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## SECTION I

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF THE COMMAND

#### A. (C) COMMAND:

1. Units of the command engaged in logistical support for eighty-nine days of the reporting period.

#### 2. Command Group Activities:

a. Brigadier General George H. McBride, Commanding General, US Army Support Command, Qui Nhon was promoted to his present rank during the reporting period.

b. Colonel Noble E. Taylor assumed command of the 8th Transportation Group (Motor Transportation) effective 21 February 1967.

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c. Lieutenant Colonel Marlin W. Ramsey assumed duties as the new Director, Security, Plans and Operations, 3 April 1967 replacing Colonel Warren F. Sutherland who rotated to the Continental United States.

d. 1st Lt Benjamin E. Harrison assumed duties as the Commanding General's Aide-De-Camp effective 25 April 1967.

e. The US Army Support Command Qui Nhon activated and organized a General Support Group (Prov) commanded by Colonel Earl S. Sleeper effective 06 April 1967. In addition to the Provisional Group (GS), this command activated and organized Task Forces Gallagher and Robertson effective 6 April 1967. The Provisional Group and the two task forces were deployed to the southern portion of ICTZ in support of tactical operations. Task Force Gallagher is composed mostly of personnel from the US Army Support Command, Cam Ranh Bay. The logistical capability of this command to support army forces engaged in operations in the ICTZ was greatly improved with the attachment of several logistical support units from other resources of the 1st Logistical Command.

f. Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, US Army Support Command, Qui Nhon is the recipient of the award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation per General Order 740, Headquarters United States Army Vietnam effective 20 February 1967 for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period August 65 to July 66. During this period, members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary perseverance, determination and professional competence in providing command and control of the total logistical effort for all the Free World Military Assistance Forces in the Qui Nhon support area. Despite limited resources and the most adverse operating conditions, the unit expeditiously established key logistical support at strategic sites throughout its area of responsibility.

g. Distinguished visitors to the command during the reporting period included:

RADM T.J. Walker, Commander Carrier Division 3	7 February 1967
BG Charles M. Duke, CG, 18th Engr Bde	7 February 1967
BG Richard J. Seitz, Asst DCG/CofS, USARV	10 February 1967
BG Rhoe, CG, 100th Log Spt Comd	13 February 1967
GEN W.C. Westmoreland, COMUSMACV	17 February 1967
MG Charles W. Eifler, CG, 1st Log Comd	18-19 February 1967
BG Lindberg, Deputy AAFES	21 February 1967
MG Carroll H. Dunn, J4, MACV	22-23 February 1967

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LTC Jean E. Engler, DCG, USARV	24-25 February 1967
Mr. Lee Jorgenson, Vice President Le Torneau	26 February 1967
ADM U.S. Grant Sharpe, CINCPAC	28 February 1967
LTC Jean E. Engler, DCG, USARV	28 February 1967
Mr. Hecht, Vice President, Sears Roebuck	4 March 1967
GEN Lai Ming Tang, CINC Combined Service Forces, Republic of China	4 March 1967
BG Lindberg, Deputy AAFES	4 March 1967
BG Charles W. Ryder, ADC, 4th Inf Div	4 March 1967
BG George H. Young, Deputy Chief of Staff P&O, USARV	7 March 1967
BG Edward H. De Saussure, CG, IFFV Arty	7 March 1967
BG Edward H. De Saussure, CG, IFFV Arty	8-9 March 1967
BG Robert D. Terry, USARV Signal Officer	8-9 March 1967
MG George I. Forsythe, ACofS G-3, USARPAC	12 March 1967
BG Clarence E. Beck, Comptroller, USARPAC	15 March 1967
Mr. Guy Peppiatt, Chairman of the Board of National Association of Manufacturers	16 March 1967
MG Paul F. Yount (Ret), Sp Asst to CG, AMC	20 March 1967
BG Moore, CG 834th AD	20 March 1967
BG Lindberg, Deputy AAFES	22 March 1967
BG Charles W. Ryder, ADC, 4th Inf Div	22-23 March 1967
MG John J. Tolson, CG, 1st Cav Div	28 March 1967
BG Charles W. Ryder, ADC, 4th Inf Div	1 April 1967
GEN Cheighton W. Abrams, Vice Chief of Staff, US Army	1 April 1967
BG George H. Young, D C/S P&O, USARV	1-2 April 1967

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RADM McDonald, CMDR MSTB, FE	2 April 1967
BG George P. Seneff, CG, 1st Avn Bde	3 April 1967
BG Shelton E. Lollis, DCG, 1st Log Comd	3-4 April 1967
BG Lindberg, Deputy AAFES	5 April 1967
BG Edward H. De Saussure, ADC, 1st Cav Div	5 April 1967
Mr. David S. Thomson, Minister of Defense, New Zealand	7 April 1967
MG Charles W. Eifler, CG, 1st Log Comd	8 April 1967
LTG Lawrence J. Lincoln, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, DA	9 April 1967
LTG Jean E. Engler, DCG, USARV	11-12 April 1967
Henry Fonda	13-15 April 1967
BG Charles W. Ryder, ADC, 4th Inf Div	15 April 1967
BG Charles W. Ryder, ADC, 4th Inf Div	20 April 1967
RAFM Veth, Chief US Naval Operations VN	23 April 1967
BG Edward H. De Saussure, ADC, 1st Cav Div	23 April 1967
MG Choi, Tae Myong, Dep CG, ROK Forces VN	24 April 1967
MG Carroll H. Dunn, J-4, MACV	28 April 1967
BG Shelton E. Lollis, DCG, 1st Log Comd	28 April 1967
MG Lew Byong Hien, CG, ROK Capitol Tiger Division	29 April 1967

h. The command effectively supported the following major operations during the reporting period:

SAM HOUSTON	1 February - 30 April
PERSHING	1 February - 30 April
NORTH CAROLINA	1 February - 30 April
PRAIRIE	1 February - 30 April
OREGON	1 April to date

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i. The two additional LST slips and eight permanent LCU/LCM discharge points are still under construction and are scheduled to be completed by 1 May 1967.

j. The strength of the US Army Support Command, Qui Nhon has no significant changes from the last reporting period.

## B. (C) PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION, MORALE AND DISCIPLINE:

1. (U) Awards and Decorations: During the reporting period the following awards and decorations for personnel of USASUPCOM, QN and its subordinate units were approved:

February - 2 Leg of Mer; 9 Bronze Stars; 12 ARCOM; 2 Soldier's Med.

March - 2 Leg of Mer; 5 Bronze Stars; 7 ARCOM.

April - 10 Bronze Stars; 16 ARCOM; 1 PH.

2. (C) Command Strength: Personnel of USASUPCOM, QNH for the reporting period is reflected below:

February - 693 Officers; 115 WO; 13,064 EM.

March - 686 Officers; 114 WO; 13,308 EM.

