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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

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      (2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.1A
     (b) FMFPacO 5750.8A

Encl: (1) 2d Combined Action Group Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure
   (1) is submitted.

2. Enclosure (1) is downgraded at 3 year intervals. Declassified after
   12 years. DOD Directive 5200.10.

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2d Combined Action Group  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602  

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 October 1969 to 31 October 1969

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#### ATTACHED UNITS

- Detachment, 1st Carson Scouts, 1st MarDiv 0-2 (C-1)
- Detachment, SVN Interpreters/Translators, III MAF
- Detachment, Medical Section, HQ, III MAF
2. Locations.

1 October 1969 to 31 October 1969

HQ 24 CAO
CAAO 2-1
CAAO 2-2
CAAO 2-3
CAAO 2-4
CAAO 2-5
CAAO 2-7
CAAO 2-8
CAAO 2-9

Hieu Nhơn District, Quảng Nam Province, RVN
Hieu Duc District, Quảng Nam Province, RVN
Dai Loc District, Quảng Nam Province, RVN
Dien Ban District, Quảng Nam Province, RVN
Hieu Nhơn District, Quảng Nam Province, RVN
Hoa Vang District, Quảng Nam Province, RVN
Hoa Vang District, Quảng Nam Province, RVN
Duc Duc District, Quảng Nam Province, RVN

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer/Civic Action
S-5 Officer

Major J. A. McCARTY
1 Oct 69 - 31 Oct 69

1stLt W. J. DECKER
1 Oct 69 - 31 Oct 69

S-2/3-3 Officer

Major L. E. NUGENT
1 Oct 69 - 31 Oct 69

1stLt R. W. JOHNSON
19 Oct 69 - 31 Oct 69

Asst S-2/S-3 Officer

S-4 Officer/Supply Officer

Capt C. A. BURK
1 Oct 69 - 15 Oct 69

Capt J. T. FOX
14 Oct 69 - 31 Oct 69

4. Average Monthly Strength.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Personnel Administration.

   a. Joined and Transferred. During the month of October, the 2d Combined Action Group joined and transferred the following number of personnel listed in the four categories below:

      (1) Joined
          Officers    Enlisted
          2           117

      (2) Rotated CONUS
          Officers    Enlisted
          2           89

      (3) Transferred within WestPac Command
          Officers    Enlisted
          0           0

      (4) Transferred by SR w/sick (out of country hospitals)
          Officers    Enlisted
          0           27

   b. Awards.

      (1) Award recommendations during the reporting month were processed and forwarded to PACPac for approval as follows:

      Heroic       End of Tour
      USMC         USN
      SS 1 33 0 33 33 1 2 2
      NGM 0 0 NCM NAM

      (2) Two Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry awards were approved and delivered to personnel during the reporting month.

      (3) Twenty personnel of the Group also received Purple Heart medals as a result of combat wounds received during the month.
c. Casualties. Casualties during the month of October were as follows:

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d. Legal. Legal activities during the reporting month were as follows:

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e. The following Rest and Recuperation (R&R) leave quotas, out of
country and in country were received and utilized:

(1) Out of Country R&R - Quotas Utilized
29 28

f. Promotions. Promotions effected during the month of October were
as follows:

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2. INTELLIGENCE

a. General. During the month of October the proposed T/0 changes in operations section for a Lieutenant, Assistant S-2/3-5 was carried out. A Staff NCO, as intelligence chief was still pending at this time.

c. Enemy Situation. The level of enemy activity during the first 5 days in October showed a relative decline. Enemy initiated ground incidents dropped while efforts on food collection and reported acts of terrorism rose. Of significance was the ambush of an ARVN element in CAP 2-3-5's TADOC by VC/NVA and the killing of a village guerrilla leader from Hoa Hau; on the 4th by CAP 2-1-4.

