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QUARTERLY HISTORICAL SUMMARY

1 JULY -- Navy in-country strength was reduced to 2340.

-- A request was made for the disestablishment of mailing address FPO San Francisco, 96620.

-- Fleet Post Office 96626 assumed the responsibility for area coordination of Navy mail handling in the Republic of Vietnam.

-- Inauguration ceremonies for the Shipyard Specific Skills School were conducted onboard the YRBM-18. 16 students were graduated.

-- The level of civilian regular hires at the Shipyard reached 3,423, including 881 trainees.

-- The number of RAV's performed at the VNN Shipyard increased from 96 in the first quarter CY 72 to 126 during the second quarter. This 30% increase, the result of the enemy's Spring Offensive, caused a diversion of Shipyard resources from the regular overhaul schedule. Regular overhaul completion dates have been extended in a number of cases causing some increase in workload in the later quarters of the year. In addition, operational requirements have delayed the commencement of several other overhauls, further increasing the workload shifted to the 3rd and 4th quarters of the Calendar Year.

2 JULY -- LT P. K. A. VOSSELER relieved LT R. T. E. BOWLER, III, as Command Briefer and Command Historian.

3 JULY -- Forty EN's were graduated from NTC Nha Trang, and returned to the Shipyard to commence the final phase of instruction at the YRBM-18. They were the first graduates in this program.

3-4 JULY -- RADM W. P. FLANAGAN, prospective COMCARDIVONE visited the Republic of Vietnam for Orientation Briefings.

4 JULY -- CHNAVADVGRP approved USN support of 40 additional Ferro-Cement Coastal Raiders. This brings to 100 the total number supported by the USN.

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6 JULY -- 2500 bags of cement were turned over to the VNN POLWAR Bloc to be used in construction of the Swine Breeding and Distribution Center at Binh Thuy.

7 JULY --At 0050H, the VNN LSIL HQ-328, while moored to a barge on the South bank of the Cua Lon River across from ISB Nam Can, sustained a large underwater explosion and sank in 50 feet of water within 30 minutes. All of the ship's crew were accounted for, and no casualties were suffered.

8 JULY --At 1745H, 5 miles West of Dong Tam, the VNN LSSL HQ-230, while escorting 11 merchant ships designated for Mekong Convoy TP-14, was attacked by an enemy force. Two VNNs were KIA and nine were WIA.

10 JULY --At 0110H and 0135H, two explosions resulted in one 5' X 7' hole in the engine room and a 9' diameter hole in a cargo hold of the 531 foot, 8,000 ton, British cargo vessel, London Statesman, at anchor in Nha Trang Harbor. The explosions were determined to be caused by either external sapper emplaced mines or internal saboteur placed charges. There were no personnel casualties, and despite extensive flooding, the ship did not sink.

-- 400 bags of cement were delivered to the Cat Lai Veterans Housing Project to be used in construction of a sewing center and swine pens.

-- An order was placed for importation of 2000 parent-stock chickens from the Republic of the Philippines to replace the Cuu Long flock, and to stock a 300 bird flock at An Thoi.

10-11 JULY -- VADM J. L. HOLLOWAY, COMSEVENTHFLT, visited the Republic of Vietnam for discussions.

13 JULY -- N9 and Fleet Command Coordinated the providing of construction material for the Bac Dau Orphanage supported by the Fleet Command Advisory Unit.

-- A three day Field Supply Advisors Conference convened in Saigon to review supply support objectives and progress; inspection results; procedures update; POL, OPTAR, rotatable pool management; advisor support; and ARVN common support. A walk-through tour and briefing at the VNNSC was conducted . Seventeen supply advisors from the ISB/LSB's attended.

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13 JULY -- VNN PMS offices provided PMS training to the Military Harbor Defense Department for installation of 8 ex-YTL craft located at Saigon.

14 JULY -- At 2330H, U.S. Army sentries in a tower in the vicinity of the deep water piers of Da Nang Harbor, reported sighting three swimmers on the North side of Pier 1. Small arms fire and concussion grenades were utilized by pier sentries and VNN Harbor Defense personnel, and the sentries reported two swimmers killed. Attached to the body of one sapper was an 85 pound mine consisting of C-3, C-4 and TNT. At 1[illegible]345H, a body was sighted floating near the Da Nang deep water Pier 1. Two grenades were found attached to the body on a belt.

-- 1477 Scout Manuals were purchased for the Vietnamese Sea Scout Program utilizing Community Relations (COMREL) funds.

-- The relocation and consolidation of all SIM items at VNNSC was completed.

14-15 JULY -- "Buddy Base" material was distributed to approximately 1600 VNNSY personnel.

15 JULY -- ABSECON (WHEC-374), HQ-15, was turned over to the VNN at NSRF Guam.

-- CAPT Marcus A. ZETTEL relieved CAPT Edward J. MOUNTFORD as Senior Advisor, NAU Da Nang.

16 JULY -- The final increment of musical instruments, purchased through CORDS Civic Action Project 4-71 was turned over to the VNN Political Warfare Company.

17 JULY -- Classroom and shop training on the SPS-53 radar was commenced at the VNNSY as part of the VNN Radar Standardization Project.