April - 662 Officers; 109 WO; 13,923 EM.

3. Casualty Reports: The following casualty reports were generated during the reporting period:

February - 3

March - 3

April - 6

4. Replacements were received as indicated (approximate figures):

February - 324

March - 818

April 1, 684

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## 5. Promotions: Promotions for this period are as follows:

February - 5-E9; 5-E8; 21-E7; 154-E6; 287-E5; 1182-E4.

March - 3-E9; 8-E8; 12-E7; 9-E6; 317-E5; 711-E4.

April - 0-E9; 3-E8; 10-E7; 0-E6; 82-E5; 420-E4.

## 6. Arrival and departure of key personnel:

### a. Departures:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BR</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>1967</u>
MAJ	James A. Harris	ARM	HQ, USASC	20 Feb
MAJ	Jasper C. Horne Jr.	ARTY	HQ, USASC	4 Mar
LTC	Gerald R. Hasty	QMC	58th Fld Dep	6 Mar
LTC	Leo T. McMahon Jr.	TC	8th Trans Gp	9 Mar
LTC	Wilburn H. Bose	ORD	86th Maint Bn	9 Mar
LTC	George A. Greetham	ORD	184th Ord Bn	18 Mar
MAJ	Frederick V. Tabbert	INF	HQ, USASC	21 Mar
MAJ	Robert V. Stinson	QMC	98th S&S Bn	4 Apr
COL	Warren F. Sutherland Jr	ARM	HQ, USASC	6 Apr
LTC	Charles S. Francis	ARM	HQ, USASC	12 Apr

### b. Arrivals:

LTC	Earl W. Buchanan	INF	HQ, USASC	18 Mar
MAJ	John B. Zinn Jr	CMCL	HQ, USASC	20 Mar
LTC	James O. Haddock	ORD	HQ, USASC	1 Apr
LTC	Thomas H. Burkhalter	QMC	563d S&S Bn	26 Apr
MAJ	David C. Rosenberg	QMC	563d S&S Bn	26 Apr
LTC	Raymond A. Carlson	ARM	593d GS Gp	30 Apr

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SGM	Billie C. Hicks	71150	HHT, USASC	Feb
SGM	Leo B. Sumons	71150	HHT, USASC	Mar
SGM	Johnny A. Mead	76K50	HHT, USASC	Apr

## 7. Reenlistments for the past quarter:

February 24 - 32.6%

March 18 - 27%

April 22 - 3%

## 8. Central Post Fund:

a. Funds received during the months of February, March, and April:

February	\$52,259.00
March	76,449.00
April	79,589.00
TOTAL	\$208,297.00

b. Amounts released to units during the months of February, March and April:

February	\$28,242.00
March	39,600.00
April	40,235.00
TOTAL	\$108,077.50

c. Amounts released for specific grants for the months of February, March and April:

February	\$24,542.00	
March	37,928.00	
April	57,555.00	Pending Approval
TOTAL	\$120,025.00	

## 9. Mail received and dispatched:

a. Incoming mail opened, worked and delivered:

(1) Pouches - 2,056

(2) Sacks - 21,446

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b. Incoming directs labeled to units: Opening and working not required.

- (1) Pouches - 26
- (2) Sacks - 8,494
- (3) Outside Pieces - 14,190

c. Outgoing Mail distributed and prepared for dispatch:

- (1) Pouches - 1,692
- (2) Sacks - 11,058
- (3) Outside pieces - 5,507

d. Handled intransit for/from another postal activity:  
Opening and working not required (incoming and outgoing)

- (1) Pouches - 0
- (2) Sacks - 638
- (3) Outside pieces - 0

## 10. Safety, Accident Rates:

a. Army Motor Vehicle Accidents:

- (1) February 1967 - 31, Rate - 1.06
- (2) March 1967 - 22, Rate - .63
- (3) April 1967 - 29, Rate - .86 (Projected)
- (4) Average Monthly Rate, 1 February thru 30 April 1967 - .85

b. Military Personal Injury Accidents:

- (1) February 1967 - 34, Rate - 8.70
- (2) March 1967 - 33, Rate - 7.64
- (3) April 1967 - 26, Rate - 6.14 (Projected)
- (4) Average Monthly Rate, 1 February thru 30 April 1967 - 7.49

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c. USARV Accident Rate Expectancy:

(1) Army Motor Vehicle Accident Rate - .75

(2) Military Personal Injury Accident Rate - 3.44

d. Army Motor Vehicle Accident Rate = Number of Army Motor Accidents per 100,000 miles of operation.

e. Military Personal Injury Accident Rate = Number of Military Personal Injury Accidents per 100,000 mandays.

11. Money spent (Piastres):

February - 4,862,480\$

March - 5,360,390\$

April - 2,992,140\$

12. Orders, Personal Actions & Records Section:

a. Orders are not to be cut on an Officer prior to 60 days before his DEROS. The reason being, if orders are cut earlier than 60 days prior they are subject to be revoked or amended a number of times. This policy will preclude an officer from arriving at his new duty station with a large amount of orders and amendments.

b. Establishment of an action file on Officers applying for Release from Active Duty. The file was set up because of the large number of Officers applying for REFRAD.

13. Summary of Military Justice Activities:

a. Article 32 Investigations: 17

b. Special Courts-Martial: 66

c. Summary Courts-Martial: 14

d. Article 15's: 1141

14. Summary of Legal Assistance Activities:

Total Number of Cases: 1611

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## 15. Summary of Claims Activities:

- a. Number of Vietnamese Claims Filed: 35 (5,154,644\$VN)
  - (1) Number of Vietnamese Claims Forwarded: 30
  - (2) Number of Vietnamese Claims Paid: 5 (327,000\$VN)
- b. Number of US Claims Filed: 43
- c. Number of US Claims Paid: 21 (\$3,602.44)

## C. (C) PLANS, OPERATIONS, TRAINING

### 1. (C) Plans and Orders

a. FRAG ORD	8-67	SUPPORT OF QUANG TRUNG
b. OPLAN	10-67	OPERATION FRANKLIN
c. OPORD	11-67	OPERATION LEWIS
d. OPORD	12-67	OPERATION ANDRESS
e. OPLAN	13-67	CONTINGENCY PLAN-EVAC OF REFUGEES
f. OPLAN	15-67	OPERATION OREGON
g. OPLAN	16-67	OPERATION SUMMERALL
h. OPLAN	17-67	OPERATION COLLINS
i. FRAG OR	18-67	OPERATION COLLINS II
j. OPORD	19-67	OPERATION DAHL

### 2. (C) Operations:

a. Logistical support was provided in support of combat operations in the I and II Corps Tactical Zones during the reporting period. Forward Support Activities were established and were operated by Task Forces/Teams in the support of the following operations:

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OPERATION PERSHING

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OPERATION NORTH CAROLINA

OPERATION PRAIRIE

OPERATION OREGON

b. The command was involved in troop movements a total of 29 days during the reporting period. Movement included arrival of new units which were transported to final destinations. The following 1st Logistical Command units arrived:

