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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
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 January 1970 TO 31 January 1970

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### ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. **DESIGNATION**
   - 3d Combined Action Group
   - Combined Action Force
   - III Marine Amphibious Force

2. **COMMANDER**
   - Colonel John B. Michaud, USMC
   - 1 January 1970 to 31 January 1970

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Captain William N. JUSTICE Jr., USMCR
27 January 1970 to 31 January 1970

Major William J. LANNES III, USMC
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Captain Roger D. ZORENS, USMC
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Enclosure (1)
I. COMMAND, OPERATIONS, AND TRAINING

A. During the period covered by this report, the level of enemy activity in Thua Thien Province was unusually low. The enemy appeared to be avoiding contact and attempting to establish caches and comms-liaison for the expected Winter-Spring Offensive. During this pre-Tet period, 3d Combined Action Group continued to emphasize training and intelligence, and finalized preparations for the expected enemy Winter-Spring Offensive.

B. Elements of six CAPs were taken through the standard 3d CAO two and one-half days of refresher training. This training includes equal numbers of Marines and Popular Force soldiers, and emphasizes FO, Medevac, and radio procedures in addition to night firing techniques. Refresher training was held on 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 28 January 1970, and a total of 30 Marines and 30 Popular Force soldiers attended.

C. CAP Leaders and THUNG-S16 (P.P. Platoon Leaders) attended an excellent one-day school in forward observer procedures which was conducted for them by the 1st of 39th Artillery Battalion on 12 and 13 January 1970. Lt TUCH, 3d CAO ARVN Liaison Officer, and a 3d CAO interpreter assisted in the instruction. Call for Supporting Fire handouts in both English and Vietnamese were given out and students were taken to the field where they were allowed to adjust artillery fire.

D. On 29 and 31 January, all six CAPs in CACO 3-3 received training on the starlight scope (AN/PVS-2). This particular training continues to improve the effectiveness of the CAPs. Also during this reporting period, one Marine attended the 1st Marine Division NCO Leadership School.

E. Psyops leaflets, depicting the theme that U. S. Forces would pay for information about enemy activities, were distributed to all CAOs. The majority of these leaflets went to CACO 3-3 which has experienced an upsurge in buddy trap activity. Emphasis was placed on intelligence gathering from POWs and KIA's in order to ascertain enemy order of battle during this critical pre-Tet stage. CAPs were urged to strip bodies completely to insure that no possible clue to unit identification would be overlooked.

F. Much effort was expended during this period to prepare and plan for Tet (GFeb70) and the beginning of the expected Winter-Spring Offensive. CAOs were ordered to increase the tempo of their activities in their assigned TACOs beginning 27 January 1970, paying particular attention to the coordination of available combat support and mobility of the Combined Action Platoons.

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(2) 3d Combined Action Group and subordinate CACOs published Operation Orders delineating missions and concepts of operations for the Tet period. Contingency plans for alternate CPs, mortar/rocket attacks, and ground attacks were emphasized and rehearsed. CACO Commanders increased their coordination efforts with the District Chiefs, District Advisors, and the 101st Liaison teams which have been located in each District during the Tet period. Coordination with supporting units improved at all levels during this period.

G. On 30 January, the 101st Airborne Division repositioned some of its combat units in anticipation of the expected Tet Offensive. The 2nd Battalion of the 327th Infantry from the 1st Brigade was inserted into Phu Tho and established a CP at YD 876205. This Battalion (-) is one of the two Division Reactionary Forces; however, until committed the Battalion will conduct ambushes and patrols in Phu Tho. CACO 3-3 has coordinated with this unit. The 1st Battalion of the 501st Infantry from the 2nd Brigade inserted in the area between BSF SALIX and La Chu Village (vicinity of YD 650240). They have also been designated as a Division Reactionary Force. CACO 3-4 has coordinated with this unit.

H. Activity during this period by CACO was as follows:

(1) CACO 3-1

a. CACO 3-1 has units which operate near the buffer zones for the basic defense of both Camp Eagle and Phu Bai Combat Base. Phu Bai Combat Base published procedures on 2 January 1970 whereby CAC 3-1-3 could receive on-call 60mm illumination from that installation. Also during this period, CAC 3-1-4 took part in 4 sweeps with Camp Eagle Base Defense.

