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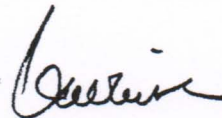
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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.



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20 June - Force Chaplain went to Phu Bai/Hue to view site for new proposed Community Hospital at Phu Long Refugee Village. Had conference at CORDS/Hue concerning plans for the hospital.

21-23 June - Latter Day Saints Conference conducted at China Beach with 280 LDS personnel from I Corps units in attendance.

22 June - Force Chaplain met with Vietnamese Educational Association Scholarship Committee to plan secondary school scholarship program for coming academic year.

25 June - Force Chaplain accompanied Senior Buddhist Chaplain, I Corps to Hue to visit 1st ARVN Regiment, observe work of Buddhist Chaplains and present TV to ARVN hospital.

26 June - Supervisory Chaplains' Conference conducted at III MAF with 12 supervisory chaplains in attendance.

27 June - Participated in briefing for Generals LAMPERT and BERG.

29 June - Force Chaplain hosted conference on plans for TV program, I Corps Chapel of the Air, presented each Sunday over Channel 11.

c. Number of courts-martial tried:

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| Summary: | 126 |
| Special: | 118 |
| General: | 13  |

d. Short tons of mail sent and received by III MAF:

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| Sent:     | 138 |
| Received: | 572 |

5. INTELLIGENCE.

a. General Enemy Situation. During the month of June there were a number of significant contacts although they were scattered and no pattern of offensive activity developed. The Go Noi Island/Hoi An area produced the most consistent activity. Based upon activity, PW interrogations and agent reports, enemy forces in this area were considered to have recuperated most quickly from losses suffered during May. Attacks by fire characterized the enemy initiated activity during the month. Incoming rounds were regularly received at friendly installations along the DMZ, although at times only in the nature of harassing fire. Toward the end of the month the volume began to increase slightly. This was particularly noticeable

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in the Khe Sanh area after the press announcement of friendly withdrawal from the combat base. Near Khe Sanh, the largest contacts occurred toward the middle of the month when 186 and 131 NVA were KIA by 3/4 (USMC) on 15 and 18 June respectively. PW's identified their unit as the 88th Regiment of the 308th Division. Earlier, the 102nd Regiment of this division had been identified by PW's and documents, and prisoners taken on 7 and 10 June identified their unit as the 83rd Engineer Regiment. This engineer regiment reportedly had the mission of building a road from the Xe Pon River (XD 7832), on the Laos/Quang Tri Province border, to Hue, while the two regiments of the 308th Division would attack Khe Sanh. Aerial photography confirmed the completion of 30 km of the road but large attacks against Khe Sanh did not occur. Additionally, indications of the presence of elements of the 304th Division around Khe Sanh began to diminish. In the northeastern portion of the province, there were several contacts but major portions of the 320th Division appeared to have withdrawn into the DMZ. Toward the end of the month ARVN and U.S. Forces contacted enemy forces east of Quang Tri City. In one contact, the 1st Air Cavalry Division accounted for 225 enemy KIA and 38 PW's. The enemy unit was identified as the 814th Battalion of the Quang Tri Liberation Front. During the late evening hours of 15 June approximately 15 unidentified aircraft, believed to be enemy helicopters, were reportedly sighted in the DMZ area. Since that time there have been numerous sightings, both visual and by radar, of unidentified, slow-moving UFO's in the DMZ area and seaward toward Tiger Island. No hard evidence of these aircraft has yet been received. In Thua Thien Province the enemy was occupied with resupply and assimilation of replacements for most of the month. Enemy units withdrew westward to their base areas in the face of friendly sweep operations. The most significant contact of the period occurred on 3 June, 16 km southeast of Hue (YD 970160) when elements of the 101st Airborne Division and the ARVN Black Panther Company killed 104 enemy and through PSYOPS broadcasts, induced 86 enemy, primarily from the K-4 Battalion/5th Worksite and the C-117th LF Company, to surrender. Friendly operations sweeping west into enemy base areas 101 and 114 met little resistance, but uncovered large quantities of enemy equipment. In Quang Nam Province few sizeable engagements occurred, but the pattern of enemy activity indicated that the forces in this area were recovering more quickly than units elsewhere from the losses sustained during May. In the early part of June the 26th Marine, had three successive contacts eight km south of Hill 55 (AT 985597). From the 15th through the 26th of the month enemy activity was concentrated in the Go Noi Island/Hoi An area and was the center of enemy initiated activity in I Corps. Many caches of arms and ammunition were found in the

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