18 JULY -- The turnover of rotatables at Da Nang was completed. All rotatables in country are now VNN assets.

19 JULY -- RADM A. W. PRICE, JR., COMNAVFORV, accompanied ACOS' for PSYWAR and VNN Welfare on a tour of the Cuu Long Livestock Breeding and Distribution Center and Dependent Community.

20 JULY -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 103 at Nui Hon Vuon.

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20 JULY -- The second group of 58 VNNSY 17 year old civilian trainees arrived at NTC Nha Trang. 20 trainees will take the 18 week EM "A" School course and 38 will attend the 12 week EN "A" School course. This is the final VNNSY group to undergo training at NTC Nha Trang during CY 72.

-- Instruction on methods to be employed in deactivation of brown water craft were provided the VNNLSC Technical Bureau.

18-21 JULY -- RADM E.F. RECTANUS, DNI, visited the Republic of Vietnam to discuss ALUSNA affairs and intelligence exchanges to support mutual objectives and worldwide intelligence cooperation.

21 JULY -- The VNNSC was inspected by the CNO, VNN, RADM CHON, and was awarded a grade of excellent.

-- Excessing of items at the VNNSC with no reservations and no demand in the ten months since mechanization was completed. Approximately 12,000 items (valued at $3.7 million) were deleted from stock and the material retrograded to NSC Oakland.

-- VNN LST-505 docked at the Roll-on/Roll-off facility at Pier K-13, Saigon Transportation Terminal Command for an evaluation of the facility to ensure correct placement of the Roll-on/Roll-off barge relative to the bow ramp of the LST.

21-22 JULY -- VNN PMS Support Office personnel conducted guest lectures on PMS at the Command and Staff Course, NTC, Saigon.

22 JULY -- Reorganization of the transportation/rigging shop was completed. Pier supervisors and their respective crews now work specific piers.

-- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 104 at Duc Pho.

23 JULY -- At 0040H, the VNN LSIL HQ-327, anchored in the My Tho River at the Cho Gao Canal entrance, was mined with an estimated 15 pound charge which caused an 8 foot diameter hole near the keel. The ship was initially reported as sinking slowly, and craft were dispatched from Dong Tam to push the LSIL into shallow water. By the time the craft arrived the ship had capsized, and was on the river bottom with about 10 feet of her bow visible. 5 VNN were killed and 3 VNN were wounded in the incident.

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23 JULY -- A location audit at the VNNSC commenced.

24 JULY -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Delta Naval Advisory Element, Rach Soi. DNAE Rach Soi was disestablished.

25 JULY -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Stations 203 at Hon Tre and 302 at Vung Tau.

-- The U.S. Navy Supply Facility, Newport, was turned over to the VNNSC. CAPT K. J. CHRISTOPH, JR., represented the U.S. Navy, and CAPT Ngo KHAC-LUAN, Commander Vietnamese Logistic Support Command, represented the Vietnamese Navy.

26 JULY -- PCF's 1292 and 50NS657 were turned over to the VNN at LSB Cat Lo.

-- RADM J. B. WILSON, DEPCOMNAVFORV for Operations, and Mrs. WILSON accompanied ACOS for PSYWAR and VNN Welfare on a tour of the Cuu Long Livestock Breeding and Distribution Center, VNN Political Warfare Company Compound, Cuu Long and An Khanh Dependent Communities.

27 JULY -- Discussions were held with the Training Officers of USS JASON (AR 8) and USS PIEDMONT (AD 17) in Subic Bay to finalize the training program for VNN Aspirants, Ensigns, and Warrant officers in U.S. Repair Ships.

-- The VNNSY Technical Assistance Team (TAT) personnel commenced the policy of participating with VNNSY personnel on all preoverhaul and postoverhaul sea trials.

28 JULY -- Following discussions with VNNSY personnel, a recommendation was made to CNO, VNN, that the VNNSY 17 year old trainees be required to obligate for a period of service at the Shipyard (following completion of training). Presently, the 17 year olds are under no obligation to remain at the Shipyard in the event hostilities cease or draft laws change. All other trainees in the Shipyard Apprentice Program are obligated to a period of service ,and the expense to the U.S. Government to train the 17 year olds warrants a similar obligation for them.

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29 JULY

-- At 2305H, the Panamanian merchant cargo vessel GRAND VALOR, at anchor in Qui Nhon Harbor, sustained an explosion of unknown origin, which caused a 6' X 4' hole at the waterline in the aftersection of the ship. EOD personnel estimated that the hole was caused by a 20 pound limpet mine. The ship with its rice cargo sustained partial flooding in one compartment.

-- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 202 at Nui Chap Chai.

-- Mr. & Mrs. L. C. BROWNELL, Mr. S. E. VECCHI, the Force PAO and a Representative of the Associated Press accompanied ACOS for PSYWAR and VNN Welfare on a tour of the Cuu Long and An Khanh Dependent Communities and the Cuu Long Livestock Breeding and Distribution Center. Mr. BROWNELL and Mr. VECCHI are members of the Saigon Advisory Board of the Helping Hand Foundation, and were instrumental in founding Operation Helping Hand.