(2) CACO 3-2

a. The enemy continued to avoid contact in this area and activity during this period was greatly diminished, particularly during the first part of this reporting period. On 25 January 1970, CAC 3-2-1 made contact with the enemy resulting in 1 NVA/POW and 1 VC/POW.

b. The 2nd Battalion of the 327th Infantry became OPCON of two additional airborne companies on 30 January 1970. During this month the Combined TCC (Phu Loc District Headquarters) was completed. CACO 3-2 has established liaison with the Combined TCC which consists of the District Chief and his staff plus Airborne elements.
CAPS 3-3-6 and 3-3-5 continued to locate booby traps and bunkers within their TACO. On 27 January 1970, two USMC on a patrol were WIA as a result of a booby trap. One VC was KIA as a result of that daylight patrol.

b. Company training included 81mm mortar drill and pre-planned illum and HE missions which have been established to support the CAPs of CACO 3-3.

c. CAP 3-3-5 successfully implemented the VIP program in their TACO utilizing leaflets and personal contact. Villagers are now assisting in policing up dud ordnance and helping to locate booby traps.

d. CAPs of CACO 3-3 accounted for two VC/POWs and one VC/KIA during this period.

e. The 1st Battalion of the 327th Infantry (101st Airborne) moved into Phu Thu for operations during the Tet period. Coordination has been made and no problems have been encountered.

(4) CACO 3-4

a. The 1st Battalion of the 501st Infantry (101st Airborne Division) moved into the Huong Tra lowlands during the latter part of this reporting period. Close and continuous coordination is being conducted with this battalion through their LO assigned to District Headquarters and through the 3d CAO INCO assigned to the 2nd Brigade at LZ SALLV.

b. Preparation for Tet resulted in one significant change in support, in that the District Chief, Huong Tra, has agreed to pre-clear illumination missions for those CAP ambushes located in positions where cannonister fall out is not a problem.

c. CAP 3-4-1 accounted for 1 VC/KIA during this period.

(5) CACO 3-5

a. During this time frame, enemy activity was low and the CAPs of this Company experienced a relatively quiet period.

I. The totals for this month's activities are as follows:

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During this period, the number of corporals on hand has continued to decrease to a present 27% of authorized T/O strength. This deficiency is attributed to a high quantity of personnel replacements in pay grades E-3 and E-2 not eligible for promotion. It is anticipated that this rank deficiency will be corrected within a three month period. The on-hand number of gunner sergeants remains at an unacceptable level. These deficiencies continue to significantly impair the efficiency of the Combined Action Program. Statistics for the month are as follows:

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH
520

PROMOTIONS
1 to Sgt
1 to Cpl
1 to LCpl
1 to Pfc

OFFICERS JOINED
1

OFFICERS TRANSFERRED
1

ENLISTED JOINED
47

ENLISTED TRANSFERRED
34

USN ATTACHED
2
AVERAGE DAILY NON-EFFECTIVE BML FOR JANUARY

OFFICE HOURS: COMPLETED 13 PENDING 0

INVESTIGATIONS: COMPLETED 0 PENDING 5

III. MEDICAL

A. On 8 January the regular monthly medical department meeting was held at III M.F. During this meeting a supply list for all CAP Corpsman was formulated.

B. On 21 January LCDR METCALF from III M.F Force Surgeon's Office arrived at 3d CAG and conducted a survey of the CAP Corpsmen as to motivation and efficiency.

C. Monthly totals are as follows: WIA-5; WIA(N)-3; KIA-1; Died of wounds received in action-1; F/U-2; Malaria-1; Injuries from other causes-9; MedCaps-10, 17 Vietnamese patients treated.

IV. LOGISTICS/SUPPLY

A. Significant Events

(1) The most significant accomplishment noted during the reporting period was the establishment of a Marine Liaison at ASP 103 at Phu Bai with Marines from FIC Danang, and the arrival of 60mm, 40mm, and 81mm illumination from Danang. Space has been provided at ASP 103 for the storage of ammo for 3d CAG, which is controlled and distributed by the Marine Liaison at ASP 103.

