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From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

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Encl: (1) 1st Combined Action Group, III Marine Amphibious Force Command Chronology

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATED

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

Commander

LtCol E. R. HUNTER
1 Apr 69 - 24 Apr 69

LtCol J. E. HENNEGAN
25 Apr 69 - 30 Apr 69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 1-1

Captain L. H. ROSS
1 Apr 69 - 30 Apr 69

Combined Action Company 1-2

Captain R. R. WELPOTT
1 Apr 69 - 30 Apr 69

Combined Action Company 1-3

Captain P. G. MITCHELL
1 Apr 69 - 30 Apr 69

Combined Action Company 1-4

Captain J. H. CHAMPION
1 Apr 69 - 18 Apr 69

1stSgt L. MOORE
19 Apr 69 - 30 Apr 69

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATIONS

Hq, 1st CAG Chu Lai, Iy Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CACO 1-1 Tam Ky District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CACO 1-2 Iy Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CACO 1-3 Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN

CACO 1-4 Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN

MTT-1 Tam Ky District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

MTT-2 Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J. H. LAWSON
1 Apr 69 - 30 Apr 69

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Adjutant/

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S-2/6-3

S-4/Supply

2ndLt B. W. SMITH
1 Apr 69 - 30 Apr 69

Major R. D. ENDERT
1 Apr 69 - 30 Apr 69

Communications Officer

Captain W. M. JAROSZ
1 Apr 69 - 17 Apr 69

S-5/Special Services

Captain T. M. GARBONSKI
18 Apr 69 - 30 Apr 69

Medical Section

Major R. F. ENDERT
1 Apr 69 - 30 Apr 69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHS

USMC
Off Enl
10 435

USN
Off Enl
0 32

OTHERS
Off Enl
1 3 (ARVN)

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1. Personnel Administration.

a. Joined and transferred. During the month of April, the 1st Combined Action Group joined and transferred the following number of personnel listed in the four catagories below:

(1) Joined.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
3	84

(2) Rotated CONUS.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
1	33

(3) Transferred within WestPac Command.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
2	4

(4) Transferred by SR w/sick (out of country hospitals).

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
0	24

b. Awards.

(1) There were two Bronze Stars and three Navy Commendation recommendations for heriosm and eight end of tour awards submitted to FMFPac for approval during the month of April 1969.

<u>SSM</u>	<u>BSM</u>	<u>NCM</u>	<u>NAM</u>
0	2	4	7

(2) Awards returned approved from FMFPac included the following:

<u>NAM</u>
1

(3) Personnel of the 1st Combined Action Group also received the following awards as a result of combat wounds, heroic/meritorious service in the Republic of Vietnam.

<u>PHM</u>	<u>VCG w/Bronze Star</u>	<u>VCG w/Silver Star</u>
18	1	2

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c. Casualties. Casualties during the month of April 1969 were as follows:

	KIA	DAI	DOC	DOW	WIA	WIA/NE	NBC	WIA/NBC RET TO DUTY
USMC	4	0	0	1	16	8	5	4/0
USN	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0/0

d. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREP. There were one Congressional Interest Correspondence and one Welfare Report during the month of April 1969.

e. Administrative Assistance.

(1) One Group directive was promulgated during the reporting month. A copy of this order is located in the documents section (section IV) of this chronology.

(a) Group Order 2302.2: Preventive Maintenance (PM) program (Communications)

f. Legal. A break down of legal activities for April is shown below:

Article 32 Investigations	Informal Investigations	NJP	SPCM	SCM
1	8	11	1	3

Three Article 32 Investigations were pending at the end of the reporting period.

g. Morale and Welfare. The morale of the unit continues to be high and special services equipment is available to all hands. Quotas for both out of country and in country Rest and Recuperation (R&R) are effectively being utilized. The following is a break down.

	Quotas	Utilized
(1) Out of country R&R -	38	38
(2) In country R&R -	4	4

(3) A party is held at a different CAP each week consisting of a cook out, beer and soda. Each CAP sends a man in to the rear on a staggered schedule to allow him to relax and enjoy the club facilities.

h. Career Planning. There were no significant changes in the Career Planning Program in 1st Combined Action Group during the reporting period. Our Career Planner conducts his interviews at the Combined Action Company's Headquarters.

i. Mail. Daily average bags of mail were processed as follows:

	Incoming	Outgoing
Letters	$\frac{1}{2}$ bag	$\frac{1}{2}$ bag
Packages	2 bags	

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j. Promotions. Twenty enlisted promotions were effected during the month of April 1969 as follows:

PFC - 1

LCpl - 3

Sgt - 6

SSgt - 2

1stSgt -1

k. Hospital Visits. Hospital visits are made daily by the Hospital corpsman representative, the Casualty NCO and the Mail Orderly along with frequent visits by the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Adjutant and First Sergeant. Casualties are visited as soon as they are evacuated from the field. Normally, the Commanding Officer or his representative, having been notified by Dustoff Control Chu Lai, of the destination of the individual are waiting at the hospital when the casualty arrives.

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2. Intelligence.

a. There was no change in the intelligence chain for the month of April. The villagers within the CAP TAOCs volunteered information on 22 occasions, of which 10 cases had the following results:

VC KIA	VCS	VC POW	OTHER
12	4	2	2 contacts, 1 mine

(1). Activity in the first week of April continued at the same low level that began towards the end of March, after that month's period of high contact. The second week showed a marked upswing in the level of enemy contact, with 36 being killed. All of the enemy killed were of the friendly-initiated ambushes or combined sweeps of CAPs or CAPs operating with RF/TF elements from the various districts. These combined operations were responsible for 20 VC KIA and 3 individual weapons captured in the first two weeks of the month. The apparent increase in enemy contact, then, was not an indication of a coming offensive, because the enemy still maintained an obvious avoidance of contact.

(2). Activity in the last two weeks of the month showed a marked increase in the enemy's aggressiveness, as he initiated attacks on CAP and other friendly positions by mortar fire. Several kidnappings and one assassination were reported, showing the enemy's desire to make at least a psychological if not military or political, impression on the people. These attacks had little or no effect on the political or military situation in the 1st CAG area, except that they increased the cooperation of the Vietnamese with the CAPs in some areas. This was the result in the area of CAP 1-4-4, when on 16 April, a VC element kidnapped a number of people. The civilians in the area then became more dependent on the CAP for protection and began providing information to the CAP. The increase in contacts in the 1st CAG TAOC towards the end of the month may be taken as an indication as another phase in the present offensive, or the beginning of a follow-up phase. While the increase in activity shows the enemy's apparent willingness to make contact, a letter captured by CAP 1-1-4 showed a morale problem that developed after increased CAP operations. While the writer states that his cell desires to continue to fight, the overall tone of the letter showed a morale problem. CAP 1-1-4 has worked in the present TAOC since 15 March 1969.

(3). Another determining factor in the future effectiveness of the enemy in the 1st CAG area is the general health condition of the enemy. It is estimated that of the forces in the four districts in which 1st CAG operates a minimum of 50% are suffering from malaria to the point of being ineffective. This information comes both through the prisoners of the American Division units, and the CHIEU HOI of the CAPs. While the enemy does have the manpower to mount a sizeable attack on any CAP in the 1st CAG area, along with deceptive feints toward outposts to pin down reaction force and gain an element of surprise, it is not within his ability to hold any position he might take, because of the condition of his men and his logistical problems in the area.

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(4). It is expected that there will be an increase in enemy activity in the following months, to demonstrate the continuation of the winter-spring offensive. The aggressive capabilities of the enemy cannot, however, be maintained for a prolonged duration, and these short range thrusts will be costly both in men and materials. If the conduct of enemy operations in the past is any indication, the main area of concern to 1st CAG will continue to be the area northwest of Tien Ky. The Binh Son area will again be subject to continued harassment by fire by both mortar and small arms. The Ly Tin area is expected to remain quiet throughout the coming months, with only scattered enemy engagements of the harassment type. The Son Tinh area can expect an increase of harassing fire attacks in particular in and around the District Headquarters.

b. ARVN Liaison Officers/Interpreters.

(1). A total of three interpreters served the 1st Combined Action Group this month, with fourth remaining UK. To date the Liaison Officer in March has not replaced.

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Translating part of a letter captured by CAF 1-1-4 on 29 April 1969 at 1030L:

I have written several letters to you. I don't know why you haven't received any of them, but this is the 5th letter.

I and my friends in the unit were very happy when we learned of your good health. The situation is now tense day and night. The entire remaining cadre staff is now comprised of only me, Vien, Uoc, Trung, and Lien—we have a lot of work to do. Several events have happened to our country. I believe that Nga explained our country's situation to you in his letter.

