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From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 August 1969

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(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 August 1969 to 31 August 1969

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Encl: (1) 1st Combined Action Group, III Marine Amphibious Force
      Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1969 to 31 August 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATED

1st Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO, San Francisco, California

Commander
LtCol J. E. HENNEGAN
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 1-1

Combined Action Company 1-2

Combined Action Company 1-3

Executive Officer
Combined Action Company 1-3

Combined Action Company 1-4

Captain N. H. GROSZ
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

Captain J. E. KNIGHT
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

Captain P. G. MITCHELL
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

1stLt J. J. MULHEARN JR.
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

Captain K. M. SEARS
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

ATTACHED UNITS

1. None.

2. LOCATIONS

HQ, 1stCAD
Cha Loc, Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CACO 1-1
Tia Ky District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CACO 1-2
Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CACO 1-3
Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN

CACO 1-4
Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN

I-1

ENCLOSURE (1)
3. **STAFF OFFICERS**

- **Executive Officer**: Major J. H. Lawson  
  1Aug69 - 31Aug69

- **Adjutant/S-1**: 2ndLt B. W. Smith  
  1Aug69 - 31Aug69

- **S-2/S-3**: Major R. F. Endert  
  1Aug69 - 31Aug69

- **S-4/Supply**: Captain T. M. Garbowsk  
  1Aug69 - 31Aug69

- **Communications Officer**: Major R. F. Endert  
  1Aug69 - 31Aug69

- **S-5/Special Services**: Major J. H. Lawson  
  1Aug69 - 31Aug69

- **Medical Section**: HM1 T. A. Robinson  
  1Aug69 - 31Aug69

4. **AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH**

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Personnel Administration.

   a. Joined and transferred. During the month of August, the 1st Combined Action Group joined and transferred the following number of personnel listed in the four categories below:

   
   (1) Joined
       Officers 3
       Enlisted 66

   (2) Rotated CONUS
       Officers 1
       Enlisted 80

   (3) Transferred within WestPac Command
       Officers 0
       Enlisted 1

   (4) Transferred by SR w/sick (out of country hospitals)
       Officers 0
       Enlisted 7

   b. Awards.

      (1) There were one Bronze Star, five Navy Commendation, and six Navy Achievement recommendations submitted to FMFPac for approval during the month of August 1969.

      (2) Awards returned approved from FMFPac included the following:

          BSM 1
          NCM 5
          NAM 1

II-1 ENCLOSES (1)

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       Enlisted

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       Officers
       
       Enlisted

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       Officers
       
       Enlisted

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       Enlisted

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       BSM
       
       NGM
       
       NAM

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ENCLOSURE (1)
(3) Personnel of the 1st Combined Action Group also received the following awards as a result of combat wounds, heroic/meritorious service in the Republic of Vietnam:

PHM 9 VCO 5

c. Casualties. Casualties during the month of August 1969 were as follows:

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d. CONGRATS/SPLINTS/REHAB. There were two pieces of Congressional Interest Correspondence and two Welfare Reports handled by this command during the month of August 1969.

e. Administrative Assistance. There were two group directives promulgated during the reporting month.

f. Legal. A breakdown of legal activities for August is shown below:

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<tr>
<th>Art 32 Investigations</th>
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The Marine tried by general court-martial was found guilty of violation of Article 99, UCMJ, and sentenced to confinement at hard labor for two years, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to the rank of Private, and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge. Of the two Marines tried by special court-martial one was charged with violation of Article 134, UCMJ and the other Marine was charged with violation of Article 99, UCMJ. Both Marines were acquitted.

g. Morale and Welfare. The morale of the unit continues to be high and special services equipment available to all hands. Quotas for both out of country and in country Rest and Recuperation (R&R) are effectively being utilized. The following is a breakdown of the R&R within this command:

(1) Out of country R&R - Quotas Utilized
                              43  43

(2) In country R&R - 3  3

(3) Five parties are held at a different CAP each week consisting of a cook-out, beer and soda. Each CAP sends a man into the rear on a staggered schedule to allow him to relax and enjoy club and beach facilities, and the USO facilities.
h. Career Planning. The career planning program continues to be stressed at all levels of command. USAFI GED testing is constantly being stressed to all personnel who have not completed high school. During October 1969 this command will send two Staff NCO's to the Career Planners School in Okinawa. During the month of August there was one career reenlistment and one first term extension of enlistment affected. The Marine who applied for a commission in the Marine Corps Reserve under the enlisted commissioning program was selected and will report to Quantico during the month of September 1969.

