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

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 September to 30 September 1969 (Report Symbol MC 5750-06)

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

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Encl: (1) 3d Combined Action Group Command Chronology

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

2. Downgraded at 3 year intervals. Declassified after 12 year interval in accordance with DOD Directive 5200.1D.

J. B. Michaud
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Enclosure (1)

Supporting Documents (25-31)

Sequential Listings of Significant Events

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Medical/Supply
CIVIL ACTION

3d Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
PO, San Francisco 96602

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COMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September 1969 to 20 September 1969
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DEPARTMENT
3d Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force

COMMANDER
LtCol John B. Michaud, USMC
1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 3-1
Capt. Edwin R. Goedde Jr., USMC
1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969

Combined Action Company 3-2
Capt. Pat Burns, USMC
1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969

Combined Action Company 3-3
Capt. Gary Carlson, USMC
1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969

Combined Action Company 3-4
Capt. James F. Davis, USMC
1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969

Combined Action Company 3-5
Capt. John F. Palick, USMC
1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969

LOCATION

Headquarters 1-30 Sep
Phu Bai Base, Huong Thi District, Thua Thien Province

CAOC 3-1 1-30 Sep
Huong Thi District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province

CAOC 3-2 1-30 Sep
Phu Loc District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province

CAOC 3-3 1-30 Sep
Phu Thu District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province

CAOC 3-4 1-30 Sep
Huong Tra District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province

CAOC 3-5 1-30 Sep
Thon Binh Village, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Province

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3. **STAFF OFFICERS**

**Executive Officer**

Major R. C. FISHER, USMC
1 Sep - 28 Sep 69

Major W. N. COLLISON, USMC
26 Sep - 30 Sep 69

**S-1**

1st Lt. D. A. WIEBEL, USMC
1 Sep - 30 Sep 69

**S-3**

Major W. J. LANNES, USMC
1 Sep - 30 Sep 69

**S-4**

Capt. D. WILLIAMSON, USMC
1 Sep - 30 Sep 69

4. **AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH**

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

COMMAND, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. During this period, emphasis was placed on refresher training in supporting arms. Individual Companies conducted small firing and classes on the M-60 and also conducted FP classes. In addition, a formal two-day refresher class in FP procedures was held at the 3rd of the 66th Artillery Battalion, USA, on the 25th and 26th of September at Plak Bel Combat Base. The class was exclusively for selected CAP leaders (nine men attended) and was conducted by an Army Captain. The class was well received by all attending. Continued emphasis will be stressed in 3d CAP CAP's on supporting arms.

On 12 September a class was held on weapons safety for the Headquarters personnel, and on 26 September the 504th MP Battalion presented an hour lecture on Drug Abuse which included a display of various types of drugs. The lecture on Drug Abuse was attended by all Headquarters personnel and representatives from each CAP.

During this reporting period, enemy contacts have indicated a change in W tactics. They are now operating in larger groups which are more heavily armed with RPG's. They have switched to daylight-type tactics by sending out a small scouting party (2-5 men) to check out the area while the remainder of the force establishes a base of fire in a tree line or other covered or concealed locations generally out of effective small arms range. When the CAP ambush opens up on the lead element, the remainder of the enemy force immediately fires its RPG's. This change in tactics is believed due in part to the successful introduction of two starlight scopes in each CAP approximately two months ago. In order to counter these tactics, when small groups of W (2-5 men) are encountered, CAP Marines have several men armed with LAW's who immediately look for likely base of fire elements while the rest of the CAP prepares to engage the small group of W. Where clearance can be obtained, greater emphasis on artillery support is stressed.

Popular Forces strength and attendance continue to be problems. Emphasis still appears aimed at building new FF Platoons rather than supplying additional FF's to the existing Platoons which have suffered natural attrition. FF Platoon average effective strength for the month of Sep by CAP was as follows:

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The subject of PP strength is presently being pursued at District and Sector level.

Activities for the month of September for each company were as follows:

CAGO 3-1: During this period, 2 VC were killed by CAP 3-1-2 who were identified as top level VC. In addition, the 12th RH Group, acting on intelligence supplied to them via the CAGO Commander (obtained from XXIV Corps by 33 CAD), killed 5 VC, one of whom was identified as Deputy District Chief for Security.

CAGO 3-2: This Company participated in the District (Phù Lộc) Rice Denial Plan. The Plan consisted of establishing rice storage houses in each village. The CAP's helped to provide security to the villagers while transporting their crop to the storage areas. This Company has witnessed a recent increase in contacts with enemy units, most of them heavily armed with RPG's.

CAGO 3-3: During this period, the CAP's of 3-3 saw slight decrease in enemy activity. However, in this area, the CAP's continue to encounter booby traps. One Marine was killed and 4 Marines wounded in two separate booby trap incidents. This CAGO continues to stress training on this subject, and during this period conducted two classes on mines and booby traps which were attended by both Marines and PP's. Responding to information from infra-red and photo missions (made available by XXIV Corps), CAP's 3-3-1 and 3-3-5 conducted a detailed search during this reporting period. The suspected bunkers and houses were located; however, the results of the search were negative.

