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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

Organizational Data

1. Designation
2nd Combined Action Group
Lt Col D.R. CHRISTENSEN
Lt Col J.J. TOLNAY

2. Date
1 - 25 Sept 1970
24 - 30 Sept 1970

Subordinate Units

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Attached Units

DET, Kit Carson Scouts, 1st MarDiv C-2 (C-1)
DET, Scout Dogs, 1st MP Battalion, FLC
DET, Medical Section, III MAF
DET, RVN Interpreters/Translators, III MAF

2. Location

HQ, 2nd CAG
Hieu Nhon District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAGC 2-1
Hieu Duc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAGC 2-2
Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAGC 2-5
Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAGC 2-4
Hieu Nhon District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
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Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAGC 2-8
Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

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The month of September was a momentous one in the history of 2d Combined Action Group and the Combined Action Force.

On September 23rd 1970, the Combined Action Force was deactivated in an official ceremony at the Combined Action Force Headquarters located in Danang. Articles written in the Sea Tiger, Stars and Stripes and various other written news media stressed the important, lasting work, which the Combined Action Force had accomplished through the great efforts of the individual CAP Marine in the field, both in combat and pacification. Also stressed by these publications was that this work was to continue in the one remaining Combined Action Group; 2d Combined Action Group, working in Quang Nam Province.

2d Combined Action Group on 23 September 1970 held a change of Command Ceremony. On this date Lt. Col. D.R. CHRISTENSEN officially turned the command of this Group over to Lt. Col. J.J. TOLNAY. Both Officers stressed in their respective speeches how proud they were to be able to serve with the 2d Combined Action Group, and the high respect they hold for the Marines, enlisted and Officers who serve with the Group. Among the honored guests at the ceremony were, Lieutenant General K.B. McCUTCHEON, Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force; Brigadier General LEE DONG YONG, Commanding General 2d ROK Marine Brigade; Colonel R.F. OSBORN, Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force; Colonel D.H. BLANCHARD, C-3, 1st Marine Division; Colonel J.W. CHISH, Province Senior Advisor, Quang Nam Province; Colonel LE VAN THIEN, Province Chief Quang Nam Province and representatives from each district in Quang Nam Province in which CAPs are located.

In addition to the important guests which were present at the change of command ceremony on the 23rd, 2d CAG was visited by several important visitors.

On September thirty, Colonel CAVANAH USA, the Senior Advisor to Quang Da Special Sector paid a familiarization visit to 2d CAG, CACO 2-5, CACO 2-7 and CAP 2-7-3.

The Group was brought down to its present working strength through the deactivation of Combined Action Company 2-6 and its three platoons, 2-6-1, 2-6-2 and 2-6-3, and Combined Action Platoon 2-7-6 on 1 September 1970.

Throughout the month, CAG personnel continued to accomplish assigned missions of pacification, and renewed emphasis was given to the training of Vietnamese troops assigned to the Combined Action Program.
PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operation Summary

1 September 70 Responding to a request for assistance from a local non-CAP PF Platoon 129 in contact with an USEEF, at AT 519725, 4 km NW of Hieu Duc District Headquarters, CAP 2-1-1 and CAP 2-1-2
moved to reinforce the non-CAP Platoon. Upon entering the non-CAP PF compound at the above grid the reaction force received RPGs, SAG and 1 satchel charge from 5 VC. The combined force returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. Six non-CAP PFs were WIA in the contact. The PF WIA were medevaced by helicopter to 56th Evac Hospital. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 6 non-CAP PF WIA(6) and 1 FF WIA(0).

1 September 70 CAP 2-1-1 patrol discovered (3) 50 lb box mines each rigged with pressure firing devices, beside highway TL 540 at AT 915781, 2.5 km N of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The mines were blown in place. A sweep of the area for further SFD was nonproductive. RESULTS: (3) 50 lb. box mines destroyed.

1 September 70 CACO 2-6, located at AT 987783, 9.5 km NW of Hoa Vang District Headquarters, was deactivated. CAP 2-6-1, with a geographic center of the TAOC at AT 913505, 12.5 km NW of Hoa Vang District Headquarters, was deactivated. CAP 2-6-2, with a geographic center of the TAOC at AT 999782, 13 km NW of Hoa Vang District Headquarters, was deactivated. CAP 2-6-3, with a geographic center of the TAOC at AT 909615, 14 km NW of Hoa Vang District Headquarters, was deactivated. The deactivations were with the approval of CG, III MAF.

1 September 70 CAP 2-7-6, with a geographic center of the TAOC at BT 074704, 6.5km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters, was deactivated. The deactivation was with the approval of C3, III MAF.

1 September 70 While on a combined operation involving CAP 2-7-12 and a non-CAP RF Company 180, the force received 1 Chi Com grenade thrown by an unknown person at BT 036640, 6.5 km N of Bien Ban District Headquarters. The force returned organic weapons fire on suspected enemy locations causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. One non-CAP RF was WIA from the exploding grenade. The RF WIA was medevaced by helicopter. During a sweep of the area, the patrol apprehended 15 VN civilians between the ages of 20 and 55. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PFs, the VN were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 non-CAP RF WIA(6); 15 VN detained.
2 September 70 Two off-duty CAP 2-7-3 PFs, while walking S along QL-1, received 1 Chi Com grenade thrown by an unknown person at BT 026647, 7.5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Hearing the explosion, a CAP 2-7-3 patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. The patrol discovered 2 PF WIA from the exploding grenade. The patrol rendered first aid and medevaced the PFs by helicopter. A sweep of the area was non-productive. RESULTS: 2 PF WIA(E).

2 September 70 Two off-duty CAP 2-7-2 HF's and two VN civilians were WIA from an exploding unknown type booby trap rigged with an unknown type firing device while attempting to remove a VC flag from a flag pole at BT 040534, 5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. CAP 2-7-2 patrol base, hearing the explosion, dispatched a patrol to investigate. The patrol discovered the 2 HF and 2 VN civilians WIA, rendered first aid and medevaced them by helicopter. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 HF WIA(E) and 2 VN civilians WIA(E).

2 September 70 A USMC member of CAP 2-4-3 patrol detonated a 105mm HE booby trap with an M-26 grenade affixed to the 105mm round and rigged with a trip wire firing device located beside a trail at BT 168868, 1 km N of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The USMC was KIA from the exploding SFD. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

2 September 70 CAP 2-4-3 patrol discovered 2 bunkers in the vicinity of BT 168586, 1 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, containing assorted munitions and one 105mm HE round booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device in one of the bunkers. The SFD, bunkers and assorted ordnance were destroyed. One claymore mine M-57 firing device and 1 M-16 magazine were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 SFD, 50 rounds of M-16 ammunition, 2 M-79HE rounds, one 60mm mortar round and one 3.5in HE round destroyed; 1 Claymore mine M-57 Firing Device and 1 M-16 magazine captured.