i. Mail. Daily average bags of mail were processed as follows:

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NOTE: One bag of letters represents approximately 2,000 letters.

j. Promotions. 26 enlisted promotions were affected during the month of August 1969 as follows:

- Corporal: 16
- Lance Corporal: 5
- Private First Class: 3

k. Hospital Visits. Hospital visits are made daily by the Hospital Corpsman representative, the Casualty NCO and the Mail Orderly who delivers mail to the patients located in hospitals at Chu Lai. Frequent visits are also made by the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, the Adjutant, and the First Sergeant. Normally, the Commanding Officer or his representative, having been notified by Dustoff Control Chu Lai, of the destination of the individual medevaced from the field, are waiting at the hospital when the casualty arrives. The dead are identified within hours of arrival at Chu Lai.
b. Intelligence

(1) The most timely intelligence of immediate tactical value comes from the populace. Of six reports drawn from local Vietnamese villagers, three pro-
duced worthwhile results. One report resulted in one (1) VC KIA, and one (1) weapon captured, the remainder resulted in information and ordnance acquired under the VIP program.

(2) Intelligence reported by the companies to 1st CAG is passed to the 1st Corps Division and local interested commands as applicable. Feedback from VC suspects captured and sent to the various district headquarters by CAPs remains slow in most cases. This problem receives continuing attention from 1st CAG headquarters and subordinate companies.

c. RVN Liaison Officer/Interpreters. The group employed one liaison officer and three interpreters through this period, all of whom contributed to the success of coordination among the CAPs and Vietnamese forces.
3. Operations

a. General

(1) The 1st Combined Action Group continued to conduct operations in accordance with its assigned mission of village/hamlet security and the Accelerated Pacification Program. In keeping with the aforementionprogram, three new CAPs were established during the month, one in Tan Ky District and two in Son Sin District. The success experienced by the CAPs in the 1st CAG has made all parties concerned, Vietnamese, US Advisors and US Army extremely receptive to the establishment of additional CAPs as forces become available.

(2) During the month the Americal Division continued heavy saturation of the Chu Lo area with small unit activities (company and smaller) with occasional battalion size and larger operations. The support provided by the division and its subordinate units, especially the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, was outstanding in all respects and greatly enhanced the effectiveness of the Combined Action Platoons.

b. Activities

(1) During the period there were fourteen combined CAP-District RF/PF operations and one operation with a company from the 5th Battalion, 16th Infantry, USA. In addition to those preplanned operations many of the CAPs continue to conduct daily patrols and sweeps with the Regional Force units in their respective areas. The predominance of CAP activities continues to be night ambushes which coincide with the enemy's prime movement time. The tactic of dropping off a portion of a patrol (stay behind ambush) to establish an ambush in an area that the CAPs are passing through has proven very effective.

(a) Operation Brave Armpit conducted by Special Landing Force Alpha (2nd Bn, 6th Marines) in conjunction with the 196th LD and the CAPs in the area, ended August 7. The operation accounted for eleven enemy killed. Operation Nantucket Beach continued throughout the month.

(2) CACO 1-1 conducted normal scouting and patrolling activities in all seven CAP areas. The number of contacts made by the Company was relatively small, as all decrease in enemy movement and activity was apparent. CACO 1-1 conducted eleven combined operations with Regional Forces and Popular Forces other than those normally assigned to the CAPs. The Company had fourteen significant contacts during the period resulting in fifteen enemy KIA and had one enemy turn himself in under the Chieu Hoi Program. The Company established one new CAP (1-1-5) when HTT 1-1 was deactivated.

(3) CACO 1-2 had very few significant contacts during the period; a total of five resulting in one (1) enemy KIA. The lack of enemy activity enabled the Company to devote maximum effort to conducting classes and training the Popular Forces. The enemy continues to avoid CACO 1-2's TaQ which is tangible evidence of the success of the CAPs in that area.
(4) CAO 1-3 experienced the greatest amount of enemy activity with forty-eight significant contacts. The enemy continues to use the Song Thu Dong River and surrounding valley as a primary infiltration route into Quang Ngai Province. The enemy usually tries to navigate around the areas controlled by the CAI's but due to aggressive patrolling and ambush, he is frequently intercepted. The Popular Forces are gaining self-confidence by successfully engaging the enemy with the CAI's.