CAGO 3-4: The most significant event during this reporting period was the combined Operation of the Huong Tra District Force and the 2nd of

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the 501st Airborne Battalion. This operation was similar to "County Fair" operations as run by the Marine Corps. The 2/501 Battalion acted as the cordon force and surrounded the village of Le Ghi. The operation was supported by National Police and payops teams. The CAPs and RPs were the sweep force.

The total number of people processed was 1330, including 41 VUS. The VUS are not included in the CAPs monthly report because, as of this writing, they are still being processed to determine if any are VOs.

Q400 3-5: This company is also located in Phu Loc and participated in the Rice Denial Program. CAPs of this company continued to make contact with groups of VC, most of which appear to be making rice runs. During this period, coordination with the 54th ARVN Regiment improved again due mostly to command emphasis by 3d CAS at XXIV Corps, the 1st ARVN Division, and Thieu. Then Sector plus the efforts of the 310th Command.

A summary of 3d CAS activities during this reporting period is shown below:

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In addition to normal operations and training, 3d CAS representatives attended a Rice Denial Conference at XXIV Corps on the 22nd of September. The conference was attended by representatives of all Vietnamese and Allied Forces in the XXIV Corps TARO. A permanent record of the conference was made by XXIV Corps for future use.
On 29 September, the 3d CAB was visited by Colonel Mezger, who will relieve Colonel Burroughs as the Assistant Chief of Staff for the Combined Action Program. He visited several OAPs, previously visited by General Wheeler, ADC XXIV Corps, and remained overnight at 3d CAB Headquarters.
The 1st MAW Staff Judge Advocate Office held the first Special Court Martial for this Command, since being delegated Legal Assistance for the 3d Combined Action Group. The case was heard on 13 September 1969, no undue difficulties were encountered during the processing.

**PROMOTIONS**

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OT R A T I C H E S

Kit Carson Scouts (2) 1 Sep - 30 Sep 69

Handlers and Dogs (2) 1 Sep - 30 Sep 69

LEGAL

OFFICE HOURS

COMPLETED 9

PENDING 0

INVESTIGATIONS

INITIATED 3

COMPLETED 1

PENDING 2

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During this reporting period, it was learned that a parasite study would be conducted in early November by Maj. RADKE, the senior parasitologist from the U.S. Army, Long Binh. The study is to compare infestation of CAP teams, in their usual occupations, with Army personnel who live and eat in a more protected environment.

 Maj. A. E. ERSKIE reported aboard on 21 September as NCOIC of 3d CAG Medical. On 24 September the regular Medical Department monthly meeting was held at III MAF. Word was passed that all HMs with rotation dates in November will be rotated between 15 and 31 October. This involves six corpsmen from 3d CAG. Reliefs will be provided prior to rotation so as not to cripple CAP strengths. At present, 3d Combined Action Group is under strength by two HMs. Hopefully this will be rectified by 4 October. During October, the HM build-up supposedly will continue, and consequently some of the CAGO Headquarters will be provided with a corpsman who will coordinate supplies and be able to act as relief for R&R, casualties, and hospitalized HMs.

Monthly totals are as follows: WIAB-13; KIA-4; KUC-2; Malaria-1; Med Caps-15, 17, 213 as of 26 September. The low Med Caps total for the month is probably due to the heavy rice harvest & the reluctance of the villagers to go to Sick Call and lose time and money from their fields. This is similar to the situation which existed last year during the same period of time.
During the reporting period, it was requested through PSCAD Public Works Phu Bai, that the 3d CAG M.T. area and entering roadway be filled and graded, and culverts installed for proper drainage and to insure access during the monsoon season. An estimate was made and work is scheduled to begin in two weeks.

During the month, a TI was ordered on all weapons of this command. Fifty percent of these weapons were found defective, largely because they had never been subjected to a TI.

Thirty (30) M16 rifles, eight (8) M60 machine guns and four (4) M79 grenade launchers were repaired by Small Arms Maintenance, 1st MSR.

Additional liaison was established between Small Arms Maintenance and S-4 3d CAG for a technical inspection team visit. It was established that a technical repair team would visit 3d CAG during the first week of October, 1969. A detailed statement of results will be included in the next report.

Supply

- During the reporting period, 3d CAG received the following outstanding items:
  1. One hundred (100) raincoats
  2. Three hundred and thirty six (336) poncho liners
  3. Eight hundred and eighty (880) pairs socks

These items were immediately issued to the CACOs to equip their troops in advance of the monsoon.

Motor Transport

- 3d CAG M.T. Section compiled a total of 39878 miles during the reporting period in transporting 98 short tons of cargo to the troops in the field, to include ammo and class IV material. In addition, two (2) rebuilt PC11c, M3781, were received and placed in service.

4. Maintenance

- Three (3) hot water heaters were received and placed in service.
- All electrical wiring was checked by Public Works Phu Bai, and faulty wiring replaced.

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The following statistics represent the accomplishments of the Civic Action Program for the month of September, 1969.