30 JULY

-- At 0030H, two 75 foot barges nested together pierside in Qui Nhon Harbor each sustained an explosion. One barge which was empty was reportedly two-thirds sunk by an estimated 10 pounds of explosives which caused a 3 foot diameter hole in its side. The second barge with a cargo of rice was sunk by an estimated 25-30 pound charge which caused a 9' X 10' hole in its side. In addition to the two barges, the 50 foot VN cargo junk, 101 Saigon, sank apparently as a result of being swamped by the wash from the two explosions.

-- YOG-56 and YTMs 769 and 777 arrived in RVN, and were delivered to the VNN at Vung Tau.

31 JULY

-- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 303 at Ta Kou.

-- The Special Services Retrograde Program reached a dollar figure of approximately $130,000.00.

-- The British cargo vessel, LONDON STATESMAN, which experienced heavy flooding following underwater explosions sustained on 10 July in Nha Trang Harbor, departed Nha Trang under tow for permanent repairs at Singapore.

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1 AUGUST

-- Navy in-country strength was reduced to 2283.

-- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 302 at Vung Tau.

-- 300 "Purple K" fire extinguishers and 600 pounds of "Purple K" were transferred to the VNN for use onboard PBR's. This will be the first use of this type of extinguisher by the VNN.

-- VNNSY OPTAR expenditures for July totalled $256,411.00 against an authorized $450,080.00.

-- VNN Shipyard civilian manning increased from 3423 to 3539 (including 871 trainees). This compares with an allowance of 3660 to be reached by 1 Jan 73, the projected personnel needs to permit self-sufficiency by December 1973.

2 AUGUST

-- The Honorable B. J. SHILLITO, Assistant Secretary of Defense (I&L) received briefings on the progress of Vietnamization Logistics Program.

-- ACOS for PSYWAR and VNN Welfare departed on 13 days TAD to brief USN, CNO and the Helping Hand Foundation Board of Trustees on the progress of Operation Helping Hand, and to speak to commands in Southern California concerning Buddy Base, Sister Ship, and Project Handclasp programs.

-- An inventory adjustment program has been written and tested at the VNN ADP Center. It was designed to reconcile count cards with Stock Balance Cards and punch Loss and Gain by Inventory transaction cards for VNNSC use.

3 AUGUST

-- RADM PRICE attended the graduation ceremony for the first 20 students of the Senior Grade Specialist Class, Command and Staff School.

-- The first class at the VNN ADP Center for tape programming and the offset tape backup system was held. It was designed to teach VNN personnel the supply system and basic tape application.

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3 AUGUST -- USAID granted permission to transfer control of 130,000 bags of grain used for animal feed to the VNN.

4 AUGUST -- Documentation of VNNSC programs was completed by the VNN ADP Center. The document library and program source and object deck library have been inventoried and turned over to the VNN programming section.

-- 600 parent stock chickens were sold at Cuu Long to prepare hatchery for 2200 new parent stock birds to be delivered in September.

5 AUGUST -- An 8 week riveting course was commenced at the VNNSY for 17 year old trainees and Hull Shop personnel.

7 AUGUST -- The location audit at VNNSC was completed.

-- Installation of a feed mill at the Cuu Long Livestock Breeding and Distribution Center was completed.

9 AUGUST -- Captain R. T. KELLY, USN, relieved Captain T. I. KOLSTAD, USN, as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations/Senior Advisor, DCNO Sea Operations Command/Commander Task Force ONE ONE FIVE.

10 AUGUST -- The VNNSY received concurrence of Fleet Command and others in a program to promulgate RAV schedules commencing immediately. This will result in a more realistic estimate of the shipyard workload as well as establish some order and uniformity in the RAV workload.

-- The Radar Station Improvement Program was completed.

-- Tran Hung Dao (THD) Campaigns 28 and 29 were combined to form the new THD 37 Campaign. This was instituted to provide a closer coordination between the VNN and 21st ARVN Infantry Divisions new tactical area of operation. The THD AO consists of Kien Giang Province, with the exception of Ha Tien and Kien Luong Sectors; An Giang, Phong Dinh, Chuong Tien, Ba Xuyen and An Xuyen Provinces with the exception of the Nam Can Sector.

11 AUGUST -- The installation phase of the Vietnamese Navy Radar Standardization Program commenced with the arrival at SRFs Guam and Subic of SPS-53 Radars for installation on VNN HQs 2, 15, 16, and 17.

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11 AUGUST -- Indexing of on hand publications in the VNNLSC Technical Library was completed.

-- 2200 parent-stock chickens were ordered to be delivered on 25 September.

12 AUGUST -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from ISB Thuan An. Naval Advisory Element Thuan An was disestablished.

-- A VNNSC Fire Protection Plan was developed for the conduct of monthly fire inspections of equipment and storage spaces and for conducting training throughout the warehouses on a monthly cycle. A Fire and Safety Manual is being developed, and will be published in Vietnamese and English.

-- Hylabates Concolor Gabriellae ("BIPPO"), VNNTC's Nha Trang Gibbon mascot, departed for San Diego Zoological Garden.

13 AUGUST -- 13 VNN Junior Officers departed RVN to embark aboard two repair ships of the SEVENTH Fleet. They will receive 14 weeks of OJT in Repair Department Organization and Management. This is the first increment of a planned three increment program. It is planned to train a total of 40 Junior Officers in this program.

