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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 February 1970 to 28 February 1979

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A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 2 Chi Com grenades, and 1 cartridge belt. The grenades were destroyed. RESULTS:
1 VC KIA; 1 AK-47 and 1 cartridge belt captured; 2 Chi Com grenades destroyed.

CAP 1-3-5. A CAP 1-3-5 patrol received SAF from 3 VC at the edge of a rice paddy at BS 595347, 10 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, killing 1 VC. The other 2 VC fled NE. While sweeping the area, the patrol approached 3 VC females who had been working in the rice paddy and who were without ID cards. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP FT, the 3 VCS were taken to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA and 3 VCS.

CAP 1-3-9. A CAP 1-3-9 patrol received SAF from an USEF located at BS 514673, 10 km SW of Binh Son District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire and called for a reaction force from the CL patrol base. As the reaction force approached the area of contact, it received SAF from an estimated 50 VC at BS 513675. The reaction force called an artillery fire mission on both groups of enemy, causing them to flee W and SE, respectively. While sweeping the area of contact, the CL approached 13 VC civilians without ID cards. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP FT, the 13 VCS were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. Continuing on, the CAP received SAF from 3 VC at BS 513820. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee SE. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 13 VCS.

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CAP 1-2-5. Ambush engaged (20) VC moving W to E. VC returned fire with small arms, machine gun and AK-79 fire and split into three elements, fleeing in several directions. Second ambush of CAP 1-2-5 engaged several of the fleeing enemy, as did an ambush from CAP 1-2-2. CAP 1-2-5 swept the area finding: (2) VC KIA and (1) AK-47. Results: (2) VC KIA; (1) AK-47 captured.
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Personnel Transactions. During the month of February the following personnel transactions were completed:

   (1) **Joined**
       USMC
       OFF  E strangely
       0  24

   (2) **Rotated COHUS**
       USMC
       OFF  E strangely
       0  12

   (3) **Reassignment within WestPac**
       USMC
       OFF  E strangely
       0  1

   (4) **Transferred by Service Records While Sick (out of country hospital)**
       USMC
       OFF  E strangely
       0  9

b. Promotions

   To PFC - 2
   To LCpl - 90
   To Cpl - 26

7. Legal Matters:

   a. Courts held: SOM - 2
   b. Article 32 Investigations: None
   c. MJP: 19
   d. JAG-Type Investigations: 2

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8. Award Recommendations

BSM - 8
NCG - 7
NAM - 2
PH - 16

9. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREPS

The command has responded to: 15 WELREPS

10. Morale and Welfare

a. R&R. The command has utilized the following number of quotas to the R&R areas listed.

(1) Hong Kong (8) Japan (2)
Taipei (4) Bangkok (7)
Hawaii (9) Sydney (7)

(2) In-Country

China Beach Recreation Center: 33

b. Mail. Daily average bags of mail processed:

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c. Hospital Visitations. Hospital visits are made daily by the Hospital Corpsman Representative, the Casualty NCO and the Mail Orderly, who also delivers mail to the patients located in hospitals at Chu Lai. Frequent visits are made by the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Adjutant, and First Sergeant.

11. Career Planning

Re-evaluations: None

Extensions: None

12. Medical

a. Report of Hospital Corpsmen

(1) Hospital Corpsmen (Total) 32
(2) Reported for Duty 4
(3) Transferred in-country 1
(4) Wounded in Action 2
(5) Recommended for NCG 2
(6) Awarded the Purple Heart 2
b. MEDCAPS

(1) Patients Treated 10,200
(2) Adults Evacuated 130
(3) Children Evacuated 23
(4) Dental Treatments 14

C. Personnel treated at Group Aid Station

(1) Total visits (Military) 376
(2) Total Visits (Other) 12
(3) Selected cases treated:
   (a) Acute Diarrhea 11
   (b) Gonorrhea 9
   (c) Pneumonia 2
   (d) Strain/Conc Throat 3
   (e) Upper Respiratory Inf. 16
(4) Hospitalized
   (a) Wounded in Action 23 (Includes two USN)
   (b) Killed in Action 3
   (c) Others (Disease/Injury) Non-hostile 25 (Includes three USN)
(5) Limited Services 88
(6) Immunizations Administered 116
(7) Spectacles Ordered 17 pr

D. Summary of Monthly Activities

(1) During the month of February 1970, work on the Medical Storeroom was completed. Consolidation of Medical Storage should enhance the medical logistics of the 1st Combined Action Group.

(2) There was no senior CAF Corpsman's meeting for the month of February 1970.

(3) A continual program of water testing was in progress. Testing was being handled by the CAF Corpsman. All tests for the month of February 1970 were normal.

