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

2 September 1970

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 August 1970 to 31 August 1970

Ref: (a) NFL 5750.1A
(b) MFPacO 5750.08

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

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

2. Downgraded at three year intervals. Declassified after 12 year interval in accordance with DOD Directive 5200.10.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 August 1970 to 31 August 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA.

1. DESIGNATION

3d Combined Action Group
Combined Action Force
III Marine Amphibious Force

COMANDER

LtCol Claude M. DANIELS, USMC
1 Aug 1970 – 31 Aug 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 3-1
1stLt. Dennis E. CLANCY, USMC
1 Aug 1970

Combined Action Company 3-2
1stLt. Dennis E. CLANCY, USMC

Combined Action Company 3-5
Capt Frank H. MCCARTHY, USMC

2. LOCATION

Headquarters 1-31 Aug 70
Phu Bai Combat Base, Huong Thuy District, Thua Thien Province

CA CO 3-1 7 Aug 70
Huong Thuy District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province

CA CO 3-2 1-14 Aug 70
Phu Loc District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province

CA CO 3-5 1-28 Aug 70
Truc Bridge Headquarters, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Province

ENCLOSURE (1)
Executive Officer

Major Walter N. Coltonon, Jr., USMC
1 Aug 1970 - 31 Aug 1970

S-1

Capt James D. DePriest, USMC
1 Aug 1970 - 31 Aug 1970

S-2/3

Capt John J. Komar, USMC
1 Aug 1970 - 31 Aug 1970

S-4

Capt Roger D. Zoren, USMC
1 Aug 1970 - 31 Aug 1970

Chaplain

Lt. Alfred N. Zoren, USN
1 Aug 1970 - 6 Aug 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH


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Enclosure (1)
PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

I. COMMAND, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

A. Contact with enemy forces resulted in one VC/RVA KIA and two individual weapons captured.

B. The remaining three Combined Action Companies of 3d Combined Action Group completed deactivation during the month of August. Ceremonies honoring the individual CAPs were held in each village with the CAP Popular Forces Soldiers and Marines in attendance. A formal ceremony was held at each District Headquarters when the particular CACO Headquarters was deactivated. During the various ceremonies remarks were presented and gifts exchanged by District Officials and the CAP Commander. A total of 14 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry and 16 Certificates of Appreciation were awarded at the deactivation ceremonies.

C. The final CAP Leaders seminar was held on 10 August. Subjects covered were Personal Response to the Vietnamese People, and Civic Action and Its Relation to Vietnam’s Economy. A guest speaker from OORDS conducted the latter presentation.

D. Formal classes were conducted in the field by the S-3 Mobile Training Team on 5, 7, 8, 12, 15, 18 and 23 August. These classes were attended by 177 Marines and 292 Popular Forces Soldiers.

E. A summary of activities by CACO is as follows:

1. CACO 3-1
   a. Deactivation was completed on 1 August 1970.

2. CACO 3-2
   a. The company completed deactivation on 14 August 1970.

3. CACO 3-5
   a. The company completed deactivation on 29 August 1970.

F. The 3d CAG advisor made three visits to the CACO in the field to inspect and make minor repairs to weapons.
I. The totals for this month's activities are as follows:

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**VIP Payments**

No VIP Payments were paid to Vietnamese Nationals for ordnance or information.

**Psyops**

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II. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel Transactions  During the month of August the following personnel transactions were completed.

1. Joined USMC
   Off  Enl
   0    3

2. Rotated CONUS USMC
   Off  Enl
   1    7

3. Reassignment Within WestPac USMC
   Off  Enl
   0    79

4. Transferred by Service Records While Sick (Out of Country)
   USMC
   Off  Enl
   0    2

5. Extensions of WestPac Tour Effected
   Enl
   0    0

B. PROMOTIONS: During the month of August the following promotions were effected:

   To PFC  0        To SSgt  0
   To LCpl  5        To GySgt  0
   To Cpl  36        To 1stSgt MSgt  0
   To Sgt  0        To Sgnt/KC Sgt  0

C. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Courts held GCM  0
   SpCM  0
   SCM  0

ENCLOSURE (1)
2. Article 32 Investigations completed: 0
3. MJF: 3
4. JAG-Type Investigations: 2 Completed: 2

D. AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS
   SCM: 0
   DSM: 1
   NGM: 2
   NAM: 2
   PH: 0

E. CONGRINT/SPLINTS/WELREFS
   The Command has responded to:
   0 CONGRINT
   0 SPLINTS
   2 WELREFS

F. MORALE AND WELFARE
   1. R&R: The Command has utilized the following number of
      quotes to the R&R areas listed.
      a. Hong Kong 0 Japan 0
         Taipei 4 Bangkok 4
         Hawaii 3 Sydney 2
         Okinawa 0 Manila 0
      b. In Country
         0

ENCLOSURE (1)
2. Mail. Daily average bags of mail processed
   
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3. Hospital Visitations.
   13 Visits
   12 Patients

G. CAREER PLANNING
   Re-enlistments: 0
   Extensions: 0

ENCLOSURE (1)
III. MEDICAL. Monthly totals are as follows: WHITE-0; KIA-0; FUC-1; Malaria-0; Med Caps-1,793 as of 31 August 1970. The low Med Caps total for the month is due to the deactivation of the remaining organic field units.

IV. Logistics/Supply

A. Significant Events

(1) Deactivation of Combined Action Companies 3-1, 3-2 and 3-5, and the related equipment/supplies turned in to FLC, have been the most significant events that occurred during this reporting period. The following T/E items were turned in during this reporting period:

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<td>Carpenter Tool Kit</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Food Container</td>
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B. Damage to Weapons Due to Enemy Action

(1) Negative report is submitted on combat loss of weapons for the month of August.

C. Motor Transport

(1) Motor Transport vehicles operated a total of 16,278 miles during the month. Cargo transported consisted of 25 tons of Classes I, II and V in support of CAGs in the field and redistribution of supplies/equipment to FLC.

(2) The following vehicles required 2d echelon maintenance:

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D. Food Service

(1) The Food Service Department, 26th General Support Group, Phu Bai, has provided adequate support to this Command during the reporting period.

E. Ordnance

(1) Class V support was not required from ASP, Phu Bai during
this reporting period.

(2) The following weapons required 2d echelon maintenance:

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F. Miscellaneous Service

(1) Special flights were coordinated with 15th Aerial Port for transporting personnel from this Command to Danang relative to the deactivation.

G. Supply

(1) All personal effects have been returned to their owners. Supply/equipment has been turned in to GE. Approximately 3% of this Command's assets remain on hand for turn-in. Disposition of remaining assets will be made according to scheduled deactivation of Headquarters, 3d CAB. All garrison property has been returned to stock or disposed of in accordance with current directives.

H. Communications

(1) No support was required from 2d Maintenance Battalion, Thu Bai.
PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 1 August 1970, CAOC 3-1 Headquarters and CAP 3-1-3 were deactivated.

2. On 8 August 1970, CAPs 3-2-2, 3-2-5 and 3-2-6 were deactivated.

3. On 12 August 1970, CAPs 3-2-3 and 3-2-4 were deactivated.

4. On 13 August 1970, while set in an ambush position, CAP 3-5-5 observed one VC moving east, four VC moving north and an undetermined number of enemy in a tree line to the south. The CAP initiated contact with the four VC using LAW's, M-60, M-79 and M-16 fire. The enemy returned fire with five B-40 rockets and AK-47 fire while fleeing to the south. The other two groups of enemy fled without returning fire. A sweep of the area of contact produced one VC KIA, one AK-47 and one 9mm pistol.

5. On 14 August 1970, CAOC 3-2 Headquarters and CAP 3-2-2 were deactivated.

6. On 15 August 1970, CAPs 3-5-2 and 3-5-3 were deactivated.

7. On 26 August 1970, CAPs 3-5-4 and 3-5-5 were deactivated.

8. On 28 August 1970, CAOC 3-5 Headquarters and CAP 3-5-1 were deactivated.

9. On 29 August 1970, CAPs 3-5-6 and 3-5-7 were deactivated.

10. On 30 August 1970, CAPs 3-5-8 and 3-5-9 were deactivated.
PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following is a list of the Supporting Documents contained in this report.


From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
Via: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force  

Subj: Monthly Historical Summary  

Ref: (a) MIPacO 5750.10C  
(b) ForO 3121.6B  

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the following report is submitted for the month of August 1970.

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C. M. WATTS

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: 0-4)

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

Ref: (a) For 3460.40

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information is provided for the month of August 1970

   a. Captured
   b. Destroyed
   c. Turned in to sub-collection points
   d. Received at Corps level collection points
   e. Turned in to CMIC by Corps level collection points
   f. Retained in Museums or Exhibits
   g. Retained as War Trophies
   h. Recaptured and Returned to USA, FF or RVNAF control
   i. Other (with appropriate explanations)

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   IW 1 CS 0
   IW 1 CS 0
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