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 Via: (1) Commanding General, Task Force Delta
 (2) Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
 (3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for Period/January 1973 to 30 June 1973

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 (c) WgO 5750.1B
 (d) CG, First MAW msg 0301143Z Apr 73

Encl: (1) Marine Aircraft Group-15 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1973 - 30 June 1973

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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Marine Aircraft Group-15

COMMANDING OFFICER

Colonel A. W. TALBERT

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron-15

Maj R. N. PATRICK
1 Jan 73 - 24 Feb 73
Maj J. F. MCNELLY
25 Feb 73 - 30 Jun 73

Marine Air Base Squadron-15

Maj D. J. KIBLY
1 Jan 73 - 30 Jun 73

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-115

LtCol H. C. IVY
1 Jan 73 - 30 Jun 73

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-232

LtCol R. O. LAWRENCE
1 Jan 73 - 19 Apr 73
Maj J. M. MEAD
20 Apr 73 - 30 Jun 73

Marine All Weather Attack Squadron-533

LtCol J. C. BROWN
1 Jan 73 - 19 Apr 73
Maj K. C. BATEMAN
20 Apr 73 - 24 Jun 73
Maj R. E. MERRIHEW
25 Jun 73 - 30 Jun 732. GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONNam Phong Royal Thai Air Force
Base, Thailand

1 Jan 73 - 30 Jun 73

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol D. J. SLEE
1 Jan 73 - 8 May 73
LtCol A. W. REALSEN
9 May 73 - 30 Jun 73

S-1 Officer

Maj G. DEJONG
1 Jan 73 - 20 Apr 73
Capt B. E. WELCH
21 Apr 73 - 30 Jun 73

S-2 Officer

Maj J. F. MCNELLY
1 Jan 73 - 23 Feb 73
CWO-2 T. R. BURNHAM
24 Feb 73 - 22 Jun 73
CWO-3 R. D. WEBB
23 Jun 73 - 30 Jun 73

S-3 Officer

LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN
1 Jan 73 - 5 May 73
Maj A. P. LORING JR.
6 May 73 - 26 May 73
LtCol R. PLANT
27 May 73 - 30 Jun 73

S-4 Officer

Maj W. J. COOPER
1 Jan 73 - 24 Apr 73
Maj J. N. BIBLER
25 Apr 73 - 30 Jun 73

Group Aviation Safety Officer

Maj D. B. PRUE
1 Jan 73 - 25 Mar 73
Capt R. S. JONES
26 Mar 73 - 30 Jun 73

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

January

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>CIV</u>
175	1627	8	26	16

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Attached Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
<u>27</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>

February

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>CIV</u>
<u>178</u>	<u>1765</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>16</u>

Attached Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

March

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>CIV</u>
<u>184</u>	<u>1857</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>16</u>

Attached Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

April

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>CIV</u>
<u>179</u>	<u>1840</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>

Attached Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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May

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>CIV</u>
174	1763	6	22	17

Attached Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
24	104	0	0

June

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>CIV</u>
173	1657	6	20	17

Attached Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
21	102	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

January

(S) The month of January 1973 was characterized by continued planning for the several possible contingencies which might result from a cessation of hostilities in South Vietnam and two major changes in the geographical areas into which combat sorties were flown.

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(S) Air-to-ground combat sorties continued at a high level from the 1st of January until the 13th of January with missions being flown into MR-1 and MR-2 of South Vietnam, Barrel Roll, and Steel Tiger areas of Laos and Route Package One of North Vietnam. On 14 January all combat sorties into North Vietnam were suspended with the result that the A-6 Intruders shifted their night road recce flights from RF-1 to Steel Tiger East in Laos. All combat operations in both North and South Vietnam were suspended on 28 January as a result of the ceasefire agreement and combat operations shifted entirely to Laos at a greatly reduced pace. Night road recce A-6 missions over Steel Tiger were suspended at this time.

(S) With indications of a successful conclusion to a ceasefire agreement in Vietnam becoming very strong by mid month, contingency planning for the numerous possible changes that could take place in a post ceasefire period was accelerated.

(U) MAG-15 participated in an open house for our Thai hosts on 13 January 1973. The smiling faces of the many Thai children present indicated a very successful event.

(U) Major General M. P. RYAN, CG, III MAF and Major General L. E. BROWN, CG, 1st MAW visited Nam Phong RTAFB on 13 January in conjunction with visits to various Marine air and ground units in South East Asia. Both were briefed by members of the MAG-15 Staff.

(U) Lieutenant General L. R. WILSON Jr., CG, FMFPac visited Nam Phong RTAFB on 22 January in conjunction with a visit to Marine units in South East Asia. He was briefed by members of the MAG-15 Staff on redeployment contingency plans.

(U) On 27 January the last section of aircraft from MAG-15 refueled and rearmed at DaNang AB, South Vietnam. These aircraft from VMFA-232 were flown by Capt J. F. LUHMANN (pilot), Lt S. A. POLING (RIO) and Capt R. L. CAMPBELL (pilot), Capt J. C. CHURCH (RIO).

(U) H&MS-15 Detachment 'A' redeployed to Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand from DaNang AB, South Vietnam on 29 January, thereby terminating all MAG-15 operations in South Vietnam.

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February

(S) The month of February was highlighted by fluctuating combat requirements. The reduced fraggged sorties rate which resulted from the Vietnam ceasefire was increased to near the pre-ceasefire level by mid-month and continued until the Laotian ceasefire on 22 February 1973. On 25 February, MAG-15 conducted combat operations in Cambodia.

(C) Retrograde/redeployment planning continued in conjunction with combat operations and training. A survey team was sent to Iwakuni to investigate conditions in the areas formerly utilized by MAG-15. Preparations were made to receive the Group should it return to MCAS Iwakuni.

(C) Planning for the eventuality of remaining in place at Nam Phong also continued. Training schedules were prepared and tested for use in a peace time environment.

(U) MGen L. E. BROWN, CG, 1st MAW, visited MAG-15 3-4 February and received update briefings on combat air operations and contingency plans.

(U) On 5 February, a flight of F-4's from VMFA-232 inadvertently jettisoned 22 MK-82 bombs 2 miles west of the Udorn jettison area. One Thai was killed, one small living structure was destroyed, and the surrounding rice fields were damaged. A condolence call was made by the CO, MAG-15. All claims were settled by the appropriate U.S. agency.

(U) USAF Officers LtCol WILLIAMS, LtCol O'BRIEN, and Maj STRUCKLAND visited Nam Phong on 9 February. They represented the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Their purpose was to review drug and alcohol abuse programs at various bases in Thailand. A briefing was held followed by a short tour of the base.

(U) An accident occurred on 17 February involving the contract Marine liberty bus and Thai Esso oil truck. One Marine was killed, five Marines were seriously injured, and fifteen Marines sustained minor injuries. One Thai civilian was killed and a second Thai civilian was seriously injured. The USAF hospital at RTAFB, Udorn provided emergency treatment for those Marines seriously injured prior to their being medically evacuated to hospitals with better facilities.

(U) MAG-15 hosted the officers of Task Force Delta at a mess night 27 February at the Rose Garden restaurant. Col A. W. TALBERT, CO, MAG-15, presided. BGen R. W. TAYLOR, CG, Task Force Delta, and Col NIMOL, CO, RTAFB Nam Phong were guests of honor.

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March

(S) For the first time since April 1972, it appeared that MAG-15 would not be involved in combat air operations in South East Asia. Then on 30 March combat flight operations resumed to the Khmer Republic. Prior to the resumption of combat operations, retrograde and contingency plans were under continual review and updating; a vigorous air crew training syllabus was continued, minor base improvements continued, and a new weekly work schedule was instituted. In addition numerous dignitaries were given briefings and tours of the facility.

(S) Combat air operations resumed for MAG-15 on 30 March. The mission has been visual air-to-ground ordnance delivery flown by VMFA-115 and VMFA-232. VMA(AW)-533 was not committed at this time.

(C) OPLAN SUNSET was reviewed and adjusted as update information was received. Various contingency plans for possible future deployments were also discussed and staffed.

(U) The three assigned aircraft squadrons carried on a vigorous training program which highlighted efficiency of operation within the local restrictions of airspace and time periods available. Full systems aircraft continue to be the goal. This has afforded high quality training. Outstanding support for training conducted was provided by VMGR-152 Det Delta, and the 621st Tactical Control Squadron, USAF.

(U) Local improvements included the application of a dust palliative to all the roads. More living quarters were converted from tent to tin roofs.

(U) A new weekly work schedule was instituted which afforded increased free time. This has provided an opportunity for additional utilization of recreational facilities which included Massey Field (an all-sports area), an air-conditioned library, and an improvised gym.

(U) During the month the following dignitaries visited MAG-15 in conjunction with a visit to Task Force Delta: LtGen C. A. CORCORAN, Chief of Staff, CINCPAC, MGen L. E. BROWN, CG, First MAW, MGen M. P. RYAN, CG, III MAF, and BGen VENADAS, Chief of Military Planning Office, SEATO. The visiting dignitaries were briefed on operations and future plans by the MAG-15 Commanding Officer and key members of the staff.

(U) Col A. W. TALBERT, MAG-15 Commanding Officer, visited Iwakuni from 25 to 30 March for update briefings on contingency plans involving First MAW units.

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April

(S) The month of April marked one full 12 month period of combat air operations in Southeast Asia.

(U) During the month, the Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, MGen L.E. BROWN and Commanding General, Third MAF, MGen M.P. RYAN visited MAG-15 and were briefed on operations and Contingency Plans of MAG-15 Units. Also included in their visit, was a tour of RTAFB Nam Phong. Improvements in living conditions and messing facilities at Nam Phong were topics of discussion during the tour.

May

(S) In addition to the continued air-to-ground mission of the F-4 Squadrons and emphasised training in air-to-air combat for possible contingency operations over Laos, the A-6A squadron, VMA(AW)-533, commenced all weather/night bombing in Cambodia.

(U) On 7 May, the new CG, First MAW, MGen F.C. LANG, visited MAG-15 for update briefs on combat operations and readiness of MAG-15 units. MGEN M.P. RYAN, CG Third MAF also visited briefly this date.

(U) Local improvements included receipt of lowering material and application to quarters and working spaces in preparation for rainy season.

(U) On 28 May, training flights were minimized while Memorial Day services and field meet were held at Massey Field. All MAG-15 units participated in the days events.

June

(U) General R.E. CUSHMAN, Commandant of the Marine Corps, visited MAG-15 for briefing on operational readiness and contingency plans. Visit also included tour of MAG-15 area and visited with enlisted personnel in their billeting area.

(U) On 9 June, MAG-15 hosted the officers of Task Force Delta at a mess night at the Oasis Restaurant. Col A.W. TALBERT, CO, MAG-15, presided. Col William CLEMENT, USAF, CO, 432d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing RTAFB Udorn was the guest of honor. Individual unit party suits were worn adding color to the evening.

(U) Admiral J.C. DONALDSON, USN, COMFAIRWESTPAC visited MAG-15 on 5 June for update briefs on MAG-15 operations, supply and maintenance.

(C) OPLAN Sunset received further review to ensure its compatibility with actual requirements.

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(C) Unit Embarkation preparedness was inspected by the Group Embarkation Officer. The only major discrepancy noted was deterioration of boxes due to insufficient covered storage. Replacements were ordered to be constructed.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

13 January 1973 MAG-15 participated in an open house for the local Thai children.

13 January 1973 MGen M.P. RYAN, CG, III MAF, and MGen L.E. BROWN, CG First MAW, were briefed by members of the MAG-15 staff in conjunction with a visit to Task Force Delta.

14 January 1973 All combat operations in North Vietnam were suspended.

22 January 1973 LtGen L.H. WILSON Jr., CG FMFPac was briefed by members of the MAG-15 staff in conjunction with a visit to Task Force Delta.

28 January 1973 All combat operations in South Vietnam were suspended.

29 January 1973 Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 15, Det 'A' was redeployed from Danang AB, SVN to Nam Phong, RTAFB Thailand.

3 - 4 February 1973 MGen L.E. BROWN briefed by members of the MAG-15 staff in conjunction with a visit to Task Force Delta.

5 February 1973 Udon Jettison area accident.

9 February 1973 Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Team visit.

17 February 1973 Liberty bus accident.

22 February 1973 Cease-Fire in Laos.

25 February 1973 MAG-15's first combat mission in Cambodia.

27 February 1973 MAG-15 mess night.

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1 March 1973 LtGen C.A. CORCORAN, Chief of Staff, CINCPAC, received briefings in conjunction with a visit to Task Force Delta.

10 March 1973 MGen L.E. BROWN, CG First MAW, received update briefings.

22 March 1973 MGen M.P. RYAN, CG Third MAF, received update briefings.

22 March 1973 BGen VENADAS, Chief of Military Planning Office, SEATO, visited MAG-15 in conjunction with a visit to Task Force Delta.

25-30 March 1973 ✓ Combat air operations resumed.