(1) 43d Engr Maint Det	23 Feb 67
(2) 196th Engr Det	23 Feb 67
(3) 12 OD Det	23 Feb 67
(4) 540 CS Co Lt Maint	8 Mar 67
(5) 560 CS Lt Maint Co	11 Mar 67
(6) 350 SC Det S&I	21 Mar 67
(7) 504 OD Det Ammo	21 Mar 67
(8) 551 MD Det X-Ray	14 Apr 67
(9) 540 CS Co Hvy Mtl Sup	14 Apr 67
(10) 563 CS Sup & Svc Bn HHC	30 Apr 67
(11) 567 CS Sup & Svc Bn HHC	30 Apr 67
(12) 95 EN Det Fire Ftg	30 Apr 67
(13) 98 EN Det Water Trk	30 Apr 67
(14) 153 EN Det Fire Ftg	30 Apr 67
(15) 71 QM Ldry Plt	30 Apr 67
(16) 206 QM Det Ldry	30 Apr 67

c. Training: Units in the command continuously conduct CJT. Units which arrive in the command and have not completed BUT are required to do so with the least possible delay. Units participated in training a total of eighty-nine days during the reporting period. Training Directives and other related material were published and distributed.

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## 3. Security:

a. Practice alerts were conducted by subordinate commands to evaluate the effectiveness of security plans and procedures. Plans and procedures were modified and adjusted where weaknesses were noted.

b. Binh Dinh Sector has assigned a Regional Force Company the mission of occupying key terrain on the Qui Nhon peninsula. This company patrols and conducts operations under control of Tuy Phuoc district in close coordination with this headquarters. IFFV Arty (Fwd) Qui Nhon has attached a M42-40mm weapon to this command, which is employed on the LST Beach. The addition of the Regional Force Company and the M42-40mm weapon has improved the security posture of the port. The port continues to be one of the most critical areas in the Qui Nhon area.

c. The command has organized a provisional platoon that provides security for five bridges located in the Qui Nhon defense area. The 93d Military Police Battalion executes operational control and supervision over this platoon.

d. Security requirements in the two ammunition storage areas in Qui Nhon has significantly increased the guard commitments in the command. A 290 man provisional guard company has been organized and attached to the 93d Military Police Battalion to satisfy the security requirements of the Phu Tai ammunition storage area. This ammunition storage area is the other critical installation in the Qui Nhon area.

e. Physical Barriers, lighting and other protective measures have highly improved within the command.

## 4. Organization:

a. This command submitted MTOE's for all assigned units during the implementation of NAADS in RVN in February and March 1967.

b. The 567 CS Bn Supply & Service arrived this command 30 April 67. This battalion is presently assigned to and operates camp, post and station functions in the Da Nang Sub Area Command. Relocation of this unit to Saigon is expected in the near future.

c. An additional Supply & Service Battalion (563d Sup & Svc Bn) has been added to the organization of the 58th Fld Depot which is operating the US Army Depot, QN.

## D. (C) LOGISTICS:

### 1. Supply:

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a. During the reporting period there were no significant organizational changes which affected the mission effort in Class I, II, and IV areas,

b. A program for the reallocation of 1600 cubic foot refrigerated boxes has been initiated in this command. Pleiku Sub Area Command was provided with 100% of the programmed refrigeration box requirement with the shipment of 10 each boxes from US Army Depot, Qui Nhon, and 1 each box from An Khe Sub Area Command. In addition, 1 each box is scheduled for shipment to the ROK Tiger Division, which completes their requirement, and 5 each are scheduled for shipment to Qui Nhon Sub Area Command. The shipment of 5 each boxes to Qui Nhon Sub Area Command will increase the net capacity by 5,200 cubic feet.

c. The net refrigeration capability of the Qui Nhon Depot was increased by 17,657 cubic feet with the completion of a refrigerated warehouse during the reporting period.

d. Sundry pack assets were sharply reduced due to the large issues in support of Task Force Gallagher and Sleeper. Resupply from in-country assets and the arrival of additional assets from CONUS has re-established an adequate supply within the command.

e. Hard flour for the baking of bread has become a problem due to the slipping of required delivery date (RDP). RVN is critically short of hard flour as of 30 April 1967. Action has been taken by this and higher headquarters to solve the problem.

f. The establishment of the Engineer Construction Materials Supply Point at An Khe, though its scope of activity is presently limited, will provide the key supply center for major construction materials in the An Khe Sub Area Command.

g. In the first quarter of 1967 a total of 148 Reports of Survey were processed by the Director of Supply. The total cost of all equipment involved in surveys during the quarter was \$999,000.00. Of this amount, approximately 17% of the total dollar value of the equipment was lost or damaged. Surveys of the quarter included 90 vehicles, 13 weapons, and 45 miscellaneous items of equipment. Quarterly Reports of Operational Loss and Breakage processed by the Director of Supply represented 61 units for which this command acted as "Installation Commander." The values of items lost or damaged amounted to \$5,200.00.

h. Operation Counter, a special assistance team from Department of the Army arrived in Qui Nhon during the reporting period. To date, the team has worked primarily on purifying unit PLL's and assisting USAD, QN, in item identification, location survey, and preparing for location inventory. The team is slightly ahead of schedule on unit PLL's but it is believed that this extra time will be required to complete some of the unit ASL's.

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## 2. Transportation:

a. During the reporting period, continuing emphasis to expand the utilization of all four modes of transportation was given. New surveillance procedures were initiated in an effort to obtain maximum utilization of all transportation assets.

b. The following projects were initiated, continued, or completed during the period:

(1) Construction of De Long Pier access road has been, for all practical purposes, completed. The access road and bridge will be entirely completed by 15 May. This road will provide a direct route, bypassing the city, to all depot locations. A more rapid turn around of port clearance vehicles will be realized, as well as a reduction in motor vehicle accidents exposure.

(2) Open storage areas along the De Long Pier Causeway have been programmed, however, higher priority engineer projects have precluded actual beginning of construction. Once this project is complete a more expeditious flow of equipment to and from the Pier will be realized. Open storage areas will facilitate the staging of equipment for unit moves, either into or out of the Qui Nhon area. In addition, it will provide facilities for parking Ro/Ro trailers as they are off loaded from the vessel, and allow for a prestaging area for these same trailers, immediately prior to the Ro/Ro vessel arrival, thereby expediting the outloading procedures.

(3) 8th Transportation Group (MT) initiated tighter controls and surveillance of their trailer assets. Consignor and consignee loading and off loading sites are checked on a continuing schedule to assure that trailer assets are expeditiously loaded, off loaded, and returned to the trailer fleet. Increased trailer utilization has been realized from this program.