As for the guys from Qui Huong Hamlet: Van was killed (grenade); Son Loi, Trung, and Phieu are waiting for a mission with me; Sau was killed at the beginning of Ky Dau Year in the jungle. Su brought the body to his family for burial. Trung was killed in an ambush at Go Loc Hill while on a mission, the same day we counter-attacked and inflicted heavy enemy losses, killing 4 and wounded 3, including 2 aggressive Americans and 1 Popular Force man. Nga was wounded by artillery, so he has been staying in the hospital for 10 days.

There are so many rigors of war in our Qui Huong Hamlet. The enemy is destroying our hamlet and pacifying with great speed. They increase air and artillery strikes. One American squad coordinates with Popular Forces and Militia Youth with the purpose of fiercely attacking our area, Khanh Yen. In general, they divide our hamlet into small parts for attacking. Khanh Yen today does not even have a single roof; bushes, jungles—all were burned down. They were stopped by our coordinated Village Guerrilla Cell. They used HULU to burn everything. Some of the populace became confused.

Despite enemy attacks since the beginning of the year, we are determined to fight, to do good work, to hold our positions, and to maintain movements, for we have our old traditions.

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Operations

a. General.

(1). CAP Operations. In accordance with the CAP/Popular Forces of village security and assistance to the Revolutionary Development Program, CAP operations continued through the month of April with normal patrolling and ambushing. Contacts with the NVA/VC fell off, with a consequent drop in the number of kills for the month. There were no changes of TAOC or mobility status this month, as the majority of these changes were effected between January and the end of March.

(b). The patrolling of the inland waterways also fell off during the month, as the maintenance of engines became increasingly difficult due to the reorganization of Americal Logistical Support. This reorganization removed the availability of this category of maintenance to the 198th Light Infantry Brigade, which is tasked with support of the river operations. With a greater centralization of support at the Division level. The outboard motor repair capability was eliminated, leaving the 1st Combined Action Group wanting for boat maintenance. Various proposed ways for supporting the boats through facilities at Dungng or Nha Trung are considered impractical. The boats remain in the water to the extent they do through the efforts of a 1st CAG Lance Corporal who has the initiative and mechanical know-how to do the job. Daylight patrolling, however, has been greatly reduced in favor of maintenance, so that night work can continue.

b. Activities.

(1). A total of six multi-CAP operations were conducted during the period, without significant kill counts, but significance in terms of coordination in one case, and in other results in another case.

(a). First Company conducted three multi-CAP operations, one involving inter-district planning and execution by the company commander, the Tam Ky District Chief and their counterparts in Ly Tin District including the commander of a Ly Tin RF Company. The objective was a sweep a Ly Tin area in response to reports of the presence of an NVA platoon. Although the execution came off well, there was no contact. This operation was of significance because of the inter-district cooperation and planning involved.

(b). Second Company generated and was involved in the above operation. This was of significance, as this company occupies the quietest TAOC in the 1st CAG area, and is aggressively searching out every corner of its TAOCs for enemy presence. While the kill count is low in this area, it is perhaps the showplace of the success of the CAP mission simply in terms of having provided the security sought under the concept, as well as to some degree, the training level. Ly Tin Popular Forces include well-led platoons which have proved themselves in reaction to CAP situations, and which conducted successful operations on their own initiative without the presence of Americans.

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Third Company conducted two multi-CAP operations, one of which was not in its 6 kills, but in the fact the Commanding Officer, 1st CAG, was wounded while accompanying the command group as an observer. The Commanding Officer's wound was fortunately not too serious, though it required several days of hospitalization and modified plans for his relief late in the month.

(2). The following statistics reflect the results of 1st CAG operations and activities for the month of April:

(a). Night Patrols	903	LP's	714
Day Patrols	724	Multi-CAP	
Ambushes	1605	Operations	5

(b). Enemy Casualties.

KIA (C)	WIA	DIMINISHES	HQI CASUALS
124	4	58	7

(c). Weapons and Ordnance Captured:

M-1 Carbine	5
AK-47	14
M-16	1
M-14	1
Thompson SIG	1
*B-40 Rocket Launcher	1

* Indicates Crew Served Weapon.

(d). Friendly Casualties:

	KIA	WIA	HIA	POW
USMC	4	25	0	0
USN	0	1	0	0
PF	10	32	0	0

(e). Training. During the month of April, 986 hours of instruction were conducted on CAP positions. This is in addition to informal instruction conducted by CACO headquarters and CAG headquarters personnel. There were a total of 56 hours training conducted by I&I Section NCO inspectors, who had the mission of inspecting each CAP on an assigned circuit while at the same time conducting one to two hours of instruction on a given subject which had proved to be timely as a result of events or the general situation. Among the subjects taught to selected CAPs this month were: Safety Features of Small Arms, Care and Cleaning of Small Arms, and The M-60 Machinegun.

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(1). CAP Training. During the period, CAP level training was improved ... lesson plans were furnished the CAPs by this headquarters. The subjects that needed additional instructions were given to the CAPs by special instructors from this headquarters.

Type of Training	Location	Hours
General Military	CAP	698
Vietnamese Language	CAP	208
Personal Response	CAP	104
Leadership/Tactics	CAP	26

(2). Mobile Training Teams. This Group has two Mobile Training Teams. Each conducts training for Vietnamese forces of their respective districts in addition to conducting normal CAP activities in its AO.

(a). MTT 1-1, located in the Tan Ky District, trained 97. Combat Youths who are employed as hamlet local security in Tan Ky District.

(b). MTT 1-2, located in the Binh Son District, trained No Vietnamese Forces during April.

(3). Vietnamese Language Training. Four 1st CAG Marines attended the Month-long III MAF course at Headquarters, 2nd Combined Action Group, Nha Trang.

(4). Other Training. 1st CAG Headquarters personnel were given a 1 hour class on Vietnamese Politics by the MACCOURD's Political Advisor from Quang Ngai Province Headquarters.

(d). Inspections. Each CACO Headquarters and CAP was inspected by a member of the 1st CAG Headquarters during the period. The Commanding Officer spent a number of nights in the field with various CAPs and the MTTs conducting his personal inspections as has been his habit. The newly joined Commanding Officer, 1st CAG visited many of the CAPs on an area orientation tour before month's end.

(1). The commanders of Third and Fourth companies continue to experience difficulty in adequately supervising their CAPs. The problem remains the difficulty of obtaining timely helicopter transportation. Greatest dependence continues to be on the resupply helicopters scheduled by the Companies' supporting battalions. Some relief was given to the Fourth Company by this Headquarters scheduling aircraft through Americorl Division when available. This relieves the pressure on the assets allotted the units supporting CACO's.

(2). I&I Inspector strength has been increased so that there are now two I&I's permanently assigned the I&I Section. This has improved the quality of the weekly training schedule. This means for the

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Squad Leader, a ready-made training package to assist him in conjunction with the bilingual training manuals published by FIEF MAC. Sergeants joining the 1st CAG are utilized as Inspectors during the time they are awaiting CAP school. This gives the CAGs a necessary inspection and provides an advance orientation to the temporary Sergeant Inspectors which is of some assistance in their appreciation of the CAPs' needs. It is felt this experience motivates their study while at CAP School.

(e). Air Support.

(1). The majority of Fixed Wing CAS sorties flown were in support of the First Company again this month. There is good reason for the First Company's having so much CAS available as opposed to other companies - especially Third Company, which almost always has more contacts per month than the First. With the Operational Zone of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade comprised mostly of areas to the south of Tam Ky, there are multitudinous commitments facing the available aircraft assigned support of the 198th. On the other hand, the FACs flying in support of Quang Tin Province often find themselves without assigned missions and must scout around for work. As a result, there are few situations in which the 198th LIB FACs do not have targets for their aircraft, while it is the opposite case at the northern end of 1st CAG's area, where the Quang Tin FACs come up on the CACO 1-1 not asking the CAPs for targets.

(2). Helicopter Support. Although the Americal Division's helicopter assets have been reduced due to action, the resupply of the 1st CAG CAPs continued well, all circumstances considered. From time to time as is normal, Combat Assaults by the Army units eliminated hot chow and administrative runs, but no CACO reported being in a tight spot for this reason.

(f). Fire Support. There was no change in the fire support picture during the reporting period. All Companies continue to enjoy fine support from U. S. Army artillery, and, in the case of coastal CAPs, from the 81mm mortars of Coastal Division 12's Swiftboats.

(g). Scout Dog Teams. In April, there were five teams assigned to the various CAPs, all were involved in operations using either regular Scout Dogs, or using Sentry Dogs cross-trained for Scout Dog work.

(h). Psychological Operations.

