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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 July 1970 to 31 July 1970

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PART I

Organizational Data

1. Designation
   2d Combined Action Group
   Commander: LtCol D.R. CHRISTENSEN
   Date: 1 - 31 July 70

Subordinate Units

1st Combined Action Company
   Commander: Capt R.D. TOMLIN
   1st Combined Action Company
   Commander: Capt T.M. BALDON
   1st Combined Action Company
   Commander: Capt L.H. WILLIAMS
   1st Combined Action Company
   Commander: 1st Lt R.W. JOHNSON
   1st Combined Action Company
   Commander: Capt R.M. MALLARD
   1st Combined Action Company
   Commander: Capt J.R. KNIGHT
   1st Combined Action Company
   Commander: Capt R.A. CRANE
   Date: 1 - 31 July 70

Attached Units

DET, Kit Carson Scouts, 1st MarDiv G-2 (C-1)
DET, Scout Dogs, 3rd MP Battalion, 1st Marine Division
DET, Medical Section, III MAF
DET, ARVN Interpreters/Translators, III MAF

2. Location

   HQ, 2d CAG
   Hieu Nhon District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
   Hieu Duc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
   Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
  Bien San District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
   Hieu Nhon District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
   Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
   Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
   Duc Duc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

   CACO 2-1
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3. Staff Officers

ExecO/S-5 Officer  
Maj J.A. MCCARTY  1 - 19 July 70
Maj C.L. RUSHING  29 - 31 July 70

S-1 Officer  
MSgt W.J. DECKER  1 - 31 July 70

S-2/S-3 Officer  
Maj L.E. NUENT  1 - 31 July 70

Asst S-2/S-3 Officer  
2nd Lt M.A. CARDINALL  1 - 31 July 70

S-4 Officer  
Capt J.T. FOX  1 - 31 July 70

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On the third of July, 2d Combined Action Group activated Combined Action Platoon 2-3-10 with a geographical center of the TACG at BT 96264S, 3.7 km. south of Dien Ban District Headquarters. CAP 2-3-10 is a double size unit with a primary mission of defending the refugees resettling Ge Noi Island. During July, 2d CAG made extensive use of the Culture Drama Team of Quang Nam Province. All shows were well received by the villagers. In some cases CAP Corpsman conducted Med Caps during the show. One such Med Cap held during a show in CACO 2-9's area saw the treatment of over one hundred and fifty civilians.

Lt. Larry G. CAMPBELL, assigned as Group Dental Officer during June, continued his heavy work schedule in July. He treated members of the CAPs at 2d CAG HQ and visited several CACOs for on the spot treatment of dental ills. Also during July Lt. CAMPBELL conducted three Dent-Caps, two in Hoi An and one in Cam Ha Village, treating a total of over three hundred civilians and military dependents of Vietnamese Army personnel.
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operations Summary

2 July 70  A CAP 2-3-2 patrol base initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 8 VC with weapons moving E at BT 057606, 2.6 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled NE. The patrol base called an 81mm mortar fire mission and 105mm artillery fire mission on probable enemy escape routes in the vicinity of BT 061605, 2.4 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. During a sweep of the area, the patrol detained 1 VN male who was seen in the vicinity of the enemy unit. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PFCs, the VN was delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VN civilian detained.

3 July 70  A CAP 2-1-5 ambush received SAF from 2 VC at AT 945662, 3.6 km SE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 ChiCom grenade. The grenade was destroyed in place. RESULTS: 1 ChiCom grenade destroyed.

3 July 70  Hearing SAF, CAP 2-4-1 patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. The patrol discovered 1 PF KIA, 1 non-CAP RF and 1 PF WIA from an U.S. EF at BT 161594, 2.9 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The 1 RF and 2 PFs were off duty. The enemy fled W. The RF and PF WIA were medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 non-CAP RF WIA(E) and 1 PF WIA(E).

3 July 70  Acting on information received from local VN children, a CAP 2-4-3 patrol discovered 3 81mm HE rounds and 2 one lb. blocks of TNT in a hole at BT 163576, 200 meters NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The patrol destroyed the ordnance. A VIP payment was made. RESULTS: 3 81mm HE rounds and 2 one lb. blocks of TNT destroyed.

3 July 70  CAP 2-3-10 was inserted with a geographical center of the TAOC at BT 082545, 5.7 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters.

3 July 70  CAP 2-7-7 patrol discovered 1 M-26 grenade, and miscellaneous medical supplies in a house at BT 05717, 2 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The ordnance was destroyed and the medical supplies were delivered to District Headquarters. The owner of the house was not found in the area. The house is being kept under surveillance. RESULTS: Medical supplies captured and 1 M-26 grenade destroyed.
3 July 70  CAP 2-7-7 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 1 VC carrying a weapon and moving E at BT 024710, 1.9 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The VC returned small arms fire and disappeared from sight. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VN male, age 60, WIA. The VN male WIA is the owner of the house in which CAP 2-7-7 discovered 1 M-26 grenade and assorted medical supplies. The VN was unresponsive to questioning by CAP PFs regarding his presence in the area and the grenade and medical supplies being found in his house. The VN was rendered first aid and medevaced by helicopter. The VN will be returned to District Headquarters for further interrogation after medical treatment. RESULTS: 1 VN male detained.