(4) 8th Transportation Group (MT) has initiated a request to be issued their complete authorization of WABTOC trailers. A total increase of 180 trailers will be realized from this request. During the reporting period a total of 60 trailers were issued against this authorization. The additional trailers will provide considerable assistance in meeting the increased line haul requirements generated by the ports greater discharge capability and increased task force requirements. ✓

(5) To assist in relieving the tremendous line haul requirements, it was decided to attempt the extraction of twenty-one (21) stranded railway cars at Bong Son. To accomplish this task required loading the rail cars onto flatbed semi-trailers, transporting them over the MSR back into Qui Nhon, a distance of approximately 50 miles. The entire authorization of

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railway cars were returned to Qui Nhon, by tractor-trailer, a piggyback in reverse, set on the rails by the Qui Nhon and Phu Cat Air Force Base. The additional lift capability provided by these twenty-one (21) rail cars and the thirty-five (35) new rail cars purchased by the US Government from Japan, which were delivered to Qui Nhon during the period, will eliminate the highway line haul requirement to the Phu Cat facility. A total of 51,275 short tons of cargo and aggregate were moved over the rail line during the reporting period.

c. The Qui Nhon Port received and cleared 453,560 S/T of cargo during the reporting period. Increased cargo tonnages were attributed to realization of full operation on the De Long Pier, increased proficiency of stevedoring crews, and improved weather conditions.

d. The Qui Nhon airfield handled 11,973 short tons of inbound cargo and 13,153 short tons of outbound cargo for a combined total of 25,126 short tons of cargo by air mode during the reporting period.

e. The Qui Nhon hold baggage facility handled 3661 pieces of hold baggage, an increase of 323 pieces over the previous reporting period.

f. 8th Transportation Group (MT) transported a total of 196,618 S/T of Army Cargo, and 27,629 S/T of Air Force cargo, for a total of 224,247 S/T of cargo during the reporting period.

### 3. Services:

a. Bakery: During this reporting period 2,334,020 pounds of bread were baked at three operating bakeries (Qui Nhon, An Khe and Pleiku) which was 57.9% utilization of their capability. A bakery in Chu Lai commenced operation on 25 April 1967, that provides bread for troops in that area.

b. Bath: During this reporting period, a total of 334,717 showers were provided to troops by bath units for an average of 25.4% utilization. The low utilization factor is mainly attributed to the fact that numerous units located at base camps utilize either permanent or improvised shower facilities. Also, numerous decontamination teams, organic to the 243d Field Service Company in Pleiku, are being utilized as mobile shower points.

#### c. Laundry:

(1) Laundry processed by mobile field laundry units during the reporting period amounted to 2,537,743 pounds for an average of 41.3% utilization of existing capability. The low utilization factor was attributed to use of Local National Maid service in troop cantonment areas, use of old-type laundry equipment, and excessive task force requirements. Contractual laundry service amounted to 600,000 pounds which was only 40% utilization of its capability. The low utilization was attributed to the poor quality of flat work rendered by local contract laundry service and to the

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fact that one laundry contractor in Qui Nhon began its operation only on 3 April 1967.

(2) Additional laundry Eidal machines have been scheduled to arrive during the next reporting period. Presently, there are seven Eida machines located in the Pleiku area. Past experience revealed that 10 KW generators provided with each trailer provides insufficient power to operate all components of the Eidal over an extended period of time. An EIR concerning this problem was submitted by this command.

(3) Laundry equipment, Standard B, continued to have a high deadline rate due to age and unavailability of repair parts. The main source of trouble was the dryer generating unit. Power from auxiliary sources was used to the maximum in an effort to keep equipment operational. A total of 12 washers or dryers were salvaged, due to enemy action, a fire, and damage in transport from one location to another.

## d. Graves Registration:

(1) A total of 761 remains were processed by GR personnel within the Support Command. Graves Registration personnel performed no search and recovery missions as units continued their own missions of recovery operations.

(2) A GR Collecting Point began operation in Da Nang utilizing the building and other facilities constructed for a mortuary. A mortuary is expected to become operational on or about 1 July 1967.

## e. Food Service:

(1) Best Mess Award Program was continued. Each month, an award was made to a unit operating the best mess hall. An average of 50 mess halls per month were inspected by the Food Service personnel of this command.

(2) Two ice cream plants (Pleiku and An Khe) produced a total of 29,213 gallons of ice cream during the three months reporting period. These two plants now provide sufficient ice cream for issue to all troops in An Khe and Pleiku areas three times each week. An improvised mobile ice cream plant also became operational at Dong Ha and started to provide ice cream to troops in that area three times each week.

f. Post Exchange: A total of 62 PX facilities were operated by the Vietnam Regional Exchange North II Corps Area. The North II Corps Area Exchange provided service to approximately 88,000 personnel with an average monthly sales of over \$4,000,000.00. 303 military personnel and 888

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civilians were involved in the operation of the regional exchanges. Total write off and claims amounted to less than 3% of monthly sales. Action has been taken to initiate construction of a new PX Depot at Qui Nhon.

g. Property Disposal: USASC, Qui Nhon, operated two PDO yards, one located in Qui Nhon and one located in Da Nang. At the end of this reporting period, a total of 6,975 S/T of usable and scrap property were on hand; of this total, 1,794 S/T were sold but not removed, 3,926 S/T were listed on the Invitation for Bid, 301 S/T were reported to the Sales Office in Saigon, and 954 S/T are still inactive. In order to expedite disposal action, the support command has initiated a plan to utilize Roll-On Roll-Off trailers in evacuating ferrous and non-ferrous metal to Okinawa.

#### 4. Maintenance:

a. Several additions have been made to the maintenance support structure of this command, improving the overall capability to provide maintenance support.

(1) Pleiku's capability has been augmented by the addition of the 10 man 196th Engineer Detachment.

(2) An Khe's capability has been similarly augmented by the 43d Engineer Detachment.

(3) Da Nang has improved capability in the office machine repair area, the automotive repair area and the signal repair area through arrival of the 188th QM Detachment, 12th Ord Detachment and the 861st Signal Detachment. The capability of the 85th Maintenance Company will soon be improved in the area of artillery repair through receipt of personnel and equipment requisitioned against an MTOE just approved by USARV.

(4) In Qui Nhon the direct support capability has been improved through receipt of the 560th Maintenance Company (LT) (DS).

b. Construction on the Cha Rang Maintenance area has progressed slowly, however, with the receipt of two 120' X 200' shop buildings and the arrival of a construction engineer battalion in Qui Nhon the project is expected to be completed at a more rapid rate. Tremendous improvement has been made in the drainage system for the area and in road improvement since the end of the monsoon season.

c. Construction in Pleiku has progressed slowly, due to a lack of available engineer effort, but improvement is expected here also due to the arrival of a construction engineer battalion in Pleiku. Construction will be slowed again during the summer months due to the monsoon season in the Pleiku area.