(4) Due to a Hospitalman personnel shortage no Hospital Corpsman will be sent to language school until the situation improves.

(5) During the month of February 16 MEDCAPS were visited. Sanitation inspections were conducted and MEDCAPS observed.

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IN CLOSURE (1)

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
San Francisco, California 96602

COMMANDER

LtCol D. F. SEILER
1-28Feb70

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 1-1
Captain N. H. GRIGS
1-28Feb70

Combined Action Company 1-2
Captain J. E. KNIGHT JR.
1-9Feb70

Combined Action Company 1-3
Captain J. E. TYLER
10-28Feb70

Combined Action Company 1-4
Captain J. W. MURPHY
1-26Feb70

Captain R. J. SEXTON
1-15Feb70

1st Lt W. R. BLACK JR.
16-28Feb70

2. LOCATION

Hq 1st CAG
Chu Lai, Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CA CO 1-1
Tam Ky District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CA CO 1-2
Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CA CO 1-3
Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN

CA CO 1-4
Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer
Major W. D. THOMPSON
1-28Feb70

S-1 Officer
Captain J. E. TYLER
1-28Feb70

S-2/S-3/CommO
Major R. L. PADGETT
1-28Feb70

S-4 Officer
Captain J. P. WIHL
1-28Feb70
a. General. Enemy activity in the 1st COM AO dropped significantly for the month. This was due in part to the 24 hour TET cease fire period from 051800 to 061800 February. The presence of increased infiltration of enemy units in the Tam Ky and Iy Tin districts of Quang Tin Province was noted in two significant contacts in those areas, involving elements of the 21st NVA Regiment in Tam Ky and elements of the 43rd PF Seppar Bn. in the Iy Tin area. The presence of large enemy units near those population centers lends credence to intelligence of an enemy offensive in the near future. Although the offensive that was supposed to coincide with the TET holiday never manifested during the month, the confirmed presence and close in activity may indicate that the enemy is positioning his forces for future offensive activity. Small and scattered contact was reported for the rest of the month, with no indication of any large scale enemy offensive materializing. VC/NVA counterintelligence related activities continued to focus primary emphasis on propaganda and proselytizing efforts in an attempt to gain popular support and participation in the planned enemy political and military offensive. Propaganda in the 1st COM AO was limited to the distribution of Pro-VCP/VC leaflets. In the past, loudspeaker broadcasts, VC/NLF flags and anti-US and GVN signs were the primary means of spreading the propaganda, but artillery fire missions and well-executed night ambushes have all but completely subdued this activity in most areas.

b. Activities

(1) CAJO 1-1 continued to observe, by way of intelligence and sightings, that the 21st NVA Regiment remained in its AO. Continued harassment of this unit by artillery and other COM directed ordinance may be producing favorable results, as elements of this NVA unit were drawn out of hiding and into contact with the COM's.

(2) CAJO 1-2 made contact during the month with enemy units composed essentially of VC, but conjecture has it that the VC in this area are being evaded and assisted by regular NVA soldiers. Increased night activity may point to midnight rendezvous between the VC and NVA in this area.

(3) CAJO 1-3 experienced a very light month as far as contact is concerned. Almost all of their contact occurred in the area of the coastal CP's. The light contact must be due in part to the northern redeployment of the 21st NVA Regiment. The P-31st Infantry Co. and the K-51st Heavy Weapons Co. which are primarily VC, remained in their sanctuary between the inland and coastal CP's.

(4) CAJO 1-4 experienced light and scattered contact over the month with most of the contact at CP 1-4-6, probably with elements of the 58th Bn. Reports from a Hoi Chanh last month disclosed that a large number of enemy from the 58th Bn. were going to Chieu Hoi before the TET holiday did not manifest. One Hoi Chanh was received from the 58th Bn., however, but interrogation disclosed no further mention of any large number of Hoi Chanhs.

(5) In retrospect, the Group received light contact over the month, and there was no TET offensive in the 1st COM AO. The continued presence of large VC and NVA units in 1st COM's portion of Quang Tin Province increases enemy capabilities of attacking the population centers in Tam Ky and Iy Tin. US and GVN forces in those areas remain on the alert.
3. Operations

   a. General

(1) The 1st Combined Action Group continued to conduct operations that enhanced the accomplishment of its assigned mission of village and hamlet security and the goals of the GVN Accelerated Pacification Program (ACP) throughout the reporting period. In conjunction with the ACF, two CAP's were relocated in Tan Ky District and one CAP was relocated in Ly Tin District.

(2) Enemy activity continued to decline resulting in fewer contacts, fewer sightings and fewer kills than the previous month. The lack of enemy activity may be due to the lack of sufficient forces in the 1st CAP area of operations to mount any major attacks. If these present level of activity continues the level of pacification in many of the CAP's TAOC's will undoubtedly be upgraded.