10 April 1973 MGen L.E. BROWN, CG First MAW, visited MAG-15 for update briefings on operations in Nam PHONG.

30 April 1973 MGen M.P. RYAN, CG Third MAF, visited MAG-15 in conjunction with a visit to Task Force Delta and received operations brief by MAG-15 S-3.

7 May 1973 MGen F.C. LANG, CG First MAW, made his initial visit to MAG-15 accompanied by MGen M.P. RYAN, CG Third MAF. They received briefings on operations, logistics, security, embarkation, and personal affairs.

15 May 1973 RAdm O'BERG, USN, Chief, Fleet Coordination Group, Nakhon Phanom visited MAG-15.

28 May 1973 Memorial Day services and field meet were held.

5 June 1973 Admiral J.C. DONALDSON, USN, COMFAIRWESTPAC visited MAG-15 and received operations, maintenance and aviation supply briefs.

6 June 1973 Staff NCO mess night.

9 June 1973 Officers mess night.

17 June 1973 General R.E. CUSHMAN, Commandant of the Marine Corps, visited MAG-15 for briefings on operational readiness and contingency plans, Visit included tour of RTAFB Nam Phong. At the in-

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visitation of the Commandant, MGen J.D. HUGHES
Chief of Staff, USSAG was present for the
noon meal.

29 June 1973

MGen F. C. LANG, CG, First MAW visited MAG-15
in conjunction with a visit to Task Force
Delta for update briefings.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Filed with*
1. (U) MAG-15 S-1 Staff Chronology.
 2. (S) MAG-15 S-2 Staff Chronology.
 3. (S) MAG-15 S-3 Staff Chronology.
 4. (U) MAG-15 S-4 Staff Chronology.
- Separate*
5. (C) H&MS-15 Command Chronology.
 6. (C) MABS-15 Command Chronology.
 7. (C) VMFA-115 Command Chronology.
 8. (C) VMFA-232 Command Chronology.
 9. (C) VMA(AW)-533 Command Chronology.
- with* — 10. (U) MAG-15 Group Supply Staff Chronology.

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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| <p>1. <u>DESIGNATION</u></p> <p>Marine Aircraft Group 15</p> | <p><u>S-1 OFFICER</u></p> <p>Major G. DE JONG
1 January - 20 April 1973
Captain B. E. WELCH
21 April - 30 June 1973</p> |
| <p>2. <u>GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION</u></p> <p>Royal Thai Air Force Base
Nam Phong, Thailand</p> | <p><u>PERIOD</u></p> <p>1 January - 30 June 1973</p> |
| <p>3. <u>STAFF OFFICERS</u></p> <p>Adjutant</p> <p>Asst S-1 Officer</p>
<p>CMS Officer</p>
<p>S&C Officer</p>
<p>Special Services Officer</p> | <p>2ndLt R. A. CRITZER
1 January - 30 June 1973
Captain B. E. JANKIEWICZ
1 January - 12 February 1973
1stLt K. H. TRECKER
13 February - 1 April 1973
1stLt D. A. ECHTERNACH
2 April - 30 June 1973
1stLt P. C. LOVE
1 January - 29 January 1973
1stLt K. H. TRECKER
30 January - 1 April 1973
1stLt D. A. ECHTERNACH
2 April - 30 June 1973
1stLt J. W. DOOLEY
1 January - 31 March 1973
1stLt J. L. CIESLAK
1 April - 30 June 1973
1stLt J. W. DOOLEY
1 January - 31 March
1stLt J. L. CIESLAK
1 April - 3 June 1973
1stLt S. A. MILLER
4 June - 30 June 1973</p> |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
5	12	0	0	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the 2nd half of FY73, Marine Aircraft Group S-1 has continued to perform administrative functions concerning five squadrons and two squadron detachments located at Nam Phong and one detachment located at Cubi Point, RP.
2. There have been two meritorious masts awarded to personnel from Marine Aircraft Group S-1.
3. In February the St Louis High School Education Program was organized for all personnel at Nam Phong not having a high school diploma. There have been six diplomas awarded through the program.
4. There have been five USO shows ranging from Hand Shake Tours to Rock Music Concerts. The attendance at all of the functions was excellent.
5. Intermural softball and volleyball has been continuing during this period with a good response from the units.
6. Both first term and career enlistments for the entire period have been well above the CMC FY73 reenlistment goals.

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NONE

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Marine Aircraft Group 15

GROUP INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Maj. J. F. MCNELLY

1 January 1973-23 February 1973

CWO-2 T. R. BURNHAM

24 February 1973-22 June 1973

CWO-3 R. D. WEBB

23 June - Present

2. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Royal Thi Air Force Base

Nam Phong, Thailand

PERIOD

1 January 1973- Present

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(C) During the period 1 January 1973 thru 25 February 1973 all three operating squadrons of Marine Aircraft Group 15 continued to fly combat support missions in the Republic of Vietnam, Laos, North Vietnam and 6 missions in Cambodia. During this period the Group Intelligence Section (S-2) conducted 830 brief's and 830 de-brief's of aircrew involved in these combat support missions.

(U) During the month of January the Group S-2 prepared 304 SEA AIROPS Reports (OPREP-4) and 31 Intelligence Summaries (INTSUM). During the month of February 45 OPREP-4's and 22 INTSUM's were prepared.

(U) On 12 March the Group S-2 conducted an Intelligence brief on the situation in the Middle East. The briefing included Order of Battle of both Israel and Arab States, Arab territory held by Israeli Troops, and the political and economic status of both sides. Also during the month of March 2 INTSUM's were prepared by the S-2.

(S) On the 30th of March, Marine Aircraft Group 15 was fraged to fly 12 sorties per day to assist in destroying enemy supply caches and interdicting enemy lines of communication in Cambodia. The Group S-2 responded to this commitment by conducting 694 brief's and 694 de-brief's from 30 March to 30 June 1973. The Group S-2 also prepared 316 OPREP-4's and 93 INTSUM's during this period.

(U) From 1 January to 30 June 1973 the Group S-2 Administration Sect. on granted 39 Top Secret Clearances, 41 Secret Clearances, and downgraded 35 Top Secret Clearances to Secret.

(U) During the period 1 January to 30 June 1973 members of Group S-2 have maintained liaison with the 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (432nd TRW) USAF, located at the Royal Thai Air Force Base, Udorn, Thailand. Officer's and enlisted personnel attended USAF strike briefing's and de-briefing's conducted at the 432nd TRW Headquarters.

(U) On 1 June 1973 1st Lt. ARCON, an Intelligence Officer with the 432nd TRW presented a brief on Communist Weapons Systems in South East Asia to aircrew personnel of VMA (AW)-533.

(U) On 23 June 1973 CWO-3 R. D. WEBB relieved CWO-2 T. R. BURNHAM as Group Intelligence Officer. CWO-3 WEBB made a liaison visit to the 432nd TRW, RTAFB Udorn, Thailand on 14-16 June and attended the Intelligence/SEA AIROPS Reports (Intel/OPREP-4) Conference hosted by the United States Special Activities Group (USSAG) at the RTAFB Nakhon Phanom, Thailand on 25-27 June 1973.

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(U) Since 1 January the Group S-2 Briefing Section has continued to give a New Aircrew/SEA INTELLIGENCE, SURVIVAL, EVASION, SEARCH, and RESCUE briefing/training. The SAR training is conducted by inserting the new aircrew into unfamiliar terrain by helicopter. Once inserted, aircrews are required to reach a pre-designated area. On reaching the area, personnel are required to use flares, a mirror, and radio equipment in attempts to vector the helicopter to their position. When satisfactory use of survival equipment is accomplished, aircrews are then extracted through the use of the Jungle Penetrator lowered by the SAR helicopter. Since 1 January 66 aircrewman have completed the SAR training. This training enhances aircrew confidence in SAR equipment.

(S) Anti Aircraft Defenses in Cambodia (Khmer)

Prior to April 1973 anti aircraft defenses consisted mainly of small arms and 12.7mm fire. However, since then additional weapons have been introduced and/or increased. These consist of the 23mm, 37mm and the SA-7 (Surface to Air Missile). Concentrations of defenses are mainly along major Khmer insurgent LOCs. A 57mm High Threat Area was established southwest of Pleiku, South Vietnam and includes a portion of Khmer and Route 19. However, MAG-15 aircrews have not encountered 57mm fire in there area of operations.

(S) On 24 June 1973 the first SA-7 firing incident occurred approximately 10 nm south of Phnom Penh, when three SA-7's were fired at a USAF AC 130. The gunship, flying at 7,200 feet, expended 16XALE-17 flares which the missiles reacted on and exploded 15-20 feet below the aircraft.

(C) Expected Anti Aircraft Defense reaction to strike aircraft;
 Heavy small arms and 12.7mm
 Moderate 23mm
 Light 37mm and SA-7
 Occasional 57mm

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

14 January 1973	All bombing North of 17th parallel suspended.
28 January 1973	Cease fire declared in Republic of Vietnam
22 February 1973	Cease fire declared in Laos
25 February 1973	Aircraft of MAG-15 Flew 6 combat support missions in Cambodia.
30 March 1973	Aircraft of MAG-15 commenced combat support missions in Cambodia.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Bomb damage assessment was derived from Intelligence Summaries and Operational Report-4's for period 1 January thru 25 February 1973.

BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Tracked Vehicle	1	0
Tanks	3	2
Trucks	49	31
Structures	75	36
Supply Depot	2	0
Supply Stacks	98	5
Bulldozers	0	2
Pol Barrels	55	0
Pump Station	1	0
Barge	1	0
Pipe Line	40	1
Trench Line	2	1
Trellis	40	0
Road Cut	12	0
Caves	2	4
Ford Cut	3	0
Sampans	1	0
Bridges	0	4
Carts	2	0
Vehicle	0	1
Bunkers	216	8
FFP	0	1
Secondary Exp	466	0
POL Fires	10	0
Sustained Fires	322	0
37mm	4	3
23mm	1	1
105mm	0	2
12.7mm	6	2
82mm	0	1
122mm RKT	7	0
130mm GUN	1	0
122mm GUN	1	1
60mm	1	0
Gun Pit	1	1
Field Gun	2	3
Morter Pit	2	0
Ammo Cache	22	0
KBA Confirmed	104	0
KBA Probable	22	0

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SILENCED

TARGET

UNCOVERED

85mm MTR
Tunnel
Ammo Cases
Bunkers
Supply Stacks
37mm

2
20 MT.
2
40
4
1

0
0
0
0
0
0

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Bomb damage assessment was derived from Intelligence Summaries and Operational Report-4's for period 30 March thru 30 June 1973.

BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR MARCH THRU JUNE

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Bunkers ✓	557	28
Road Cut ✓	83	0
Bridge ✓	23	8
Jeep ✓	0	1
Trailer ✓	0	1
Structures ✓	56	10
Ferry Boat ✓	1	0
Command Post ✓	1	0
Boat Landing ✓	2	0
Supply Caches ✓	7	0
Bulldozers ✓	3	4
Bicycle ✓	1	0
Fuel Pump ✓	1	0
Warehouse ✓	7	1
POL Barrels ✓	10	0
Steam Rollers ✓	1	1
Dams ✓	1	0
Supply Stacks ✓	9	0
Trucks ✓	7	7
FFP ✓	160	4
Boat ✓	1	0
Road Grader ✓	1	0
POL ✓	10	0
Supply Area ✓	1	0
Supply Carts ✓	0	0
Vehicle ✓	2	0
Trech Lines ✓	60	0
OX Carts ✓	1	1
POL Tanks ✓	5	0
Trellis Cut ✓	5	0
Secondary Exp ✓	59	0
Sustained Fires ✓	85	0
KBA Confirmed ✓	957	0
KBA Probable ✓	5	0
WBA Confirmed ✓	345	0
MTR PSN ✓	1	0
82mm MTR ✓	1	0
51 Cal MG ✓	5	0
		2 SILENCES

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<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
MG	17	2 SILENCES
12.7mm	3	0
Individual Weapons	15	0
81mm MTR	5	0
60mm MTR	15	1 SILENCES
M-79	6	0
30mm MTR	2	0
23mm GUN	1	0
75mm GUN	0	1
82mm RRT	6	0
30 Cal GUN	3	0
GUN PITS	16	0
SM Arms	20	0
PGB	0	1
B-40 RKT	3	0
AW PSN	1	0
MTR PSN	0	3
SUS GUN PSN	1	0

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Marine Aircraft Group-15
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
FPO San Francisco 96602

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Organizational Data1. Designation.