(1). In April, feedback from the CACOs regarding the effectiveness of serial loudspeaker broadcasts was noticeably better, and 1st CAG was able to provide the Americal and 198th LIB Psyops Sections with a better picture of their effectiveness. With this exception, there was no change in the 1st CAG Psyop system situation. The following statistics apply for April:

TIME	INFLUYS	BROADCASTS	HAND DISTRIBUTED
Chieu Hoi	560,000	11:30	
Anti-VC	433,000	2:45	
Anti-NVA	120,000	:45	
Rewards	191,000	9:05	40,000

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Kit Carson Scouts. One Kit Carson Scout was recruited and in school during the month. The KCS wounded on 22 March remains in the hospital at this time.

(j). Volunteer Informant Program. A total of 61,700 SVN was spent during the month under the VIF program. All expenditures were for weapons or ordnance turned in or pointed out in place to the CIPs. 1st CAG Headquarters spent 40,000 SVN when a C.P. 1-4-1 Mine brought a 14 year old boy to the CP with information of a large amount of ordnance cached near LZ DOUGIE in the CAP 1-3-10 MILOC. In order to take immediate advantage of the situation, a team from the Headquarters was dispatched with funds. It was necessary for the team to return the following day with more funds to buy up the entire cache. The ordnance was checked by the Amrical Division G-2 Section personnel, but was of no intelligence interest. Of all items turned in during the month, two were booby trapped.

(1). A statistical recap of weapons and ordnance purchased is shown below:

NUMBER	TYPE ORDNANCE	NUMBER	TYPE ORDNANCE
4	31mm rounds	4	M-16 Fuzes
5	40mm rounds	2	Chicom grenades
9	60mm rounds	5	155 mm rounds
10	57mm RA rounds	58	M-79 rounds
1	B-40 round	1	M-72 LAW
20	M-26 grenades	3	Rifle Grenades
2	155 VT Fuzes	12	M-14 mines
14	M-16 Mines	12	.50 cal rounds
		5	3.5 rounds

(2). Communications.

(1). Communication Improvement.

(a). Operators Checklist. During the reporting period Group Order 2312.1 was promulgated containing operators trouble shooting instructions in the form of a checklist. The purpose of this is to give all CACO and CAG personnel a better understanding of the AN/PRC-25 radio, the troubles which may occur, and corrective action each operator can take.

(b). Preventive Maintenance Program (Communications). In conjunction and support of Group Order 2302.1 (defined above), Group Order 2302.2 was also promulgated. This order completely organized and systemized the 1st CAG preventive maintenance procedures for communications.

(2). Radio Repair.

(a). Improvement of "Turn-Around" Time. Because of inadequate radio repair support by 1st FSB Maintenance Battalion, the 1st CAG had to use other means of repair for deadlined radios AN/PRC-25. This entailed establishing a 2nd echelon repair facility for 1st CAG. The transfer

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of one Corporal (Ground Radio Repair) from CAG 1-3 to 1st CAG Headquarters (Communication Battalion) was required. This Corporal was working in the capacity of an O511 at the time the decision was made to bring him in as a radio repairman. It was felt he could do the command more good working as a radio repairman than as a rifleman, which duty he had extended his tour for. Permission was obtained from the Electronics Technical Shop at Naval Support Activity Detachment, Chu Lai to use their repair facilities to repair 1st CAG AN/PRC-25 radios. An immediate improvement in "turn-around" time was noted. It was significantly reduced to an average of about 5 days, as compared to 1st FSR Maintenance Battalion turn around time which was in excess of 60 days. As a result of this decreased in-shop time, fewer AN/PRC-25 radios were in repair at any time, and each CAG is able to run more activities due to increased communication capability. Because of the immediate success of this 2nd echelon repair facility, minimum use of 1st FSR Maintenance Battalion was made for AN/PRC-25 radio repair. However, 1st CAG will still continue to use 1st FSR Maintenance Battalion for other types of communication equipment repair.

(2). Repair Work Summary. During the reporting period the following quantities of communication equipment were delineated:

EQUIPMENT NOMENCLATURE	TO REPAIR		FROM REPAIR POT		POT		
	1ST FSR ISU-3	CAG-1	1ST FSR ISU-3	CAG-1 D/L	NET	NET	
Radio Set AN/PRC-25	1	1	17	1	13	19	15
RCVR-Trans RT-524/VRC	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Radio Set AN/PRC-74	2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Handset H-109/GR	14	12	0	9*	10	0	19
Telephone MA-1/PT	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Telephone MA-312/PT	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

* Code X (Unconomical to Repair) 9 requisitioned.

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4. S-4/Sup.

a. Significant Events.

(1) A Motor Transport Inspection was conducted during April by the Force Motor Transport Officer. The results were fair with discrepancies. Command interest and improvement efforts are being applied in this direction.

(2) Combat losses during April accounted for (4) M16A1 rifles, (1) M-79 Grenade launcher and (1) M-60 Machine gun.

(3) During the month 1st CAG was apprised of an effort by the Force Logistic Command to consolidate their facilities at Chu Lai. As a result a certain amount of relocation by the 1st CAG will be encountered in the future.

b. Supply.

(1) The current supply posture is satisfactory. However with the troop input now being derived from CONUS vice In Country units the requirements for certain material and equipment will increase and may possibly present an interim problem.

(2) Outstanding requisitions for the battery, B4-36 have been completed and this item is no longer critical.

(3) Table of Equipment deficiencies in the area of communications and motor transport equipment continues to be a problem.

c. Maintenance.

(1) The maintenance situation has improved somewhat over previous months, especially, in repair of communications equipment. Motor Transport equipment is still a problem with M35A2C and M37B1 vehicles continuously deadline.

(2) The prime factor contributing to the maintenance effort in 1st CAG is lack of an adequate second echelon capability. Facilities are sparses at best and appropriate test and measurement instruments are not within the authorized table of equipment.

d. Motor Transport.

(1) Organic Motor Transport continues to function, however, problems continue to occur resulting in considerable downtime of vehicles. Problems are attributable to those mentioned in the paragraph (c) and also repair part availability.

e. Miscellaneous.

(1) Classes I, III and V support from U.S. Battalions continues to be satisfactory. Group Supply furnished 5,285 Meals, Combat, Individual and 4,584 IRPR's to CAP's this month.

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(2) A work for an increase to the OPBUD for \$50,000! was submitted to the Army Materiel, Force Logistic Command.

(3) The Group S-4 was transferred to the CAP Directors office during the month.

f. Medical.

(1) General. Besides the capabilities of assigned Hospital Corps-men, the 1st CAG is serviced medically by the medical battalions and evacuation hospitals of the Americal Division. At CAG Headquarters, medical administration is carried on normally by one Chief Hospital Corpsman and an assistant. In addition to administration, the headquarters element conducts Sick Call, and provides a corpsman for the reaction force, or to cover any CAP which loses a Corpsman for any reason.

(2) Evacuation. First CACO 1-1 casualties are normally evacuated to Danang, via evacuation hospitals north of Tam Ky, while casualties from CACO's 1-2, 1-3 and 1-4 are evacuated via Chu Lai, to hospital ships or hospitals out of country.

(a) American medevac helicopter support has been quite satisfactory during the period, with emergency medevacs averaging approximately fifteen minutes.

(3) Additional Information. The following areas are reported for the month of April.

(a) Personnel Hospital Corpsmen

Reported for duty	03
Rotated to CONUS	02
Medevaced out of country	02
Awarded the Purple Heart	00
Recommended for Navy Commendation Medal	02
Recommended for advancement waiver	00

(4) Techniques

(a) A field inspection was held of all CAPs by HM2 TAYLOR, USN. Areas of improvement were pointed out in field sanitation and Med CAP techniques.

(b) Medcaps conducted Totals

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Patients treated	26,427
Adults evacuated	80
Children evacuated	35
Dentcamps conducted	74
(c) U.S. Personnel treated at CAG Sick Call	400
(d) Hospitalized	
WIA	16 USMC, 2 NAVY
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a. The Combined Action Platoons were responsible for treating over 35,000 people during this month through regularly scheduled MEDCAPS run by each platoon. There were a total of 91 adults and 40 children evacuated for medical reasons.

b. As usual such things as food, clothing, soap, toothbrushes were given out through the CAPS. CARE kits also were distributed. This was mostly school kits, 263 of the regular school kits and 397 refill kits. One Midwife kit, a blacksmith kit and 152 sewing kits were also given out.

c. CAP 1-4-2, assigned to protect the villagers resettling at Chau Thuan (1) on the Batangan Peninsula assisted in constructing the homes of the refugees. This was also done by CAP 1-4-3 at An Hai later in April with the resettlement in that area. In addition, project requests were submitted for materials for additional wells in these two villages.

d. There were no significant projects completed during April. However, there were numerous protective fences, minor repairs to dirt roads and one public shower constructed.

e. The mobile CAP concept in this area has cut down on the large building type project in the civic action area and increased the number of low key projects by the CAP's. This is a direct result of less time in one spot and moving from hamlet to hamlet on a daily basis. In addition, the 1st and 3d companies have drifted into more and more of a combat unit due to the number of contacts and joint operations.