3 September 70 A PF member of CAP 2-4-3 patrol detonated an M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device, located beside a trail at BT 168567, 1.5 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The PF was rendered first aid and medevaced by helicopter. A search of the area disclosed (5) M-72 LAWs, 1 M-26 grenade, 1 M-79 HE round and one 105mm HE round. The ordnance was destroyed in place. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(E); (3) CSWC; 1 M-26 grenade, 1 M-79 HE round and one 105mm HE round destroyed.
4 September 70 Acting on information from 3rd CIC, a CAP 2-3-8 patrol conducted a search of Quang Loc Tay (3) Village at BT 047614, 3.8 km NW of Dien Ben District Headquarters. The patrol apprehended 15 VN males and 5 females. Seven of the VN males and 1 female appeared on the District Black List. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PFs, all the VN were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 8 VCI captured and 10 VN civilians detained.

5 September 70 CAP 2-3-8 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 10 VC with weapons moving N at BT 048615, 3.7 km N of Dien Ben District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with M-79 HE rounds and SAF and fled N. Two USMC received minor fragmentation wounds during the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(M).

5 September 70 CAP 2-7-3 ambush received SAF and 4 Chi Com grenades from 6 VC at BT 026659, 6.5 km S of Hoc Trang District Headquarters. The ambush returned fire with organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee N. Three USMC received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding grenades. A sweep of the area disclosed heavy blood trails. RESULTS: 3 USMC WIA(M).

6 September 70 CAP 2-4-5 patrol received fragmentation from a command detonated 105mm HE round at BT 167571, .8 km SE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The patrol called a 60mm mortar fire mission on suspected enemy positions. One USN received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding 105mm round. While searching the area for additional SFDs, 1 USMC was WIA when he detonated an unknown type cooby trap rigged with a pressure firing device located on a trail in vicinity of the above grid. The USMC WIA was medevaced by helicopter. A further search of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(S), 1 USN WIA(M).

6 September 70 Acting on information received from local villagers, a CAP 2-4-6 patrol discovered in a bunker at BT 113584, 5 km NW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, 1 VC with minor fragmentation wounds, 1 M-72 LAW, 3 M-26 grenades, assorted medical gear and miscellaneous clothing. A further sweep of the area disclosed 1 VN male with an improper identification. Unresponsive to CAP PP questioning, the VN along with the VC POW were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. The bunker, ordnance, clothing and medical supplies were destroyed. RESULTS: 1 VC POW; 1 VN detained; 1 CSWC; 3 M-26 grenades, assorted medical supplies and miscellaneous clothing destroyed.
8 September 70
A USMC member of a CAP 2-7-10 detonated an M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device, located beside a trail at BT 037638, 6.5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The USMC WIA was medevaced by helicopter. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(2).

9 September 70
Acting on information from local villagers, a search and sweep operation, planned and coordinated by Dien Ban District Chief and CACO 2-3 Commander, was conducted by CAP 2-3-7 and CAP 2-3-8 at BT 056666, 2.5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. CAP 2-3-7, after being inserted by helicopter, received SAF from an U/SF located in Tamh Quit (4) Hamlet. The CAP returned fire with organic weapons fire and maneuvered to neutralize the enemy. CAP 2-3-8, initially acting as a blocking force, commenced a sweep from the W and joined CAP 2-3-7 in vicinity of the above grid. Continuing the operation, the force, supported by 2 helicopter gunships, moved through the hamlet causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. A search of the area disclosed 14 VC KIA and 1 VC POW captured. Seven VN civilians were apprehended trying to evade the force. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PFs, the VN were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation along with the POW. A further search of the area disclosed 1 AK-47, 2 SKS, three 9mm pistols, 14 locally fabricated grenades, 2 Chi Com grenades, 2 M-26 grenades and assorted documents and medical supplies. The weapons, documents and medical supplies were delivered to District Headquarters. The ordnance was destroyed. RESULTS: 14 VC KIA, 1 POW, 7 VN civilians detained; 6 9mm; 14 locally fabricated grenades, 2 Chi Com grenades, 2 M-26 grenades destroyed; assorted documents and medical supplies captured.

10 September 70
CAP 2-7-10 patrol observed a VN male attempting to evade the patrol at BT 046666, 6.5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The patrol moved to apprehend the VN and discovered a bunker located in vicinity of the above grid. The patrol initiated organic weapons fire on the bunker. A search of the area disclosed a second bunker 1 VC KIA and assorted VN language documents. Continuing on, the patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 1 VC attempting to escape from the second bunker. A search of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 bag containing 1 green VN uniform with no unit identification and 25 cans of assorted C-rations. The documents, uniform and C-rations were delivered to District Headquarters. The bunkers were destroyed. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA; 2 bunkers destroyed; assorted documents, 1 green VN uniform, and 25 cans of C-rations captured.
12 September 70  CAP 2-4-3 patrol discovered 4 bunkers at BT 169556, 1.2 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. A search of the bunkers disclosed 15 pounds of rice, assorted ordnance, and one 60mm Mortar HE round rigged as a SPG. The ordnance and bunkers were destroyed. The rice was distributed among the CAP PFs. A further search of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1/4 lb. TNT, 4 M-72 rounds, 8 M-26 grenades, one 105mm HE round, 1 SPG destroyed; 15 lbs of rice captured.

13 September 70  CAP 2-3-5 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 4 VC with weapons moving S at BT 075558, 2.5 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with 2 Chi Com grenades and fled S. Two USMC received minor fragmentation wounds in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(M).

14 September 70  While conducting a multi-CAP search and sweep operation, CAPs 2-7-2, 2-7-4, 2-7-12 and a control element from CA CO 2-7 Headquarters apprehended 18 VN civilians at BT 054637, 5.7 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. District representatives accompanying the control element identified 3 of the VN as VCI. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PFs, the remaining 15 VN along with the 3 VCI were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. During the operation the force discovered 6 "Toe Poppers" buried beside trails in the vicinity of the above grid. The SFDs were destroyed in place. RESULTS: 3 VCI captured, 15 VN civilians detained; 6 SFDs destroyed.

16 September 70  A USMC member of a CAP 2-7-8 patrol detonated an M-26 grenade booby trap, rigged with a trip wire firing device, located beside a trail at BT 061658, 7.5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The USMC received minor fragmentation wounds from the SPG. A sweep of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M).