Marine Aircraft Group-15

Operations Officer

LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN
 1 JAN 73 - 5 MAY 73
 Maj A. P. LORING
 6 MAY 73 - 26 MAY 73
 LtCol R. PLANT
 27 MAY 73 - 30 JUN 73

2. Geographical Location.

Nam Phong, Royal Thai Air
 Force Base, Thailand

Period

1 JAN 73 - 30 JUN 73

3. Staff Officers.

Assistant S-3 Officer

Maj A. P. LORING
 1 JAN 73 - 4 FEB 73
 Capt K. D. EDELEN
 5 FEB 73 - 30 JUN 73

Operations Admin Officer

NONE ASSIGNED
 1 JAN 73 - 17 MAY 73
 1/Lt D. W. THEUNE
 18 MAY 73 - 30 JUN 73

Aviation/Weapons Training Officer

Capt K. D. EDELEN
 1 JAN 73 - 25 MAY 73
 Capt F. C. PRIESTER
 26 MAY 73 - 30 JUN 73

NATOPS Officer

Capt T. D. OWENS
 1 JAN 73 - 10 APR 73
 Capt J. F. LUHMANN
 11 APR 73 - 25 MAY 73
 Capt F. C. PRIESTER
 26 MAY 73 - 30 JUN 73

MARES/FOKSTAT Officer

Capt T. D. OWENS
 1 JAN 73 - 10 APR 73
 Capt J. F. LUHMANN
 11 APR 73 - 17 MAY 73
 1/Lt D. W. THEUNE
 18 MAY 73 - 30 JUN 73

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4. Average Monthly Strength.

January

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	8

February

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	6

March

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	6

April

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	6

May

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	6

June

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	5

PART II

Narrative Summary

1. (S) JANUARY - Combat flight operations continued from the Nam Phong Royal Thai Air Force Base at a pace equivalent to that of previous months.

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MAG-15 squadrons logged 975 combat sorties and 1603 hours delivering 2886 tons of ordnance.

a. From 1 through 13 January combat flight operations continued in MR-1 and MR-2 of South Vietnam, south of the 20th parallel in North Vietnam and in Laos. From 14 January until 27 January all combat operations in North Vietnam were suspended. At this time A-6 night road recce operations were shifted to the Steel Tiger area of Laos. From 28 January until the end of the month combat operations in all of North and South Vietnam were halted as a result of the Vietnam Cease-Fire agreement. This resulted in a reduction of fraged combat sorties from 37 to 18 per day and suspended the A-6 night systems flying. Bad weather was not a significant factor during the month.

b. On 27 January, the last MAG-15 aircraft was refueled and rearmed at DaNang by H&MS-15 Det A in support of combat operations in South Vietnam.

c. LtCol F. J. ANDERSEN attended an operations/training conference at 7/13 AF, Udorn RTAFB on 30 January to discuss the implementation of training flight operations in Thailand during the post Vietnam Cease-Fire period.

2. (S) FEBRUARY - Combat flight operations continued from the Nam Phong Royal Thai Air Force Base at a fluctuating pace. The majority of the combat flights were in Laos with 12 sorties being flown to Cambodia on 25 February. MAG-15 squadrons logged 776 sorties and 1166 hours delivering 1566 tons of ordnance. Combat operations consisted of day visual bombing by the three assigned tactical squadrons and night armed road recce by VMA (AW)-533 into both the Barrel Roll and Steel Tiger areas of Laos. Although the increased haze and smoke which is typical of this area during this time of year did not significantly hamper operations, it did prevent the accumulation of an accurate bomb damage assessment for the period.

a. On 10 February the fraged sortie rate was changed from 23 sorties per day to 33 sorties per day. This sortie rate continued until the ceasefire went into effect at 1200G on 22 February. VMFA-115 and VMFA-232 flew 26 of the sorties as day visual DAS, and VMA(A.)-533 flew 2 day DAS and 5 night armed road recce sorties per day.

b. On 25 February, 12 sorties were flown by MAG-15 squadrons into Cambodia. This was the first time MAG-15 aircraft had operated in that theater of operations.

c. Since the Laotian cease-fire on 22 February MAG-15 has instituted as rigorous a flight training schedule as is permitted under airspace restrictions. Air intercept, night flying, navigation, and instrument work has been emphasized. Arrangements are under way to expand training to ACM and night aerial refueling.

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d. LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN attended a conference in Bangkok with USAF counterparts 21-23 February to discuss the proposed use of training areas in Thailand.

3. (S) MARCH - During early March an intensive training program was undertaken. A work schedule of five flying days and one ground training day was established. During the month 627 training sorties for 990 hours were flown by the three aircraft squadrons of MAG-15. Flight training included day and night instrument, navigation, formation, air intercept, and aerial refueling sorties, plus day air combat maneuvering and field mirror landing practice.

a. In late March the decision to employ MAG-15 assets in the Khmer Republic necessitated a reduction in proposed training. On 25 March LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN visited the United States Support Activities Group (USSAG) Headquarters at Nakhon Phanom, Thailand to commence planning for this employment. A sortie rate of 0.5 for on-hand F-4 assets was assigned. A-6 assets were not committed. An additional visit was made by LtCol ANDERSEN and Maj A. P. LORING, G-3, Task Force Delta, on 27 March to finalize the concept of operations. Within five days of initial notifications aircraft were reconfigured, tanker assets were provided, and MAG-15 returned to combat 30 March 1973.

4. (S) APRIL - Cambodian combat operations continued with the F-4 squadrons fragged for 12 sorties each day by the 7th Air Force. The squadrons flew 340 combat sorties and logged 761 combat hours delivering 687 tons of ordnance. In addition, 382 training sorties were flown logging 625 hours by MAG-15 squadrons. Combat operations consisted of day visual bombing on targets assigned by the 7th Air Force. The length of the missions required pre-strike refueling and occasionally, depending on the time required to be in the target area, post strike refueling. VMGR-152 KC-130 tankers staging from Nam Phong provided the aerial refueling. Training flights included day and night instrument, navigation, formation, air intercept, aerial refueling, and day air combat maneuvering sorties.

a. On 11 April LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN visited USSAG/7th AF at NKP to explore the subject of A-6 combat operations in Cambodia. All discussions were at the "action officer" level. Discussions centered on the use of the A-6 in an all-weather role which was being flown only by B-52's and F-111's. To use the A-6 in the all-weather role will require action by USSAG to change the rules of engagement. The possibility exists that the A-6's may be used in the future.

b. On 17 April LtCol ANDERSEN attended a Joint Use Training Area Conference at the 13 AF ADVON Udorn RTAFB to finalize and schedule the training areas for May.

5. (S) MAY - Combat and training operations continued during the month of May. MAG-15 squadrons logged 426 combat sorties and 953 hours delivering

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977 tons of ordnance. In addition 366 training sorties were flown logging 587 hours. Combat operations were flown in Cambodia with the F-4's dropping visual under FAC control and the A-6's flying night missions engaging moving targets of opportunity along specifically assigned lines of communication. Training sorties included instrument, navigation, air combat maneuvering, air intercept and radar beacon bombing practice.

a. Maj A. P. LORING assumed the position of MAG-15 S-3 Officer relieving LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN who returned to CONUS.

b. The 8th of May, Maj A. P. LORING visited USSAG/7th AF to discuss employment of the A-6 aircraft for night combat operations in Cambodia. As a result of this visit the A-6's commenced night operations the 11th of May. Five armed recce missions were to be fraged over known enemy lines of communication. Additionally, the aircraft could be diverted to engage radar significant targets that were considered to be time sensitive. Radar beacon bombing was not authorized.

c. On 17 May, Maj LORING again visited USSAG for the purpose of briefing Gen VOGT, USSAG Commander on the A-6 beacon capability. As a result of this briefing, the A-6 AMTI missions will inform ABCCC on check-in of their beacon capability and can be expected to divert to a beacon target. All drops will be on a new beacon until the A-6 bomb signature is established.

d. On the 21st of May Maj LORING attended the Joint Training Areas Conference at 13th ADVON RTAFB to finalize and schedule the training areas for June.

e. On 22 May Capt K. D. EDELEN departed Nam Phong for NAS Cubi Point, P. I. to effect liaison prior to VMFA-115's missile firex deployment scheduled for 25 May.

f. On 26 May VMFA-115 aircrews and aircraft departed for NAS Cubi Point. The missile firex was scheduled to commence on 29 May with missile firings and ACM training scheduled in the A.M. Eight AIM-7 and seven AIM-9 missiles were fired the first three days of the firex, 29, 30, and 31 May.

g. LtCol R. PLANT arrived the 27th of May to relieve Maj A. P. LORING as MAG-15 S-3 Officer. On 29 May LtCol PLANT and Maj LORING visited USSAG/7th AF Headquarters. Purpose of the visit was to introduce LtCol PLANT and discuss MAG-15 Combat Operations.

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6. (S) JUNE - Combat and training operations continued from Nam Phong at a pace equivalent to that of the month of May. VMFA-115 completed a successful missile firex and returned to the Rose Garden. Combat flights accumulated 461 sorties and 1036 hours delivering 1081 tons of ordnance in Cambodia. Training sorties were down from the previous two months to 265 sorties and 381 hours due to VMFA-232 flying the combat sorties normally flown by VMFA-115 while VMFA-115 was deployed to NAS Cubi Point, and the increase of weather in the training areas with the oncoming monsoon season. Combat operations consisted of day visual bombing under FAC control for the F-4's and armed recce using AMTI as the primary mission for the A-6's. Commencing 16 June the A-6's commenced dropping off the newly operational radar beacon in an effort to validate the accuracy of the A-6 system. Training flights consisted of instrument, navigation, air intercept, air combat maneuvering, and radar beacon bombing practice.


a. On 4 June, Capt K. D. EDELEN attended a plans conference at the 13th ADVON, Udorn RTAFB to discuss the impact of requiring all training flights to file ICAO flight plans. As a result of the conference, all Wings/Groups flying in Thailand are required to prepare and submit proposed stereotype flight plans for all non-tactical flights. Implementation into the ICAO system is anticipated during August.

b. VMFA-115 returned from NAS Cubi Point the 8th of June after a successful missile firex. Nineteen AIM-7 and 16 AIM-9 missiles were expended. Eleven aircrews were qualified or requalified with the F-4 weapon system.

c. On 13 June Capt EDELEN attended the Joint Use Training Area Conference at 13th ADVON Udorn RTAFB to finalize and schedule the training areas for July.

d. On 26 June LtCol R. PLANT visited USSAG/7th AF NKP Thailand to attend a combat Reports Review conference and effect liaison prior to MGen LANG's visit on the 29th. In addition this provided the opportunity to discuss MAG-15 operations in Cambodia with the Fighter Frag Shop.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

14 January 1973 All combat operations in North Vietnam halted.

27 January 1973 The last MAG-15 aircraft were refueled and rearmed at DaNang AB, South Vietnam.

28 January 1973 All combat operations in South Vietnam halted.

30 January 1973 LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN attended an operations/training conference at the 7/13 AF headquarters at Udorn RTAFB.

10 February 1973 Fraggd sortie rate increased from 23 to 33 sorties per day.

21-23 February 1973 LtCol ANDERSEN attended a conference in Bangkok on Air Training Operations in Thailand.

22 February 1973 Cease-Fire in Laos.

25 February 1973 12 Combat sorties flown in Cambodia.

25 March 1973 LtCol ANDERSEN visited NKP for initial planning of combat air operations.

27 March 1973 LtCol ANDERSEN and Maj LORING visited NKP to finalize concept of operations.

30 March 1973 Combat air operations resumed. The F-4 squadrons were fraggd for 12 sorties per day in Cambodia.

11 April 1973 LtCol ANDERSEN visited USSAG/7th AF NKP to discuss A-6 operations in Cambodia.

5 May 1973 Maj A. P. LORING relieved LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN as MAG-15 S-3 Officer.

8 May 1973 Maj LORING visited USSAG/7th AF to discuss employment of the A-6 for night operations in Cambodia.

11 May 1973 Commenced A-6 armed recce combat missions in Cambodia with squadrons flying five missions each night.

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17 May 1973

Maj LORING briefed Gen VOGT USSAG Commander on A-6 beacon capability.

26 May 1973

VMFA-115 deployed 6 aircraft to NAS Cubi Point for missile firex.

27 May 1973

LtCol R. PLANT arrived to relieve Maj LORING as S-3 Officer.

4 June 1973

Capt K. D. EDELEN attended plans conference at 13 AF ADVCN Udorn Thailand to discuss impact of requiring all non-tactical flights to file ICAO flight plans.

8 June 1973

VMFA-115 returned to Nam Phong after completing a successful missile firex deployment.

26 June 1973

LtCol PLANT visited USSAG/7th AF to effect liaison prior to MGen LANG's visit on 29th and discuss MAG-15 operations in Cambodia.