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At 0900 on 1 April a CAP 1-1-6 patrol detonated a 155mm mine at BT 234252. R. BDU. 1 PF KIA, 3 PF and 1 USMC WIAE, 1 scout dog WIAE.

At 1400 on 1 April a patrol from CAP 1-3-8 sighted and pursued 3 VC at BS 556196. The CAP received heavy SAF, returned SAF, and adjusted artillery on the enemy position. A sweep of the area following the artillery mission resulted in 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

At 1130 on 2 April a patrol from CAP 1-1-4 at BT 268180, discovered a weapons cache consisting of approximately 1,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 2 B-40 rockets, 1 B-40 rocket launcher.

On 1 April at 1900 an element of CAP 1-3-4 at BT 625007, observed approximately 30 VC entering a village. The CAP engaged the VC sustaining 1 USMC WIAE. The VC broke contact and the CAP swept the area finding 2 VCS. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIAE, 2 VCS.

At 1000 on 3 April civilians brought assorted ordnance to CAP 1-1-4 at BT 275193. A VIP payment was made. RESULTS: 5 81mm rounds, 5 M-79 rounds, 1 60mm round.

At 1745 on 3 April, a MedCap from CAP 1-1-4 received sniper fire at BT 272193. One Corporal was WIAE. The CAP returned fire on 4 VC and swept the area finding 2 VC KIA and 2 blood trails. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 USN WIAE.

At 1400 on 4 April, CAP 1-3-10 received word from a civilian that 1 PF, not from a CAP, had been taken prisoner by VC at BS 596885. A CAP patrol was sent to the area and received fire from a treeline. The patrol returned SAF and swept the area, capturing 3 VC and recovering the PF who had been captured. The 3 VC admitted to supplying other VC in the area, and were carrying assorted supplies. RESULTS: 3 VC POW, 115 writing tablets, 30 yards of gray cloth, 5 bottles of medicine, 30 bars of soap, 20 tooth brushes, 30 tubes of tooth paste, 40 lbs of rice, canned goods.

From 0630 to 1300 on 4 April, an interdistrict operation was conducted in the Districts of Tam Ky and Ly Tin involving elements of CACO 1-1, CACO 1-2, and one RF Company. The operation was coordinated by the two sub-sector commanders and the three company commanders in response to intelligence of one platoon of NVA in the vicinity of Thach Kieu (2) at BT 358165. Although no contact was made with the enemy, the operation was well planned and executed, resulting in improved interdistrict combat capability.

At 0030 on 5 Apr, an ambush from CAP 1-4-1 at BS 613805 received two incoming RPG rounds and SAF resulting in minor wounds for two USMC personnel. A reaction force from the CAP patrol base arrived on the scene and the area was swept with negative results. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA (M).

At 2040 on 5 Apr CAP 1-2-1 made contact with 5 VC at BT 401121. One VC was killed and the remaining four broke contact and fled.

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At 1300 on 6 Apr a patrol from CAP 1-1-1 observed and engaged 3 VC in a rice paddy at BT 262200. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 6 AK magazines, and 8 ChiCom grenades.

At 1725 on 7 Apr CAP 1-1-6 completed an emergency medevac for one VN child wounded by a VC sniper at BT 247255. The Vietnamese in the area reported an increase in enemy sniper activity directed at civilians. An intensive psyops program will be initiated in the area by CACO 1-1. RESULTS: 1 VN civilian WIA.

From 0800 to 1430 on 8 Apr CAP 1-1-6 participated in an operation with two PF platoons from Tam Ky District in the area vicinity BT 238254. An artillery prep was fired on the objective and assaulting elements made small arms contact with 15 VC, killing 5 and capturing 1 AK-47 and 1 Thompson submachine gun. 1 PF was WIA (M) in the action. Shortly thereafter the blocking force observed and killed one VC capturing his AK-47. 1 PF was killed when he detonated a 105mm booby trap. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 PF WIA (M), 6 VC KIA, 2 AK-47s, and 1 Thompson submachine gun.

At 0220 on 9 Apr CAP 1-1-2 received SAF from approximately 3 VC at BT 329182. The CAP returned fire and swept the area under illumination finding 5 grenades (NFI) and one heavy blood trail. RESULTS: 5 grenades (NFI) captured.

At 2000 on 8 Apr a patrol from CAP 1-3-10 was engaged by an estimated 10 VC at BS 623879. The CAP returned fire and swept the area with negative results. RESULTS: 1 PF WIAE, 1 USMC WIA (M).

At 2100 on 9 Apr a patrol from CAP 1-3-3 made contact with approximately 1 squad of VC at BS 665980. The patrol called an artillery mission and swept the area, finding blood trails and drag marks. RESULTS: Negative.

At 0600 on 10 Apr the PF squad leader and 2 PFs from CAP 1-3-8 were ambushed on their way home at BS 581929, killing 1 PF. The PFs returned fire and joined with a reaction force from the CAP in a sweep of the area, finding 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 VC KIA.

At 2230 on 9 Apr an activity from CAP 1-4-4 detonated on M-26 mine at BS 759824. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA, 1 PF KIA, 1 USMC WIAE, 1 PF WIAE.

At 0530 on 11 Apr CAP 1-1-6 spotted and engaged three VC at BT 242258. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 4 ChiCom grenades, and 3 battle dressings.

At 0900 on 11 Apr CAP 1-2-1 found one M1 Carbine at BT 427116. RESULTS: 1 M1 Carbine recovered.

At 1500 on 11 Apr, 2 RD cadre men informed CAP 1-4-2 of a VC force at BS 611814. A CAP patrol sent to the area made contact with the enemy force, killing 2 VC. One USMC was WIAE. A Dust Off received SAF and the CAP returned fire, killing 2 more VC. Gunships flying cover for the Dust Off killed 6 VC. A spotter plane arrived on station and adjusted artillery on the target area. RESULTS: 10 VC KIA (6 KIA), 1 USMC WIAE.

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At 1700 on 12 Apr CAP 1-1-4 was informed by local civilians of a VC force at BT 20. The CAP moved to engage the enemy and was brought under SA and AWF. The CAP gained fire superiority and assaulted the enemy position killing 3 VC and capturing 1 AK-47. CAP 1-1-1, requested to assist in pursuing the enemy, spotted and engaged two VC while enroute, killing one. The link-up was completed and the CAPs continued the pursuit. Artillery was adjusted on withdrawal routes and the area was swept finding 4 more VC KIA and 1 additional AK-47. RESULTS: 8 VC KIA, 2 AK-47s.

At 2310 on 12 Apr CAP 1-3-4 ambush at BT 628006, employed SAF n movement observed to their front. The area was swept and illuminated finding one VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

On 14 Apr between 0300 - 1300H CAP 1-3-6, 1-3-8, 1-3-2, 1-3-9 began a coordinated sweep of their respective TAOC's. CAP 1-3-6 started to sweep the area of grid BS 5290, and linked up w/CAP 1-3-8 at 1030H. The CAPs found and destroyed several old huts and bunkers. CAP 1-3-8 observed movement at BS 551903. The CAP fired automatic weapons and swept the area with negative results. RESULTS: Negative.

At 0845 on 14 Apr a CAP 1-3-2 ambush at BS 513889 observed two VC approximately 200 meters east of the ambush site. The ambush initiated SAF resulting in two VC KIA. The 2 VC were the point element of an estimated 10-15 man VC unit. While in pursuit of the larger unit, a PF from the CAP detonated an M16 mine, resulting in one USMC KIA, 1 PF KIA, 2 USMC WIA (M), 3 PF WIAE. The area was swept revealing rice and clothing, 1 cartridge belt, and medical gear. Documents and ID cards from the VC KIA were taken by PFs to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA, 1 PF KIA, 2 USMC WIA (M), 3 PF WIAE, 2 VC KIA.

On 14 Apr CAP 1-3-9, while participating in a coordinated sweep of their TAOC in grid BS 5488-5288-5188, opened fire on VC fleeing the patrol at BS 545886, resulting in three VC KIA. The patrol continued the sweep and received SAF on 3 separate occasions. In one incident, 1 USMC was WIAE. In the second incident the CAP engaged and killed 3 VC. In the third incident 1 PF was KIA by sniper fire. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 USMC WIAE, 6 VC KIA.

At 1230 on 15 Apr, CAP 1-1-7 received intelligence from local civilians that a VC element was at BT 303294. The CAP called an artillery mission on the suspected location and swept the area finding 3 VC KIA.

At 1150 on 16 Apr one wounded Vietnamese female was brought to CAP 1-3-4 at BT 621017. She was tagged a VCS and evacuated. RESULTS: 1 VCS.

