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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November 1968 To 30 November 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATION

1st Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

COMMANDER

LtCol E. F. PIERSON
1 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 1-1

Captain L. H. ROSS
1 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

Combined Action Company 1-2

1stLt W. W. MURPHY
1 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

Combined Action Company 1-3

1stLt T. B. RAINES
1 Nov 1968 - 11 Nov 1968

GySgt A. F. MCCANTS
11 Nov 1968 - 15 Nov 1968

Captain K. E. JUNKINS
15 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 November to 30 November 1968; Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major T. I. FOLKS
1 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

Adjutant/S-1

1stLt E. K. ZIEGLER
1 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

S-2/S-3

Captain J. H. CHAMPION
1 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

S-4/Supply

1stLt W. M. JAROSZ
1 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

CommOff

Captain J. H. CHAMPION
1 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

S-5

Major T. I. FOLKS
1 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

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Special Services

1stLt E. K. ZIEGLER
1 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

Medical Section

EMC F. M. DAVIS
1 Nov 1968 - 30 Nov 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

November	USMC		USN		OTHER	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
	8	404	0	34	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During this reporting period enemy movement and activities were light to moderate in the areas of operation of Combined Action Companies 1-1 and 1-2. Combined Action Company 1-3 in Binh Son District experienced a pronounced VC mining campaign with moderate enemy movement. To react, patrolling was increased, along with an added emphasis on the PsyOps activities in the area. Emphasis on the Volunteer Information Program was a strong factor on the high number of VIP and ordnance turn-in incidents, which for this period were thirty-two and thirteen respectively. Most of these incidents involved mines and many of the contacts with the enemy were mine related. Of the one hundred and four contacts, eighty-one were initiated by CAP personnel and twenty-three by the enemy. Of the former, almost half of the contacts resulted in mines being captured while being placed or while being carried by the VC. As a result of all contacts, one hundred and forty one VC/NVA were KIA(C) and nineteen POW's were captured.

An added commitment for 1st CAG during November was to support the Accelerated Pacification Campaign which is aimed at up-grading twenty-two villages from contested status to secure, pro-GVN status.

The CAG S-3 enlarged its PsyOps capability by assigning a PsyOps NCO, and charged him with keeping abreast of the APC program. He also was to develop a special PsyOps program to accompany the insertion of new CAPs, during the reporting period.

The project to provide adequate living quarters for CAPs was completed by MCB-74 by construction of nine sea huts during the reporting period.

The large number of personnel leaving during the month for R&D or special leave resulted in a 34% turnover in personnel. The Group received enough new personnel to offset the losses so that no great problems arose as a result of the high rate of turnover.

During the last week of the month a Gunnery Sergeant (MOS 2591) joined 1st CAG and was assigned as Communications Chief. This addition should improve the quality of the Groups communications and assist the CAGCs with their communications problems.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Mission. The mission of the 1st Combined Action Group has been tailored to respond to the Communist doctrine of Wars of National Liberation as applied by the VC/NVA in 1st CAG's areas of operation. This includes (1) destroying the VC infrastructure, (2) protecting assigned villages and friendly infrastructure, and (3) participating in civic action and conducting psychological operations as part of the local effort toward "nation building". An additional commitment during the reporting period was to support the Accelerated Pacification Campaign which began 1 November. Twenty-two villages in the three Districts had been officially listed as "contested areas" and were to be up-graded to a secure status during the ninety-day campaign. In one case support was offered by relocating the Marines of one CAP to a targeted village and having a new Popular Forces Platoon assigned to them. In most cases the CAP's assisted by extending their activities to help secure a neighboring village which was on the list. If an "APC" village was not close enough for night patrols, day patrols from the nearest CAP were directed into the area for added protection when Campaign activities needed such support.

b. Combat Operations. Combat operations showed an expected increase in relation to the Accelerated Pacification Campaign. Operations involving more than one CAP platoon increased in order to sweep areas around a village before the Campaign was initiated and publicized there. Propaganda teams accompanying VN officials necessitated extra patrols for security, and if enough information on enemy movements was gained, other joint sweeps were planned and conducted.

CAP operations and activities for the reporting period includes:

Night patrols	- 620	Day patrols	- 664
Ambushes	- 1,478	Road sweeps	- 71
Listening posts	- 689	Search & Des-	- 262
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c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy:

<u>KIA(C)</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>DETAINERS</u>	<u>INFA(C)</u>	<u>HOI CHANH RALLIERS</u>
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The eleven weapons captured include:

one (1) B40 Rocket Launcher
 three (3) AK-47's
 three (3) M-1 Carbines
 one (1) M-14 Rifle
 one (1) Thompson Sub-machinegun
 Two (2) M-2 Carbines

d. Friendly Casualties sustained.