17 September 70  Hearing an explosion, CAP 2-1-4 patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. While approaching the scene of the explosion, the patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC with weapons fleeing W at BT 047632, 2 km S of Dien Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with SAG and 1 Chi Com grenade. One USMC received minor fragmentation wounds during the contact. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF, the VN was detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M); 1 VN civilian detained.
18 September 70 CAP 2-3-5 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC with weapons, moving E at BT 063550, 1 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with 2 M-79 HE rounds and fled W. Two USMC received minor fragmentation wounds during the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 M-26 grenade not rigged as an SFD. The grenade was destroyed in place. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(M); 1 M-26 grenade destroyed.

18 September 70 CAP 2-4-3 patrol received SAF and 1 M-79 HE round from an estimated 4 VC at BT 169578, 1.7 km E of Hieu Non District Headquarters. The patrol returned fire with organic weapons causing the enemy to flee W. A CAP PF received minor fragmentation wounds during the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(M).

20 September 70 CAP 2-2-4 initiated organic weapons fire on 3 VC at BT 090572, 3 km SE of Dien Ban District Headquarters. VC returned 1 M-26 grenade and fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(K).

21 September 70 A CAP 2-3-5 ambush at grid BT 078559, 2.2 km SE of Dien Ban District Headquarters, received one incoming M-26 grenade from an USLF approximately 40 meters to the west. The CAP returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee W. One PF was KIA, One PF was WIA(E) and one PF was WIA(M) with shrapnel wounds from the incoming grenade. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA; 1 PF WIA(E), 1 PF WIA(M).

22 September 70 CAP 2-4-5 while in their night ambush site at grid BT 164570, 1.5 km E of Hieu Non District Headquarters, spotted 4 VC approximately 100 meters to their east. CAP 2-4-5 initiated SAF. VC returned fire and fled east. One USMC was WIA(E) in the contact. A sweep of the area found 15 lbs. of rice. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E); 15 lbs. of rice captured.

23 September 70 Acting on intelligence of a reported bunker complex received from Hieu Duc District Headquarters, CAP 2-1-4 and 3 PF Plts. provided by District Headquarters conducted a joint operation. Two box type mines were detonated at grid AT 955569, 2.6 km E of Hieu Duc District Headquarters resulting in 1 USMC, 1 USN and 3 PFs receiving shrapnel wounds. All personnel were medevaced by helicopter. A further sweep of the area resulted in finding 16 box type mines rigged as pressure detonated. Two VN females, unresponsive to CAP PF questioning were detained and delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E), 1 USN WIA(E), 5 PF WIA(E); 2 VCS detained; 16 SFDs destroyed.
24 September 70 CAP 2-3-7 while in ambush received incoming B-40 and M-60 fire from an USEF 150 meters to the SE at grid BT 058820, 4.2 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. CAP 2-3-7 returned organic weapons fire. Enemy fled south. Swept area with negative results. One PF and one USMC received shrapnel wounds in the contact. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(E) and 1 USMC WIA(M).

25 September 70 CAP 2-1-1 patrol discovered 4 bunkers in vicinity of grid AT 955727, 4.5 km N of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The bunkers contained 1 dead pig and 2 M-79 rounds. While blowing bunkers a secondary explosion occurred which resulted in 1 USMC WIA(M). RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M) and 2 M-79 rounds destroyed.

25 September 70 CAP 2-4-1 and 2-4-3, while on joint operation in vicinity of grid BT 168595, 2 km N of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, discovered (2) 105mm booby traps, (1) 81mm mortar round booby trap, (1) foot trap non-explosive, (1) undetermined type booby trap and (2) bunkers. Bunkers and booby traps were destroyed in place. RESULTS: (2) 105mm booby traps, (1) 81mm booby trap, (1) foot trap non-explosive, (1) unknown type booby trap and (2) bunkers destroyed.

25 September 70 CAP 2-1-5 while on patrol discovered (2) booby traps, which consisted of Chi Coms in cans with trip wires, at grid AT 955855, 3.5 km SE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The booby traps were blown in place. RESULTS: (2) Chi Com type booby traps destroyed.

25 September 70 CAP 2-7-4 while on patrol spotted 3 VC 50 meters to their E at grid BT 054635, 5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. CAP initiated contact. VC returned fire and fled W. (3) VN civilians unresponsive to CAP PF questioning were detained and delivered to district headquarters. A further search revealed 1 VC KIA, 1 M-26 grenade and several documents. One USMC received a minor wound in the contact. The M-26 was blown in place. Documents were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 USMC WIA(M); 3 VCS; 1 M-26 destroyed; documents captured.

25 September 70 CAP 2-3-2 initiated contact with organic weapons fire on an USEF 200 meters to their E at grid BT 053806, 2.7 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned negative fire and fled west. A sweep of the area produced 2 VC KIA and 1 AK-47. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA; 1 IWC.
26 September 70  CAP 2-2-1, while on rice harvest security, discovered 1 tunnel and 25 lbs. of rice hidden by a haystack at grid AT 944567, 2.6 km E of Dai Loc District Headquarters. Nine VN civilians, 5 females and 4 males, unresponsive to questioning by CAP FFs were detained and delivered to district headquarters along with the rice. Tunnel was destroyed. RESULTS: 9 VCS; 25 lbs. of rice captured; 1 tunnel destroyed.

26 September 70  CAP 2-3-7 received (2) M-26 and SAF from an USEF to the south and west at grid BT 036617, 3.8 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. CAP 2-3-7 returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee west. One USMC received shrapnel wounds during the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E).

28 September 70  CAPs 2-1-4, 2-1-5 and (4) FF platoons on a combined sweep at grid AT 956569, 2.6 km E of Hieu Duc District Headquarters found (2) 250 lb. bombs, (1) 155mm HE round not rigged as SFD and 1 unknown type rocket rigged for command detonation. All ordnance was destroyed in place. RESULTS: 1 SFD, (2) 250 lb. bombs and (1) 155mm HE round destroyed.

28 September 70  Hearing an explosion CAP 2-7-8 patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate at grid BT 056650, 7.4 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The patrol discovered (2) VN KIA, (4) VN WIA. RESULTS: 2 RD KIA; 1 RD WIA(E), 1 RF WIA(2), 1 VN civilian WIA(E), 1 VN WIA(M).

28 September 70  CAP 2-7-1 patrol received SAF and 1 RPG round from an USEF at grid BT 037637, 5.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. CAP 2-7-1 returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee west. During sweep the patrol received (1) RPG round causing (3) USMC WIA(M). The CAP returned fire and VC fled in an unknown direction. CAP continued sweep with negative results. RESULTS: (3) USMC WIA(M).

