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

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 August 1969

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1969 to 31 August 1969

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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATED

1st Combined Action Group
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 FPO, San Francisco, California

Commander

LtCol J. E. HENNEGAN
 1Aug69 - 31Aug69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 1-1

Captain N. H. GROSZ
 1Aug69 - 31Aug69

Combined Action Company 1-2

Captain J. E. KNIGHT
 1Aug69 - 31Aug69

Combined Action Company 1-3

Captain P. G. MITCHELL
 1Aug69 - 31Aug69

Executive Officer
 Combined Action Company 1-3

1stLt J. J. MULHEARN JR.
 1Aug69 - 31Aug69

Combined Action Company 1-4

Captain K. M. SEARS
 1Aug69 - 31Aug69

ATTACHED UNITS

1. None.

2. LOCATIONS

Hq, 1stCAG

Chu Lai, Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CACO 1-1

Tam Ky District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CACO 1-2

Ly 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

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J. H. LAWSON
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

Adjutant/S-1

2ndLt B. W. SMITH
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

S-2/S-3

Major R. F. ENDERT
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

S-4/Supply

Captain T. M. GARBOWSKI
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

Communications Officer

Major R. F. ENDERT
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

S-5/Special Services

Major J. H. LAWSON
1Aug69 - 31Aug69

Medical Section

HML T. A. ROBINSON
1Aug69 - 31Aug694. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
10	476	0	28	1	4 (ARVN)

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Personnel Administration.

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

(1) Joined

Officers
3

Enlisted
86

(2) Rotated CONUS

Officers
1

Enlisted
80

(3) Transferred within WestPac Command.

Officers
0

Enlisted
1

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

Officers
0

Enlisted
7

b. Awards.

(1) There were one Bronze Star, five Navy Commendations, and six Navy Achievement recommendations submitted to FMFPac for approval during the month of August 1969.

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

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NCM
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NAM
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(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:

PHM
9

VCG
5

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

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DAI</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIANE</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>WIA/NBC</u>	<u>RET TO DU</u>
USMC	6	0	0	9	1	1		0
USN	0	0	0	1	0	1		0

d. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREP. There were two pieces of Congressional Interest Correspondence and two Welfare Reports handled by this command during the month of August 1969.

e. Administrative Assistance. There were two group directives promulgated during the reporting month.

f. Legal. A breakdown of legal activities for August is shown below:

<u>Art 32 Investigations</u>	<u>Informal Investigations</u>	<u>GCM</u>	<u>SPCM</u>	<u>SCM</u>	<u>NJP</u>
0	3	1	2	2	8

The Marine tried by general court-martial was found guilty of violation of Article 99, UCMJ, and sentenced to confinement at hard labor for two years, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to the rank of Private, and to be discharged from the service with a Bad Conduct Discharge. Of the two Marines tried by special court-martial one was charged with violation of Article 134, UCMJ and the other Marine was charged with violation of Article 99, UCMJ. Both Marines were acquitted.

g. Morale and Welfare. The morale of the unit continues to be high and special services equipment 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 breakdown of the R&R within this command:

(1) Out of country R&R - Quotas	Utilized
43	43
(2) In country R&R -	3

(3) Five parties are held at a different CAP each week consisting of a cook-out, beer and soda. Each CAP sends a man into the rear on a staggered schedule to allow him to relax and enjoy club and beach facilities, and the USO facilities.

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h. Career Planning. The career planning program continues to be stressed at all levels of command. USAFI GED testing is constantly being stressed to all personnel who have not completed high school. During October 1969 this command will send two Staff NCO's to the Career Planners School in Okinawa. During the month of August there was one career reenlistment and one first term extension of enlistment effected. The Marine who applied for a commission in the Marine Corps Reserve under the enlisted commissioning program was selected and will report to Quantico during the month of September 1969.

