FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Hq, Force Logistics Command, Command Chronology for April 1966

From: Commanding General
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CO Hq Force Logistics Command ltr 6/WCO/mft over 5750 Ser 0028-66 of 8 May 1966

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO)
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
     (2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2

Encl: (1) Command Chronology, Force Logistic Command
      (2) Command Chronology, Force Logistic Support Group Alpha
      (3) Command Chronology, Force Logistic Support Group Bravo

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1), (2) and (3) are submitted.

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FORCE LOGISTIC COMMAND

1. Organizational Data
   a. Location: Danang, Vietnam
   b. Period: 1 April 1966 to 30 April 1966
   c. Personnel:
      Colonel G. C. AXTELL
      Colonel W. H. COWPER
      Major Carl JOHANSEN Jr.
      Major H. J. FIELD Jr.
      LtCol W. L. NELSON
      LtCol R. M. COOK
      LtCol W. C. OLSEN
      Major Carl JOHANSEN Jr.
      Sergeant Major B. L. MIHS Sr.
      Commanding Officer
      Executive Officer
      Adjutant
      ACoS, G-1
      ACoS, G-3
      ACoS, G-4
      ACoS, Comptroller
      CO, Sub Unit #1
      Sergeant Major

d. Strength

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2. Summary of events
   a. During the period, the Command joined a total of 15 officers and 517 enlisted while losses for the period was 9 officers and 253 enlisted.
   b. During the reporting period, there were three battle casualties. All were wounded in action, treated, and returned to duty. Two were EOD personnel wounded while in support of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, and one as a result of sniper small arms fire.
   c. The Transient Center Facility, operated by FLSG-A, has accommodations for 150 officers and 150 enlisted men with an overload capacity of an additional 150. During April, the input into the Transient Center was as follows: High of 410 on 21 April, low of 101 on 30 April, and an average input of 253.
   d. Civic Action. See Tab A.
   e. Construction. See Tab B.

ENCLOSURE (1)
3. **Chronology of events**

4 April  CG, III MAF msg 042200Z Apr (C) copped OpCon CO, A (Rein), 3rd Med Bn from FLC to 3rd Mar Div effective 041200H Apr.

5 April  Authority to issue the Purple Heart Medal was delegated to the CO, FLC by the CG, FMFPac. CG, FMFPac msg 050214Z Apr.

7 April  BGen R. R. VANSTOKUM, CG, FMFPac/I MAC (FWD) visited Force Logistic Command Headquarters and received a briefing.

8 April  The Secretary of the Navy published the designation of the Commander, FLC as being specifically empowered to convene General Courts-Martial. SecNav msg 080115Z Apr.

14 April  CG, FMFPac authorized FLC to perform limited 4th echelon maintenance to an extent not to interfere with, or reduce, FLC's stated 3rd echelon support mission. CG, FMFPac msg 140117Z Apr.

15 April  Sub Unit #1, H&S Company, III MAF was activated as the administrative unit for Headquarters, FLC. Reporting Unit Code 60129 was assigned. CG, FMFPac msg 020445Z Apr.

22 April  CG, FMFPac directed that personnel accounting responsibility for III MAF, 1st Mar Div, 3rd Mar Div, 1st MAW and FLC would be shifted from CG, III MAF to CO, FLC effective 1 May 1966. CG, FMFPac msg 221917Z Apr.

29 April  CG, III MAF requested that another Data Processing Platoon be assigned to FLC on a priority basis to alleviate the workload. CG, III MAF msg 290650Z Apr.

**Tabs:**

A - Civic Action  
B - Construction
1. Civic Action:

   a. This organization has been assigned three basic tasks by III MAF in regard to Civic Action:

      1) Vocational training of indigenous
      2) Storage of Civic Action Commodities
      3) Salvage of scrap lumber

   b. In addition, subordinate units have undertaken other tasks in support of civic action over and above the tasks assigned.

Vocational Training

1) 32 Vietnamese are undergoing on-the-job vocational training at FLSG "A" as follows:

   - 7 warehousemen
   - 1 shipping and receiving clerk
   - 6 carpenters helpers
   - 2 key punch operators
   - 8 mechanics helpers
   - 4 tire repairmen
   - 1 glass cutter
   - 1 painters helper
   - 2 file clerks

   (a) A system of regular checks and progress reports has been instituted. An NCO in each Company of FLSG "A" has been assigned as IRO NCO. He maintains status cards on each indigenous employee showing his progress and any demonstrated talents. These cards are reviewed by the S-4 every two weeks. Promotions and retraining assignments are based on these progress reports.