28 September 70  CAP 2-2-1 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on (4) VC at grid AT 695575, 1.2 km E of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The enemy fled without returning fire. Sweep of area disclosed 1 M-26 grenade and (1) 10 lb. shape charge mine. Ordnance was blown in place. RESULTS: (1) M-26 grenade and (1) 10 lb. shape charge mine destroyed.

29 September 70  Acting on intelligence from villagers, CAP 2-7-5 found 1 VN KIA by SAF and 1 VN KIA with his throat slashed. Villagers reported VN were assassinated by VC. CAP found (5) leaflets written in English and Vietnamese. Leaflets taken to District DIHQ. Incident occurred at grid BT 054697, 4.2 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. RESULTS: 2 VN civilians KIA; (5) leaflets captured.
29 September 70  Acting on information received from local villagers CAP 2-7-8 patrol apprehended (1) VN female and (1) VN male carrying (2) M-28 grenades at grid BT 058E50, 8 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The VN male was identified as VC by local villagers, the VN female unresponsive to questioning was detained. The POW and detainee were delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC POW; 1 VN Detained.

2. Neutralization of Enemy Forces

a. NVA KIA 0
b. VC KIA 19
c. NVA POW 0
d. VC POW 17
e. Koi Chan
   (1) NVA 0
   (2) VC 0
   (3) VCI 0

3. Casualties Sustained

   a. USMC KIA 4
   b. USMC WIA(M) 15
   c. USMC WIA(M) 22
   d. USMC MIA 0
   e. USN KIA 0
   f. USN WIA (E) 3
   g. USN WIA(M) 1
   h. USN MIA 0
   i. CAP PF KIA 1
   j. CAP PF WIA(E) 10
   k. CAP PF WIA(M) 3
   l. CAP PF MIA 0

4. New Techniques Employed

   Negative

5. Command Relationships

   2d CAO experienced no problem areas with Vietnamese or local FWMAF units during September.
6. Significant Accomplishments of Attachments

a. Kit Carson Scouts: At the beginning of the reporting period 2d CAO employed nine KCSs, due to one man being wounded and another going into a UA status the end of period strength was 7 men. The KCS accounted for (4) VCS detained, (3) mines and booby traps discovered, (2) food and supply caches, (1) cave discovered, participated in 197 patrols and assisted with (35) classes.

b. ARVN Interpreters: 2d CAO had eight interpreters assigned to field work with CAO units during September. At the end of the month Lt. Ho joined the Group Headquarters as OIC of ARVN interpreters for the unit. The interpreters proved valuable services in the translation of documents for deactivations, ceremonies and daily liaison with surrounding Vietnamese units.

c. Scout Dogs: During September 2d CAO utilized (18) Scout Dog Teams and (10) Nine Dog Teams. These teams, both Marine and Dog have proved to be vital assets to the combat efficiency of Group units. Information from field commanders of the CAP Platoons indicated that quite often the Dog’s warning prevented the CAP from falling into enemy ambushes. The Dog Handlers were always fully cooperative, often asking for additional duties with the CAP Program.

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 the Command Armory received no weapons damaged due to enemy action.

d. Motor Transport: The Group Motor Transport Section drove a total of 33,570 miles during the reporting period. There were eight vehicles deadlined for 2d echelon maintenance. Breakdown is as follows:

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(1) During this period of reporting six (6) 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: 15-45 Days

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

f. **Meshall:** Approximately 3,600 meals were served during this period
   in the 2d CAG Meshall. A total of 18,000 meals were distributed to field
   units from the 2d CAG Meshall.

g. **Armory:** The armory has repaired a total of 55 weapons during the
   period. Sixty-three (63) weapons were sent in for repair to 1st FSR for
   3rd echelon maintenance.

h. **Supplies:** This Command is experiencing difficulty in obtaining
   Concertina which is needed for perimeter defenses.

i. **Problem Areas:** Many items are in excess position based on usage
   data and are in the process of being screened and turned in. The turn in
   of vehicles has been further delayed due to congestion at the retrograde
   facility. This is caused by units being deactivated in lieu of their return
   to Conus.

9. **Civic Action/Psychological Operations**

a. The month of September witnessed significant and substantial assistance
   in our Civic Action Program. Civic Action NCO’s from 2d Combined Action Group
   continued to act as liaison between hamlet, village and district officials in
   initiating community projects.

b. In the district of Hieu Nhon our Civic Action efforts supported the program
   initiated by the village priest to distribute clothing, food, soap and other
   essentials to all the people affected by the flood.

c. Projects associated with self-improvement particularly agricultural
   projects have been encouraged by the CAPs. Vegetable seeds donated by
   interested people in the U.S. have proved most influential to our farmers.
   Milk products for pig consumption have been distributed by Civic Action NCOs.
d. Classes in English and preventive medicine are held regularly and Vietnamese Cultural Drama Teams have performed in our districts. Consequently, good fellowship and better understanding between CAP Marines, Popular Forces and civilian populace has been the result.

e. In the month of September 2d, CAP's Civic Action NCOs received a plethora of gifts from people in the United States. All the gifts have been distributed to the CAPs for further distribution.

f. Commodities distributed during the month of September were as follows: food 8,789 lbs; soap 450 lbs; clothing 1,130 lbs; baby food 500 lbs; sewing kits 105.

g. Medical assistance in support of Civic Action Med Caps resulted in the treatment of 12,340 Vietnamese civilians and 51 dental cases. First aid instruction was given to 56 civilians who assist in Med Caps and serve as interpreters for the corpsmen.

h. During the month of September, CAP Marines assisted Vietnamese civilians in completing the following projects: marketplace 1; schools 2; wells 6; fences 3; public heads 2.

10. Personnel and Administration

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

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

To PFC 10
To LCpl 64
To Cpl 10
To Sgt 17

To 1st Lt. 1

To SSgt 0
To GySgt 0
To 1stSgt/MSgt 0
To SgtMaj/MWO/SGT 0

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(1) Courts Held: GCM 1
                 SpCM 0
                 SCM 1

(2) Article 32 Investigations: 1 Completed
                               Yes
(3) NJP:                     4
(4) JAG-Type Investigations: 3 Completed
                               Yes

d. Award Recommendations

SSM - 1
FRM - 4
NCM - 3
NAM - 0
PH - 37

e. Congrings/Splints/Welreps

The command has responded to:
(0) CONGRINTS (0) SPLINTS (5) 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) Japan (3)
    Taipei (10) Bangkok (7)
    Hawaii (16) Sydney (7)
    Okinawa (1)

(b) In Country (2)

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

   Incoming (10)  Outgoing (1)

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

   g. Career Planning

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

   Extensions:  (1) 12 months.