	USMC	USN	PF	RD
KIA	5	0	5	1
WIA	25	1	17	1

e. New Techniques. As a result of the emphasis on PsyOps during the reporting period a PsyOps "Insertion" plan was developed which, with improvements, will become standard for all insertions of new CAPs. Prior to CAP 1-3-2's relocation as a mobile CAP, the area was "prep'd with PsyOps activities which described the Combined Action Program. After insertion, major PsyOps themes were introduced. After a few days, when the CAP had time to observe their targets, more sensitive topics such as anti-VC propaganda could be introduced. By the end of the reporting period the "insertion" plan was organized as listed below.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>THEMES</u>	<u>EXAMPLES - LEAFLET - TAPE</u>
I-day minus 7	CAP is coming	7-485-68
	Pro-GVN	T7-417-68
I-day minus 3	Pro-US forces	7-470-68
	CAP is coming	Tape #1179
I-day minus 2	Pro-GVN	Mix #29
	Chieu Hoi	Tape #6
I-day minus 1	CAP is coming	7-485-68
	Pro-GVN	SP Tape #2
Insertion day	CAP is here	7-86-68
	CAP is here	Tape #1091
I-day plus 1	Rewards	7-250-68
	Paris Talks	T7-714-68
I-day plus 2	Chieu Hoi	Mix #33
	Pro-GVN	Mix #29 & #1086
I-day plus 3	CAP is here	7-86-68
	Rewards	T7-430-68
I-day plus 7	Pro-GVN	7-388-68
	Chieu Hoi	Tape #142
I-day plus 9	Paris	7-14-68
	Anti-VC/NLF	SP Tape #5
I-day plus 11	Rewards	7-250-68
	Pro-GVN	Mix #29 & #1093

f. Command Relations. 1st Combined Action Group now consists of nineteen CAPs in three CACOs and two Mobile Training Teams. During the reporting period two CAPs were relocated, leaving their FF Platoon in charge of the

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old compounds and being assigned new PF units. On 2 November 1968 CAP 1-3-2 was relocated from BS609913 to be mobile in the area of BS554398. On 10 November 1968 CAP 1-2-4 moved from its compound at BT468000 to the other end of their AO as a mobile CAP in the area of BT445105.

Training and administration of the two Mobile Training Teams are now supervised by the group S-3, while logistical support and tactical employment is handled by the Company Commanders. At this time 1st CAG has a radio shack which monitors all frequencies of subordinate CACOs and keeps the S-3 briefed continuously. However, activities are coordinated only through the District and supporting Battalion Command Centers.

g. Logistics. During November nine Sea Huts were constructed at CAPs completing a project by MCB-74 to provide living quarters at all CAPs. Two vehicles were lost to enemy mines during the month and replacement vehicles have been placed on requisition. A problem area during November was the shortage of batteries, BA-386, for the PRC-25 radio.

h. Training. The training program of the group consisted of both formal and informal instruction. A schedule of formal instruction to be accomplished by the CAPs for both Marines and Popular Forces was published and monitored weekly by the group S-3. Instructions for the Marines were aimed at subjects to fill the particular needs of the group. Weekly training for the CAPs is conducted daily for both the Marines and Popular Forces, subjects reviewed are Map Reading, Mines and Booby-traps, Air support, Artillery Adjustment, Crew served Weapons and leadership. NCO leadership school is conducted bi-weekly at the group headquarters for both Marine squad leaders and their Vietnamese counterparts.

Units completing training at the Mobile Training Teams were two platoons from MTT 1-1 which began on 2 November and graduated on 14 November. The next platoon commenced training on 14 November and graduated on 28 November. MTT 1-2 graduated one platoon on 11 November.

Total Training Hours were as follows:

PF student hours -	21,792
USMC student hours -	11,999

i. Civic Action. For the month of November 1968, 1st Combined Action Group held a total of 44,155 MedCaps, 41 DentCaps and medevaced 94 Vietnamese civilians. In the distribution of commodities, 1066 lbs of food, 678 lbs of clothing, and 837 lbs of soap were provided to the Vietnamese by the CAPs. One female child received hair-lip surgery. In addition, there was one Physical Education kit, twenty school kits, ten sewing kits, one farmer kit, and three resettlement kits donated to the Vietnamese. The education effort included 1198 Vietnamese attending 127 hours of English classes and 433 persons receiving vocational training.

Under the project construction program the below listed is a breakdown by CAP.

<u>CAP</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
1-1-3	BT325183	School Repaired
1-1-4	BT264278	2 Fences Built, 1 road Graded, Signs for Village

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1-2-5	BT325183	1 Pump for well
1-3-1	BT612952	1 Bridge Repaired, 1 House Built
1-3-2	BS544868	2 Bridges Repaired, 2 Bridges Rebuilt
1-3-6	BS574937	1 Fence Built
1-3-7	BS614939	1 Pump for Well, 1 Fence Built
1-3-8	BS575923	2 Roads Leveled

j. Administration. The 1st Combined Action Group continued to operate on group level administration and experienced no administrative difficulties during the reporting period.

k. Personnel. During the reporting period 50 personnel were transferred and the unit joined 84 personnel, resulting in a 34% turnover. The joinees included an increased input of sergeants. Personnel being assigned to the group continues to be of high caliber, all being volunteers, selected by a board and all possessing above average records.