(5) CAO 1-3 established two new CAI's during the period; CAI 1-4-5 and CAI 1-4-6 seven kilometers south of the Catangan Peninsula. Based on the number of enemy sightings in the area, it appears that these new CAI's will be very productive in the coming months. Contact was relatively light in CAO 1-4's area with only seven significant contacts for the period. The Company received two Hoi Chinh, captured eight VC's during the month and accounted for one (1) enemy KIA.

(6) The following statistics are the results of 1st CAO's operations and activities for the month of August:

(a) Friendly Activities

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(b) Enemy Casualties/Losses

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(c) Weapons and Ordnance Captured

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(d) Friendly Casualties Sustained

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(c) Training

(1) General. Formal training covered the subjects of General Military Subjects, Leadership, Platoon Tactics, Infantry Weapons and Supporting Arms, Personal Response and Vietnamese Language was included for USMC personnel only.

(2) CAI Training. The individual CAI's conducted daily classes as directed by the Group training schedule which is promulgated weekly for the coming week. Each CAI Leader returns the schedule at the completion of the training.
and indicates the number of hours accomplished. Thirty-four hours of scheduled training was completed by each CAP and in addition, many hours of impromptu instruction was given as the CAP Leader deemed necessary.

(3) **Other Training**

(a) Five Marines completed the Vietnamese Language Course in Da Nang.

(b) Four Marines attended the Artillery School conducted by the Americal Division.

(c) A one day indoctrination course was conducted for all newly joined personnel prior to their assignment to the field.

(d) **Inspections.** Each CAGO and CAP was inspected during the month particular emphasis was given to condition of weapons and 762 gear. No significant discrepancies were noted.

(1) The S-3 Section continued the practice of taking new CAP Leaders on as many inspection trips as possible prior to their assignment to the field. This enabled the new leaders to meet and talk with seasoned CAP Leaders and become aware of problems that are common to many CAP’s and the various solutions tried in the field.

(e) **Fire Support.** The USA artillery units supporting the Americal Division as well as ARVN and USMC units, when available during special operations, provided excellent fire support during the month. Fewer fire missions were called than in previous months as a result of the decrease in enemy activity. The response time on the missions called was very good and well-coordinated IED fires were utilized whenever practicable.

(f) **Air Support**

(1) Tactical air support was utilized twenty-nine times during the month. The CAP’s requests for air support were met with both fixed wing and helicopter gunships. Ten of these missions were strike missions and nineteen were visual recon or liaison.

(2) The aforementioned figures do not include the time or missions flown for logistical resupply of the CAP’s as this time is allotted by the proximate battalions on a daily basis and those missions are not requested or controlled by the CAP.

(g) **Scout Dog Teams.** During the month a Scout Dog Team was available to each company with an additional team available to one company for a portion of the month. The teams tend to boost morale and confidence of both Marines and FFI’s and are well received whenever available.

(h) **Psychological Operations**

(1) During the month of August the 1st CAP, in conjunction with and
supported by the American Division, dropped over ten million leaflets and an additional fifteen million were distributed by CAT’s and propaganda teams. The leaflets were augmented by thirteen hours of aerial broadcasts and eight hours of movies. The subjects covered were: Chuoi Ho, Anti-VC, and Pro-GVN.

(2) Enemy PsyOp, consisted of leaflets being distributed in some villages. The leaflets varied very little from those found in previous months with the main theme being American invaders and Saigon puppet; a new over tone appeared, warning the people to stay away from the market places and not to go out after dark.

i. KIT Carson Scouts. The KOS continue to contribute to the effectiveness of the CAT’s and work well with the units with a few minor exceptions.

j. Volunteer Informant Program. 106,200VNN were spent during the month under the VII program. The amount was less than last month in keeping with the guidance of paying the minimum reward instead of the maximum. The bulk of the ordinance turned in continued to be mortar and artillery rounds. The benefit to Free World Forces in lives saved under this program is well worth the money invested and the additional benefit of good will created by the financial bonus to the local populace add to the reasons for maintaining this program. During the month of August, 1st CAT units received one hundred twenty-three pieces of ordinance and four individual weapons under the VII.