(2) The deficiency of 30 Night Vision Sight Assemblies were received. All allowances are on hand.

(3) 52 PRC-68s were received and issued to the Headquarters Communications Section.

B. Damage to Weapons Due to Enemy Action

(1) No weapons were damaged or lost due to enemy action during the reporting period.

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C. Motor Transport

(1) Motor Transport vehicles averaged 47,210 miles during the reporting period, transporting 72 short tons of cargo, including Class V and Class IV, in support of the troops in the field.

(2) This Command received 5 M37BL 3/4 ton Cargo Trucks from FLC maintenance Float as replacement for vehicles evacuated to Okinawa.

D. Food Service

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

E. Ordnance

(1) The 3d CG Armory repaired 65 weapons at this Headquarters Armory. In addition, 22 weapons were repaired by the group Armorer through personal visits (trouble shooting) to the troops in the field.

(2) 15 weapons were repaired by FLC, Weapons Maintenance Bn., Danang.

F. Miscellaneous Services: None

G. Supply

(1) Although the overall Supply situation has been satisfactory there is a requirement for 22 60mm mortars. This Command is authorized 93 60mm mortars and has 10 available for use. The requirement of 22 mortars was requisitioned in sufficient time to meet the Combined Action Platoon’s combat operational needs. The requisition is over 60 days old. Current information received from FLC indicates that this item is NIS at the immediate supply source, and, consequently, this requirement has been passed to HHL, 3d FSR, Okinawa. CG, ForLog CMD Msg 261330Z Jan70 reflects the latest status received regarding this requisition.

(2) The overall statistical information on requisitions submitted to M100, FLC and 118th S6S Co (US Army) are listed below.

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H. Communications

(1) This Command has received outstanding support from 2d Maintenance Bn., XXIV Corps. During the reporting period, 16 PRC-25s and 22 hand sets were repaired by 2d Maintenance Bn., Phu Bai.

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A. The following statistics represent Civic Action accomplishments for the month of January 1979.

1. Medical Treatment
   Medication: specified, persons vaccinated

2. Distribution of Commodities
   Food: 362 lbs
   Soap: 219 lbs
   School Kits: 100
   Carpenter Kits: 2
   Candy: 161 lbs
   Tobacco (Cigarettes, Cigars, etc.): 25 packs
   Cement: 60 bags
   Tin Roofing: 26 sheets

3. Health and Sanitation
   Immunizations: 15
   Toothbrushes and Toothpaste: 34

4. Educational Efforts
   English Classes: 180
   Attendance: 774

5. Construction Projects Completed
   Bridges: 3
   Dispensaries: 1
   Fences: 3
   Hospitals: 1 (repaired)
   Roads: 1.5 miles of road (repaired)
   Schools: 1 (repaired)
   Tables and Benches: 15

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PART III

SUCCESSIONAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 02 1700H JAN 70 CAP 3-3-5 relocated to coord YD 920210. CAP 3-3-3 extended their TAOC to include the former TAOC of 3-3-5.

2. On 02 2145H JAN 70 at coord ZD 139011 CAP 3-2-2, while in ambush site, observed 3 VC approaching from the south moving in northerly direction. CAP initiated contact with claymores and S/A fire at approx 50 meters away. VC returned fire, fleeing in S direction. Sweep under illum revealed 1 blood trail leading in SW direction and 1 AK47 w/1 magazine. Day sweep revealed two additional AK47 magazines.

3. On 02 2130H JAN 70 at coord YD 879230, while returning to day harbor site, FFs informed USMC personnel that a VN civilian had stolen food in his house. CAP apprehended the VCS after finding medical supplies and powdered poison in his house. VCS stated he knew other VCS in Hu City. VCS detained for further questioning.

4. On 03 1430H JAN 70 at coord YD 921221 CAP 3-3-5, while on day patrol, tripped 2 booby trapped M26 fragmentation grenades simultaneously, resulting in two USMC receiving multiple fragmentation wounds and one USMC receiving minor fragmentation wound. CAP called for and received med evacuation. USMC/WIA med evacuated to 85th Evac Hospital.

