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Narrative

Monthly Report March 1971

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[1-30 Apr 1971]

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Reference No. 1

To: OIC, Military History Section, AHQ.

1. I enclose Commanders Diary (AF C 2118) (Adapted) as indicated at Part 2.

2. Please return receipt below.

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COMMANDERS DIARY

OF

Unit or Formation 1 Aust CA Unit

From 1 Apr 71 To 30 Apr 71

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COMMANDERS DIARIES INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

1. The aim of a Commanders Diary is to provide data on which to base future improvements in Army training, equipment, organization and administration, and to furnish historians with a record of the activities of units and formations in operational and non-operational periods in peace and in war.

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2. Entries are to be made daily on AF C 2118 (Adapted) each entry being initialled by the officer detailed to keep it.
3. Commanders Diaries will conform with the rules for drafting orders given in "Staff Duties (Australia)" Chapter 2, Section 12.

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4. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled by commanders of all formations.

During Operational Periods (1)

5. A Commanders Diary is to be compiled in duplicate by:
 - a. Commanders of all formations.
 - b. Each branch of the staff at formation headquarters commanded by a brigadier or above.
 - c. Heads of services not below the rank of lieutenant colonel.
 - d. Personal staffs and officers holding special appointments.
 - e. Unit commanders.
 - f. Commanders of a detachment of a unit when so ordered.

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6. Both original and duplicate copies are to consist of:
 - a. Cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted).
 - b. Index as printed on cover.
 - c. Narrative (AF C 2118) (Adapted).
 - d. Annexes as shown in the Index.
7. All details of the unit or formation (if a detachment is concerned, the name of the parent unit), period covered and enclosure numbers of the annexes are to be shown on the cover. If there has been a change of command since the last report, the date of assumption by the new commanding officer is to be included.
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potential importance.

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and to save work as much information as possible is to be given. All documents issued and received, routine returns, etc. All dates and the time of receipt or despatch is to be given.

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13. **Original Commander's Diary.** This is to be forwarded monthly, unless otherwise ordered, by the seventh day of the succeeding month direct to AHQ.

14. **Duplicate Commander's Diary.** This must be clearly marked as a duplicate. It is to be sent separately from the original to AHQ one month after the original has been despatched but not before the former has been acknowledged.

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a. The documents referred to in Paragraph 9 together with a list of them made out on AF C 2118 (Adapted) must be placed in separate cover (AF C 2119) (Adapted). All details must be filled in and the cover clearly marked in red: "ANNEX Z — OFFICER ONLY". It may be convenient to group the papers by appendices.

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HQ AFV (3)

1 Aust CA Unit
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12 Apr 71

EXPENDITURE ON MILITARY CIVIC ACTION
PROJECTS AS AT 10 APR 71
PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

- Reference:
- A. HQ AFV Civic Action Plan 1970/71. Revised 24 Jul 70 Part 1
 - B. AHQ 363-R27-18 of 16 Feb 71
 - C. HQ AFV R176-1-29 of 22 Mar 71
 - D. AFV PAY 311 of 1 Apr 71
 - E. 1 Aust CA Unit OPS 191 of 7 Apr 71

1. The record of expenditure is attached at Annex A.

2. Points to note are:

a. Unit records have been reconciled with AHQ records of expenditure, forwarded under cover of References B and C, except for Projects 197, 257 and 421.

b. It is assumed that the unit proposals, listed in Reference E, will be accepted by AHQ.

3. The financial situation is summarised below:

a. Expenditure on Army Stores, local purchase/ contract	14,901,963 \$VN
b. Committed for local purchase/ contract	6,754,699 \$VN
c. Committed for purchase of Army Stores	1,963,617 \$VN
d. Total funds expended/ committed	23,620,279 \$VN
e. Funds allocated in Reference A	24,532,223 \$VN
f. Remaining funds	911,944 \$VN

4. Project applications to expend the remaining funds will be forwarded to HQ AFV by 24 Apr 71.

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Lt Col
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Annexes: A. Record of Expenditure for Phuoc Tuy Province

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RECORD OF EXPENDITURE FOR FY 1970/71
AS AT 10 APR 71 - PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

Serial	Project No	Description	Expenditure FY 1970/71			Remarks
			Expended	Committed		
				Local Purchase/Contract	Army Stores	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1		<u>To complete projects carried forward from FY 1969/70. Details of projects are:</u>				
2	197	Renovations and Development - Baria Hospital	1,294,338		445,662	Army stores not yet received
3	231	Construct Classrooms- Bau Tram School	810,000			
4	237	School Equipment for Phuoc Tuy Province	102,835			
5	251	Maintain and Extend Village Water Supply Systems	303,255			
6	257	Water Reticulation - Long Son	1,162,795		76,150	
7	262	Construct Market - Long Huong	319,006		27,841	Army stores not yet received
8	263	Reconstruct Market - Xuyen Moc	753			
9	271	Extensions to Long Dien Market	40,200			
10	275	Extensions to Chicken Raising Project	469,500			
11	275B)	Purchase of Sorghum/Grass Seed	14,870			
	275C)					
12	275D	Provision of Gum Trees - Phan Rang	15,117			
13	280	Electrical Reticulation - Phuoc Hoa	8,000			
14	285B	Construct Youth and Sports Centre - Long Dien	889			Project discontinued
15	285C	Playground Equipment for Elementary Schools	80,203			
16	285D	Repairs to Elementary Schools	249,917			
17	285E	Fence for Youth and Sports Centre Long Dien	68,700			
18	290	Construct Scout Hall - Hoa Long	172,153			
19	292	Construct Dispensary - Tam Phuoc	108,491			
20	293	Construct Dispensary - Ngai Giao	103,265			
21	294	Building Materials for RD Cadre	67,717			