4 July 70  VN children reported to CAP 2-3-6 patrol base that 1 VN male had stolen 5 M-79 HE rounds from the CAP patrol base at BT 062564, 1.6 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The CAP detained the VN male. Questioning by CAP PFs revealed the VN male and his wife to be local force VC guerrillas. The VN were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. The DIOCC confirmed the 2 VN to be local force guerrillas. A VIP payment will be made to the children for their information. RESULTS: 2 VC POW.

7 July 70  CAP 2-4-3 patrol base received 1 M-26 grenade from 1 VC at BT 167577, 900 m NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. Lacking a discernable target, the patrol base did not return fire. One USMC was WIA in the contact. The USMC WIA was medevaced by helicopter to lst Med Bn. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E).

8 July 70  After interrogation, the 3rd CIT reported 14 of 17 VN detained during a combined operation of CAP 2-7-2, elements of the 1st Bn, 5th Marines and 3rd Bn, 1st Marines were VCI. RESULTS: 14 VCI.

9 July 70  A VN boy, age 12, who had recently suffered a traumatic amputation of his left foot, was brought to CAP 2-7-1 at BT 029658, 6.7 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters for medical assistance. CAP PFs recognized the VN boy to have been one of the VC a CAP 2-7-1 patrol engaged by fire the previous night at 062000H. Upon checking with the 3rd CIT, it was confirmed that the VN boy was on the Blacklist and is a local force VC guerrilla.

9 July 70  A PF member of a CAP 2-4-5 patrol accidentally detonated an unknown type booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device on a trail at BT 167757, 300 m E of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The PF was WIA and 1 USMC received a minor fragmentation wound from the exploding SFD. The PF WIA was medevaced by helicopter. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(E) and 1 USMC WIA(R).
10 July 70 CAP 2-3-8 patrol base initiated organic weapons fire on 4 VC with weapons moving W at BT 048612, 2.9 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned AWF and fled W. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 rifle and 4 Chicom grenades. The rifle was delivered to District Headquarters. The grenades were destroyed. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 IWC; 4 Chicom grenades destroyed.

11 July 70 A combined operation involving CAPs 2-3-1, 2-3-2, 2-3-3, 2-3-6 and a local non-CAP RF Platoon initiated organic weapons fire on 3 VC with weapons moving W at BT 059898, 2 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy disappeared from sight without returning fire. A sweep of the area produced 1 VC KIA and 2 local force VC guerrillas who were taken as POWs. Continuing on, the force initiated organic weapons fire on an USSF with weapons fleeing S at BT 067596, 1.7 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled S. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 rifle and 3 bunkers containing assorted medical supplies and miscellaneous documents. While destroying the bunkers at BT 067596, the force initiated organic weapons fire on 1 VC 100 m. to the S carrying a weapon and fleeing S. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. The 2 VC POWs were delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. The miscellaneous documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis along with the rifle and assorted medical supplies. RESULTS: 4 VC KIA, 2 VC POW, 1 IWC, assorted medical supplies and miscellaneous documents captured, and 3 bunkers destroyed.

11 July 70 In a combined operation involving a local Non-CAP RF Platoon and CAP 2-7-5, while conducting a routine search, CAP 2-7-5 discovered 1 M-26 grenade, 2 M-16 magazines and assorted medical supplies in a family bunker at BT 051898, 4.6 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PFs, the owner of the family bunker was detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. The M-16 magazines and assorted medical supplies were retained by the non-CAP RFs and the M-26 grenade destroyed. RESULTS: 1 VN detained, 2 M-16 magazines and assorted medical supplies captured.

11 July 70 Hearing SAF in Tu Gau Hamlet at BT 052654, 8 km W of Hoa Vang District Headquarters, CAP 2-7-8 patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. Upon entering the hamlet, the patrol discovered 1 dead VN civilian and two houses burned. The patrol was informed by local villagers that 5 VC had entered the hamlet and demanded food from the villagers. When the villagers refused, the VC murdered 1 VN male and burned two houses. PsyOps was notified. RESULTS: 1 VN civilian KIA and two houses destroyed.
12 July 70 CAP 2-1-5 patrol discovered 13 M-26 grenades and 2 bandoliers of M-16 ammunition in a family bunker at AT 950666, 4 km SE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The two owners of the house, unresponsive to CAP PF questioning, were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 2 VN detainees, 13 M-26 grenades and 2 bandoliers of ammo.

