squadrons which comprise MAG-13 are Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron-13 commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Walter E. Domina, Marine Air Base Squadron-13

commanded by Major David W. Morrill, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-314 commanded by Major William H. Heintz, Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-323 commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Gordon H. KELLER, Jr. and Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-542 commanded by Major Frederic L. Farrell.

This is Marine Aircraft Group-13 today - carrying out it's motto of "Knowledge - Action - Devotion" from the sandy beach of Chu Lai, Vietnam - blending tradition with new techniques, new skills coupled with determination.

LOOK

MILITARY CAN CHARGE
TRAVEL IN PLAN OFFER
ED BY EASTERN

Eastern Airlines has introduced "Charge-A-Trip" credit cards for use by military personnel of E-5 rank or above.

The Eastern Charge-A-Trip plan allows military personnel to charge regular air and vacation tour travel on a department store charge-basis, with up to 24 months to pay. Available through the Charge-A-Trip plan are:

1. Regular half-fare military stand-by travel on all Eastern flights.
 2. Vacation package tours, including hotel accommodations, to prime vacation spots such as Florida, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, Canada, and the Bahamas.
 3. Special fares such as excursion and family fares.
- The credit cards are honored by travel agents and all Eastern ticket offices and sales counters, and are available through them.

Under the Charge-A-Trip credit plan military personnel can take up to 24 months to pay with payments as little as \$10 a month. Service charge on the remaining balance is one and one-half percent per month.

Wilson M. Offutt III, Eastern's division vice president passenger sales programming announced the new credit plan for military personnel.

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AWARDS
18
FIRST AIR
MEDALS AT
CONFERENCE



COLONEL DAN H. JOHNSON awarded 18 first Air Medals to officers and men of Marine Aircraft Group-13 Wednesday morning at the weekly Commanding Officer's conference. In attendance were all staff heads and all unit commanders. Receiving their first Air Medal:

Maj J. HUBNER
Maj R. E. BAINBRIDGE
Maj K. E. KITCHENS
Maj C. W. BROWN
Capt. R. ZIMMERMAN
Capt. J. F. LUHMANN
Capt. G. T. SCHMIDT
Capt. R. L. BRUTKE
1stLt FRATARCANGELO
1stLt V. M. RUSSILLO
1stLt C. F. STILES
1stLt O. E. HAY
2ndLt C. J. CONLON
WO R. L. MURPHY
Sgt A. E. HUGHES
Sgt D. W. PREO
Sgt J. R. MAST
LCpl R. H. SCHRENK.

HELP STEM THE GOLD
FLOW. BUY AMERICAN
MADE PRODUCTS.....

Vietnam
THE MARINE SHOULD

1. Pay particular attention to his weapon and equipment. In this hot, humid climate metals rust and corrode extremely fast. One should clean and oil his rifle as well as bayonet, magazines and any other metal equipment at least faily.
2. Inspect his ammunition daily to insure it has not corroded.
3. Be supply-conscious at all times. Most supplies have to be transported from the U. S. and the cost is considerable in time and money. Waste not want not.
4. Observe all rules of good hygiene. It may be difficult at times but it will be worth the effort. The climatic conditions in Vietnam are such as to produce every kind of skin infection/disease known to man. Bathe as often as possible and be sure that clothing is properly washed and rinsed. If boots and socks become wet, change them as soon as the situation permits.
5. Take a malaria pill each week.

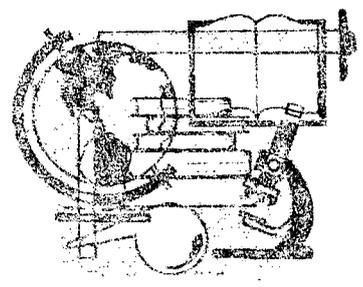
HORSE-SHOE TOURNAMENT

Sgt REYANA of MABS-13 threw the first shoe to get the MAG-13 Horse Shoe Tourny under way at 1300, 27 February. It wasn't a ringer but he and his partner Lt LOHR went ahead and won the first game by beating out SSgt FOWLER and LCpl WRIGHT of VMFA-314 by a score of 53 to 47. This being one of the first tournaments held, more to come in other sports. Contact your unit Special Services Officer for additional details.

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THE MILITARY OFFERS MANY WAYS TO HELP YOU SAVE. LASTEST IS THE UNIFORMED DEPOSIT SAVINGS PLAN FOR THOSE SERVING OVERSEAS. THIS PLAN PAYS 10% INTEREST ON EVERY DOLLAR.

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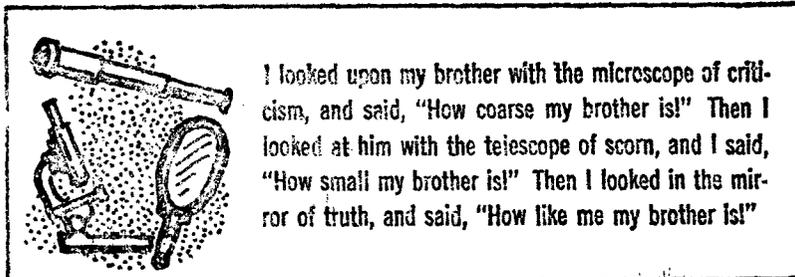


INCREASED EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS



THE LAMPLIGHTER

MAG-13 CHAPEL



I looked upon my brother with the microscope of criticism, and said, "How coarse my brother is!" Then I looked at him with the telescope of scorn, and I said, "How small my brother is!" Then I looked in the mirror of truth, and said, "How like me my brother is!"

THOUGHT FOR THIS WEEK

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME. Philippians 4:13

This is an antidote for every defeat feeling. If you feel downed by situations and the going is hard, this statement will remind you that you do not need to depend upon your own strength entirely, but that Christ is with you and is now giving you all the help you need.

Teach yourself to believe that through Christ's help you can do all things. As you continue this affirmation you will actually experience Christ's help. You will find yourself meeting problems with new mental force. You will carry heavy burdens with ease. Your new "lifting" power will amaze you.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Today, every day, at least 10,000 human beings die of hunger in places that are only a few hours from America by Jet plane.

Just one dollar will provide 160 refugee children with a cup of milk a day for an entire month. Ten dollars will buy enough seeds and fertilizers to plant vegetable gardens for 50 families in many famine-stricken countries.

This Sunday the men and women of the Armed Forces pass the hat for the hungry by supporting either the Bishop's Relief Fund (Catholic) or the "One great Hour of Sharing" (Protestant).

WE HAVE SO MUCH--WHAT SHALL WE DO FOR OTHERS?

When a chapel member rests, he rusts.

GOLDEN GEMS



The hands of Christ
Seem very frail,
For they were broken
By a nail.
But only they reach
Heaven at last
Whom these frail, broken
Hands hold fast.



Let go and let God have His wonderful way.

CHAPL SERVICES

PROTESTANT

Sunday- 0745, 1130
Daily Devotions- 1845

CATHOLIC

Sunday-
Confessions- 1000
Mass- 1030, 1800
Tuesday Mass- 1030
Thursday Mass- 1030

EASTERN ORTHODOX

Wednesday- 1000
(Divine Liturgy at MAG
12 chapel.)

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sunday
Sunday School- 1400
Sacrament- 1515
Tuesday
Priesthood- 1900
(Services at MAG-12
chapel.)

JEWISH

Tuesday- 1500
(Services at MAG-12
chapel.)

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

V MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE (MEF)

First Lieutenant J. F. LASALLE
 First Lieutenant V. A. FRIEDMAN
 First Lieutenant R. L. DRAGE
 First Lieutenant R. A. BARTON
 Second Lieutenant J. H. WARNER
 Warrant Officer I. L. FITZGERALD
 Warrant Officer E. P. STEPHENS
 Staff Sergeant R. V. DORAN
 Staff Sergeant W. E. MUEHLBAUER
 Sergeant F. G. AARON
 Corporal A. F. ENGLE
 Private First Class R. T. KRYSICK
 Private First Class J. E. SAUVAGEAU

A new Marine Corps headquarters - the V Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) - has been activated on the West Coast.

No commander has yet been designated for the unit, which will act as a headquarters for the West Coast division/wing team consisting of the 5th Marine Division and the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Currently located at Camp Pendleton, Calif., the headquarters was established on 31 January. It will be the counterpart of the II MEF at Norfolk (which operates under LGen Alpha L. BOWSER, CG, FMFLant), and the III Marine Amphibious Force in Vietnam under the command of MGen Lewis W. WALT.

The Corps has disclosed that eight senior field grade officers, all Colonels, are being assigned to the V MEF during the current calendar year.

The group includes six officers now serving with the Western Pacific Ground Forces. They are Colonels C. A. BOYD, Elton MUELLER, E. J. RADICS, G. O. ROSS, Stanley DAVIS and J. G. DIONISOPOULOS.

The Corps said the new headquarters is required because the unit which normally would act as headquarters for the West Coast division/wing team - FMFPac, headed by LGen Victor H. KRULAK - is too far away to carry out this responsibility. Headquarters for FMFPac is located in Honolulu.

The II MEF at Norfolk is not a unit-in-being, but one that is ready to be called into service whenever the need arises. Thus the V MEF will be a unique Marine Corps organization in that it will be the only in-being MEF headquarters with that title.

"GOOD TIGERS"

Recently Gunnery Sergeant T. N. THOMPSON was presented his sixth Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. Another good "Tiger", Staff Sergeant T.L. WELLS received his fourth Good Conduct Medal.

RECEIVES PURPLE HEART

Captain A. W. HANSEN (VMFA-323) was awarded the PURPLE HEART for wounds received 31 January 1967 while on a Combat Strike Mission. The award was presented by the "KING SNAKE" during ceremonies 2 March 1967.

SNAKE REENLISTS FOR FOUR

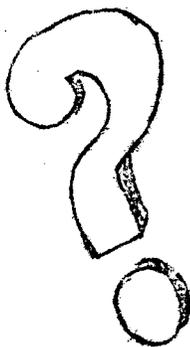
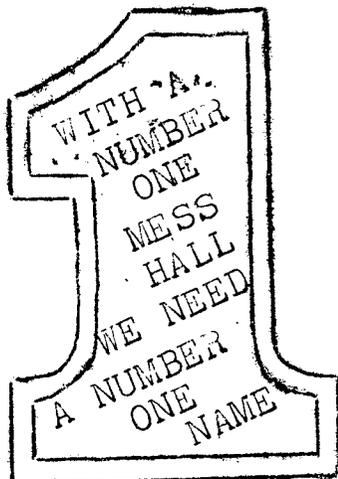
Sgt D. O. McVey reenlisted for four years on 7 March. ATTA-BOY.....



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PRESENTED
 TO MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON-13 CRASH
 CREW BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL, FIRST
 MARINE AIRCRAFT WING:

"FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE ON THE NIGHT OF 26 JANUARY 1967 WHEN AN F4B PHANTOM AIRCRAFT FROM MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 542 LOADED WITH NAPALM BURST INTO FLAMES DURING THE TAKE OFF ROLL. BY THEIR TIMELY ARRIVAL, INDIVIDUAL AGGRESSIVENESS AND EXCELLENT DISPLAY OF TEAMWORK, THEY SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTED STRIKE DAMAGE TO THE AIRCRAFT. THEIR ACTIONS REFLECTED CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING."

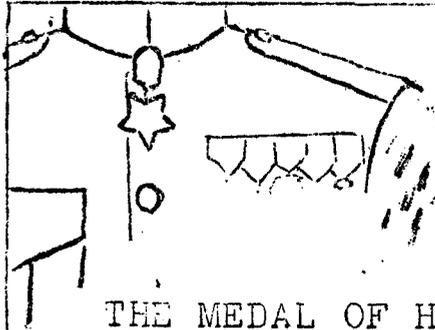
L. B. ROBERTSHAW
 MAJOR GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS



ALL MEMBERS OF MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-13 ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDED NAMES FOR THE GROUP MESS HALL. SUBMIT ALL RECOMMENDATIONS TO CO, MABS-13 VIA GUARD MAIL. THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING THE NAME SELECTED WILL BE PRESENTED A \$25.00 SAVINGS BOND.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL RECOMMENDATIONS BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO 25 MARCH 1967.

CITIZEN-SOLDIERS AND PROFESSIONALS ALIKE HAVE GIVEN MEANING TO THE WORDS, "I AM AN AMERICAN FIGHTING MAN. I SERVE IN THE FORCES WHICH GUARD MY COUNTRY AND OUR WAY OF LIFE. I AM PREPARED TO GIVE MY LIFE IN THEIR DEFENSE."