(3) The American Division USA continued to experience moderate contact during the month. The four major operations being conducted continued to produce favorable results, as a total of 400 VC and 199 NVA were reported killed. This was a total increase of 59 kills over last month. Operation Frocked Hill, being conducted west and south of 1st Company's CAP's, had the best results with 252 of the total kills. Operations Gonnao Park and Nantucket Beach, operating around the third and fourth Companies respectively, were moderately successful, combining for a total of 183 of the total. The Iron Mountain Operation being conducted outside the Group's operational area, accounted for the remainder of the kills. Plans remain underway to relocate one company of the Combined Unit Pacification Program to a new area. The 198th and 199th Infantry Brigades continued to provide logistical and tactical support, as required, throughout the month.

   b. Activities

(1) The CAP's continued to conduct combined operations with the Regional Forces and Popular Forces during the month. On several occasions the CAP's combined forces for one day operations in or near their TAOC's. During the high threat period of TET the 198th Infantry Brigade positioned rifle Platoons near the coastal CAP's and located a reinforced company near CAP 1-3-9 in the village of An Phong. The American Division continued to maintain the bulk of its forces to the west of National Highway 1, with occasional small unit operations in the coastal areas to the east. During the period that US Army units were positioned in or near CAP TAOC's, the CAP's frequently conducted joint operations with the Army units.

(2) C3CO 1-1 experienced fewer contacts and sightings than the previous month and ended the month with only eleven (11) enemy kills as compared to twenty seven (27) for the month of January. The company captured two (2) PCH's but failed to receive any Ho Chi Minhs during the month. CAP's 1-1-4 and 1-1-5 were installed in their new TAOC's which brought the company up to its original strength of seven (7) Platoons.

(3) C3CO 1-2 had fewer contacts than the previous month (three (3) as opposed to twelve (12) for January) but the number of enemy kills remained the same, a total of eight. The company had the highest ratio of captured weapons per kill, accounting for six weapons. Ly Tin District continues to be the least active of the four districts, evidencing a high degree of pacification. The PF's are numerous and capable in C3CO 1-2's area.
(4) C/300 1-3 finished the month with the smallest number of kills in any months with a total of five (5). The number of contacts and sightings also decreased. Such a complete lack of activity is unusual since the Third Company is the largest in the Group, having ten (10) platoons, covering a large portion of Binh Son District.

(5) C/300 1-4 had fewer contacts during the period but an increase in the number of sightings which may tie in to the lack of activity in the Third Company's area. The company experienced a slight increase in the number of kills from fifteen (15) to eighteen (18). Mines and RPG's still harass the Co's' of C/300 and on 15 February the Company Commander, Captain R. J. SEXTON III, was killed by a pressure detonated mine in C/3 1-4-5's TAOC.

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

(a) **Friendly Activities**
   - Night Patrols 697
   - Day Patrols 727
   - Ambushes 140

(b) **Enemy Casualties/Losses**
   - KIA 42
   - POW 9
   - DETAINED 27
   - NOT COUNCILED 11

(c) **Weapons Captured**
   - LGC 14
   - M16 1

(1) **Training**

(a) General. Formal training for the month included; General Military Subjects, Leadership, Small Unit Tactics, Infantry Weapons and Supporting Arms. The individual Co's averaged thirty-three (33) hours of instruction for the month. The PF soldiers continued to demonstrate little interest in attending classes, however, attempts are being made to stimulate their interest by sending some of their leaders to the 1st Marine Division NOC school and by encouraging joint classes at the District Headquarters.

(b) **Other Training**

(a) Six (5) Marines and two (2) Navy corpsmen graduated from the Vietnamese Language Course in DaNang.

(b) Ten (10) Marines attended the FO course conducted by Division Artillery, Americal Division, USA.

(c) All new personnel received indoctrination prior to being assigned to the field.

(d) Special instruction was given to new personnel joining the Group on the Patrol Seismic Intrusion Device (PSID) and Starlight Scope.

(e) Ten (10) Marines and two (2) PF's attended 1st Marine Division NOC school. The PF's did commendable work and were enthusiastic about the experience. This may help in motivating the Co PF soldier in general. Also during this period four (4) Marines attended the Americoal Division NOC school in Chu Lai for the first time and L/Cpl ANGZUK graduated as the class Honorman.
k. Volunteer Informant Program. The Group experienced another successful month for the VIJ. 45,000 VN were paid to Vietnamese Nationals for ordnance. The program is well received by the people and seems to be attracting even more interest in the Tam Ky area (C/30 l-1) than in the past as C/100 l-1 led the Group in the number of items received under the program.