1. Communications

(1) During the reporting period the Combined Action Program Communications Officer, Major AUSTINFIELD, visited the 1st Combined Action Group for a period of two days. During the first day Major AUSTINFIELD was given a communications briefing by the 1st CAT Communication Chief. The briefing consisted of communication capabilities and limitations provided by the communication equipment employed by the 1st CAT, logistical and maintenance support problems unique to the 1st CAT with possible solutions to these problems. An immediate solution to maintenance problems the Communication Officer noted probably was in the area of an Inter-Service Support Agreement (ISSA) with a local Army Service Unit. The Communication Chief suggested that the 508th Maintenance Company, which has a maintenance capability up to and including 3rd echelon for communication equipment, was probably the most logical choice due to their proximity to the 1st CAT and their level of maintenance. Since then liaison has been made with the 508th Maintenance Company by the Communication Chief with favorable results, in that, the 508th Maintenance Company representatives stated they could support the 1st CAT with communication equipment maintenance. Upon being advised of this, Maj or AUSTINFIELD stated he would go to work on an Inter-Service Support Agreement between 1st CAT and the 508th Maintenance Company. During the second day of Major AUSTINFIELD’s visit he was provided with a helicopter and ground reconnaissance of CAGO 1-3 and CAGO 1-4 TAOC conducted by Major ELMAN, 1st CAT, S-3.

(2) During the reporting period a Combined Action Program Administrative Voice Radio Network was established with 1st CAT as a subordinate station. This net will operate between the hours of 1500-1600 daily, or as required, ad consists...
of PRC-47 radio equipment. To provide reliable, long-range communications
to support this effort, the 1st CAG Communication Chief erected a "long-wire",
modified inverted 'L' type, antenna of one-half wave length. Communication
has been satisfactory with Hot Control (CAP Director) and satisfactory to
marginal with the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th CAG's. No problems are foreseen in the
employment of this particular radio circuit except that a back-up PRC-47
should be provided to each CAG in case of malfunction.

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*Code H (Beyond Economical Repair), Replacement items requisitioned.
4. S-4/Supply

a. Significant Events,

(1) Informal inspection conducted by Group Commander in S-4, Supply, Motor Transport functions and Group facilities.

(2) Supply inventory and warehouse location verification conducted during August.

(3) Combat losses during the month was one AN/PRC-25 radio.

b. Supply.

(1) Supply support received during the month of August was excellent. Back-order releases from FLC and response to Group requisitions enhanced the asset posture.

(2) T/E deficiencies effect the overall readiness category of the Group, however, due to the mobile concept, operations are not hampered. In addition, the deficiency of one M51 truck and one M37 truck may resolved soon since shipping status is held on both vehicles.

(3) During the month liaison was made with the NSAD Detachment, Chu Lai to provide supply support for certain Class II, III and IV items, in addition to the Class I support currently received.

c. Maintenance.

(1) Currently maintenance support has declined in the area of Communications and Ordnance items, particularly, the AN/PRC-25 (10) and M-60 machine gun (13). Turn-around time on the above mentioned items has resulted in downtime up to 40 days on these items. It appears lack of parts and the asset posture of the DX program are contributing factors.

d. Motor Transport.

(1) During the reporting period Group Motor Transport logged 23,514 miles.

(2) Vehicles deadlined during the month were minimal and a zero deadline rate was realized the last week of the month.

e. Miscellaneous

(1) A Logistics Chief reported in to fill the vacant billet.

(2) Support for one additional CAP was accomplished during the month.

(3) Completion of a new transient quarters occured during August.
f. Medical. The following information was received during the Senior Corpsman's meeting held at 3rd CAG, Phu Bai on 26 August 1969:

(1) All personnel, especially corpsmen, should be on the alert for neuropsychiatric cases. The things to look for were described as emotional stress and passive aggressive reactions.

(2) All corpsmen are to keep an up-to-date Emergency Data Page (601-2) in their service records. This will ensure that the SCLI insurance companies have the complete name, relationship and address of next of kin if needed.

(3) All corpsmen are to be on the alert for hepatitis and hemorrhagic fever. A bulletin has been sent to all corpsmen concerning this problem.

(4) Techniques

(a) The senior medical representative visited seven CAPs during the month. During his visit he held sanitation inspections and observed and advised the CAP corpsmen conducting daily MEDCAPS.

(b) Medcaps conducted

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(c) U. S. Personnel treated at CAG 403

(d) Hospitalized -

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5. Civic Action

a. During August 1969, 2,345 pounds of food, 63 pounds of clothing, 404 pounds of soap, 1,837 school kits were distributed to selected villages by this command.

b. The following civic action projects were completed during August.

   (1) CAP 1-1-3 helped build a well at Phu Khe hamlet, BT 348178, located in Tam Ky District, Quang Tin Province.

   (2) CAP 1-1-6 repaired fence at BT 235245. Thon Bay hamlet is located in Tam Ky District, Quang Tin Province.