12 July 70 CAP 2-7-5 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC emplacing a booby trap on a trail at BT 055697, 5 km NW of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The enemy fled NE without returning fire. A sweep of the area produced 1 M-26 grenade not rigged as a SF. The M-26 grenade was destroyed in place. A search of the area for further SFs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 M-26 grenade destroyed.

13 July 70 CAP 2-4-1 patrol apprehended 3 VN females in a restricted area at BT 167587, 2.6 km E of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The 3 VN, unresponsive to CAP PF questioning, were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 3 detainees.

14 July 70 CAP 2-4-3 patrol discovered an M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with a blasting cap and wire for command detonation beside a trail at BT 168578, 1.5 km E of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The patrol destroyed the SF in place. A search of the area for further SFs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 SF destroyed.

14 July 70 CAP 2-4-3 patrol received SAF from an estimated 20 VC in a tree-line at BT 168569, 1.5 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee S. Two USMC received minor gunshot wounds during the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA.(H).

15 July 70 In a combined operation involving CAP 2-5-6, a PBR unit and a local non-CAP RF Platoon, 1 USN and 1 non-CAP RF were WIA when the USN accidentally detonated an unknown type booby trap rigged with a pressure type firing device at the entrance to a bunker at BT 061611, 1.5 km NW of Dlal Ban District Headquarters. While attempting to recover the equipment of the USN, 1 USMC was WIA and 1 non-CAP RF was KIA when the USMC accidentally detonated an M-79 HE round booby trap rigged with a pressure type firing device at the entrance of the bunker above. The USMC, USN and non-CAP RF were medevaced by helicopter. The bunker was destroyed. A sweep of the area for further SFs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E), 1 non-CAP USN WIA(E), 1 non-CAP RF KIA, and 1 non-CAP RF WIA(E).
15 July 70 After assisting in the medevac by helicopter of an undetermined number of ARVN soldiers WIA when the truck in which they were riding detonated an unknown type booby trap rigged with an unknown type firing device, at AT 998704, 2.4 km SW of Hea Vang District Headquarters, the S-3 2d CAG while proceeding south along QL #1 at BT 051600 2.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters, heard the spoon disconnect on an M-26 grenade. The grenade was found on the floor of the back seat of the M151 ½ ton vehicle in which he was riding as a passenger. He grabbed the grenade and threw it from the vehicle thus allowing the grenade to harmlessly explode. The M-26 grenade was rigged as a booby trap with the pin removed and wire binding the spoon to the body of the grenade and placed under the rear seat of the vehicle.

15 July 70 A CAP 2-5-9 patrol initiated organic weapons fire and called a fixed wing gunship mission on an USEF at BT 091564, 3.5 km SE of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and ChiCom grenades and fired N, E and W. Two CAP PF received minor fragmentation wounds during the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VN female obviously attempting to hide from the patrol. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF, the VN was detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 2 PF WIA(M); 1 VN detained.

16 July 70 A CAP 2-7-4 patrol base at BT 043637, 2.5 km SE of Dien Ban District Headquarters, apprehended 1 VN male. The VN attempted to escape and was discovered to be carrying one M-26 grenade. Unresponsive to CAP questioning, the VN was detained and delivered to District Headquarters where he was identified as Le-Sang an Assassination Team Chief. RESULTS: 1 VC POW.

16 July 70 A CAP 2-7-3 patrol assisted by 3rd CIT Team apprehended at BT 030646, 7.2 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters, 1 VN female who was identified as a local force VC by the Thanh Quin Hamlet Chief. The VC POW was delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC POW.

17 July 70 A sentry dog, while on a CAP 2-9-1 patrol accidentally detonated a 60mm mortar round booby trap rigged with a pressure type firing device at AT 88849R, 2 km SW of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The sentry dog was KIA and the dog handler was WIA from the exploding SFD. The USMC was medevaced by helicopter. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E), 1 sentry dog KIA.

17 July 70 A PF member of a CAP 2-9-2 patrol accidentally detonated an unknown type booby trap rigged with an unknown type firing device alerting an enemy ambush at AT 972500, 2.5 km N of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The patrol received SAF and returned fire with organic weapons fire, 22 M-79 HE rds,
2 M-72 LAW rds, and called a helicopter gunship fire mission on the enemy. The enemy fled in an unknown direction. One PF was WIA by the exploding SFD. The PF was rendered first aid and medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(2).

18 July 70 A CAP 2-7-2 patrol base at BT 040623, 3.5 km SE of Dien Ban District Headquarters, received 1 M-60 grenade from an unknown direction. Two USMC were WIA from the exploding grenade. The patrol base did not return fire for lack of a discernable target. The USMC were rendered first aid and medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(2).

18 July 70 A CAP 2-7-3 patrol received 1 M-60 grenade from VC at BT 051860, 8 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee W. One USMC received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding M-60 grenade. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M).