   (2) Two Vietnamese women are undergoing training as medical technicians at Chu Lai.

d. Storage of Civic Action Commodities:

   (1) At present, approximately 2000 cu ft. of civic action commodities are stored within FLSG "A". In addition 3000 sheets of tin roofing, to be used in school construction is stored for future use along with 6000 lbs of rice.

   (2) In addition, 940 cu ft. of MEL AP supplies are stored for III MAF by FLSG "A".

e. Salvage of Scrap Lumber
(f) During the period approximately 20 truck loads of scrap lumber have been salvaged and distributed to 3rd Marine Division Units for civic action activities by FLSG "A".

f. Other Civic Action Tasks

(1) The following is a resume of the civic action activity of FLSG "B" in Chu Lai's "New Life" village. Although all these events did not occur during the reporting period they are considered essential to bring the chronology up to date.

Chu Lai New Life Village, of approximately 3600 people comprised of 720 families in separate houses, was created as a by-product of evacuation measures necessitated by the real estate requirement of U.S. Marine Units which arrived in May 1965. Chu Lai, as a consolidated relocation village. Formed from the four then existing hamlets of Hoa Nau, Dinh Phuoc, Dong Yeu and Thanh Tra, was founded by the U.S. and built by indigenous Tam Ky residents during the early summer of 1965.

In addition to the homes, a market place, a three classroom school, a medical shelter, a pig farm and a duck/fish pond have been constructed.

a. Market Place. Native custom precluded usage of the market place until after a celebrative feast was held in anticipation of trade or market-flow. Since then, however, trade has flourished continuously with U.S. participation.

b. The School. In which Corporal A. J. MC CONAGHY, USMC taught English during the term, crowded to the maximum, can accommodate only 350 of the 450 school-age children. The 5 teachers are obviously over-burdened. The school term runs from August through April. Attainment of educational opportunities for all of the children is the goal.

c. The Medicate Shelter, constructed of concrete by the 2nd Platoon, 1st Engineer Battalion during September-October 1965, was initially operated by the 4th Marines. The facility includes showers, for which a pump is needed to overcome the persistent requirement to refill the tank. Two female first-aid assistants are employed in an OJT capacity.

(1) The average daily treatments are to 30 children, primarily for skin and toenail infections; and 20 adults, primarily for bone and joint infections. However, a few cases of malaria and cholera have been treated.

(2) Long range objectives of the Medicare Program are:

(a) Development, within the populace, of a sense of personal hygiene as a part of normal living.

(b) Control of communal diseases.
(c) Concurrent with facility expansion, train Vietnamese perform as many of the functions as feasible.

(3) The above programs, all initiated by the 4th and 7th Marines, were turned over to Force Logistic Support Group-Bravo in February. The overall objective is help the people to help themselves in their goals of improved health, education and living standards.

(4) During the period 66 men, 166 women, and 37 children received medical assistance. 3 men, 2 women and 1 child received dental treatment.

d. Pig Farm. Present facilities include stalls with cement walls, floors and troughs (water), cut-down 55 gallon drum feed troughs, a 10,000 lb. capacity warehouse/granary, cemented fresh-water well, and duck/fish pond.

(1) Initial construction begun by the 7th Marines in late November was taken over by Force Logistic Support Group-Bravo in February.

(2) Force Logistic Support Group-Bravo provided garbage for the pigs, which were bought with village funds by a USCM representative for Hue, Phu Bai.

(3) Yorkshire Pigs, consisting of 4 boars and 6 sows, have recently been bred. They are washed daily and well cared for by the villagers.

(4) A fish pond is located at the Pig Farm, presently used by 50 ducks

5) Goals are:

Aerate pond with pump and stock with fish from Hue, Phu Ba:

Expand Pig Farm.

e. 272 lbs. of food stuff were distributed to 1140 orphans along with soap and other personal comfort items by Force Logistic Support Group-Alpha.
Military Construction items for the FLCS currently total $41,178,000. A portion are Fiscal Year 66 and FY 66 Supplemental funding. A portion are FY 65 which is not completed. Another portion are FY 67 and were submitted to the Base Development Board during this reporting period.