Medal Of Honor

THE MEDAL OF HONOR BORN
DURING CIVIL WAR

THE MEDAL OF HONOR is the highest award for bravery that can be given to any individual in the United States. In judging men for receipt of the medal, each service has established its own regulations. The deed must be proved by incontestable evidence of at least two eyewitnesses; it must be so outstanding that it clearly distinguishes the recipient's gallantry beyond the call of duty from lesser forms of bravery; it must involve the risk of his life; and it must be the type of deed which, if he had not done it, would not subject him to any justified criticism.

The idea for the Medal of Honor was born during the Civil War as men fought gallantly and oftentimes displayed great heroism. George Washington originated the Purple Heart in 1782 to honor brave soldiers, sailors and marines. From that time until the Civil War, Certificates of Merit and a "brevet" system of promotions were used as military awards. The first military decoration formally authorized by the American Government as a badge of valor was the Medal of Honor for enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps. It was authorized by Congress on December 21, 1861. The medal for the Army and Voluntary Forces was authorized on July 12, 1862.

The medal is awarded "in the name of the Congress of the United States" and for this reason, it is often called the Congressional Medal of Honor. It is only on rare occasions, however, that Congress awards special Medals of Honor.

An Executive Order, signed by President Theodore Roosevelt on September 20, 1905, directed that ceremonies of award "will always be made with formal and impressive ceremonial" and that the recipient "will, when practicable, will be ordered to Washington, D. C. and the presentation will be made by the President, as Commander in Chief, or by such representative as the President may designate."

The Navy Medal of Honor is made of bronze, suspended by an anchor from a bright blue ribbon, and is worn about the neck. The ribbon is spangled with a cluster of 13 white stars representing the original States. Each ray of the five pointed star contains sprays of laurel and oak is tipped with a trefoil. Standing in bas-relief, circled by 34 stars representing the 34 States in 1861, is Minerva who personifies the Union. She holds in her left hand the fasces, an ax bound in staves of wood, which is the ancient Roman symbol of authority. With the shield in her right hand, she repulses the serpents held by the crouching figure of Discord. The reverse of the medal is left blank, allowing for the engraving of the recipient's name and the date and place of his DEED.....

MARINE 'EXCEPTIONAL' GRAD

A 50 year-old Marine Reservist volunteered to attend the Army Airborne School, Ft. Benning, Ga., and was named "exceptional" graduate in the 374-student class. First Sergeant Robert H. HEIM-MILLER, 4th ANGLCO, requested active duty to attend the school. An interior decorator from Florida, he is the oldest enlisted man ever to attend the course. He was awarded jump wings in the drop zone after making his fifth jump.....

AWARDED TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

EDWARD C. ALEXANDER USMC

9 MARCH 1967

MERITORIOUS MAST

A MEMBER OF
MARINE AIR BASE
SQUADRON - 13

1. It is with extreme pleasure that I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the dedicated and outstanding manner in which you have discharged your duties as a Motor Vehicle Operator while serving with Marine Air Base Squadron-13. For the exceptional manner in which you have performed your duties you are hereby awarded Meritorious Mast.

2. Since joining this Command during January, 1967, you have continually displayed a complete and professional dedication to duty. You have been the source of many favorable comments by all members of this Command. In particular, you are commended for your performance during the recent visit of the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Inspection Team.

3. Your devotion to duty, dedication, high personal integrity, professional attitude and tireless efforts are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps. It is a real pleasure to have a Marine of your high caliber as a member of this Command.

DAN H. JOHNSON

THESE ARE THE RATES OF BASIC PAY FOR ALL SERVICEMEN

Pay Grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10
O-10	\$1,424.10	\$1,474.50	--	--	--	\$1,530.60	--
O-9	1,262.10	1,295.10	1,323.30	--	--	1,356.60	--
O-8	1,143.30	1,177.50	1,205.40	--	--	1,295.10	--
O-7	949.80	1,014.90	--	--	1,059.90	--	1,121.40
O-6	703.80	773.70	824.10	--	--	--	--
O-5	562.80	661.50	706.50	--	--	--	728.70
O-4	474.90	577.80	616.80	--	627.90	656.10	700.50
O-3	441.60	493.20	526.80	583.20	611.10	633.30	667.20
O-2	353.70	420.30	504.60	521.40	532.50	--	--
O-1	303.90	336.30	420.30	--	--	--	--
O-3E	--	--	--	583.20	611.10	633.30	667.20
O-2E	--	--	--	521.40	532.50	549.30	577.80
O-1E	--	--	--	420.30	448.50	465.30	482.10
W-4	449.40	482.10	--	493.20	515.70	538.20	560.40
W-3	408.60	443.10	--	443.50	454.20	487.50	515.70
W-2	357.60	387.00	--	398.10	420.30	443.10	459.90
W-1	298.20	342.00	--	370.20	387.00	403.80	420.30
E-9	--	--	--	--	--	--	510.60
E-8	--	--	--	--	--	428.40	440.40
E-7	269.40	322.80	334.80	346.50	358.20	369.60	381.30
E-6	232.20	281.70	293.40	305.40	317.40	328.80	340.50
E-5	200.40	246.90	358.60	270.00	287.70	299.40	311.10
E-4	168.60	211.50	222.90	240.60	252.60	--	--
E-3	121.80	170.10	182.10	193.80	--	--	--
E-2	100.50	141.00	--	--	--	--	--
E-1	96.90	129.00	--	--	--	--	--
E-1 (under 4 months)	90.60	--	--	--	--	--	--

THESE ARE THE RATES OF BASIC PAY FOR ALL SERVICEMEN

Pay Grade	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26
O-10	\$1,648.20	--	\$1,766.10	--	\$1,883.70	--	\$2,001.60
O-9	1,412.70	--	1,530.60	--	1,648.20	--	1,766.10
O-8	1,356.60	--	1,412.70	1,474.50	1,530.60	1,592.40	--
O-7	1,121.40	1,177.50	1,295.10	1,384.80	--	--	--
O-6	824.10	852.30	986.70	1,037.10	1,059.90	1,121.40	1,216.50
O-5	767.70	818.70	880.20	930.60	958.50	992.40	--
O-4	739.80	773.70	807.30	829.80	--	--	--
O-3	700.50	717.60	--	--	--	--	--
O-2	532.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
O-1	420.30	--	--	--	--	--	--
O-3E	700.50	728.70	--	--	--	--	--
O-2E	600.00	616.80	--	--	--	--	--
O-1E	498.90	521.40	--	--	--	--	--
W-4	600.00	627.90	650.40	667.20	689.40	712.20	767.70
W-3	532.50	549.30	565.80	583.20	605.70	627.90	650.40
W-2	476.40	493.20	510.30	526.80	543.60	565.80	--
W-1	437.40	454.20	471.00	487.50	504.60	--	--
E-9	522.30	534.30	546.00	558.00	569.40	599.10	657.30
E-8	452.10	463.80	475.50	487.20	499.20	528.60	587.10
E-7	393.60	411.00	422.70	434.40	440.40	469.80	528.60
E-6	358.20	369.60	381.30	387.60	--	--	--
E-5	322.80	328.80	--	--	--	--	--
E-4	252.60	--	--	--	--	--	--
E-3	193.80	--	--	--	--	--	--
E-2	141.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
E-1	129.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
E-1 (Under 4 months)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



THE LAMPLIGHTER

MAG-13 CHAPEL

Pascal, the eminent French writer once asked: "Why is it so hard to believe?" Then he answered: "Because it is so hard to obey!" Make your response to the gospel the response of obedience.



THOUGHT FOR THIS WEEK

IN HIM WE LIVE, AND MOVE, AND HAVE OUR BEING.
Acts 17:28

This text is a formula for maintaining physical, mental, and spiritual energy. The tension and pressure of modern living draws wearily upon our energies. But here we have a renewal method. The text reminds us that God created us and that He can constantly and automatically recreate us. The secret is to maintain contact with God. This channels vitality and energy and constant replenishment into our being.

Every day, preferably about mid afternoon when an energy lag usually comes, try repeating this text while visualizing yourself as "plugged" into the spiritual line. Affirm that God's recreative energy is restoring strength and power to every part of your body, your mind, and your soul.

MARINES RESPOND

The Marines of MAG 13 made a tremendous response last Sunday to the challenge of hungry humanity. Catholics gave \$82.30 to the "Bishops Relief Fund", and Protestants gave \$125.40 to the "One Great Hour Of Sharing". This was by far the largest Sunday offering since MAG 13 has been in Country, and such a wonderful cause.

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NEW CHAPEL PROGRESS

The plans for the New Chapel at MAG 13 have been drawn by Capt. Bardo, have been approved, and are ready to guide workers to the completion of the nicest Chapel in Viet Nam.

MCB 40 is prepared to pour the concrete deck within a week. From there on out men we will need your help.

GOLDEN GEMS

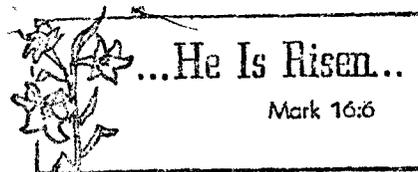
Give us, O God
 Humility to listen
 To your word;
 Wisdom to understand
 Your word;
 Obedience to attempt
 Your word;
 Strength to obey your word —
 Through Jesus Christ
 Who is the Word.



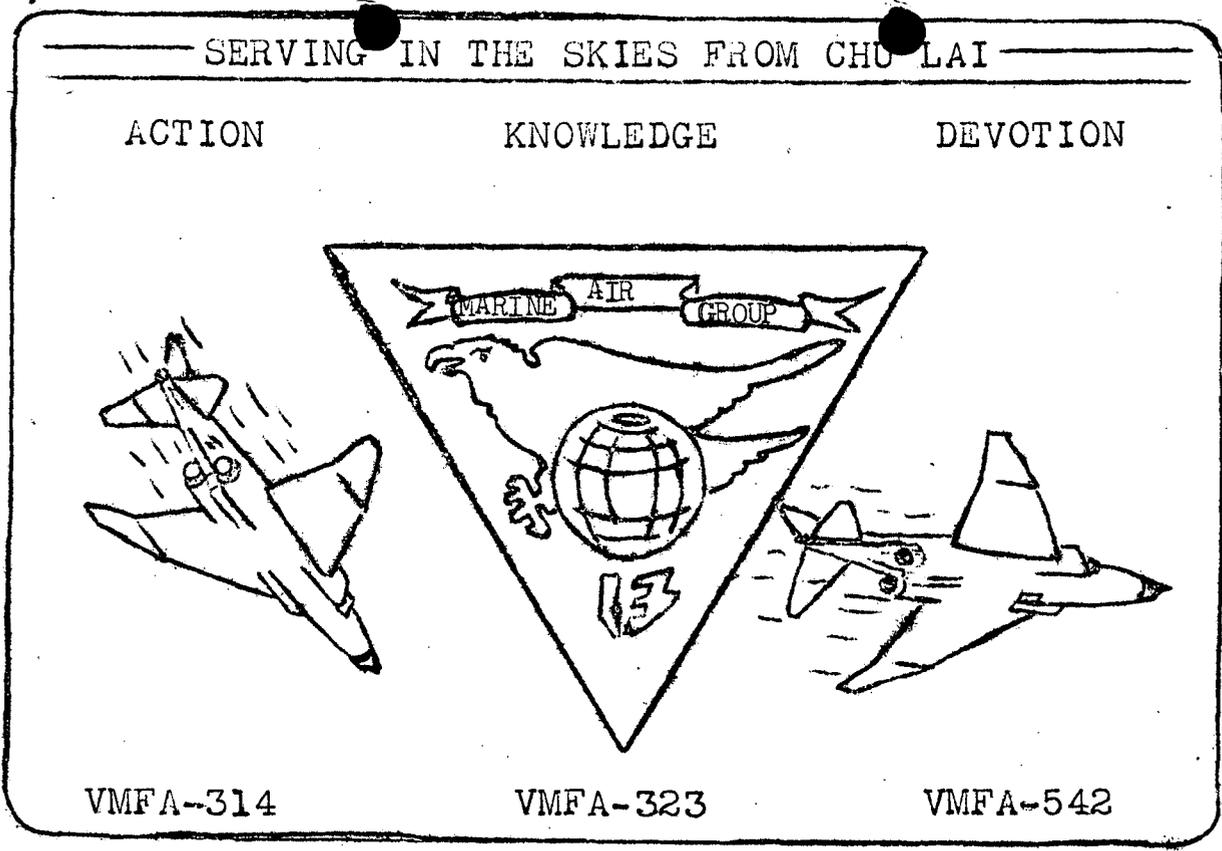
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Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.