   (3) CAP 1-3-1 helped the people of Le Thuy, BT 693977, located in Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, build two fences.
PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

1 Aug  
CAP 1-3-4. The CP element received 5 to 8 incoming M-79 rounds from 3 to 4 VC at BT 623006. The CAP unit returned fire with organic weapons and the VC withdrew SE. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: Negative.

2 Aug  
CAP 1-1-4. Received SAF from an estimated 2 squads of VC at BT 247193, causing 1 PF KIA and 1 PF WIA(M). The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery mission. An AO directed airstrike on the VC. A sweep of the area found 4 VC KIA, 6 chicom grenades. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 PF WIA(M), 4 VC KIA, 6 Chicom grenades.

3 Aug  
CAP 1-3-6. An ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 3-5 VC moving E at BS 585933. The VC returned SAF before fleeing S. A sweep of the area revealed 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 cartridge belt, 3 AK-47 magazines and 1 chicom grenade. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 WIA, 1 chicom grenade captured.

4 Aug  
CAP 1-1-6. While on patrol CAP received SAF from approx 1 squad of VC at BT 232252. The CAP returned fire and the enemy withdrew to the W. 1 USMC was WIAE in the contact. A sweep of the area had negative results. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIAE.

CAP 1-3-3. CAP initiated SAF on 1 VC spotted at BS 666980 and received return fire from 5 VC in the area. The VC broke contact and fled SE. A sweep of the area found 1 VC KIA, drag marks and blood trails. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

5 Aug  
CAP 1-1-4. While on patrol a Marine was WIAE when he tripped a booby trap (NFI) at BT 268172. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIAE.

6 Aug  
CAP 1-1-4. 1 VC came to CAP to Chieu Hoi at BT 279197. The Hoi Chanh surrendered 1 M-4 carbine and was taken to Tam Ky District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh and 1 IN recovered.
6 Aug

MTT 1-1. Detained 6 VN civilians at BT 305167. One of the detainees, a 19 year old female, was discovered to be a VC. The VC POW and the 5 VCS were taken to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC POW and 5 VCS.

CAP 1-3-8. Received SAF from an USEF at BT 582926. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and grenades causing the enemy to flee to the S. One PF was WIA(1) in the contact. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(1).

CAP 1-4-3. 1 Hoi Chanh turned himself in to CAP at BS 767832. Initial interrogation revealed the Hoi Chanh was 19 years old and a platoon leader. He revealed his unit to be located in the vicinity of BS 779838, with a strength of 3 platoons totaling 40 men. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

CAP 1-4-1. While participating in a joint operation with PF's and RF's, CAP detained 8 VCS after SAF was exchanged with an USEF at BS 592802. RESULTS: 8 VCS.

CAP 1-3-8. The CP element initiated organic weapons fire on movement spotted at BS 593926. An estimated 10 to 20 enemy returned SAF and an artillery mission was fired on the enemy position by the CAP. The enemy broke contact and withdrew E. A sweep found 1 NVA KIA, 1 M-16 rifle, and 1 grenade (NFI). RESULTS: 1 NVA KIA, 1 INC.

CAP 1-4-2. VN civilians informed CAP that 1 company of VC was located at BS 789859. A 107mm mortar mission was fired on the suspected grids and a first light sweep found an unspecified number of bunkers, several of which had been destroyed by the fire. The remaining bunkers were destroyed by the CAP. RESULTS: Bunkers destroyed. (NFI).

MTT 1-1. An ambush spotted and engaged approx 15 VC at BS 590917. The enemy returned AW and SAF and withdrew NE. A second ambush element was moving into a blocking position when it made contact with same enemy force. The VC again
11 Aug

broke contact and withdrew NW. Both
elements linked up and conducted a sweep
with negative further contact. 1 Marine
was KIA in the first contact; two were
KIA in the second. RESULTS: 3 USMC KIA.

12 Aug

CAP 1-1-6. While conducting a sweep of
the 120245H contact area, a PF tripped a
booby trap that wounded the CAP corpsman.
Emergency medevac was completed to 95th
Evac at 120935H. The sweep was continued
finding 2 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 USN WIAE,
2 VC KIA.