1. Communications

   (1) General. No major problems developed in the area of communications during the period. The new Group C/A code was used and after a few days all radio operators were able to encode and decode with no problem. The CAF Communications Officer, Lt. FLOWERS, visited the Group and assisted the C/A's in improving their communications.

   (2) Maintenance Support

   (a) The Group continued to utilize the facilities of MAC-13 and FVU-B for maintenance. The down time has been reduced considerably and equipment is out of the field for a minimum amount of time.

   (b) Handsets still remain as the largest single problem item of communications equipment as they last only a short time in the field.
4. S-4/SUPPLY

A. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat losses for the month were two Pistols, Caliber .45, one Radio Set AN/PRC-25, one Machine Gun, M-60, one Grenade Launcher, M-79 and five Rifles, 5.56mm, M-16.

2. Construction of a loading/unloading dock at Group Supply was started during the month. Completion is expected during March.

3. PAKREP report has been submitted on all items except single line report on classes II, VII and IX.

B. SUPPLY

1. The Group is short some T/3 items but they do not affect the unit readiness to any significant degree. Most of the items are expected at Group Supply soon.

2. Certain items of organizational clothing and equipment are still deficient and are in a back-order status at the supply source.

3. 40mm Illumination (B535) is no longer a problem, with our monthly requirements being available at the Ammunition Supply Point, Chu Lai.

C. MAINTENANCE

1. No problem is this area during the month.

D. MOJT TRANSPORT

1. During the month Group motor transport logged 16,029 miles.

2. Dowelled vehicles have been kept to a minimum, at present one (1) M37 3/4 ton truck is in a deadline status.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Nothing unusual or significant to report in this area.
d. Inspections. The representatives from the S-3 section visited the CP's and GQ's to inspect weapons, radios and tactical operations being conducted by the CP's. The weapons and radios continued to be well maintained with very few discrepancies.

e. Fire Support. Artillery support was used almost daily during the month in the form of H and I fires or contact missions. Information from the commanders and the civilian populace concerning enemy locations and intelligence helped identify targets and requiring immediate fire missions was responded to rapidly with very few exceptions. Due to the isolated locations of many of the CP's, the importance of rapid illumination and H and I missions is greatly amplified. The artillery units supporting the Group have exerted maximum efforts to ensure timely, accurate fire support.

f. Air Support.

(1) Tactical air support was used frequently during the month; this included fixed-wing strikes, helicopter gunship strikes and urban reconnaissance missions. No major problems were encountered with close air support and the CP's continue to utilize the Air Force's EF6's to support their daylight operations. The EF6's not only observe for the CP's but also call artillery missions and conduct air strikes.

(2) Air support is not limited to tactical requests, as logistical resupply of outlying CP's requires daily attention. The time for these missions is allotted by the assigned battalion on a daily basis. These missions are neither requested nor controlled by the CP. Weather restricted the resupply by helicopter on several occasions and at times the availability of aircraft was reduced by the requirement for helicopters to support Combat Assaults (CA's) in the bearded Division.

g. Scout Dog Teams. Four (4) Scout/Sentry Dog Teams were assigned to the Group during the month, The dog teams work extremely well with the CP's and GQ's and the CP's are eager to have the teams assigned.

h. Scout Sniper Teams. One scout sniper team was assigned to the Group during the month. It was utilized in the 4th Company and the team accounted for four (4) enemy KIA's, one of the kills was at a distance of seven hundred (700) meters.

i. Psychological Operations.

(1) Friendly Operations. The Group continued to use the various Psychological methods available to the maximum. The Mechanical Division provided excellent assistance and support during the month. 2,266,000 leaflets were distributed by air and 2 hours and 45 minutes of aerial broadcasts were flown, covering the VIP and Chieu Hoi programs, as well as pro-CP subjects. The EF6's distributed an additional 32,000 leaflets by hand for a total of 2,298,000.

(2) Enemy Operations. During the month the enemy distributed leaflets on the occasion. The leaflets were printed in English and pro pounded the racial oppression in the US and the alleged war crimes committed in My South Village in 1968.

j. Kit Carson Scouts. Two additional scouts were assigned to the Group from the class that graduated from the Mechanical Division KCS School. Additional scouts will be assigned as future classes graduate. The Group lost one scout that was killed when he and a SF were ambushed in a village after securing from the night's activity.