1. **Medical Treatment**
   - Med-Caps: 17,213 people treated
   - Dental-Caps: 47 people treated
   - Med-Evacuations: 2 Adults Med-Evac'd

2. **Distribution of Commodities**
   - Food: 547 lbs, 7½ gal. milk, 411 lbs. candy
   - Soap: 993 lbs.
   - Clothing: 12 boxes, children sizes
   - School Kits: 500
   - Sewing Kits: 45
   - Cigarettes: 258 packs
   - Cement: 52 bags
   - Children's toys: 2 boxes, misc.
   - Pipe: 100 feet, 2 inch pipe
   - Plywood: 5 sheets
   - Ldnc: 5 bags
   - Tin: 16 sheets

3. **Health and Sanitation**
   - Toothbrushes: 40
   - Toothpaste: 54

4. **Educational Efforts**
   - English Classes 215
   - Attendance: 1,250

5. **Construction Projects Completed**
   - Bridges: 2 Built, 5 repaired
   - Churches and Pagodas: 3 repaired
   - Dwellings: 14, 10 built, 4 repaired
   - Market places: 1 Barber shop
   - Playground equipment: 1 merry-go-round, 1 swing set

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Roads: 2 wash outs repaired  
Schools: 4 repaired  
School seats and desks: 25  
Wells: 7  
Dikes: 2  
Docks and Wharfs:  

During this period the Civic Action Program within this Command increased by 1000 per cent over the previous two months, largely due to revitalizing these programs by appointing a gunnery Sergeant with experience in the field in a Combined Action Company, and thorough knowledge of the area as Civic Action WOO. The supply system under which we operate lacks a great deal toward efficiency. Often materials promised can not be obtained and often requisitions are only partially filled.

Although CARE Kits are very hard to obtain, we have donated over 50 various types of kits. Also donated were many small items, many of them coming from the weekly SP packs which each CAP receives.
PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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Enclosure (1)
1. On 01 002Gh SEP 69 at coord ZD 143007 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq)
CAP 3-2-6 informed by villagers that VN male, NGUYEN NGAN,
Age 59, was assassinated by VC at 01 002Gh. Victims wife stated. 3 VC
entered their home, took him 75 meters away and shot him 3 times in
chest. Wife stated unknown number of VC set up around house. VC came
from east and left to south. Wife states VC killed husband because of
son in ARVN. VC stole 4,000 Piasters.
RESULTS: 1 VN assassinated

2. On 01 2300H SEP 69 at coord YD 689245 (5 Km W Hue City) CAP 3-4-2
informed by villagers that 30 VC entered THON PHU from west. VC stole
a duck and passed out leaflets and left to west.
RESULTS: None

3. On 03 2055H SEP 69 at coord ZD 162013 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq)
CAP 3-2-5 received one B40 while in ambush site from unknown number
of VC from northwesterly direction approx 75 meters away. CAP initiated
fire. Two VC were seen fleeing south.
RESULTS: None

4. On 03 0430H SEP 69 at CAP 3-2-6 AO (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP's
3-2-2, 3-2-5, 3-2-6 participated in combined operation with USA, RF
and PF's. RF's conducted sweep with CAP's, PF and USA as blocking
force.
RESULTS: 1 VCI, 3 draft dodgers suspects

5. On 04 0100H SEP 69 at coord YD 717215 (2½ Km SW Hue City) CAP 3-4-1
informed by PF's that three VC entered TRUC LAM from east, raised VC
flag on school flag pole, booby trapped flag pole and passed out pro-
paganda leaflets then left to east. A RFDF spotted flag and booby trap,
and fired at booby trap with S/A destroying flag and booby trap.
RESULTS: One VC flag and one booby trap destroyed

6. On 04 0100H SEP 69 at coord YD 806247 (4½ Km E Hue City) CAP 3-1-1
informed by VN child of one M26 frag grenade at above coord. VIP reward
paid. Grenade destroyed.
RESULTS: 1 VIP reward paid

7. On 04 0145H SEP 69 at coord YD 853240 (7½ Km NE Phu Thu Dist Hq)
While in ambush site, CAP 3-3-2 received three B40 rounds and S/A fire
from southwest from unknown number of enemy. CAP returned fire. Enemy
fled in unknown direction.
RESULTS: None
8. On 04-2032H SEP 69 at coord YD 827238 (5 Km E Hue City) CAP 3-1-8, while moving into ambush site, spotted three figures. CAP initiated fire and swept area apprehending two VN females without IDs from Phu Vang. Third individual believed to be VN male fled SE.
RESULTS: 2 female detainees

9. On 04-2115H SEP 69 at coord ZD 153997 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) while setting up ambush, CAP 3-2-6 Marine was setting out claymores. PF’s shifted their original direction without informing CAP and opened fire with 81/2 and claymores wounding one USMC with gunshot wound below right knee. USMC med evac to 85th Evac Hospital. During illum for med evac CAP observed 25-30 VC moving NE approx 150 meters away. CAP initiated fire. VC fled to SE.
RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIA

10. On 04-2115H SEP 69 at coord YD 873277 (7½ Km NE Phu Thu Dist Hq) while in ambush site, CAP 3-3-2 observed two VC approaching from left flank of ambush. CAP initiated fire. Illum and sweep revealed one VC/KIA with one AK47 and blood trails leading to DONG GI. Day sweep revealed one VC/KIA
RESULTS: 2 VC/KIA, 1 AK47

11. On 05-1235H SEP 69 at coord ZD 214015 (11 Km E Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-3 received information from villagers that 20 NVA and 10 VC with three VO females entered Phu Gia from east at 04-2000H. Rice, money and other items stolen. VO females carried grenades and one .45 pistol. NVA and male VC carried two B40’s and 25 AK47’s. Eight VC spent night in house forcing owner to give them rice and money. NVA and male VC were green uniforms cut off at knee, VO females wore black clothes. Enemy left at 05-0400 to NE.
RESULTS: Intel information

12. On 05-1745H SEP 69 at coord ZD 153997 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) FOLLOW UP on CAP 3-2-6 SPOT REP 04-2115H. When CAP spotted VO under illum. CAP initiated fire with 81/2 and M79 which struck house at coord ZD 153997, wounded one civilian and killing one other. Wounded civilian med evac to Hue Hospital
RESULTS: 1 civilian killed, 1 civilian wounded

13. On 06-0040H SEP 69 at coord YD 922093 (3½ Km SE Phu Roi Base) CAP 3-5-1 in ambush site received one B40 round from SW direction approx 70 meters away. Second B40 round received 45 minutes later from unknown location. One USMC/WIA, one USN/WIAE. CAP initiated fire and VC fled SW. Med evac wounded to 85th Evac Hospital.
RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIAE, 1 USN/WIAE

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14. On 06 1110H SEP 69 at coord YD 825172 (3/4 km NW Thu Bai Base) on
   day patrol, CAP 3-1-4 detained 12 VN females and checked for ID's.
   Females had no ID and were turned over to Dist Hq.
   RESULTS: 12 detainees

15. On 06 1505H SEP 69 at coord YD 693233 (3 1/2 km W Hue City) CAP 3-4-2
    was informed by villagers of a VC attacked village at 05 2300H from westerly direction. VC
    purchased unknown quantity of rice stating to villagers they were very hungry and needed rice badly.
    VC left approx 05 2400H in westerly direction.
    RESULTS: Intel information

16. On 06 2040H SEP 69 at coord YD 959040 (6 1/2 km SE Thu Bai Base) CAP
    3-5-3 in ambush site, spotted 15 VC/NVA moving NE approx 30 meters away.
    CAP initiated fire and received approx 100 rounds and grenades resulting in three USMC/WIA, 2 NVA/KIA and two AK47 with magazines. Med evac wounded to 25th Evac.
    RESULTS: 3 USMC/WIA, 2 NVA/KIA, 2 AK47

17. On 06 2330H SEP 69 at coord YD 814239 (4 1/2 km E Hue City) CAP 3-1-1 in
    ambush site spotted two VC moving East to West approx 50 meters away. CAP
    initiated fire, VC fled in northerly direction.
    RESULTS: None

18. On 06 2400H SEP 69 at coord YD 688248 (4 km S Hue City) CAP 3-4-2 was
    informed at 07 0530H by village that 12 VC entered Lai CHEH from west at
    above coord and purchased 20 pounds of rice and peanuts then left at 0100H
    in westerly direction.
    RESULTS: Intel information

19. On 06 2150H SEP 69 at coord ZD 195003 (11 km E Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP
    3-2-3 in ambush site spotted 3-4 VC moving east approx 100 meters away.
    CAP initiated fire and received enemy S/A fire wounding one PF.
    RESULTS: 1 PF/WIA

20. On 09 1645H SEP 69 at coord YD 799244 (4 1/2 km E Hue City) CAP 3-1-1
    on day patrol found c/b bunker 6x4x4 feet containing two B40 rounds. Bunker
    and ordnance destroyed.

21. On 10 1030H SEP 69 at coord YD 965298 (8 km NE Phu Tho Dist Hq) CAP
    3-3-1 received one VC female Chieu Hoi at above coord. Chieu Hoi stated she
    was with another VC who was killed on 4 SEP by CAP 3-3-1, also states
    she was in 3-2 Company of K-4 Battery. Chieu Hoi delivered to Dist Hq.
    RESULTS: 1 Chieu Hoi

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22. On 10 2100H SEP 69 at coord ZD 144004 (5½ Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq)
CAP 3-2-6 in ambush site spotted 6-8 VC approaching from E approx 25
meters away. CAP initiated fire and VC fled easterly past CAP Team B
who opened fire and received S/A fire and B40's resulting in 1 USMC/
WIA(1), 1 PE/WIA(1). During illumination sweep CAP spotted 16-25 VC
fleeing in southerly direction.
RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIA, 1 PE/WIA

23. On 10 2100H SEP 69 at coord ZD 144004 (5½ Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq)
PULL UP on SPOT REP CAP 3-2-6 10 2100H. Enemy strength confirmed approx
20 NVA. KCS reported seeing NVA carrying 2 mutilated bodies. Blood
trails indicate 6 or 7 NVA hit.
RESULTS: None