19 July 70 A CAP 2-2-1 patrol base received SAF from an estimated 5 VC at BT 922556, 1.5 km N of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The patrol base returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee NE. The patrol returned an 81mm mortar fire mission on probable enemy escape routes. While sweeping the area, local villagers reported that two houses had been destroyed by an enemy 105mm HE lob bomb and that the VC had unsuccessfully attempted to collect food from Ky Tan Hamlet at the above grid. Fpsops was notified. RESULTS: 2 houses destroyed by an enemy lob bomb.

20 July 70 A CAP 2-4-3 ambush called an 81mm mortar and an artillery fire mission on 8 VC with weapons moving NW in a treeline at BT 165586, 1 km N of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. Three secondary explosions were observed. The enemy fled in an unknown direction without returning fire. One USMC received a minor fragmentation wound in the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 105mm round booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device. The SFD was destroyed. A further sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M); 1 SFD destroyed.

21 July 70 A CAP 2-3-4 patrol received SAF and 1 ChiCom grenade from an USSF at BT 080584, 2.5 km SE of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee E. One USMC was WIA in the contact and 1 USMC received minor fragmentation wounds in the contact. The USMC WIA was medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(2), 1 USMC WIA(M).
22 July 70  
One USMC on a CAP 2-3-10 patrol accidentally detonated an M-28 grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device on a trail at BT 054554, 2.5 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The USMC was WIA from the exploding grenade and medevaced by helicopter. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E).

22 July 70  
On a combined operation with C Co, 1st Tank Bn and E and F Companies of 2nd Bn, 5th Marines, CAPs 2-6-1 and 2-5-2 discovered 2 bunkers containing 300 lbs of rice and 20 lbs of canned goods at AT 895495, 2.5 km NE of Duc Duc District Headquarters. A further search of the area disclosed 1 VC female obviously trying to avoid the sweep. The VN's name appeared on the District Black List. The bunkers were destroyed and the food was distributed among the CAP PF. Continuing on, the CAPs apprehended 4 male and 6 female VN civilians with improper identifications and discovered 4 M-28 grenade booby traps rigged with trip wire firing devices and 2 105mm HE dud round booby traps each rigged with pressure type firing devices at AT 895495, 2 km NE of Duc Duc District Headquarters. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. Unresponsive to CAP PF questioning, the 10 VN and VC POW were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. The 6 booby traps were destroyed in place. RESULTS: 1 VC POW; 10 VN detainees; 6 SFDs and 2 bunkers destroyed; 300 lbs of rice and 20 lbs of canned goods captured.

23 July 70  
A CAP 2-7-1 patrol discovered an ammunition cache hidden in a bunker area at BT 022654, 7 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The cache was destroyed in place. A further search of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 80 .50 Cal rounds, 2000 M-16 rounds, 5000 7.62mm rounds, 50 .50 cal rounds, 1 claymore mine destroyed.

23 July 70  
A CAP 2-7-10 patrol discovered an unknown type mine with a pressure type firing device placed beside a trail at BT 039645, 7 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The mine was destroyed in place. While sweeping the area for further SFDs, 1 USMC accidentally detonated an unknown type booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device placed beside a trail in the vicinity of the above grid. The USMC received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding SFD. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M); 1 mine destroyed.

24 July 70  
In a combined operation and during a routine identification check CAPs 2-1-3, 2-1-4 and elements of 5rd CIT apprehended 1 VN male and 1 VN female at AT 939701, 2 km NE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The 2 VN, whose names appeared on the District Black List as VC Cadre, were detained and delivered.
26 July 70 A CAP 2-1-7 patrol discovered 1 bunker containing 1 AK-47 rifle, assorted ordnance, miscellaneous medical supplies, and assorted clothing at AT 336730, 4 km N of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The rifle, medical supplies and clothing were delivered to District Headquarters. The ordnance and bunker were destroyed. RESULTS: 1 IMC; 4 RPGs, 1 RPG booster, 25 lbs C-4, 3 home made rockets and 1 box mine frame destroyed; miscellaneous medical supplies and assorted clothing captured.

26 July 70 A USMC from a CAP 2-3-1 patrol accidentally detonated an unknown type booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device beside a trail at BT 075852, 500 meters N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The USMC was WIA from the exploding SFD. The USMC WIA was medevaced by helicopter. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E).

27 July 70 A CAP 2-3-5 ambush received SAF, 1 RPG and 2 M-26 grenades from an USSF at BT 077558, 3.5 km SW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee NW. Two CAP PF received minor fragmentation wounds during the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS 2 PF WIA(M).

27 July 70 A CAP 2-1-7 patrol discovered 3 bunkers at AT 336736, 4.9 km NE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The bunkers contained assorted munitions and miscellaneous documents. The patrol destroyed the munitions and bunkers. The documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 3 bunkers, 1 105mm HE round, 2 ChiCom grenades, 1 AK-47 magazine, 1 M-16 magazine destroyed; miscellaneous documents captured.