Thirteen Marines extended their overseas tour for six months during the reporting period.

Meritorious promotions were presented to four members of the command, all four to Lance Corporal.

Chaplains of both the American Division and Marine Air Group 12 provided weekly religious services even to the most remote CAPs. In addition, Red Cross Representatives visited the CAPs on a regular basis providing playing cards and books for the Marines.

One ARVN 1stLt and four SSgts were attached as interpreters during the reporting period.

Twelve Vietnamese Hoi Chanh were serving as Kit Carson Scouts under the program set up by III MAF.

During the week ending 2 November, 20 Marines and 10 PF's of 1st CAG received decorations from the RVN.

1. Communications. During the last week of the reporting period, a Gunnery Sergeant, MOS 2591, was assigned to 1st CAG as the Communications Chief. The tasks listed below were assigned to the new Comm Chief in order to up-grade the quality of communications within 1st CAG.

1. Acting as chief advisor to the Commanding Officer in all matters pertaining to communications.
2. The promulgation of a revised Group Communication Plan.
3. Operator training.
4. Supervision of the CAG Headquarters radio central.
5. General supervision of all CAG radio networks.
6. Maintenance of all communication-electronics logs and records in accordance with TM 4700-15/1.
7. Issuance of call signs, frequencies and various code tables.
8. Ensuring that proper communication security procedures are being adhered to.
9. Supervision of a preventive maintenance program.
10. Supervision of the supply of all communication equipment to the CAPs.

Provision for levels of maintenance are as follows:

1. 1st Echelon. The CAP is authorized to perform this level of

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maintenance only. This is performed by the operators on a daily and weekly basis.

2. 2nd Echelon. This level of Maintenance support is provided by the Communication Section, Supply Company, Force Logistical Support Unit Three.

3. 3rd Echelon. This level of support is provided by 1st Force Service Regiment, Maintenance Battalion Liaison, Chu Lai, RVN, as part of the Direct Exchange of equipment, particularly with the RT-505 (AN/FAC-25), is rarely accomplished in less than 30 days, and usually is in the time frame of 30-90 days. In view of this, the Direct Exchange Program is presently inadequate for the needs of 1st CAG.

Frequencies, call signs, and code tables are provided by the Americal Division Signal Office, and are given on both a monthly and as required basis.

I. Intelligence. The main sources of intelligence have been III MIF, Americal Division, and the 198th Light Infantry Brigade, and supporting units around the AO. When the intelligence is received, it is read, screened and digested by the S-2 office, and the Commanding Officer, 1st CAG. The information applicable to the CAP is then given to the Company Commander to be used in his program. The activities of the CAPs are adjusted to comply with recent trends in enemy movement, infiltration and supply. The greatest source of intelligence to the group is still, as in the past, the CAP itself. The intelligence functions are handled by designated personnel at the CACO. The company radio operators are responsible for intelligence functions, but are closely monitored by the Company Gunnery Sergeant. Some CAPs have intelligence NCOs who perform these duties as secondary duties. The squad leader is still responsible for intelligence requirements. All intelligence received by the CAP are sent to the CACO by spot report. All intelligence received by the CACO is sent to CAG and District Headquarters. All intelligence received by CAG is then screened, digested, and sent to supporting units. All intelligence received concerning troop movement in the units AO is plotted on an enemy situation map.

II. Fire Support. Each CAP has artillery support, close air support and helicopter gunships available. Artillery support includes 105MM howitzers, 155MM howitzers and 8 inch howitzers. Helicopter gunships are procured from either of two Aviation Battalions attached to the Americal Division. Close air support comes from MAGs 12 and 13. Navy Swift boats of Coastal Division 12, Chu Lai detachment are able to support CAPs along the beaches with 81MM mortars and 50 Caliber Machineguns fire.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Task

- 1- Request to relocate CAP 1-2-4
- 2- New AO of CAP 1-2-4
- 3- Request to relocate CAP 1-3-2
- 4- New AO of CAP 1-3-2
- 5- Approval of relocation of CAPs 1-2-4 and 1-3-2
- 6- 1st CAG monthly report for November 1968
- 7- Notes from S-3 briefing, Combined Action Program, DaNang, RVN 20 Dec 1968

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1st Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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19 Oct 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: Dir CAP)

Subj: Relocation and redesignation of Combined Action Platoon 1-2-4

Encl: (1) Proposed AO for Combined Action Platoon 1-2-4

1. It is recommended that Combined Action Platoon 1-2-4 be relocated from its present position (BT468080) to the vicinity of KHUONG PHU (BT445112).

2. Combined Action Platoon 1-2-4 is presently occupying a position adjacent to highway #1 in what is now considered a pacified area. In addition to this there are presently two to four Popular Platoons assigned to this Combined Action Platoon. It is felt because of its location and the number of PFs assigned to it that they are now capable of taking over the duties of this Combined Action Platoon.