11. Intelligence: Again during September, enemy troop activity and terrorist
attacks were at a low ebb. Seldom were large concentrations of enemy troops
sighted, or contact made, during September. A noticeable, significant
increase in mining incidents were noted during September. Sweeps and searches
by the CAPs turned up several small to medium caches of jury-rigged dud rounds
which were to be emplaced as mines. M-16 "toe poppers" were found on civilian
trails, indicative that the VC were not selecting only military targets.

   Civilians in CAP TAOCs were quite helpful during September, freely giving
   information as to location of VC personnel and supply locations. This
   information was doubly appreciated as it saved US and Vietnamese lives
   and indicated a growth in the faith and confidence of the people in the GVN.

   Only one terrorist activity was noted in the latter part of the month.
   This incident was the assassination of two Vietnamese civilians by VC. It
   is possible that the Vietnamese killed in this incident were Vietnamese
   Communist who had, or were about to, betray or fall out of favor with the
   Viet Cong.

   a. Weapons and Ordnance Captured:

   (1) Individual Weapons Captured

   AK-47               2
   SKS                 2
   9mm pistol         3
   LAAN                4

   (2) Ordnance Captured

   250 lb. bomb        2
   155mm round         1
   105mm rounds        4
   60mm round          2
   3.5 HE rounds       1
   50 lb. box mines    3
   Claymore            1
   M-79 rounds         10
   81mm illum          3
   SFDs                4
   M-26 grenades       2
   Clk. Com grenades   37
   VC manufactured grenades  19
   AP mines            7

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(3) Gear Captured
M-16 magazine 1
C-rations 26 cases
Pack 1
VN uniform 1
Banner 1
VC flag 1
Medical Kits 4
Rice 85 lbs.

12. Communications

a. Battery usage (BA-386): 1668 batteries were used during the month.

b. Combat Operation Centers: The following communications traffic was passed through the combat operations center over various nets:

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c. Communications Supply: Components of end items were in adequate stock throughout the entire month. The following list reflects requisition status of communication items:

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13. Fire Support: During September 2d CAG utilized (15) artillery fire missions, (10) 81mm illumination missions and (1) 60mm fire mission.

14. Air Support: During September 2d CAG utilized no fixed wing support and (1) gunship mission.

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15. Activations, Deactivations, Redesignations and Relocations of CAPs: In the month of September, 2d CAO deactivated one Company and four Platoons. CAPs 2-8-1, 2-8-2, 2-8-3 and 2-7-6 were deactivated on 1 September 1970 with the approval of the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force.

16. Combined Action Force School: 2d CAO in September held its first CAP School of its own at 2d CAO Headquarters, with 53 students, starting on the 21st of September.

17. Special Services

a. During the month of September, one Special Services trip to Hong Kong was made for the purchase of assorted small games, projector bulbs, and Polaroid film.

b. Second CAP Special Services transferred $6,432 worth of excess gear to First Marine Air Wing during September.

c. Weekly rations of beer and soda to Combined Action Companies continued with 422 cases of beer and soda distributed.

d. Three USO shows were provided during the month of September.

18. Medical Department

a. General: During the month of September, emphasis was placed on sanitation at all levels in CAO. Water sanitation was stressed at CAO level to reduce the incidences of skin and other infections caused by contaminated water.

With the monsoon season approaching, measures were taken to acquaint all personnel with the causes and prevention of immersion foot.

Procedures were implemented to help identify small Vietnamese children, evaded from the field, in conjunction with local medical units and medevac helicopter units. Each child, in order to be easily returned to their home will be marked with the grid or the nearest landmark to give the authorities a starting place for a search for the child’s home.

Routine inspection of CAPs was carried out during this period.
Med Caps at 2d CAO level totaled 1,078 during September.

b. Personnel:

1. Medical Department Representative: A.L. GRANT, HMC, USN

2. Admin/Sick Call Petty Officer: J.F. COMBS, HMC, USN

3. Supply/Sick Call Petty Officer: C.J. DAGLEY, HMC, USN

a. Detached 05

b. Hospitalized (N�) 01

(c) Hospitalized (WIA) 02

(d) Joined 05
c. **Med Cap:** During the month of September, Combined Action Platoons treated 18,923 civilians in routine Med Caps and a total of 67 civilians who were casualties resulting from hostile action.

d. **Training:** CAP Corpsmen held a total of 89 classes with a total attendance of 452 Health Workers, PT Corpsmen and civilians.
1. Designation
2d Combined Action Group

2. Location
HQ, 2d CAG
CAGC 2-1
CAGC 2-2
CAGC 2-3
CAGC 2-4
CAGC 2-7

3. Staff Officers
Executive Officer
S-1 Officer
S-2 Officer
Asst S-3 Officer
S-4 Officer
Chaplain/3-5 Officer
ARVN Liaison Officer

4. Average Monthly Strength

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of October saw 2nd CAG making adjustments both in personnel and physical property. The MOS of each man in the unit was checked to determine if he was placed in the correct billet. The process of reviewing the MOS of over 600 men involved much time and effort but the results proved to be worthwhile. Due to the number of personnel rotating to CONUS, and a cut-back in excess personnel, all members of the group were required to take an extra measure of work upon themselves, sometimes doing the jobs of two men in addition to normal guard duties, to maintain security. The entire personnel of the Group freely gave the extra measure required of them. The S-4 Section at the 2nd CAG HQ continued to pare down excesses of property and distribute the physical property of the Group in such a manner that no Company would suffer a shortage while another Company would be in excess.

Under the S-3 Section, the Mobile Training Team continued their fine performance. Serving as a follow-up to the education each CAP Marine receives in the intensive two week CAP School, the Mobile Training Team, on their tours, covered those areas of instruction that the individual CAP Commander felt his men required. A dialogue developed between the Training Team and the CAP Marines. The Marines in the field gave the Training Team valuable information and suggestions as to what the CAP School should cover in their course of instruction. With the information gathered by the Mobile Training Team and from past experience the school staff worked throughout October preparing the courses to be given in the new school. The course of instruction was streamlined without weakening the content. One of the requested subjects was a course in Vietnamese language. The CAP Marines in the field stated that a working knowledge of the Vietnamese language was an invaluable aid in their dealings with the local people. This course of instruction was planned to include both mandatory classes and extra periods of instruction for those who request it. The course will be supervised by the OIC of ARVN interpreters, lst Lieutenant HOA.

In the latter portion of the month, Quang Nam Province was hit with two severe tropical storms and over a week of rain generated by an off shore typhoon. The resulting high winds and high water caused extensive damage to both civilian and military property.