27 July 70 During a multi-CAP operation involving CAP 2-4-3 and CAP 2-4-5, the force initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC hiding in a spider hole at BT 165558, 1.5 km N of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with 2 ChiCom grenades and fled W. A search of the spider hole disclosed 1 AK-47. Two CAP PF received minor fragmentation wounds during the contact. Continuing the operation, the force initiated organic weapons fire on 2 additional VC with weapons exiting another spider hole in vicinity of the above grid. The enemy returned fire with SAF and fled in an unknown direction. A search of the area disclosed, 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-47. One CAP PF was KIA during this contact. Continuing, the patrol discovered 2 105mm HE round booby traps each rigged with a trip wire type firing device, 1 spider hole containing 2 VC KIA from SAF in the first contact above, and 1 bunker containing 1 M-72 LAW and 1 105mm HE round not rigged on a SFD. The bunker, spider hole, M-72
and 2 SFDs were destroyed. The 2 rifles were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA(M), 3 VC KIA; 2 IWC; 1 CSWC; 2 SFDs 1 105mm HE round, 3 spider holes, and 1 bunker destroyed.

27 July 70
A CAP 2-7-4 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 10 VC with weapons moving W at BT 040632, 5.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with SAF and fled E. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA and 1 M-26 grenade. The grenade was destroyed in place. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 M-26 grenade destroyed.

28 July 70
Acting on information received from a local villager, a CAP 2-3-10 patrol discovered a 250 lb bomb not rigged as a SFD at BT 063549, 3.5 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters. EOD was requested to destroy the bomb. A VIP payment was made. A further search of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 250 lb bomb destroyed.

29 July 70
A CAP 2-5-6 patrol observed movement in Quang Hau Dong Hamlet at BT 063555, 500 meters NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Upon entering the hamlet, the patrol received 1 ChiCom grenade from an USEF. Two USMC were WIA and three VN civilians received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding grenade. The patrol did not return fire due to lack of a discernable target. The USMC WIA were medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(M), 3 VN civilians WIA(M).

29 July 70
A CAP 2-7-10 ambush received SAF from an USEF at BT 088641, 6.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. Two USMC received minor gunshot wounds during the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(M).

30 July 70
Acting on information from local villagers that an USEF was in the area of AT 947582, 3.7 km NE of Dai Loc District Headquarters, CASO 2-2 fired an 81mm mortar fire mission on the enemy force. A sweep of the area by 1st BN, 1st Marines disclosed 2 VC KIA by mortar fire. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA.

30 July 70
A CAP 2-1-1 patrol received 2 ChiCom grenades from an estimated 2 VC at BT 914719, 3.5 km NW of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee W. One CAP PF received minor fragmentation wounds during the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(M).
31 July 70  A PF on a CAP 2-7-1 patrol accidentally detonated an unknown type booby trap rigged with a pressure firing device on a trail at BT 024633, 7.9 km NW of Dien Bien District Headquarters. The PF was WIA from the exploding SFD. The PF WIA was medevaced by helicopter. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(B).

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31 July 70  A CAP 2-3-4 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC with weapons in a treeline at BT 078572, 1.5 km SE of Dien Bien District Headquarters. The enemy fled E without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-47. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 IWC.
2. Neutralization of Enemy Forces
   a. NVA KIA 0
   b. VC KIA 18
   c. NVA POW 0
   d. VC POW 23
   e. VCI POW 0
   f. Hoi Chanh
      (1) NVA 0
      (2) VC 0
      (3) VCI 0

3. Casualties Sustained
   a. USMC KIA 3 (including 1 NHP and 1 DOW)
   b. USMC WIA(E) 24 (including 5 NBC)
   c. USMC WIA(M) 11
   d. USMC MIA 0
   e. USN KIA 1 (DOW)
   f. USN WIA(E) 0
   g. USN WIA(M) 0
   h. USN MIA 0
   i. CAP PF KIA 6
   j. CAP PF WIA(E) 11 (including 4 NBC)
   k. CAP PF WIA(M) 9 (including 3 NBC)
   l. CAP PF MIA 0

4. New Techniques Employed
   Negative

5. Command Relationships
   2d CAG experienced no problem areas with Vietnamese or local
   FWMAF units during July.

6. Significant Accomplishments of Attachments
   a. Kit Carson Scouts: At the beginning of July 2d CAG employed ten
      KCS's. One Scout was turned back to KCS authorities as unsuitable and one
      was marked UA, leaving a total of eight KCS's effective at the end of the
      reporting period. The KCS's accounted for the destruction of one bunker
      complex, the detaining of one VCS and they participated in 235 patrols

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b. ARVN Interpreters: 2d CAG had seven ARVN interpreters effective in the beginning of July. By the end of the reporting period nine interpreters were carried as effective on 2d CAG's roll of ARVN interpreters. All interpreters with the exception of one man have done outstanding work, assisting the CAPs and CACOs in day to day activities and giving special aid in coordinating operations with the Vietnamese and aiding in visitations to the CAPs, translating Popular Force Soldiers' statements to VIP visitors.