Enemy operations during the second week of October were hampered by heavy rains and the enemy's problem with resupply. A noteworthy incident occurred on the 8th when a CAP 2-8-2 patrol moving through a hamlet 4 km northeast of An Hoa received three M-66 grenades which resulted in light friendly casualties. The CAP unit returned fire and killed one VC. On the 9th CAP 2-1-5 on a combined operation with RF's surrounded five VC in a bunker. On VC surrender, the four others were killed when they attempted to escape. The VC that surrendered was later identified as the Commanding Officer of the Q-34 Local Force Company.

During the third week enemy activity increased from the previous two weeks but remained at a relative low. High points of enemy activity developed around the 13th and 16th, and again on the 19th and 20th. Of significance, on the 19th, 25 armed VC entered a hamlet in CAP 2-4-5's TADOC from an unknown direction. They departed in a NE direction after stealing 2 pairs of boots, 2 field packs, 2 sets of utilities and 1 helmet belonging to the CAP Marines.

In the final week CAP's had a low level of enemy initiated activity. This was due to "Loi Dang Campaign" or "Winning the Population Campaign" which began on 20 October. The policy for the Campaign was for guerrilla and Main Force Units not to attack Allied Forces in VC controlled areas. They were ordered not to disrupt OVN controlled areas near Allied posts so that the residents would provide a hiding place for VC cadre. In line with the VC's policy of lecturing VN civilians was the experience of CAP 2-7-6 on the 25th when they found 10 VN talking in a field. The 10 VN were brought into District Headquarters for questioning, 2 of the VN were found to be on the Hoa Vang District VC Blacklist.

c. Enemy Plans and Policies. During October the enemy initiated ground activity was at a relatively low level.

During the month VC/VCI activities were directed towards gaining the allegiance and loyalties of the South Vietnamese people through political indoctrination and propaganda techniques. Effort was made to infiltrate selected cadre into OVN controlled areas in order to carry on the political struggle from within.
Overt activity of terrorism was directed against minor GVN officials and non-cooperative civilians. Propaganda themes centered on the U.S. Troop withdrawals and the inability of GVN forces to protect the people by themselves. Most of the KIAs during October were the result of CAP initiated actions.

d. Interrogator/Translator. During the month of October, 28 detainees, 6 POW's, and 2 HoI Channs were turned over by the CACOs to their respective District Headquarters for processing through the DIOCC. Feedback of information produced as a result of these interrogations was provided to 2d CAG and the capturing CACOs.

e. Counter Intelligence. Timely and accurate counter intelligence support was supplied to 2d CAG by the 3rd, 5th and 9th Counter Intelligence Teams. Blacklists, agent reports, and interrogation reports were provided to augment the counter intelligence activities of the DIOCC's.

f. Interpreters. 8 interpreters were employed by 2d CAG during the month of October. 7 were assigned to CACOs and 1 remained at 2d CAG Headquarters.

g. Enemy Statistics. Enemy statistics for the month of October were as follows:

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(1) Weapons and Ordnance Captured.

- Weapons
  - 12 gauge shotgun: 1
  - AK-47: 7
  - Pistol, 9mm: 5
  - Pistol, .45 caliber: 1

- Ordnance
  - 105mm round: 4
  - 61mm round: 12
  - M-79 round: 11
  - M-26 grenade: 15
  - Chiccom grenades: 24
  - Claymore mines: 5
MLEA1 mine  
VC home made mine  
7.62mm rounds  
5.56mm rounds  

(2) Equipment Captured  
NVA pack  
Cartridge belt  
Poncho  
Flak jacket  
Rice  

Miscellaneous propaganda leaflets, items of clothing and medical gear.
3. OPERATIONS

a. General. During the month of October the slackening of enemy initiated activity observed in the latter portion of September continued. This slackening of enemy activity was attributed to the enemy's need to concentrate on resupply thereby diverting combat troops to resupply missions.