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
22	298	Construct Classrooms Nam Tinh Ly School	104,500			
23	299	Construct Classrooms Ap Suoi Nghe	3,000			
24	300	Furniture for Community Centre Hoi My	65,960			
25	301)					
26	302)	Paint Houses at Ap Suoi Nghe and Ngai Giao	132,400			
27	184	Water Reticulation Phuoc Loi	8,968			
28	186	Water Reticulation Long Hai	343,242			
		<u>Total</u>	6,050,074	Nil	549,653	
29		<u>To fund projects commenced and completed during FY 1970/71</u>				
30	179A	Construct Storehouses - Baria Hospital	844,800			
31	303	Water Reticulation Xuyen Moc	19,014			
32	304	Establish Refugee Camp	164,470			
33	305	Construct Dinh Hoi My	112,804			
34	306	Drains and Soil Stabilisation Bau Tram School	272,074		33,896	
35	307	Classroom Furniture Nam Tinh Ly School	52,000			
36	411A	Construct Classrooms Phuoc Hoa Long	1,322,000			Army stores not yet received
37	413	Teachers Training Hall Nam Tinh Ly	296,861			
38	420A	Paint Dinh Dat Do	99,533			
39	420B	Support RD Cadre - Housing for Poor Programme	499,980			
40	420C	Maintenance of Dinh Tam Phuoc	271,825			
41	420D	Paint Dinh Hoi My	48,000			
42	420E	Paint Chau Van Tiep High School	67,000			
43	420G	Construct Market Binh Gia	266,085			
44	426	Extensions to Chicken Raising Project	204,033			
45	427	Provision of Milk Powder for Medcaps	9,966			
46	429	Construct Classrooms Thanh Tan	1,070,000			
47	431	Refurbish Generator Tam Phuoc	98,000			
		<u>Total</u>	5,718,445	Nil	33,896	
48		<u>To fund projects commenced during FY 1970/71 but not yet completed</u>				
49	400	Water Supply Old Peoples Home, Baria		170,000		
50	401B	Water Reticulation Long Huong			650,000	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
51	407	Provision of School Playground Equipment	36,309	31,603	32,088	Army stores not yet received
52	412	Construct Classroom Block Dat Do High School		3,000,000		
53	415	Support Province Agricultural Advisory Service	918,705	269,295		
54	420F	Baria Council Buildings	119,524	476		
55	420H	Support RD Cadre Housing for Poor		500,000		
56	420I	Ethnic Minority Housing		65,000		
57	421	Electrical Reticulation Tam Phuoc	1,888,810		27,801	
58	428	Maintain Windmills and Water Systems	30,821	174,000	20,179	
59	430	Support Province Youth and Sports Activities	39,275	60,725		
60	432	Latrine Block and Well Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre		400,000		
61	433	Fence for Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre		224,400		
62	434	Construct Classrooms Phuoc Hiep School	100,000	989,200		
		<u>Total</u>	3,133,444	5,884,699	730,068	
63		<u>To fund projects awaiting approval from HQ AFV/Aust Embassy</u>				
64	401A	Extensions to Dat Do Water Supply		550,000	650,000	
65	435	Toilet Block for Long Dien School		320,000		
		<u>Total</u>		870,000	650,000	
		Grand Total	14,915,077	6,754,699	1,963,617	

VISIT OF AG - MAJ GEN D. VINCENT CB OBE
TOUR OF CA PROJECTS - BARIA AREA

24 APR 71

Ser	Time		Total	Event	Met By	Remarks
	From	To				
1		0930		Met at HQ 1 ATF	ZIC 1 ACAU	
2	0930	0950	20	HQ 1 ATF to Long Dien Y & S Centre via Hoa Long	Lt R. Wilson	Landrover & escort vehicles provided by 1 ACAU
3	0950	1000	10	Inspect Long Dien Y & S Centre & current projects		CA project Long Dien Rice Project and Bau Tram School en route
4	1000	1005	5	From Long Dien Y&S Centre to Animal Husbandry Service	Lt R. Hannam	
5	1005	1015	10	Inspect Boars & Artificial Insemination Programme		
6	1015	1025	10	From Animal Husbandry Service to Baria Hospital via Baria Markets	Capt. Grudzinskas	
7	1025	1035	10	Inspect CA Projects Baria Hospital		
8	1035	1037	2	From Baria Hospital to Site 1 Project 399	Maj Baker	On foot. Vehs to move separately
9	1037	1047	10	Briefing on Project 399 & inspect Site 1		Maj Baker to accompany to completion of tour
10	1047	1052	5	From Site 1 to Lo's Brickyard via Sites 10 & 6		
11	1052	1057	5	Inspect Lo's Brickyard		
12	1057	1100	3	From Lo's Brickyard to Baria VIP		
13		1100		Depart for St Kilda		RAAF Helicopter provided under 1 ATF arrangements.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF DETACHMENT COMMANDERS
HELD TO DISCUSS CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROJECTS
ON 14 APR 71