The rapidly rising waters caused flood conditions. The position of many of 2nd CAG's field units became untenable. Helicopter and Swift boat evacuation of these units was accomplished. CACO 2-3 and CACO 2-7 were evacuated in their entirety. CACO 2-2 Headquarters remained in position, although all of their CAPs were evacuated. CACO 2-4 Headquarters and CAP 2-4-5 remained operational while the rest of 4th Company CAPs were evacuated. CAP 2-1-4 was evacuated to CACO 2-1 Headquarters. The remainder of 2nd CAG's units remained in their respective TAOC's. The Group Headquarters
suffered extensive flooding. The entire south portion of the base was under 4 to 5 feet of water, while the north portion was at one time covered with 3 feet of water. All but 19 people were evacuated from the Group Headquarters. The remaining personnel included the Command group, staff NCO section heads, communications personnel, and vital enlisted men who requested to remain behind to keep the unit functioning and to perform security duty. The helicopters used in the evacuations were from M-50-16 and Blackacat. The helicopter pilots accomplished the nearly-impossible all throughout the evacuations, landing in restricted areas, difficult landing zones in heavy foul weather. The personnel of the Group worked long hours, accomplishing difficult tasks without complaint. All hands accomplished the work required of them, plus many requested extra responsibilities. During this trying period the true meaning of esprit de corps was shown by the men of 2d CAG.

In addition to the Marines evacuated, over 500 Vietnamese civilians and 500 Popular Force troops were evacuated. The evacuees received outstanding support from 4/5 at LZ Balay. Second Battalion, 5th Marines supplied the influx of evacuees with dry clothing, food and shelter.

Distinguished visitors received during October by 2d CAG included, Lt. General Keith B. McCUTCHEON, Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, Brigadier General MILLBERG, Lieutenant General JONES and Colonel SCHACHER.
1. Operation Summary

1 October 70 CAP 2-7-1 patrol apprehended (2) VN civilians obviously trying to evade the patrol at grid BT 030654, 5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Unresponsive to CAP RF questioning, the VN were detained and delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 2 VN civilians detained.

2 October 70 USMC member of CAP 2-2-2 patrol accidentally detonated (1) M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with trip wire firing device submerged in a rice paddy at grid AT 892552, 3 km NW of Dia Loc District Headquarters. The USMC was WIA from the exploding grenade and medevaced by helicopter. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(E).

2 October 70 CAP 2-7-1 ambush initiated GVF on 2 VC with weapons at grid BT 031642, 9 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. VC returned SAP and (1) ChiCom grenade. One USMC received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding grenade. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(N).

3 October 70 On resupply mission to CACO 2-1 CAPs, a CACO 2-1 M-37 vehicle detonated an unknown size box type mine rigged with a pressure type firing device at grid AT 827719, 3 km north of Hiem Duc District Headquarters. Two USMC were WIA from the exploding SFD. RESULTS: (2) USMC WIA(E); (1) M-37 vehicle designated as a combat loss.

3 October 70 FF member of CAP 2-7-5 patrol accidentally detonated (1) M-26 grenade rigged with trip wire firing device at grid BT 030697, 4.5 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. One FF was WIA from exploding SFD and medevaced by helicopter. Two FF received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding SFD. Search for further SFDs was negative. RESULTS: 1 FF WIA(E); 2 FF WIA(N).

5 October 70 A USN member of CAP 2-2-1 patrol accidentally detonated an M-26 grenade rigged with trip wire firing device at grid AT 948554, 3 km east of Dia Loc District Headquarters. The USN was WIA from the SFD and medevaced by helicopter to 95th Evac Hospital. RESULTS: (1) USN WIA(E).

5 October 70 CACO 2-1 M-151 vehicle, while traveling on QL840 was destroyed by a command detonated type box mine of unknown size at grid AT 927719, 3 km north of Hiem Duc District Headquarters. (2) USMC were KIA from the exploding SFD and (1) USMC was WIA and medevaced by helicopter. Sweep of area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: (2) USMC KIA; (1) USMC WIA(E); (1) M-151 vehicle destroyed.
8 October 70 CAP 2-3-1 ambush initiated OOP on USEF at grid BT 078550, 1 km east of Dien Ben District Headquarters. VC returned (4) Chicoms with grenades and fled north. (1) PF received minor fragmentation wounds during contact. Swept area. RESULTS: (1) PF WIA(M).

7 October 70 CAP 2-4-3 ambush initiated OOP on (4) VC carrying weapons at grid BT 170679, 500 meters NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. VC fled unknown direction without returning fire. Swept area. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA.

8 October 70 Hearing an explosion CAP 2-1-2 patrol base dispatched patrol to investigate. The patrol discovered 1 ARVN M-35ABC truck which had detonated (1) unknown size box mine with a pressure type firing device at grid AT 927719, 3.2 km north of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. Sweep of area disclosed (1) ARVN KIA and (2) ARVN WIA from the exploding SFD. The (2) ARVN WIA were medevacced by helicopter. Search of area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: (1) ARVN KIA; (2) ARVN WIA(E); (1) M-35ABC destroyed.

8 October 70 Acting on information received from VN child, CAP 2-4-7 discovered one 175mm HE round booby trap rigged with trip wire firing device at grid BT 176558, 2.4 km SE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. Sweep of area for further SFDs was nonproductive. SFD was destroyed in place. VIP was made. RESULTS: (1) SFD destroyed.

10 October 70 CAP 2-1-5 ambush at grid AT 855365, 3.7 km SE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters, received Chicoms, 3-40's, and heavy volume of SAF from an estimated 40 enemy in green uniforms attacking from the north. CAP returned OOP causing enemy to flee back to the north. 1 USMC was KIA, 5 USMC were WIA and 4 PF were WIA in the contact. Search of area negative. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA; 4 USMC WIA(E); 1 PF WIA(E); 1 USMC WIA(H), and 3 PF WIA(M).

10 October 70 CAP 2-7-8 ambush at grid BT 054663, 8.2 km north of Dien Ben District Headquarters heard an explosion from Tu Can Village. CAP reacted with sweep which revealed 2 non-CAP RF KIA and 3 non-CAP RF WIA from incoming B-40. VC had captured 2 M-16s, 1 M-79 and 1 PRC-25. Further sweep revealed 4 M-79 HE rounds and 1 M-26 grenade. Ordnance destroyed. RESULTS: 2 RF KIA; 1 RF WIA(E); 3 RF WIA(M); 3 individual weapons lost, 1 PRC-25 lost; 4 M-79 HE rounds and 1 M-26 grenade destroyed.