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CIP 1-1-3. Looting on information received from local villagers, a CIP 1-1-3 patrol base located an artillery fire mission on an USMC reportedly located at BT362157, 6 km SE of Tam Ky City. After the fire mission was ended, a patrol was dispatched to sweep the impact area. As the patrol approached the area, an estimated 30-40 VC/NAVA located at BT361775 initiated a heavy volume of 60mm mortar, RPG, AW and SDF. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, requested a CIP 1-1-2 reaction force, and used helicopter gunships in support. While moving to the area of contact at 1100H, the CIP 1-1-2 reaction force received SDF and AW from an estimated 15-20 VC at BT362157. The reaction force returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee SW. One USMC and 1 PF were KIA, and 1 USMC and 1 PF were WIA, and medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital in the action. CIP 1-1-2 continued on, and upon reaching the CIP 1-1-3 patrol at 1120H discovered that the enemy had overrun the CIP 1-1-3 patrol and had then withdrawn in an unknown direction. Four USMC and 1 PF were found KIA, and 3 USMC, 1 USN, and 2 PF were found WIA. All casualties were medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. One PRG-25 radio, 1 M-60 MG, 1 AK-47, 5 M-14s, and 1 45 cal pistol were lost to the enemy in the action. A sweep of the area disclosed 5 VC/NAVA KIA, 3 AK-47's, 1 ChiCam MG, 10 ChiCom grenades, 1 NVN pack, 1 NVN cartridge belt, and miscellaneous documents. A cursory examination of the documents indicated that the body from which they were taken was that of an NVN officer. The grenades were destroyed and the documents were taken to District Headquarters for analysis. A sweep of the area of CIP 1-1-2's contact was conducted while on route back to the patrol base, discarding 3 VC KIA and 2 AK-47's. Results: 5 USMC KIA, 2 PF KIA, 4 USMC WIA(E), 1 USN WIA(E), 3 PF WIA(E), 7 VC KIA, 1 NVN KIA, 5 EN, 1 USMC, 10 ChiCom grenades destroyed, 1 NVN pack, 1 NVN cartridge belt and miscellaneous documents captured, and 1 PRG-25, 1 crew-served weapon, and 7 individual weapons lost to the enemy.

2 February 1970

CIP 1-2-2. A CIP 1-2-2 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 4 VC moving E at BT399225, 9.5 km NW of Ly Tin District Headquarters. Apparently the lead element of a VC company, the enemy fled W without returning fire. Immediately afterwards, a force of about 30 VC initiated SDF, RPG, and 81mm mortar fire on the CIP ambush. The CIP returned fire with organic weapons, used artillery illumination, and was joined by a non-CIP PF ambush patrol which had been located nearby. After a firefight of 30-40 minutes, the enemy withdrew. 3 non-CIP PF's were KIA, 1 non-CIP PF was WIA, and 2 CIP PF's were WIA in the action. A sweep of the area produced 1 unarmored VN male near the area of contact. Unresponsive to questioning by CIP PF's the suspect was delivered to District Headquarters for questioning. The wounded PF's were medevaced by helicopter. RESULTS: 3 non-CIP PF KIA, 2 CIP PF WIA(E), 1 non-CIP PF WIA(E), 1 VCS.

CIP 1-4-5. A CIP 1-4-5 patrol discovered 1 bouncing type AP mine rigged with a trip wire firing device in an abandoned house at BT701751, 8 km E of Son Thinh District Headquarters. The SFD was destroyed in place. RESULTS: 1 SFD destroyed.
3 February 1970

CAP 1-2-3.  A CAP 1-2-3 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 30 VC moving SE at BTH4096, 5 km NW of Ly Tin District Headquarters.  The enemy returned R PG, mortar, and SAF and fell NW.  The ambush called an artillery fire mission on probable enemy routes of escape. Fifteen minutes later, a second CAP 1-2-3 ambush nearby initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 15 VC moving NW at BTH3107. The enemy returned mortar fire and SAF and fell NW. Helicopter gunships were used to fire on the enemy routes of escape. One PF was wounded in the action and was evacuated by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A sweep of both contact areas disclosed 8 VC KIA, 6 AK-47 rifles, 10 Chicom grenades, and miscellaneous documents. The grenades were destroyed and the documents were taken to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(3), 8 VC KIA, 6 M1C 10 Chicom grenades destroyed, and miscellaneous documents captured.

CAP 1-3-4.  The Thuoc Phuoc Hamlet Chief apprehended 5 VC carrying a large quantity of Chicom grenades at BT652016, 10 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The hamlet chief informed CAP 1-3-4 that the VC had intended to use the grenades in an attack against the CAP. He did not relate the circumstances surrounding the apprehension. The 5 VC POW were taken to District Headquarters for questioning. RESULTS: 5 VC POW (not credited to CAP) and a large quantity of Chicom grenades captured (not credited to CAP).