In attendance:

2IC	Maj FITZGERALD
Engr Offr	Capt WARREN
Ag Offr	Lt HANNAM
Edn/Y & S Offr	Lt WILSON
L01	Capt WHITE

Projects Completed Since Last Meeting

1. Project 420F, Improvements to Province Council Buildings, was completed on 10 Apr 71.

Projects Approved Since Last Meeting

2. The following projects were approved:
 - a. Project 434 - Classrooms for Phuoc Hiep School
 - b. Project 401A - Dat Do Water Reticulation
 - c. Project 420I - Ethnic Minority Housing
 - d. Project 435 - Toilet Block for Long Dien School

Projects Awaiting Approval

3. There are no projects awaiting approval.

Proposed Projects

4. Volleyball Court and Lighting at Y & S Office, Baria. Tenders will be complete AM 16 Apr 71. Estimated cost of the project is \$VN 750,000 for the court by local contract and \$VN 120,000 for lighting by local purchase and unit labour. There is no suitable material for wire fencing available locally.
5. Ap Suoi Nghe Irrigation. Project application delayed by preparation of plans. The project should be raised on 17 Apr 71.
6. Disabled Veterans Association Centre. A proposal has been sent to HQ AFV THAT THE RSL Association be asked to assist in this project. Costs could vary between 1.2 million and .8 million piastre, dependent on materials used. This estimate is at current prices.
7. Manufacture of Light Poles for Tam Phuoc. This could be a worthwhile project. L01 is checking validity.
8. Project 400 Water Reticulation for Old Peoples Home. The well, tank and tank stand have been completed. Unit will install pump and connect reticulation system. Project should be completed by end Apr 71.
9. Project 401B Water Reticulation Long Huong. The indent for water pipe was misdirected. Engr Offr will take indent to Saigon and Long Binh on 16 Apr 71.
10. Project 407 Provision of Playground Equipment. Stores have been ordered but not collected. There is a delay in delivering stores from Saigon to Baria. When collected stores will be transferred to 106 Fd Wksps.
11. Project 412 Dat Do High School. Foundations commenced on 14 Apr 71. Estimated time for completion is two months. First progressive payment to be made on 21 Apr 71.

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12. Project 415 Support Province Agricultural Service. Two boars have been purchased. Approx \$VN 89,000 remains unexpended. Ag Offr to approach Province Ag Service to ascertain any additional assistance required.
13. Project 420H RD Cadre Housing for the Poor. Tender arrangements should be complete by 15 Apr 71. Stores should be delivered on 21 Apr 71.
14. Project 420I Ethnic Minority Housing. Stores were purchased and delivered on 14 Apr 71. Project will be closed after payment on 21 Apr 71.
15. Project 428 Windmills and Water Reticulation Systems. Expect tenders for shallow well at An Nhut by 15 Apr 71. The estimated cost is \$VN 100,000 and \$VN 75,000 will remain unexpended. This could be used for sinking a new well at Duc Thanh but special approval is required from HQ AFV as the project was approved for the repair/extension of existing systems.
16. Project 430 Province Youth and Sports Activities. No change from last meeting.
17. Project 432 Toilet Block and Well, Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre. Foundations have been relaid for the toilet block. Well rings will be delivered on 15 Apr 71 and Vietnamese have said that digging of the well will commence immediately. Estimate project completed by end Apr 71.
18. Project 433 Fence at Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre. This project is complete, except for painting which should be finished by 17 Apr 71.
19. Project 434 Classrooms Phuoc Hiep School. Some construction stores have been delivered and work is expected to start on 19 Apr 71. Project should be completed by end May 71.
20. Project 435 Toilet System Long Dien Elementary School. This project was only recently approved and as yet no action has taken place.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF DETACHMENT COMMANDERS
HELD ON 23 APR 71 TO DISCUSS CURRENT PROJECTS

Present: 2IC Maj Fitzgerald
Engr Offr Capt Warren
Ag Offr 2Lt Hannam
Edn/Y&S Offr Lt Wilson
LO2 Lt Holland