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Supporting Documents

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ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Aircraft Group 15, S-4

Major W. J. COOPER
1 January - 25 April 1973
Major J. N. BIBLER
26 April - 30 June 1973

2. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

PERIOD

Royal Thai Air Force Base
Nam Phong, Thailand

1 January - 30 June 1973

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Base Development Officer
Asst. S-4
Management Improvement Officer

Captain J. RICE
1 January - 31 March 1973

Captain J. W. MORROW
1 April - 30 June 1973

Embarkation Officer
Buildings and Grounds Officer

1st Lt. R. K. WARGIN
1 January - 31 March 1973

1st Lt. F. S. LENTZ
1 April - 30 June 1973

Ground Safety Officer

1st Lt. K. H. TRECKER
1-3 January 1973

1st Lt. R. K. WARGIN
4 January - 31 March 1973

1st Lt. F. S. LENTZ
1 April - 30 June 1973

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

USN

OTHER

OFF
3

ENL
6

OFF
0

ENL
0

OFF
0

ENL
0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During January the following projects were completed and accepted by MAG-15: new quarters for MAG-15 C.O. and X.O., 3M building converted to a temporary detention facility; fabrication of numerous embarkation boxes; reefers redistributed and wired in to clubs from Mess Hall #2; Bob Hope stage was lighted for future USO Shows; wiring and lighting of the Craftech building by AMPAC.

On 22 January Lt. Gen. WILSON, C.G. FMFPAC arrived at Nam Phong. The purpose of the visit was to receive a briefing/update by the Task Force Delta//MAG-15 Staff.

On 29 January VMGR-152 airlifted H&MS-15 Det Alpha from Danang to Nam Phong. A ten hour period and six trips were required to move 50 tons of cargo and 22 passengers using three KC-130 aircraft.

On 30 January the CG, Task Force Delta's Quickcamp modules were custom inspected, secured and prepared for shipment to Sattahip and Port Hueneme, California.

The following projects were completed and accepted by MAG-15 in the month of February: Concrete pads and drainage at the dog compound; new detention facility was completed; fabrication of numerous embarkation boxes; shipment of C.G. Task Force Delta's Quickcamp modules; numbering of all real property; preparation of C.G. Task Force Delta's sleeping van for air shipment to Iwakuni.

The following projects were initiated in February: Laying of pipe for the shower facilities; security lighting and fencing for base security.

MAG-15 Group Supply accepted and occupied their two Craftech buildings in February.

The Group Commander and the Group Embarkation Staff held embarkation inspections of VMA(AW)-533, VMFA-115, and H&MS-15.

The following projects were completed and accepted by MAG-15 during March: fabrication of embarkation boxes; security fence was completed around detention facility; new road surface surfaces; shipment for two (2) supply vans to Iwakuni; paving of entrance to Group Headquarters and hospital parking areas; sea huts for Group SgtMajor and MATCU equipment storage were completed; movement and retrofit of sea hut to VMGR-152 area for flight crew living spaces; construction of guard tower for base operations; complete new drain system for mess hall; water tank construction completed for RTAF; MABS installed security lighting between O club and Staff Club.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY (Cont.)

Lt. Gen CORCORAN, U.S.A. Chief of Staff CINCPAC was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings; Major General L. E. BROWN was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings plus unit and element visits; Maj General RYAN, CG III MAF was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings.

Projects completed in April included: conversion of MAG-15 cantonment strong back tents to sea huts; non skid painting of fuel pit area; valve installed in main water line for use by Thai locals; movement of one sea hut to VMGR-152 Det D area.

Inspections of the security fencing and lighting were conducted with the lighting portion being accepted for use on 30 April.

Major General BROWN was in Nam Phong on 10 April to discuss monsoon preparation requirements.

In May information and repair materials for MAG-15 Craftech buildings and establishment of a garrison property account were requested. Work was initiated on a cooling modification on the Mess Hall, sea hut loovering, and drainage system repairs. A detachment from VMFA-115 was airlifted to Cubi Point for missile shoot on 25 May. Three (3) C-141 and one (1) C-130 aircraft were required to airlift 58 passengers and 29 short tons of cargo.

Maj General RYAN and Major General BROWN were briefed on 7 May.

During June major projects consisted of: strong back tents to sea huts conversion completed; excess usable furniture was requested and started arriving; MAG-15 reception center constructed; security and lighting completed; construction of approximately 100 embark boxes; three 24 hours showers installed; cleaning and reshaping of drain system including installation of new culverts 85% completed; completion of Mess Hall cooling modification; cantonment loovers 75% completed.

An airlift consisting of four (4) Air Force (PATMA) C-130 aircraft and one (1) Marine C-130 making one (1) trip each returned VMFA-115 missile shoot detachment from Cubi Point on 9 and 10 June. Sixty-two passengers and 20 short tons of cargo comprised the return airlift.

On 17 June General R. E. CUSHMAN, Commandant of the Marine Corps was aboard for TFD/MAG-15 briefings. Maj. General Lang was in Nam Phong for TFD/MAG-15 briefings on 29 June.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 January 1973	Two enlisted members of the MAG-15 S-4 section rotated to CONUS. One clerk arrived as a replacement.
3 January 1973	1st Lt. K. H. TRECKER transferred from MAG-15 S-4 to MAG-15 S-1
8 January 1973	AMPAC began construction of the permanent detention facility.
11 January 1973	Maj. W. J. COOPER departed for Bangkok to deliver and brief the After Action Report for the Bob Hope Show.
14 January 1973	One enlisted member of MAG-15 S-4 rotated to CONUS.
22 January 1973	Lt. Gen. WILSON, C.G. FMFPAC, arrived at Nam Phong for staff briefings.
25 January 1973	MAG-15 Embark Officer held informal embark meeting with all units to discuss contingency plans.
27 January 1973	General's Quickcamp modules were secured and prepared for retrograde.
28 January 1973	OICC Thailand Security lighting and fencing contractor began work on the Nam Phong security lighting/fencing.
29 January 1973	H&MS-15 Det Alpha redeployed to Nam Phong from Danang.
30 January 1973	Electrical wiring and lighting completed by AMPAC in Craftech buildings. Air conditioning units being installed.
31 February 1973	SSGT. D. A. KNUTSON reported in as Embarkation Chief.
2 February 1973	Construction of security lighting and fencing for the base vital areas was initiated.
5 February 1973	4 Thai nationals took over corrosion control duties at the aircraft wash rack, replacing Marines.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

8 February 1973	One enlisted member checked into MAG-15 embark section
12 February 1973	Concrete pads and drainage at the dog compound completed.
15 February 1973	Detention facility completed. D
18 February 1973	CG, TFD's Quickcamp module shipped by surface to Sattahip.
20 February 1973	MAG-15 Group Supply moved into their Craftech Bldg.
21 February 1973	CG, TFD's sleeping van offered for air shipment.
27 February 1973	Laying of pipe for shower facilities initiated. I
27 February 1973	Numbering of all property completed.
1 March 1973	Lt. Gen CORCORAN Chief of Staff CINCPAC was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings.
2 March 1973	MABS installed Security lighting between the O club and Staff club, and along south cantonment road.
10 March 1973	Maj. Gen L. E. BROWN was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings and units visits.
22 March 1973	Maj. Gen RYAN was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings.
1 April 1973	Captain J. W. MORROW reported aboard as Assistant S-4 Officer.
1 April 1973	1st Lt. F. S. LENTZ reported aboard as Group Embarkation Officer.
10 April 1973	Maj. Gen BROWN arrived for monsoon preparation discussions/briefings.
10 April 1973	Initial Inspection of Security fencing at helo pad, flight line, TAFDS and bulk fuel rejected for major discrepancies.

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SEQUENCE LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

12 April 1973	Fuel pit area coated with non-skid paint
13 April 1973	Valve installed in water supply main for use by Thai locals.
16 April 1973	Completed strong back tent to sea hut conversion in cantonment.
17 April 1973	Moved one sea hut to VMGR-152 Det D area.
23 April 1973	Second inspection on security fencing and lighting was rejected.
25 April 1973	Major J. N. BIBLER relieved Major W. J. COOPER as Group S-4
30 April 1973	Security lighting accepted for use.
1 May 1973	III MAF security team arrived to study monsoon preparation and base development.
7 May 1973	Maj Gen. RYAN and Maj. Gen. BROWN aboard for briefings.
8 May 1973	Wing Embark Team arrives for informal visit.
9 May 1973	Marine Corps Property in full operation after move to Mess Hall No. 2 (Previously vacant).
12 May 1973	Wing G-4 Chief arrived for informal tour.
14 May 1973	Initial message requesting instructions and materials for repair of Craftech buildings was sent.
21 May 1973	Enlisted Clerk checked into MAG-15 S-4.
25 May 1973	VMFA-115 embarked six (6) aircraft detachment to Cubi Point for missile exercise.
25 May 1973	

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SEQUENCE LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

25 May 1973	MAG-15 reception center completed.
31 May 1973	MAG-15 requested approval for garrison property account.
6 June 1973	SGT. P. R. NUNN reported aboard as Asst. logistics Chief.
8 June 1973	OICC Thailand Team arrived for inspection of Muse Generators/ Electric Distribution system.
10 June 1973	VMFA-115 Detachment completed retrograde to Nam Phong.
15 June 1973	First MAW and FMFPAC IMRL representatives arrived for inspection.
17 June 1973	General R. E. Cushman, Commandant of the Marine Corps arrived for TFD/MAG-15 briefings/visit.
18 June 1973	Lounging of sea huts in preparation for monsoon season 75% completed.
19 June 1973	Conversion of strong back tents to sea huts completed.
20 June 1973	Mess Hall cooling modification completed.
29 June 1973	Maj. Gen. LANG aboard for TFD/MAG-15 briefings.
30 June 1973	Ford tractor and "Brushhog" rotary mower stolen from AMPAC.

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Marine Aircraft Group 15

GROUP INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

Maj. J. F. MCNELLY

1 January 1973-23 February 1973

CWO-2 T. R. BURNHAM

24 February 1973-22 June 1973

CWO-3 R. D. WEBB

23 June - Present

2. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Royal Thi Air Force Base

Nam Phong, Thailand

PERIOD

1 January 1973- Present

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(C) During the period 1 January 1973 thru 25 February 1973 all three operating squadrons of Marine Aircraft Group 15 continued to fly combat support missions in the Republic of Vietnam, Laos, North Vietnam and 6 missions in Cambodia. During this period the Group Intelligence Section (S-2) conducted 830 brief's and 830 de-brief's of aircrew involved in these combat support missions.

(U) During the month of January the Group S-2 prepared 304 SEA AIROPS Reports (OPREP-4) and 31 Intelligence Summaries (INTSUM). During the month of February 45 OPREP-4's and 22 INTSUM's were prepared.

(U) On 12 March the Group S-2 conducted an Intelligence brief on the situation in the Middle East. The briefing included Order of Battle of both Israel and Arab States, Arab territory held by Israeli Troops, and the political and economic status of both sides. Also during the month of March 2 INTSUM's were prepared by the S-2.

(S) On the 30th of March, Marine Aircraft Group 15 was fraged to fly 12 sorties per day to assist in destroying enemy supply caches and interdicting enemy lines of communication in Cambodia. The Group S-2 responded to this commitment by conducting 694 brief's and 694 de-brief's from 30 March to 30 June 1973. The Group S-2 also prepared 316 OPREP-4's and 93 INTSUM's during this period.

(U) From 1 January to 30 June 1973 the Group S-2 Administration Section granted 39 Top Secret Clearances, 41 Secret Clearances, and downgraded 35 Top Secret Clearances to Secret.

(U) During the period 1 January to 30 June 1973 members of Group S-2 have maintained liaison with the 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (432nd TRW) USAF, located at the Royal Thai Air Force Base, Udorn, Thailand. Officer's and enlisted personnel attended USAF strike briefing's and de-briefing's conducted at the 432nd TRW Headquarters.

(U) On 1 June 1973 1st Lt. ARGON, an Intelligence Officer with the 432nd TRW presented a brief on Communist Weapons Systems in South East Asia to aircrew personnel of VMA (AW)-533.

(U) On 23 June 1973 CWO-3 R. D. WEBB relieved CWO-2 T. R. BURNHAM as Group Intelligence Officer. CWO-3 WEBB made a liaison visit to the 432nd TRW, RTAFB Udorn, Thailand on 14-16 June and attended the Intelligence/SEA AIROPS Reports (Intel/OPREP-4) Conference hosted by the United States Special Activities Group (USSAG) at the RTAFB Nakhon Phanom, Thailand on 25-27 June 1973.

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(U) Since 1 January the Group S-2 Briefing Section has continued to give a New Aircrew/SEA INTELLIGENCE, SURVIVAL, EVASION, SEARCH, and RESCUE briefing/training. The SAR training is conducted by inserting the new aircrew into unfamiliar terrain by helicopter. Once inserted, aircrews are required to reach a pre-designated area. On reaching the area, personnel are required to use flares, a mirror, and radio equipment in attempts to vector the helicopter to their position. When satisfactory use of survival equipment is accomplished, aircrews are then extracted through the use of the Jungle Penetrator lowered by the SAR helicopter. Since 1 January 66 aircrewman have completed the SAR training. This training enhances aircrew confidence in SAR equipment.