-- CINCPACFLT authorized an A&E study for a new pier and bridge installation for the VNNSY at Cuu Long.

-- An inventory of VNNSC material was completed by joint USN/VNN inventory teams.

11-13 AUGUST -- RADM R. RIEVE, SC, Fleet Supply Officer, COMSERVPAC, visited the Republic of Vietnam to discuss Fleet Supply Matters.

14 AUGUST -- The VNNSY commenced 9 new courses for 137 17 year olds in the areas of shipfitting, welding, inside machinist, marine machinist, and electrical.

15 AUGUST -- A program was initiated to configure the recently transferred WHECs, HQ's 15, 16 and 17 with a Loran C capability.

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15 AUGUST -- VNN commenced hull and engine overhauls on two Yabuta junks to be outfitted as shrimp fishing craft.

-- Tran Hung Dao Campaign 38 commenced operations. The mission of the new THD is to interdict enemy infiltration from the Cambodian Border into South Vietnam and to provide support for operations of the ARVN's 44th Special Zone in order to assist in the operational efforts, pacification and development of Military Region IV. The THD 38 area of operation consists of the 44th Special Zone except for that area assigned to THD 20. The 44th Special Zone consists of Chau Doc, Kien Phong and An Giang provinces.

17 AUGUST -- Grading and curbing of the former shipyard scrap pile was completed.

18 AUGUST -- RADM WILSON visited CAT LAI for briefings and tour.

-- A main engine of the VNN WHEC, HQ-3 was unshipped in connection with an engine replacement project. This unshipping represents the largest "unshipping and access" project to date at the VNNSY.

-- The first SPS-53 Radar installation to be performed by the Vietnamese Naval Shipyard under the VNN Radar Standardization Program was commenced. This installation will be on PGM 602, and is the forerunner of approximately 45 installations to be made by the VNNSY over the next three years.

-- The VN Naval Academy Class 24 completed its first year of a new two-year course.

-- Set 210 duck eggs at Cuu Long to determine fertility of local eggs and feasibility of distributing ducklings in the VNN Food Supplement Program.

19 AUGUST -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 304, the Ba Dong (afloat).

21 AUGUST -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 101 at Cu Lao Re.

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23 AUGUST -- Test launching of a Ferro-Cement Coastal Raider was completed at the VNNSY utilizing a 55 ton hydraulic mobile crane. This test confirmed the feasibility of launching these craft on Avalanche Creek adjacent to the craft construction site vice the present procedure of launching from the heavily utilized industrial piers.

-- The VNNSC Planning Department has drafted operating procedures for MTIS (Materials Turned In Stores) for the elimination of MTIS backlogs.

-- The installation of CIC and Radar Laboratory equipment began at VNNTC, Nha Trang.

-- ACOS for PSYWAR and VNN Welfare accompanied Mrs. Charles WHITEHOUSE, wife of the Deputy U.S. Ambassador, and party on a tour of the Cuu Long Distribution Center, An Khanh Dependent Community and VNN POLWAR Company Compound in order to acquaint her with the progress made by Operation Helping Hand.

15-23 AUGUST -- Mr. D. HEUMANN, member of the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors, visited the Republic of Vietnam.

24 AUGUST -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 201 at Degi.

-- LCDR S. E. SOKOL relieved LCDR J. D. LUKE as the Senior Advisor VNN PMS Program.

-- The Quality Assurance methodology has been tested and put into final form for promulgation 1 September 1972.

-- The first batch of chickens were hatched at Danang Distribution Center from locally purchased eggs with 80% fertilization.

25 AUGUST -- RADM James B. WILSON relieved RADM Arthur W. PRICE Jr. as Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam/Chief Naval Advisory Group, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

-- Processing of issue backlogs at VNNSC, which were the result of the down-time during the inventory, has been completed. Issues are being made in warehouses within one day of receipt of the issue document. No backlogs exist in issue or stock control.

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26 AUGUST -- Document Control Desks have been established at VNNSC to monitor and ensure documents are accurate and flow in a timely manner.

-- Notification of Authorization was received to hire 34 additional bi-lingual interpreter/ translator personnel for the VNNSY. The utilization of these personnel will constitute a major boost in the effectiveness of the training program, and will assist in meeting shipyard translation requirements.

27 AUGUST -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 404 at Hon Doc.

28 AUGUST -- New docking plans for LCM-6 and LCM-8 on Synchralift Cradle Assemblies were sent to LSB's Nha Be, Binh Thuy and Dong Tam for inclusion in the VNN Docking Manual.

-- The relocation of a Camp Sentinel Radar (CSR III) from ISB Ben Luc to Op Base Tuyen Nhon began.

-- A Validation/Verification review of the VNNSY TO&E was commenced.

30 AUGUST -- USN material support of the Ferro-Cement project continues at 100% while the quality of workmanship continues to decline at a rapid rate. At the VNNSY a detailed inspection and comparison conducted on 30 August disclosed the following:

a. Crumbling of cement work on underside of main deck areas - believed due to lack of proper curing and cement mixing.

b. Excessive cracking - believed due to lack of proper curing.

c. Lack of application of cement in hard-to-get-to areas including nearly all corner regions-particularly on the underside of the main deck where deck meets the side of the ship. This is due to poor workmanship.

d. Failure to employ doweling techniques where hull penetrations are required. Instead, holes are pounded out, resulting in numerous cracks and unnecessary stresses in the vicinity of all fixtures.