CAP 1-3-5. A patrol spotted and called
artillery on 5 VC at BS 69914L. A sweep
of the area following the artillery mission
found 1 VC KIA. Continuing on the patrol,
the CAP received 30 to 40 rounds of SADF
from an USEF located to their S. The patrol
returned fire and the enemy broke contact
and fled S. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

CAP 1-3-7. An ambush initiated organic
weapons fire on 10-15 VC at BS 61394L.
VC returned SADF and 1 chicom grenade before
breaking contact. There were 1 USMC KIA
and 1 USMC WIAE. A sweep of the area pro-
duced negative results. RESULTS: 1 USMC
KIA, 1 USMC WIAE.

13 Aug

CAP 1-1-4. A patrol dispatched as a reaction
force to assist RF and PF units in contact
at BS 760819, was ambushed by an USEF. Two
USMC were KIA: 2 M-16s and 1 AN/PRC-25 were
combat losses. At approx the same time, the
CAP of group and the surrounding village re-
ceived about 90 incoming 82mm mortar rounds,
killing 10 civilians and 3 PSDF members and
wounding 10 civilians, 1 RF, and 2 RD who
were evacuated. Counter mortars was fired
on suspected enemy mortar positions. Fol-
lowing the mortar attack, a second CAP
element was dispatched as a reaction for
the ambushed element and the KIAs were
evacuated. A sweep of the contact area
produced negative further results. RESULTS:
2 USMC KIA, 10 civilians KIA, 3 PSDF KIA,
10 civilians WIAE, and 2 RD WIAE. 2 M-16s
and 1 AN/PRC-25 radio were combat losses.
14 Aug

CAP 1-3-3. A patrol dispatched to investigate rifle shots, received sniper fire as it approached a village at BS 663975. Fire could not be returned due to the proximity of civilians. 1 VN civilian was discovered WIAE and was medevaced. A CAP sweep produced negative results. RESULTS: 1 VN civilian WIAE.

CAP 1-1-4. In a joint operation with 2 platoons of FF's, CAP called an artillery mission on 10 VC spotted at BT 262219, and requested airstrikes on an USEF at 250201. A sweep found 4 VC KIA. One VC was KIA by the CAP as he attempted to flee the area. One of the FF platoons participating in the operation was ambushed by an USEF at BT 26220 resulting in 14 FF KIA and 14 weapons lost. Later the CAP relayed a request for an airstrike on an enemy force in contact with the two FF platoons at BT 275215. A FF sweep following the airstrikes found 28 VC KIA, 4 AK-47's, 1 M-16, 1 M-1 carbine, and 1 M-3 SMG. RESULTS: 14 FF KIA (Not CAP), 33 VC KIA (5 credited to CAP), 4 ING, 1 M-16 and 1 M-1 carbine recovered.

CAP 1-1-3. Ambush initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated NVA platoon at BT 348165. The enemy returned SAP and RPG's. The CAP called an artillery mission causing the enemy to break contact. 1 FF was KIA and 1 FF was WIAE. A sweep of the area found 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, and 3 chicom grenades. RESULTS: 1 FF KIA, 1 FF WIAE, 1 NVA KIA, 1 ING and 3 chicom grenades captured.

CAP 1-3-5. CP received AMF and 1 RPG at BS 712973. The CP returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery mission on 5-6 VC causing them to flee S. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: Negative.

CAP 1-3-1. CP received SIF at BS 691972. The CP returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery mission. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: Negative.
16 Aug

CAP 1-4-2. 2 VN civilians received VIP payments for informing CAP of the location of 1 40mm round and 75 rounds of 30 cal. ammunition, at BS 777858. The ordnance was destroyed. RESULTS: 1 40mm round and 75 rounds of 30 cal. ammunition destroyed.

CAP 1-3-9. OP called on artillery mission on an estimated platoon of VC at BS 473863. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: Negative.

17 Aug

CAP 1-4-4. After receiving 5 grenades from an USNIB and returning organic weapons fire, CAP 1-4-4 was informed by RDs of a large VC force present in a village at BS 758819. The CAP proceeded to the village and initiated organic weapons fire on an USNIB spotted leaving the village. The enemy returned CAP and the CAP called for artillery and gunship support. A sweep of the area produced 1 M-33 and 1 M-26 grenade, and evidence that a platoon size or larger VC unit had been present in the village. RESULTS: 1 M-33 and 1 M-26 grenades captured.

18 Aug

CAP 1-4-4. Elements on a sweep tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade at JT 960170, causing 1 USNIB WIA. RESULTS: 1 USNIB WIA.