5 February 1970

CAP 1-4-4.  A CAP 1-4-4 patrol called an artillery fire mission on 3 VC observed across a river in a restricted area at a range of 700 meters at BS736234, 12 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The artillery impacted among the VC, killing all 3. Because of the intervening river, it was not practical for the patrol to conduct a sweep, but the 3 bodies were clearly visible laying in the open, motionless and obviously dead. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA.

7 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6.  A CAP 1-4-6 patrol apprehended 1 VN male attempting to flee from the patrol at BS724790, 7.5 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. Carrying a 20 lb bag of rice and 1000 $VN, the VN admitted to being a VC supplier. He was taken to District Headquarters for further questioning. RESULTS: 1 VC POW (VC), 20 lb bag of rice and 1000 $VN captured.

9 February 1970

CAP 1-3-9.  A CAP 1-3-9 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 1 VC who was wearing grenades on his belt and who was observed across a river at BS630848, 14 km SW of Binh Son District Headquarters. The enemy fell to the ground and was clearly visible at a distance of 100 meters, lying in the open, motionless and obviously dead. Because of the intervening river, a sweep of the area was impractical. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.
CAP 1-4-5. Three local force VC guerrillas, two of whom werecorpsmen, rallied to a C.P. 1-4-5 patrol base at BS702761, 6 km E ofSon Tinh District Headquarters. The Hoi Chans were delivered toDistrict Headquarters for processing. RESULTS: 3 Hoi Chans.

CAP 1-3-5. A C.P. 1-3-5 patrol base and the surrounding hamletreceived SAF from an USF at BS 720955, 12 km NE of Binh Son DistrictHeadquarters. The patrol base returned organic weapons fire, causingthe enemy to flee W. One USN was WIA in the action and medevacedby helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A sweep of the area was non-productive. RESULTS: 1 USN WIA(E).

11 February 1970

CAP 1-4-4. A C.P. 1-4-4 patrol base received 2 local force VCralliers who reportedly lived in the vicinity of BS733822, 10.5 km NEof Son Tinh District Headquarters. The Hoi Chans rallied because oftheir fear of the artillery fired frequently in their area. They were delivered to District Headquarters for processing. RESULTS: 2 Hoi Chans.

CAP 1-3-5. A PF member of a C.P. 1-3-5 patrol accidentally detonated an unknown type booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device in a hedgerow at BS92956, 10 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. One USN and 2 PF were WIA by the exploding SF and were subsequently medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A search of the area for further SF's was non-productive. RESULTS: 1 USN WIA(E), 2 PF WIA(E).

13 February 1970

CAP 1-1-1. Local villagers informed a C.P. 1-1-1 patrol base that alocal force VC guerrilla wanted to rally, but was afraid to come to thepatrol base. A patrol was dispatched to meet the raller at BT282913,3.5 km SW of Tan Ky City. As the patrol approached, the raller fired SE,apparently frightened when he saw that the patrol was carrying weapons.The patrol followed in an attempt to locate the raller and found hisbody in a nearby well. It appeared that he had attempted to hide inthe well, fell, and broke his neck. Two documents were found on thebody and were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS:1 VC KIA and 2 documents captured.

CAP 1-4-2. A local VCIC rallied to a C.P. 1-4-2 patrol base atBS776858, 10 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. Reportedlya VCIC chit lan, the raller was delivered to District Headquartersfor processing. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

CAP 1-3-12. A C.P. 1-3-12 patrol received SAF from an estimated30 VC who had just stolen 3 cows from a nearby hamlet at BS94376, 5 kmS of Binh Son District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weaponsfire, causing the enemy to abandon the cows and flee W. A sweep of thearea was nonproductive. The cows were returned to their rightful owners.RESULTS: 3 cows stolen by the enemy returned to owners.
CAP 1-1-7. Acting on information received from local villagers, a CAP 1-1-7 patrol approached 1 local force VC guerrilla in a house at BT268243, 4.5 km NW of Tam Ky City. The VC identified another VC who was immediately approached. Under questioning he admitted to being a VC supplier and intelligence agent. Both were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation and both were later confirmed as VC. RESULTS: 2 VC POW.

14 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol discovered 1 CAP PF KIA, 1 CAP PF WIA, and 1 VN civilian WIA at BE723789, 8 km NE of Con Tinh District Headquarters. The 2 PF had been fishing with the VN civilian during their off-duty hours and were ambushed by an USAC. The 2 WIA were medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A sweep of the area by the patrol was nonproductive. Payops was notified. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 PF WIA(2), and 1 VN civilian WIA(3).

15 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. While on a combined operation with a non-CAP RF unit, 1 USAC member of a CAP 1-4-6 element accidentally detonated an unknown type mine with a pressure type firing device at BE731779, 8.5 km E of Con Tinh District Headquarters. One USAC was KIA by the exploding mine, and 3 USAC were WIA and were medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A search of the area for further SEDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USAC KIA, and 3 USAC WIA(3).