(S) Anti Aircraft Defenses in Cambodia (Khmer)

Prior to April 1973 anti aircraft defenses consisted mainly of small arms and 12.7mm fire. However, since then additional weapons have been introduced and/or increased. These consist of the 23mm, 37mm and the SA-7 (Surface to Air Missile). Concentrations of defenses are mainly along major Khmer insurgent LOCs. A 57mm High Threat Area was established southwest of Pleiku, South Vietnam and includes a portion of Khmer and Route 19. However, MAG-15 aircrews have not encountered 57mm fire in there area of operations.

(S) On 24 June 1973 the first SA-7 firing incident occured approximately 10 nm south of Phnom Penh, when three SA-7's were fired at a USAF AC 130. The gunship, flying at 7,200 feet, expended 16XALE-17 flares which the missiles reacted on and exploded 15-20 feet below the aircraft.

(C) Expected Anti Aircraft Defense reaction to strike aircraft;
Heavy small arms and 12.7mm
Moderate 23mm
Light 37mm and SA-7
Occasional 57mm

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

14 January 1973	All bombing North of 17th parallel suspended.
28 January 1973	Cease fire declared in Republic of Vietnam
22 February 1973	Cease fire declared in Laos
25 February 1973	Aircraft of MAG-15 Flew 6 combat support missions in Cambodia.
30 March 1973	Aircraft of MAG-15 commenced combat support missions in Cambodia.

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Bomb damage assessment was derived from Intelligence Summaries and Operational Report-4's for period 1 January thru 25 February 1973.

BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Tracked Vehicle	1	0
Tanks	3	2
Trucks	49	31
Structures	75	36
Supply Depot	2	0
Supply Stacks	98	5
Bulldozers	0	2
Pol Barrels	55	0
Pump Station	1	0
Barge	1	0
Pipe Line	40	1
Trench Line	2	1
Trellis	40	0
Road Cut	12	0
Cases	2	4
Field Cut	3	0
Sampans	1	0
Bridges	0	4
Carts	2	0
Vehicle	0	1
Bunkers	216	8
FFP	0	1
Secondary Exp	466	0
POL Fires	10	0
Sustained Fires	322	0
37mm	4	3
23mm	1	1
105mm	0	2
12.7mm	6	2
82mm	0	1
122mm RKT	7	0
130mm GUN	1	0
122mm GUN	1	1
60mm	1	0
Gun Pit	1	1
Field Gun	2	3
Mortar Pit	2	0
Ammo Cache	22	0
KBA Confirmed	104	0
KBA Probable	22	0

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TARGET

UNCOVERED

SILENCED

85mm MTR

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Tunnel

20 MT.

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Ammo Cases

2

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Bunkers

40

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Supply Stacks

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37mm

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Bomb damage assessment was derived from Intelligence Summaries and Operational Report-4's for period 30 March thru 30 June 1973.

BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR MARCH THRU JUNE

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Bunkers	557	28
Road Cut	83	0
Bridge	23	8
Jeep	0	1
Trailer	0	1
Structures	56	10
Ferry Boat	1	0
Command Post	1	0
Boat Landing	2	0
Supply Caches	7	0
Bulldozers	3	4
Bicycle	1	0
Fuel Pump	1	0
Warehouse	7	1
POL Barrels	10	0
Steam Rollers	1	1
Dam	1	0
Supply Stacks	9	0
Trucks	7	7
FFP	160	4
Boat	1	0
Road Grader	1	0
POL	10	0
Supply Area	1	0
Supply Carts	0	11
Vehicle	2	0
Trench Lines	60	0
OX Carts	1	1
POL Tanks	5	0
Trellis Cut	5	0
Secondary Exp	59	0
Sustained Fires	85	0
KBA Confirmed	957	0
KBA Probable	5	0
WBA Confirmed	345	0
MTR PSN	1	0
82mm MTR	1	0
51 Cal MG	5	2 SILENCES

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TARGET

DESTROYED

DAMAGED

MG
 12.7mm
 Individual Weapons
 81mm MTR
 60mm MTR
 M-79
 30mm MTR
 23mm GUN
 75mm GUN
 82mm RRT
 30 Cal GUN
 GUN PITS
 SM Arms
 PGB
 B-40 RKT
 AW PSN
 MTR PSN
 SUS GUN PSN

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PART I

Organizational Data1. Designation.

Marine Aircraft Group-15

Operations Officer

LtCol E. J. ANDERSON
 1 JAN 73 - 5 MAY 73
 Maj A. P. LORING
 6 MAY 73 - 26 MAY 73
 LtCol R. PLANT
 27 MAY 73 - 30 JUN 73

2. Geographical Location.

Nam Phong, Royal Thai Air
 Force Base, Thailand

Period

1 JAN 73 - 30 JUN 73

Staff Officers.

Assistant S-3 Officer

Maj A. P. LORING
 1 JAN 73 - 4 FEB 73
 Capt K. D. EDELEN
 5 FEB 73 - 30 JUN 73

Operations Admin Officer

NONE ASSIGNED
 1 JAN 73 - 17 MAY 73
 1/Lt D. W. THEUNE
 18 MAY 73 - 30 JUN 73

Aviation/Weapons Training Officer

Capt K. D. EDELEN
 1 JAN 73 - 25 MAY 73
 Capt F. C. PRIESTER
 26 MAY 73 - 30 JUN 73

NATOPS Officer

Capt T. D. OWENS
 1 JAN 73 - 10 APR 73
 Capt J. F. LUHMANN
 11 APR 73 - 25 MAY 73
 Capt F. C. PRIESTER
 26 MAY 73 - 30 JUN 73

MARES/FOI-STAT Officer

Capt T. D. OWENS
 1 JAN 73 - 10 APR 73
 Capt J. F. LUHMANN
 11 APR 73 - 17 MAY 73
 1/Lt D. W. THEUNE
 18 MAY 73 - 30 JUN 73

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4. Average Monthly Strength.

January

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	8

February

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	6

March

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	6

April

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	6

May

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	6

June

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	5

PART II

Narrative Summary

1. (S) JANUARY - Combat flight operations continued from the Nam Phong Royal Thai Air Force Base at a pace equivalent to that of previous months.

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MAG-15 squadrons logged 975 combat sorties and 1603 hours delivering 2886 tons of ordnance.

a. From 1 through 13 January combat flight operations continued in MR-1 and MR-2 of South Vietnam, south of the 20th parallel in North Vietnam and in Laos. From 14 January until 27 January all combat operations in North Vietnam were suspended. At this time A-6 night road recce operations were shifted to the Steel Tiger area of Laos. From 28 January until the end of the month combat operations in all of North and South Vietnam were halted as a result of the Vietnam Cease-Fire agreement. This resulted in a reduction of fragged combat sorties from 37 to 18 per day and suspended the A-6 night systems flying. Bad weather was not a significant factor during the month.

b. On 27 January, the last MAG-15 aircraft was refueled and rearmed at DaNang by H&S-15 Det A in support of combat operations in South-Vietnam.

c. LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN attended an operations/training conference at 7/13 AF, Udorn RTAFB on 30 January to discuss the implementation of training flight operations in Thailand during the post Vietnam Cease-Fire period.

2. (S) FEBRUARY - Combat flight operations continued from the Nam Phong Royal Thai Air Force Base at a fluctuating pace. The majority of the combat flights were in Laos with 12 sorties being flown to Cambodia on 25 February. MAG-15 squadrons logged 776 sorties and 1166 hours delivering 1566 tons of ordnance. Combat operations consisted of day visual bombing by the three assigned tactical squadrons and night armed road recce by VMA (AW)-533 into both the Barrel Roll and Steel Tiger areas of Laos. Although the increased haze and smoke which is typical of this area during this time of year did not significantly hamper operations, it did prevent the accumulation of an accurate bomb damage assessment for the period.

a. On 10 February the fragged sortie rate was changed from 23 sorties per day to 33 sorties per day. This sortie rate continued until the ceasefire went into effect at 1200G on 22 February. VMFA-115 and VMFA-23A flew 26 of the sorties as day visual DAS, and VMA(AW)-533 flew 2 day DAS and 5 night armed road recce sorties per day.

b. On 25 February, 12 sorties were flown by MAG-15 squadrons into Cambodia. This was the first time MAG-15 aircraft had operated in that theater of operations.

c. Since the Laotian cease-fire on 22 February MAG-15 has instituted as rigorous a flight training schedule as is permitted under airspace restrictions. Air intercept, night flying, navigation, and instrument work has been emphasized. Arrangements are under way to expand training to ACM and night aerial refueling.

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d. LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN attended a conference in Bangkok with USAF counterparts 21-23 February to discuss the proposed use of training areas in Thailand.

3. (S) MARCH - During early March an intensive training program was undertaken. A work schedule of five flying days and one ground training day was established. During the month 627 training sorties for 990 hours were flown by the three aircraft squadrons of MAG-15. Flight training included day and night instrument, navigation, formation, air intercept, and aerial refueling sorties, plus day air combat maneuvering and field mirror landing practice.

a. In late March the decision to employ MAG-15 assets in the Khmer Republic necessitated a reduction in proposed training. On 25 March LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN visited the United States Support Activities Group (USSAG) Headquarters at Nakhon Phanom, Thailand to commence planning for this employment. A sortie rate of 0.5 for on-hand F-4 assets was assigned. A-6 assets were not committed. An additional visit was made by LtCol ANDERSEN and Maj A. P. LORING, G-3, Task Force Delta, on 27 March to finalize the concept of operations. Within five days of initial notifications aircraft were reconfigured, tanker assets were provided, and MAG-15 returned to combat 30 March 1973.

4. (S) APRIL - Cambodian combat operations continued with the F-4 squadrons fragged for 12 sorties each day by the 7th Air Force. The squadrons flew 340 combat sorties and logged 761 combat hours delivering 687 tons of ordnance. In addition, 382 training sorties were flown logging 625 hours by MAG-15 squadrons. Combat operations consisted of day visual bombing on targets assigned by the 7th Air Force. The length of the missions required pre-strike refueling and occasionally, depending on the time required to be in the target area, post strike refueling. VMGR-152 KC-130 tankers staging from Nam Phong provided the aerial refueling. Training flights included day and night instrument, navigation, formation, air intercept, aerial refueling, and day air combat maneuvering sorties.

a. On 11 April LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN visited USSAG/7th AF at NKP to explore the subject of A-6 combat operations in Cambodia. All discussions were at the "action officer" level. Discussions centered on the use of the A-6 in an all-weather role which was being flown only by B-52's and F-111's. To use the A-6 in the all-weather role will require action by USSAG to change the rules of engagement. The possibility exists that the A-6's may be used in the future.

b. On 17 April LtCol ANDERSEN attended a Joint Use Training Area Conference at the 13 AF ADVON Udorn RTAFB to finalize and schedule the training areas for May.

5. (S) MAY - Combat and training operations continued during the month of May. MAG-15 squadrons logged 426 combat sorties and 953 hours delivering

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977 tons of ordnance. In addition 366 training sorties were flown logging 587 hours. Combat operations were flown in Cambodia with the F-4's dropping visual under FAC control and the A-6's flying night missions engaging moving targets of opportunity along specifically assigned lines of communication. Training sorties included instrument, navigation, air combat maneuvering, air intercept and radar beacon bombing practice.

a. Maj A. P. LORING assumed the position of MAG-15 S-3 Officer relieving LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN who returned to CONUS.

b. The 8th of May, Maj A. P. LORING visited USSAG/7th AF to discuss employment of the A-6 aircraft for night combat operations in Cambodia. As a result of this visit the A-6's commenced night operations the 11th of May. Five armed recce missions were to be fraggged over known enemy lines of communication. Additionally, the aircraft could be diverted to engage radar significant targets that were considered to be time sensitive. Radar beacon bombing was not authorized.

c. On 17 May, Maj LORING again visited USSAG for the purpose of briefing Gen VOGT, USSAG Commander on the A-6 beacon capability. As a result of this briefing, the A-6 AMTI missions will inform ABCCC on check-in of their beacon capability and can be expected to divert to a beacon target. All drops will be on a new beacon until the A-6 bomb signature is established.

d. On the 21st of May Maj LORING attended the Joint Training Areas Conference at 13th ADVON RTAFB to finalize and schedule the training areas for June.

e. On 22 May Capt K. D. EDFLEN departed Nam Phong for NAS Cubi Point, P. I. to effect liaison prior to VMFA-115's missile firex deployment scheduled for 25 May.

f. On 26 May VMFA-115 aircrews and aircraft departed for NAS Cubi Point. The missile firex was scheduled to commence on 29 May with missile firings and ACM training scheduled in the A.M. Eight AIM-7 and seven AIM-9 missiles were fired the first three days of the firex, 29, 30, and 31 May.

g. LtCol R. PLANT arrived the 27th of May to relieve Maj A. P. LORING as MAG-15 S-3 Officer. On 29 May LtCol PLANT and Maj LORING visited USSAG/7th AF Headquarters. Purpose of the visit was to introduce LtCol PLANT and discuss MAG-15 Combat Operations.