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

Letters

Incoming
1/2 bag

Outgoing
1/2 bag

Packages

Incoming
4 bags

NOTE: One bag of letters represents approximately 2,000 letters.

j. Promotions. 26 enlisted promotions were effected during the month of August 1969 as follows:

Corporal 18

Lance Corporal 5

Private First Class 3

k. Hospital Visits. Hospital visits are made daily by the Hospital Corpsman representative, the Casualty NCO and the Mail Orderly who delivers mail to the patients located in hospitals at Chu Lai. Frequent visits are also made by the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, the Adjutant, and the First Sergeant. Normally, the Commanding Officer or his representative, having been notified by Dustoff Control Chu Lai, of the destination of the individual medevaced from the field, are waiting at the hospital when the casualty arrives. The dead are identified within hours of arrival at Chu Lai.

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a. General. The month began with a moderate increase in enemy initiated activity in Quang Tin Province, and a light increase in Quang Ngai Province. Intelligence sources pointed to an upcoming offensive entitled "August of Gallantry". Reports on enemy locations and movements stated that enemy units were moving back into the mountains to regroup and retrain their men in the use of sapper techniques. In Quang Tin, two light observation helicopters were shot down within three hours and within 400 meters of each other. This section attested to the persistence and intensity of the enemy antiaircraft effort in this province. Further south in Quang Ngai Province, CAGO 1-4 continued to benefit from operations "Brave Armada" and "Nantucket Beach", as they collected a total of 17 Chieu Hoi's before the 6th day of the month. Operation Brave Armada terminated on 7 August. This operation accounted for eleven enemy killed. Operation Nantucket Beach, still in progress has accounted for thirty-seven enemy killed. The events of the mid-month period were dominated by the commencement of the NVA "Summer-Autumn" campaign. During the early hours of 12 August, the "August of Gallantry" offensive became reality, as 1st CAG Bq and surrounding units in the Chu Lai area received 12 rounds of incoming 122mm rockets and 14 rounds of 82mm mortar, as part of a coordinated attack in I Corps. Enemy soldiers in CAF 1-1-7's TAOC in Quang Tin Province threatened an attack, and the CAF reported hearing bugles blowing and sighting a large size enemy force, but an actual ground assault did not take place. In Quang Ngai Province amidst numerous ground assaults on surrounding fire bases and landing zones, CAF's in the 3rd Company received a heavy increase in enemy contact and suffered the loss of 6 Marines from three CAF's. Although the offensive in Quang Ngai continued throughout the week, the CAF units in this area returned to a period relatively light enemy contact for the remainder of this period.

(2) The VC/NVA increased their efforts to down friendly aircraft, as there was an increase in AA fire received in the two provinces. Intelligence sources reported a program on the part of the VC/NVA to give rewards for downed aircraft.

(3) Propaganda and proselyting activity remained at a higher level than usual. Available information, on these aspects, indicate that the primary emphasis of the VCI remains on penetrating GVN agencies and GVN forces, increasing its influence over the population, and concurrently weakening the RVN government, military, and pacification structures. The propaganda found by 1st CAG units was concerned mostly with emphasizing the troop withdrawal and attempting to credit this as a joint VC/NVA/NLF victory.

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(1) The most timely intelligence of immediate tactical value comes from the populace. Of six reports drawn from local Vietnamese villagers, three pro-

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duced worthwhile results. One report resulted in one (1) VC KIA, and one (1) weapon captured, the remainder resulted in information and ordnance acquired under the VIP program.

(2) Intelligence reported by the companies to 1st CAG is passed to the Americal Division and local interested commands as applicable. Feedback from VC suspects captured and sent to the various district headquarters by CAPs remains slow in most cases. This problem receives continuing attention from 1st CAG headquarters and subordinate companies.

c. ARVN Liaison Officer/Interpreters. The group employed one liaison officer and three interpreters through this period, all of whom contributed to the success of coordination among the CAPs and Vietnamese forces.

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a. General

(1) The 1st Combined Action Group continued to conduct operations in accordance with its assigned mission of village/hamlet security and the Accelerated Pacification Program. In keeping with the aforementioned program, three new CAPs were established during the month, one in Tam Ky District and two in Son Min District. The success experienced by the CAP's in the 1st CAG has made all parties concerned, Vietnamese, US Advisors and US Army extremely receptive to the establishment of additional CAP's as forces became available.