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e. Careless and inadequate installation of deck fixtures with improper backing and reinforcement.

f. General sloppy application of cement with large areas of excessive "dimpling" revealing chicken wire pattern. This indicates inadequate packing of the cement and too thin application.

The above discrepancies result in a craft that is structurally unsound and weak and excessively susceptible to shock and vibration deterioration. Recently, Coastal Raider craft under repair at Da Nang were noted to have numerous deck fittings pulled completely out of the deck.

All of the above will be the subject of appropriate communication with the Shipyard Director.

30 AUGUST -- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 403 at Mui Dat Do.

31 AUGUST -- The Special Services retrograde program reached a dollar figure of approximately $140,000.00.

-- The Army Veterinarian assigned to N9 was rotated without relief. Future veterinary services are to be provided by the U.S. Army veterinary Detachments at Long Binh and Da Nang as required.

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1 SEPTEMBER -- Responsibility for management of all rotatable pool assets was shifted from VNNLSC Technical Bureau to VNNSC. Future Technical Bureau inputs will only be required for recommendations for redistribution of assets.

-- The Shipyard manning level reached 3567 skilled workers and trainees.

-- The management and operation of the Vietnamese Navy Food Supplement Program was transferred from the VNN POLWAR Bloc to the cognizance of the VNN Logistics Support Command.

-- Navy in-country strength was reduced to 2154.

-- All USN Advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 404 at Hon Duc.

4 SEPTEMBER -- The Evaporator operation, maintenance and repair course for VNNSY and Fleet Command VNN personnel was commenced.

-- The Communications Improvement Project in the Coastal Radar Surveillance System was completed.

-- 76 boxes of hull, mechanical and electrical documentation as part of the "Blue Water" Documentation Project were received at the VNNSY Technical Library. This shipment brings the "Blue Water" Project to the 95% point in terms of documentation receipts.

5 SEPTEMBER -- The combined USN/VNN Field Assistance Supply Team (FAST) conducted an inspection of the LSB Binh Thuy Supply Department. A grade of UNSATISFACTORY was assigned. A supply improvement program has been implemented at LSB Binh Thuy by FAST.

-- Delta Naval Advisory Team (DNAT) Rach Gia was established under the control of Senior Advisor Delta Naval Advisory Unit (SA DNAU) Binh Thuy.

6 SEPTEMBER -- DNAT Moc Hoa was established under the control of SA DNAU Binh Thuy.

-- LCDR M. R. AARDAL assumed command of DNAT Moc Hoa.

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7 SEPTEMBER -- A three week study of effective VNNSY workforce and workload projection was completed. This study confirmed that the shipyard can and should undertake additional work.

-- A program of VNNSY "monthly management meetings" was commenced consisting of the Shipyard Director, his Department heads and all respective advisors. The meetings are expected to increase the effectiveness of Shipyard planning and production control, coinciding with the Fleet Commander's efforts to stabilize the fleet repair cycles.

-- Tran Hung Dao Campaigns 39 and 40 commenced operations, replacing Tran Hung Dao Campaign 26. The stated mission of THD 39 is to maintain absolute superiority on the rivers and streams and to provide support for the 7th ARVN Division in order to support pacification and development operations in Military Region IV. The Area of Operation includes all of Kien Tuong Province as well as the operational zone of the 7th ARVN Division beyond the Vietnam/Cambodian Border. THD 40 includes in its area of responsibility Dinh Tuong, Sa Dec, Vinh Long, Vinh Binh, Kien Hoa, and Go Cong Provinces. Its stated mission is to maintain absolute superiority on the rivers and streams and to provide support for the 9th ARVN Division's operations in order to support pacification and development operations in Military Region IV.

8 SEPTEMBER -- The Supply Department at LSB An Thoi was inspected by a combined USN/VNN FAST. A grade of SATISFACTORY was assigned.

12 SEPTEMBER -- RADM CHON, VNN CNO visited the YRBM-18 training facility at the VNNSY as part of the celebration of the 16th anniversary of the turnover of the shipyard to the Vietnamese in 1956.

13 SEPTEMBER -- A VNNSC centralized workload and backlog control system has been developed for the shipyard warehouses.

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-- The quarterly review of Demand History and setting of stock levels was completed at the VNNSC. The operation was conducted by VNN personnel for the first time.

-- The Fleet Material Support Office (FMSO) course book for Retail Management was tailored for VNNSC utilization, translated, and published for use by VNN personnel in the VNNSC.

14 SEPTEMBER -- PBR heat exchanger modification kits were provided to LSBs DaNang, Dong Tam, Nha Be, and Binh Thuy and ISBs Vinh Long, Ben Luc and Cho Moi. These activities have not been provided with copies of the Boatalts, supply information and sample kits.

-- The Shipyard Director, accompanied by the Senior Advisor, conducted an inspection of Ferro-cement craft constructed in mid 1972 and craft constructed in early 1971. A significant decline in workmanship was noted in the more recently constructed craft. The Director expressed his concern and stated that he would take action to improve quality control.