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6. (S) JUNE - Combat and training operations continued from Nam Phong at a pace equivalent to that of the month of May. VMFA-115 completed a successful missile firex and returned to the Rose Garden. Combat flights accumulated 461 sorties and 1036 hours delivering 1081 tons of ordnance in Cambodia. Training sorties were down from the previous two months to 265 sorties and 381 hours due to VMFA-232 flying the combat sorties normally flown by VMFA-115 while VMFA-115 was deployed to NAS Cubi Point, and the increase of weather in the training areas with the oncoming monsoon season. Combat operations consisted of day visual bombing under FAC control for the F-4's and armed recce using ANTI as the primary mission for the A-6's. Commencing 16 June the A-6's commenced dropping off the newly operational radar beacon in an effort to validate the accuracy of the A-6 system. Training flight consisted of instrument, navigation, air intercept, air combat maneuvering, and radar beacon bombing practice.

a. On 4 June, Capt K. E. EDELEN attended a plans conference at the 13th ADVON, Udorn RTAFB to discuss the impact of requiring all training flights to file ICAO flight plans. As a result of the conference, all Wings/Groups flying in Thailand are required to prepare and submit proposed stereotype flight plans for all non-tactical flights. Implementation into the ICAO system is anticipated during August.

b. VMFA-115 returned from NAS Cubi Point the 8th of June after a successful missile firex. Nineteen AIM-7 and 16 AIM-9 missiles were expended. Eleven aircrews were qualified or requalified with the F-4 weapon system.

c. On 13 June Capt EDELEN attended the Joint Use Training Area Conference at 13th ADVON Udorn RTAFB to finalize and schedule the training areas for July.

d. On 26 June LtCol R. PLANT visited USSAG/7th AF NKP Thailand to attend a combat Reports Review conference and effect liaison prior to MGen LANG's visit on the 29th. In addition this provided the opportunity to discuss MAG-15 operations in Cambodia with the Fighter Frag Shop.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

14 January 1973	All combat operations in North Vietnam halted.
27 January 1973	The last MAG-15 aircraft were refueled and rearmed at DaNang AB, South Vietnam.
28 January 1973	All combat operations in South Vietnam halted.
30 January 1973	LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN attended an operations/training conference at the 7/13 AF headquarters at Udorn RTAFB.
10 February 1973	Fragged sortie rate increased from 23 to 33 sorties per day.
21-23 February 1973	LtCol ANDERSEN attended a conference in Bangkok on Air Training Operations in Thailand.
22 February 1973	Cease-Fire in Laos.
25 February 1973	12 Combat sorties flown in Cambodia.
25 March 1973	LtCol ANDERSEN visited NKP for initial planning of combat air operations.
27 March 1973	LtCol ANDERSEN and Maj LORING visited NKP to finalize concept of operations.
30 March 1973	Combat air operations resumed. The F-4 squadrons were fragged for 12 sorties per day in Cambodia.
11 April 1973	LtCol ANDERSEN visited USSAG/7th AF NKP to discuss A-6 operations in Cambodia.
5 May 1973	Maj A. P. LORING relieved LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN as MAG-15 S-3 Officer.
8 May 1973	Maj LORING visited USSAG/7th AF to discuss employment of the A-6 for night operations in Cambodia.
11 May 1973	Commenced A-6 armed recce combat missions in Cambodia with squadrons flying five missions each night

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17 May 1973

Maj LORING briefed Gen VOGT USSAG Commander on A-6 beacon capability.

26 May 1973

VMFA-115 deployed 6 aircraft to NAS Cubi Point for missile firex.

27 May 1973

LtCol R. PLANT arrived to relieve Maj LORING as S-3 Officer.

4 June 1973

Capt K. D. EDMEN attended plans conference at 13 AF ADVCN Udorn Thailand to discuss impact of requiring all non-tactical flights to file ICAO flight plans.

8 June 1973

VMFA-115 returned to Nam Phong after completing a successful missile firex deployment.

26 June 1973

LtCol PLANT visited USSAG/7th AF to effect liaison prior to MGen LANG's visit on 29th and discuss MAG-15 operations in Cambodia.

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Supporting Documents

NONE

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ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Aircraft Group 15, S-4

Major W. J. COOPER
1 January - 25 April 1973
Major J. N. BIBLER
26 April - 30 June 1973

2. GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

PERIOD

Royal, Thai Air Force Base
Nam Phong, Thailand

1 January - 30 June 1973

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Base Development Officer
Asst. S-4
Management Improvement Officer

Captain J. RICE
1 January - 31 March 1973

Captain J. W. MORROW
1 April - 30 June 1973

Embarkation Officer
Buildings and Grounds Officer

1st Lt. R. K. WARGIN
1 January - 31 March 1973

1st Lt. F. S. LENTZ
1 April - 30 June 1973

Ground Safety Officer

1st Lt. K. H. TRECKER
1-3 January 1973

1st Lt. R. K. WARGIN
4 January - 31 March 1973

1st Lt. F. S. LENTZ
1 April - 30 June 1973

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During January the following projects were completed and accepted by MAG-15: new quarters for MAG-15 C.O. and X.O., 3M building converted to a temporary detention facility; fabrication of numerous embarkation boxes; receivers redistributed and wired in to clubs from Mess Hall #2; Bob Hope stage was lighted for future USO Shows; wiring and lighting of the Craftech building by AMPAC.

On 22 January Lt. Gen. WILSON, C.G. FMFPAC arrived at Nam Phong. The purpose of the visit was to receive a briefing/update by the Task Force Delta/MAG-15 Staff.

On 29 January VMGR-152 airlifted H&MS-15 Det Alpha from Danang to Nam Phong. A ten hour period and six trips were required to move 50 tons of cargo and 22 passengers using three KC-130 aircraft.

On 30 January the CG, Task Force Delta's Quickcamp modules were custom inspected, secured and prepared for shipment to Sattahip and Port Hueneme, California.

The following projects were completed and accepted by MAG-15 in the month of February: Concrete pads and drainage at the dog compound; new detention facility was completed; fabrication of numerous embarkation boxes; shipment of C.G. Task Force Delta's Quickcamp modules; numbering of all real property; preparation of C.G. Task Force Delta's sleeping van for air shipment to Iwakuni.

The following projects were initiated in February: Laying of pipe for the shower facilities; security lighting and fencing for base security.

MAG-15 Group Supply accepted and occupied their two Craftech buildings in February.

The Group Commander and the Group Embarkation Staff held embarkation inspections of VMA(AW)-533, VMFA-115, and H&MS-15.

The following projects were completed and accepted by MAG-15 during March: fabrication of embarkation boxes; security fence was completed around detention facility; new road surface surfaces; shipment for two (2) supply vans to Iwakuni; paving of entrance to Group Headquarters and hospital parking areas; sea huts for Group SgtMajor and MATCU equipment storage were completed; movement and retrofit of sea hut to VMGR-152 area for flight crew living spaces; construction of guard tower for base operations; complete new drain system for mess hall; water tank construction completed for RTAF; MABS installed security lighting between O club and Staff Club.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY (Cont.)

Lt. Gen CORCORAN, U.S.A. Chief of Staff CINCPAC was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings; Major General L. E. BROWN was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings plus unit and element visits; ~~MAJ~~ General RYAN, CG III MAF was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings.

Projects completed in April included: conversion of MAG-15 cantonment strong back tents to sea huts; non skid painting of fuel pit area; valve installed in main water line for use by Thai locals; movement of one sea hut to VMGR-152 Det D area.

Inspections of the security fencing and lighting were conducted with the lighting portion being accepted for use on 30 April.

Major General BROWN was in Nam Phong on 10 April to discuss monsoon preparation requirements.

In May information and repair materials for MAG-15 Craftech buildings and establishment of a garrison property account were requested. Work was initiated on a cooling modification on the Mess Hall, sea hut loovering, and drainage system repairs. A detachment from VMFA-115 was airlifted to Cubi Point for missile shoot on 25 May. Three (3) C-141 and one (1) C-130 aircraft were required to airlift 58 passengers and 29 short tons of cargo.

~~MAJ~~ General RYAN and Major General BROWN were briefed on 7 May.

During June major projects consisted of: strong back tents to sea huts conversion completed; excess usable furniture was requested and started arriving; MAG-15 reception center constructed; security and lighting completed; construction of approximately 100 embark boxes; three 24 hours showers installed; cleaning and reshaping of drain system including installation of new culverts 85% completed; completion of Mess Hall cooling modification; cantonment loovers 75% completed.

An airlift consisting of four (4) Air Force (PATMA) C-130 aircraft and one (1) Marine C-130 making one (1) trip each returned VMFA-115 missile shoot detachment from Cubi Point on 9 and 10 June. Sixty-two passengers and 20 short tons of cargo comprised the return airlift.

On 17 June General R. E. CUSHMAN, Commandant of the Marine Corps was aboard for TFD/MAG-15 briefings. Maj. General Lang was in Nam Phong for TFD/MAG-15 briefings on 29 June.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

01 January 1973	Two enlisted members of the MAG-15 S-4 section rotated to CONUS. One clerk arrived as a replacement.
03 January 1973	1st Lt. K. H. TRECKER transferred from MAG-15 S-4 to MAG-15 S-1.
08 January 1973	AMPAC began construction of the permanent detention facility.
11 January 1973	Maj. W. C. COOPER departed for Bangkok to deliver and brief the After Action Report for the Bob Hope Show.
14 January 1973	One enlisted member of MAG-15 S-4 rotated to CONUS.
22 January 1973	Lt. Gen WILSON, C.G. FMFPAC, arrived at Nam Phong for staff briefings.
25 January 1973	MAG-15 Mark Officer held informal embarkation meeting with all units to discuss contingency plans.
27 January 1973	General sickcamp modules were secured and prepared for retrograde.
28 January 1973	OICC Thai contractor security work Security lighting and fencing work on the Nam Phong base being installed.
29 January 1973	H&MS-15 Det Nam Phong force redeployed to Phanrang.
30 January 1973	Electrical wiring and lighting completed by AMPAC in technical buildings. Air conditioning units being installed.
31 February 1973	SSGT. D. A. JOHNSON reported in as Embarkation Chief.
02 February 1973	Construction of security lighting and fencing for the base vital areas was initiated.
05 February 1973	4 Thai nationals took over corrosion control duties at the aircraft wash rack, replacing Marines.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

8 February 1973	One enlisted member checked into MAG-15 embark section
12 February 1973	Concrete pads and drainage at the dog compound completed.
15 February 1973	Detention facility completed.
18 February 1973	CG, TFD's Quickcamp module shipped by surface to Sattahip.
20 February 1973	MAG-15 Group Supply moved into their Craftech Bldg.
21 February 1973	CG, TFD's sleeping van offered for air shipment.
27 February 1973	Laying of pipe for shower facilities initiated.
27 February 1973	Numbering of all property completed.
1 March 1973	Lt. Gen CORCORAN Chief of Staff CINCPAC was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings.
2 Mar 1973	MABS installed Security lighting between the O club and Staff club, and along south cantonment road.
10 March 1973	Maj. Gen L. E. BROWN was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings and units visits.
22 March 1973	Maj. Gen RYAN was aboard for MAG-15/TFD briefings.
1 April 1973	Captain J. W. MORROW reported aboard as Assistant S-4 Officer.
1 April 1973	1st Lt. F. S. LENTZ reported aboard as Group Embarkation Officer.
10 April 1973	Maj. Gen BROWN arrived for monsoon preparation discussions/briefings.
10 April 1973	Initial Inspection of Security fencing at helo pad, flight line, TAFDS and br fuel rejected for major discrepancy

PART III

SEQUENCE LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

12 April 1973	Fuel pit area coated with non-skid paint
13 April 1973	Valve installed in water supply main for use by Thai locals.
16 April 1973	Completed strong back tent to sea hut conversion in cantonment.
17 April 1973	Moved one sea hut to VMGR-152 Det D area.
23 April 1973	Second inspection on security fencing and lighting was rejected.
25 April 1973	Major J. N. BIBLER relieved Major W. J. COOPER as Group S-4
30 April 1973	Security lighting accepted for use.
1 May 1973	III MAF security team arrived to study monsoon preparation and base development.
7 May 1973	Lt. Gen. RYAN and Maj. Gen. BROWN aboard for briefings.
8 May 1973	Wing Embark Team arrives for informal visit.
9 May 1973	Marine Corps Property in full operation after move to Mess Hall No. 2 (Previously vacant).
12 May 1973	Wing G-4 Chief arrived for informal tour.
14 May 1973	Initial message requesting instructions and materials for repair of Craftech buildings was sent.
21 May 1973	Enlisted Clerk checked into MAG-15 S-4.
25 May 1973	VMFA-115 embarked six (6) aircraft detachment to Cubi Point for missile exercise.
31 May 1973	