(2) During the month the Americal Division continued heavy saturation of the Chu Lai area with small unit activities (company and smaller) with occasional battalion size and larger operations. The support provided by the Division and its subordinate units, especially the 198th Light Infantry Brigade, was outstanding in all respects and greatly enhanced the effectiveness of the Combined Action Platoons.

(1) During the period there were fourteen combined CAP-District RE/PF operations and one operation with a company from the 5th Battalion, 46th Infantry, USA. In addition to these preplanned operations many of the CAPs continue to conduct daily patrols and sweeps with the Regional Force units in their respective areas. The preponderance of the 1st CAGs activities continues to be night ambushes which coincide with the enemy's prime movement time. The tactic of dropping off a portion of a patrol (stay behind ambush) to establish an ambush in an area that the CAP's are passing through has proven very effective.

(a) Operation Brave Armada conducted by Special Landing Force Alpha (2nd Bn, 26th Marines) in conjunction with the 198th LBS and the CAP's in the area, ended August 7. The operation accounted for eleven enemy killed. Operation Mantucket Beach continued throughout the month.

(2) CACO 1-1 conducted normal scouting and patrolling activities in all seven CAP areas. The number of contacts made by the Company was relatively small, as all decrease in enemy movement and activity was apparent. CACO 1-1 conducted eleven combined operations with Regional Forces and Popular Forces other than those normally assigned to the CAP's. The Company had fourteen significant contacts during the period resulting in fifteen enemy KIA and had one enemy turn himself in under the Chieu Hoi Program. The Company established one new CAP (1-1-5) when MTF 1-1 was deactivated.

(3) CACO 1-2 had very few significant contacts during the period; a total of five resulting in one (1) enemy KIA. The lack of enemy activity enabled the Company to devote maximum effort to conducting classes and training the Popular Forces. The enemy continues to avoid CACO 1-2's TAC which is tangible evidence of the success of the CAP's in that area.

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(4) CAGO 1-3 experienced the greatest amount of enemy activity with forty-eight significant contacts. The enemy continues to use the Song Tra Dong River and surrounding valley as a primary infiltration route into Quang Ngai Province. The enemy usually tries to navigate around the areas controlled by the CAP's but due to aggressive patrolling and ambushing he is frequently intercepted. The Popular Forces are gaining self confidence by successfully engaging the enemy with the CAP's.

(5) CAGO 1-4 established two new CAP's during the period; CAP 1-4-5 and CAP 1-4-6 seven kilometers south of the Catangan Peninsula. Based on the number of enemy sighting in the area, it appears that these new CAP's will be very productive in the coming months. Contact was relatively light in CAGO 1-4's area with only seven significant contacts for the period. The Company received two Hoi Chanh, captured eight VCS during the month and accounted for one (1) enemy KIA.

(6) The following statistics are the results of 1st CAG's operations and activities for the month of August:

(a) Friendly Activities

Night Patrols	85
Day Patrols	826
Ambushes	1495

(b) Enemy Casualties/Losses

KIA	POW	DETAINEES	CHIEU HOI'S/HOI CHANH'S
20	2	23	3

(c) Weapons and Ordnance Captured

INC	CSWC
0	0

(d) Friendly Casualties Sustained

	KIA	WIAE	WIAM	MIA	POW
USMC	6	7	1	0	0
USN	0	1	0	0	0
MF	2	9	4	0	0

c. Training

(1) General. Formal training covered the subjects of General Military Subjects, Leadership, Small Unit Tactics, Infantry Weapons and Supporting Arms. Personal Response and Vietnamese Language was included for USMC personnel only.

(2) CAP Training. The individual CAP's conducted daily classes as directed by the Group training schedule which is promulgated weekly for the coming week. Each CAP leader returns the schedule at the completion of the training

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(3) Other Training

(a) Five Marines completed the Vietnamese Language Course in Da Nang.

(b) Four Marines attended the Artillery School conducted by the Americal Division.

(c) A one day indoctrination course was conducted for all newly joined personnel prior to their assignment to the field.

d. Inspections. Each CAGO and CAP was inspected during the month particular emphasis given to condition of weapons and 782 gear. No significant discrepancies were noted.