24. On 12 2130H SEP 69 at coord XI 619110 (5½ Km SE Hue City) CAP
3-1-5 in ambush site, spotted one VC approaching from east approx 50
meters away. CAP initiated fire. Sweep revealed one fighting hole
containing propaganda leaflets. Leaflets turned into Dist Hq.
RESULTS: VC propaganda leaflets captured

25. On 12 2215H SEP 69 at coord YD 706189 (4 Km W Hue City) CAP
3-4-3 while in ambush site, CAP's PF's made contact with approx 12 VC's
VC returned fire with approx 10-B40's resulting in four PF's/WIA's. Sweep
revealed one VC flag and propaganda leaflets.
RESULTS: 4 PF/WIA, 1 VC flag, propaganda leaflets

26. On 12 2230H SEP 69 at coord YD 614186 (11 Km W Hue City) CAP 3-4-6
spotted one individual moving in northeasterly direction approx 50 meters
away. CAP initiated fire and VC fled westerly.
RESULTS: None

27. On 12 2400H SEP 69 at coord YD 621266 (11 Km W Hue City) CAP 3-4-6
was informed on 13 SEP by villagers that two VC entered LANG XUE at 2400H
and purchased 25 pounds of rice and left in southerly direction. VC
wore shorts and utility shirts and carried AK47's.

28. On 12 2400H SEP 69 at coord YD 691247 (5 Km W Hue City) CAP 3-4-2
informed by villagers that approx 50 VC entered LA CHU at 2400H from west,
separated into two groups. One group of 30 stayed at above coords, other
group of 20 went to coord YD 702255. VC took 200 pounds of peanuts and
rice only for themselves which they ate at village. VC departed at approx
0100H in westerly direction.
RESULTS: None
29. On 13 0200H SEP 69 at coord YD 814246 (4½ Km E Hue City) While in ambush site CAP 3-1-1 spotted two VC moving easterly approx 30 meters away. CAP initiated fire, VC fled to east. RESULTS: Negative

30. On 13 2245H SEP 69 at coord YD 954005 (6½ Km SF Thu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-3 while in ambush site spotted three VC moving south approx 70 meters away. CAP initiated fire, VC fled to south. RESULTS: Negative

31. On 13 2300H SEP 69 at coord YD 710030 (5 Km S Hue City) CAP 3-4-2 informed on 14 0000H by WACRs and PH Setdet 160 that VC VC 1st reported 0200H VC spotted 30 rounds of grenades were reported 0200H in easterly direction. RESULTS: Negative

32. On 14 0000H SEP 69 at coord YD 731215 (2½ Km SW Hue City) While in ambush site CAP 3-4-1 observed approx 50 VC in 1st reported 0200H LONG from northerly direction. CAP initiated fire, VC returned fire with B40's and S/S. Two B40's impacted in VC house wounding two civilians. One FF/KIA, and one FF/WIA result of enemy fire. Two VC/KIA, one 9mm pistol was found during search.
RESULTS: 1 FF/WIA, 1 FF/KIA, 1 9mm pistol, 2 VC wounded, 2 VC/KIA, 2 shrapnel charge, propagenda leaflets

33. On 16 0820H SEP 69 at coord YD 882214 (4½ Hn N Pho Thu Dist Hq) While on day patrol CAP 3-3-4 checked ID of VC female whose name appeared on black list. Suspect stated she gave 15 SEP CAP location to VC and was married to VC Captain. Suspect also stated her husband and one other VC came to LE XA DONG each night to eat. Suspect turned over to Dist Hq.
RESULTS: 1 WGS

34. On 16 0930H SEP 69 at coord YD 722214 (2½ Km SW Hue City) CAP 3-4-1 day patrol discovered one VC bunker measuring 2½x1½x1½ feet. Bunker located 20 feet above water line in bamboo.
RESULTS: 1 Bunker destroyed

35. On 16 2245H SEP 69 at coord YD 795225 (3 Km E Hue City) While in ambush site CAP 3-1-2 spotted six VC approaching from east approx 50 meters away. CAP initiated fire resulting in 2 VC/KIA
RESULTS: 2 VC/KIA, 1 AK47, 4 AK47 Magazines, 2 cartridge belts, 2 mag pouches

Encl. (1)
36. On 17 1245H SEP 69 at coord YD 907225 (9½ Km NW Phu Tho Dist Hq) Two CAP 3-3-5 personnel were destroying ams and as two USMC walked up small hill from setting charge, one USMC detonated booby trapped RPG round. Two other USMC were short distance away on hillside supply vehicle when booby trap was detonated, resulting in one USMC/KIA and three USMC/WIA. Approx. one minute later demo charge set by CAP detonated. Medic called.
RESULTS: 1 USMC/KIA, 3 USMC/WIA

37. On 17 1400H SEP 69 at coord AV 305015 (11 Km S Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-3 was informed of 20 VC/NVA entering PHU KIEN village from northwesterly direction. VC entered home of CAP 3-2-3 medic. Villagers stated there were 30 VC/NVA entered village at 0315H SEP 69. Three VC/NVA females were among group. VC/NVA dressed in light green military shorts and shirts, armed with two 81mm mortars and unknown number of AK47's. VC/NVA passed out 2500 Piasters and told villagers to purchase rice or be killed on their return on 17 or 18 SEP. Enemy separated in two groups at 0200H and 0400H in northwesterly direction.