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d. This command has encountered a problem in the excessive number of failures of the 5-ton multi-fuel engines models LDS 465-1 and LDS 465-1A. A comprehensive analysis and review of 12 such engine failures has been completed and a study of this subject forwarded to Headquarters, 1st Logistical Command. Repeated surveys have been conducted by officers of this command of convoy operations over the routes Qui Nhon - An Khe - Pleiku and Qui Nhon - Bong Son in order to observe road conditions and improve driving techniques. Strong command emphasis has been devoted to all maintenance procedures and particularly those which would reduce the failure rate of the 5-ton multi-fuel engine. It is the considered opinion of this headquarters however, that the 5-ton multi-fuel engine models LDS 465-1 and LDS 465-1A are basically unsatisfactory for general use in this area.

e. Another problem area has developed in the failure of kingpins on the semi-trailer, tank, fuel, 5,000 gallon M-131 series. The greatest number of failures were experienced on the M-131-A5 model. The difficult An Khe and Mong Giong mountain passes which must be traversed on the Qui Nhon - Pleiku MSR, placed a great strain on tanker kingpins and magnified this problem. 83 Modification Work Order Kits for the repair of M-131 tanker kingpins have been received and installed and sufficient additional MWO kits are expected to arrive in-country and be installed by 15 June on the remaining M-131 tankers.

#### 5. Petroleum:

a. Slow discharge rates from coastal tankers continued to offer serious problems to the command until 19 March 1967, when product was first successfully pumped through an eight inch pipeline to the military tank farm. The average discharge rate for this line has been 1,000 barrels per hour as compared to 300 barrels per hour prior to completion of this line. The 8" line was placed into operation temporarily by use of two each four-inch floating hoses. The permanent POL jetty with eight-inch pipelines and eight-inch flexible hose from the jetty to the ship is scheduled for completion 15 May 1967. Pipeline movements of bulk fuel to An Khe commenced during this period. Coupling gaskets appear to have a shorter useful life due to the humidity and high temperatures. In addition, pipe seams split on many occasions and resulted in stoppage of pumping operations. Seven sections of defective six-inch light weight tubing were shipped to the Engineer Research Development Laboratory, Fort Belvoir, Virginia for analysis with the purpose of assisting with specification requirements in future procurement action. Pilferage and tampering with the pipeline continued to cause delays in pumping operations. The 359th Transportation Medium Truck Company (POL) and 61st Transportation Medium Truck Company (POL) were transferred to the 240th Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum Operating) effective 1 April 1967. Mission assignment for the two units remained unchanged. These units are responsible for linehaul of bulk petroleum. The Phu Cat Pipeline is scheduled for completion on or about 15 May 1967. This six inch pipeline will be used to provide bulk JP-4 to the US Air Force at that location upon arrival of units requiring this fuel. Forty thousand barrels of JP-4 storage is presently under construction at Phu Cat Airbase with a target date for completion of 15 - 30 May 1967. Pipeline operations will commence to Phu Cat Airbase upon completion of the water testing of the pipeline on or about 20 May 1967. Collapsible tanks will be used to

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receive product at Phu Cat if the steel tankage there is not complete.

b. Work continues on the An Khe Tank Farm with an estimated completion date of 1 June 1967.

#### 6. Ammunition:

##### a. Short tons Class V received at QNAED:

February - total 30,439; daily average 1,087.

March - total 12,645; daily average 408.

April - total 22,480; daily average 749.

##### b. Short tons Class V shipped from QNAED:

February - total 12,916; daily average 461.

March - total 26,227; daily average 874.

April - total 23,112; daily average 770.

##### c. Short tons Class V on hand QNSAC:

February - QNAED 41,507; An Khe 5,104; Pleiku 8,316.

March - QNAED 39,931; An Khe 5,539; Pleiku 7,503.

April - QNAED 29,767; An Khe 5,313; Pleiku 8,007.

##### d. Ammunition Malfunctions investigated:

February 3

March 6

April 7

#### E. SPECIAL STAFF SECTIONS:

##### 1. Engineer:

a. Base Development: A detailed review of the MCA construction requirement deficiencies was submitted to higher headquarters on 10 April 1967 with the purpose of establishing the 67S and 69R MCA Construction Programs. The Sub-Area Commands are presently updating their Base Development Plans for submittal on 25 May 1967. The Base Development Plans will be in more detail than previous submittals and will include detailed site plans of all areas and an up-to-date classification identifying each existing building.

b. MCA Construction: Work continued on the new Log Depot Expansion areas in Qui Nhon and Pleiku and the expansion of ammunition storage areas in Qui Nhon, Pleiku, and An Khe. Particular emphasis has been placed on "self help" construction programs in all areas.

##### c. R&U Activities:

(1) Pacific Architects and Engineers Inc., our R&U Contractor, completed 1,292 Individual Job Orders (IJO's) amounting to \$709,442

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of O&MA Funding, an increase over the last quarter of 63% in number of LJO's processed. 8,964 Maintenance Service Orders (MOS's) were completed, an increase over the last quarter of 3.1%. Additional supervisory personnel were hired by the contractor to help meet additional R&U demands caused by the rapid increase in cantonment areas and other real property.

(2) Electrical power requirements have continued to increase. Only seventeen 100 KW generators were received during the period. However, approximately sixty each 60 KW generators were received and action was taken to replace existing 100 KW's which were producing less than 60 KW. The replaced 100 KW's were then placed in locations having a larger power requirement. Winnel Corporation continued installation of primary power lines in Qui Nhon City. However, it is expected to be at least two months before power can be supplied through this system,

d. Real Estate: A program is underway to relocate all military personnel from leased facilities in the city of Qui Nhon to military compounds in order to improve command control and security. To date, 20 lease contracts have been terminated resulting in an annual expenditure reduction of \$241,319. Additional lease terminations are forecast as military constructed facilities become available.

2. Special Services:

a. Motion Picture Service:

(1) Eighty-five 16mm motion picture accounts have been approved for units in the Qui Nhon area. Fifty-eight of these units have 16mm movie projectors, show movies 5 nights a week, and are presently drawing films through Special Services.

(2) The total number of movies shown in the area during the period of 1 February through 30 April was 1,645.

(3) Total spectators for this period was approximately 288,275.

b. Entertainment:

(1) Two USO shows were staged for troop entertainment within the geographic area of Qui Nhon during the reporting period.

(2) Participation and attendance for all shows during the reporting period was approximately 800.

c. Sports Participation:

(1) Participation in organized water recreational activities was approximately 3,180.

(2) Minor sports participation to include volleyball, ping pong, horseshoes, badminton and small games was 6,365.

d. Library:

(1) Library attendance was 4,021.

(2) Four complete tape recording facilities with approximately 150 master tapes were used by 1,200 personnel.

e. Electronics Repair Facility: One hundred and twenty-seven tape recorders, radios and record players were repaired.