At 1830 on 14 Apr villagers reported approximately 40 VC moving to attack CAP 1-3-4 at BT 624003. A patrol, dispatched to check the area, made small arms contact with the enemy. A mortar mission was called and the area was swept with negative findings. A first light sweep found and destroyed one mine on a trail in the area. RESULTS: 1 mine (NFI) destroyed.

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In a late CAP 1-4-2 reported that at 2120 on 14 Apr a VC tripped a friendly trapped grenade at BS 771857. The covering element opened fire and called artillery on possible escape routes. The area was swept with negative results. There were no friendly casualties. RESULTS: Negative.

At 0200 on 16 Apr CAP 1-4-3 received incoming ChiCom grenades, RPGs, and mortar fire at BS 766830. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and swept the area with negative further contact. A first light sweep netted 3 VC KIA, 1 Bangalore torpedo, 5 ChiCom grenades, 3 M16 magazines, and packings for B40 rockets. RESULTS: 2 USMC KIA, 2 PF KIA, 2 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIA (M), 3 VC KIA, 1 Bangalore torpedo, 5 ChiCom grenades, 3 M16 magazines.

During an afternoon sweep on 17 Apr, CAP 1-1-1 detained 10 VCS in the vicinity of BT 294181. RESULTS: 10 VCS.

At 1115 on 17 Apr, CAP 1-1-1 made contact with an estimated 3 squads of VC moving south in the vicinity of BT 254155. The enemy fired AWF and SAF and the CAP returned organic weapons fire. One USMC was WIAE, 3 VC were KIA and 1 AK-47 was captured. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIAE, 3 VC KIA, 1 AK-47.

At 1045 on 17 Apr, a patrol from CAP 1-1-4 discovered an enemy cache at BT 269179. RESULTS: 200 lbs of rice, 3 155mm rounds, 10 57mm recoilless rifle rounds.

At 1800 on 16 Apr, CAP 1-3-5 received 100-150 rounds of AWF and SAF from BT 707968. Swift boats fired on the enemy position and the CAP swept the area finding 4 M-14 mines. The mines were blown in place. RESULTS: 4 M-14 mines.

At 0100 on 17 Apr, a village and its RD cadre were attacked by an unknown size VC force at BS 755817. Two RD cadre were KIA and 6 were WIAE. The CAP 1-4-4 compound, near the village, received sniper fire and a CAP ambush received 200 rounds of SAF. The CAP sent a reaction force to aid the RD cadre, but the VC had fled the area by the time the reaction force arrived. RESULTS: 2 RD cadre KIA, 6 RD cadre WIAE.

At 1830 on 17 Apr at BT 281203 a 13 year old VN boy approached CAP 1-1-4 and said his mother was sick and needed a doctor. A PF corpsman and two Marines accompanied the boy. While enroute, the boy slipped aside and the 3 CAP members received a burst of 100 rounds of AWF from approximately 100 meters distance. One USMC was WIAE. The area was searched with negative results. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIAE.

At 1000 on 18 Apr, a VN female pointed out a cache of 10 57mm rounds to CAP 1-1-4 at BT 255200. A VIP payment was made. RESULTS: 10 57mm rounds.

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At 1100 on 19 Apr CAP 1-1-4 received small arms, M79, and 60mm mortar fire at BT 265. The CAP returned fire killing 6 VC and capturing 1 AK-47. A Dust off was requested for one Marine wounded in the initial volley of fire and escorting gunships were employed on enemy positions. The area was swept by the CAP with negative results in an attempt to regain contact. RESULTS: 6 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 6 ChiCom grenades, 2 M33 grenades, and 3 cartridge belts.

At 0500 on 19 Apr CAP 1-1-7 received a probe of their lines at BT 297287, by unknown sized enemy force. The CAP opened fire with small arms and mortars when the enemy detonated a Biet Lop booby trap. A sweep was conducted and 3 VC KIA were found. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA, 12 ChiCom grenades, and assorted documents.

At 0530 on 19 Apr an ambush of CAP 1-3-10 wounded and apprehended one VCS as he attempted to evade the ambush at BS 624863. RESULTS: 1 VCS.

At 0100 on 17 Apr CAP 1-4-2 reported a VC attack on Son Quang village at BS 755817. VC infiltrated the hamlet and conducted a propaganda program while herding the people out of the village. CAP 1-4-4 compound, near the village received sniper fire, and a CAP ambush received 200 rounds of SA. The CAP sent a reaction force to aid the village but was unable to take the VC under fire due to the massed civilians. The PFs talked to the people and convinced them to return to their homes. 5 civilians were killed in the action when they detonated an RD booby trap. 3 other civilians were found dead in the hamlet. The hamlet chief reported that 177 people were missing, presumably back with the VC in their old hamlet across the river. RESULTS: 2 RD KIA, 3 RD WIAE, 8 civilians KIA.

At 1630 on 19 Apr 1-1-6 received approximately 60 rounds of AWF at BT 240255. The CAP returned fire and swept the area with negative results. Later at 1920 the CAP received SA and M79 fire from an estimated 20 VC at BT 247255. The CAP returned fire and was joined by a reaction force from CAGO 1-1. The VC broke contact and withdrew SSE. A sweep of the area found 4 VC KIA. RESULTS: 4 VC KIA.

At 0800 on 20 Apr, CAP 1-3-6 reacted to a report of VC attacking a PF unit in the vicinity of BS 576945. The CAP reaction force swept the area finding 5 B-40 rockets, 9 ChiCom grenades and 7 M-1 magazines. RESULTS: 5 B-40 rockets, 9 ChiCom grenades.

At 1730 on 19 Apr and again at 1530 on 20 Apr, CAP 1-3-10 made VIP payments to VN boys for ordnance brought to the CAPs position at BS 624857. RESULTS: 56 M-79 rounds, 15 M-26 grenades, 4 155mm rounds, 12 M-14 mines and assorted SA rounds.

At 1740 on 19 Apr, CAP 1-3-10 received a report that approximately 30 VC were in the vicinity of BS 622883. A CAP element sent to check the area received 30-40 rounds of SA. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and

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called an artillery mission on the area, causing the VC to break contact. Shortly thereafter, the CAP element received SAW from their rear from an estimated 20 VC moving SE. The CAP pulled back and called an artillery mission on the enemy, causing the enemy to retreat to the west. A sweep of the area found 8 VC KIA. RESULTS: 8 VC KIA.

At 0900 on 21 Apr 1 Hoi Chanh surrendered to CAP 1-1-6 at BT 242253. The Hoi Chanh had no weapon and was sent to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

At 2030 on 20 Apr an ambush from CAP 1-3-4 received approximately 15-20 rounds of SAW at BT 624009. The CAP called illumination and returned organic weapons fire on the enemy position. Sweeps of the area immediately after the contact and again at first light, found 1 VC mine. RESULTS: 1 Mine.

At 1100 on 21 Apr, 1 VN child brought 1 M-79 round and 1 M-26 grenade to CAP 1-3-10's position at BS 619870. The ordnance was blown in place and VIP payment was made. RESULTS: 1 M-79 round, 1 M-26 grenade.

At 1000 on 22 Apr, CAP 1-1-1 apprehended 4 VCS at BT 272168. One VCS was armed with an M-1 Carbine and had no ID card. All 4 VCS were taken to Tam Ky District Headquarters for questioning. RESULTS: 4 VCS.

At 2230 on 21 Apr, an element from CAP 1-1-6 spotted and engaged 20 VC who were attempting to start a fire in an unoccupied house at BT 253253. The VC returned SAW, M-79s and RPGs. The CAP called an artillery mission on the enemy position and the VC broke contact, fleeing NW. A sweep of the area discovered 5 VC KIA. RESULTS: 5 VC KIA.

At 1900 on 21 Apr, CAP 1-3-8 observed approximately 1 platoon of VC moving east in the vicinity of BS 575916. The CAP initiated organic weapons fire and the VC returned SAW and M-79 fire. The VC broke contact, heading west, and the CAP called an artillery mission on suspected escape routes. The CAP swept the area and found 1 VC KIA and numerous blood trails. One USN received minor wounds in the contact. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 USN WIA (M).

At 0830 on 22 Apr CAP 1-4-2 reported that VC opened fire with SA and M-79s on a village at BS 774858. The CAP and RD cadre returned fire and called a mortar mission. One RD cadre and 4 civilians were WIA in the action. After the VC broke contact, the CAP swept the area with negative results. RESULTS: 1 RD and 4 civilians WIA.

On 23 Apr CAP 1-3-3 reported that 2 VC had assassinated a minor hamlet official (NFI) of PHUC HOA (2) at BS 675976. The VC reportedly captured the officials carbine and grenades. A reaction force from the CAP swept the area with negative results. RESULTS: 1 VN male assassinated.