In the first week CAP's killed 3 enemy, took 2 prisoners and had 1 enemy, Chieu Hoi, killed. CAP 2-2-4 on patrol on the 5th found a Vietnamese male who had been shot by a VC for refusing to make a rice payment to the VC. The CAP made excellent use of the incident by contacting PayOps.

Contact with the enemy picked up in the second week. During this period CAP's killed 6 enemy and captured 13 prisoners along with assorted documents. On the 8th, CAP 2-7-4 was relocated to operate in the vicinity of 1204623555. The 3rd platoon of RF Company 105 was designated to comprise the Vietnamese portion of the CAP. The CAP continued to be mobile.

Activity in the third week of October picked up slightly with the CAPs registering 11 enemy killed and 11 prisoners taken. On the 16th CAP 2-8-1 was made a mobile CAP. There was no change in personnel or RF's. CAP 2-1-1 on the 20th had a PFC in the 10th Company, 31st NVA Regiment Chieu Hoi to them.

Contact slackened in the final week, but CAP activities proved effective in the few contacts that did occur, as 2 enemy were killed and 13 captured.

b. Mobility. At the end of the reporting period, 2d CAO had thirty-five (35) mobile CAP's and one (1) static CAP operating in Quang Nam Province.

c. Training. Training plans for the month of October were submitted to the Commanding Officer, 2d CAO by all CACO's in accordance with Group Bulletin 1500. Emphasis remained on training all Marines and RF's primarily in general military subjects such as patrolling, setting ambushes and listening posts, and calling for fire support.

d. Inspections. During the month of October a regular schedule of staff inspections was conducted throughout the CAP's. These inspections consisted of detailed critiques of undesirable trends and were submitted to CACO's so they could take corrective action. Also inspected were records being kept and coordination accomplished on both the CACO and CAP levels. Supply and communications inspections were also conducted in order to evaluate the state of readiness at the CAP and CACO level, based on usage data compiled at 2d CAO Headquarters.
e. Conferences/Meetings

(1) Staff Conference. 2d CAG Headquarters continued to hold weekly staff meetings where matters of multiple staff cognizance were discussed.

(2) Combined Action Company C.O.'s Meeting. During the month of October meetings were held on a weekly basis for all Combined Action Company Commanders and the Headquarters Staff. These meetings were specifically designed for the purpose of working out problems of support and coordination, in addition to promulgating command guidance. At each of these meetings the individual CAG C.O. or his representative gave a projection from the DIOCC (District Intelligence/Operations Control Center) concerning intelligence in their area for the coming week.

(3) CAP Commanders Conference. During October one CAP Commanders Conference was held. All agenda items were submitted by the individual CAG Commanders several days prior to the scheduled conference for review. The suggested agenda items were evaluated, arranged in a logical sequence, and distributed at the conference to the individual CAP Commanders as a guide for discussion. The conference discussion centered on training of PPs, security procedures, supply matters and coordination with the PPs in planning CAP activities.

f. Special Operations.

(1) Kit Carson Scouts. There were 7 Kit Carson Scouts deployed in 2d CAG units during October. They participated in 74 day and night patrols, assisted with 10 classes, and conducted 3 PsyOps broadcasts.

(2) Scout Dogs and Handlers. During the month of October, 2d CAG did not employ Scout Dog Teams.

g. Voluntary Information Program. The total amount of funds expended as rewards to Vietnamese Nationals during October for information pertaining to enemy activity and/or enemy equipment and ordinance was 43,220$VN. This represents a decrease of 13,150$VN from September and a decrease of 184,500$VN from August.

h. Artillery Support. During the month of October 2d CAG units called in (6) artillery and (7) 81mm mortar fire missions on either suspected or known enemy targets.
1. Air

(1) **Fixed Wing.** During October no missions were flown in direct support of 2d C&S operations against the enemy.

(2) **Flareships and Gunships.** During October no Helicopter Gunship missions nor Spooky missions were flown in direct support of 2d C&S operations.