7. Lessons Learned

Negative

8. Logistics

a. General: During this reporting period this Command continues to be in a C-2 category under the Mares Reporting System.

b. Significant Events: During this period this unit received the following combat essential equipment:

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c. Damage to Weapons due to enemy action: During this period this Command's Armory received no weapons damaged due to enemy action.

d. Motor Transport: The Group Motor Transport Section drove a total of 40,132 miles during the reporting period. There were eight (8) vehicles deadlined for 2d echelon maintenance. Breakdown is as follows:

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(1) During this reporting period eight (8) vehicles were deadlined for/to 3rd echelon maintenance. Breakdown is as follows:

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(2) Average deadline time was as follows:

- 2nd Echelon: 2-4 Days
- 3rd Echelon: 30-45 Days

e. Airlifts: As in previous reports no airlifts have been scheduled.

f. Messhall: Approximately 6,750 meals were served during this period in the 2nd CAG Messhall. A total of 7,800 meals were distributed to field units from the 2nd CAG Messhall.

g. Armory: The armory has repaired a total of 85 weapons during the period. Twenty-seven (27) weapons were sent in for repair to 1st FSD for 3rd echelon maintenance.

h. Miscellaneous Services:

(1) An in-line chlorinator still has not been received from Force Engineers.

(2) A 15 KW Generator was turned in from CAG 2-8 and used to fill 2-2's generator requirement.

i. Supplies: FLC's AS-1 listing proved to be an effective means of clearing out the old document file. It is anticipated this listing will be scheduled monthly.

j. Problem Areas:

(1) Generator support has proved to be very satisfactory. This anticipated problem area never materialized.

(2) With the invoicing of equipment from 1st, 3rd and 4th CAGs, this Command is experiencing a rising amount of excess. Turn in of excess will not be accomplished until late in August 1970.
9. Civic Action/Psychological Operations

a. During the month of July, CACO Civic Action NCO's have continued efforts to work more closely with the Vietnamese people in their areas. These NCO's act as liaison between Hamlet, Village and District Officials, in initiating Civic Action and Community development projects. Civic Action efforts in mad caps, education, distribution of commodities, personal response and construction projects continued at an acceptable level.

b. CAP units continue holding classes on English, health and sanitation and other pertinent subjects. A slight increase in attendance has been noted for the month. In several CAPs, efforts at getting regular shower calls established for local Vietnamese has resulted in most children now participating voluntarily with no further persuasion necessary.

c. During the month, Second CAG has received numerous gifts from people in the United States. These gifts have been clothing, candy, toys and soap. These gifts have been given to the most needy Vietnamese in the CAP areas.

d. CAP Corpsmen continued to train Vietnamese civilians in the basics of first aid. During the month 43 such civilians were undergoing training. These aides assist in MedCaps and serve as interpreters.

e. Efforts such as building bulletin boards for use in CAP areas and programs for trash collection and general police of Hamlet areas continue, but met with limited success at best due to no real interest by local populace. Herein lies a major problem area that continues to plague Civic Action projects. CAP Marines with limited assets continue to push projects without thorough integration (via the Village/Hamlet Officials) with the immediate needs and desires of the people they serve. Second CAG efforts to educate and improve continue.

f. Commodities distributed during the month were as follows: Food, 3,456 lbs.; Soap, 469 lbs.; Clothing, 200 lbs.; Personal hygiene Kits, 150; Resettlers kits, 4; Masonry kits, 2; Phy Bd kits, 20.

g. During the month of July, CAP personnel of the group assisted Vietnamese civilians in completing the following: Dams, 1; Bridges, 2; Schools, 4; Dwellings, 18; Fences, 9; Hospitals, 2; Family bunkers, 2; Wells, 5; Market Place, 2.
g. Medical Assistance in support of civic action saw Med Caps resulting in the treatment of 18,788 Vietnamese civilians. 253 Dental cases were treated and 46 children and 57 adults were medically evacuated during the month.

h. Psychological operations activities employed by the group during the month of July included the use of hand distributed and air dropped leaflets:

1. Approximately 50,000 "CAPs are here to help you" leaflets were airdropped.
2. Approximately 50,000 "safe conduct passes" were air dropped.
3. 60,000 reward leaflets were air dropped during the month of July.
4. Approximately 50,000 Vietnamese newspapers were hand distributed.