(1) The S-3 Section continued the practice of taking new CAP Leaders on as many inspection trips as possible prior to their being assigned to the field. This enabled the new leaders to meet and talk with seasoned CAP Leaders and become aware of problems that are common to many CAP's and the various solutions tried in the field.

c. Fire Support. The USA artillery units supporting the Americal Division as well as ARVN and USMC units, when available during special operations, provided excellent fire support during the month. Fewer fire missions were called than in previous months as a result of the decrease in enemy activity. The response time on the missions called was very good and preplanned H&I fires were utilized whenever practicable.

A. Air Support

(1) Tactical air support was utilized twenty-nine times during the month. The CAP's requests for air support were met with both fixed wing and helicopter gunships. Ten of these missions were strike missions and nineteen were visual recon or liaison.

(2) The aforementioned figures do not include the time or missions flown for logistical resupply of the CM's as this time is allotted by the proximate battalions on a daily basis and these missions are not requested or controlled by the CAG.

g. Scout Dog Teams. During the month a Scout Dog Team was available to each company with an additional team available to one company for a portion of the month. The teams tend to boost morale and confidence of both Marines and PF's and are well received whenever available.

h. Psychological Operations

(1) During the month of August the 1st CAG, in conjunction with and

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supported by the Americal Division, dropped over ten million leaflets and an additional fifteen million were distributed by CAP's and propaganda teams. The leaflets were augmented by thirteen hours of aerial broadcasts and eight hours of movies. The subjects covered were: Chiou Hoi, Anti-VC, and Pro-GVN.

(2) Enemy PsyOps, consisted of leaflets being distributed in some villages. The leaflets varied very little from those found in previous months with the main theme being American invaders and Saigon puppets; a new overtone appeared, warning the people to stay away from the market places and not to go out after dark.

i. Kit Carson Scouts. The KCS continue to contribute to the effectiveness of the CAP's and work well with the units with a few minor exceptions.

j. Volunteer Informant Program. 108,200\$VN were spent during the month under the VIP program. The amount was less than last month in keeping with the guidance of paying the minimum reward instead of the maximum. The bulk of the ordnance turned in continued to be mortar and artillery rounds. The benefit to Free World Forces in lives saved under this program is well worth the money invested and the additional benefit of good will created by the financial bonus to the local populace add to the reasons for maintaining this program. During the month of August, 1st CAG units received one hundred twenty-three pieces of ordnance and four individual weapons under the VIP.

k. Communications

(1) During the reporting period the Combined Action Program Communications Officer, Major AUSTINFELD, visited the 1st Combined Action Group for a period of two days. During the first day Major AUSTINFELD was given a communications briefing by the 1st CAG Communication Chief. The briefing consisted of communication capabilities and limitations provided by the communication equipment employed by the 1st CAG, logistical and maintenance support problems unique to the 1st CAG with possible solutions to these problems. An immediate solution to maintenance problems the Communication Officer noted probably was in the area of an Inter-Service Support Agreement (ISSA) with a local Army Service Unit. The Communication Chief suggested that the 588th Maintenance Company, which has a maintenance capability up to and including 3rd echelon for communication equipment, was probably the most logical choice due to their proximity to the 1st CAG and their level of maintenance. Since then Liaison has been made with the 588th Maintenance Company by the Communication Chief with favorable results, in that, the 588th Maintenance Company representatives stated they could support the 1st CAG with communication equipment maintenance. Upon being advised of this, Major AUSTINFELD stated he would go to work on an Inter-Service Support Agreement between 1st CAG and the 588th Maintenance Company. During the second day of Major AUSTINFELD's visit he was provided with a helicopter and ground reconnaissance of CACO 1-3 and CACO 1-4 TAOC conducted by Major EWERT, 1st CAG, S-3.