(3) **Medical Evacuation Missions.** A total of (14) medical evacuations were requested/controlled by 2d C&S units in October. These missions included medevacs for Vietnamese civilians and PT's as well as Marines.
4. Logistics

a. General. During October this unit was in a C-2 Category under the
Maras/Forestal rating system and in an excellent operational readiness status
for combat essential equipment.

d. Significant Events. During this reporting period there were (2)
M-16 rifles, (1) PaK-38, and (1) M-37 stolen. An investigation was held.
There was negative results as regards to equipment recovery.

c. Damage to weapons due to enemy action.

(1) There was one M-16 rifle damaged (Ser # 851430) beyond repair
during this period.

d. Motor Transport

(1) The Group Motor Transport Section drove a total of 32,962
miles during this period. Five (5) vehicles were deadlined for 2nd echelon
repair. The deadline breakdown is as follows:

M151Al Truck Utility
M37/81 Truck Cargo (1)
M35/40 Truck Cargo (2)

(2) Four (4) vehicles were deadlined for 3rd echelon maintenance as
follows:

M37/81 Truck Cargo (2)
M35/40 Truck Cargo (2)

(3) Three (3) vehicles were deadlined for 4th echelon maintenance
and subsequently code H'd as shown below:

M151Al (3)

(4) Average time was as follows:

2nd echelon (13) days
3rd echelon (16) - (30) days

e. Airlift

(1) No airlifts were made during this reporting period.

f. Messhall

(1) Approximately 15,500 meals were served in 2d CAG Messhall
during this period.
(2) A total of 6,200 meals were distributed to field units, from 2d Cdn's Marshall.

g. Armory

(1) The armory repaired 76 weapons during this period. 32 weapons were sent to 1st FSK for third echelon maintenance.

h. Miscellaneous Services

(1) Laundry Platoon at FLC continues to give adequate support to our Command.

i. Supplies

(1) No major items of supply were received during this period.

j. Problem areas

(1) 5-4/Supply. During this period, the S-4 Section had no Logistics Chief or Warehouse Chief. To have a smooth running Logistics and warehouse both Staff NCO's are absolutely essential.

(2) Heavy Equipment. The only item of heavy equipment on hand during October was a 6,000lb. rough terrain fork lift on a temporary loan from 1st Shore Party BN. The recommendation for bi-monthly inspection checks of this vehicle was carried out. It was recommended that such periodic checks should be accomplished by a mobile contact team to eliminate unnecessary trucking of the Forklift to the Danang based repair facilities.
5. CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

a. During the month of October Civic Action NCO's helped the people prepare their hamlets for the monsoon rains and repair them after rain damage. The CAP's also helped the people bring in their crops whenever possible. Several CAP's had to use boats to reach different hamlets in order to render assistance.

b. An example of the Civic Action work that has been done to better relations with the Vietnamese people is that the CAPs and the hamlet people have re-built several bridges which had been washed out by the monsoon rains. The people obtained most of the materials through their own sources and built the bridges themselves with the assistance of the CAP Marines. The people were very grateful for this help in their time of sudden need.

c. CAP Civic Action NCO's held classes for the Hamlet and Village Chiefs concerning procedures necessary to acquire material through GVN channels. The officials learned how money allotments work and how to go through the proper channels in spending their funds. The officials were very interested in this schooling, as the benefits obtained are obvious. Several Hamlet and Village Chiefs from outside the CAP TACO's attended these classes.

d. During the month CAP's maintained effective coordination with the S-5's of units of the 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Air Wing, Naval Support Activity, and the CAP's. Coordination of the efforts of all interested units was productive and led to the CAP's receiving a great deal more support. Continued coordination with Army advisors and GORDS representatives resulted in a closer relationship with District Officials and Revolutionary Development Cadres in promoting Civic Action.

e. During the month, the 2d CAP Civic Action NCO had received several gifts from people in the United States. These were gifts of clothing, candy, and articles of personal hygiene. The gifts were distributed to needy Vietnamese within the CAP's TACO's.