38. On 17 2013H SEP 69 at coord ZD 193011 (11 Km E Hue City) While in ambush site, CAP 3-2-3 spotted three VC with lances approaching from west approx 100 meters away. CAP initiated fire and VC fled southeasterly.
RESULTS: Negative

39. On 18 0200H SEP 69 at coord YD 914093 (5 Km SE Phu Bai Base) While CAP 3-5-2 was in ambush site, three VC were seen approaching from southwest approx 75 meters away. CAP initiated fire. Sweep revealed negative results.
RESULTS: Negative

40. On 18 1815H SEP 69 at coord YD 967033 (12 Km NW Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-5-4 while on day patrol discovered three NVA land mines and three bunkers. Mines were found above ground without concealment and bunkers appeared to be recently used.
RESULTS: 2 NVA mines destroyed, 1 mine used for instruction; 3 NVA bunkers destroyed

41. On 18 2130H SEP 69 at coord AV 807013 (11 Km E Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-3 informed at 18 1735H by villagers that 5 VC and 10 NVA entered THUONG KIEN and stole large quantities of fish and rice from 16 houses. VC/NVA threatened civilians in attempt to learn of CAPs ambush site. VC/NVA wore khaki shirts, black trousers and carried AK47's and departed to west.
RESULTS: None
42. On 20 2210H SEP 69 at coord YD 960442 (12 Km NW Pux Loc Dist Hq)
CAP 3-5-4 in ambush site spotted 5 VC approaching from the south.
CAP initiated fire, VC returned fire with S/A and B40's. VC fled south.
One USMC/WIA, 1 Sweep revealed 3 VC/WIA, 1 AK54.
RESULTS: 1 VC/WIA, 1 USMC/WIA, 1 AK54

43. On 20 2325H SEP 69 at coord YD 920106 (5 1/2 Km SW Pux Bai Base)
CAP 3-5-1 in ambush site spotted 3 VC approach from south approx 30
meters away. CAP initiated fire, VC fled north.
RESULTS: None

44. On 21 2130H SEP 69 at coord YD 881231 (4 1/2 Km SW Pux Loc Dist Hq.) CAP
3-3-4 in ambush site spotted light moving between two houses approx
50 meters away. CAP initiated fire. Illum and sweep revealed blood
trails leading south, VN man and woman living in house admitted meeting
two VC, VN turned into Dist Hq.
RESULTS: 2 detainees

45. On 21 2000H SEP 69 at coord ZD 193014 (11 Km SW Pux Loc Dist Hq) CAP
3-2-3 was informed by villagers at 22 0730H that 9 VC entered PHOOG
AN from NE dressed as FP's and armed with one B40 and eight AK47's.
VC passed out leaflets which stated "WHO CARE MINES" and infiltrators were
the only ones who could save VN from devastation." Leaflets in English were
passed out stating "You are not the only ones sick of the War" and
directed Americans to go home. VC stole rice and left to NE.
RESULTS: None

46. On 21 2310H SEP 69 at coord ZD 093005 (1 Km SW Pux Loc Dist Hq) CAP
3-2-1 in ambush site spotted 4 VC at a Buddhist temple at above coord.
CAP initiated fire, VC fled south. Sweep revealed negative results.
RESULTS: None

47. On 23 2230H SEP 69 at coord YD 956072 (5 Km SE Pux Bai Base)
CAP 3-5-2 in ambush site spotted 5 VC approx 150 meters moving N, CAP
initiated fire. VC fled north. CAP received heavy S/A fire and B40's
from another group of VC the NW. CAP 3-5-3 moved north to reinforce
CAP 3-5-2. Sweep revealed three blood trails leading south.
RESULTS: None
49. On 23 2400H SEP 69 at coord ZD 154014 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-5 in ambush site, heard five VC yelling "Chieu Hoi" from westerly direction across river. VC crossed river and approached ambush site as CAP initiated fire. VC returned S/A fire and fled SE. Illum and sweep revealed one VC/KIA and one AK47. VC wore black shirts and shorts with NVA belts. 
RESULTS: 1 VC/KIA, 1 AK47

50. On 24 2200H SEP 69 at coord YD 679255 (6 Km NW Hue City) CAP 3-4-4 informed at 25 1500H by villagers that 35 VC entered Hue City from south and stole 300 pounds of rice then left toward west. VC armed with 20 AK47's, 3 SKS and 2 B40 launchers. 
RESULTS: None

51. On 24 2230H SEP 69 at coord YD 804246 (4½ Km E Hue City) CAP 3-1-1 while in ambush site spotted two VC moving southward approx 100 meters away. CAP initiated fire and VC returned S/A fire then fled to west. 
RESULTS: None