5. On 03 2050H JAN 70 at coord ZD 154022 CAP 3-2-5, while in ambush site, spotted 2 VC east of their position and also heard movement south of ambush site. CAP initiated contact with M79 and S/A fire at approx 100 meters. VC returned fire with 4 RPGs and heavy volume of S/A fire from the east and south resulting in one USMC receiving fragmentation wounds to head and right buttocks and 1 FF receiving minor flash burns. VC fled in northeasterly direction. CAP and USAF element joined forces and conducted sweep under illum with negative results. Called in artillery on suspected enemy escape routes. USMC/WIA med evacuated to 85th Evac Hospital.

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6. On 07 1600H JAN 70 villagers reported to CAP 3-2-5 that half a body and one AK47 were found in the vicinity of contact made on 03 2050H JAN at coord ZD 154022. Villagers disposed of body and the AK47 turned over to District Headquarters.

7. On 09 0600H JAN 70 CAPs 3-2-2, 3-2-5, and 3-2-6 participated in combined operations in conjunction with USA, National Police and RF elements. Operation commenced at 0600H at coord ZD 126010 and was completed at 0730H at coord ZD 140010.

8. On 12 1310H JAN 70 at coord ZD 166024 CAP 3-2-5, while in day position, received information from villagers of the location of body floating in the river. CAP investigated discovering 1 VC who appeared to have been dead for approx 1 week. VC was wearing green shorts, shirt and rain jacket made out of a poncho. CAP notified District Headquarters.

9. On 13 0930H JAN 70 at coord YD 794177 CAP 3-1-1, while on day patrol, was informed by victims wife that on 12 2100H JAN 6 VC kidnapped her husband. Victims name was Dang Do age 62, and he was an informer for District Headquarters. VC departed in southerly direction. CAP notified Dist Hq's. PSYOPs notified.

10. On 17 1140H JAN 70 at coord YD 637250 CAP 3-4-6, while on day patrol, discovered one foreign manufactured pressure plate anti-personnel mine partially buried on side of trail. CAP destroyed mine.

11. On 17 1630H JAN 70 at coord YD 930207 CAP 3-3-1, while on day patrol, discovered one M50 ammo can which contained salt, fish and documents listing twelve VC in general vicinity. Acting on intelligence received, CAP 3-3-1 conducted day patrol at coord YD 930207 apprehending one VC female. VC female's name was Tran Thi THEM, 23 years old. She informed CAP of the location of 2 additional VC in the village of THON LUONG VIEN. Initial interrogation by CAP verifiable that this VC woman and a VC male had set the booby traps which had wounded 2 Marines on 14 January.
12. On 10 1000H JAN 70 at coord XD 939216 CAP 3-3-1 HP's recognized the name of a VN male who was listed on document found by CAP on 7 JAN. CAP deployed day patrol to above coord and apprehended the VC living on a boat. Initial interrogation by CAP verified this POW as the same man who set the booby trap which wounded two Marines on 3 JAN 70.

13. On 20 2305H JAN 70 at coord ZD 155012 CAP 3-2-5, while in ambush site, spotted 5 VC moving from north to south, CAP initiated contact with LAAWS, M60, M79, and S/A fire at approx 50 meters. VC returned S/A fire, fleeing in northerly direction. Illum and sweep revealed 1 AK47 with one magazine and 500 lbs of rice. CAP observed VC carrying body of wounded or KIA/VC. CAP called in artillery mission on suspected routes of escape. Day sweep revealed one large blood trail leading from house in a northerly direction. Further investigation also revealed one VN female received minor wound from S/A fire as a result of contact.

14. On 21 1130H JAN 70 at coord ZD 155012 a further investigation of wounded VN female of 20 JAN revealed she was the wife of the Hamlet Chief who was forced to give rice to the VC. Casualty was treated at Phu Loc District Headquarters and returned home.

15. On 25 0112H JAN 70 at coord XD 713224 CAP 3-4-1 while in ambush site, spotted 5 VC to the south approx 400 meters away and enter a hamlet. CAP spotted these same 5 VC moving away from ambush site. CAP initiated contact with LAAWS and M60 at approx 200 meters away. Negative return fire received. VC fled in SE direction. Illum and sweep revealed 1 VC/KIA, 1 AK47 4 field packs, 1 satchel charge, 3 lbs of rice, canned meat, 1 US cartridge belt, bandages, and enough plastic to make 4 pouches. Day sweep revealed negative results.