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RESURRECTION—means hope and salvation for all men. To participate in Christ's saving grace, we must accept Him. As Christ died, was buried and arose, so too must we die ourselves, be buried in His love, in order to rise with Him on the last day. Amid your many duties, may you pause and realize the great joy of this Holy season and may your Spirit of renewal and jubilation reach out to all the Marines with whom you work.



18 MARCH 1967

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

FROM

COMMANDING GENERAL, FIRST MARINE DIVISION
COMMANDING GENERAL, FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FMFPAC

"CO, FIRST MARINE REGIMENT HAS EXPRESSED TO ME HIS APPRECIATION AND PROFESSIONAL RESPECT TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION STONE. I CAN ONLY AGREE THAT EVERYONE DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB. PASS TO ALL HANDS INVOLVED A SINCERE WELL DONE. MAJOR GENERAL NICKERSON SENDS."

CG, 1STMAW = IT IS ALWAYS A SOURCE OF PRIDE AND PERSONAL SATISFACTION TO RECEIVE NOTICES OF SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY BY MEMBERS OF THE 1STMAW. THE PROFESSIONALISM, DEVOTION TO DUTY, COURAGE AND "CAN DO" SPIRIT OF YOUR UNIT IS HIGHLY COMMENDABLE. PLEASE CONVEY MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION TO ALL PERSONNEL CONCERNED FOR A JOB "WELL DONE".

L. B. ROBERTSHAW

APPENDIX 3



COLONEL'S
SLATE FINALLY
ARRIVES

After a long wait to get a look at the slate, it finally arrived and our three Colonels will be reporting to their new assignments as listed below:

Col Dan H. JOHNSON
(Staff Army War College)

Col F. T. WATTS, Jr.
(HQMC)

LtCol H. G. ROBINSON
(Navy Dept)
(Selected for Colonel)

WANTED

= HELP =

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Supplies are now on hand to start our new Chapel. We will need all the manual labor we can get men. All personnel desiring to help us contact the Group Chaplain. WE WANT THE BEST Chapel possible, however, it will take you to do this, give us some of your time.



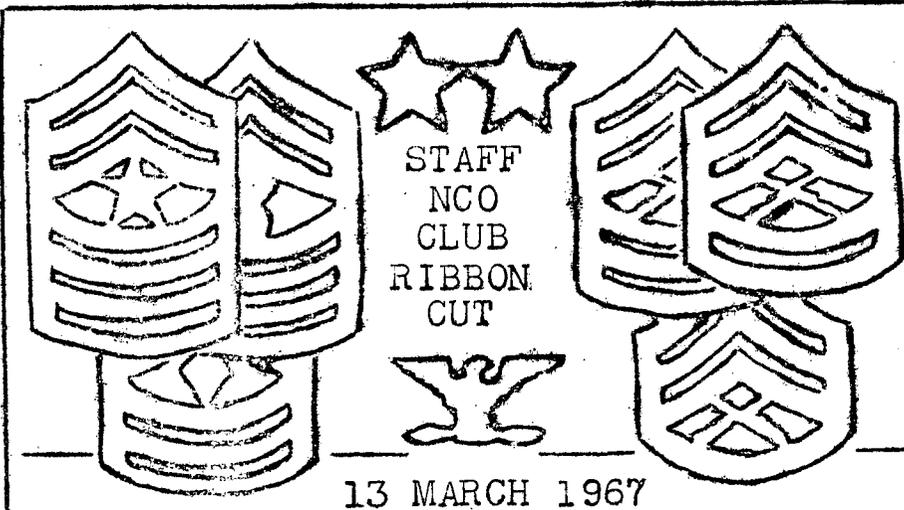
WING BULLETIN 5030 of 2Mar67 contained information relative to submission of recommended design for a new Naval Flight Officer insignia (Wings). Should you have a ideal, submit it via the chain by 25Mar67.

SUBMIT YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO CQ MABS-13 FOR CONSIDERATION. WE NEED A NAME FOR OUR MESS HALL.....

WIN

\$25.00 SAVINGS BOND

NOT LATER THAN 25MAR67



WELCOME
ABOARD, MEN

OFFICERS

1stLt WOOL-
DRIDGE

2ndLt SMITH

STAFF NCO's

MSgt CHAULIN

MSgt REEDY

MSgt MARTIN

SSgt KAPUSTKA

SSgt FIES

SSgt BLACK-
LEDGE

SSgt VALLE

NCO's

Sgt BELL

Sgt LANGE

Sgt BIALC
KOWSKI

Cpl PATTON

Cpl MACNAB

Cpl WINTER

Cpl CARROLL

HM2 MITCHELL

HM2 BECKMAN

HM3 CHARETT

LCpl PATRICK

LCpl NEWTON

LCpl GREEAR

LCpl WRIGHT

LCpl SEBDL-
BORD

LCpl OTWELL

LCpl CLARK

LCpl JASRZE-
BSKI

LCpl SCHAND-
ING

At 1730, 13Mar67, the Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, Major General L. B. ROBERTSHAW, cut the ribbon at the Staff Noncommissioned Officers Club, thus officially opening the club. Attending the dedication were: Colonel Dan H. JOHNSON, Group Commander, Colonel D. D. PETTY, Jr., Asst Chief of Staff (G-3), 1stMAW, Colonel F. T. WATTS, Jr., Group Executive Officer, Colonel B. P. GIBSON, Jr., Group Commander, MAG-12. The General was served the first drink across the beautifully finished bar.

After many long hard hours of work our Staff NCO Club is now the talk of all Staff NCO's in the Clu Lai area. The club sports a stage and patio. Just talk with any of our Staff NCO's and you will quickly learn how proud they are of their new club.

The Club will be managed by Gunnery Sergeant HALE.

All hands who put forth their time and effort are to be commended for a job "WELL DONE".



= LEGAL INSURANCE =

Most people have insurance of one type or another. There's life, automobile, fire, health and mortgage insurance—many different types covering just about anything you can imagine.

But for those of us in the military, there is another kind of insurance. There's no written policy and we don't pay annual premiums, but it is there just the same.

It can be called legal insurance and it is offered by legal assistance officers the world over.

This insurance comes in the form of qualified, professional, advice to help you understand wills, mortgages, sales contracts, powers of attorney, tax problems—the whole range of civil legal matters that might give you trouble or raise questions in your mind. The legal assistance officer is an attorney whose job is to act as your legal adviser and consultant. He will give you the advice you seek to keep your personal affairs in good order.

He WON'T advise on criminal matters, nor will he represent you before a civil court. If your problem requires the services of a civilian lawyer, he can refer you to civilian legal advisers or legal aid bureaus through

cooperating bar associations. He can't advise you concerning court-martial investigations or charges and he won't be your collection agent or process server. But he will give you the benefit of many years of intensive study and training to keep you out of trouble when you have a legal problem. (AFNB)

FORGET SOMETHING ?



USE ZIP CODES

COMMANDING GENERAL - 7TH AIR FORCE	OPERATION JUNCTION CITY	COMMANDING GENERAL - 1ST MAW.
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COMMANDING GENERAL
 7TH AIR FORCE :
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COMMANDING GENERAL
 1ST MAW FMFPAC :
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expressed his personal appreciation and respect for the extreme cooperation and active support during operation "Junction City" during the period 22-26 February 1967. The great contributions of the pilots of Marine Aircraft Group-11, Marine Aircraft Group-12, and Marine Aircraft Group-13 made this a successful operation and has increased the fine relationship between the U. S. Marine Corps and U. S. Air Force.

Be assured of my personal admiration for your accomplishments of which this is but one. It is very reassuring to know that the caliber of the First Wing pilots is such that they can be called upon at any time from one type mission to another with confidence. This is a sign of real professionalism as an attack pilot. Please convey my personal appreciation to all personnel concerned for a job "well done."

YOU'LL NEVER

RE-SALE

ANY ITEM PURCHASED THRU THE EXCHANGE SYSTEM WHILE SERVING IN VIETNAM. READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR RATION CARD MEN.. SHOULD YOU, -YOU HAVE BECOME A PART OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS "THE BLACK MARKET". BEWARE....

POSTAL OFFICERS, POSTAL CLERKS, AND UNIT MAIL ORDERLIES COMMENDED BY CONGRESSMAN DULSKI AND CG 1STMAW FMFPAC

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This week a total of 19 members of Marine Aircraft Group-13 received a letter from the Commanding General, 1stMAW commending them on their performance of duty in the postal system.....



WOODLAND FLOWERS — Spring officially arrives in March and Laura Antonelli is ready to welcome it. The Italian actress has recently completed a Hollywood picture.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT SHOTS YOU NEED AND HOW OFTEN??

Personnel reporting to Vietnam are given the proper shots. It is your job to keep them up to date. Below are listed the required shots and how often they are required:

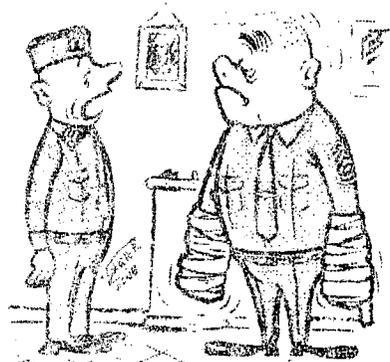
SMALLPOX	Every Year
TETANUS	Every 6 mos
TYPHUS	Every Year
CHOLERA	Every 6 mos
TYPHOID	Every Year
PLAGUE	Every 6 mos
GAMMA	
GLOBULIN	Every 5 mos
INFLUENZA	Every Year
YELLOW	
FEVER	Every 6 yrs
T. B. TEST	
(Within 30 days prior to departure for CONUS.)	



"... BEEN JUMPIN' LIKE THAT ALL DAY... BUT NOT ONE STRIKE!"

DURING THE 1966 SEASON, THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES HAD EXACTLY THE SAME WON AND LOST RECORD AT HOME AND ON THE ROAD WITH A 46-35 MARK.

JOE SEWELL, WHO PLAYED IN THE MAJORS FOR THE CLEVELAND INDIANS AND NEW YORK YANKEES FOR 14 SEASONS, STRUCK OUT ONLY FOUR TIMES DURING THE ENTIRE 1925 CAMPAIGN. TWO OF THE STRIKEOUT CAME IN ONE GAME.



"I SEE YOU'RE STILL ON THE KARATE KICK ARCHIBALD."

E-8 SNAKE
MSGT E. Q. SMITH

During ceremonies in the Commanding Officer's Office, Master Sergeant E. Q. SMITH was promoted to his present rank.

VMFA-323 LEADS MAG-13 IN ORDNANCE EXPENDED AND HOURS FLOWN FOR MAR.

MERITORIOUS MAST AWARDED TO CORPORAL DONALD R. WINGETT
2099771/3071, U. S. MARINE CORPS, H&MS-13

13MAR67: "SUBSEQUENT TO THE ARRIVAL OF H&MS-13 IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM A CRITICAL SITUATION DEVELOPED IN THE MATERIAL SECTION DUE TO A LACK OF PERSONNEL TRAINED TO MAINTAIN THE IMRL, CUSTODY CARDS, SURVEYS AND BUDGETS. BECAUSE YOU HAD DEMONSTRATED YOURSELF TO BE VERY CAPABLE IN OTHER ASSIGNMENTS, YOU WERE APPOINTED TO THESE TASKS; DUTIES NORMALLY PERFORMED BY A STAFF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER. YOU APPROACHED THE JOB WITH ENERGY AND DETERMINATION AND SUCCEEDED IN HANDLING SOME OF THE MORE DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE SITUATIONS IN THE SUPPLY FIELD. NOT ONLY HAVE YOU ATTAINED A HIGH DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY IN IMRL MANAGEMENT, YOU HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED A CLOSE WORKING ARRANGEMENT WITH ALL SHOPS CONCERNED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF ACCOUNTABLE ITEMS."

"BECAUSE OF YOUR DEVOTION TO DUTY AND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE H&MS-13 MATERIAL CONTROL, YOU ARE HEREBY AWARDED A MERITORIOUS MAST."