11 October 70 CAP 2-3-2 patrol base observed a large crowd gathering at grid BT 052899, 2.2 km NW of Dien Ben District Headquarters. Patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. Patrol discovered a section of QL/1 had been destroyed by an unknown size and type explosive. A sweep of the area for further explosive devices was nonproductive. RESULTS: Negative.
10 October 70 A 2d CAG HQ M-35A2C vehicle, while enroute to CAGO 2-1, received (1) unknown type round from an USARV at grid AT 287687, 1 km east of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. USMC in vehicle did not return fire due to lack of discernible target. One USMC received minor lacerations to his arms when the round shattered the front windshield. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(X).

12 October 70 CAP 2-3-2 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on USARV attempting to mine QL-1 at grid BT 053596, 2.3 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. VC returned SAF and fled W. While sweeping area CAP PF accidentally detonated an unknown type booby trap with trip wire firing device. One PF was WIA and medevacced and 2 USMC received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding SFD. Search of area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 CAP PF WIA(B); 2 USMC WIA(M).

14 October 70 CAP 2-3-9 ambush initiated QMF on 4 VC at grid BT 048611, 3.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. VC returned SAF and fled SE. Sweep of area disclosed 1 VC KIA; 1 M-26 grenade, 1 ChiCom grenade, 1 3-40 round and assorted medical supplies and documents. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 M-26 grenade; 1 ChiCom grenade; 1 3-40 round destroyed; assorted medical supplies and documents turned over to Dien Ban District Headquarters.

19 October 70 Acting on information received from local villagers that 10 VC were at grid BT 056620, 3.8 km north of Dien Ban District Headquarters, a CAP 2-5-8 patrol base dispatched patrol to investigate. The patrol apprehended 5 VN females, ages 16 to 30, and 1 VN male age 30, obviously trying to evade the patrol. Unresponsive to CAP PF questioning the 6 VN were delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 6 VN detainees.

20 October 70 CAP 2-3-7 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC with weapons at grid BT 033612, 5.4 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Sweep of area disclosed 2 VN males, age 25, and 1 VN female age 20, with improper identification and quantity of unidentifiable documents. Unresponsive to CAP PF questioning the 3 VN were delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation along with the unidentifiable documents. RESULTS: 3 VN detainees.

20 October 70 A CAP 2-7-2 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC with weapons at grid BT 028625, 5.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled north. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 AK-47 and 1 heavy blood trail. RESULTS: 1 IWO.
21 October 70 Acting on information received from local villagers that 7 VC were located at grid MT 932588, 2.2 km NE of Dai Loc District Headquarters, a CAP 2-2-1 patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. Arriving at the scene the CAP observed 2 VN obviously trying to evade the patrol. The 2 VN were apprehended and delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 2 VN detainees.

21 October 70 While on patrol a USMC member from CAP 2-7-10 was injured when a command detonated 105mm HE round exploded at grid BT 087644, 6.3 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. USMC was evacuated by helicopter. Further search for SFs was negative. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(2).

22 October 70 CAP 2-3-3 patrol initiated OoF on 6 VC with weapons at grid BT 066828, 4.3 km north of Dien Ban District Headquarters. VC returned SAF and fled NE. Sweep of area revealed 3 VC KIA, 7 VC civilians, 2 rain jackets and 300 lbs of rice. The VN civilians, unresponsive to CAP PF questioning were delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation where they were classified as VC. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA; 7 VC POW; 2 rain jackets and 300 lbs of rice captured.

22 October 70 CAP 2-7-1 ambush initiated OoF on 3 VC with weapons moving east at grid BT 025663, 3.3 km south of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and Chicom grenades and fled east. One USN was WIA during the contact and medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area disclosed 3 VC KIA, 2 AK-47 rifles, 2 8mm pistols, 5 M-26 grenades, 1 map, 1 poncho liner, and 1 black head band. RESULTS: 1 USN WIA(2); 3 VC KIA; 4 IWC; 5 M-26 grenades destroyed; 1 map, 1 poncho liner, and 1 black head band captured.

24 October 70 A combined operation of CAP 2-4-2, 2-4-5, and a local non-CAP PF platoon discovered 1 81mm HE mortar round booby trapped with a trip wire firing device across a trail, 1 105mm HE round booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device along the side of a trail, 5 one foot deep by one foot wide by three feet long punji pits across a trail junction, 1 M-79 HE round booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device across a trail, and 1 60mm HE mortar round booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device across a trail, all found within grid squares BT 1254, BT 1255, and BT 1354, approximately 4.5 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. Also discovered were 2 spider holes in a treeline at grid BT 124450, 4.4 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, 1 hospital tunnel complex reinforced with steel and wood capable of holding 12 persons.
at grid ST 130548, 3.8 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, 1 camouflaged well which had been used as a VC watering point at grid ST 126549, 4.3 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, 4 recently used camouflaged base camps with a fire place, and lean-tos each camp capable of holding 6-8 people at grid ST 124550, ST 127547, ST 127549, and ST 120546 approximately 3.4 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, and a small quantity of miscellaneous medical supplies, black pajamas, and assorted documents at grid ST 130548, 3.8 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The SFDs, punji pits, spider holes, base camps, hospital tunnel complex and well were destroyed. The medical supplies, black pajamas and assorted documents were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 4 SFDs, 5 punji pits, 2 spider holes, 1 hospital tunnel complex, 4 base camps and 1 well destroyed; miscellaneous medical supplies, black pajamas and assorted documents captured.

24 October 70 An USIF initiated SAF on CAP 2-7-4 at grid ST 050580, 3 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. CAP 2-7-4 returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. Three PPs received wounds during the contact and were medevaced. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 3 PP WIA(E).

24 October 70 CAP 2-1-2 initiated CWF on 6 VC with weapons at grid AT 927719, 3 km north of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The CWF set off a secondary explosion believed to be a mine at the same location of 3 previous mining incidents. The enemy returned SAF and fled south. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: Negative.

25 October 70 CAP 2-2-1 ambushed at grid AT 955573, 2.3 km east of Dai Loc District Headquarters, apprehended 1 VN male, age 42, obviously observing the CAP's position. Unresponsive to CAP PP questioning, the VN was detained and delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VN detainee.

26 October 70 Acting on information received from a POW, CAP 2-3-3 patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate and captured 1 VC agent at grid ST 050582, 1.5 km west of Bien Han District Headquarters. The VC agent was turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VCI captured.