18 February 1970

CAP 1-3-5. A CAP 1-3-5 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 4 VC at BE637784, 9 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The enemy fired NW without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. As the patrol terminated its sweep, it received heavy SDF from an USAC at BE568974. The patrol called in artillery fire mission on the enemy positions and used helicopter gunships in support, causing the enemy to flee NW. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

CAP 1-2-7. A CAP 1-2-7 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on an USAC at BE456052, 3 km SW of Ly Tin District Headquarters. The enemy returned RHC fire, h-79 fire, and SDF and fled NW. One PF received minor wounds in the action. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(1).

19 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. Acting on information received from local villagers, a CAP 1-4-6 patrol called in an artillery fire mission on the probable location of an USAC at BE732378, 9 km NE of Con Tinh District Headquarters. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. While sweeping the patrol observed and initiated organic weapons fire on 3 VC at a range of 150m. One of the VC was wounded and captured. The other 2 fled NW. The VC WIA was identified as a local force guerrilla and was medevaced by helicopter to the Quang Ngai Province Hospital. The POW was delivered to Con Tinh District Headquarters for further interrogation after medical treatment. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA and 1 VC POW.
CAP 1-3-4. While on a combined patrol with C.P. 1-3-1, a U.S.63
member of C.P. 1-3-4 accidentally detonated a 155mm round body trap,
rigged with a trip wire firing device, at BS77025, 12.5 km NE of
Binh Son District Headquarters. One U.S.63 and 1 PF were KIA from the
exploding SFD. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive.
RESULTS: 1 U.S.63 KIA, 1 PF KIA.

20 February 1970

CAP 1-1-4. CAP 1-1-4 with PF Platoon 1/3 was inserted into a now
T.O.C. with a geographical center at BT277170, 5 km SW of Tan Ky City.

CAP 1-3-5. A CAP 1-3-5 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on
2 VC observed placing mines at BS695930, 9.5 km W of Binh Son Dis-
trict Headquarters. One VC was KIA and the other immediately captured.
Both VC's were identified as local force VC guerrillas. A search of the
area disclosed: 3emplaced 1-16 4P mines which were destroyed in place.
The POW was taken to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS:
1 VC KIA, 1 POW, 3 SFD's destroyed.

CAP 1-3-3. Hamlot officials from Phuoc Hon Hamlet delivered 3
VN males, whom they identified were VC's, to a CAP 1-3-3 patrol base at
BS665980, 6.5 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The circum-
stances of their capture were not related to the CAP. The VC's were
delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 3 POW.

21 February 1970

CAP 1-3-8. A CAP 1-3-8 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on
2 VC moving NE at BS63895, 7 km SW of Binh Son District Headquarters.
The enemy returned fire and fled W. A sweep of the area disclosed:
1 blood trail, 1 VC KIA, 1 M-16 rifle, 1 M-67 grenade, 1 hawsack and
1 cartridge belt. The grenade was destroyed. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1
POW, 1 hawsack and 1 cartridge belt captured, and 1 M-67 grenade
destroyed.

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol initiated organic weapons fire and
called an artillery fire mission on 3 VC at BS712305, 7.5 km NE of
Son Tinh District Headquarters. The enemy fled in an unknown direction.
A sweep of the area was not made because of an intervening mine field.
Nearby 10 VN civilians were apprehended attempting to evade the patrol.
One of the VN was discovered carrying several packages of rice and was
identified as a local force VC by CAP PF. The remaining 9 VN's were
classified as POW by CAP PF. The POW and the 9 POW were delivered
to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 POW and
9 POW.

22 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol observed 1 VN female attempting
to evade the patrol in a restricted area at BS723802, 8.5 km NE of
Son Tinh District Headquarters. CAP PF shouted orders to halt. When
the orders were ignored, the PF initiated SFA, killing the fugitive,
who was later identified as a VC by CAP PF. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.
23 February 1970

CAP 1-4-5. A CAP 1-4-5 patrol received SAF from 4 VC at BS70336, 7 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee NW. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA.

24 February 1970

CAP 1-1-5. CAP 1-1-5 with TF Flat on 38 was inserted into a new TQOD with a logistical center at BS202680, 10 km NW of Ta Ky City.

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 25 VC at BS7214784, 7.5 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and AMF and fled W. One secondary explosion was heard during the fire mission. A sweep of the area disclosed 30 enemy bunkers destroyed by artillery and 1 blood trail. RESULTS: 30 bunkers destroyed.