Projects Completed Since Last Meeting

1. No projects were completed.

Projects Approved Since Last Meeting

2. Project 436, Ap Suoi Nghe Irrigation Scheme, was approved on 21 Apr 71.

Projects Awaiting Approval

3. Volleyball Court and Lighting for Province Youth and Sports Office.

Current Projects

4. Project 400, Water Reticulation for Old People's Home. Work on this project was completed. Project will be closed when final payment is made on Tue 4 May 71.
5. Project 401A, Dat Do Water Reticulation. All stores have been received and digging of the mains will begin 26 Apr 71. Estimated time to complete is two months, although project can be closed immediately all stores have been delivered.
6. Project 401B, Long Huong Water Reticulation. Indents are now in the US system and stores are expected by Mon 26 Apr 71. Financial Advisor has approved purchase of the stores in US dollars.
7. Project 407, School Playground Equipment. Y&S Officer has requested the Province Education Chief to provide a priority list of schools requiring repair of playground equipment. All funds have been committed/expended and stores will be held by the unit and issued to 106 Fd Wksp when required.
8. Project 412, Dat Do High School. Foundations are progressing well. A letter is to be written to the headmaster stating that:
 - a. All Aust funds must be expended by 11 Jun 71.
 - b. It is therefore proposed that this unit will expend 3,000,000 piastre by this date to complete its part of the contract. The remaining 1.25 million piastre, from GVN sources, will be expended under separate arrangements between the headmaster, contractor and Reconstruction Chief.
9. Project 415, Support Province Agricultural Service. Province Agricultural Service have requested the following assistance for the remainder of the FY. Ag Offr is to obtain a letter of request for:
 - a. A pump and reticulation equipment to be held as reserve equipment by the Service.
 - b. A power insecticide sprayer for use on the Province demonstration area.
 - c. Construction stores for pens in the Animal Husbandry Demonstration Centre.
10. Project 420H, RV Cadre Housing for Poor Programme. The contract to supply construction materials has been let. Stores should be delivered by Sat 1 May 71.
11. Project 420I, Ethnic Minority Housing. All stores have been delivered to the Ethnic Minority Office. Project will be closed after final payment on 27 Apr 71.

12. Project 428. Windmills and Water Reticulation Systems. The contract for a shallow well at An Nhut has been let for \$VN 110.000.
13. Project 430. Province Youth and Sports Activities. \$VN 45,000 was paid to Youth and Sports Office on 20 Apr to fund coming activities. The \$VN15,000 remaining will be expended on 4 May and the project can then be closed.
14. Project 432. Toilet Block Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre. Construction will be completed by Mon 26 Apr 71. Project will be closed when the final payment is made on 19 May 71.
15. Project 433. Fence Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre. This project has been completed and will be closed when final payment is made on 4 May 71.
16. Project 434. Classrooms Phuoc Hiep School. Work on the foundations has begun. First payment will be made on 27 Apr 71.
17. Project 435. Toilet System Long Dien School. Work began on 22 Apr 71 and it is anticipated the project will be completed by end May 71.
18. Project 436. Ap Soui Nghe Irrigation. Work has started on foundations for the tank and pump stands. It is estimated that this project will be complete by mid May 71.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF DETACHMENT
COMMANDERS HELD ON 30 APR 71 TO
DISCUSS CURRENT PROJECTS

Projects Completed Since Last Meeting

1. Project 420I Ethnic Minority Housing Project, was completed

Projects Approved Since Last Meeting

2. No projects were approved.

Projects Awaiting Approval

3. Volleyball Court and Lighting for Province Youth and Sports Office.

Current Projects

4. Project 400 Water Reticulation for Old Peoples Home. Project will be closed on 4 May 71.
5. Project 401A Dat Do Water Reticulation. 450 metres of 6" main has been laid along Route 23 and the trench for a further 150 metres has been completed. Digging of the trench along Route 44 will begin on 4 May 71. Project is progressing well.
6. Project 401B Long Huong Water Reticulation. Stores will be collected from Long Binh on 4 May 71 and work should commence on 7 May 71.
7. Project 407 School Playground Equipment. Province Education Chief has yet to provide a priority list of schools requiring repair of equipment. Project will be closed when costs of Army Stores are confirmed.
8. Project 412 Dat Do High School. This project is progressing well. The foundations are finished and work has begun on columns and floor beams. Contracting arrangements to expend the GVN contribution are still being discussed.
9. Project 415 Province Agricultural Service. Province Agricultural Service has asked for 10 metric tons of IR rice seed. Cost would be about \$VN 400,000 and only \$VN 89,000 remains in the project. Agricultural Service representative will visit unit on Wed 5 May to discuss the proposal. Prior to this visit, Agriculture Officer is to investigate quantities of IR seed rice which could be obtained from GVN sources.
10. Project 420H RD Cadre Housing for Poor Programme. Stores have been delivered to the RD Cadre Chief. Sufficient funds remain to purchase construction materials for one additional house. Engr Sect is to purchase and deliver to the RD Cadre Chief as soon as possible. Project can then be closed.
11. Project 428 Windmills and Water Reticulation Systems. Work will begin on the well at An Nhut on Mon 3 May 71.
12. Project 430 Province Youth and Sports Activities. Project will be closed on 4 May 71.
13. Project 432 Toilet Block Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre. Construction has been completed, but finishing work is unsatisfactory. Contractor is to be advised of deficiencies and that the retention fee will not be paid until they are remedied.

14. Project 433 Fence Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre. It has been decided to postpone paying the retention fee until 11 May 71. Project can then be closed.
15. Project 434 Classrooms Phuoc Hiep School. Foundations are complete and columns are now being formed. Work is slow but of a satisfactory standard.
16. Project 435 Toilet System Long Dien School. This project is progressing very well and should be completed earlier than anticipated.
17. Project 436 Ap Suoi Nghe Irrigation. The pump has been purchased and excavations for the tank and pump stands completed. The Agricultural Cadre has marked out individual plots.