52. On 24 2345H SEP 69 at coord YD 975055 (12 Km NW Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-4 in ambush site spotted five VC approaching from NW approx 40 meters away. CAP initiated fire and received one B40 round then VC fled SE. 
RESULTS: None

53. On 25 0245H SEP 69 at coord YD 953054 (6½ Km SE Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-3 in ambush site spotted five VC moving west approx 50 meters away. CAP initiated fire and received S/A fire as VC fled west. Illum and sweep revealed negative results. 
RESULTS: None

54. On 25 1600H SEP 69 at coord YD 952109 (5 Km SE Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-2 was informed by villagers of LOC BON of large cache of rice at above coord. CAP sent patrol to area and found 800 pounds of rice in small Buddhist temple. Halo lifted rice to Dist. Hq. VIP reward paid. 
RESULTS: 800 pounds rice, VIP reward

55. On 25 2200H SEP 69 at coord YD 973051 (12 Km NW Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-5-4 in ambush site spotted unknown number of VC/NVA approaching from east. CAP initiated fire, VC fled to southwest. One NVA/KIA with AK50. 
RESULTS: 1 NVA/KIA, 1 AK50
56. On 26 1230H Sep 69 at coord YD 857085 (2 Km SSW of Bao Base) CAP 3-1-3 on patrol found 2 VN bodies, NGO XOAI, age 24, and NGO DE, age 56, assassinated by VC. One of the VC was shot and one broken Ho Chi Minh sandal with words in English "Beware 2-5" written on sole. Bodies estimated dead 30 days and had both feet and hands cut off. Boys' bones were all broken. Victims kidnapped on 17 June.
RESULTS: 2 VN assassinated

57. On 26 1600H Sep 69 at coord YD 985230 (32 Km NW Phu Thi Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-5 on day patrol found two 5.56 cu. ft. ammo boxes with assorted ordnance and supplies, items turned in to Dist Hq.
RESULTS: 40 AK47 rounds, 96 .30 cal carbine rounds, 3 bags rice, 1 bag sugar, 10 penicillin ampules, 1 bag salt, 1 100cc bottle albumin, VC paper work, medical instructions, 1 set black pajamas, 1 head scarf, 1 pair shorts, 1 yd. green cloth.

58. On 26 2120H SEP 69 at coord ZD 153020 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-5 in ambush site spotted two VC approx 200 meters away moving NE. VC hid beside river and soon were joined by 4 other VC than all proceeded toward ambush. CAP initiated fire and VC fled NE. CAP then received RPG rounds from unknown size enemy force resulting in two USMC/KIA, four USMC/WIA, one FF/WIA. Wounded med evac to 85th evac hospital. Sweep revealed 1 WO/KIA 1 pistol. VC force estimated at 40.
RESULTS: 2 USMC/KIA, 4 USMC/WIA, 1 FF/WIA, 1 WO/KIA, 1 9mm pistol

59. On 26 2150H SEP 69 at coord ZD 142006 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-6 in ambush site spotted four VC through starlight scope approx 200 meters away. CAP initiated fire. Received S/A fire from tree line resulting in one USMC/KIA and one FF/WIA. Sweep revealed one VC/KIA and one AK47 supply box, heavy blood trails.
RESULTS: 1 USMC/KIA, 1 FF/WIA, 1 VC/KIA, 1 AK47

60. On 26 2325H Sep 69 at coord YD 919105 (32 Km SE Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-1 in ambush site spotted approx 20 VC approaching site from N. CAP-initiated fire when VC were approx 10 meters away. VC returned S/A fire and one B-40 resulting in one USMC/WIA(M). Sweep revealed 5 VC/KIA and 5 AK47 rounds.
RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIA(M), 5 VC/KIA, 5 AK47 rounds

61. On 27 2115H Sep 69 at coord YD 815243 (5 Km N Hue City) CAP 3-1-3 in establishing ambush site spotted one VC approaching from south, approx 35 meters away. CAP initiated fire, VC fled west.
RESULTS: None

62. On 27 2400H Sep 69 in M-4-2's AO (5 Km N Hue City) CAPS 3-4-1 and 3-4-2 conducted combined operation with USA and RF's. Operation resulted in 400 persons processed to date.
RESULTS: 172 detainees, 9 WO, 3 WGS
63. On 28 0120H SEP 69 at coord XD 804244 (42 Km E Huế City) CAP 3-1-1 in ambush site received enemy S/A fire from east approx 60 meters away. CAP returned fire, VC fled east.
RESULTS: None

64. On 28 0240H SEP 69 at coord XD 823176 (52 Km SE Huế City) CAP 3-1-5 informed at 29 0240H by FF's that a PEAP, PHA VAN DAN, age 20, of Thin Nhon was assassinated by VC. VC entered victims home, woke him up and was shot in the back but did not kill him, as he ran from house. He then was fatally shot in chest.
RESULTS: 1 VC assassinated

65. On 28 1300H SEP 69 at coord XD 905115 (8 Km E Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 received one female VC Chieu Hoi who stated she was a cook and rallied because her unit was moving and she didn't want to leave. Also stated she worked with approx 20 VC, No unit given.
RESULTS: 1 VC Chieu Hoi