-- The Supply Department at ISB Ben Luc was inspected by the VNN FAST without U.S. advisory assistance. A grade of GOOD was assigned.

15 SEPTEMBER -- All USN advisors were withdrawan from Coastal Radar Station 102 at DaNang.

-- The Naval Advisory Element (NAE) Qui Nhon was disestablished and the Naval Advisory Team (NAT) Qui Nhon was established under the control of Senior Advisor Naval Advisory Unit (SA NAU) Cam Ranh Bay.

16 SEPTEMBER -- A course in the IBM 188 collator was taught to 7 VNN personnel at the VNN ADP Center.

17-18 SEPTEMBER -- ADM B. A. CLAREY, CINCPACFLT, visited the Republic of Vietnam for discussions and an operational update.

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18 SEPTEMBER -- LCDR C. H. GNERLICK relieved CDR C. B. GUSTAFSON as Senior Advisor, NTC Cam Ranh Bay.

-- A new Production Officer's Conference Agenda was instituted at the VNNSY depicting job order status, close out status and critical work list.

-- CDR C. A. NELSON relieved CDR L. O. ARMEL as Senior Advisor NAU Nha Be.

-- LCDR R. O. JONES assumed command of DNAT Rach Gia.

17-SEPTEMBER 19 -- RADM P. G. PRINS, CCGD FOURTEEN, WESTPAC, visited the Republic of Vietnam to inspect units under his command.

20 SEPTEMBER -- West Delta Advisory Element (WDAE) Chau Doc was disestablished and DNAT Chau Doc was established under the control of SA DNAU Binh Thuy.

-- The last Petty Officer School was graduated from NTC Saigon. A more advanced "B" School has been established to replace the Petty Officer School.

-- DNAT Phu Cuong was established under the control of SA DNAU Binh Thuy.

-- DNAT Vinh Long was established under the control of SA DNAU Binh Thuy.

-- North Delta Advisory Element (NDAE) Ben Luc was disestablished, and DNAT Ben Luc was established under the control of SA DNAU Binh Thuy.

-- CDR D. B. McGUIGAN assumed duties as Senior Advisor LSC Technical Bureau.

-- NAT Thuan An/Cua Viet was established under the control of SA NAU DaNang.

-- All USN advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 301 at Con Son Island.

-- LT J. L. SWEATT assumed command of DAT Phu Cuong.

-- LCDR T. HAMMOND assumed command of NAT Thuan An.

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21 SEPTEMBER -- Three VNNSY TAT Advisors were temporarily assigned to assist VNNSY production personnel in a program to improve Ferro-Cement quality control.

22 SEPTEMBER -- The 7th ARVN Divisions tactical area of responsibility was extended to include not only Kien Tuong Province but also Kinh Phong Province. Additionally, the area of responsibility for the 44th Special Tactical Zone was expanded to include Chau Doc Province and Ha Tien and Kien Luong Sub-sectors of Kieng Giang Province, in keeping with the concept of having the ARVN Division and Delta Tran Hung Dao campaign Areas of Responsibility in alignment. The Areas of Operations have been modified as follows: THD 37 transferred An Giang Province to THD 38, and THD 38 transferred Kien Phong Province to THD 39 retaining the Mekong River under its jurisdiction.

-- All USN advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 204 at Mui Dinh.

-- The installation of PMS in all twenty Coastal Groups was completed with the installation of Coastal Group 33 at Cat Lo.

-- The VNNSC Quality Assurance Manual was promulgated in Vietnamese.

20-SEPTEMBER 23 -- RADM W. R. DOWD, SC; CO, NSC, OAKLAND; visited the Republic of Vietnam to review Supply Support operations and requirements and means of improving NSC Oakland support during FY 73.

23 SEPTEMBER -- A VNNSY TO&E review including both material and personnel was completed.

-- SA DNAU Binh Thuy recommended modifying the M19-1 from its present fully automatic configuration to semiautomatic to improve gun control and reduce ammo expenditure. As presently configured, the MK19-12 rate of fire is 400-500 rounds per minute. NAVORDSYSCOM has been requested to take Binh Thuy's recommendation for action.

-- At 0453H the DaNang Air Base received an attack by fire consisting of 27 rounds of 122MM rockets. One of the rockets impacted close to the Fleet Air Support Units barracks and resulted in the wounding of 4 USN personnel.

24 SEPTEMBER -- In Vung Tau Harbor at 0245H, an explosion caused by an unknown type mine partially sank VNN YOG-471 while at anchor. The extent of the damage was reported as a one meter diameter hole in the Engineroom on the starboard side and a one-half meter diameter hole in the port side. There were no personnel casualties.

25 SEPTEMBER -- Using methods prescribed by the customs section of the American Embassy, N-9 sold, through a bid to a local contractor, an accumulation of excess construction materials (electrical fittings, plumbing fixtures, etc.). The proceeds from this sale will be utilized to support disabled VNN Veterans living at the Cat Lai Veterans Housing Project until a Sewing Center, which they will operate, is constructed and operating on a self-sustaining basis.