f. Commodities distributed during the month of October were as follows: food, 3560 lb; soap, 30 lb; clothing, 500 lb; school kits, 400; personal hygiene kits, 200; sewing kits, 70; blacksmith kits, 20; carpenter kits, 3; and masonry kits, 1.

f. During October, Group personnel assisted Vietnamese civilians in completing the following projects: fences, 12; public heads, 2; dwellings, 9; wells, 1; bridges, 15; school classrooms, 3; family cemeteries, 2; public showers, 15; play grounds, 2; roads, 7 miles; leveling and grading projects, 2.

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g. At the monthly MedCaps 14,222 Vietnamese civilians were treated. 100 dental cases were also treated. 120 children and 69 adults were medically evacuated during the month of October.

ii. U.S. Corpsmen continued to train Vietnamese civilians in the basics of first aid. During the month of October, 47 such civilians underwent training; they assisted holding MedCaps and served as interpreters for the Corpsmen.
6. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Problem areas:

(1) The same problem areas still exist as were reported in several previous reports. Lack of T/E items.

(a) Telephone set, TA-1 180
(b) Telephone set, TA-512 88
(c) Radio Control Group, GRC-39 26

* CG MGSC Albany 222102Z Sep 69 stated that (66) TA-312s were shipped on 5 Aug 69. (16) of these have been received at the end of the reporting period.

(2) Field-3 was tasked to repair 2d GAG’s radio equipment (2d and 3rd echelon) with excellent results. The down time for an RT-505 was only three to five days.

b. Communications.

(1) Radio Relay: A period of two hours down time was recorded for the MG-62. One hour was due to fuses blown in DX-97 and power failure. The other hour was to allow for cooling the PE-75 generator.

(2) Combat Operation Center: Overall communications traffic declined. The following communications traffic was passed through the combat operations center over various nets.

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(3) **Communications Supply:** Components of end items were in adequate stock throughout the month. The following reflects requisition status of communication items.

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(4) **Maintenance:** Support of repair of components of end items and the RT-505 radio by FLSC-3 was outstanding. The repair time on the RT-505 has been three to five days.

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7. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

a. General. Emphasis on training of selected Marines and Popular Forces Soldiers was again highlighted during October. The level of Corpsmen effective was high; thus all the CAPs were provided with proper medical supervision. Since there were enough Corpsmen an effective medical training program was carried out. More emphasis was placed on using Iodine tablets and restricting the eating of Vietnamese food as there was a slight rise in the number of intestinal disorders. Malaria tablets continued to be taken on a weekly basis and the malaria rate remained low. Salt tablets were not stressed during this period due to the cool weather. Wet weather training was also emphasized.

b. Personnel.

(1) Medical Department Representative: HM3 T. J. Williams, USN

(2) Supply/Sick Call Petty Officer: HM1 M. A. Kinell, USN

(3) Administrative/Sick Call Petty Officer: HM2 D. B. Michael, USN

(4) Hospital Corpsman Personnel Statistics for the month of October 1969:

(a) Detached 5

(b) Joined 8

(c) TAD Personnel Attached 0

(d) TAD Personnel Terminated 0

(e) Casualties

1. WIA 0

2. WIA 1

3. Twice WIA and Evacuated out of RVN 1

4. Died of Wounds 0

(f) During the month the 2d Combined Action Group (CA) Aid Station treated 158 USMC/USN personnel at routine sick call.
c. Medical Civic Action Program: (MedCaps)

(1) During the month of October 1969, CAP Corpsmen treated 14,422 Vietnamese civilians at daily routine MedCaps. This is a decrease of 2,367 from September. There were also 25 Vietnamese civilians treated as result of hostile action.

(2) The 2d CAG Headquarters Medical Section treated only emergencies for Vietnamese civilians, this totaled 7. The 2d CAG Headquarters Medical Section treated 37 Vietnamese Compound workers and continued to supply organizations with medical supplies for their own use.

d. Training.