66. On 28 1205H SEP 69 at coord ZD 189002 (11 Km E Phu Loc Dist HQ) CAP 3-2-3 on day patrol was approached by VC and informed of location of VC booby trap. A member of CAP followed VN by booby trap which detonated resulting in minor fragmentation wounds of one USMC.
RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIA(M)

67. On 28 2350H SEP 69 at coord XD 819179 (22 Km SE Huế City) CAP 3-1-5 in ambush site spotted three VC moving W approx 50 meters away. CAP initiated fire, VC fled southwest.
RESULTS: None

68. On 29 0500H SEP 69 at coord XD 660255 (12 Km N Huế City) FOLLOW UP on CAP 3-4 SPOT 27 2400H. VC, DANG ACH, age 21 with AK47 rallied to two FF's of platoon 225. Chieu Hoi is from HUONG DINH and has been VC since 1967 presently assigned to Huế Seaport unit.
RESULTS: 1 VC Chieu Hoi

69. On 29 1230H SEP 69 at coord ZD 153060 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist HQ) FOLLOW UP on CAP 3-2-5 SPOT 29 2120H SEP. Pham Dien, VC killed by CAP on 20 SEP now believed to be VC District Chief of 50-50 men company that he led on 20 SEP. Dien joined VC in 1945, trained in NVN and family lives in CAP's AO.
RESULTS: None

70. On 29 2120H SEP 69 at coord XD 908114 (2 Km E Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 proceeding to check point 1 spotted two VC approaching from NW, CAP initiated fire on VC approx 30 meters away. VC returned fire resulting in one USMC/WIA(M)
RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIA(M)
PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Tab A: 3d CAG 5830, "Casualties from Friendly Firepower", 1 Oct 1969


Tab C: 3d CAG 3460, "Control, Turn-in and Disposal of Captured Enemy Weapons", 1 Sep 1969

Tab D: 3d CAG, "Kit Carson Scout Report", 29 Sep 1969

Tab E: 3d CAG 1510, "Training Program for 6 - 31 Oct 1969", 29 Sep 1969
From: Commanding Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Action Group
Subj: Casualties from Friendly Firepower

Ref: (a) ICCI 5830, 1B

Encl: (1) Casualties from Friendly Firepower Report

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted for the period 1-30 September 1969:

2. There were four incidents and four casualties due to friendly fire. A summary of these incidents is shown in enclosure (1).

3. 3d CAG has no recommendation for actions to be taken by III MARF.

J. B. Michaud
### CASUALTIES FROM FRIENDLY FIRE/UNIT REPORT

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO, San Francisco 96602

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: ACofS, CAG)

Subj: Monthly Operations Report

Ref: (a) For 31214B w/ch1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

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**ACTIVITIES**

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Enclosure (1)
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: G-4)

Subj: Control, Turn-in and Disposal of Captured Enemy Weapons

Ref: (a) ForC 3460.40

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is provided for the month of August 1969.

   a. Captured
   b. Destroyed by capturing unit
   c. Turned into sub-collection points
   d. Received at Corps level collection points
   e. Turned into CI/CO by Corps level collection points
   f. Retained in museums of exhibits
   g. Retained as war trophies
   h. Recaptured and returned to US, FF, or RVNAP control
   i. Other (with appropriate explanation)

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Explosive (1)
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, FMF (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Kit Carson Scout Report

Ref: (a) 3d MarDivO 3410.1A

Encl: (1) Monthly Kit Carson Scout Report

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in references (a), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

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The status of Kit Carson Scouts during the period 27 August to 27 September 1969 is submitted as follows:

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Significant Accomplishments: None

1. Patrons 143
2. Classes conducted 6
3. Psy Ops broadcasts 0
4. Enemy killed 1 VC
5. Weapons captured/suspects apprehended 1 AK47
6. Weapons recovered 0
7. Returnees 0
8. Caves/Tunnels/Caches detected 0
9. Mines/Booby traps detected 0

Significant Weaknesses: None
HEADQUARTERS
3d Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO, San Francisco 96602

GROUP BULLETIN 1510

21 Sep 1969

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List


Ref: (a) GruB 1510, 1B
(b) Handbook of Basic Military Principles, Vol. I & II
(c) Combat Leaders Checklist, 3d Marine Division

Encl: (1) Schedule of Classes

1. Purpose. To promulgate the training program for the period 6 October - 31 October 1969, in accordance with reference (a).

2. Action

a. A report of the subjects taught will be submitted to the respective CACO Headquarters by each CAP. The CACO Headquarters will submit the written bi-monthly training report to this Headquarters, (S-5) by the 14th and 20th of each month.

b. Individual training records will be maintained by the CAP Leader for both the Marines and FF's.

c. Maximum emphasis will be placed on teaching the FF's through demonstrations and practical application to gain a thorough knowledge in the subjects scheduled.

d. Training will be conducted utilizing references (a) through (c).


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Distribution: "C"

Enclosure (1)
### SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

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