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f. R & R Program: The attendance for this period is as follows:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
Hong Kong	330
Manila	65
Tokyo	429
Bangkok	337
Taipei	315
Singapore	62
Hawaii	439
Kuala Lumpur	70
Penang	103

### 3. Inspector General:

a. To perform its assigned mission, the Inspector General Section is staffed with two (2) officers and two (2) enlisted men.

b. Summary of complaints and requests for assistance during the report period:

(1) Complaints: Justified 2; Unjustified 0.

(2) Requests for Assistance 86.

c. Investigations: None

d. Annual General Inspections: A total of eleven (11) company size and two (2) battalion headquarters and one (1) Transportation Command annual general inspections were conducted during the reporting period. These units were found to be capable of performing their assigned missions.

### 4. Information Office:

a. Army Hometown News Releases: Total 3431; Photos: 722

(1) Feb: 1256 Photos: 362

(2) Mar: 875 Photos: 150

(3) Apr: 1300 Photos: 210

b. Photos processed for the period:

(1) Pictures taken: 2650

(2) Prints made: 7500

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c. Major Projects:

- (1) Pipeline story
- (2) Task Force picture coverage
- (3) Da Nang Chapel of Flags dedication
- (4) 35mm colored slides for command briefing

d. The following was accomplished in the area of Command Information:

- (1) Distributed monthly CI topics from 1st Log, USARV, and MACV.
- (2) Produced 5 minute weekly TV show on CI topics.

5. CHAPLAIN:

a. Activities: Chaplain Activities during the reporting period shows an increase in attendance of religious services, adequate area chaplain coverage, two new chapels dedicated, one chapel under construction, continual progress in civic action and community relations projects and a leveling off of the chaplain's direct contact in handling and shipping ecclesiastical supplies.

b. Achievements: Sometimes achievements can be best illustrated by statistics. The following information is furnished to indicate the activities of approximately 30 area chaplains for the reporting period. Combined participation in religious services totaled 59,527 personnel in attendance at 2,267 services. Attendance during the month of March reached the largest number, 22,019, the highest in the history of this command. 11,671 attended Character Guidance discussion classes. 5,062 visits were made to the troops in their barracks and training areas and 3,892 were visited in the hospitals. In addition chaplains counseled 6,332 men, of which 14 were in the stockade, participated in 231 religious education and chapel organizations with an attendance of 632, baptized 4, confirmed 2 and communed 15,863. A significant event occurred on Easter Sunday when a tri-nation ecumenical service was conducted on the parade field of the Trinh Vuong High School. Fellow Christians from Vietnam, Korea and America worshipped together. The congregation included Roman Catholic and Protestant from these three nations.

c. Civic actions and community relations involving chaplains assisted six orphanages. The Holy Infant Orphanage received 92,645 plasters, 50 pounds of clothing, 12 boxes of canned milk, 10 pounds of Easter candy

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and several dozen Easter eggs. Vien Duc Anh Bae Ae Orphanage received 12,390 piasters, 3000 pounds of surplus food, 500 pounds of soap, cookies, candy and toothbrushes and 50 pounds of clothes and toys. Garbage from messhalls is delivered daily and fed to the livestock. The Ghen Ranh Orphanage received 2 1/2 tons of scrap lumber, several boxes of toys and collects garbage from unit messhalls. The Kim Chau Orphanage received \$500.00 worth of toys, \$250.00 worth of baby food, \$180.00 worth of medicines, and \$50.00 worth of vitamins. A dining room was constructed for the orphanage, miscellaneous items are received on a continuous basis and garbage is regularly collected for livestock. Dong Tien Orphanage received 5 boxes of clothing, 200 pounds of canned food, 250 pounds of milk and one blackboard. Sixty man hours were donated for teaching 60 children English also the kitchen was screened and a flue was constructed. Xuan Phung Orphanage received 200 pounds of toys, 500 pounds of clothing and 75 pounds of soap

d. Four Refugee Centers were assisted during the past quarter. The Ngoc Thanh Refugee Center received 49,404 piasters in monetary assistance. Also donated were the following items: 20 bags of usable cement, 278 pounds of clothing, 900 pounds of food and 72 salvaged sleeping bags. Sick call is available for 6,000 refugees weekly from military doctors. Present plans are under consideration to build 20 pre-fab homes and to purchase tools for the carpenter shop. Kim Chau Refugee Center received 14,230 piasters and is given monthly material assistance toward their self-help projects. Tien Lanh Refugee Camp received medical attention and was hosted to a TET party for 70 children. The Phu Thanh Refugee Center received 100 pounds of clothing, 12 boxes of cooking oil and 4 cots.

e. Three schools were aided during this reporting period. La San School received \$279.60 for the purchase of an organ. Also donated were the following: 5,000 board feet of scrap lumber, 1,000 pounds of edible vegetables, 600 cans of salvaged soda, and 3 cartons of miscellaneous items. Sick call is regularly conducted and waste from messhalls collected for livestock. The Qui Nhon Normal School was given 6,480 piasters and 40,000 piasters for 20 scholarships. It also received 30 boxes of clothing, 40 pounds of food and 100 pounds of miscellaneous items. The Tien Lanh School received 2 tons of scrap lumber.

f. The Qui Hoa Leprosarium received 78,640 piasters. Also donated were the following: 12 tons of scrap lumber, 1340 pounds of edible food, 50 cases of milk, 12 cartons of clothing and 500 pounds of sundry items.

g. The Reverend Chester Travis, Protestant Missionary in Binh Dinh Province, was given \$1,433.99 for mission work, 1,500 pounds of soap, 20 cases of milk and 3,000 pounds of food.

h. Caritas, the Diocesan Relief Society, received 245,040 piasters and 2,200 pounds of food.

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- i. Save the Children Fund was given 9,244 piasters.
- j. Two hospitals received help during the reporting period. Holy Family Hospital received 4,720 piasters, 2 tons of scrap lumber and other miscellaneous items. The Binh Dinh Province Hospital Children's Ward received 5,040 piasters.
- k. Also receiving assistance during this reporting period were: Operation "Good Neighbor" which gave notebooks and pencils to 8 hamlets in Nhon Hoa village, the An Nhon Sub-Sector received vitamins for 10,000 children, the Trung Ai Evangelical Church received 10,000 piasters and the Qui Nhon Poor House received some canned goods, 200 pounds of clothing, and several loads of scrap lumber.

## SECTION II, PART I

### (C) OBSERVATIONS (LESSONS LEARNED)

#### OFFICER'S PAY RECORDS/PERSONNEL

Item: Inprocessing Officer Financial Data Records Folders.

Discussion: Complete auditing

A complete audit of an Officer's Financial Data Records Folder upon arrival of new officers in the command is considered the most important function of the Officer Pay Section. This audit is accomplished during inprocessing and is completed prior to the officer departing for his unit of assignment. Beginning in March 1967, payrolls are being submitted every other day in increments of 20% of the total Military Pay Vouchers submitted for the month. The payroll submission period for the pay cycle has thus been spread over a period of days thereby eliminating peak workloads.