27 October 70 Hearing an explosion CAP 2-7-5 patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. The patrol discovered 1 VN child with fragmentation wounds to the body caused by the detonation of a M-26 booby trap which was rigged with a trip wire along a trail at grid ST 049695, 4.5 km NE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. CAP 2-7-5 medevaced the VN child to 95th Evac. RESULTS: 1 VN child evaced.
27 October 70  CAP 2-4-2 while on operational sweep of grid square BT 1856, 2.3 km SE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, found 9 bunkers, all within the above mentioned grid square. Three of the bunkers were rigged with one of the following SFDs; 60mm HE mortar round, 105mm HE round, 3.05 HE round. All SFDs were rigged with trip wire firing devices. SFDs and bunkers were destroyed. RESULTS: 3 SFDs and 9 bunkers destroyed.

2. Neutralization of Enemy Forces
   a. NVA KIA 0
   b. VC KIA 9
   c. NVA POW 0
   d. VC POW 8
   e. Hoa Chanh
      (1) NVA 0
      (2) VC 0
      (3) VCI 0

3. Casualties Sustained
   a. USMC KIA 3
   b. USMC WIA(E) 15
   c. USMC WIA(M) 5
   d. USMC MIA 0
   e. USN KIA 0
   f. USN WIA(E) 2
   g. USN WIA(M) 0
   h. USN MIA 0
   i. CAP PF KIA 2
   j. CAP PF WIA(E) 15
   k. CAP PF WIA(M) 3
   l. CAP PF MIA 0

4. New Techniques Employed
   Negative

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

6. Significant Accomplishments of Attachments
   a. Kit Carson Scouts: At the beginning of the reporting period 2nd CAG employed 8 KCS, one man was in a UA status at the end of the month bringing the end of the month strength down to 7 effective men. The KCS accounted for

3-6
3 VCS detained, 4 mines/booby traps discovered, 1 cache discovered, 2 caves and tunnel complexes discovered; participated in 287 patrols and aided in 35 classes.

b. ARVN Interpreters: 2nd CAG had seven interpreter and one Officer-interpreter assigned to its units during October. The interpreters provided valuable services in the translation of documents for ceremonies, and coordinated operations with Vietnamese counterparts.

c. Scout Dogs: During October, 2nd CAG utilized 15 Scout Dog Teams and 11 Mine and Booby Trap Teams. As usual the Teams performed their duties in an excellent manner and were a welcome addition to the units which they worked with.

7. Lessons Learned

Negative

8. Logistics

a. General: During this reporting period this Command has established itself in a C-1 category for supply and maintenance under the Mares Forstat Reporting System.

b. Significant Events: This Command lost two vehicles, a truck M-151 and a truck M-37, due to enemy action. These vehicles hit mines on a dirt road while resupplying CAPs. In addition, one truck M-35 was code H as a result of a semi-trailer backing into it and bending the frame. Supply point distribution has been affected. This has resulted in a more equitable use of vehicles and should reduce miles traveled over a monthly basis.

c. Damage to Weapons due to enemy action: During the reporting period the Command armory received no weapons damaged due to enemy action.

d. Motor Transport: The Group Motor Transport drove a total of 18,678 miles during the reporting period. There were six (6) vehicles deadlined for 2nd echelon maintenance and eight (8) vehicles for/to 3rd echelon maintenance. Breakdown is as follows:

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(1) Average deadline time was as follows:

- 2nd Echelon: 2-4 Days
- 3rd Echelon: 15-45 Days
e. **Airlifts:** As in previous reports no airlifts have been scheduled.

f. **Messhall:** Approximately 23,250 meals were prepared during this reporting period in the 2nd CAG Messhall. Of the above total approximately 12,000 meals were distributed to troops in the field.

g. **Armory:** The Group Armory repaired a total of 75 weapons. In addition, 20 weapons were sent to 1st FSU for 3rd Echelon Maintenance.

h. **Miscellaneous Services:** None

i. **Supplies:** This Command experienced no difficulties in obtaining supplies for operational effectiveness for the reporting period.

j. **Problem Areas:** None

9. **Civic Action/Psychological Operations**

   a. The month of October witnessed significant and substantial accomplishment in our Civic Action Program. Civic Action NCO's from 2nd Combined Action Group continued to act as liaison between hamlet, village and district officials in initiating community projects under direction of the Group Civic Action Officer, Lieutenant F. Blanchino, USNR (CHG).

   b. Our areas of operation were completely inundated at the close of the month and approximately 1,000 Vietnamese were moved via helicopter and boats to high ground and safe areas. During the havoc caused by the flood, the Corpsmen of CACO 2-4 in the village of Son Phan, Hieu Nhon District assisted in the delivery of a Vietnamese baby girl.

   c. In Hieu Nhon District, Civic Action efforts supported the program initiated by the village priest to distribute clothing, food, soap and other essentials to all the people affected by the flood.

   d. Projects associated with self-improvement, particularly agricultural projects, have been encouraged by the CAPs. Vegetable seeds donated by interested people in the U.S. have proved most beneficial to local farmers. Milk products for pig consumption were distributed by Civic Action NCOs.

   e. Classes in English and Preventive Medicine are held regularly and Vietnamese Cultural Teams performed in all Districts. Consequently, good fellowship and better understanding between CAP Marines, Popular Forces and civilian populace has resulted.

f. In the month of October 2nd CAG's Civic Action Officer received a plethora of gifts from people in the United States. All the gifts were distributed to the CAPs for further distribution to the populace.
g. Commodities distributed during the month of September were as
follows: food 7000 lbs; soap 520 lbs; clothing 1200 lbs; baby food 250
lbs; sewing kits 112.

h. Medical assistance in support of Civic Action Med Caps resulted
in the treatment of 21,316 Vietnamese civilians and 54 dental cases.
First aid instruction was given to 61 civilians who assist in Med Caps
and serve as interpreters for the corpsmen.

i. During the month of October, CAP Marines assisted Vietnamese
civilians in completing the following projects: marketplace 1; schools 1;
wells 3; fences 1.

10. Personnel and Administration

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

(1) Joined

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(2) Rotated CONUS

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(3) Reassignment within WestPac

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(4) Transferred by Service Records while sick (out of country
hospital)

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(5) Extension of WestPac Tour effected

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b. Promotions: During the month of October the following promotions
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c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts Martial: GCMD 0
                SpGMD 0
                SCMD 0

(2) Article 32 Investigations: 0

(3) NIP: 2

(4) JAG-Type Investigations: 1

   Completed
   Yes

d. Award Recommendations

BSM - 5
NAM - 1
PH - 20

e. Conrights/Splints/welreps

The command has responded to:

(2) CONRIGNTS (0) SPLINTS (6) 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 (5)
       Taipei (10)
       Hawaii (16)

   (b) In country (0)

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

   Incoming (10)  Outgoing (2)

(3) Hospital Visitation: All in country hospital patients are
     visited weekly by their respective CACO Commanders.

g. Career Planning

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

Extensions: (1) 12 months.