-- The Supply Department LSB DaNang was inspected by a combined USN/VNN FAST. A grade of GOOD was assigned.

-- One of two Yabuta Junks being prepared for the VNN Shrimp Fishing Project (a part of the VNN Food Supplement Program) completed a major engine overhaul and hull repair work at Cat Lo Naval Base. The second junk is at 90% completion. The next phase is to rig/outfit the junks for a shrimp fishing capability.

-- All USN advisors were withdrawn from Coastal Radar Station 402 at Hon Nam Du.

26 SEPTEMBER -- Installation of an AN/SPS-53 radar aboard PGM-602 was completed at the VNNSY. This is the first of approximately 45 such installations scheduled for accomplishment at the VNNSY on various ship types.

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-- The Supply Department ISB Qui Nhon was inspected by a combined USN/VNN FAST. A grade of GOOD was assigned.

-- LCDR J. MEISNER assumed command of DNAT Chau Doc.

27 SEPTEMBER -- GEN E. E. ANDERSON, ACMC, visited the Republic of Vietnam to discuss matters relating to resource allocation.

29 SEPTEMBER -- 2225 day-old chicks arrived from Arbor Acres Farms, Republic of the Philippines, to replace a parent-stock flock at the Cuu Long Livestock Distribution Center. This represents the last importation of birds for the VNN Food Supplement Program.

-- CDR W. K. MYERS relieved CDR R. R. BROWN as Senior Advisor, NAU Nam Can.

-- U.S. Military Advisor assistance to the VNNSY Ordnance Shop was terminated. Advisor assistance for this shop now consists of one TAT Advisor.

-- Fleet Commands' promulgated Flotilla I operating schedule for SEP 72 - DEC 72, in effect for one month, was revised 10 times involving 36 of the 38 scheduled RAVs. To date, the schedule is almost meaningless in terms of shipyard planning.

30 SEPTEMBER -- The Psychological Warfare and VNN Welfare Division (N9) of the staff was disestablished. The residual functions were assigned to the ACOS for Operations (N3) and ACOS for Logistics (N4).

-- The Special Services retrograde program reached a dollar figure of approximately $150,000.00.

-- A laminating machine was delivered and installed in the VNN PMS Support Office in Saigon. Facilities are now available to laminate all VNN PMS documents locally.

1-30 SEPTEMBER -- Throughout the month of September COMNAVFORV/CHNAVADVGRP conducted Operation KIBITZER. It was designed to evaluate the effectiveness of coastal surveillance operations in the Tran Hung Dao 35 and a portion of THD 34 Areas of Operations.

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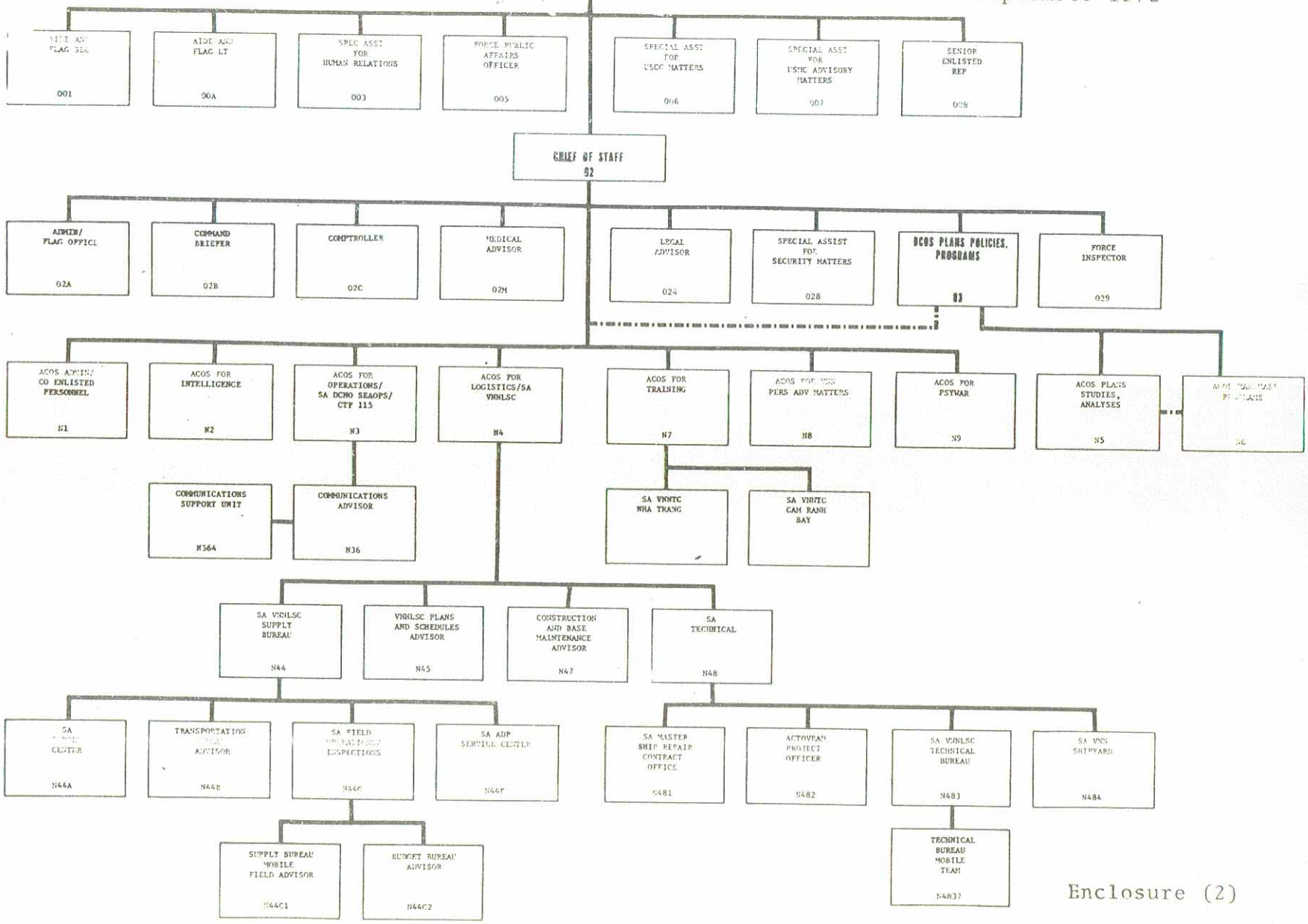