3. The proposed relocation area is now occupied by an RD platoon that is experiencing difficulty in keeping the Viet Cong out of the area. The proposed relocation would strengthen the RD effort in this area and is concurred in by the Province RD Coordinator, the District Senior Advisor, and tentatively by the District Chief.

4. Presently it is not planned to construct a compound in this area, but rather to utilize the Mobile Combined Action Platoon concept to see if it will work successfully in this area. In addition to the Combined Action Platoon Marines, one platoon of PF's will be provided to insure the security of this area. It is further recommended that Combined Action Platoon 1-2-4 be designated a Mobile Combined Action Platoon if and when the relocation is effected.

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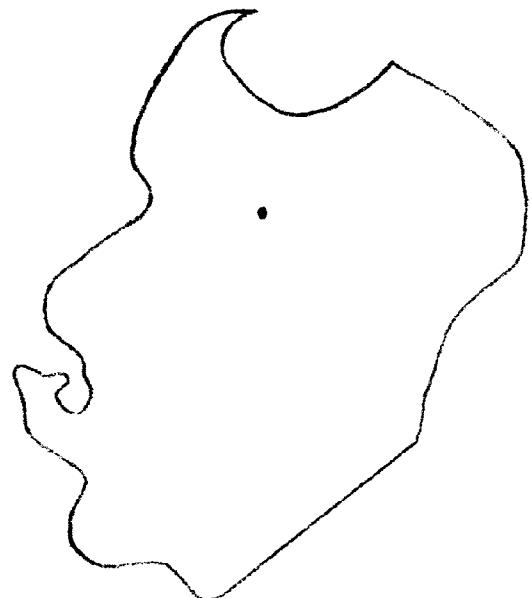
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CAP 1-2-4: Ky Khuong Village, Ly Tin District

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 29 Oct 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: Dir CAP)

Subj: Relocation and redesignation of CAP 1-3-2

Ref: (a) Verbal request of Province Chief, Quang Ngai Province
 (b) Verbal request of District Chief, Binh Son District, Quang
 Ngai Province

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), it is recommended that CAP 1-3-2 (BT614016) be moved from its present position to the vicinity of (BS575906).

2. The area in which this CAP is presently located is adjacent to the Chu Lai Air Base and is considered pacified. The Popular Forces Platoon which is presently located with CAP 1-3-2 will remain in position and is capable of providing security for this area.

3. The proposed area of relocation is composed of five hamlets containing 6000 people and is a prime target for RD activity. The location of a CAP in this area would provide adequate security to support the RD effort.

4. The Vietnamese officials desire that this move be made as soon as possible to fit with the schedule of the Province Campaign Plan. 1 November 1968 is the proposed date of relocation. This date is close but is feasible as the CAP is ready to move at this time. If and when the move is made CAP 1-3-2 will operate as a mobile CAP and cover the five hamlet area.

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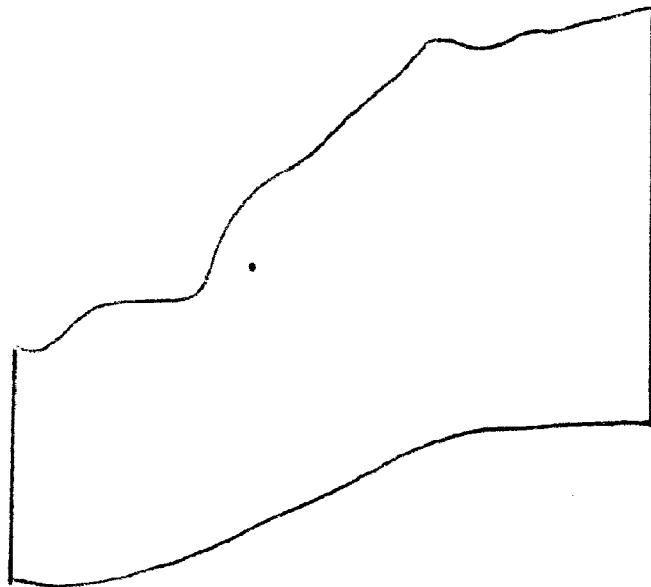
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CAP 1-3-2: An Diem Village, Binh Son District

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United States Marine Corps
Headquarters
III Marine Amphibious Force
Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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3123
13 Nov 1968

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Action Program
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Combined Action Group

Subj: Relocation of CAPs, approval of

Ref: (a) CG III MAF ltr 14/grp over 3123 of 29 Oct 68
(b) CG III MAF ltr 14/grp over 3123 of 3 Nov 68
(c) CG I Corps msg #13851/TM3/3/KH

1. Reference (a) established CG III MAF approval of the proposed relocation of CAP 1-2-4 from BT468080 to the vicinity of Khuong Phu, BT445112.
2. Reference (b) established CG III MAF approval of the proposed relocation of CAP 1-3-2 from BT614015 to the vicinity of BS575906.
3. Reference (c) established CG I Corps concurrence with the proposed relocation of CAPs 1-2-4 and 1-3-2.
4. Commanding Officer, 1st Combined Action Group is authorized to carry out the proposed relocations of CAPs 1-2-4 and 1-3-2.