(1) During October, CAP Corpsmen conducted a total of 61 classes with a total attendance of 521 Vietnamese civilians and Popular Force Soldiers. This is an increase of 12 classes and 216 persons over the month of September.

e. Sanitation.

(1) Routine sanitation inspections were conducted within the 2d CAG Headquarters Compound during the month of October. The sanitation of the compound continued to improve, although there were still some minor problems. Steps were taken to alleviate these problems as they arose.

f. Noteworthy Items.

(1) During October, there were 13 2d CAG personnel admitted to hospitals with intestinal disorders. This is an increase of 13 from September. There were 7 cases of fever of unknown origin, an increase of 5 from the month of September.

(2) On 19 October 1969 HN T. W. SHAW, CAP 2-5-1 was WIA. This is SHAW's first Purple Heart.

(3) On 3 October 1969 HN COOIMLLE, W. G., CAP 2-4-3 was WIA while on patrol. This was COOIMLLE's second 4d hour Purple Heart and he was evacuated out of country.

g. Inspections.

(1) HN WILLIAMS conducted routine inspections of some of the CAPs during the month of October. The heavy rains and bad road conditions continued to hamper inspections of all CAPs. Malaria tablets, Salt tablets, Iodine tablets, and especially wet weather training were stressed to the CAP members that were inspected. Due to the rising number of intestinal disorders, the hazards of eating Vietnamese food was also stressed again during October inspections. Sanitation continues to be a minor problem within the CAPs. All discrepancies found were brought to the attention of the CAP and CACO Commanders.
3. **SPECIAL SERVICES**

   a. There were two trips to Hong Kong made during October. The purchase of back logged gear was taken care of this month. Some of the gear purchased during the month was:

   - dart boards
   - tiger shorts
   - darts
   - sweat shirts
   - guitar strings
   - projection lamps
   - archery sets
   - movie projector

   b. During the month of October Special Services ordered 66 pre-recorded tapes from Force Special Services, III Marine Amphibious Force. These tapes were purchased for C&I and CAI personnel.

   c. There was also an inventory taken in each Company. The purpose of this inventory is to bring all Special Services books up to date.

   d. "Lo during the month of October there were weekly rations of beer and soda to the C&Is and CAIs. During this period 506 cases of beer and soda were rationed to the field. Also during the month Special Services had started to ration beer and soda to the 2d CAI Headquarters. This was done twice a month."
Part III

Sequential Listing Of Significant Events

1 Oct 69
A CAP 2-5-6 patrol received sniper fire from 1 VC at B20605607, 2 km N of Dinh Ban. As the CAP returned SAF and maneuvered toward the sniper, a booby trap (BFI) was tripped wounding 1 USMC. The VC then fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area was nonproductive.

2 Oct 69
A Hoi Chanh with a missing foot turned himself into CAP 2-4-5 at ST165676, 2 km E of Hoi An. The Hoi Chanh reported that he had performed non-military work for the VC at Cam Thanh village. He was turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation.

2 Oct 69
While checking for a suitable place to conduct a Peshup in the village of Cam Chau, a corpsman from CAP 2-4-5 wiped an M-26 grenade booby trap next to the ruins of a dwelling at ST157564, 2 km NE of Hoi An. The corpsman and 1 USMC were widows.

4 Oct 69
CAP 2-2-4 assisted by National Police searched a suspected VC dwelling at ST075635, 5 km W of Da Lio. The search revealed one 12 gauge shotgun, 1 flak jacket, 50 rounds of 5.56 caliber ammunition, 5 M-26 grenades, numerous sets of utilities and assorted medical gear. The VC male occupant of the house was detained by National Police.

4 Oct 69
CAP 2-4-2 ambush received SAF and 2 mortar rounds of unknown caliber from 1 USMC in the vicinity of ST165676, 1 km NE of Hoi An. The CAP returned organic weapons fire silencing the enemy fire. No further contact was encountered. A daylight sweep of the area was non- productive.