PART III

SEQUENCE LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

25 May 1973	MAG-15 reception center completed.
31 May 1973	MAG-15 requested approval for garrison property account.
6 June 1973	SGT. P. R. NUNN reported aboard as Asst. logistics Chief.
8 June 1973	OICC Thailand Team arrived for inspection of Muse Generators/ Electric Distribution system.
10 June 1973	VMFA-115 Detachment completed retrograde to Nam Phong.
15 June 1973	First MAW and FMFPAC IMRL representatives arrived for inspection.
17 June 1973	General R. E. Cushman, Commandant of the Marine Corps arrived for TFD/MAG-15 briefings/visit.
18 June 1973	Lounging of sea huts in preparation for monsoon season 75% completed.
19 June 1973	Conversion of strong back tents to sea huts completed.
20 June 1973	Mess Hall cooling modification completed.
29 June 1973	Maj. Gen. LANG aboard for TFD/MAG-15 briefings.
30 June 1973	Ford tractor and "Brushhog" rotary mower stolen from AMPAC.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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ENCLOSURE (1)

HEADQUARTERS
Marine Aircraft Group 15
First Marine Aircraft Wing
FPO San Francisco 96602

21:WFB:gpf
5750
8 JUN 1973

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JAN to 30 JUN 1973

PART I - ORGANIZATION DATA

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OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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*Marine Aircraft Group 15
First Marine Aircraft Wing
FPO San Francisco, CA 96315*

From Form 115

PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationSupply Officer

LTCOL J. W. FRIBERG
1 JAN - 30 JUN 1973

2. Geographical Location

Royal Thai Air Force Base
Nam Phong, Thailand

1 JAN - 30 JUN 1973

3. Section Officer

GASSCO

CAPT L. E. SPEARS
1 JAN - 30 JUN 1973

MCPO

CAPT D. DOUGLAS
1 JAN - 2 JUN 1973

CAPT M. S. FRAIZER
2 JUN - 30 JUN 1973

SRSO

CAPT R. W. BENNETT
1 JAN - 30 JUN 1973

SASO

1st LT T. C. LAUSH
1 JAN - 30 JUN 1973

2nd LT T. J. ROTHCHILD
18 JUN - 30 JUN 1973

CCSO

1st LT R. S. BARTHLOMEW
1 JAN - 28 FEB 1973

WO-1 G. B. MOORE
1 MAR - 30 JUN 1973

WHSEO

1st LT R. S. BARTHLOMEW
1 JAN - 24 FEB 1973

CWO-2 T. D. ROSE
24 FEB - 30 JUN 1973

GRUSUPCHIEF

MSGT W. J. DANIELS
1 JAN - 15 JAN 1973

MSGT W. F. BARKER
18 MAY - 30 JUN 1973

PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

GASSIC CHIEF

GYSGT W. A. WOODARD
1 JAN - 30 MAR 1973

GYSGT R. E. SICE
1 APR - 30 JUN 1973

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
6	94	0	0	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(U) During the month of January, Group Aviation Supply commenced an excess review program designed to identify and dispose of all excesses held in S. O. Stores. This project was rather extensive and the projected target for completion of the first phase is 1 May. A concerted effort is also being exerted on more intensive stock management in an effort to increase the supply effectiveness while decreasing the value of stock held. The Rotable Pool activity for the month was exceeding high however the aircraft "Holes" were reduced. On the Marine Corps Property side, the M. T. issue point which was established in December 1972 contributed substantially to developing valid usage data through better cooperation between the Maintenance Shops and Marine Corps Property. Allowance lists were prepared and completed for all Squadrons and attached units, and on hand assets were identified and submitted for verification.

(U) During the month of February the Group Aviation Supply Section commenced a maximum effort to insure that all buildings and storage spaces were water proofed as best as possible in preparation for the monsoon season. All outside storage was checked to insure that no materials subject to water damage was uncovered. On 20 February, the Group Supply Office moved to new spaces. The graftech buildings are experimental in nature and although get adequate protection from the elements, with some modification of specifications, are extremely noisy. Supply effectiveness was up again. The excess program continued. The Rotable Pool conducted an extensive review of the IMA's Module Pool. All excess was turned in and all records were adjusted to comply with current allowance list as required by current directives issued by the Aviation Supply Office. The Marine Corps Property Section continued it's validation of allowance and commented an extensive reconciliation program of outstanding documents.

(U) During the month of March, the Material Division of the Aviation side initiated a thorough relocation of all bulk assets less all POL, to insure better protection from the weather and easier accountability. The Marine Corps side initiated a program for validation of all T/E equipment that had been invoiced to MAG-15 from other commands. A quarterly controlled items reconciliation was received and processed and all backorder reconciliations received were processed in accordance with current directives.

(U) During the month of April the Material Division of the Aviation side did a complete location verification of all stock items to insure that all items in stock had a valid locator card, also a partial inventory was conducted to sample the accuracy of the stock balance card. Approximately 3000 line items of RFI excess material were removed from stock and turned into NSD Subic Bay during the month. Net effectiveness again increased.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(U) During the month of May the 1st phase of the excess program was completed with over 30,000 line items having been shipped to NSD Subic. The Material Division of the Aviation side placed all stock items under covered storage with the exception of A/C external fuel tanks and certian POL products. The Marine Corps Property Section moved into a new warehouse and conducted a complete inventory of all assets on hand. All necessary adjustments were made to the records. All excess material was identified and a program set up to invoice all excessess as directed by Wing. GySgt S. Hardy was assigned as a courier for the group to Okinawa. He was given additional instruction to pick up some critically needed blank forms, and to trace shipments of jungle clothing not yet received by MAG-15. Authority to establish a Garrison Property account was requested.

(U) During the month of June, Group Aviation Supply completed phase II of the excess program and is awaiting disposition. Since the U1500 computer will not be sent to MAG-15. An alternate program has been implimented utilizing an off-set mechinized program. This program will allow the salvaging of some mechanization which was accomplished in preparation for U1500. If MAG-15 recives a U1500 computer this program can be programed for the change over. The Marine Corps Property Section appointed GySgt J. D. Reed as a courier to Okinawa for MAG-15. With instructions to pick up some critically needed jungle clothing, medical supplies, and NORS requirements. A annual inventory was began with a target completion date of 20 August. The RIO at MABS Motor Transport was completely renovated and enclosed for protection from the elements. Through a concentrated effort in the Formal Account, all TE deficiencies have been identified and reported to Wing, and all deficiencies are on order.

(U) During the period covered by this report MAG-15 made the following expenditures.

1. OFC-OL FLIGHT OPERATION FUNDS

These funds are held by the individual flying Squadrons, and pay for JP-4 fuel, flight equipment, and administrative supplies.

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>AMT EXPENDED</u>	<u>APROX COST/FLT HR</u>
VMFA-115	\$602,716	\$211
VMFA-232	\$728,711	\$209
VMA(AW)-533	\$269,857	\$150

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY2. OFC-50 AVIATION MAINTENANCE

This kind is controlled by the Group, and is used to purchase all aviation maintenance repair parts for the aircraft.

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>AMOUNT SPENT</u>	<u>APROX COST/FLT HR</u>
VMFA-115	\$437,392	\$143
VMFA-232	\$437,607	\$143
VMA(AW)-533	\$456,780	\$143

3. OFC-02 GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

During this period covered, \$485,900 was spent on maintenance of Ground Support Equipment.

4. OFC-02 AMPAC BASE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Approximately \$180,000 was spent on Ampac labor and material during the second half of FY-73.

5. MARINE CORPS FUNDS 2720 PE

During the second half of the fiscal year, \$1,134,672 of 2720 PE was spent primarily on Interservice Support Agreements, Commercial Contracts, and other expeditionary requirements.

2720 RA

During the period covered by this report, \$525,376 was spent for Marine Corps Property type items.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(U) AVIATION SUPPLY SECTION

- 1 JAN The Aviation Section reviewed the balance cards to identify any excess on hand.
- 5 FEB All buildings were made as waterproof as possible.
- 10 FEB The Aviation Section relocated all outside storage to protect it from the elements.
- 26 FEB The Aviation Section turned in all excess from the Module Pool.
- 10 MAY The Aviation Section put all outside storage under cover.
- 30 MAY The Aviation Section shipped 30,000 line items of excess to NSD Subic.
- 1 JUN FMFPAC decided not to send the U1500 computer to MAG-15.
- 30 JUN The Aviation Section completed Phase III of the excess program.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(U) MARINE CORPS PROPERTY SECTION

- 15 JAN The Marine Corps Property Section prepared allowance list for each Squadron.
- 13 MAR The Marine Corps Property Section validated all TE equipment received from other units.
- 5 APR The Marine Corps Section moved into a new warehouse and office.
- 3 MAY GySgt S. Hardy of the Marine Corps Property Section was sent to Okinawa to pick up blank forms and to trace Jungle Clothing that was shipped to MAG-15.
- 15 MAY The Marine Corps Section conducted a complete inventory.
- 25 MAY The Marine Corps Property Section identified and turned in all excesses.
- 31 MAY The Marine Corps Property Section requested authority for a Garrison Property Account.
- 1 JUN The Marine Corps Property Section started an annual inventory.
- 10 JUN GySgt J. D. Reed of the Marine Corps Property Section was sent to Okinawa to trace jungle clothing and to get much needed medical supplies and NORS requirements.
- 15 JUN The Marine Corps RIO at MABS Motor Transport was enclosed.
- 28 JUN The Marine Corps Property Section reported all T/E deficiencies and placed them on order.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

TAB

- a. Aviation Supply Performance Reports; period covering,
1 January thur 30 June.
- b. Co MAG-15 ltr; requesting a Garrison Property Account.

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P R 021031Z FEB 73
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INFO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC HI
RHARSGG/CG FIRST MAW
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11-15

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CMC CODE AAJ
AWI SUP PERFORMANCE RPT-SYM 4449-23
A. MCC 4446.28a

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING RPT IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF JAN 73.
REPORT ITEMS

- 2. INVENTORY VALUE 15,941,837.03
- A. TOTAL NSA 1,522,937.22
- B. TOTAL APA 14,418,899.81
- 3. LINE ITEMS WITH REQW OBJECTIVE ASSIGNED. N/A
- 4. MATERIAL AVAILABILITY ANALYSIS

ITEM	LINE NO	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL
DEMANDS	1	980	1262	16	188	3007	5473
ISS FROM STK	2	461	305	4	67	1234	2071

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ITEMS NOT IN STK	3	366	285	8	67	812	1540
ITEMS NOT CARRIED	4	151	692	4	54	961	1802
NET DEM RECD	5	829	590	12	134	2046	3611
ITEMS POSSED	6	519	977	12	121	1773	3402
WHSE STK DENTIALS	7	0	0	0	0	0	0

5. TOTAL VALUE OF ISSUE FROM STOCK 977,189.83

A. TOTAL NSA 92,541.33

B. TOTAL APA 884,648.50

6. ROTATABLE POOL PERFORMANCE

A. TOTAL DEMANDS PROCESSED 2184

B. TOTAL DEMANDS ISSUED 1896

C. VALUE OF POOL ISSUED 17,606,198.00

D. TOTAL VALUE OF ROTATABLE POOL 9,297,954.00

E. NUMBER OF LINE ITEMS CARRIED 469

F. NUMBER OF UNITS CARRIED 2387

G. NUMBER OF UNITS AWP 287

H. TOTAL UNITS PROCESSED THRU EXREP 20

7. LINE ITEMS AND MONEY VALUE OF STK DISPOSED OF AS

EXCESS TO REQWNTS DURING RPT PERIOD \$2,247,092.93/16,780L/I

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A. NSA TOTAL \$585,715.93/1500L/I

B. APA TOTAL \$1,652,155.00/1500L/I

8. UNMIPS REQUISITION PERFORMANCE TOTAL 4020

A. UND A NUMBER 1821 ; PERCENTAGE 44PERCENT

B. UND B NUMBER 1576 ; PERCENTAGE 36PERCENT

C. UND C NUMBER 823 ; PERCENTAGE 20PERCENT

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3/ (a)

1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96382

21: LEB: rdc
4400-23
2 MARCH, 1973

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 15, 1st Marine
Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific 96402
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (MCJ)

Subj: Aviation supply Performance Report symbol MC 4400-23

Ref: (a) MCO 4440.23
(b) CG FPMW - 132015Z NOV 72: 7 31 1704 2177

Encl: (1) Aviation Supply Performance Report

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is sub-
mitted for the month of February 1973.