(2) During the reporting period a Combined Action Program Administrative Voice Radio Network was established with 1st CAG as a subordinate station. This net will operate between the hours of 1500-1600 daily, or as required, and consists

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of PRC-47 radio equipment. To provide reliable, long-range communications to support this net, the 1st CAG Communication Chief erected a "long-wire", modified inverted "L" type, antenna of one-half wave length. Communication has been satisfactory with Net Control (CAP Director) and satisfactory to marginal with the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th CAG's. No problems are foreseen in the employment of this particular radio circuit except that a back-up PRC-47 should be provided to each CAG in case of malfunction.

(3) REPAIR WORK SUMMARY

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>TO D/L</u> <u>FLSG A</u>	<u>FM D/L</u> <u>FLSG A</u>
Radio Set AN/PRC-25	11	0
Handset H-189/GM	10	2*
Receiver-Transmitter RT-524	1	0

*Code H (Beyond Economical Repair), Replacement items requisitioned.

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a. Significant Events.

(2) Supply inventory and warehouse location verification conducted during August.

(3) Combat losses during the month was one AN/PRC-25 radio.

b. Supply.

(1) Supply support received during the month of August was excellent. Back-order releases from FLC and response to Group requisitions enhanced the asset posture.

(2) T/E deficiencies effect the overall readiness category of the Group, however, due to the mobile concept, operations are not hampered. In addition, the deficiency of one M151 truck and one M37 truck may resolved soon since shipping status is held on both vehicles.

(3) During the month liaison was made with the NSAD Detachment, Chu Lai to provide supply support for certain Class II, III and IV items, in addition to the Class I support currently received.

c. Maintenance.

(1) Currently maintenance support has declined in the area of Communications and Ordnance items, particularly, the AN/PRC-25 (10) and M-60 machine gun (13). Turn-around time on the above mentioned items has resulted in downtime up to 40 days on these items. It appears lack of parts and the asset posture of the DX program are contributing factors.

d. Motor Transport.

(1) During the reporting period Group Motor Transport logged 23,514 miles.

(2) Vehicles deadlined during the month were minimal and a zero deadline rate was realized the last week of the month.

e. Miscellaneous

- (1) A Logistics Chief reported in to fill the vacant billet.
- (2) Support for one additional CAP was accomplished during the month.
- (3) **Completion of a new transient quarters occurred during August.**

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f. Medical. The following information was received during the Senior Corpsmen's meeting held at 3rd CAG, Phu Bai on 26 August 1969:

(1) All personnel, especially corpsmen, should be on the alert for neuropsychiatric cases. The things to look for were described as emotional stress and passive aggressive reactions.

(2) All corpsmen are to keep an up to date Emergency Data Page (601-2) in their service records. This will ensure that the SGLI insurance companies have the complete name, relationship and address of next of kin if needed.

(3) All corpsmen are to be on the alert for hepatitis and hemorrhagic fever. A bulletin has been sent to all corpsmen concerning this problem.

(4) Techniques

(a) The senior medical representative visited seven CAPs during the month. During his visit he held sanitation inspections and observed and advised the CAP corpsmen conducting daily MEDCAPS.

(b) Medcaps conducted	Totals
Patients treated	18,088
Adults evacuated	74
Children evacuated	39
Dentcaps	117
(c) U. S. Personnel treated at CAG	403
(d) Hospitalized -	
WIA	16
Illness	32

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a. During August 1969, 2,345 pounds of food, 63 pounds of clothing, 404 pounds of soup, 1,837 school kits were distributed to selected villages by this command.

b. The following civic action projects were completed during August.

(1) CAP 1-1-3 helped build a well at Phu Khe hamlet, BT 348178, located in Tam Ky District, Quang Tin Province.

(2) CAP 1-1-6 repaired fence at BT 235245. Thon Bay hamlet is located in Tam Ky District, Quang Tin Province.