4 Oct 69
CAP 2-7-5 ambush received SAF from an USMC at ST065697 4.5 km SE of the Da Nang Airstrip. The CAP returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee SE. A sweep of the area was nonproductive.

4 Oct 69
In a joint operation with K 3/25 Mar, CAP 2-8-3 deployed as a blocking force while K Company maneuvered toward an estimated 25 VC at ST086560, 10 km NW of the Da Nang Airfield. The enemy spotted the CAP and initiated SAF. The CAP returned organic weapons fire on the enemy who fled in an unknown direction when K Company linked up with the CAP. A sweep of the area disclosed 8 VC KIA and 2 ACA-47's.
4 Oct 69

CAP 2-1-4 patrol discovered one male and one female VC in a bunker at AT 956692, 6 km SW of the Da Nang Airfield. After the CAP PF's made repeated but unsuccessful efforts to induce the VC to surrender, the male VC attempted to escape from the bunker. As he fled an M-26 grenade he was carrying exploded and killed him. A Chicom grenade and a 9mm pistol were found on his body. The female VC surrendered. Immediate interrogation of the POW revealed that she was a VC rice carrier and informer, and the VC KIA was a village guerrilla leader from Hoa Hung. The POW was delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation.

6 Oct 69

The village chief of Cam Quan at ST165574, 1.5 km NE of Hoi An discovered that his office desk had been booby trapped sometime during the night. The booby trap consisted of an M-26 grenade and a 2 pound plastic charge rigged to detonate when the desk drawer was opened. 2d CAP Headquarters was notified of the incident and called EOD who disarmed the device.

6 Oct 69

CAP 2-5-6 ambush received 15-3, 54 mm fire from an estimated 10 VC at ST065590, 1 km N of Bien Ban. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called an 81mm mortar mission on the enemy causing them to flee in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area was non-productive.

8 Oct 69

While moving through a hamlet enroute to its ambush site at AT665598, 8 km SW of Dai Loc, a CAP 2-9-K patrol received 3 M-26 grenades from an unknown source killing one PF and one VN civilian while wounding 4 VC and 7 PF's. The remainder of CAP 2-5-K and an RF Platoon reaction force reinforced the patrol and assisted in medevac, which had to be accomplished by vehicle due to bad weather. A villager in the area expressed the belief that the VN KIA was a VC. A sweep of the contact area was non-productive.

9 Oct 69

While participating in a combined operation RF's and CAP 2-1-5 surrounded 5 VC in a bunker at AT967667, 9 km SW of the Danang Airstrip. One VC surrendered but the other 4 VC attempted to escape and were killed. A search of the bunker disclosed 2 AK-47's, 1 .45 Cal. pistol, and 5 chicom grenades. The VC POW was reportedly the commander of a VC Company with a unit identification of 2/44. The POW was turned over to District Headquarters for further interrogation.
14 Oct 69

On a joint patrol CAPs 2-1-3 and 2-1-4 initiated SAF on 2 VC spotted at AT935888, 6 km Sw of the Danang Airstrip. One VC was killed, the other VC was wounded. The wounded POW was reportedly a VC village chief in the Hoa Vang District. The POW was medevaced to NSA hospital. A search of the dead VC and the POW revealed a 9mm pistol and 3 M-26 grenades.

14 Oct 69

CAP 2-8-2 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 5 NVA at AT930803, 8 km NW of the Danang Airstrip. The enemy fled in an unknown direction. A daylight sweep of the area disclosed 1 NVA Master Sergeant KIA, 2 packs containing clothing and documents captured.

15 Oct 69

CAP 2-7 vehicle on route #1 received SAF from an abandoned house at AT040855, 4.5 km NW of Dien Bien. The vehicle driver returned SAF and was joined by a CAP 2-7-4 patrol which heard the shooting. The CAP initiated M-79, M-72 and SAF at the house. A search of the area revealed 1 VC KIA. Food, sleeping gear, and a small quantity of medical supplies were found in the house.