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CIVIC ACTION

1 AUST CA UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

MARCH 1971

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DISTRIBUTION SHEET

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CIVIC ACTION

1 AUST CA UNIT MONTHLY REPORT

MAR 71

PART 1 - GENERAL

1. This report covers the activities of 1 Aust CA unit in PHOUC TUY Province and the Municipality of VUNG TAU for the period 1 Mar - 31 Mar 71.
2. The report for VUNG TAU Municipality is attached as Annex A. Where applicable, comments on this report are included under the appropriate headings in the body of the report.
3. The increasing unit involvement in Project 399 Military Dependant Housing has compelled an increase in unit working hours and continues to inhibit the use of personnel, particularly the Engineer Detachment, on other projects.
4. Following requests by the appropriate authorities all field MEDCAP activity has ceased in PHOUC TUY and VUNG TAU. This is the culmination of part of a successful civic action programme which has supported the Government Service with buildings, medical staff and drugs until that service was capable and desirous of doing without the support. Further details are contained in Part 3 Annex A. The assistance in the provision of buildings and some medical staff assistance is to continue in FY 1971-72.
5. *A* On 8 Mar 71 a further seven apprentices graduated from 17 Const Sqn and were presented with certificates and tool kits.
B Six of the graduates have been employed by US companies operating in the Province and one returned to school.
C It has proved difficult to place graduates in the Province and the scheme has been de-emphasised until employment opportunities can be researched. The emphasis placed on the Technical High School in the 1971 Local Defence and Community Development Plan will tend to reduce the availability of jobs.

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PART 2 - PROJECTS

6. Current Projects. Current projects are listed at Annex B. Part 1. New projects raised or approved this month were :
- a. Project 432 Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre - Construct latrine block and well. - \$VN 400,000
 - b. Project 433 Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre - Construct fence - \$VN 324,000
 - c. Project 401A Dat Do Water Reticulation - \$VN 1,200,000 (Awaiting approval from Aust. Embassy)
 - d. Project 420- II RD Cadre Housing - \$VN 500,000
 - e. Project 434 Two classrooms Ap Phouc Hiep - \$VN 989,200 (Awaiting approval from Aust. Embassy)
 - f. Project 410B Long Huong Water Reticulation - \$VN 650,000
 - g. Project 420- I Repairs to ethnic minority housing. - \$VN 65,000
7. Completed Projects. The projects completed this month are listed at Annex B Part 2.
8. Outstanding Stores Costings. Formal closure procedures cannot be taken on the following projects as some costs of stores of Australian origin have not yet been provided :
- a. Project 251 Village Water Supply Systems
 - b. Project 257 Water Supply Long Song Island
 - c. Project 285C Provision of School Playground Equipment
 - d. Project 306 Drains and Soil Stabilisation Bau Tram School
 - e. Project 197 Improvements to Baria Hospital
 - f. Project 421 Electrical Reticulation Tam Phouc Village
9. Military Dependant Housing (Project 399). A progress report on this project is attached as Annex C. Although, at 39% complete, the project is only 1% behind the planning schedule the outlook for continued progress at this rate is not encouraging.
10. The shortfall of numbers in the Regional Force participation has continued despite strong approaches by this unit to Sector HQ and the issue of a directive from Sector HQ to subordinate units.

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11. Windmills. A fresh review of the situation will be completed in April 71 and a separate report made.
12. The bore at HOI MY has been deepened and is now suspended awaiting the arrival of fine screens from Australia.
13. Work at AN NHUT is continuing and a third bore is being sunk; the second bore striking heavy rock formations.
14. The windmills at TAM PHOUC and NGLA GIAO are unserviceable, but will be repaired when the team is available.
15. Minor Roads Project. No work was carried out this month.
16. Uncosted Projects. The following uncosted projects were completed :
 - a. Supply stores for electrical rewiring of Edn Dept. Building BARIA.
 - b. Spread and level fill at 33 MP Coy compound BARIA.
 - c. Fill for Fish Market BARIA.
 - d. Provision of Water Pump National Training Centre VUNG TAU.
 - e. Supply plumbing fittings and building material - Nguyen Van Nhat Hospital VUNG TAU.
17. AIK Funded Projects. The following projects were completed using AIK funds.
 - a. Supply blackboard for MY XUAN School - \$VN 4,500
 - b. Relocate and repair water pump BARIA hospital - \$VN 6,890
 - c. Supply paint for houses La Van Refugee camp - \$VN 4,500
 - d. Materials for repair of footbridge XOM CUI - \$VN 26,880
18. Commodity Distribution. The following goods, provided through the NEW LIFE program in Australia, were distributed to the Province Refugee Service.
 - a. 3 boxes 4'x2'x2' containing babies clothing and necessities e.g. nappies, blankets, feeding bottles etc.
 - b. 1½ tea chests of assorted shoes.
 - c. 9 tea chests of Mens, Womens, and Childrens clothing.
 - d. 1 tea chest of toys.
 - e. 2 cartons of soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes.
 - f. 6 cartons of Baby food and tinned milk.
 - g. 500lb of commodities (flour, salt and rice)
 - l. 30 boxes of commodities (tinned potatoes, fruit juice, soup, jellies and coffee)