MERITORIOUS MAST AWARDED TO CORPORAL RICHARD A.
WARNER 2181374/3051, U. S. MARINE CORPS - H&MS-13

"UPON ASSIGNMENT OF DUTY AS WAREHOUSEMAN WITH THE MARINE CORPS PROPERTY SECTION OF THE GROUP SUPPLY DEPARTMENT, MAG-13, IN MAY 1966, CORPORAL WARNER HAS DILIGENTLY AND FAITHFULLY ACCOMPLISHED ALL TASKS ASSIGNED TO HIM WITH A MINIMUM OF SUPERVISION. DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE NCOIC HE ASSUMED THE ROLE OF LEADER AND MAINTAINED THE HIGH DEGREE OF SUPPORT REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN FIELD OPERATIONS. CORPORAL WARNER VOLUNTARILY WORKING LONG HOURS DESIGNED AND PLACED INTO EFFECT A NEW LOCATOR SYSTEM FOR USE IN THE WAREHOUSE SECTION. THIS SYSTEM HAS RESULTED IN SAVING MANY MAN-HOURS AND HAS EXPEDITED THE FLOW OF SUPPLIES UNDER COGNIZANCE OF MARCOR PROPERTY. CORPORAL WARNER IS CONSTANTLY SEEKING NEW AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY. HIS ATTENTION TO DUTY, PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND CONDUCT ARE HIGHLY COMMENDABLE AND SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO ALL PERSONNEL JUNIOR AND SENIOR. BY HIS CHEERFUL AND WILLING DISPLAYED TO RECEIVE AND CARRY OUT ALL ASSIGNMENTS, CORPORAL WARNER HAS PROVED HIMSELF AS ASSET TO THE GROUP SUPPLY DEPT AND THE MARINE CORPS. BEACUSE OF DEVOTION, EXTRAORDINARY INITIATIVE AND EXTREME COMPETENCE, HE WAS AWARDED MERITORIOUS MAST 13MAR67.



VIETNAM

AWARDED THEIR FIRST AIR MEDAL

The following members of MAG-13 were presented their 1st Air Medal during ceremonies 15Mar67 by the Group Commander:

- Major S. S. EISENHAUER -VMFA-542
- Capt R. C. MARTINSEN -VMFA-542
- Capt W. J. COSTELLO -VMFA-314
- Capt N. E. DOUGLAS -VMFA-323
- Capt H. W. TAFFE -VMFA-542
- Capt SCHLAGEL -H&MS-13
- 1stLt P. A. GEIGER -VMFA-542
- 1stLt MCCORD -VMFA-542
- 1stLt E. C. WOODS -VMFA-542
- 2ndLt C. R. MILLS -VMFA-314
- 2ndLt M. CARSON -VMFA-314
- HM2 James W. LIBBY -MABS-13

SURPRISE-SURPRISE

With no prior notice of the arrival of his appointment to Major, Capt SIMON (Group S-2) was called forward during the CO's weekly conference and was taken by surprise when the appointment was read. As GOMER PYLE would say - "SURPRISE, SURPRISE, SURPRISE....."

TAKE SALT TABLETS MEN...

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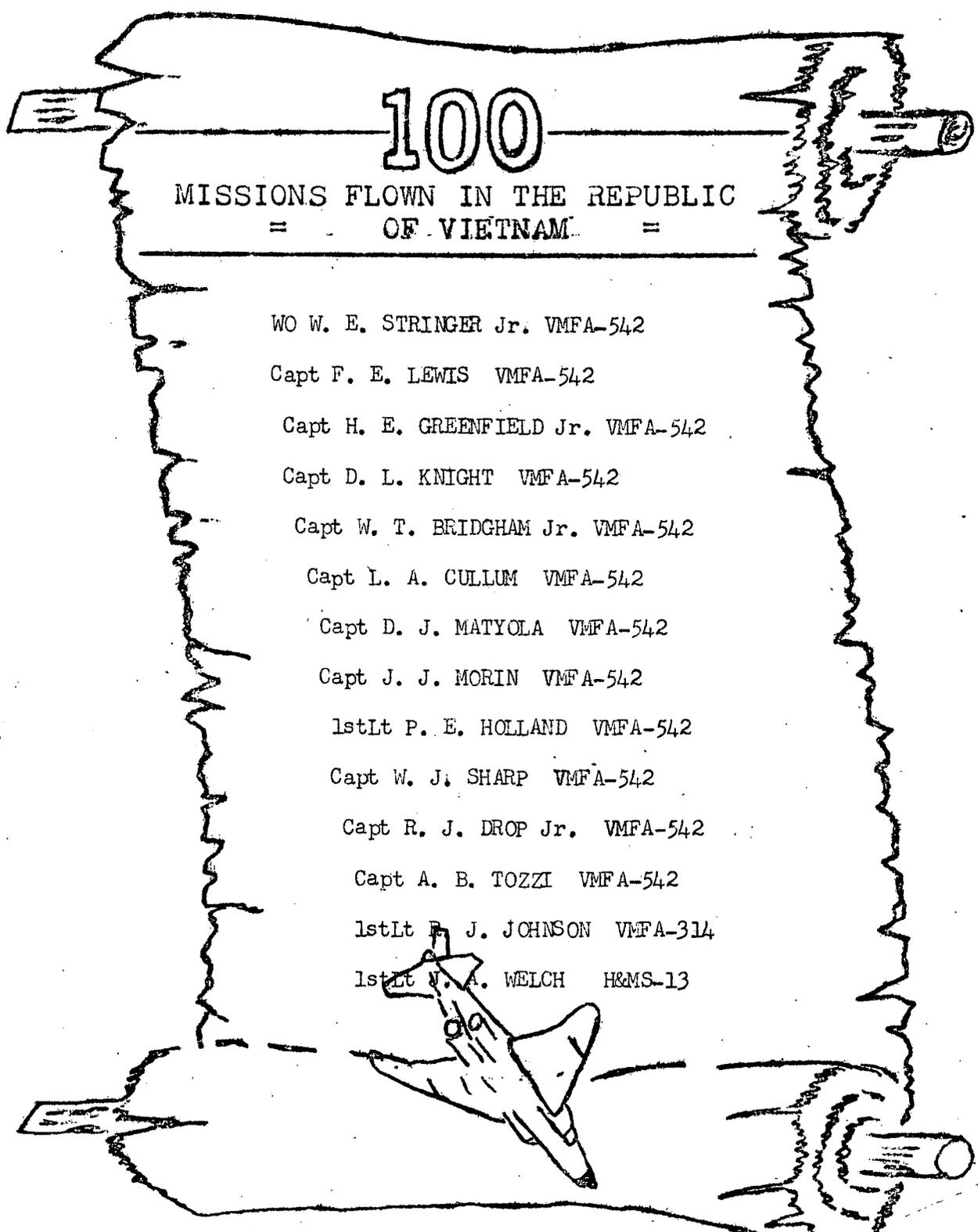
OZZIE OF VMFA-323 SEES WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE UP THERE.....

LT BOB OSBORNE (ADMINO) FLEW HIS FIRST ON 15MAR..

JOURNEYING SERVICEMAN MUST USE NEW FORM.....

Any serviceman who intends to travel by commercial airline at half fare, standby prices, must have a form signed by his CO before purchasing his airline ticket.

DOD regulation states that DOD FORM 1580 will be used an original and 4 copies- but that NAVPERS FORM 46-32/1 may be used until the new 1580's are distributed. The regulation is stringent in its confines- original orders will not suffice nor will forms be filled out at the airline counter-for discount fares. For the benefit of the serviceman, there is a space on the new form where the airline will stamp his exact check-in time at the counter. This gives a semi-official priority time, either on the airline originally intended or if "bumped", another airline will consider the time he originally checked in at the airport and be guided by it. The regulation applies to all commercial airlines within CONUS, Hawaii, Alaska, and Canal Zone.



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MISSIONS FLOWN IN THE REPUBLIC
= OF VIETNAM =

WO W. E. STRINGER Jr. VMFA-542

Capt F. E. LEWIS VMFA-542

Capt H. E. GREENFIELD Jr. VMFA-542

Capt D. L. KNIGHT VMFA-542

Capt W. T. BRIDGHAM Jr. VMFA-542

Capt L. A. CULLUM VMFA-542

Capt D. J. MATYOLA VMFA-542

Capt J. J. MORIN VMFA-542

1stLt P. E. HOLLAND VMFA-542

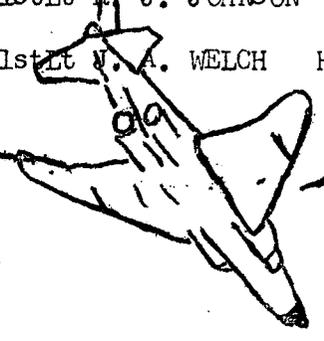
Capt W. J. SHARP VMFA-542

Capt R. J. DROP Jr. VMFA-542

Capt A. B. TOZZI VMFA-542

1stLt F. J. JOHNSON VMFA-314

1stLt W. A. WELCH H&MS-13





IDEAL FAST
FOR LENT

HOLY WEEK
SERVICES

Fast from criticism, and
feast on praise.
Fast from self-pity, and
feast on joy.
Fast from ill-temper, and
feast on peace.
Fast from resentment, and
feast on contentment.
Fast on jealousy, and
feast on love.
Fast on pride, and
feast on humility.
Fast on selfishness, and
feast on service.
Fast on fear, and
feast on faith.

PROTESTANT

Thursday-

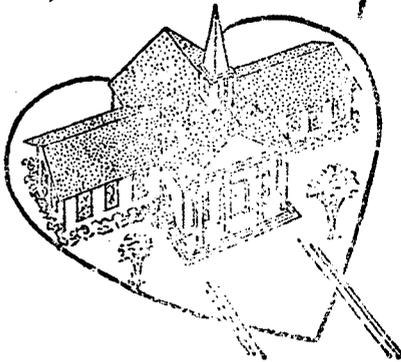
Maundy Thursday
Communion.....1900

CATHOLIC

Good Friday.....1900
Holy Saturday....1900

The regular week-day ser-
vices continue as usual!

<p>PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>TRIUMPHAL ENTRY MARK 11:19</p>	<p>MONDAY</p> <p>CASTING OUT THE MONEY CHANGERS MARK 11:15-17</p>	<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>WISE AND FOOLISH VIRGINS MATTHEW 25:1-13</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>DAY OF SILENCE MARK 11:19</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>LAST SUPPER MARK 14:12-26</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>CRUCIFIXION MARK 15:1-41</p>	<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>IN THE TOMB MARK 15:42-47</p>
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MAG-13 CHAPEL

THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

As our mind drifts back to those days late in September 1966 when MAG 13 reached Chu Lai, we recall those first Chapel services. Since there was no Chapel, Divine Services were first held in Hut C-20, and later in F-35. The facilities were very inadequate but like everyone else we had to make do with what we had.

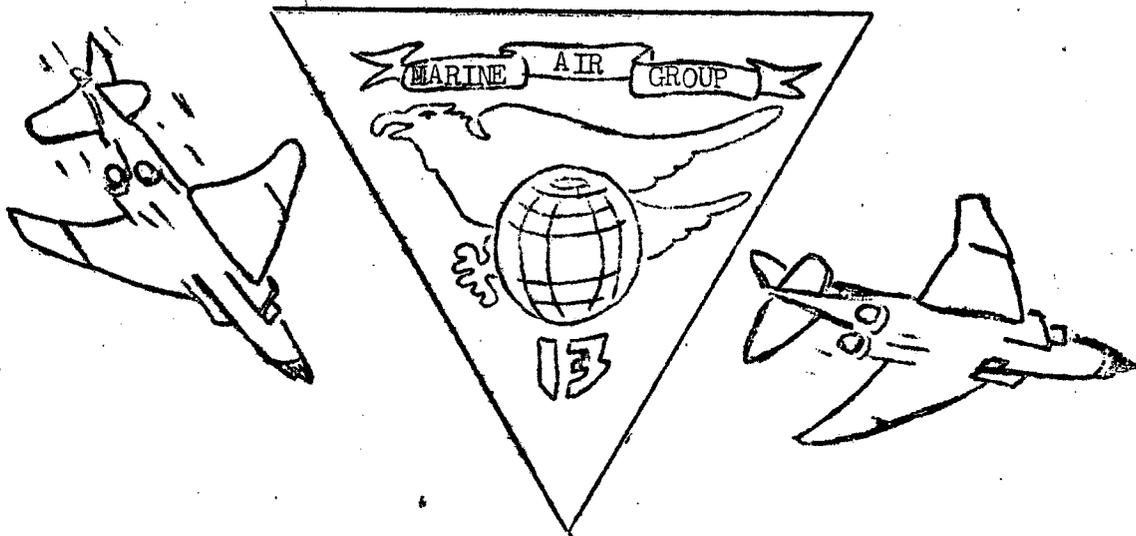
Two months later a new mess hall was completed. The vacated building which had fed the hungry body was now turned over to the Chaplain to feed the hungry soul. With the addition of a wing to serve as the Chaplain's Office, MAG 13 had a "Temporary Chapel."