(3) CAP 1-3-1 helped the people of Le Thuy, BT 693977, located in Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, build two fences.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

- 1 Aug CAP 1-3-4. The CP element received 5 to 8 incoming M-79 rounds from 3 to 4 VC at BT 623008. The CAP unit returned fire with organic weapons and the VC withdrew SE. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: Negative.
- 2 Aug CAP 1-1-4. Received SAF from an estimated 2 squads of VC at BT 247193, causing 1 PF KIA and 1 PF WIA(M). The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery mission. An AO directed airstrike on the VC. A sweep of the area found 4 VC KIA, and 6 chicom grenades. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 PF WIA(M), 4 VC KIA, 6 Chicom grenades.
- 3 Aug CAP 1-3-6. An ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 3-5 VC moving E at BS 585933. The VC returned SAF before fleeing S. A sweep of the area revealed 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 cartridge belt, 3 AK-47 magazines and 1 chicom grenade. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK, 1 chicom grenade captured.
- 4 Aug CAP 1-1-6. While on patrol CAP received SAF from approx 1 squad of VC at BT 232252. The CAP returned fire and the enemy withdrew to the W. 1 USMC was WIAE in the contact. A sweep of the area had negative results. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIAE.
- CAP 1-3-3. CAP initiated SAF on 1 VC spotted at BS 666980 and received return fire from 5 VC in the area. The VC broke contact and fled SE. A sweep of the area found 1 VC KIA, drag marks and blood trails. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.
- 5 Aug CAP 1-1-4. While on patrol a Marine was WIAE when he tripped a booby trap (NFI) at BT 268172. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIAE.
- 6 Aug CAP 1-1-4. 1 VC came to CAP to Chieu Hoi at BT 279197. The Hoi Chanh surrendered 1 M-1 carbine and was taken to Tam Ky District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh and 1 IW recovered.

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MTT 1-1. Detained 6 VN civilians at BT 305167. One of the detainees, a 19 year old female, was discovered to be a VC. The VC POW and the 5 VCS were taken to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC POW and 5 VCS.

CAP 1-3-8. Received SAF from an USEF at BT 582926. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and grenades causing the enemy to flee to the S. One PF was WIA(M) in the contact. A sweep of the area produced negative results RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(M).

CAP 1-4-3. 1 Hoi Chanh turned himself in to CAP at BS 767832. Initial interrogation revealed the Hoi Chanh was 19 years old and a platoon leader. He revealed his unit to be located in the vicinity of BS 779838, with a strength of 3 platoons totaling 40 men. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh

CAP 1-4-1. While participating in a joint operation with PF's and RF's, CAP detained 8 VCS after SAF was exchanged with an USEF at BS 592802. RESULTS: 8 VCS.

CAP 1-3-8. The CP element initiated organic weapons fire on movement spotted at BS 593926. An estimated 10 to 20 enemy returned SAF and an artillery mission was fired on the enemy position by the CAP. The enemy broke contact and withdrew E. A sweep found 1 NVA KIA, 1 M-16 rifle, and 1 grenade (NFI). RESULTS: 1 NVA KIA, 1 INC.

CAP 1-4-2. VN civilians informed CAP that 1 company of VC was located at BS 789859. A 107mm mortar mission was fired on the suspected grids and a first light sweep found an unspecified number of bunkers, several of which had been destroyed by the fire. The remaining bunkers were destroyed by the CAP. RESULTS: Bunkers destroyed. (NFI).

MTT 1-1. An ambush spotted and engaged approx 15 VC at BS 590917. The enemy returned AW and SAF and withdrew NE. A second ambush element was moving into a blocking position when it made contact with same enemy force. The VC again

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broke contact and withdrew NW. Both elements linked up and conducted a sweep with negative further contact. 1 Marine was KIA in the first contact; two were KIA in the second. RESULTS: 3 USMC KIA.

CAP 1-1-6. While conducting a sweep of the 120245H contact area, a PF tripped a booby trap that wounded the CAP corpsman. Emergency medevac was completed to 95th Evac at 120935H. The sweep was continued finding 2 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 USN WIAE, 2 VC KIA.

CAP 1-3-5. A patrol spotted and called artillery on 5 VC at BS 69914. A sweep of the area following the artillery mission found 1 VC KIA. Continuing on the patrol, the CAP received 30 to 40 rounds of SAF from an USEF located to their S. The patrol returned fire and the enemy broke contact and fled S. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

CAP 1-3-7. An ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 10-15 VC at BS 613941. VC returned SAF and 1 chicom grenade before breaking contact. There were 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIAE. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIAE.