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PART 3 - HEALTH

Medical

19. Medcaps. At the request of the District Health authorities 8 Fd. Amb. have ceased to provide a Medcap in Long Dien District. There are now no medcaps conducted in Phouc Tuy Province.
20. The MO 1 Aust CA unit continues to conduct weekly pre and post natal clinics at BARIA Hospital and together with the SMO 1ATF conducts a weekly outpatients clinic at the same institution.
21. The medical detachment has completed the survey of health facilities in Duc Thanh District. The team has commenced a similar survey in Dat Do District.
22. In cooperation with the Province Health Service and 1 Aust Psyops Unit, posters depicting Vietnamese health services available in the Province, have been prepared. These will be displayed publicly by the Province Health Service.
23. The Director of the BARIA Hospital has requested the assistance of the MO 1 Aust CA Unit in the preparation of plans to improve the field vaccination programme.
24. The former Province Medical Chief (Dr. VONG) and the former Director BARIA Hospital have exchanged appointments. It is thought that this is to allow Dr. VONG to pursue political aspirations at this year's elections, a course which would be denied him in his former appointment.
25. Dental
A recently graduated dentist has been assigned to the Province Health Service and the Province Authorities plan to construct and equip a dental surgery at BARIA Hospital by Jun 71.
26. Dentcaps are still conducted at BARIA Hospital tri-weekly and Baria School/Orphanage fortnightly by 33 Dental Unit. Those at Baria Hospital are conducted in conjunction with the recently arrived Province dentist using the field equipment of 33 Dental Unit pending the provision of the dental surgery referred to above.
27. A private dental practice has been established at Baria Market place. Prior to this there were no professionally qualified local dentists practising in the Province.
28. Hygiene
MO 1 Aust CA Unit attended a meeting at An Lae Hamlet to discuss plans for the sanitation and hygiene demonstration.
29. This village hamlet, located in An Nhut village, Long Dien District has been selected by the Province Health Service to be the site of one of the Sanitary Hamlet Demonstrations being conducted as part of the 1971 Local Defence and Community Development Plan.
30. Arrangements have been made by 1 Aust CA Unit to provide materials in support of the demonstration which has been welcomed enthusiastically by the hamlet population.

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PART 4 - EDUCATION

Projects

31. A ceremony was held on 14 Mar 71 to formally open the three classrooms completed at Thanh Tam School, Dat Do.
32. A chalk board was constructed at My Xuan School using materials provided from AIK funds.
33. A project submission has been made for funds to construct the first stage of a science block at Dat Do High School at an estimated cost of \$VN 3,000,000. This submission is in accordance with a change of emphasis in the support to the Province Education Service. More support will now be given to the provision of secondary schooling facilities as the 1971 Local Defence and Community Development Plan indicates that the Province is now well provided for at the elementary level but lags behind the planned goals in respect of secondary education facilities.

Playground Equipment

34. 106 Fd Wksp have provided a repair team to carry out maintenance on existing equipment. Fresh stores are now available to enable construction of new equipment to continue.

PART 5 - YOUTH AND SPORTS

Youth

35. The organisation of Youth at hamlet level continued during the month. To assist in implementing the GVN directive, a meeting was held at the Long Dien Youth Centre. Hamlet security chiefs from the District attended.
36. A beach party, for the children of Vinh Thanh Hamlet, was conducted on 14 Mar 71. One hundred and twenty children attended. The RD Cadre participated fully in the organisation and conduct of the picnic.

Sport

37. The monthly sports plan was successfully completed. Operational commitments resulted in the cancellation of five scheduled matches. The district most effected was Xuyen Moc.

Projects

38. Work on the toilet block and fence at Long Dien commenced during the month. Commencement on the Duc Thanh Youth Centre was delayed. Direct contribution of funds allocated by GVN is being sought, rather than stores in lieu.
39. A carnival to celebrate 'Land for the Tiller' was held on 26 Mar 71 at Baria Stadium.
40. A new project, the construction of a concrete volley ball court at the Youth Service, was proposed.

Equipment

41. \$VN 30,000 was expended on the purchase of sporting equipment.
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PART 6 - AGRICULTURE

Field Crops

42. Agricultural officials, advised by the CATG Officer, have selected an area of three hectares at CHU HAI for the establishment of an Agricultural Demonstration Centre. It is intended to provide support for this proposal as it offers the best opportunity of assisting the local farming industry through the Province administration.

43. All pilot projects in rice, tomatoes and vegetables have proved successful and Long Hai School have cleared a further 100 square metres to extend their vegetable plot. The rice project in Long Dien District will be the site of a field day when the crop is ready for harvesting.

Irrigation

44. A firm plan has now been agreed for the irrigation scheme at Ap Suoi Nghe and the agreements, redrafted have been signed.

45. 1 Aust CA Unit is to assist the construction of a small dam and provide and install pump, tank and the water reticulation stores. Province Agricultural officials are supervising the allocation of plots and will provide advice on crops. The local farmers are clearing the soil of rocks and building fences.

Chicken Project

46. The first results from the Dat Do area indicates that the success of the individual houses is directly related to the husbandry of the farmer. For example:

a. Farmer A failed to follow the advice of the Unit Agricultural Officer and built a run outside the deep litter house. The average bird weight was 1.2 kilos and he marketed them at \$VN 350 per kilo. His gross return of \$VN 21,000 was reduced to \$VN 8,000 after purchase of feed, which was the initial cost of the chickens supplied by this unit.

b. Farmer B caged her birds as advised, and, as a result, the birds averaged 1.5 kilos each. Using the same calculations as a. above her profit was \$VN 6,250 over and above the cost of the chickens.