### MILCON LINE ITEMS FOR FORCE LOGISTIC COMMAND

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DA  - Danang  
CL  - Chu Lai  
PB  - Phu Bai

Ammunition Supply Point #2, Chu Lai.

Item number one. The most urgently needed construction is listed as MILCON number C-631, and is for a new, larger Ammunition Supply Point for FLSG Bravo, at Chu Lai (BT 533018). Approval has been received for use of the land in question. Trans Asia, a civilian Architect and Engineer Firm, has been awarded the contract by the Officer In Charge of Construction, Danang Representative and a civilian contractor is scheduled to do the work. As of this date, no survey has been made of the ground.
Ammunition Supply Point #1, Danang

The site for this construction is already in use by FLSG Alpha and Line Item C-36 covers the first increment to improve the roads, drainage and to provide 114 numbers of ammunition pads. Trans Asia is also the A&E for this project. During this reporting period two design representatives spent several hours on the site. They expected to reach the 50% of their design work within about a month. They further expressed the opinion that the order to proceed to the RMK, the main civilian contractor in country, would follow shortly.

Ammunition Supply Point #2, Danang

Line Item C-36 and C-111 cover this ASP, as well as ASP #1, Danang. Roads, drainage and ammunition storage pads are included. This site includes about 281 acres and is located adjacent to the 7th Engineer Battalion (Coordinates AT943778). A great deal of earth moving work has been accomplished at this site by the 7th Engineer Battalion. About 4.5 miles of roads provide both access to and storage sites for the ammunition, which will be stacked along the shoulders of the roads, which are either cut from the hills or filled extensions of existing roads. Trans Asia is also doing the design work for this ASP, although Marine engineer effort is all that is in evidence to this date. This ASP, together with ASP #1, Danang, is to be completed by a civilian contractor.

Force Logistic Group Alpha (Red Beach)

Since the present location of FLSG Alpha is needed to accommodate MWSG 17 upon its introduction into country, steps were taken by Alpha to procure about 450 net acres, about 7 miles from the present location (AT997746). Location of the new Alpha area is AT940800. The prime contractor for the area is the 30th Naval Construction Regiment. At present Mobile Construction Battalion One, which is located in the same general area, is proceeding with construction. About 16 Butler buildings are erected, with work progressing on others. Work has started on the first cantonment area, to accommodate the Supply Company. The Commanding Officer, 30th NCR, has given a date of 1 July for completion of the Supply Company area and a date of 1 August for completion of the H&S and Truck Company areas. Construction of the necessary 4-5 miles of hard surfaced roads in the area has been assigned the 7th Engineer Battalion. Due to a shortage of crushed rock in country, a method of cement stabilized sand is being employed. A four-inch layer is stabilized, which is to dry for 7 days before another four-inch layer is laid on top of the first. A 2 - 3 inch layer of asphalt concrete is scheduled to be laid overall.

In order to reduce the amount of money in the FY 66 Supplemental request, money was not scheduled for the Maintenance Company area under line item C-601A. Line item C-601B was added for the Maintenance Company. No forecast of commencement of work for this area has been given by the CO, 30th NCR, although it is stated in the DD1391 form for this line item that construction should commence on 1 January 1967.
Force Logistic Support Group Bravo - Chu Lai

Line items C-630A and C-630B include a complete semi-permanent area for Bravo Group. Work is progressing at present and about 15 Butler buildings have been completed, a portion of which are in use by the Group. The situation for Bravo Group is different in that their semi-permanent construction must be built in and around their present shop, storage and cantonment area. No estimated date of completion has been given by the 30th NCR. The 4th NCQ is the prime contractor for this construction.

Force Logistic Support Unit #2 - Phu Bai

Work has not commenced on the semi-permanent construction for FLSU #2 at Phu Bai, either on their storage and maintenance area (C-660) nor on the relocated and larger ASP #2 (C-661) for that area. It was originally sited that the Unit would be accommodated on the East side of highway #1 and between that highway and the airfield at Phu Bai. Recent indications of expanded troop strengths, both air and ground, have caused the Base Development planners to look to the west of the highway for the site for the Unit and also for its accompanying ASP #2, although the possibility exists that the Unit may still be located on the airfield side of Highway #1.