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 4 Dec 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: Asst Chief
 of Staff of CAP)

Subj: Combined Action Program Report for Month of November 1968

Ref: (a) ForO 3121.4B

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

a. <u>DESIGNATION</u>	USMC 0	STRENGTH			<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OLD LOCATION</u>
		E	USN	PF		
CAG HQ	5	38	4	0	BT530115	
CACO 1-1	1	6	0	27	BT305228	BT303188
1-1-1 PF PLAT QT 52		15	1	21	BT342191	
1-1-2 PF PLAT QT 62		13	1	25	BT331177	
1-1-3 PF PLAT QT 66		13	1	26	BT324185	BT325181
1-1-4 PF PLAT QT 36		13	2	24	BT265277	
1-1-7 PF PLAT QT 3&6		11	1	25	BT342273	BT325181
CACO 1-2	1	6			BT468080	
1-2-1 PF PLAT QT 82&83		11	1	30	BT476145	
1-2-2 PF PLAT QT 130		12	1	30	BT393163	
1-2-3 PF PLAT QT 90		11	1	35	BT488102	
1-2-4 PF PLAT QT 76&77		11	1	67	BT445105	BT468080
1-2-5 PF PLAT QT 81		14	1	50	BT413126	
1-2-7 PF PLAT QT		12	1	31	BT454053	
CACO 1-3	1	9			BS561967	
1-3-1 PF PLAT QN 12		12	1	27	BS610950	
1-3-2 PF PLAT QN 16		17	1	31	BT511906	BT6114016
1-3-3 PF PLAT QN 22		15	2	27	BS663985	
1-3-4 PF PLAT QN 19		23	1	26	BT622013	
1-3-5 PF PLAT QN 152		17	1	35	BS714975	
1-3-6 PF PLAT QN 2		17	1	26	BS572938	
1-3-7 PF PLAT 11 QN		11	1	25	BS610940	
1-3-8 PF PLAT QN 8		16	2	26	BS578922	
MTT 1-1		11	1	60	BT303188	
MTT 1-2		16	1	31	BS599919	BS663985

This unit has 38 men in CAG School at Danang, RVN and 4 men in Language School.

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b. Type and Number of Operations Conducted.

<u>NIGHT PATROLS</u>	<u>DAY PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP's</u>
620	664	1,478	689

c. Other Operations

- (1) MedCap Results: 37,001
- (2) Road Sweeps: 71
- (3) Search and Destroy: 262
- (4) Vietnamese Volunteer Information: 32
- (5) Vietnamese Turn-In Ordnance: 13

d. Enemy Casualties

<u>KIA (C)</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>DETAINEES</u>	<u>INF (G)</u>	<u>HOI CHANH</u>	<u>WPNS CAPTD</u>
141	19	46	5	6	11

e. Type and number of Weapons Captured

- 1 B40 Rocket Launcher
- 3 AK-47s
- 3 M1 Carbine
- 1 M14 Rifle
- 1 Thompson SMG
- 2 M2 Carbines

f. Friendly Casualties

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>POW</u>
USMC	5	25	0	0
USN	0	1	0	0
PF	5	17	1 PF	0
RD	1	1	0	0

g. Contacts. There were 104 contacts with the enemy during the month. 81 were friendly initiated and 23 were enemy initiated. Noteworthy contacts follow:

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010200H - CAP 1-1-7. The compound southeast of 1-1-7 received approximately 45 60mm mortar rounds and an unknown number of B-40 rocket rounds. CAP 1-1-7 sent a reaction force and called in artillery. Results: 5 VC KIA (C); 1 PF KIA; 2 PF WIA.

010345H - CAP 1-2-2. Compound received approximately 12 60mm mortar rounds. The village defense force also made contact with thirty-five VC at the same time. CAP 1-2-2 moved a patrol to area of mortar flashes and sent a patrol to help village defense force. Checked area with negative results. Results: 1 PF WIA, 3 VDF WIA.

010700H - CAP 1-3-7. Patrol made contact with possible platoon of VC. Called gunships and reaction force. Both elements were pinned down by VC. Gunships worked area over and patrol swept area immediately. Results: 5 VC KIA (C), 1 VCS, 1 M1 Carbine CIA.

010735H - CAP 1-1-7. While sweeping through area one BL detonated a booby trap 105 round, killing one BL and wounding one BL. While waiting for Med Evac another BL detonated a mine. Results: 1 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA.

010930H - CAP 1-1-7. While sweeping through area patrol found VC storage area. Results: 19 Grenades CIA, 2 Carts Belts CIA.

012030H - CAP 1-3-3. One female VC turned herself in under the Chieu Hoi Program. Results: 1 Hoi Chanh

022230H - CAP 1-2-7. Element heard talking and left ambush site to check it out. Dogs barked and point man observed one VC five meters away. Point man fired on VC and went to check area. VC opened fire on patrol from both sides and point man was killed. Patrol then called in illumination and swept area. Results: 1 MC KIA.