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16. On 25 2310H JAN 70 at coord ZD 088004 CAP 3-2-1, while utilizing starlight scope in ambush site, observed 4 NVA approaching from the southeast. CAP initiated contact with claymores, M79 LAWs, M60 and S/A fire at approx 45 meters away. NVA returned heavy volume of S/A fire and unknown number of B-40 rounds resulting in two USMC receiving minor fragmentation wounds. CAP 3-2-1 reactionary engaged enemy in support of ambush. NVA broke contact fleeing in southeast direction. ILLUM called for and received. Sweep revealed 1 NVA/WIA captured, 2 AK47s w/6 magazines, and blood trails leading in the southeast. NVA/POW stated he was member of the G-19 company and when CAP initiated contact all 4 NVA were hit. NVA/POW mod evaced to 85th Evac Hospital. Day sweep resulted in 1 VC/WIA captured, 1 rain jacket, and 1 rice bag. VC/WIA stated he was a member of the Phu Loc District Cadre operating in area of Phu Loc. POW mod evaced to 85th Evac Hospital. USMC/WIA both non mod evaced.

17. On 27 1010H JAN 70 at coord YD 925185 CAP 3-3-6 Marines, while on day patrol, tripped a booby trapped fragmentation grenade resulting in two USMC receiving multiple fragmentation wounds. CAP called for and received med evac. USMC/WIA mod evaced to 85th Evac Hospital.

18. On 27 1130H JAN 70 at coord YD 925185 CAP 3-3-6 spotted 1 VC armed with AK47. CAP initiated contact with S/A fire followed with one M26 fragmentation grenade resulting in 1 VC/WIA. Search of body revealed assorted documents, medicine, 1 M26 grenade, and 60 AK47 rounds. Search of immediate area revealed 1 booby trapped M26 grenade, 1 booby trapped 105mm HE round, 1 booby trapped 60mm HE round, and 3 bunkers. CAP destroyed orchance and bunkers. Documents turned over to Dist Hqs.

Enclosure (1)
1. The following is a list of the Supporting Documents contained in this report:


   d. 3d CAG ORDER 1-70 (PLAN FOR TET)

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Enclosure (1)
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III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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) ForO 31460.40

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

   a. Captured
   b. Destroyed by Capturing Unit
   c. Turned into Sub-collection points
   d. Received at Corps level collection points
   e. Turned into CPOG by Corps level collection points
   f. Retained in Museums of Exhibits
   g. Retained as War Trophies
   h. Recaptured and returned to USA, FF or RVN AF control
   i. Other (with appropriate explanations)

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Copy to: CAF, Commanding Officer

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Enclosure (1) 4.
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force

Subj: Casualties from Friendly Firepower

Ref: (a) ICC 5830.1B

Encl: (1) Casualties from Friendly Firepower Report

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information is submitted for the period 2-31 JAN 1970.

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

3. 3d CAG has no recommendations for action to be taken by III MAF.

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Enclosure (1) c.
### Casualties from Friendly Fire/Flame

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29 Jan 1970

Operation Order 1-70

Ref: (a) NPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 sheets 65h1 IV, 65h1 I, 65h2 III, 65h2 II, 65h1 IV, 65h1 II
(b) XXIV CORPS PERIMETER 2-70
(c) 101st Abn Div (Am 61) FRAGO 8 (TET 1970) to OPRD 13-69 (Randolph Glen) (V)
(d) 101st Abn Div (Am 61) OPRD 13-69 (Randolph Glen) with changes 1-7
(e) C.600 3-1 Opm Order 2-70
(f) C.600 3-2 Opm Order 1-70
(g) C.600 3-3 Opm Order 1-70
(h) C.600 3-4 Opm Order 1-70
(i) C.600 3-5 Opm Order 1-70

Time Zone: Hellen

Task Organization: No Change

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. See reference (b), XXIV CORPS PERIMETER 2-70

b. Friendly Forces. See reference (c) FRAGO 8 (TET 1970) and reference (d) OPRD 13-69 (RANDOLPH GLENN).

c. Attachments and Detachments: 3d MP Battalion scout and sentry dogs teams as available, ICS from 101st Abn Div as available.