10. Personnel and Administration

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

1. Joined
   USMC
   Off  Enl
   3   223

2. Rotated CONUS
   USMC
   Off  Enl
   2   72

3. Reassignment Within WestPac
   USMC
   Off  Enl
   0   40

4. Transferred by SR/while sick (out of country hospital)
   USMC
   Off  Enl
   0   25

5. Extension of WestPac Tour Effective
   USMC
   Off  Enl
   0   0

b. Promotions: During the month of July 1970 the following promotions were effected:

   To PFC  7
   To Lcpl 42
   To Cpl  4
   To Sgt  4

   To SSgt
   To GySgt
   To 1st Sgt/ M3gt
   To SgtaJt/MgySgt
c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts Held: 

GCM: None 
SpCM: None 
SCM: None 

(2) Article 32 Investigations: None 

(3) NJF: 12 

(4) JAG-Type Investigations: 1 

d. Award Recommendations 

SSM: 2 
BSM: 7 
NCM: 16 
NAM: 0 
PH: 32 

e. Congrints/Splints/Welreps 

The command has responded to: 

(2) CONGRINT 
(0) SPLINTS 
(7) WELREPS 

f. Morale and Welfare 

(1) R&R. The command has utilized the following number of quotas to the R&R areas listed. 

(a) Hong Kong (4) 
Taipei (11) 
Hawaii (12) 
Okinawa (1) 
Japan (2) 
Bangkok (9) 
Sydney (11) 

(b) In Country (6) 

(2) Mail: Daily average bags of mail processed: 

Incoming 2 
Outgoing 2 

(3) Hospital Visitations: All in-country hospital patients are visited weekly by their respective CACO Commanders.
g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: (2) 2 yrs; (2) 3 yrs; (1) 4 yrs; (0) 6 yrs;

Extensions: (1) 12 months; (0) months
(0) months; (0) months

11. Intelligence: During the first quarter of July enemy activity in CAP TAOCs was light. The enemy was reported suffering from severe lack of food and having morale problems. Captured documents and Prisoner of War reports verify that these problems exist. Problems have arisen between VC units and NVA units. The NVA soldier feels that the VC soldiers are too young, inexperienced and uneducated to be of value. Consequently there is dissention between members of combined NVA/VC units leading to combat ineffectiveness.

The second quarter of the month saw CAP units experiencing light enemy contact. What contact that was made was initiated by the CAPs. On 11 July a combined operation involving CAPs 2-3-1, 2-3-2, 2-3-3, 2-3-6 and a local non-CAP RF platoon had significant contact with two separate enemy units.

In the first contact against three enemy, the CAPs accounted for one VC KIA and two local force VC POW. In the second contact against an unknown the CAPs accounted for two VC KIA, one individual weapon captured and the destruction of three bunkers. During the blowing of the bunkers another VC was sighted and killed. At no time during the operation was an organized group of enemy soldiers sighted, all enemy seen were stragglers, acting on an individual basis. Also on the 11th activity was noted in Tu Can Hamlet. An enemy force of five men entered the hamlet demanding food, when they were turned down they murdered one Vietnamese male and burned two houses. CAP 2-7-8 was unable to make contact with the VC. For the past year the VC have scrupulously avoided taking food by force, preferring to pay for the food. Their actions in this hamlet on the 11th indicate that VC units are not receiving enough food from VC controlled areas of food production, and are not receiving tax money in large enough amounts to be able to purchase their needs. PsyOps was notified and made full use of this incident against the VC. On the 15th after assisting in the medevac by helicopter of several ARVN soldiers WIA by an unknown type explosive device, the S-3 of 2d CAG while proceeding south along QL #1 at 3T 051630 2.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters heard the sound of an M-26 snoop disconnecting in the rear seat area of the vehicle
in which he was a passenger. He reached back and grabbed the grenade and threw it from the vehicle. The grenade exploded harmlessly in the air. The M-26 grenade had been rigged as a booby trap and placed in the vehicle while the medevac was taking place. This secondary terrorist incident has been a pattern in Hoa Vang District and Dien Ban District. Troops and civilians gathered to aid the injured from an initial terrorist or mine incident and have themselves received wounds from a follow-up on the initial incident.

It was expected that during the third quarter of the month the enemy would make a concentrated offensive push to be coordinated on or about the 20th of the month. This date is the anniversary of the signing of the
Geneva Accords, and is termed "Shame Day" by both South and North Vietnamese. There was no noticeable increase in terrorist or military activity during this period. Possible reasons for this lack of activity is the enemy's continued withdrawal into base camp for resupply prior to the Monsoon Season, and a lack of an overall coordinating force effective enough to mount major attacks.