47. It does appear that even under the best of conditions the future of this scheme is doubtful. Feed prices are rising and the Province Animal Husbandry Service officials have failed to show any interest in supervising and advising the farmers. It is proposed to close this project in April.

48. Should both a Province feed mill and a hatchery be established the project could be re opened as the costs of chickens and feed would then be lower and more stable.

PIC PROJECT

49. This project has produced good results in its first stage. Of ten gilts purchased, seven farrowed to produce forty eight piglets. All animals and piglets are healthy and the extension of this part of the scheme, by providing pigs to other farmers, has been undertaken by the Province Animal Husbandry Service.

50. The second stage will consist of the provision of materials for two sties in Baria and the purchase of two boars for stud purposes.

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51. Following investigations and discussions with the officials of the Animal Husbandry Service, who displays great enthusiasm and interest in the idea, it has been decided to support the use of artificial insemination techniques. One of the more important factors in which influenced this decision was the great improvement made to Route 2 under the LOC programme.

Future Projects

52. A meeting will be held in April to consider proposed schemes for the wet season. Ideas to be discussed include fish farming, duck raising and mushroom growing.

Personnel

53. The future of the CATG officer working with this unit needs to be clarified in the near future. It is understood that the contract for the CATG expires at the end of June 1971 and that it is uncertain whether the United States is to renew it. The officer makes a most valuable contribution to our effort in the agricultural scheme due to his fluency in Vietnamese and his long familiarity with traditional Asian agricultural methods and climatic conditions

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VUNG TAU MUNICIPALITY

MAR 71

Construction

1. V168 Construction of Natural Sciences and Physics Block at Back Beach High School - This project is now approximately 90% complete. Completion is expected by mid April.
2. V207 Construction of Maternity Ward at Le Loi Hospital - Final approval is awaited before commencing this project.
3. An access road from Highway 15 to the Nguyen Van Nhut hospital was repaired by 17 Const Sqn. Material for surfacing the road was provided by MACV/CORDS Vung Tau.

Medical

4. MEDCAP activities have now ceased after consultation with the Chief of Health Department. The Vietnamese Health services are capable of providing adequate treatment within the Vung Tau Special Zone. Specialist assistance will be provided when and if requested by Vietnamese authorities.
5. Treatment to Vietnamese nationals at 1 Aust Fd Hosp was:
 - a. Treatment arising from hostile action:
 1. At hospital ARVN-2; RF/PF-14; VG-1; Civ-1
 2. By MEDCAP NIL
 - b. Treatment arising, not as a result of hostile action:
 1. At hospital ARVN-2; RF-3; Civ-3
 2. By MEDCAP NIL
 3. X-Ray 52
 4. RAP treatment 35

Dental

6. DENTCAP program has ceased as there is now a Vietnamese Dentist at Le Loi hospital. Some assistance and advice will be given as required to this dentist by 33 Dental Unit. The current patients who are being fitted with dentures will continue to be treated at Le Loi hospital.
7. Treatment for the month was:

- a. Phuoc Tuy Province:

Patients	Extractions	Dentures
256	316	NIL

b. Vung Tau Special Zone

Patients	Extractions	Dentures
216	238	31

Education

8. No change since last report.

Youth and Sports

9. There is still no replacement for the Director of the Youth and Sports department. No requests for assistance have been made to Australian Forces, however a request for assistance has been made to MACV/CORDS.

Unit Activities

10. a. Det 17 Const Sqn

- (1) Renovation of access road to Nguyen Van Nhut hospital, and provision of fill to make a vehicle park.
- (2) Provision of fill at Lands Department for vehicle park.
- (3) Provision of fill at Thang Nhut High School.

b. 110 Sig Sqn

- (1) Provision of clothing, food and toys to An Phong orphanage
- (2) Provision of 44 gal drums and US canvas to An Phong orphanage and Vagabond Boys home at Bai Dau.

c. 2 AFCU

Three cartons of toys/lollies donated to children of Hai Dung village.

d. 102 Fd Wksp

- (1) A well at Ly Thuong Kiet High School was repaired.
- (2) One load of scrop lumber was delivered to the Chieu Hoi Centre.

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 1 AUST CA UNIT PROJECT REPORT
 PART ONE
 CURRENT PROJECTS AS AT 31 MAR 71