CAP 1-4-4. 2 VN boys were rewarded for reporting the location of ordnance to CAP. One for reporting the location of a booby trapped 105mm round at BS 749814, the other for reporting a 60mm Dal at BS 746814. The ordnance was blown in place. RESULTS: 1 booby trapped round and 1 60mm round destroyed.

CAP 1-3-6. Personnel, while helping RDs prepare fields of fire vicinity BS 582924, received one incoming grenade wounding 1 USNIB. The CAP OP at BS 582923 opened fire on suspected enemy positions and received approximately 50 small arms rounds from an estimated 20 VC who immediately retired to the SW. Artillery was employed on possible withdrawal routes and a sweep was conducted with negative further contact. RESULTS: 1 USNIB WIA.
19 Aug

CAP 1-21. An ambush opened fire on 5 VC at 15:07. The VC returned fire and evaded to the NW. The area was swept finding 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-47. A resweep of the area at first light found 1 foot, much blood and 6 chico grenades. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 I/C, 6 chico grenades captured.

1st CAP reported that MT 1-1 was redesignated CAP 1-1-5, retaining the same TACG as that previously occupied by the MT, in the vicinity of grid BT 3018.

MT 1-2 was officially deactivated and is preparing for relocation as a CAP on 25 August 1969.

CAP 1-4-2. VIP payments were made to 4 VN males who turned in ordnance to CAP at BS 777850. RESULTS: 1 155 HE, 2 105mm HE, 1 105mm HE, and 25 cal .30 rounds destroyed.

CAP 1-4-4. Made VIP payments to 2 VN males for ordnance turned in at BS 749015. RESULTS: 1 60mm HE and 1 105mm round destroyed.

21 Aug

CAP 1-1-1. While participating in a sweep with District PFI's, CAPs 1-1-1 and 1-1-4 received SAF from an USRF at BT 259201. The CAPs returned fire and called an artillery mission on the enemy position. A sweep of the impact area found 2 destroyed bunkers and several blood trails leading NW. RESULTS: 2 bunkers destroyed.

CAP 1-1-1. In a combined operation with Son Tanh District PFI's CAP detained 3 VC's at BS 611806. One VC was KIA when it attempted to flee. The VC's were taken to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 3 VC's.

CAP 1-1-2. An ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC moving E at BS 577910. The VC returned SAF and fled. While the CAP attempted to re-establish contact 1 USMC was KIA. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA.
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CAP 1-3-3. A patrol initiated automatic weapons fire on 3 VC moving S at 03 073973. A sweep of the area disclosed 3 bunkers which the CAP destroyed. RESULTS: 3 bunkers destroyed.

22 Aug
CAP 1-1. Headquarters and Battery at MT 295240 received approximately 35 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and 6 122mm art shells. One WI child was KIA and 6 WI adults were WIA. Artillery was fired on MT 257420 and MT 240156 where VC's 1-1-6 and 1-1-7 spotted mortar flashes. A sweep by army personnel produced inactive results. RESULTS: 1 WI child KIA, 6 WI adults WIA.

23 Aug
CAP 1-3-4. While moving to its ambush site, CAP received SFP from approximately 20 VC at 00 585924. 2 FP's were WIA(1) and 2 FP's were WIA(2). The CAP returned automatic weapons fire and was supported by gunships. A sweep of the area was non-productive. RESULTS: 2 WIA(1), 2 WIA(2).

24 Aug
CAP 1-1-7. A patrol initiated SFP on 2 VC planting a mine at MT 304285. 1 VC wounded in the leg and the other VC escaped to the W. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 M-16 mine and 1 M-16. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 M-16, 1 M-16 mine, and 1 M-16 recovered.

25 Aug
CAP's 1-4-5 and 1-4-6. CAP's were activated as mobile CAP's on 250900H. Two KIA's in 1-4-5 will operate with 10 platoon 25 in the vicinity of 03 75795. Two KIA's in 1-4-6 have been combined with 25 platoon 25 and will operate in the vicinity of 03 75784.

CAP 1-4-4. A WI male received a WI punishment for delivering 1 60mm round to CAP at MT 285200. The ordnance was destroyed. RESULTS: 1 60mm round destroyed.

27 Aug
CAP 1-1-6. A Ho Chi Minh turned himself over to CAP at MT 241255. The Ho Chi Minh was delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 Ho Chi Minh.

CAP 1-4-2. CAP detained 1 WI male with no ID card in possession of 1 M-26 grenade.

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at BQ 777858. The VCS was turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VCS

CAP 1-1-6. A patrol received SAF from an estimated 12 VC at BT 235347. The CAP returned organic weapons fire. During a sweep of the area the CAP detained 4 VCS. RESULTS: 4 VCS.

