PROGRESS 1-7 MARCH 1963

N1 - TRAINING IN THE VIETNAMESE NAVY. Senior U. S. advisor commenced 3-evening-per-week course in conversational English for 12 selected officers assigned to NTC, Nha Trang.

N2 - EQUIPMENT IN THE VIETNAMESE NAVY. Nothing significant to report.

N3 - TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT IN THE VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS. (1) Entire Reconnaissance Company, Amphibious Support Battalion, commenced airborne training at Saigon Jump School. (2) LFTU commenced 2-week embarkation planning course at Cuu Long 6 March with 30 VNMC, 4 VNN, and 11 ARVN students.

N4 - VNN SEA FORCE. 3 PGK completed initial phase underway training. 4 amphibious ships sailed on logistic missions. Patrol-type ship-days at sea - 36. Amphibious-type ship-days at sea - 38.

N5 - VNN RIVER FORCE. Boat days underway - 484.

N6 - VNN JUNK FORCE. (1) 15 motor-only junks departed Saigon 5 March to augment 4th Coastal District. (Brings all 7 divisions to minimum 16 junks each). (2) Division 33 deployed to operational base 7 March.

N7 - VNN SHIPYARD. Commenced operational use of Union Melt Electric Welding Machine providing shipyard with new capability for automatic welding of large production work.

N8 - VNN SUPPLY CENTER. U. S. advisors commenced SOAP (Supply Operations Assistance Program) overhaul on 470 as instructional example for VNN counterparts. Completed physical-count inventory of 5435 (9.1%) of 60,000 line items.

N9 - VNN CONSTRUCTION. Nothing significant to report.

N10 - VNN COMMUNICATIONS. Completed first U. S. advisor physical-count inventory of major pieces of electronic equipment at VNN shore activities.

N11 - COASTAL INFILTRATION. Summary of incidents since 1 January 1963:

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<td>b. Junks Involved: 32</td>
<td>(1) By Junk Force: 91</td>
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<td>c. Persons Involved: 108</td>
<td>(2) By other means: 8</td>
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<td>e. Total Confirmed VC: 7</td>
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<td>f. Out-of-Country: 0</td>
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All infiltration incidents in 1963 have been intra-coastal and no large scale VC infiltration by sea is occurring.

N12 - JUNK BUILDING PROGRAM. (See attached status sheet). 20 sail-only, 5 motor-only, 3 command, and 9 motor-sailer junks accepted and delivered to VNN. 389 (77.7%) of the 500 U. S.-contracted junks and 498 (77.5%) of the total planned 644 junks have been delivered to VNN. Contractor BUU-TE (Phan Thiet) completed contract. All U. S.-contracted motor-only junks now completed and delivered to VNN.
28 FEB - PC 04 - Seised and released 1 motor junk.

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28 FEB - LSIL 331 - Seised and released 2 junks.

1 MAR - LSIL 331 - Seised, sent to port 5 junks - posit 10°10'N, 103°21'E.

1 MAR - LSIL 331 - Captured, sent to port and released 1 junk.

1 MAR - LSIL 225 - Sank three-sail junk, 7 VC swam to shore, junk and wounded captured.


2 MAR - PC 04 - Seised and released 3 junks.

3 MAR - PC 04 - Seised and released 1 sailing junk

4 MAR - LSIL 331 - Seised and released 1 junk

5 MAR - PC 04 - Seised and released 1 motor junk.

5 MAR - PC 04 - 1 motor junk seized at 10°42', 104°51'E and sent to port.

5 MAR - LSIL 331 - 1 small junk released.