The last quarter of July continued the same pattern of light enemy contact established in the first three quarters of the month. Local VC cadre were very active during this final period of the month, an indication of efforts to resupply local units. On the 22nd CAP 2-8-1 and 2-8-3 on a combined operation with 5th Marine units detained one Vietnamese female on the District Blacklist in an area where 300 lbs. of food stuff were captured by the CAPs. On the 24th CAPs 2-1-3, 2-1-4 with elements of 3rd CIT apprehended one Vietnamese male and one Vietnamese female at 259731, 2 km NE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. Both were listed on the District Blacklist as VC cadre. On the 27th, during a multi-CAP operation elements of CACO 2-4 utilizing a bulldozer to clear treelines uncovered two spider holes with occupants. The VC were killed as they ran from the U.S. forces. Another enemy was killed as his weapon jammed after exiting another spider hole. This was the last large operation held during July.

Enemy activity was much lower in July than expected. There is no increase in activity expected for August as the enemy will be concerned with resupply. It is expected that there will be an increase in CAPs initiating fire on small resupply units and an increase in the prisoners taken as VC cadre move about trying to arrange for resupply of the units they support.

a. Weapons and Ordnance Captured:

(1) Individual Weapons Captured
   AK-47  6
   M-72 LAW  2

(2) Ordnance Captured
   250 lb. bomb  1
   1.05mm HE round  7
   8mm HE round  5
   60mm round  1
   RPG round  4
   3.5 rocket round  3
   M-79 round  4
   Claymore  3
   SPG (home made)  2
   C-4  25 lbs.
   Chicom grenade  8
   M-26 grenade  35
   M-16 rounds  2,820
   AK-47 rounds  25
   .50 Cal. rounds  80
   7.62 rounds  5,000
   .30 Cal. rounds  50

(3) Gear Captured
   M-16 magazine  3
   AK-47 magazine  2
   Rice  450 lbs.

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12. Communications
   a. Battery usage (BA-386): 1728 batteries were used during the month.
   b. Combat Operations Center: The following communications traffic was passed through the combat operations center over various nets:

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c. Communications Supply
   - Requisitions Submitted: 28
   - Requisitions Completed: 9
   - Requisitions Outstanding: 18
   - **Total Outstanding**: 37

d. Maintenance
   - Work Request Submitted: 198
   - Work Request Completed: 196
   - Work Request Outstanding: 3
   - **Total Outstanding**: 3

13. Fire Support: During July 2d CAG utilized nine 81mm mortar fire missions, and two artillery fire missions in support of CAP units.

14. Air Support: In July 2d CAG units employed two gunship missions and one fixed wing mission.

15. Activations, Deactivations, Redesignations and Relocations of CAPs: On 061320H CAP 2-3-10 was inserted with a geographical center of the TAOC at ST 092545, 3.5 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters.


18. Special Services

a. The month of July was a good one for Special Services, we had one Hong Kong trip which was quite successful. Three hundred pair of "tiger shorts" were purchased in Hong Kong. Our monthly allotment for July was $1,710.00.

b. During July, 2d CAG Special Services took over the deactivated 4th CAG Special Services account. The material received from 4th CAG contained items previously lacking in the 2d CAG inventory, such as playing cards, weight lifting equipment and aided numerous pocket books to the special services library.

c. Also during the month of July the regular, weekly ration of beer and soda to the CACOs and CAPs was continued. During this period 415 cases of beer and soda were rationed to the field.

d. There were two USO shows during July.

19. Medical Department

a. General: During the month of July routine inspection of CAPs continued with emphasis on maintenance of medical gear and increased responsibilities of Senior CAP Corpsman.

Since the projected objective is to have a Corpsman in each CAP plus one (1) Senior Corpsman at CACO level, responsibilities of the Senior Corpsman have been broadened in order to accomplish an efficient flow of information and instruction, and more comprehensive medical capabilities at CACO level along with more efficient resupply procedures.

Monthly reports have been broadened to include information concerning the individual CAP's state of medical supply readiness, general sanitation, training and general health of CAP personnel and Vietnamese civilians.

CAP medical intelligence concerning possible outbreaks of communicable diseases in Vietnamese population were coordinated with MOLPHAP team, Hoi An Provincial Hospital, for follow up and recommended action, if any.

b. Personnel

(1) Medical Department Representative: J.H. BRAYSON, HMC, USN
(2) Admin/Sick Call Petty Officer: J.F. COMBS, HMC, USN
(3) Supply/Sick Call Petty Officer: G.J. DAGELEY, HMC, USN

(a) Detached
   Transferred: 11
   RTD: 1
   WIA Medevac: 3
   KIA: 1
   Non-Battle Medevac: 1
   Non-Battle Hospital: 2
   Total Losses: 19

(b) Gains:

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c. Med Cap: During July, 2d CAG CAPs and 2d CAG Headquarters treated a total of 18,768 Vietnamese civilians at MedCaps with 353 Dental treatments. 81 Vietnamese civilians were treated for wounds resulting from hostile fire. This is an increase of 41 from last month.

d. Training: A total of 61 classes were held on hygiene and sanitation by CAP Corpsmen during the month with a total of 431 attending. Training of USMC counterparts was emphasized. General combat first aid training was given to CAP Marines.