At 0630 on 23 Apr an element of CAP 1-3-5 engaged and killed 3 of a group of 10 VC moving from the SE toward VAN TUONG (3) at BT 701949.

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fire on the withdrawing enemy, a complete sweep of the area could not be conducted because of a minefield. One of the 3 VC was identified by District as being a VC village chief. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA.

At 2235 on 23 Apr CAP 1-1-1 found 3,000 pounds of rice in a house at BT 277180. The rice was picked up by personnel from Tam Ky District Headquarters on 24 Apr. RESULTS: 3,000 pounds of rice found.

In an initial spot report, at 0900 on 24 Apr a patrol from 1-1-4 at BT 261203, made contact with approximately 25 VC and exchanged SAF killing 1 VC. An AO was called and air strikes were run on the fleeing enemy with unknown results. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

At 2030 on 23 Apr a patrol from CAP 1-1-6 made small arms contact with an estimated squad of VC at BT 249257. An artillery mission was fired on the enemy and a sweep of the area resulted in the finding of 3 VC bodies and numerous blood trails. The surviving enemy withdraw to the NW. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA, 1 PF WIAE.

At 2100 on 23 Apr a CAP 1-1-7 ambush at BT 301280, engaged and killed one VC. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47.

At 2045 on 23 Apr a patrol from CAP 1-3-7 adjusted artillery on 6 or 7 VC seen heading toward the river at BS 613935. A sweep was conducted under illumination finding parts of at least one VC KIA and several blood trails. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 ChiCom grenade.

At 1540 on 22 Apr a helicopter from LZ Minuteman spotted 3 VC coming out of a hole at BS 774827. The helicopter opened fire and landed, dropping off 4 USA personnel. The USA personnel went to CAP 1-4-3 and joined with the CAP in a sweep of the area. The sweep received SAF and returned organic weapons fire, killing 1 VC, capturing 1 VC and detaining 2 Hoi Chanh. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC POW, 2 Hoi Chanh.

At 0730 on 25 Apr a patrol from CAP 1-3-4 at BT 625001, received 120-130 incoming SA rounds. Two USMC received minor wounds. The CAP established fire superiority and the VC broke contact heading SE. A sweep of the area revealed 4 VC KIA, 6 blood trails, 1 Carbine, 2 cartridge belts, 2 AK-47 magazines, 2 M-26 grenades and assorted bandages. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA (M), 4 VC KIA, 1 Carbine, 2 M-26 Grenades.

At 2100 on 24 Apr a patrol from CAP 1-3-8 at BS 584928, observed 3 VC and opened fire killing one. The remaining VC fled to the N. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

At 0115 on 25 Apr CAP 1-4-2 at BS 776858, observed an estimated 5 VC 2 of whom were armed, advancing toward their position. The CAP opened fire and swept the area under illumination with negative results. RESULTS: Negative.

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or 2 Chieu Hois walked into 1-4-3's village at BS 767829. taken to Son Tin District Headquarters. RESULTS: 2

At 0930 on 26 Apr a patrol from CAP 1-1-7 at BT 301287 received SA and M-79 fire from approximately 15 VC. The area was swept finding 2 VC KIA, and 2 AK-47's. The CAP continued the sweep and killed 1 additional VC and captured one more AK-47. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA, 3 AK-47s.

At 1740 on 25 Apr a patrol from CAP 1-2-4 received incoming artillery at BT 454072, wounding one Marine and necessitating an emergency medevac. As medevac helicopter was approaching two VC emerged from a bunker at a nearby house and were killed by the CAP. The incoming artillery was determined to have come from a friendly unit at hill 35. An investigation is now underway. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA, 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 captured.

At 0840 on 26 Apr a patrol from CAP 1-2-4 found and destroyed one 155mm booby trap at BT 450075. The patrol later apprehended one VCS who was identified by the PPs. RESULTS: 1 155mm mine destroyed, 1 VCS.

At 0945 on 26 Apr an element from CAP 1-3-4, at BT 627004 was receiving sniper fire when a PP detonated 2 M-26 booby traps, which in turn detonated a LIAW the PP was carrying. RESULTS: 1 RD KIA, 6 PP WIA.

At 1900 on 25 Apr element from CAP 1-3-4 at BT 623004 received SA. The CAP returned fire on approximately 6-12 VC and called an artillery mission. The VC then fled to the SE. One RD was WIA. RESULTS: 1 RD WIA.

At 2010 on 25 Apr CAP 1-4-2 at BS 776858, had 1 VC trip a booby trap. The VC then threw a grenade toward 1-4-2's position. The CAP unit opened fire. Illumination was called and the area was swept finding blood trails. RESULTS: Negative.

At 1130 on 26 Apr CAP 1-3-5 at BS 712973 2 VN males came to CAP with shrapnel wounds from M-79 round. They were tagged VCS because of possibility they could have been planting a booby trap. RESULTS: 2 VCS.

At 0800 on 27 Apr CAP 1-3-8 at BS 561911. Day patrol spotted approximately 4 VN carrying gear. The patrol stopped people. The people were carrying 20 packages of rice, 1 canteen of medicine and fish. People believed to be supplying VC. People brought to Binh Son. RESULTS: 4 VCS.

At 0815 on 27 Apr CAP 1-2-1 at BT 446152, while an element was conducting a day time sweep, 3 VC shot and wounded 2 PPs and disappeared underground. Friendly elements swept area with negative results. The element found 1 VC KIA, he was reported to be Honcho of 40 VC by PPs and few civilians. RESULTS: 2 PPs WIA, 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47.

At 0900 on 27 Apr CAP 1-3-3 held complete sweep of village at BS 634973. Evacuated all people and personal belongings and food to friendly village at BS 664979. RESULTS: Steps are being taken to ensure that re-located people have adequate living facilities.

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At 1315 on 27 Apr CAP 1-3-2 at BS 572906 had a VN female inform CAP of enemy mine. RESULTS: Mine blown in place.

At 2120 on 27 Apr CAP 1-4-1 at BS 623802 spotted and fired upon approximately 6 VC moving east into hamlet. PFs initiated ambush killing 5 VC. Made sweep finding 5 VC KIA, and evacuated civilians from immediate area. RESULTS: 3 PFs WIA, 5 VC KIA.

At 2140 on 27 Apr CAP 1-2-5 at BT 398106, set off ambush did not receive any return fire from enemy moving south. Swept area and found 1 VC female KIA, 3 bundles Anti-American pamphlets. RESULTS: 1 VC female KIA, 3 bundles Anti-American leaflets.

At 0800 on 28 Apr CAP 1-3-1 at BS 692957 spotted approximately 6 VC in open rice paddy moving southwest. Element returned fire. Last man in element observed to be hit. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

At 0900 on 28 Apr CAP 1-4-1 at BS 608816 spotted 3 VC while on patrol in rice paddy. USMC and PFs opened up with SA wounding 1 VC. Patrol advanced 50-75 meters, received heavy SA fire pinning our element down. Returned fire with LAAMS and SA. Called artillery and swept the area. Found 2 VC KIA, by arty and 1 VN house badly damaged. Point man received more SA fire. Called arty and swept area. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA.

At 0900 on 28 Apr CAP 1-2-4 at BT 451076 picked up 1 VCS female as a result 4 more VCS were apprehended. 1 male VCS was turned loose as an innocent civilian. RESULTS: 4 VCS.

At 0930 on 28 Apr CAP 1-1-6 at 259259, while on patrol apprehended 1 VCS female without ID card. Female was found to have 1300\$VN. She admitted carrying VC payroll. CAP continued sweep, and apprehended 1 male VCS. Male VCS fled, Marines attempted recapture, PFs opened fire, killing male VC, then female attempted escape and PFs opened fire killing VC female. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1300\$VN.

At 0900 on 28 Apr CAP 1-3-5 at BS 715945 held complete sweep of Van Tuong village. At 710945 observed 3 VC, opened fire killing 4 VC. While returning to their position received sniper fire from 700962, returned fire killing 1 VC, capturing 1 M-16. RESULTS: 5 VC KIA, 33 VCS, 1 M-16.

At 1430 on 28 Apr CAP 1-1-7 at BT 307295, a patrol received fire from 2 squads of VC. Element returned fire with SA and 81mm from the Biet Hop compound. Enemy broke contact heading NE. Element swept through area of contact finding 4 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 10 M-26 grenades. RESULTS: 4 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 10 M-26 grenades.

At 1630 on 28 Apr CAP 1-3-9 at BS 508867 had 1 VC come to position without weapon and turned himself in as Chieu Hoi. RESULTS: 1 Chieu Hoi.