The Chapel program is still carried on in this "Temporary Chapel," but the future looks bright. The plans for a beautiful New Chapel, drawn by Captain R.K. BARDO, have been approved and construction should begin in a few weeks with MCB 40 pouring the concrete deck.

The New Chapel will be a native brick structure built in the shape of a cross. The nave will seat 200 Marines comfortably. A Blessed Sacrament Chapel for Catholics, a Bible Study-Conference room for Protestants, and Office spaces are included in the plans.

When this project is completed, every Marine in MAG 13 will be able to say with pride, "We have the nicest Chapel in all Viet Nam."

SERVING IN THE SKIES FROM CHU LAI RVN



ACTION

KNOWLEDGE

DEVOTION

= 25 MARCH 1967 =

PROMOTED

CO Colonel Dan H. JOHNSON, recently promoted two members of Marine Aircraft Group-13 at their working space with no prior notice. The Colonel walked in the Group S-1 office and asked for PFC FOUNTAIN, quickly he was on his feet and at attention. Colonel JOHNSON signed and delivered the promotion on the spot. Again, this time he traveled down to the Headquarters Building of H&MS-13 and asked for LCpl David S. GROTH, a member of the admin staff in the squadron office. During the Colonel's visit on an inspection tour he was briefed relative to what an outstanding job GROTH had been doing, "let's promote him". Keep up the good work men, who knows, you may be the next one. CONGRATULATIONS MEN.....

APPENDIX 4

SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO US

25 years of educational service

Education often can be compared to the weather. That is, "everyone talks about it, but no one does anything about it."

There is however, one organization that has done a great deal for servicemen's education. The United States Armed Force Institute, more commonly referred to as USAFI, has enrolled more than six million students during its 25 years of educational service to the Armed Forces.

Beginning as the Army Institute on April 1, 1942, there were 64 correspondence courses in technical and academic subjects and a few hundred university and high school courses from the extension division of participating colleges and universities available to Army personnel.

Since then, USAFI has become a world-wide, all-service, comprehensive educational effort. Located at Madison, Wisc., USAFI's catalogs now list more than 6,000 available courses from 47 participating colleges and universities, USAFI itself has developed 222 courses.

In addition, thousands of service personnel have earned high school diplomas and college credits through the USAFI GED tests.

MERITORIOUS MAST AWARDED TO LANCE
 CORPORAL WILLIAM M IANNOZZI USMC
 MABS-13

During the period from 1 April 1966 through 1 January 1967 you demonstrated outstanding qualities both in leadership and performance of duty. In spite of adverse weather conditions and long fatiguing working hours, you maintained a cheerful and positive attitude, taking the initiative to see that your tasks were completed without being instructed to do so. Through effective leadership and training methods you have passed on to others of your section your valuable knowledge and technical skills. You have enthusiastically accepted responsibilities and tasks normally expected of one of greater rank. You are to be commended for the professional manner in which you have responded to the challenge of your duties and for the exceptional value of your contribution to the accomplishment of this squadron's mission.

USAFI Cont'd

Continuing application of research and innovation in the USAFI program, such as the General Examinations of the College Level Examination Program, seek to improve the learning progress of service personnel. The USAFI contribution to the military community is immeasurable and has earned the respect, appreciation and admiration of all the Armed Forces. (AFNB)

DOD STATISTICS

Show that 7,900 U. S. personnel have lost their lives in Vietnam through hostile action - causes from 1Jan61 through 4Mar67. Additionally, another 1,721 lost their lives from non-hostile action - causes.

BLACK KNIGHTS AWARDED

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

FROM COMMANDING GENERAL,

FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

SERGEANT JOSEPH R. TURNER

CORPORAL ROBERT L COFFMAN

SERGEANT GEORGE W. RYAN

SERGEANT GEORGE A. MASTERS

CORPORAL JOHN S. HOWARD

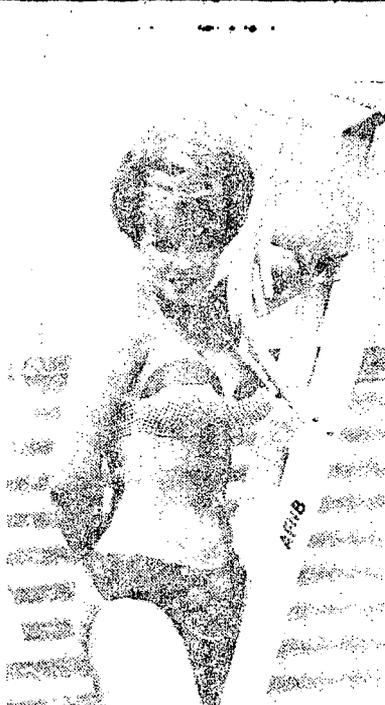
LANCE CORPORAL RALPH V.
PETRUZZELLI

The above members of VMFA-314
received their award for
professionalism, superior know-
ledge, devotion, skill, leader-
ship, aggressive and enthusiastic
efforts in Vietnam.....

WHILE SERVING IN VIETNAM = Write home as often as possible. Your family is genuinely interested in your welfare and wants to hear from you. Much congressional mail has been generated by parents who had not heard from their sons and contacted their congressmen to inquire. Be always faithful in the practice of his religion through private devotion, public worship and daily conduct.

CHECK THAT LIST PRIOR TO MAILING ITEMS.

===== Severe penalties, by fine or imprisonment or both, are provided for persons who knowingly mail or cause to be mailed any matter which has been declared non-mailable under law. Check your unit Postal Order prior to mailing any item...



SWEET SUE—With spring officially here, lovely Sus Hamilton appears all ready to enjoy the warm sunshine, cool breezes and a refreshing dip in the pool.



GROUP CAREER ADVISORY NCO =PROMOTED=

Gunnery Sergeant Roger A. HOLMES was recently promoted to his present rank by CO, H&MS-13.

CONGRATULATIONS

THOUSANDS KNOW IT'S A GOOD DEAL! AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY 66, 197,847 PEACE-TIME AND VIETNAM VETERANS HAD SIGNED UP TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF THE NEW GI BILL. ASK ABOUT IT. IT'S FOR YOU.....

TODAY IS THE CUT-OFF

===== SHOULD YOU HAVE A NAME TO SUBMIT FOR A MESS HALL INSURE YOU SUBMIT IT TO THE CO, MABS-13 NOT LATER THAN TODAY. REMEMBER A \$25.00 SAVINGS BOND WILL BE AWARDED.....

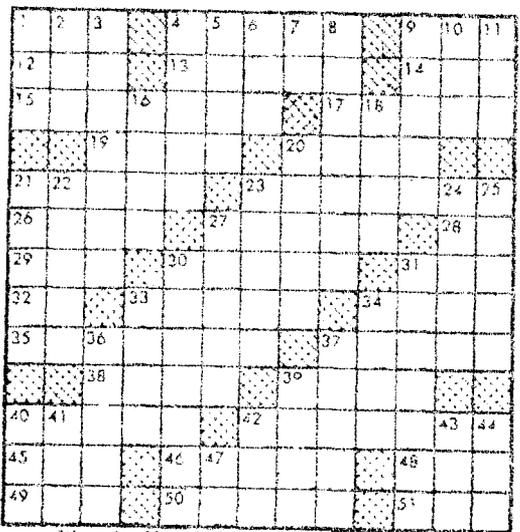
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

- ACROSS
- 1-Fondle
 - 4-Urges on
 - 9-Farm animal
 - 12-Ventilate
 - 13-Weird
 - 14-Reverence
 - 15-Gift
 - 17-Forgive
 - 19-Danish island
 - 20-Measure duration of
 - 21-Specks
 - 23-Cooked on open fire
 - 26-Matures
 - 27-Strike hard
 - 28-Artificial language
 - 29-Free of
 - 30-Group of three (pl.)
 - 31-Torrid
 - 32-Four (Roman number)
 - 33-Clutch
 - 34-Foundation
 - 35-Prophets
 - 37-Revealed
 - 38-Fond desire
 - 39-Filament
 - 40-Representative
 - 42-Trading for money
 - 45-Equality
 - 46-River in France
 - 48-Period of time
 - 49-Bitter vetch
 - 50-Sea eagles
 - 51-Period of time

- 6-Worthless leaving
- 7-Roman gods
- 8-Earnest
- 9-'Ship of the desert'
- 10-World War II agency (init.)
- 11-Damp
- 16-Observes
- 18-Send forth
- 20-Body of soldiers
- 21-Home-run recordholder
- 22-Pointed arch
- 23-Happiness
- 24-Worn away
- 25-Lavished fondness on
- 27-Collision
- 30-Framework bearing roadway

- 31-Marshaled
- 33-Facial expression
- 34-Security
- 36-Pitchers
- 37-Bundies
- 39-At this place
- 40-Imitate
- 41-Long, slender fish
- 42-Transgress
- 43-New Deal agency (init.)
- 44-Merry
- 47-Conjunction



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- CAPT J. B. CASKEY
- SGT R. BLEVINS
- SGT R. D. SAUNDERS
- CPL W. L. BRITTON
- CPL P. L. TRUE
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WE'LL
PRINT YOUR
NEWS

DUTY STATIONS UPON REENLISTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS - FIRST TERM REENLISTMENTS.....

- MB ALAMEDA CALIF
- MB BREMERTON WASH
- MB CONCORD CALIF
- MB FALLBROOK CALIF
- MB HAWTHORNE NEV
- MB LAS VEGAS
- MB MCALESTER OKLA
- MB SDIEGO
- MB SANFORD FLA
- MB QUONSET PT R I
- MB PORTSMOUTH N H
- MB NEWPORT R I
- MB BRUNSWICH ME
- MB ANNAPOLIS MD
- MB CECIL FLD FLA
- MB JAX FLA
- MB LAKEHURST NJ
- MB NORFOLK VA
- MB YORKTOWN VA
- MB LONG BEACH CALIF.

EXTRACTS FROM BUPERSNOTE 4600 OF 24FEB67

DURING THE PAST YEAR THERE HAS BEEN MUCH INTEREST EXPRESSED IN MILITARY LEAVE TRAVEL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AS WELL AS BY THE CONGRESS. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED HERE CAN ONLY BE USED AS A GUIDE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. INASMUCH AS WE ALL WILL SOONER OR LATER BE ASKING SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT ARE ANSWERED HEREIN, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRINT THIS INFORMATION SO ALL HANDS MAY HAVE A COPY.

TRAVEL

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TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR
MILITARY LEAVE TRAVELERS

Assistance for Military Travelers

There are several sources of aid available to military service personnel who are confronted with problems while traveling. One such source of assistance is the Travelers' Aid Society, which maintains desks in most major air, rail, and bus terminals. Another source of help is Military Information Desks in the following air terminals:

1. O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois
2. National Airport, Washington, D.C.
3. Imeson Airport, Jacksonville, Florida
4. Atlanta Airport, Atlanta, Georgia
5. Lambert Field, St. Louis, Missouri
6. Love Field, Dallas, Texas
7. San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco, California
8. John F. Kennedy Airport (International Terminal), New York, N. Y.

The above information desks are operated by the military services, and with the exception of San Francisco and New York, they are at present on a trial basis to determine their degree of benefit to military travelers.

Following is some of the assistance available to military travelers from Military Information Desks and/or Travelers' Aid:

1. Assistance in selecting alternate airlines or alternate destinations (those close to desired destination) when the traveler is unable

to obtain a flight.

2. Assistance in obtaining alternate modes of transportation, including military flights.
3. Assistance in obtaining local ground transportation.
4. Information on local services available, USO, YMCA, etc.
5. Aid in contacting duty station when member anticipates he will be unable to return on time.