Operations: Using these procedures, pay discrepancies are reduced and pay problems seldom occur during the officer's tour.

#### 10 KW Generators/Logistics

Item: Insufficient power provided by 10 KW generators to the new laundry model equipment (Eidal).

Discussion: Since the receipt of Eidal laundry trailers, 1 January 1967, considerable difficulties have been encountered with generators. The 10 KW generator mounted on the equipment is not sufficient to support all operating elements of the machines. In particular, when the extractor cuts in, it draws down excessive current which causes an overload on the generators. This causes the generator to cut off and burn out.

#### Coupling Gaskets/Logistics

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Item: Coupling Gaskets

Discussion: Approximately 6-8 coupling gaskets require replacement each time pumping operations commence on the An Khe pipeline.

Observations: The high temperatures and high per cent of humidity seem to decrease the useful life of this item.

6" POL Pipe/Logistics

Item: Lightweight 6" POL Pipe

Discussion: Pipe seams began leaking with small pin hole leaks on several occasions and suddenly split down the seam 6-12 inches.

Observations: Normal operating pressure for lightweight 6 inch API pipe is 600 PSI. Pressure on the line at the time the seams split never exceeded 400 PSI. Therefore, it appears the pipe may be defective. Two to three sections of pipe are replaced each time pumping operations commence as a result of split seam.

Malfunction/Logistics

Item: Malfunction reporting

Discussion: Of the malfunctions investigated this quarter, a significant percentage were possibly caused by malpractices rather than through ammunition malfunction. Unit reporting procedures continue to be inaccurate, untimely and incomplete.

Observations: All firing units should be familiar with AR 700-1300-8 and USARV Reg 75-1. Timeliness is of utmost importance in reporting malfunctions to prevent further use within the command.

SEA LOC Support/Logistics

Item: SEA LOC Support of Major Task Forces.

Discussion: During the latter part of May and the early part of April, firm plans were laid for SEA LOC support of two major task forces. Stockage objectives were established, and lift requirements were computed. During the mid portion of April, actual SEA LOC operations were begun and continued throughout the remainder of the month. Primary lift support is being provided by LST, LCU, and LCM. The sea lock operation has worked exceptionally well and will continue to work smoothly as long as sufficient LST support is provided to the Qui Nhon port, with routing to the task force locations. Cargo is offered in advance for required LST's and cargo is offered daily, based upon task force requisitions, for the LCU and LCM's daily lift.

Observations: Task Force support by SEA LOC can be successful only as long as continuous LST assets are available. LCU and LCM assets on hand are not adequate to fulfill the mission requirements.

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Religious Activities/Others

Item: Religious Activities.

Discussion: The chaplains are always concerned in attracting as many people to their religious activities as possible. The most suitable places for worship are selected where permanent chapel facilities are not located. When chapels are erected special attention is directed to the care both inside and outside the building. The religious services are arranged carefully and selectively so that the opportunity for the soldiers to worship is readily available.

Observations: During the past nine months the Chaplain's office has been directly involved in supply. The requisitioning chaplains received what supplies were available expeditiously, but milstrip procedures were not used. In March, the Support Command Chaplain's role as monitor of ecclesiastical supplies was thoroughly discussed at a chaplain supply conference in Okinawa. As a result, a new system is now in effect. The Chaplain will evaluate all requisitions and advise the commodity manager of their validity.

SECTION II, PART II

Recommendations

10 KW Generator/Logistics

Recommend that at least a 15 KW generator be provided in lieu of 10 KW generator for each Eidal model laundry unit. An EIR has been submitted by the Fleiku Sub-Area Command concerning this problem.

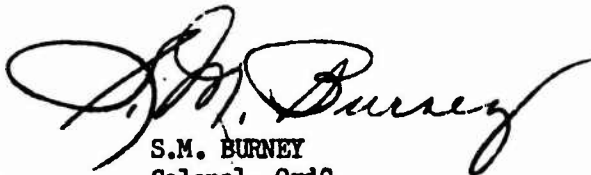
Coupling/Logistics

Recommend Research and Development Laboratories conduct intense studies of means for improvement of coupling gaskets.

Recommend military specifications of 6 inch lightweight API POL Pipe be reviewed to determine if design considerations provide for adequate protection against seam breaks.

Ammo Malfunction/Logistics

Recommend that appropriate command action be taken to eliminate malpractices and emphasize the importance of accurate timely reporting of malfunctions.



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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST LOGISTICAL COMMAND, APO 96307

TO: Deputy Commanding General, US Army Vietnam, ATTN: JHGC-DH, APO 96307

1. (U) The Operational Report - Lessons Learned submitted by the US Army Support Command, Qui Nhon, for the quarterly period ending 30 April 1967 is forwarded.

2. (C) Reference page 12, paragraph C3a: Concur with observation presented. Each subordinate command is required by 1st Log Comd Reg 525-5 to conduct ~~practice~~ alerts during the 3d month of each quarter to evaluate the effectiveness of security plans and procedures.

3. (C) Reference page 12, paragraphs C3b and C3c: Concur with observation presented. Due to the extension of the Captial ROK Infantry Division TAOR, it was necessary for the Commanding General, USASC, Qui Nhon, to take responsibility for the defense of Qui Nhon to include high-ways, bridges, and pipelines. A complete plan was developed for the internal security of the area. The area was sub-divided into four defense sectors. Sector A is assigned to the 86th Maintenance Battalion (GS), Sector B to the 8th Transportation Group, Sector C to the 58th Field Depot, and Sector D to the 5th Transportation Terminal Command.

4. (C) Reference page 13, paragraph D1e: The status of hard flour in the Qui Nhon Support Command Area as of 21 May 67 was as follows:

Average monthly consumption	750,000 lbs
On hand in depot	188,950 lbs
On hand in Qui Nhon (2½ days supply)	20,350
On hand in An Khe (4 days supply)	28,720
On hand in Pleiku (9 days supply)	58,400
SS Edgar Luckenbach (working)	413,310
Shipped from CRB (26 May 67)	198,400
To be shipped from Korea (RDD 30 May)	300,000

Above actions relieved the shortage of hard flour.

5. (U) Reference page 14, paragraph D2b(1): The DeLong Pier access road has been completed. Surfacing operations began on 1 June 1967, and the road was ready for use on 18 June 1967.

6. (U) Reference page 14, paragraph D2b(4): Recommend that in the future, authorizations for WABTOC 12 ton stake and platform trailers (60 per medium truck company) be granted automatically when the unit arrives in-country. This will avoid lost time due to having to submit paperwork and wait for approval, and will provide for more efficient utilization of prime-mover equipment.