030900H - CAP 1-2-7. Patrol was sent to area of previous night activity and found one AK-47 magazine and expended rounds of AK-47 in three positions also found one pool of blood five meters from grenade crater and drag marks. Also found plastic folder with papers in it and apprehended VN in house found which drag and blood marks led. Results: 13 VCS.

031115H - CAP 1-3-2. Patrol found one claymore mine along side of road in bush. Mine was destroyed. Results: 1 Mine destroyed.

032315H - CAP 1-3-2. Patrol heard movement to their south. Five minutes later received five M79 rounds and small arms fire. Patrol returned fire and called illumination. At that time patrol spotted three VC and opened fire. Results: Negative.

041015H - CAP 1-3-4. Patrol received heavy small arms and M79 fire. Patrol called in artillery and Med Evac for wounded PF. PF died on LZ. At that time patrol spotted five VC and called in artillery again. Sweep of area resulted with one VC CIA. Results: 1 VC CIA (C); 1 PF KIA.

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051115H - CAP 1-3-5. Patrol received sniper fire from approximately ten VC moving in a northwest direction. Patrol returned fire and called in 81mm mortar fire. Then sweeping area found two dead VC. Results: 2 VC KIA (C).

051410H - CAP 1-1-7. Patrol observed fifteen to twenty VC loading seven sampans. Called in artillery and observed with field glasses. Results: 3 sampans destroyed.

051805H - CAP 1-3-6. Patrol observed 25 VC and fired small arms. VC fled and patrol checked area. Results: 6 VC KIA(C), 200 lbs Rice CIA.

052040H - CAP 1-3-3. Patrol received machine gun fire from two positions. Patrol called in artillery and swept area. Results: 1 PF WIA non Med Evac.

052045H - CAP 1-2-5. 1 VN male came to compound and told of VC being in village. Patrol went to village and apprehended suspect. PF stated that ID papers were illegal. Sent to district headquarters. Results: 1 VCS.

061715H - CAP 1-3-2. Villagers informed village chief that VC was planting a mine. Patrol was sent to the area and found one M16 mine freshly planted. Results: 1 M16 mine destroyed.

071130H - CAP 1-3-2. Village Chief informed Marines of one mine in road. Patrol was sent and found mine. Results: 1 M16 Mine destroyed.

071600H - CAP 1-3-4. Patrol received report that VC were harassing the villagers while they were harvesting their crops. Patrol sweep dropped off two Marines and two PF's to set up an ambush. The VC were trying to sneak upon the rear of the ambush. Ambush opened fire. Results: 1 VC KIA (C), 1 VC CIA.

080915H - CAP 1-3-2. Village Chief showed patrol a house with 16 60mm rounds and a command detonated mine. Results: 16 60mm rounds and 1 mine CIA.

081600H - CAP 1-3-2. Villagers showed patrol 2 M26 grenades and one 60mm round. Results: 2 M26 grenades, 1 60mm round CIA.

092000H - CAP 1-3-3. Patrol entered village and made contact with one platoon of VC. Patrol opened fire and at that time a reaction force was called. Results: 15 VC KIA (C), 8 VCS, 1 Carbine CIA, 4 Cart belts, 4 grenades, 1000 lbs of rice CIA, 1 USA (FO) WIA.

101845H - CAP 1-2-5. While sweeping tree line patrol made contact with approximately fifty VC. CAP 1-2-5 sent a reaction force and called illumination. Results: 1 VC KIA(C), 1 VC CIA.

111300H - CAP 1-3-2. Patrol called artillery on reported VC position. Patrol checked area and found 2 VC who were killed by artillery. Results: 2 VC KIA (C).

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111700H - CAP 1-3-2. One USMC received shrapnel wound in hand from VC mine. Results: 1 USMC WIA Med Evaced.

111700H - CAP 1-3-8. 1 USMC Officer was returning to Highway 1 when vehicle struck a booby trapped 155 artillery round. CAP 1-3-8 sent a reaction force to the area. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 1 PF KIA; 1 Jeep, 1 45 caliber pistol 1 Shotgun destroyed.

121300H - CAP 1-3-3. Patrol moved into village to check intelligence. While checking area had negative contact with VC, but apprehended four VCS, one of whom was wounded prior to this action. Results: 4 VCS.

121445H - CAP 1-1-7. Patrol made contact with unknown number of VC. Results: 1 VC KIA(C); 1 PF WIA.

121600H - CAP 1-3-2. PF's informed Marines of one M16 mine. Patrol went to area and disarmed mine. Results: 1 M16 Mine CIA.

131030H - CAP 1-3-2. Patrol observed five VC. VC fled and patrol opened fire. Results: 1 VC KIA(C).

131100H - CAP MTT 1-2. Patrol received small arms fire from treeline. Called in artillery and checked area. Results: 1 VCS; 1 55 gallon drum of diesel destroyed.