In addition to Military Information Desks, local recruiting offices and local military installations will normally assist in notifying a service member's duty station when the member anticipates he will be unable to return to his duty station on time. Local military installations and recruiting offices are listed in the telephone book under "U. S. Government."

Space Available Military Air Travel

No-cost travel is available to military members on a space available basis on Military Airlift Command (MAC), Air National Guard, Air Reserve Forces of the Navy and Air Force, Mission Support Aircraft, and Fleet Tactical Support Aircraft. It is the policy of all the Services to accommodate military leave personnel on aircraft of the above types on a space available basis, with highest priority to those on emergency leave.

At most military air bases, there is usually a desk or counter in or near base operations which serves as a processing station for military leave personnel who are given first priority, all other military personnel are processed on a first-come-first-served basis. There is normally little advance information on the itinerary, departure time, or seat availability on most military flights, so firm travel plans cannot normally be made in advance.

Military flight information can be obtained at most installations by calling base operations. The number of the base can be obtained from the local telephone directory under "U. S. Government."

Travel by Air

Discounts offered by scheduled airlines to military personnel are varied and should be checked with individual airlines when making travel plans. A chart showing the current airline military leave and youth fare discounts is included herein as Appendix A.

As can be seen from Appendix A, almost all airlines offer a 50 percent discount to military personnel who travel on a standby basis. To be eligible for space available "standby" travel the following requirements must be met:

1. Personnel must be on active duty with the U. S. Army, U. S. Navy,

U. S. Marine Corps, U. S. Air Force, or U. S. Coast Guard and must be traveling at own expense on authorized leave, furlough or pass. (Travel is permitted within 7 days after discharge.)

2. The military uniform must be worn when a standby ticket is purchased and when traveling.

3. A standby passenger must have in his possession a Military Standby Authorization for Commercial Air Travel (DD Form 1580) which must be surrendered to the airline ticket office when a standby ticket is purchased. (The airlines reserve the right to inspect leave, furlough, liberty or pass papers.) The DD 1580 will be issued by the local command in a minimum of 5 copies. If standby air travel is contemplated, the traveler should insure that he obtains at least one copy of the DD 1580 for each commercial flight on which he expects to travel plus one copy for the ticket issuing agency.

When planning to travel on a standby basis, it must be remembered that it is on a space available basis; and therefore, no advance reservations are permitted. (See Appendix A for exceptions.) This is especially important during holiday periods when it becomes difficult to obtain space on many flights. Prior to boarding military standby passengers, carriers will advise of the point to which they have been cleared. If such a point is not the desired destination of the standby passenger, he is free to decline and wait for the next flight to his destination. If, after being cleared, either to his destination or an intermediate point, the military standby passenger elects to board the flight and is accommodated, he will be treated the same as a full-fare passenger. He should not be removed short of the point to which he has been cleared to accommodate other passengers. Baggage of military standby passengers are subject to the same weight or volume limitations and rules applicable to a full-fare passenger. Once a military standby passenger is accommodated any of his baggage which is mishandled by the carrier will be treated in the same manner as that of a full-fare passenger. Occasionally there may be a shortage of meals on an aircraft. If this occurs, most airlines will issue a complimentary meal voucher to cover meal expenses at destination.

The Military Standby Authorization for Commercial Air Travel (DD 1580) will be validated with the date and time by the airline on which travel is attempted when the traveler first arrives at the check-in desk at the airport. Since standby travel is on a first-come-first-served basis, this time stamp is important. If the traveler is unable to obtain space on the flight of his choice, he should check other airlines for schedules going to the same destination or a destination close to his desired one. The time stamp on the DD 1580 and standby tickets will be honored by other airlines.

A military standby may not register as a standby until he appears at the airport ready for departure. Military standbys are boarded in the following three categories of priority:

1. Emergency leave
2. Convalescent and combat leave

3. Regular leave, furlough, pass, liberty and those discharged within 7 days.

Travelers within each of the above three categories will be boarded in order of check-in time shown on the DD 1580. The military standby will be boarded ahead of all other types of standby passengers who are not eligible to make reservations.

Many airlines offer reduced rates other than standby to military travelers. In most cases these fares are higher than standby fare. However, they offer confirmed reservations. Discounts for reserved seat military leave travel and for youth fare (for personnel below age 22) are listed in Appendix A. Other reduced fares offered by airlines include excursion fares and family fares. Inquiries on these fares should be made to the local Joint Airline Military Traffic Office (JAMTO) or to the ticket office of the airline on which travel is desired.

Travel by Train

Reduced fares are offered to members of the Military Services for all rail travel, both one way and round trip. Furlough fares are about 50 percent of one-way or round-trip fares and are good only for coach travel. Service members must be in uniform and traveling at own expense to be eligible for furlough fares and must have in their possession leave or pass authorization.

Furlough tickets are good 90 days from date of sale for round trip and 45 days for one-way travel and can be bought any time of the year.

Family fares are also offered by rail lines for travel between many points in the western and eastern areas of the United States. Fares under the family plan are listed below:

One Way

<u>Head of Family</u>	<u>Wife or Children 12-21 Yrs.</u>	<u>Children 5-11 Yrs</u>	<u>Children under 5 Yrs.</u>
One full fare	$\frac{1}{2}$ one-way fare	$\frac{1}{4}$ one-way fare	Free

Round Trip

<u>Head of Family</u>	<u>Wife or Children 12-21 Yrs.</u>	<u>Children 5-11 Yrs.</u>	<u>Children under 5 yrs.</u>
One full round-trip fare	Full one-way fare	$\frac{1}{2}$ one-way fare	Free

Travel by Bus

Reduced fares are offered to military leave travelers for round trips on most bus lines between most major cities. In general bus "Furlough Fares"

are offered on round trips at a 10-25 percent reduction in fare to members of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard when traveling on official leave, furlough, pass, delay en route on transfer to new duty station or returning to home upon discharge. The member must be in uniform when traveling and have in his possession leave or pass authorization.

At present One-way Furlough Fares are available at 50 percent of the Round-trip Furlough Fare only from the following points:

1. Boise, Idaho
2. Columbia, South Carolina (not sold between 1 Nov to 3 Jan)
3. Columbus, Georgia
4. Oceanside, San Clemente, and San Diego, California
5. Savannah, Georgia (not sold between 1 Nov to 3 Jan)

Availability of furlough fares between specific points and actual cost should be obtained from the local bus representative.

Improvement of Commercial Service

In order to improve transportation services available to military personnel traveling at their own expense, leave travelers should be encouraged to report commercial carrier deficiencies.

In the event a military leave traveler, traveling with commercial carriers, encounters problems, a report should be made to the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service (MTMMS), utilizing a "Report of Commercial Carrier Passenger Service" (DD Form 1341). (See MTMR 304014). If a DD Form 1341 is not available, a letter report may be sent to Commander, Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, ATTN:MTMMS-PTN, Washington, D. C. 20315.

Problem areas should be identified completely with name of carrier, origin, destination, flight number (if applicable), and dates.

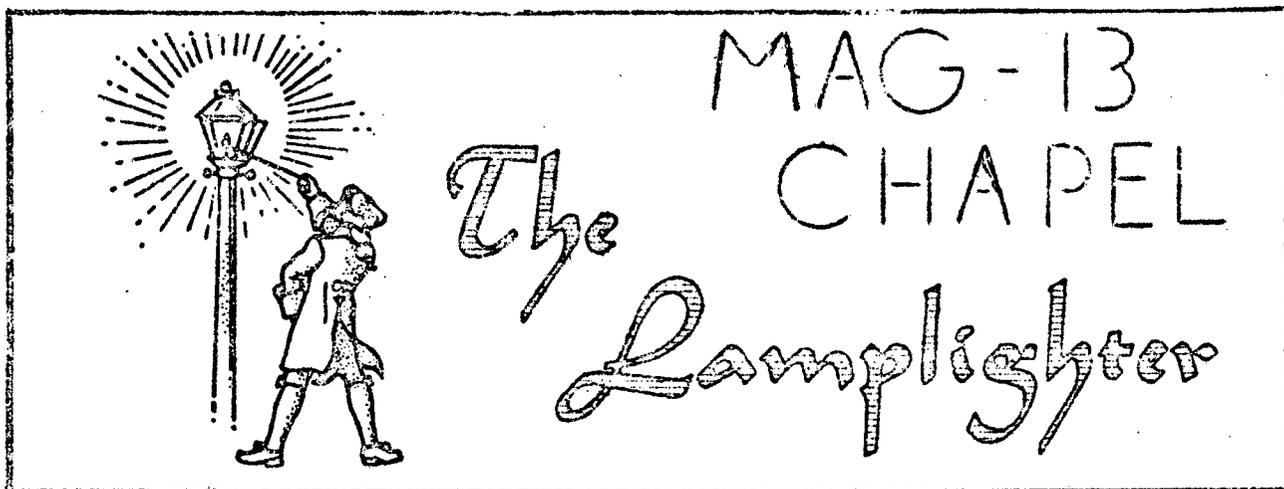
AIRLINE MILITARY LEAVE AND YOUTH FARE DISCOUNTS

All discounts are approximate. To qualify for these discounts, uniform, leave orders, and military ID card are required.

Discounts and Conditions	50% Discount		33-1/3% to 50% Discount.	Youth Fare Dis- counts below Age 22
	LEAVE TRAVEL	LEAVE TRAVEL	LEAVE TRAVEL	LEAVE TRAVEL
Carriers	Unreserved Seat Stand- by Basis	Reserved Seat on Emer- gency leave with certi- ficate from CO or Rcd Cross.	Reserved Seat.	Reserved Seat. Carrier ID Card Re- quired.
Alaska	x	x		
Allegheny			33-1/3%	33-1/3%
Aloha	x	x		
American	x	x		
Bonanza			40%	40% to 50%
Brantiff	x	x		
Central	x	x		33-1/3% (1)
Continental	x	x		
Delta	x	x (5)		33-1/3% (2&4)
Eastern	x	x (5)		
Frontier	x	x	33-1/3%	40%
Hawaiian	x	x		
Lake Central	x	x (5)		
Mohawk	x	x (5)		
National	x	x (5)		
New York Airways	x	x		
North Central	x	x (5)		
Northeast	x	x (5)		
Northwest	x	x		
Ozark			33-1/3%	33-1/3% (1)
Pacific	x	x (5)		50% (1 & 3)
Pacific Northern	x	x		
Pan American	x	x		
Piedmont	x	x (5)		
San Fran-Oakland Helicopter	x	x		50% (1)
Southern	x	x (5)	33-1/3%	50%
Trans Texas	x	x (5)		33-1/3%
Trans World	x	x		
United	x	x		
West Coast	x	x		
Western	x	x		

1. Certain holiday restrictions apply. Consult carrier's agent for details.
2. Certain weekend restrictions apply. Consult carrier's agent for details.
3. Reservations accepted three hours prior to departure only.
4. Military ID card in lieu of carrier ID card required for military leave travel at youth fare discount on Delta Air Lines.
5. Reserved seat on going trip only.

APPENDIX A



QUICK QUOTES

"But in fact Christ
has been raised from
the dead, the first
fruits of those who
have fallen asleep."
1 Cor. 15:20

*Part of Paul's ringing
declaration of faith
in the resurrection
of Jesus Christ.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY
PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE. Psalm 46:1

When trouble strikes, what you want is comfort and protection. You want strength to stand up to it and meet it.

You can have both. This text contains the answer. Frequently remind yourself that God is with you, that He will never fail you, that you can count upon Him. Say these words, "God is with me, helping me."

This will give you a sense of comfort. New hope will flood your mind. New ideas will come. A new sense of power will be felt. As a result you will rise above your trouble.

When a particular trouble arises, before you do anything else about it, sit down quietly, repeat this text a half dozen times, and put your full faith in it.



He Is Risen

MATTHEW 26:36-28:20

JOHN

18:1

TO

21:25



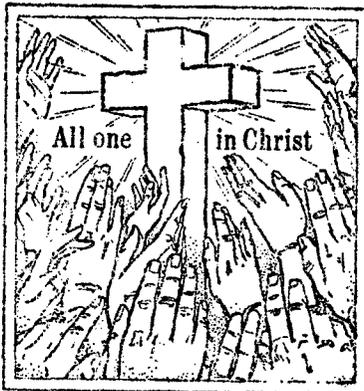
MARK

14:12

TO

16:20

LUKE 22:7-24:53



BREAKTHROUGH TO LIFE

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. JESUS (JN 10-10)

The eternal theme of Easter is life. As the coming of spring heralds the release of all Nature to new growth, so the Easter message proclaims the triumph of the Christian faith over death. God lives and those who serve Him have life.....and it abundantly.