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At 1800 on 29 Apr CAP 1-1-4 at BT 269193, while moving to CP, CAP received sniper fire which wounded the PT Honcho. Swept area with negative results. RESULTS: 1 PF WIAE.

At 1030 on 29 Apr CAP 1-1-4 at BT 259209, while on patrol received SA fire, CAP returned fire with SA. Arty mission called, enemy was observed fleeing W. Sweep of the area revealed the following results. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 6 60mm rounds, 1 M-16 magazine, 105mm round, M-16 carbine rifle, 1 medical kit, 1 M-2 magazine, NVA belt, documents, punji sticks.

At 1200 on 29 Apr CAP 1-1-1 at BT 287180, report of VIP payments made, VN boy, age 12 brought 1 B-40 round to CAP position. RESULTS: VIP payment 400 VN piastres, 1 B-40 round destroyed.

At 1200 on 29 Apr CAP 1-2-2 at BT 400144, CAP 1-2-2 paid 4 VN boys 3000 piastres for 10 60mm rounds, 10 M-14 mines, 1 fuse of 155, 1 claymore, 1 ChiCom grenade, 1 smoke and 1 WP grenade.

At 1800 on 29 Apr CAP 1-4-3 at BS 767833, while clearing a mined area around their Hill, found 1 dead VC, and 2 AK-47 magazines loaded, 1 cartridge belt, and 2 ChiCom grenades. VC wearing a pair of underwear and cartridge belt with 2 ChiCom grenades attached, wearing no shoes and no shirt. Blew ChiComs and cartridge belt, VC died of frag wounds. RESULTS: 2 AK-47 magazines, 1 cartridge belt, and 2 ChiCom grenades.

At 2100 on 29 Apr CAP 1-3-4A at BT 630006, firing 60mm H&I from 1-3-4A compound, secondary explosions, and heard SA ammo going off. Fire was started by secondary explosions.

At 2400 on 29 Apr CAP 1-4-2 at BS 776858, a VC element tripped 1 frag and 3 trip flares. CAP opened fire with M-79, M-60, frags and M-16's. Called 81mm illum and H&E. Checked out area and found 2 blood trails leading into underbrush and tunnels. RESULTS: Negative.

At 1320 on 30 Apr CAP 1-3-9 at BS 469871, while CAP was checking old compound for mines being removed by VC. 1 Marine tripped M-26 booby trap. Received shrapnel in lower abdomen. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIAE.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April 1969 thru 30 April 1969

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a. 1st CAG GruO 2302.2, "Preventive Maintenance (PM) Program (Communications)", 7 Apr 1969

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GROUP ORDER 2302.2

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List
Subj: Preventive Maintenance (PM) Program (Communications)
Ref: (a) GruO 2302.1
Encl: (1) PM Checklist Form NavMC 10559-SD
(2) PM Checklist Antenna RC-292
(3) Daily PM Procedure Checklist

1. Background. To maintain optimum reliability of 1st CAG communication channels, all supervisory and operator personnel must make a significant contribution in the area of communication equipment PM. In the past this has not been accomplished conscientiously, with the result being numerous pieces of communication equipment deadlined. Defects which could have been avoided had daily and weekly PM been performed properly, are: Dirty and corroded contacts in audio, battery, and antenna connectors; moisture damaged handsets; loosened external power connectors; weak batteries; etc.

In view of this, the program for daily and weekly communication PM contained herein shall be strictly complied with by all concerned.

2. Responsibility.

a. Company Commander. The commander of each company shall designate a Marine in company headquarters to act as communications NCO. This Marine should have a communication background if possible.

b. Company Communication NCO. The Communication NCO of each company shall supervise the company's communication system in accordance with the policies and procedures established and setforth by this headquarters. Specifically the Communication NCO's duties encompass:

(1) Acting as advisor to the Company Commander in all matters relating to communications.

(2) Keeping the 1st CAG Headquarters advised of the communication situation in the company.

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(3) Ensuring each CAP is carrying out a conscientious daily and weekly PM program.

(4) Filing all necessary reports and PM checklists with the 1st CAG Headquarters.

(5) Advising radio operators in the company of breaches of communication security and procedures.

(6) Performing all duties relating to Communications as directed by this headquarters.

3. Preventive Maintenance Program.

a. General. The radios, antennas, and accessory equipment employed by the 1st CAG are relatively simple to operate and maintain. Nevertheless, the simplest PM procedure must not be overlooked or neglected. It is emphasized here that when dealing with electronics equipment, the smallest piece of dirt, corrosion, or carbon can, and does, cause malfunctions.

b. Records. To ensure PM is being performed properly on a regular schedule daily and weekly, the PM Checklist Form NavMC 10559-SD (Enclosure 1) shall be utilized to record PM performed on all radios and telephones. One NavMC Form shall be used per each piece of equipment monthly. For the Antenna RC-292, the PM Checklist illustrated in Enclosure (2) shall be used.

c. Records Turn-In. Prior to the 5th of each month, completed PM Checklists from the previous month shall be turned in to the 1st CAG Communication Chief through the Company Communication NCO. Prior to turn-in, the Company Communication NCO shall inspect the checklists from each of the CAP's to ensure the equipment serial numbers and CAP designations are recorded, and that each Checklist is filled out completely and correctly.

d. Maintenance Performance.

(1) First Echelon. It is the responsibility of the CAP Squad Leader to ensure his radio operators are performing 1st Echelon PM properly.

(a) Daily PM. This shall be performed according to the instructions contained in Enclosure (3) for radios and telephones; and Enclosure (2) for the Antenna RC-292.

(b) Weekly PM. This shall be performed according to items 5-12 of Enclosure (1) for radios and telephones; and Enclosure (2) for the Antenna RC-292. It should be noted that weekly PM includes the daily PM for that day.

(2) Second Echelon. This is performed at the Group level by trained technicians, and is the responsibility of the 1st CAG Communication Chief.

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(a) Turn-in procedure. Any equipment which is defective and cannot be repaired by 1st Echelon Maintenance shall be turned in to the 1st CAG Headquarters through the Company Communication NCO. Prior to turn-in, the procedures set forth in reference (a) shall be complied with.

(b) Equipment Support. Any equipment turned in for second echelon repair shall be exchanged directly with a like item on an as available basis.

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ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR 2D AND 3D ECHELON INSPECTIONS		CONDITION	
26. INSPECT ANTENNA FOR ECCENTRICITIES, CORROSION, LOOSE FIT, DAMAGED INSULATORS AND REFLECTORS.			
27. CHECK FOR NORMAL OPERATION.			
28. BEFORE SHIPPING OR STORING, REMOVE BATTERIES			
IF DEFICIENCIES NOTED ARE NOT CORRECTED DURING THE INSPECTION, INDICATE ACTION TAKEN FOR CORRECTION.			
FOLD			
MAINTENANCE CHECK LIST FOR SIGNAL EQUIPMENT SOUND EQUIPMENT, RADIO, DIRECTION FINDING RADAR, CARRIER, RADIOSONDE AND TELEVISION (AR 750-625)			
EQUIPMENT NOMENCLATURE			
EQUIPMENT SERIAL NUMBER			
INSTRUCTIONS			
<p>This form may be used for a period of one month by using the correct dates and weeks of the month. It is to be used as a Preventive Maintenance check list for Signal equipment in actual use, or for a check on equipment prior to issue.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For detailed Preventive Maintenance instructions see: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Technical Manual (in TM 11 series) for the equipment. (See DA Pamphlet Number 310-4) b. The Supply Bulletin (SB 11-100 series) for the equipment. (See DA Pamphlet Number 310-4) c. The Department of the Army Lubrication Order. (See DA Pamphlet Number 310-4) 2. The following action will be taken by either the Communications Officer/Chief for 1st echelon, or the Inspector for higher echelon: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enter Equipment Nomenclature and Serial Number. b. Strike out items that do not apply to the equipment. 3. Operator/Inspector will enter in the columns entitled CONDITION, on the proper line, a notation regarding the condition, using symbols specified under LEGEND. 4. After operator completes each daily inspection he will initial over the appropriate dates under "Daily Condition for Month", then return form to his supervisor. 			
TYPE OF INSPECTION			
OPERATOR	2/3 ECH-ELON	DATE	SIGNATURE