141620H - CAP 1-2-4. PF's spotted two VC across river and called for them to halt. VC tried to run and PF opened fire killing both. Results: 2 VC KIA(C).

141800H - CAP 1-2-4. Patrol observed ten VC entering a treeline and opened fire. Patrol then swept area of contact. Results: 1 VC KIA(C); 1 B-40 Rocket Launcher and 3 rounds CIA.

151300H - CAP MTT 1-1. Patrol was informed by VN that VC were at a rally point. MTT swept area after calling artillery. While patrol was returning to compound they apprehended 5 VC with 100 lbs of rice, 10 lbs C rations, 5 lbs tobacco, and 2 gallons of whiskey. Results: 5 VC CIA, 100 lbs rice.

160220H - CAP 1-1-3. Patrol was enroute to ambush site when it received one M79 round. Results: 1 PF WIA.

160730H - CAP 1-3-7. PF detonated an M14 mine and was Med Evaced. Patrol proceeded on and a USMC detonated a mine killing 1 USMC and wounding another, both were evacuated. Patrol continued on again and received small arms fire. Patrol then called artillery and swept area under barrage. Results: 6 VC KIA(C); 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA, 1 PF WIA.

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161100H - CAP 1-3-1. Patrol observed one VC who ran into house, patrol opened fire killing two VC. Patrol then proceeded 100 meters and received sniper fire, returned fire killing one VC. Patrol was joined by elements from 1-3-3 and 1-3-7 and swept the area. Results: 3 VC KIA(C), Medical supplies, NVA money and documents CIA.

161435H - CAP 1-3-5. Patrol spotted 5 VC planting mines and called in artillery and gunships. Results: 2 VC KIA(C), 1 mine CIA.

161600H - CAP MTT 1-1. Patrol found VC storage area containing 300 lbs of rice. 200 lbs were destroyed and 100 lbs were given to the VN. Results: 300 lbs rice CIA.

161900H - CAP 1-2-7. PF's apprehended one female who was carrying a letter from VC pertaining to 1-2-7. Woman was sent to district for further interrogation. Results: 1 VCS.

170310H - CAP 1-1-1. Compound received 2 B-40 rocket rounds in the mortar pit. CAP returned fire and sent out a patrol to check area. Results: 2 USMC WIA.

170905H - CAP 1-3-5. Patrol received heavy sniper fire, returned fire and called in artillery. Results: 9 VC KIA(C), 3 M14 mines, 1 M16 mine and propaganda leaflets CIA.

171015H - CAP 1-3-5. While on patrol USMC detonated a mine. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

172030H - CAP 1-3-8. Patrol sweeping south of river towards Binh Son killed one VC. Results: 1 VC KIA(C).

180730H - CAP 1-3-8. Patrol observed three VC stopping VN on road. Patrol opened fire and pursued VC, killing two. One was the VC village chief and the other a nurse. Results: 2 VC KIA(C); medical kit, Cartridge Belt and documents CIA.

181330H - CAP 1-3-6. Patrol searched hamlet and observed one VN female fleeing. Patrol fired warning shots and apprehended VN as VCS. Results: 1 VCS.

181355H - CAP 1-1-7. Patrol observed four VC across river and opened fire with machine gun. Results: 1 VC KIA(C).

181500H - CAP 1-3-3. Ambush moving to Dong Le 3 observed six VC running into treeline. Patrol opened fire killing one VC. Results: 1 VC KIA(C); 1 Chicom HG and 1 Cartridge Belt CIA.

182030H - CAP 1-3-8. Point man of ambush ran into three VC. Patrol opened fire killing two VC and wounding one other VC. Results: 2 VC KIA(C); 1 AK-47, 1 M14 CIA, 2 Cartridge Belts, 7 HG CIA, 2 Med kits.

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191950H - CAP 1-3-6. Patrol encountered 10 VC, opened fire and swept area. Results: 1 VC KIA (C).

201230H - CAP 1-1-7. Patrol came upon and killed three VC. Results: 3 VC KIA (C), 1 Med kit CIA.

210800H - CAP 1-1-7. Patrol received small arms fire, returned fire and swept area. Results: 1 VC CIA, 1 Civilian WIA.

211300H - CAP 1-1-7. VN clearing area near compound detonated a 105 booby trap. Results: 2 VN KIA, 1 VN WIA.

211720H - CAP 1-1-7. Patrol encountered one squad of VC. Patrol opened fire and advanced, VC broke contact. Patrol checked area and found three VC killed. Results: 3 VC KIA (C); 1 M2 Carbine CIA.

220245H - CAP 1-2-7. Patrol ambushed three VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (C), 1 AK-47 CIA.

221025H - CAP 1-1-7. Two PF's and one VN were injured by mine. CAP 1-1-7 called Med Evac. Results: 2 PF WIA, 1 VN WIA.

221454H - CAP 1-3-5. Patrol received heavy weapons fire. Patrol called in 81mm support. CAP 1-3-5 also called artillery. After check fire on artillery 1-3-5 called fixed wing strikes. Patrol checked area. Results: 28 VC KIA (C).