CAP 1-1-6. 1st MarDiv sniper team attached to a CAP 1-4-6 patrol initiated SAF on 2 VC at 700m at BS7218509, 9 km N3 of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The enemy fled in an unknown direction without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

25 February 1970

CAP 1-1-7. A PF 151 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 35 VC at BS269240, 4 km NW of Ta Ky City. The enemy returned SAF. The ambush requested assistance from CAP 1-1-7, which dispatched a reaction force and called an artillery fire mission on the enemy positions, causing the enemy to flee S and SW. A sweep of the area by the CAP reaction force and the PF 151 disclosed 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 1-26 grenade, cartridge belt, and 1 blood trail. The grenade was destroyed. PF 151 is one of 2 PFs assigned to CAP 1-1-7, but was on an independent ambush at the time of contact. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 1-26 grenade destroyed, 1 cartridge belt captured.

CAP 1-3-3. A CAP 1-3-3 patrol received 2 1-26 grenades from an estimated 4 VC at BS673974, 6.5 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee W. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 cartridge belt, 2 magazine pouches, and 1 bamboo basket. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 cartridge belt, 2 magazine pouches, and 1 bamboo basket captured.

26 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol encountered 8 VN females observed carrying 15 large baskets across a river at BS718806, 8 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The baskets contained crabs, shrimp, squid, and men's clothing. Questioning by CAP PF disclosed that the women were carrying the food for the enemy. The 8 VCS were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. The food and clothing was delivered to local GVN officials for redistribution. RESULTS: 8 VCS; 15 large baskets of food and clothing captured.
27 February 1970

CAP 1-1-7. Hearing S/L F in the nearby hamlet of Ha Noi at BT2652H, 5 km NW of Tan Ky City, a CAP 1-1-7 patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. The patrol discovered the bodies of 1 F and 1 Kist Carson Scout from the G/L who had gone to the hamlet to eat and had been ambushed by an estimated 3 VC. One M-16 rifle was taken by the enemy. A sweep of the area by the patrol was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 F KIA, 1 KCS KIA, and 1 individual weapon captured by the enemy.

CAP 1-1-4. Three VC, 2 from the 321st Div and 1 from the 23rd Div, rallied to a CAP 1-1-4 patrol base on BT26579, 1 km SW of Tan Ky City. The 3 Hoi Chans brought 5 M-26 grenades with them. The grenades were destroyed and the 3 Hoi Chans were delivered to District Headquarters for processing. RESULTS: 3 Hoi Chans, 5 M-26 grenades destroyed.

CAP 1-4-2. A CAP 1-4-2 patrol received S/L F from an estimated 15 VC at BS75860, 15 km NW of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire and called on artillery fire mission on the VC, causing the enemy to flee NW. The patrol pursued and captured 1 POW, later identified as a local force guerrilla. A sweep of the area disclosed 3 VC KIA, 4 packs containing numerous documents, and 2 ChiCom grenades. The POW was delivered to District Headquarters for further questioning. The grenades were destroyed and the documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA, 1 VC POW, 4 packs of numerous documents captured, and 2 ChiCom grenades destroyed.

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 8 VC at BS739775, 9 km N of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The enemy fled SE without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 4 VC KIA, one of which was credibility hard to a lat K/DIV sniper team attached to the CAP. As the patrol was completing its sweep, it received heavy S/LF, ANF, and VC fire from an estimated 30 VC at BT73872. The patrol returned organic weapons fire and called on artillery fire mission on the enemy positions, causing the enemy to flee SE. One USGC received minor wounds in the action. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USGC W/L(2), 4 VC KIA.

CAP 1-4-2. A VN child accidentally dropped a dual 77 round which he had brought to a CAP 1-4-2 patrol base at BS776358, 16 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. One USGC and 11 VN civilians were wounded by the explosion and medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A VIP payment was made. RESULTS: 1 USGC W/L(2), 11 VN civilians W/L(3).

28 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 ambush initiated organic weapons fire and called on artillery fire mission on an USEF at BT71360H, 8 km SE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The enemy returned S/LF and fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA and 1 wounded VC, identified as a local force guerrilla. The POW was medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital and delivered to the District Headquarters for interrogation after medical treatment. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA and 1 VC POW.
CAP 1-3-7. A CAP 1-3-7 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 1 VC at BS636956, 4 km E of Binh Son District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled E. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 civilian broadcast radio, and numerous documents. The KIA was later identified as the District VC cadre secretary. The documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 civilian broadcast radio and numerous documents captured.

CAP 1-4-1. A CAP 1-4-1 patrol approached 3 VN males at BS625601, 4.5 km NW of Son Tinh District Headquarters. CAP PF questioned the 3 men and classified 2 of them as local VC guerrillas. The third VN was classified as a VCS. All 3 were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 2 VC I/O and 1 VCS.