17 Oct 69

CAP 2-4-6 ambush received a satchel charge from an VC at 2 km E of Hoi An. The CAP returned grenades and no further enemy activity was encountered. A daylight sweep of the area was non-productive.

19 Oct 69

CAP 2-3-3 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 12 NVA moving N at AT908805, 10 km NW of the Danang Airstrip. The enemy returned NEC fire and fled to the S and NE. The CAP called an artillery mission on possible routes of escape. A sweep of the area of contact revealed 2 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 and 3 Chicom grenades.

23 Oct 69

CAP 2-9-2 patrol received SAF from an U.S. Air Force in a treeline at AT877487, 7.5 km SW of Dai Loc. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery mission causing the enemy to flee S. A sweep of the area was non-productive.
24 Oct 69
CAP 2-6-2 ambushed an estimated 20 NVA at AT664831, 9.5 km NE of the Danang Airstrip. The enemy returned SAF and fired 81mm mortars. The CAP called an 81mm mortar mission on possible routes of escape. A sweep of the area disclosed 3 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 6 Chicom grenades, 2 packs, 3 cartridge belts, 6 ponchos, and 1 bag containing 24 lbs. of rice.

26 Oct 69
CAP 2-7-6 patrol spotted 10 VN gathered together in a field at ST076703, 5.5 km SE of the Danang Airstrip. When the CAP approached the group, 2 VN were evasive to questioning by CAP PFs and were turned over to District Headquarters for further interrogation. At District Headquarters 2 of the VN were found to be on the Hoa Vang District VC blacklist. The other eight VN were found to be innocent civilians and were released.

29 Oct 69
CAP 2-7-3 patrol spotted 2 VN women at ST 027666, 9 km NW of Bien Han. As CAP PFs questioned the 2 VN, VC were seen running in a rice paddy about 20 meters away. The CAP OA-11 on the fleeing VC who returned 3 SAF. During the ensuing fire fight one of the VC women fled the area. The CAP called in 81mm mortar illumination and assaulted the VC position causing the VC to flee S. A sweep of the area produced 2 VC KIA and 1 AK-47. A preliminary interrogation of the detained VN revealed she was a member of a local guerilla force and had participated in an attack on CAP 2-7-3 on the night of 12 August 1969.

31 Oct 69
Acting on information from villagers that there were some strange VN in the area, a CAP 2-2-4 patrol found 5 VN attempting to cross a river at AT665674, 5 km W of Dai Loc. CAP PFs checked ID cards and found 3 VN without proper identification. The 3 VN were detained and turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

4-1 - Extension of a Cap Tactical Area of Coordination (TACO), letter to Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
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HEADQUARTERS
2d Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, (Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Action Program)

Subj: Extension of a CAP Tactical Area of Coordination (TADC)

Encl: (1) - Overlay of present CAP TADC
(2) - Overlay of extended CAP TADC

1. CAP 2-9-1 TADC in Duc Duc District has been extended. (See overlay Enclosure (2)).

2. Coordination has been effected with the following:
   a. District Chief, Duc Duc QN Province
   b. Province Chief, QN Province

3. The hamlet which is included in the new TADC is A Dong (ID0508) (coord 996474) which has a population of 1515. This hamlet has a classification as VC controlled because it was made up of people from Phu Nhuans A (ID0501) (coord 990594) and Phu Nhuans B (ID0502) (coord 997450) of which both were VC controlled. A Dong hamlet is one of the main targets for the 1969 Pacification Program in Duc Duc District. The hamlet A Dong will enable the people who used to live in the VC controlled area of the Phu Nhuans to live in a secure area and will provide enough land for their crops. This extension will also enable the CAP to make more enemy contact since the extended area would include one of the main infiltration routes into the hamlets of My Son and An Hoa.

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