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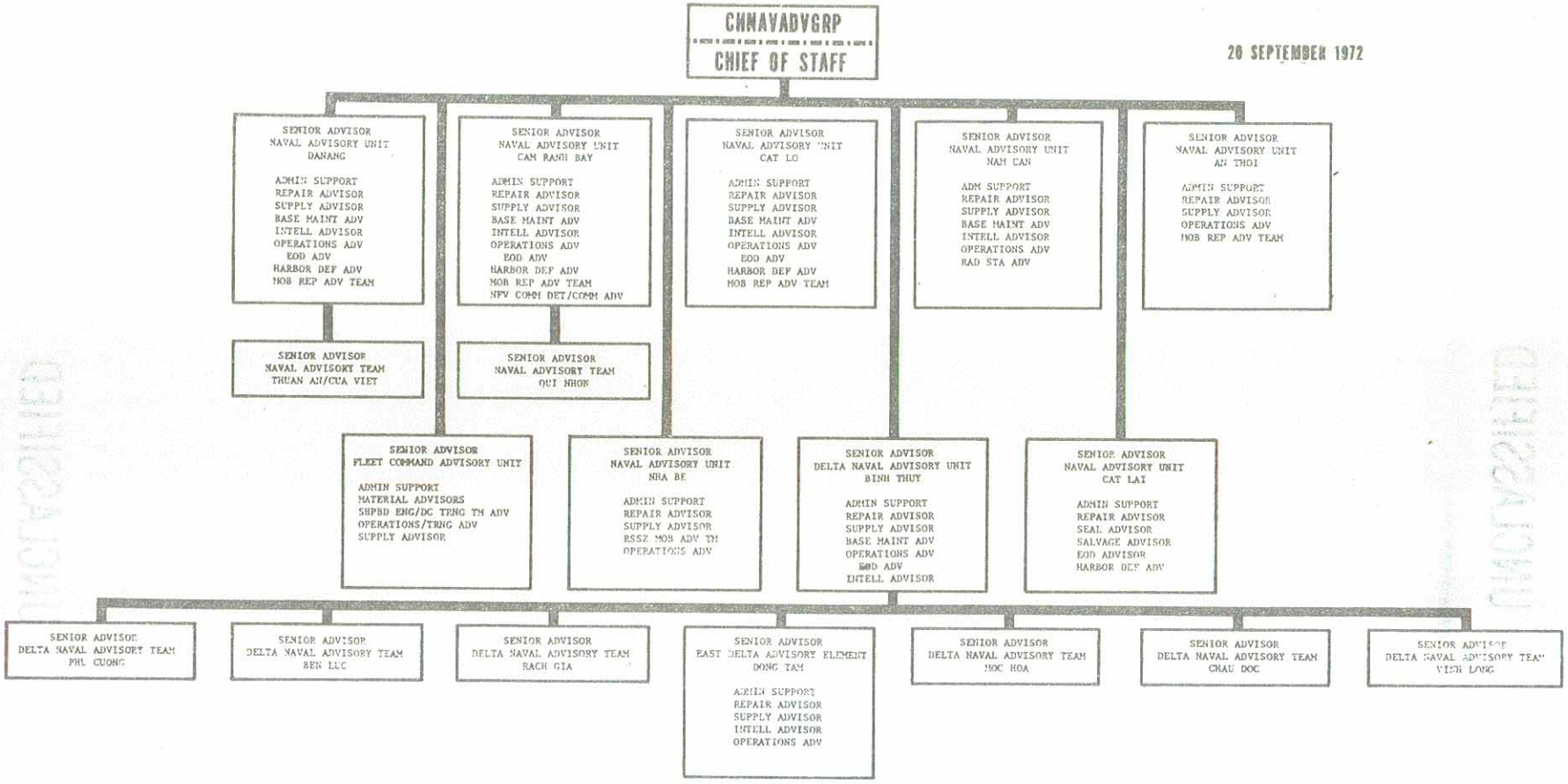

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