28 Aug

CAP 1-1-1. A USMC was WIA(E) when he tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade on a trail at BT 2741144. The medivac helicopter received SAF as it departed and the CAP called an artillery mission on BT 265177. RESULTS 1 USMC WIA(E).

CAP 1-2-7. CAP was providing security for an RD Drama performance in My Phu hamlet at BT 477604 when a bomb (NFO) exploded among the spectators, resulting in 8 VN civilians KIA, and 80 VN civilians WIA(E). HuryOps was contacted. RESULTS: 8 VN civilians KIA, 80 VN civilians WIA(E).

CAP 1-4-5. An ambush initiated SAF on 2 VC spotted at BS 743792. The VC returned SAF and fled to the S. A sweep of the area revealed 30 reinforced bunkers which the CAP destroyed. RESULTS: 30 bunkers destroyed.

CAP 1-3-4. CAP called medivac for 3 PSDF’s on a security patrol who were wounded by 2 incoming grenades from an USEF at BT 621017. RESULTS: 3 PSDF’s WIA(E).

29 Aug

CAP 1-1-5. While air strikes were being conducted in the vicinity of BS 732785, a patrol exchanged organic weapons fire with an USEF trying to flee the area. The CAP contacted the AO who directed an air strike on the USEF with excellent target coverage. 1 USMC and 2 PSDF’s were WIA(E). A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC and 2 PSDF’s WIA(E).

CAP 1-1-4. 2 VN children showed a patrol the location of 2 booby trapped 105 rounds at BT 270178. The ordnance was destroyed and a VIP payment was made. RESULTS: 2 booby trapped 105 rounds destroyed.
31 Aug

CAP 1-1-1. CP called an artillery mission on an USSF at BS 627806. A sweep of the impact area disclosed 1 M-1 carbine with 2 magazines. Results: 1 IWG.
GROUP BULLETIN 1650

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Meritorious Hast; case of Private First Class Dwayne A. PIRON
2d Platoon 3d Platoon U. S. Marine Corps

Ref: (a) HQ O P 5000.3; par 8052

1. Purpose: To award a Meritorious Hast to the subject man.

2. General: Under the provisions of reference (a), you are awarded a
Meritorious Hast for your outstanding performance of duty from 16 June
1969 to 31 July 1969. While serving as Headquarters Police Sergeant,
you were very instrumental in displaying an exceptional skill and know-
ledge of electrical wiring and showed initiative by improving, repairing
and installing electrical equipment throughout the offices and barracks
of this Group. You performed your duties as Police Sergeant in a note-
worthy manner and always maintained a "CAN DO" attitude. You are hereby
commended for a job WELL DONE.

3. Action: By copy hereof the Adjutant is directed to ensure that
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To: Distribution List

Subj: Meritorious Mast; case of Corporal Thomas W. DICKMAN, 2H2 00 75/0101, U. S. Marine Corps

Ref: (a) NCO P5000-3, par 8052

1. Purpose. To award a Meritorious Mast to the subject man

2. General. Under the provisions of reference (a), you are awarded a meritorious mast for services set forth below:

   a. During the period of 28 August 1968 to 30 August 1969, you have performed duties as Unit Diary Clerk for this Group. You have performed all tasks with outstanding skill and resourcefulness, contributing directly to a progressive increase in the efficiency of the Group S-1 Section. You have voluntarily and enthusiastically worked many long and tedious hours to ensure that the records of the personnel in this command were always up to date and correct, which in turn enhanced the delivery of mail and speeded pay procedures for the command. During your tour of duty in this Group you maintained an error rate of 0.0 in the personnel accounting section of the Group S-1. Your professional competence was demonstrated numerous times when you had to leave your administrative duties and go to the field to help support a CAP unit which was in contact with numerically superior enemy forces. These reaction forces were at times required to remain in the field for several days participating in patrols and ambushes in support of the CAP unit. In spite of these adverse conditions and the hazards of a combat environment you were still able to keep all your administrative duties meticulously accurate and up to date.

   b. Your performance has at all times been exemplary and has served as an example for your fellow Marines. You are commended for a job "WELL DONE".

3. Action. The Group Adjutant is directed to ensure this Meritorious Mast is entered in your service records, and that a copy is forwarded to the Commandant of the Marine Corps for insertion in your official file.


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From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 September 1969

1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness and is forwarded herewith.

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