221930H - CAP 1-1-7. PF ambush received sniper fire from approximately one squad of VC. CAP 1-1-7 sent reaction force to area. Results: 3 VC KIA (C).

231600H - CAP 1-1-7. Patrol stopped VCS for questioning. He ran and was killed. PF and VN confirmed as VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (C).

232100H - CAP 1-3-2. VC opened fire on patrol. Patrol opened fire then swept area. Results: 1 VC KIA (C), Documents CIA.

232330H - CAP 1-1-7. Ambush observed 12 VC moving across rice paddy. Patrol opened fire on VC and checked area. Results: 4 VC KIA (C). 1 Thompson SubMG CIA.

241210H - CAP 1-3-2. People informed patrol of location of six VC. Patrol moved into area, killing one VC and wounding another. Results: 1 VC KIA (C), 1 USMC WIA.

250800H - CAP 1-3-8. Villagers reported that two mines had been laid in the road. Sent patrol to sweep road finding 1/5 lb box mine and 1/25 lb command detonated box mine 25 meters from other mine. Comm wire ran to trench line 100 meters away. Blow both mines in place. Results: 2 Mines destroyed.

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251400H - CAP 1-1-7. Patrol on sweep encountered five VC who fled to bunkers and returned fire. Patrol assaulted. Results: 5 VC KIA(C); 1 USA WIA; 3 packs CIA.

251645H - CAP 1-3-3. One USMC went into mine field to rescue two VN children. Marine stepped on mine. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA (DOW).

251900H - CAP 1-3-3. Apprehended one female identified as VC. Turned over to district. Results: 1 VC CIA.

252130H - CAP 1-2-4. Patrol spotted fifteen to thirty VC moving across sand dunes. Patrol opened fire on VC. VC returned fire with eight rounds M-79 from two M-79s and approximately 150 rounds small arms fire. VC fled and patrol called in illumination and swept area finding one VC corpsman killed and two blood trails. Results: 1 VC KIA(C); 1 Cart Belt and Med gear CIA.

261230H - CAP 1-1-1. Patrol came across two VCS in rice paddy. One did not have an ID card and the other one had a false ID card. Both taken to district for interregation. Results: 2 VCS.

271230H - CAP 1-1-7. While in village made contact with possible reinforced squad of VC. Small arms fire exchanged, one PF killed. Swept area finding five VC killed and no weapons. Results: 5 VC KIA(C); 1 PF WIA.

281200H - CAP 1-2-7. One VN reported that two VN women were supplying VC with rice and money. Women were brought to compound and questioned by PF's. Under questioning one was found innocent and released. The other confessed and will be turned over to district. Results: 1VCS.

290510H - CAP 1-3-2. Approximately 60 VC assualted two night positions with twenty-one satchel charges, twenty Chi-Com grenades, nine 60MM mortar rounds fired and two thousand small arms fired. Returned fire and called in artillery on enemy escape routes. Searched area finding three VC killed, seven Chi-Com grenades, two BAR magazines, and two M-26 grenades. Results: 3 VC KIA(C); 1USMC KIA, 1 PF KIA, 5 USMC WIA, 3 PF WIA.

290300H - CAP 1-1-7. While ambusly was set in they heard noises, went over to check it out and found VC in bunkers in surrounding area. Results: 3 VC CIA, 1 M2 Carbine CIA.

290830H - 1-3 HQ. Reaction force hit a mine on its way out to 1-3-2. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA, 1 Vehicle destroyed.

291150H - CAP 1-1-4. While conducting sweep through village KCS spotted tunnel complex. Dropped one smoke into tunnel and one female came out while another VN stayed and died of smoke inhalation. Searched area finding one Chi*Com grenade, clothing, rice in a bunker. VN was guerrilla squad leader. Results: 1 VC KIA(C); 1 VC CIA; 1 USMC WIA.

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301130H - CAP 1-3-2. One VN reported that one mine had been put in road early this morning. Found mine and blew it in place. Results: 1 mine destroyed.

302130H - CAP 1-2-5. Patrol was moving toward ambush site when it spotted 20 EC. Set up hasty ambush. Opened fire and called in illumination. VC broke contact. Called artillery and swept area. Results: 1 VC KIA(C); 5 bags of rice CIA.

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Notes from S-3 Briefing
 Combined Action Program,
 DaNang, 20 Dec 68

Objectives of the Accellerated Pacification Campaign, 1 Nov 68 - 31 Jan 69

1. 1st Objective, Political

- a. To restore GVN influence locally by re-establishing friendly leadership
- b. To establish a self-defense corps from among the population

2. 2nd Objective, Psychological Operations

- a. To erase VC slogans and other evidence of VC influence
- b. To place TV's and radios in strategic households in order to make Pro-GVN propaganda more available

3. 3rd Objective, Civic Action

- a. To coordinate more MedCaps on a continuing basis
- b. To mobilize hamlet for self-help through projects

Notes taken by,

Captain J. H. CHAMPION,
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