LEGEND for marking conditions:						DAILY CONDITION FOR MONTH OF																
Satisfactory, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjustment, Repair or Replacement required, <input type="checkbox"/> Defect corrected, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>																						
DAILY						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	2D 3D ECH- ELON
NO.	ITEM	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						
1.	COMPLETENESS AND GENERAL CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT. (Transmitter, receiver, carrying cases, wire, cables, microphones, tubes, spare parts, technical manuals).																					
2.	CLEAN DIRT AND MOISTURE FROM ANTENNA, MICRO-PHONES, HEADSETS, JACKS, PLUGS, COMPONENT PANELS.																					
3.	INSPECT CONTROLS FOR NORMAL OPERATION. TAP CONTROLS LIGHTLY FOR EVIDENCE OF CUT-OUT FROM LOOSE CONTACTS.																					
4.	CHECK FOR NORMAL OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT. BE ALERT FOR UNUSUAL OPERATION OR CONDITION.																					
WEEKLY		CONDITION EACH WEEK					2D 3D ECH	ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR 2D AND 3D ECHELON INSPECTIONS												CONDITION		
1ST	2D	3D	4TH	5TH																		
5.	CLEAN AND TIGHTEN EXTERIORS OF CASES, RACKS, MOUNTS, TRANSMISSION LINES.							15. INSPECT SEATING OF READILY ACCESSIBLE PLUG-OUT ITEMS: TUBES, LAMPS, FUSES, CRYSTALS, CONNECTORS, VIBRATORS, PLUG-IN COILS.														
6.	INSPECT CASES, MOUNTS, ANTENNA TOWERS AND EXPOSED METAL SURFACES FOR RUST, CORROSION.							16. INSPECT RELAYS AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS FOR LOOSE MOUNTINGS, BAD CONTACTS, MIS-ALINEMENT OF CONTACTS AND SPRINGS, PROPER SPRING TENSION.														
7.	INSPECT CORDS, CABLE, WIRE, SHOCK MOUNTS FOR CUTS, KINKS, BREAKS, FRAYING, UNDUE STRAIN.							17. INSPECT VARIABLE CAPACITORS FOR DIRT, MIS-ALINEMENT OF PLATES, LOOSE MOUNTINGS, MOISTURE.														
8.	CHECK ANTENNA GUY WIRES FOR PROPER TENSION OR DAMAGE.							18. INSPECT RESISTORS, BUSHINGS AND INSULATORS FOR CRACKS, CHIPPING, BLISTERING, MOISTURE, DISCOLORATION.														
9.	INSPECT CANVAS AND LEATHER ITEMS FOR MILDEW, TEARS, FRAYING.							19. CLEAN AND TIGHTEN SWITCHES, TERMINAL BLOCKS, BLOWERS, RELAY CASES AND INTERIORS OF CHASSIS AND CABINETS NOT READILY ACCESSIBLE.														
10.	INSPECT ACCESSIBLE ITEMS FOR LOOSENESS: SWITCHES, KNOBS, JACKS, CONNECTORS, RELAYS, TRANSFORMERS, MOTORS, PILOT LIGHTS, BLOWERS, ETC.							20. INSPECT TERMINAL BLOCKS FOR LOOSE CONNECTIONS, CRACKS AND BREAKS.														
11.	CLEAN AND/OR INSPECT AIR FILTERS, BRASS NAME PLATES, DIAL AND METER WINDOWS.							21. INSPECT TERMINALS OF LARGE FIXED CAPACITORS AND RESISTORS FOR DIRT, CORROSION, LOOSE CONTACTS.														
12.	INSPECT STORAGE BATTERIES FOR DIRT, LOOSE TERMINALS, SPECIFIC GRAVITY, DAMAGED CASES. INSPECT DRY BATTERIES FOR LEAKAGE.							22. INSPECT TRANSFORMERS, CHOKES, POTENTIOMETERS AND RHEOSTATS FOR OVERHEATING AND OIL LEAKAGE.														
ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR 2D AND 3D ECHELON INSPECTIONS						23. INSPECT GENERATORS, AMPLIDYNES, DYNAMOTORS FOR BRUSH WEAR, VIBRATION, ARCING AND FITTING OF COMMUTATOR.																
13.	INSPECT SHELTERS AND COVERS FOR ADEQUACY OF WEATHER-PROOFING, TEARS, FRAYING.							24. INSPECT CATHODE RAY TUBES FOR BURNT SCREEN SPOTS.														
14.	CHECK TERMINAL BOX COVERS FOR CRACKS, DIRT, LEAKS, DAMAGED GASKETS, GREASE.							25. INSPECT WATERPROOF GASKETS FOR LEAKS, WORN OR LOOSE PARTS.														

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ANTENNA RC-292

Daily and Weekly Preventive Maintenance Checklist: Month of _____

CAUTION: DISCONNECT ANTENNA FROM RADIO PRIOR TO HANDLING ANTENNA ELEMENTS

CHECKLIST #1 - Daily PM

- A. Visually inspect the antenna from the ground for any obvious looseness or breakage. If such defects are apparent, follow the instructions contained in CHECKLIST #2 below.
- B. Check coaxial cable for loose connections, kinks, or torn insulation.

CHECKLIST #2 - WEEKLY PM

- A. Check Ceramic Insulator for cracks.
- B. Check Right Angle Adaptor M-359 on antenna base for corrosion, stripped threads and looseness.
- C. Check connector plug on each end of coaxial cable for corrosion, stripped threads and looseness.
- D. Check various antenna elements for bends, corrosion, and stripped threads.
- E. Check guy ropes for fraying and cuts.
- F. Lubricate antenna element joints preferably with brake fluid, or any highly refined oil such as LSA.
- G. Reassemble and erect antenna ensuring the 30 foot mast is free of bends and guy ropes are tight.

WEEK

LEGEND: ✓ - Satisfactory X - Discrepancy - Discrepancy corrected

CHECKLIST #3 - Antenna Tuning Guidelines

The radiating element (vertical), and ground plane elements (pointing toward the ground) of the antenna each must have a specific number of sections (AB-21, AB-22, AB-23, AB-24) for a certain broad band of frequencies. The information contained below will aid you in determining exactly how many sections will be required for any frequency. This information must be complied with for optimum antenna performance.

FREQUENCY	RADIATING (VERTICAL)	GROUND PLANE
	ELEMENT SECTIONS	ELEMENTS SECTIONS
30 - 35.50	AB-21, 22, 23, 24	AB-21, 22, 23, 24
35.55 - 50.50	AB-22, 23, 24	AB-21, 22, 23, 24
50.55 - 75.05	AB-22, 23, 24	AB-22, 23, 24

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DAILY PM PROCEDURE CHECKLIST

A. Radio Set AN/PRC-25.

1. Receiver-Transmitter RT-505/PRC-25.

- (a) Check for completeness and satisfactory condition and appearance of the various radio set components.
- (b) Remove dirt and moisture from jacks, plugs, and case.
- (c) Inspect controls for positive action and for binding, scraping, wear, and misalignment.
- (d) Inspect components for damaged finish, and exposed metal surfaces for corrosion and moisture.
- (e) Inspect switches and knobs for looseness.
- (f) Clean name plates, channel dials with a clean, soft cloth.
- (g) Clean all electrical connections with a non-abrasive eraser to free them of carbon buildup.

NOTE: THE RECEIVER-TRANSMITTER CASE IS NOT TO BE OPENED BY A RADIO OPERATOR, ONLY BY A TRAINED TECHNICIAN.

2. Handset H-138/PRC or H-189/GR.

- (a) Clean all moisture, dirt and sand from outside of plastic case.
- (b) Clean all carbon from contacts of audio connector plug with a non-abrasive eraser.
- (c) Check cord and plastic case for frays, cracks, and breaks.
- (d) Store handset in a dry place when not in use.

NOTE: DO NOT REMOVE OR LOSEN TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER PLASTIC CAPS.

3. Battery BA-386.

- (a) Clean carbon from battery connector plug inside battery box of RT-505.
- (b) Check battery for correct operating voltage.
- (c) Remove battery from radio when not in use, and store in a cool, dry place.

Enclosure (3)
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NOTE: DESTROY USED BATTERIES COMPLETELY, PREFERABLY BY BURNING.

4. Backpack and Accessory Bag.
 - (a) Check canvas for fraying, cuts, tears, and mildew.
 - (b) Brush off all dirt and sand.
 - (c) Check metal parts for signs of corrosion.
 - (d) Store in a dry place when not in use.
5. Antennas (Tape and Whip).
 - (a) Brush off screw posts of bases and antennas, and remove corrosion.
 - (b) Ensure all sections of the whip antenna fit tightly together, and cable is threaded through all sections with proper tension.
- B. Telephones TA-1/PT and TA-312/PT.
 1. Check wire connections to ensure they are secure.
 2. Clean outside of case thoroughly.
 3. Check rubber on transmit switch of TA-312/PT, and rubber on hand generator and transmit switch of TA-1/PT for rips.
 4. Check batteries of TA-312/PT for corrosion or leakage.
- C. Loudspeaker LS-166 or LS-454.
 1. Clean all moisture, dirt and sand from outside of case.
 2. Inspect cables for broken or frayed insulation.
 3. Clean connecting plug contacts with rubber non-abrasive eraser.
 4. Make an operational check for voice distortion and proper volume amplification.