ANNEX B TO
 1 AUST CA UNIT
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PROJECT NO	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	STAGE OF COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION	LABOUR	REMARKS
197	Renovations to Phuoc Tuy Hospital (Phase One)	99%	1 Aust CA Unit	Project kept open to allow costing of stores.
399	Construction of Vietnamese Military Dependant Housing	39%	17 Const 198 Wks Sect RF Labour/Contr	
400	Water Supply for Old Peoples Home, Baria	10%	Contract	Well near completion. Tank and stand to begin early Apr
407	Provision of Playground equipment	Continuous	RAEME Units 1 ATF	
415	Support of EA Province Agricultural Advisory Service	Continuous	1 Aust CA Unit Prov Ag Service	
420F	Province Council Office, Baria	90%	PWD Baria Self Help 1 Aust CA Unit	Bicycle shed complete. Prov council to provide labour for minor repairs to building
421	Electrical Reticulation, Tam Phuoc	98%	1 Aust CA Unit Local Labour Contract	Awaiting stores from Aust to replace some defective Viet fittings. Generator now worki
426	Extension to Chicken Raising Project	Continuous	1 Aust CA Unit	
428	Maintenance various windmills, water reticulation systems	Continuous	1 Aust CA Unit Local Labour Contract	Work this month at Hoi My, An Nhut, Ngai Giao, Tam Phuoc
430	Support Youth and Sports Activities	Continuous		
401B	Water reticulation - Lang Huong	Not commenced	PWD 1 Aust CA Unit	Awaiting stores on indent from US sources
420H	Support RD Cadre Housing for the Poor	Not Commenced	RD Cadre	Contract documents being prepared for supply of materials
432	Latrine block and well - Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre	15%	Contract Local Labour	Project progressing slowly. Y & S Centre to dig well.
433	Construct fence - Long Dien Youth and Sports Centre	55%	Contract	Work of high standard. Expect completion mid Apr

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PART TWO - PROJECTS COMPLETED
DURING MAR 71

ANNEX B TO
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<u>PROJECT NO</u>	<u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COMPLETION DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
420G	Construct Binh Gia Market	19 Mar 71	Completed by contract for final cost of \$VN 266,085
431	Tan Phuoc Generator	19 Mar 71	Generator installed and operating

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MILITARY DEPENDANT HOUSING

General

1. As at 31 Mar 71, Project 399 was 39 per cent complete. This is approximately one per cent behind the revised schedule for completion of the Project by 31 Oct 71.
2. The revised programme requires a considerable increase in output over the next month prior to onset of the wet season. This is to be achieved by:
 - a. Increased Vietnamese participation.
 - b. Use of contractors.
 - c. Use of day labour.

Responsibility

3. During the period work has been proceeding on all 13 sites giving an increased control problem. Current and planned responsibilities for work on sites are shown in Appendix 1.
4. The involvement of 1 Aust CA Unit in construction has required a new unit routine to increase daily working hours so that maximum effort can be obtained from day labour. Soldiers involved in Project 399 now have a 10½ hour day.

Contractor and Day Labour

5. Contracts have been let and work commenced on bricklaying and roofing for 100 houses at JWTC and Site 7. Contracts were not let for Site 4 and Site 9 because of high tenders. This work will be achieved now by day labour when additional Australian tradesmen become available to 1 Aust CA Unit.
6. Day labour for unskilled tasks is readily available but some difficulty has been found in obtaining adequate numbers of tradesmen. This together with limitation of trade supervisors has resulted in a delay in starting work at Site 9.

Participation

7. Sector Headquarters are making some effort to increase numbers and effectiveness of the RF participation in the programme. This effort has not yet produced results on sites and if improvement is not made shortly it will become necessary to increase day labour hired to meet completion dates. This will lead to an increase in Project costs.

Works Programme

8. The remaining period prior to the wet season is critical to the completion of the Project. Priority of effort is to be given to:
 - a. Completion of floor slabs.
 - b. Completion of underground sewerage work.
 - c. Completion of Site 2 which should be handed over to Vietnamese in May.

APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX C
 OF 1 AUST CA UNIT
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PROJECT 399
 SITE RESPONSIBILITIES

PHASE SITE	FLOOR SLABS	BRICKWORK	ROOFING FINISHED	SEWERAGE WATER	ELECTRICITY
2	17 Const/RF Complete	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF
3	17 Const/RF Complete	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const Nil
4	17 Const/RF Complete	1 ACAU/Day Labour	1 ACAU/Day Labour	1 ACAU/Day Lab	1 ACAU/Day Lab Nil
5	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const Nil
6	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF
7	17 Const/RF Complete	1 ACAU/Contractor	1 ACAU/Contractor		17 Const Nil
8	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const/RF	17 Const Nil
9	17 Const/RF	1 ACAU/Day Labour	1 ACAU/Day Labour	17 Const/RF	17 Const Nil
10	1 ACAU/Day Labour	1 ACAU/Day Labour	1 ACAU/Day Labour	1 ACAU/Day Lab	1 ACAU/Day Lab 1 ACAU/Day Labour
11	1 ACAU/Day Labour	1 ACAU/Day Labour	1 ACAU/Day Labour	1 ACAU/Day Lab (3)	1 ACAU/Day Lab Nil
JWTC 1	1 ACAU/RF	1 ACAU/Contractor	1 ACAU/Contractor	1 ACAU/Day Lab (2)	1 ACAU/Day Lab 1 ACAU/Day Labour (2)
JWTC 2	1 ACAU/RF	1 ACAU/Contractor	1 ACAU/Contractor	1 ACAU/Day Lab (2)	1 ACAU/Day Lab 1 ACAU/Day Labour (2)

- NOTES: (1) 17 Const Sqn is also responsible for:
- a. All site preparation and renovation.
 - b. All prefabrication of components.
 - c. Provision of readymix concrete to all sites.
 - d. Plant support to 1 ACAU.
- (2) Maybe RF, if available.
- (3) Design yet to be decided.