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7. (C) Reference page 16, paragraphs D3c(2) and D3c(3); page 24, 2d item; and page 26, recommendations: EIR's have been submitted by units operating Eidal laundry units in RVN to alert the US Army Maintenance Board as to difficulties encountered with 10 KW generator power source. Standard "B" equipment is slowly being phased out of operations and is being replaced by new Eidal laundry unit (washer - dryer combination). Qui Nhon presently has 21 Eidal units in its support area. Where possible local power and large separate power sources are being used to operate Eidal equipped laundry sites.

8. (C) Reference page 18, paragraph D 4d:

a. The analysis of engine failures occurring in the US Army Support Command, Qui Nhon, was received at this headquarters. Information gathered country-wide and analyzed by this command substantiated the Qui Nhon study. The data collected on these analyses were forwarded to US Army Materiel Command supporting the recommendations of the US Army Support Command, Qui Nhon, relative to the adaption of the Mack Diesel Engine unless early and positive action can be taken to increase the reliability and service life of the 5-ton multi-fuel engine. In addition, this headquarters requested the assistance of USATAC in studying the excessive number of failures of the multi-fuel engine to determine its causes and find a solution to the problem.

b. At the present, twelve technicians from the Continental Motors, under contract with the Army, are in this theater and have been assigned to the three support commands. Four will be operating in Saigon, three in Cam Ranh Bay, and five in Qui Nhon. These technicians will remain in the theater for 13 months. They will give technical assistance to support maintenance units and will analyze the causes of failures to immediately initiate corrective action.

c. To satisfy demands, six hundred engines have been placed as a requirement for the month of June and three hundred for each month thereafter until a solution to the problem is found.

9. (C) Reference page 18, paragraph D 4e:

a. This headquarters requested the assistance of USATAC in order to determine the causes for the failures on king pins on the semi-trailer, fuel, 5000 gal M131 series.

b. A modification kit has been manufactured and is being shipped to this theater. Qui Nhon Support Command has modified 81 tankers as per report submitted by that command dated 19 May 1967. Subject report also indicates that 80 more tankers were in need of modification.

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c. A total of 634 modification kits have been requested. Ninety-eight (98) kits have been shipped to date. Additional delivery is scheduled at the rate of 10 per day from Fruehauf until increased production capability is obtained. Heil Corporation is producing against the requirement of 634 kits until the earlier rate of 40 per day from the two contractors is attained or until the total requirement is satisfied.

d. Five king pins were shipped from Travis. These king pins will be air shipped to Qui Nhon upon arrival.

10. (C) Reference page 18, paragraph D5:

a. T-2 Jetty is completed. Mooring dolphins and buoys are to be installed, the EDC estimated to be about 1 July 1967.

b. Jetty discharge lines are to be installed up to the pump station. EDC is approximately 30 June 1967.

c. Construction of a 193,000 barrel tank farm, to receive product directly from the new jetty, has begun with an EDC of 31 August 1967. Storage will consist of three 50,000 barrel steel, welded tanks, four 10,000 barrel tanks, and one 3,000 barrel tank.

d. The short life of coupling gaskets is attributed primarily to long periods of storage in the open prior to installation subject to direct sun.

e. Seam failure in light weight tubing (not API standard pipe) is attributed to handling during transportation and installation phases. Any piece of tubing that has been dented along the seam should not be installed but isolated for water usage or salvage. Construction units have received written instructions not to install dented sections. In addition they have been instructed to turn all pipe sections so the seam faces the ground. This is to prevent fuel spraying into the atmosphere in the event of pipe failure under pressure.

f. Tampering and pilferage are facts of life in Vietnam and are the subject of continuous attention on the part of operating personnel. Adequate personnel are not always available to maintain total security required to control theft and the curious. Periodic daily surveillance is the best we can expect from available personnel.

g. Phu Cat pipeline was placed into operation on 3 June 1967.

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h. An Khe tank farm completion is estimated for the middle of June.

11. (C) Reference page 25, 2d item:

a. Small pinhole leaks appearing along welded seams are due to inadequate inspection of pipe for deterioration prior to installation. Seam splits are result of denting along the seam occurring during transportation and installation handling (see para 10e above).

b. Line pressure test after installation is performed at 500 PSI for periods considered adequate, in accordance with the mission requirement. Leaks and splits of the nature being experienced often do not occur for long periods of time. The basic problem can be controlled, if not eliminated, by more thorough inspection by installation personnel.

12. (C) Reference page 25, 3d item, and page 26, recommendations (ammo): Concur. Mr. Peter A. Shaw, DAC, US Army Munitions Command, recently spent 30 days in RVN orienting personnel on the proper procedures for handling malfunctions investigations. As part of the normal investigation procedure, evidence of malpractice should be noted and reported to unit commanders. All deviations from acceptable standards are promptly reported to USARV.

13. (U) Reference page 26, recommendations (POL):

a. Concur with recommendation to possibly improve the gasket to allow longer storage life under adverse conditions. (If the coupling half is properly lubricated during installation and the gasket is installed on a clean, rust-free metal surface, the gasket should last for an indefinite period).

b. Aside from the previous comments the only solution is to do away with light weight tubing and install only the heavier API standard steel pipe. This is not practical under combat conditions.

14. (U) The US Army Support Command, Qui Nhon, engaged in combat service support operations for 89 days during the reporting period.

15. (U) Concur with basic report as modified by indorsement. The report is considered adequate.

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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 4 AUG 1967

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

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1967 from Headquarters, US Army Support Command, Qui Nhon, as indorsed.

2. (C) Pertinent comments follow:


a. Reference item concerning hard flour, Section I, paragraph D1(e), and paragraph 4, 1st Indorsement indicates that the flour shortage was relieved during May 67.

b. Reference item concerning authorization for WABTOC 12 ton stake and platform trailers, paragraph D2b(4) and paragraph 6, 1st Indorsement. Non-concur with paragraph 6, 1st Indorsement. Automatic approval for WABTOC items cannot be granted upon arrival in country of units. MTOE action is required UP AR 310-31. MTOE for WABTOC items should be submitted and approved before unit departs CONUS to avoid lost time or non utilization periods after arrival in country.

c. Reference item concerning 10KW generator, paragraph D3c(2) and D3c(3), page 16, page 24; 1st Recommendation, page 26 and paragraph 7, 1st Indorsement. Concur. Action indicated in 1st Indorsement is considered adequate. This problem has been reported on EIR's by a number of units in this command.

d. Reference item concerning engine failures, paragraph D4d, page 18 and paragraph 8, 1st Indorsement: Concur with unit and 1st Indorsement comments. This headquarters indorsed the analysis to USAMC strongly supporting recommendations of USASC Qui Nhon and 1st Log Cmd. Additionally, during June 1967, a report, by engine type, of 5 ton vehicles deadlined was forwarded to Project Manager recommending that an immediate improvement be initiated.

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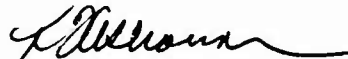
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HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 3 OCT 1967

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

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

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



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