The Christian finds life in greater abundance through doing the will of the Father. The mission of the Christian is the continuation of the ministry of Jesus Christ, to the end that all mankind will hear and accept the Gospel of Recociliation.

Much happiness is overlooked because it doesn't cost anything.



Don't worry about finding your station in life. Someone will tell you where to get off.

THE NAIL - SCARRED HAND



Is your soul burdened down with it's load of sin? Throw your heart open wide, let the Savior in--place your hand in the nail-scarred hand.

The leader does not say, "Get Going". Instead he says, "Let's Go", and leads the way.

The causes of recent USMC casualties in I Corps were:

- 52% Grenades and small arms
- 25% Booby traps
- 10% Mortars
- 9% Mines
- 4% Miscellaneous

ATTACK ON DA NANG

An enemy rocket attack on the Da Nang Air Base shortly after 3:00 a.m. February 27, killed 12 and injured 33 American military personnel. Minor damage was sustained by Marine Corps aircraft, however, one Marine was killed and two were injured during the barrage.

The rocket launching site used by the Viet Cong for the attack has been found and 30 live 140mm rocket rounds picked up by Marine search parties sweeping the area. (140mm is the size of 6" shells).

Two launchers, (simple four foot "pipes") mounted on a five foot plank also were discovered. The launch site was located more than five miles southwest of Da Nang airstrip, at the junction of the Tuy Leon and Yen rivers.

Approximately 130 of the positions have been discovered in batteries of five and six each in two lines 260 and 300 meters long. The positions were scooped-out areas in the ground with mounds of dirt in front of the pits. The rockets have been identified as a type used in several Soviet bloc countries. The markings on the equipment have, so far, given no indication as to the manufacturer.

The majority of incoming rockets impacted inside the village of Ap Bo, a Da Nang suburb, killing 32 Vietnamese civilians and wounding more than 60. Rescue and fire fighting teams battled the fires which raged through the early morning hours in three city blocks.

While military personnel at Da Nang and the civilians at ApBo were recoiling from the barrage attack, Marine Gunships from the Marble Mountain Air Facility moved into the suspected launch area. Illuminating flares from a C-117 provided the light by which suppressive fire was directed at the defined rocket pads.

"Puff" the Magic Dragon remained over the area until dawn, raining tracer ammunition from its battery of miniguns. Shortly after noon that same day a company from 2nd Battalion, Fourth Marines Regiment reached the launch site.

Information leading to the discovery of the rocket site was provided by a Marine unit between the launch site and the airstrip at Da Nang. Alert sentries had actually observed the rockets as they lifted from the launch pad, screamed overhead and impacted some miles away in the airfield complex.

Along with the launchers, the Marines found a crude rope and carrying

stick. At the front of the plank on which the launcher tube is mounted was a simple elevating mechanism and on the rear, an equally simple device used for deflection. The tube measured 5 5/8 inches in diameter.

The rocket motor was ignited by a simple tail clip with an electrical wire attached. A battery of rockets could be loaded, wired in series and fired by application of electrical current from a battery.

The nose fuze for this type rocket is judged to be extremely sensitive. Evidence indicates that the over-pressure or shock wave that precedes the rocket warhead detonates the weapons prior to physical impact. Contact with trees or roof tops in congested areas would saturate uncovered personnel shelters and produce high casualties.

MAG-13 Aircraft are participating in constant aerial surveillance of the Cantonement area to alert us to this type of attack.

At 100345 one of our scout dog teams found bare-foot tracks leading along our wire and out to marshy ground. Other sightings have been made by the Guard Company and our outlying installations which indicate Charlie has not forgotten MAG-13.

Two NVA Divisions are suspected of massing just north of the DMZ.

FRIENDLY FORCES

On 9 March two Companies of VC assaulted a Popular Forces post at Tien Phouc to the north west without inflicting casualties.

Recently 8 U.S. model 75mm pack howitzers were found in a VC Ammo dump in the Mekong Delta. These were possibly captured at Dien Bien Phu. Their maximum range is 8790 meters.

On 9 March 13 anti-personnel mines were found in a cache 8000 meters due south of the southern end of MAG-13's runway.

Three days ago the VC grenaded the home of a dead popular forces soldier and wounded four of his family. Two days ago a small boy led Marines near Chu Lai to a mine and a tunnel complex. Thus civic action, MEDCAP and DENYCAP efforts are slowly succeeding in convincing the villagers in our area that the "Liberation" promised by the VC in fact is tyranny, and that their nation and the free world can defeat Communism.

28,351 Thais have volunteered for the 2300-man Battalion Thailand is sending to Viet Nam.

At present the villagers near Chu Lai are holding hamlet chief elections. This is a critical and a sensitive phase in their efforts at building a nation and an active, informed citizenry. Local officials are particularly conscious of "face" at this time, and extra care should be taken whenever we deal with them on official business in town.

LATE REPORT

ON 26 MARCH A CAC "COMBINED ACTION COMPANY" (HALF USMC, HALF ARVN OR PF-POPULAR FORCES) B 1/5 PLATOON PATROL RAN INTO A VC COMPANY ON THE MOVE IN THE NORTHERN CHU LAI TAOR. MARINE REINFORCEMENTS WERE CALLED FOR IN THE ENSUING FIRE FIGHT. WHEN THE REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED, THE ENGAGEMENT HAD BEEN CONCLUDED. 8 MARINES KIA, 5PF KIA, 8VC KIA. THE FRIENDLY WOUNDED HAD BEEN KILLED BY PISTOL SHOTS IN THE HEAD AT CLOSE RANGE.

ALL OF THEM TOLD A NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT REPRESENTATIVE IN MOSCOW THEY WERE READY TO RETURN TO VIETNAM ANY TIME THEY ARE NEEDED. SHE SAYS LIFE IN MOSCOW CAN EASILY SPOIL AND CORRUPT YOUNG VIETNAMESE. YOUNG RUSSIANS DO NOT LIKE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND OFTEN MISTAKE THEM FOR CHINESE. OR THEY FLATTER AND PRAISE THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE FOR SUFFERING IN A PROTRACTED WAR. THESE PEOPLE ARE REALLY WORTH INSULTING, SHE SAID. THE VIETNAMESE STUDENTS IN MOSCOW TAKE UP COLLECTIONS FREQUENTLY TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE. MOST OF THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE THINK THE VIETNAMESE ARE COURAGEOUS BUT ARE NOT WELL AWARE OF THE REASON FOR THE STRUGGLE. THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE ARE NOT VERY REVOLUTIONARY IN NATURE AND THE YOUNG ENJOY TOO MUCH THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE..."

"MORALE AMONG MANY TRAINEES IS NOT GOOD. MOST DO NOT WANT TO INFILTRATE. THEY ARE AFRAID OF HARDSHIPS, DIFFICULTIES, SACRIFICES AND ILLNESS. SOME OF THEM HAVE FLED THE CAMP FOR THEIR HOME VILLAGES..."

"TODAY WE WERE ISSUED OUR EQUIPMENT FOR INFILTRATION:

- 1 shelter half
- 1 hammock
- 1 pack
- 1 pair of sandals
- 1 set of uniforms
- 1 sweater
- 1 cap
- 1 mosquito net
- 1 canteen
- 2 sets of underwear
- 1 can of fish paste and three cans of salt; 200 grams of nuoc mam.

EACH MAN IN OUR SQUAD WAS ISSUED A K-44 RIFLE OR A K-50 SUB MACHINE GUN AND TWO GRENADES; ALSO OUR SQUAD RECEIVED ONE AUTOMATIC RIFLE AND ONE ANTI-TANK GUN..."

"WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE 17 MILLION NORTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, AND THE CHINESE, RUSSIAN AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRY PEOPLE AND WITH THE OPPOSITION OF THE PAGANIST COUNTRIES AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AGAINST JOHNSON'S POLICY OF WAR IN VIETNAM, SOONLY WE WILL ACHIEVE FINAL VICTORY..."

"SOME MEN HAVE WRITTEN ON THEIR UNDERSHIRTS: SANH BAC TU NAM ("BORN IN THE NORTH, WILL DIE IN THE SOUTH")..."

"STILL SOMEWHERE IN CENTRAL LAOS. MORE HEAVY RAIN. MOUNTAIN PASS CROSSINGS ARE DIFFICULT. I AM TIRED AND HUNGRY. TIRED OF CLIMBING MOUNTAINS AND WADING STREAMS. HUNGRY. LEGS FEEL LIKE THEY ARE READY TO FALL OFF. IT TAKES SIX TO SEVEN HOURS TO PREPARE A MEAL AT NIGHT. IMPOSSIBLE TO SLEEP WITHOUT USING LEAVES AS A MATTRESS..."

MOUNTAIN PEOPLE HERE ARE VERY SUPERSTITIOUS. THEY KILLED PIGS AND BUFFALO WHEN WE ARRIVED. NOT FOR US, BUT AS SACRIFICE TO THE GODS IN CASE WE DEFILE THE EARTH, WHICH THEY HOLD SACRED. WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO DIG FOXHOLES OR OTHER FORTIFICATIONS..."

"TET DRAWS NEAR. MY HEART IS STIRRED WITH MEMORIES OF MY FAMILY. TEARS OOZE FROM MY EYES. USED THE LAST OF MY TOOTHPASTE TODAY. MY WHISTLE DOESN'T WORK ANY MORE..."

"LAOTIANS COME TRADING FOOD FOR THINGS WE ARE CARRYING. IT IS FORBIDDEN TO DO, BUT MANY OF THE MEN DO IT ANYWAY. TODAY I WAS CAUGHT TRADING SOME CLOTHES FOR RICE AND WAS REPRIMANDED. THEN I DISCOVERED THE SACK OF RICE I HAD TRADED MY LAST EXTRA PAIR OF PANTS FOR, WAS A SACK OF DIRT ON TOP..."

"LOWER RACS, TERRIBLE HARDSHIPS, PATHS AGAIN STEEP. HEAVY RAINS AGAIN EVERY DAY. LOADS WE CARRY VERY HEAVY. FIVE MEN HAVE DIED OF MALARIA. I DIDN'T THINK PEOPLE DIED OF MALARIA..."

"THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE BECAUSE THE THIRD SQUAD WENT TO CUT WOOD WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE OR NOTIFYING HEADQUARTERS. THUS WE THOUGHT IT WAS THE ENEMY APPROACHING AND OPENED FIRE. FOUR WERE KILLED AND SEVERAL OTHERS WOUNDED..."

"IT WAS NIGHT AND WE STARTED ACROSS A RIVER BY FERRY. NO SOONER WERE WE ON THE OTHER THAN THE ENEMY PLANES CAME AND DROPPED FLARES AND STRAFED US. WE ARE NOW IN SOUTH VIETNAM..."

"MOVED 15 KILOMETERS THROUGH THE JUNGLE. RAINED ALL DAY. MANY OF THE MEN HAVE MALARIA AND THEIR LEGS ARE SWOLLEN. CROSSED 32 STREAMS. IT TOOK US NEARLY 15 HOURS. ENEMY PLANES STRAFED US AT SOME OF THE CROSSINGS..."

"CROSSED THREE STREAMS TODAY. MARCHED 21 KILOMETERS. STOPPED IN FOREST AREA NEAR VILLAGES. VILLAGERS SEEMED TO ACCEPT AS NORMAL ARRIVAL OF OUR RATHER LARGE CONTINGENT. SAW FIRST MONTAGNARDS TODAY. MANY OF THE MEN WERE AFRAID OF THEM..."

"STOPPED AT STATION NINETEEN. IT HAS ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSE BUT NO UNDERGROUND FORTIFICATIONS. THIS IS SAID TO BE THE SAFEST PLACE ON THE (HO CHI MINH) TRAIL. THE STATION EASILY TAKE CARE OF 2,000 PEOPLE IN IT..."

"LAST NIGHT PLANES KEPT FLYING OVER THE AREA. FIRST CAME THE L-19'S WHICH OBSERVED AND THEN THE F-8'S WHICH RAIDED US. THE LEAD ELEMENT KEPT MOVING BUT THE MAIN ELEMENT KEPT UNDERCOVER ALL AFTERNOON. IT WAS A WELCOME REST..."