2. Mission

a. The mission of the 3d Combined Action Group is to continue to operate in support of pacification and to increase security operations throughout its assigned Tactical area and to continue to support the Combined Action Program mission as stated in ICGI 5401.2A during the TET 1970 period (27Jan-15Feb).
3. Execution

a. Concept of Operation. Combined Action Companies will increase the tempo of their activities in their assigned T.O.C.s paying particular attention to coordination of available combat support and mobility of the Combined Action Platoons. CAG Headquarters will take all necessary actions to insure Combined Action Companies receive timely and effective support.

b. CAG Headquarters

(1) Establish an alternate CAG and be prepared to switch Command and Control to the alternate CAG on order.

(2) Establish reaction forces from Phu Bai personnel. The Executive Officer is designated as OIC of the reaction force. Be prepared to utilize the reaction forces to reinforce CAG units upon order and to provide internal security in the event Phu Bai Combat Base is penetrated.

(3) Intensify liaison efforts with senior Command (101st Abn Div), in whose T.O.C. 3d CAG operates, in order to insure coordination of efforts during the TIC period. Also, establish liaison with XXIV CORPS in the event that 1st BN cannot provide helicopter support for the employment of the reaction forces.

c. CAGC 3-1; See reference (c)
d. CAGC 3-2; See reference (f)
e. CAGC 3-3; See reference (g)
f. CAGC 3-4; See reference (h)
g. CAGC 3-5; See reference (i)
h. Coordinating Instructions

(1) On 28 Jan 1970 a liaison SNCO from 3d CAG S-3 will report to 1st Brigade, 101st Abn Div TCC for duty. This liaison SNCO, in conjunction with 101st personnel, will visit CAGCs in Huong Thuy, Phu Thu, and Phu Loc Districts on a daily basis to coordinate combat support requirements.

(2) On 30 Jan 1970 a liaison NCO from the 3d CAG S-3 will report to 2nd Brigade 101st Abn Div TCC for duty. This liaison NCO, in conjunction with 101st personnel, will visit CAGC 3-4 (Huong Tra) on a daily basis to coordinate combat support requirements.

(3) Casualties from CAGCs will be medevaced by Holo (Dustoff). Casualties in Phu Bai Headquarters will be medevaced by organic land transportation (ambulance). Emergency aid stations at Phu Bai will be located at both CAGs and 3d CAG sick bay.
b. Administration and Logistics

a. S-4, 3d CAG will support the requirements of the CACOs in regards to resupply and transportation in the normal manner.

b. S-4, 3d CAG will establish liaison with XXIV Corps for emergency resupply by helicopter should this become necessary.

c. There will be no R&R for Officers & SNCOs during the period 29 Jan 70 - 15 Feb 70. R&R for all other personnel will be kept to an absolute minimum.

5. Command and Communication Electronics

a. The 3d CAG CP will be located at Phu Bai in the 3d CAG CCC bunker.

b. An alternate CP will be established in the bunker adjacent to the enlisted Recreation Room. The Communications Section will insure that all necessary land lines in the alternate position are installed by 29 Jan 1970. From 29 January 1970 until 15 February 1970, a radio watch will be maintained at the alternate CP during the hours 2200-0600 each night. This watch will be prepared to take over the Command Net on order.

c. In the event that both primary and alternate Group Command Posts become inoperable, CACO 3-1 will assume net control.

d. CACO CPs will be as designated in their respective Operation Orders (reference (e) through (i)).

e. The following alert signals are effective immediately in the 3d CAG Headquarters Area (Phu Bai).

(1) ROCKETFIRER/ARTILLERY/JUSTICE AIRCRAFT: continuous blast for one minute on base siren, or by voice (runners, telephone, radio).

(2) GROUND ATTACK: continued rise and fall of siren for 3 minutes, or by voice (runners, telephone, radio).

(3) GAS ATTACK: clacker device, metal clacking, or by voice (runners, telephone, radio).

(h) THE ALL CLEAR: three 15 second blasts by siren, or by voice (runners, telephone, radio).

J. P. McCall
Colonel USMC
Commanding

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