J.H. PRISBERG

By direction

Copy to:
CG FPMAC
CG FPMW (WSO)

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INVENTORY VALUE 15,074,019.09

- A. TOTAL NSA 1,133,032.78
- B. TOTAL APA 13,940,986.31
- 3. LINE ITEMS WITH REQD OBJECTIVE ASSIGNED. N/A
- 4. MATERIAL AVAILABILITY ANALYSIS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>LINE NO</u>	<u>A.</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DEMANDS	1	857	945	32	69	3184	5087
ISSUES FROM STOCK	2	523	263	7	30	1784	2607
ITEMS NOT IN STOCK	3	244	207	12	11	628	1102
ITEMS NOT CARRIED	4	90	475	13	28	772	1378
NET DEMANDS RECEIVED	5	767	470	19	41	2412	3709
ITEMS PASSED	6	334	682	25	39	1400	2480
ISSUE STOCK DENIALS	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

5. TOTAL VALUE OF ISSUE FROM STOCK 15,690,571.19

- A. TOTAL NSA 102,600.39
- B. TOTAL APA 15,587,970.80

6. ROTATABLE POOL PERFORMANCE

- A. TOTAL DEMANDS PROCESSED 1220
- B. TOTAL DEMANDS ISSUED 1216
- C. VALUE OF POOL ISSUED 15,281,322.00
- D. TOTAL VALUE OF ROTABLE POOL 8,782,741.00
- E. NUMBER OF LINE ITEMS CARRIED 482
- F. NUMBER OF UNITS IN POOL 1,865
- G. NUMBER OF UNITS AMP 299
- J. TOTAL UNITS PROCESSED THROUGH EXRESP 18

Net 70.2%
Gross 51.2

8. LINE ITEMS AND MONET VALUE OF STOCK DISPOSED OF AS EXCESS TO

REQUIREMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD 1,198,711.74/ 11,000/L

A. NSA 419,119.74/ 10,850 L/I

B. AFA 779,571.00/ 150 L/I

8. UNMIPS REQUISITION PERFORMANCE TOTAL 3,128

A. UNID A NUMBER 1,357: PERCENTAGE 44

B. UNID B NUMBER 1,032: PERCENTAGE 32

C. UNID C NUMBER 739: PERCENTAGE 24

NAVAL MESSAGE

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F.K. Williams

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 INFO: CG FMFPAC/ CAMP SMITH, HAWAII
 CG FIRST MAW

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AVIATION SUPPLY PERFORMANCE REPORT SYM NO 4400-23

- A. NCO 4440.28-
- 1. LAW REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF MAR 73.
- 2. INVENTORY VALUE 15,703,991.28
- A. TOTAL NSA 1,156,380.67
- B. TOTAL APA 14,547,610.61
- 3. LINE ITEMS WITH REQUISITIONING OBJECTIVE ASSIGNED N/A
- B. MATERIAL AVAILABILITY ANALYSIS

ITEMS	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL
DEMANDS	640	828	434	37	2292	4231
ISSUES FROM STOCK	407	259	353	20	1101	2140
ITEMS NOT IN STOCK	165	353	56	5	467	896

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ITEMS NOT CARRIED	68	536	25	12	724	1195
NET DEMANDS RECEIVED	572	462	409	1	25	1568
ITEMS PASSED	233	569	81	17	1191	2091
WISE STOCK DENIALS	0	0	0	0	0	0

5. TOTAL VALUE OF ISSUE FROM STOCK 8,757,254.29

A. TOTAL NSA 103,288.99

B. TOTAL APA 8,653,965.30

6. ^{ROTATABLE} ROTABLE POOL PERFORMANCE

A. TOTAL DEMANDS 1301

B. TOTAL DEMANDS 1265

C. VALUE OF POOL ISSUED 8,111,132.00

D. TOTAL VALUE OF ^{ROTATABLE} POOL 10,630,144.00

E. NUMBER OF LINE ITEMS CARRIED 415

F. NUMBER OF UNITS CARRIED 1002

G. NUMBER OF UNITS AMP 303

H. TOTAL UNITS PROCESSED THROUGH E.REP 14

7. LINE ITEMS AND MONEY VALUE OF STOCK DISPOSED OF AS EXCESS TO REQUIREMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD 283,646.12 / 3,625 1/I

A. NSA 14,216.12 / 3561 1/I

B. APA 269,400.00 / 64 1/I

8. UNMIPS REQUISITION PERFORMANCE TOTAL 2,709

A. UND A NUMBER 1,151 PERCENTAGE 42%

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B. UND B NUMBER 1,180 PERCENTAGE 44%

C. UND C NUMBER 378 PERCENTAGE 14%

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 INFO: CG FMFPAC/ CAMP SMITH, HAWAII
 CG FIRST MAW

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INVENTORY SUPPLY PERFORMANCE REPORT SYM MCA400-23

A. MCO 4440.28

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 73.

2. INVENTORY VALUE \$13,885,693.11

A. TOTAL NSA \$1,129,579.80

B. TOTAL APA \$12,756,113.31

3. LINE ITEMS WITH REQNG OBJECTIVE ASSIGNED N/A

4. MATERIAL AVAILABILITY ANALYSIS

ITEMS	LINE	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL
A. DEMANDS	1	981	1112	1664	140	1964	5861
B. ISS FROM STK	2	672	412	1295	75	723	3177
C. ITEMS NOT IN STK	3	225	253	121	29	452	1080
D. ITEMS NOT CARRIED	4	84	447	248	36	789	1604
E. NET DEMANDS REQD	5	897	665	1416	104	1175	4257

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MESSAGE NR	DATE/TIME GROUP	PRECEDENCE ACTION INFO	FLASH	IMMEDIATE	PRIORITY XXXXX	ROUTINE XXXXX

- F. ITEMS PASSED 6 309 700 369 65 1241 2684
- G. WHSE STK DENIALS 7 0 0 0 0 0 0
- 5. TOTAL VALUE OF ISSUE FROM STK \$12,147,497.34
- A. TOTAL NSA \$79,242.44
- B. TOTAL APA \$12,068,254.90
- 6. ROTATABLE POOL PERFORMANCE
- A. TOTAL DEMANDS PROCESSED 1346
- TOTAL DEMANDS ISSUED 1334
- VALUE OF POOL ISSUED \$10,907,069.00
- D. TOTAL VALUE OF ROTATABLE POOL 8,125,280.00
- E. NUMBER OF LINE ITEMS CARRIED 455
- F. NUMBER OF UNITS CARRIED ¹⁹⁹⁵ 279
- G. NUMBER OF UNITS AWP 319
- H. TOTAL UNITS PROCESSED THROUGH EXREP 15
- 7. LINE ITEMS AND MONEY VALUE OF STK DISPOSED OF AS EXCESS TO REQUIREMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD \$703,227.55/ 385 L/I
- A. NSA \$24,390.55 / 160 L/I
- B. APA \$678,837.00 / 225 L/I
- 8. UNMIPS REQUISITION PERFORMANCE TOTAL 3052
- A. UND A NUMBER 1449: PERCENTAGE 47
- B. UND B NUMBER 1133: PERCENTAGE 37
- C. UND C NUMBER 470: PERCENTAGE 16

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FMAG FOR WSO
AVIATION SUPPLY PERFORMANCE REPORT SYM M04480-23

A. M004447.28
1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY73.

- 2. INVENTORY VALUE \$14,051,216
- A. TOTAL NSA \$1,199,771
- B. TOTAL APA \$12,673,445
- 3. LINE ITEMS WITH REQUISITIONING OBJECTIVE ASSIGNED, W/A
- 4. MATERIAL AVAILABILITY ANALYSIS

ITEMS	LINE	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL
A. DEMANDS	1	835	983	1980	155	1980	5953

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- B. ISSUES FROM STOCK 2 534 446 1273 105 2977
- C. ITEMS NOT IN STOCK 3 219 253 242 23 625 1544
- D. ITEMS NOT CARRIED 4 82 282 455 25 757 1612
- E. NET DEMANDS RECD 5 755 701 1515 129 1223 4821
- F. ITEMS PASSED 6 301 557 707 49 1362 2995
- G. WHSE STK DENIAL 7 0 0 0 0 0 0

5. TOTAL VALUE OF ISSUES FROM STOCK \$17,205,342

- A. TOTAL NSA \$171,579
- B. TOTAL APA \$16,633,763
- 6. ROTATABLE POOL PERFORMANCE
- A. TOTAL DEMANDS PROCESSED 1681
- B. TOTAL DEMANDS ISSUED 1591

- C. VALUE OF POOL ISSUED \$15,981,918
- D. TOTAL VALUE OF ROTATABLE POOL 7,633,973
- EM NUMBER OF LINE ITEMS CARRIED 354
- F. NUMBER OF UNITS CARRIED 1582
- G. NUMBER OF UNITS AWP 313
- H. TOTAL UNITS PROCESSED THROUGH EXREP 21

7. LINE ITEMS AND MONEY VALUE OF STOCK DISPOSED, OF AS EXCESS TO REQUIREMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD S. 2 / 0

4. NSA 0 / 0

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- 2. APA 0 / 0
- 3. UNMIPB REQUISITION PERFORMANCE TOTAL 4651
- A. UND-A NUMBER 1519: PERCENTAGE 33 PERCENT
- B. UND-B NUMBER 1608: PERCENTAGE 33 PERCENT
- C. UND-C NUMBER 1164: PERCENTAGE 32 PERCENT

NAVAL MESSAGE

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 TO: CMC/ WASHINGTON, D.C.
 INFO: CG FMF PAC/ CAMP SMITH, HAWAII
 CG FIRST MAW

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AVIATION SUPPLY PERFORMANCE REPORT SYM MC4400-23

A. MCO 440.23

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 73.

2. INVENTORY VALUE \$14,479,213.55

A. TOTAL NSA \$1,328,145.30

B. TOTAL APA \$13,151,068.25

3. LINE ITEMS WITH REQUISITIONING OBJECTIVE ASSIGNED N/A

4. MATERIAL AVAILABILITY ANALYSIS

ITEMS	LINE	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL
A. DEMANDS	1	761	686	1266	59	1527	4299
B. ISSUES FROM STOCK	2	494	239	820	19	689	2311
C. ITEMS NOT IN STK	3	199	156	151	4	239	749
D. ITEMS NOT CARRIED	4	68	241	295	36	599	1239
E. NET DEMANDS RECD	5	693	445	971	23	923	3060

NAVAL MESSAGE

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F. ITEMS PASSED 6 397 397 446 40 838 1988

G. WISE STK DENIAL 7 0 0 0 0 0 0

5. TOTAL VALUE OF ISSUES FROM STOCK \$16,976,404.51

A. TOTAL NSA \$105,347.41

B. TOTAL APA \$16,871,057.10

6. ROTATABLE POOL PERFORMANCE

A. TOTAL DEMANS PROCESSED 1763

B. TOTAL DEMANS ISSUED 1753

C. VALUE OF POOL ISSUED \$15,942,158.00

D. TOTAL VALUE OF ROTATABLE POOL \$8,070,664.00

E. NUMBER OF LINE ITEMS CARRIED 356

F. NUMBER OF UNITS IN POOL 1611

G. NUMBER OF UNITS AWP 319

H. TOTAL UNITS PROCESSED THROUGH EXREP 10

7. LINE ITEMS AND MONEY VALUE OF STOCK DISPOSED OF AS EXCESS TO REQUIREMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD \$32,430.00 / 61 L/I

A. NSA 0 / 0

B. APA \$32,430.00 / 61

8. UMMIPS REQUISITION PERFORMANCE TOTAL 4840

A. UND A NUMBER 1156: PERCENTAGE 24%

B. UND B NUMBER 2373: PERCENTAGE 49%

C. UND C NUMBER 1311: PERCENTAGE 27%

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HEADQUARTERS
Marine Aircraft Group 15
1st Marine Air Wing
FPO San Francisco 96602

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31 MAY 1973

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group Fifteen
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni Japan
Via: Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing FMF
FPO SAN Francisco 96602.

Subj: Garrison Property for use at Nam Phong.

Ref: (a) MCO P4400.15G
(b) ComFairWestPac ATSUGI JAPAN 230731Z MAY 1973.

Encl: (1) Requested Garrison Property and recommended Garrison Property Allowance

1. In accordance with reference (a) it is requested that Marine Aircraft Group Fifteen at Nam Phong, be established as a responsible account of the Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni Garrison Property Account. This request is submitted for the purpose of providing Marines stationed at Nam Phong with a minimum of comfort and to provide adequate security for personal gear and government property in their possession. In providing the basic garrison property items normally found in garrison to Marines at Nam Phong, living conditions would be improved considerably which would have a favorable effect on moral.

2. Enclosure (1) contains a recommended garrison property allowance for MAG-15 and a list of items required to be provided by the garrison account at Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni. Reference (b) is a list of items available at property disposal, Tachicawa AFB, Japan. This command is requesting that certain items be provided to us from the items available, at no cost to the Marine Corps.

3. Upon termination of operations at Nam Phong, this command will effect liaison with the Garrison Property Officer at MCAS Iwakuni to determine what items and quantities will be returned. The remaining items will be disposed of locally.

A. W. TALBERT

ITEM	GARRISON PROP ALLOWANCE	REQUESTED PROP
METAL RACKS	2000	1900
MATTRESSES	2000	∅
SHEETS	8000	8000
PILLOW CASES	4000	4000
PILLOWS	2000	2000
FOOT LOCKERS	2000	2000

(ENCLOSURE 1)