"HERE WE FOUND A NEW PORTION OF THE TRAIL UNDER THE TREES, WHICH RUNS PARALLEL TO THE OLD ONE ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS AWAY. THE OLD TRAIL IS KEPT UP, IN THE HOPE THE AMERICANS WILL BOMB IT AND WE WILL BE SAFE TO TRAVEL THE NEW TRAIL. HOWEVER A MAN AT THE STATION SAID THE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN BOMBING BOTH TRAILS..."

"FOOD SITUATION IS GETTING CRITICAL. WILL HAVE TO CUT THE RATION BELOW 500 GRAMS. THE WORD TONIGHT IS THAT THERE IS NO RICE AT ALL STORED AT THE NEXT TWO STATIONS..."

"DAMN THE AMERICANS. THEY FORCE US TO SLEEP IN THE JUNGLE WITH ONLY

RICE AND, IF WE ARE LUCKY SALT, TO EAT. I AM DETERMINED TO FIGHT AND SERVE MY PEOPLE UNTIL MY LAST BREATH..."

"CADRE CAME AND TALKED TO US TODAY. HE SAID ENEMY STRENGTH AND ACTIVITIES HAVE INCREASED AGAINST US LATELY AND THAT WE FACE MANY DIFFICULTIES NOW. BUT HE SAID THESE DIFFICULTIES ARE ONLY TEMPORARY AND THAT BASICALLY WE ARE --- BOTH MILITARILY AND POLITICALLY -- MUCH STRONGER THAN THE ENEMY. HE SAID TRAITORS IN OUR MIDST MUST BE ROOTED OUT. AND HE SAID THE NOTION OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR LACKEY HENCHMEN MUST BE ELIMINATED. WE MUST PREPARE TO FIGHT A PROTRACTED CONFLICT, RELYING ENTIRELY ON OUR OWN CAPABILITIES. WARS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION ARE WON BY MEANS OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE..."

"RIGHTISM, PEACE ILLUSIONS, SUBJECTIVISM AND RELUCTANCE TO MAKE SACRIFICES MUST BE FOUGHT TO THE UTMOST. WE LACK REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE AND THE ENEMY'S CHIEU HOI CAMPAIGN HAS EATEN ITS WAY INTO OUR RANKS. WE MUST CHECK THIS FLOW OF DESERTIONS. FEAR OF THE AMERICANS IS A COWARDICE WHICH THE REVOLUTION CANNOT PERMIT TO PREVAIL..."

"BINH, A SOUTHERNER REFUSES TO RETURN TO HIS UNIT AFTER RECOVERING FROM MALARIA IN HIS FORMER VILLAGE. FURTHER, HIS RELATIVES WILL PROTECT HIM. WE MUST DISCIPLINE BOTH BINH AND HIS RELATIVES..."

"THE POPULATION AT LARGE IS VERY MUCH FRIGHTENED BY AIR STRIKES AND THE RESULTING DEATHS. FOR EXAMPLE BOMBING OF BOI LOI TOOK A HEAVY TOLL OF CIVILIAN LABORERS. SOME BODIES WERE BURIED; OTHERS WERE NOT AND THE STENCH OF DECAYING FLESH IS UNPARABLE. RELATIVES OF THESE DEAD WORKERS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO GO TO THE SPOT TO BURY THEIR DEAD. THEY WERE TOLD PERMISSION WOULD HAVE TO BE GRANTED BY A HIGHER AUTHORITY. THE PROBLEM IS THAT IF THEIR REQUESTS ARE NOT HONORED THEY WILL COMPLAIN THAT THEIR RELATIVES LIE STARK NAKED UNBURNED. BUT IF THEY ARE PERMITTED TO GO TO THE PLACE THE GHASTLY SIGHT WILL DESHATTER THEM. THIS PROBLEM DESERVES OUR UPMOST ATTENTION..."

"MILITARY TRAINING HAD BEEN CONDUCTED SINCE AUGUST 5 AND HAS STRESSED:

- 1) ANNIHILATING OF THE AMERICANS
- 2) SHOOTING DOWN AIRCRAFT
- 3) DESTROYING M-113'S, ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS.
- 4) ACCEPTING THE MOST DIFFICULT MISSIONS.
- 5) FURNISHING THE COMBAT EXAMPLE OF FRIENDLY UNITS IN THE DA GIA AREA.
- 6) SELECTING AND EMPLOYING THE MOST PROGRESSIVE SQUAD LEADERS.

"OUR INFORMATION DISCUSSIONS CHOOSE AS THE TOPIC: 'DARE WE FIGHT THE AMERICANS?' UPON HEARING OF THE VICTORIES OF OUR UNITS AT NUI THANH MOUNTAIN AND VAN TUONG OUR MEN WERE HIGH SPIRITED. WE USED THESE VICTORIES TO MOTIVATE AND ENCOURAGE THEM FURTHER. OUR MEN, AFTER BEING CAREFULLY TAUGHT ABOUT AMERICAN MILITARY TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES WERE VERY EAGER TO ENGAGE THE AMERICANS. MANY SAID, 'WE MUST NOT SIT HERE AND WAIT FOR THE AMERICANS, FOR THE COUNTRY WILL BE REUNITED BEFORE WE GET A CHANCE TO FIGHT.' HOWEVER SOME COMRADES WERE AFRAID OF THE AMERICANS BECAUSE OF THEIR SIZE AS WELL AS THEIR AIRCRAFT AND ARTILLERY..."

"UPON HEARING THAT THE UNITS HAD GAINED VICTORIES AT THANH MOUNTAIN AND VAN TUONG WE WERE VERY HIGH-SPIRITED. WE TOOK THESE EXAMPLES TO AROUSE

THE UNIT'S HATRED OF THE AMERICANS AND TO URGE THEM TO KILL AS MANY AMERICANS AS POSSIBLE. DARE WE FIGHT THE AMERICANS? AND CHOOSE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH? ALL THE COMRADES ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSION. IF THEY (THE AMERICANS) ARE BIG, WE WILL HAVE "TWO OR THREE MEN AGAINST ONE" WE WILL TRY TO ACT CLOSE TO THEM TO AVOID THEIR STRONG AIR AND ARTILLERY SUPPORT. IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO FIGHT THE AMERICANS BECAUSE IF OTHER UNITS CAN, SO CAN WE..."

"EVERY NIGHT, 3-MEN CELLS CONDUCT ACTIVITIES VERY REGULARLY. MANY COMRADES SAID THEY WISHED THE AMERICANS JUMPED DOWN (FROM HELICOPTERS) RIGHT IN THIS AREA SO THAT THEY COULD DEAL THEM A LONG-REMEMBERED BLOW AND IMPRESS THE LOCAL PEOPLE. (THEY ONCE LANDED IN THIS AREA BEFORE AND THE PROVINCE UNIT QUICKLY RAN AWAY. PEOPLE TALK A LOT ABOUT THIS). THEIR LANDING FROM HELICOPTERS ON THIS AREA WILL BE A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. THEIR LANDING HERE MEANS CERTAIN DEATH FOR THEM..."

"IN BRIEF, ALL UNITS WERE IN HIGH SPIRITS. MANY COMRADES, GROUP MEMBERS AND YOUTH'S RECEALED THE CAMOUFLAGE NETS AND LOOKED FOR TREE BRANCHES TO MAKE AN SUPPORTS TO FIRE ON AIRCRAFT. THEY WERE WORKING AND TALKING: 'COME HERE (AMERICANS). IF YOU COME HERE, YOU WILL NEVER GO BACK. OUR TECHNIQUES ARE BRAND NEW. STEEL IS VERY HARD'..."

AT 0600 HOURS ON 18 SEPTEMBER, SQUAD LEADERS AND UP REPORTED TO THE BATTALION HEADQUARTERS FOR SAND-TABLE EXERCISE ON THE FORTH COMING BATTLE. THE PREPARATION JUST STARTED WHEN L-19'S FLEW IN AND FIGHTERS DROPPED BOMBS..."

"THE 1ST PLATOON ADVANCED TOWARD THE MARKET. PROTECTING THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE BATTALION. IT HAD THE MISSION OF ATTACKING THE ENEMY TROOPS WHO LANDED ON THE MARKET AREA AND INTERCEPTING ENEMY ELEMENTS COMING FROM DO BO. THE 2D PLATOON MOVED ON THE LEFT, CLOSE TO THE 2D COMPANY. ONE SQUAD OCCUPIED THE HILL. THE 3D PLATOON AND THE FIRE POWER PLATOON WERE DEPLOYED AT THE MAIN FRONT. BOMBS BROKE OUR TELEPHONE WIRE. OUR UNIT LOST CONTACT WITH THE BATTALION AND THROUGH THE DAY, WE HAD TO FIGHT INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT RECEIVING ANY INSTRUCTION FROM THE BATTALION..."

"ALTHOUGH AIRCRAFT ARE VERY FRIGHTENING, WE CAN REDUCE LOSSES BY, APPROACHING THE ENEMY TROOPS AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE. SECRECY MUST BE ABSOLUTELY MAINTAINED WHEN APPROACHING THE ENEMY. WE HAVE TO USE HAND SIGNALS WITH FRIENDLY UNITS. IF WE SHOUTED, OUR POSITIONS WOULD BE DISCOVERED AND WE WOULD BE WIPED OUT BY ENEMY SMALL ARMS, MORTARS, M. 79 ETC..."

"THE FLYING OF AIRCRAFT MUST BE STARTED SIMULTANEOUSLY. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING POINTS MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. WHEN LANDING, ENEMY HELICOPTERS FLY AT VERY LOW ALTITUDE FROM 30 TO 40 METERS ABOVE THE GROUND AND SLOWLY. IF WE AIM AT THEIR NOSE, WE WILL HIT EITHER THE ENGINE OR THE PILOT. IF WE AIM AT TWO THIRDS OF THE AIRCRAFT, WE WILL HIT THE GAS TANK AND SET THE AIRCRAFT ON FIRE..."

"GALLANTRY OF THE UNIT WAS SHOWN BY THE SQUAD POSITIONED ON THE HILL AND TWO SQUADS OF THE 2D PLATOON WHICH HAD FOUGHT HAND-TO-HAND WITH THE

ENEMY, USING GRENADES TO REPEL THREE ENEMY ASSAULTS. COMBAT CO-ORDINATION WAS GOOD. POLITICAL MOTIVATION WAS CONTINUOUSLY CARRIED OUT, URGING THE TROOPS TO MATERIALIZE THE SLOGAN 'ONE BULLET FOR ONE ENEMY SOLDIER.' TROOPS ARE AWARE OF THEIR ROLE IN THE CARE OF THE WOUNDED AND BURYING OF THE DEAD..."

"FAILURE TO KNOW CLEARLY WHETHER THE UNIT WHICH WAS GOING TO CONDUCT THE OPERATION WAS A U.S. UNIT OR A PUPPET ARMY ONE IN ORDER TO MOTIVATE OUR TROOPS BEFOREHAND. WE KNOW THAT IT WAS AN AMERICAN UNIT ONLY WHEN IT LANDED ON THE BATTLEFIELD. A NUMBER OF CADRE AND SOLDIERS WERE AFRAID OF THE DANGERS OF THE BATTLE AND HESITANT TO MOVE FORWARD AND STRONGLY ATTACK THE ENEMY. THE LONGER THE BATTLE LASTED, THE WEARIER THEY BECAME. WE ALSO URGED THE SOLDIERS TO ASSAULT AND SEIZE ENEMY WEAPONS BUT THEY DID NOT ACTIVELY CARRY OUT THEIR MISSION OR WERE SUPPORT WAS NOT PROVIDED FOR INFANTRY UNITS TO CONDUCT ASSAULT. MOREOVER THEIR ASSAULTS WERE REPELLED BECAUSE OF ENEMY M. 79'S..."

"A NUMBER OF CADRE AND SOLDIERS SAID THAT THE AMERICANS ARE STRONG, BRAVE AND DETERMINED TO REMAIN IN THEIR POSITIONS. MOREOVER IT IS HARD TO ASSAULT THEIR POSITIONS BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE M.79'S. THESE CADRE AND SOLDIERS WERE AFRAID OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT BECAUSE OF THEIR FIERCE AIRSTRIKES.