CAP 1-4-4. A patrol dispatched as a reaction force to assist RF and PF units in contact at BS 760819, was ambushed by an USEF. Two USMC were KIA: 2 M-16s and 1 AN/PRC-25 were combat losses. At approx the same time, the CAP CP group and the surrounding village received about 50 incoming 82mm mortar rounds, killing 10 civilians and 3 PSDF members and wounding 10 civilians, 4 RF, and 2 RD who were evacuated. Counter mortars was fired on suspected enemy mortar positions. Following the mortar attack, a second CAP element was dispatched as a reaction for the ambushed element and the KIAs were evacuated. A sweep of the contact area produced negative further results. RESULTS: 2 USMC KIA, 10 civilians KIA, 3 PSDF KIA, 10 civilians WIAE, and 2 RD WIAE. 2 M-16s and 1 AN/PRC-25 radio were combat losses.

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CAP 1-3-3. A patrol dispatched to investigate rifle shots, received sniper fire as it approached a village at BS 668975. Fire could not be returned due to the proximity of civilians. 1 VN civilian was discovered WIAE and was medevaced. A CAP sweep produced negative results. RESULTS: 1 VN civilian WIAE.

CAP 1-1-4. In a joint operation with 2 platoons of PF's, CAP called an artillery mission on 10 VC spotted at BT 262194, and requested airstrikes on an USEF at 250201. A sweep found 4 VC KBA. One VC was KIA by the CAP as he attempted to flee the area. One of the PF platoons participating in the operation was ambushed by an USEF at BT 26220 resulting in 14 PF KIA and 14 weapons lost. Later the CAP relayed a request for an airstrike on an enemy force in contact with the two PF platoons at BT 275215. A PF sweep following the airstrikes found 28 VC KBA, 4 AK-47's, 1 M-16, 1 M-1 carbine, and 1 M-3 SMG. RESULTS: 14 PF KIA (Not CAP), 33 VC KIA (5 credited to CAP), 4 IWC, 1 M-16 and 1 M-1 carbine recovered.

15 Aug

CAP 1-1-3. Ambush initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated NVA platoon at BT 348165. The enemy returned SAF and RPG's. The CAP called an artillery mission causing the enemy to break contact. 1 PF was KIA and 1 PF was WIAE. A sweep of the area found 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, and 3 chicom grenades. RESULT: 1 PF KIA, 1 PF WIAE, 1 NVA KIA, 1 IWC and 3 chicom grenades captured.

CAP 1-3-5. CP received ANF and 1 RPG at BS 712973. The CP returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery mission on 5-6 VC causing them to flee S. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: Negative.

CAP 1-3-1. CP received S.A.F at BS 694972. The CP returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery mission. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: Negative.

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CAP 1-4-2. 2 VN civilians received VIP payments for informing CAP of the location of 1 40mm round and 75 rounds of 30 cal. ammunition, at BS 777858. The ordnance was destroyed. RESULTS: 1 40mm round and 75 rounds of 30 cal. ammunition destroyed.

CAP 1-3-9. OP called an artillery mission on an estimated platoon of VC at BS 473863. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: Negative.

17 Aug

CAP 1-4-4. After receiving 5 grenades from an USMF, and returning organic weapons fire, CAP 1-4-4 was informed by RD's of a large VC force present in a village at BS 758819. The CAP proceeded to the village and initiated organic weapons fire on an USMF spotted leaving the village. The enemy returned SAF and the CAP called for artillery and gunship support. A sweep of the area produced 1 M-33 and 1 M-26 grenade, and evidence that a platoon size or larger VC unit had been present in the village. RESULTS: 1 M-33 and 1 M-26 grenades captured.

CAP 1-1-4. Elements on a sweep tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade at BS 260170, causing 1 USMC KIA. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA.

18 Aug

CAP 1-4-4. 2 VN boys were rewarded for reporting the location of ordnance to CAP. One for reporting the location of a booby trapped 105mm round at BS 749814, the other for reporting a 60mm dud at BS 746813. The ordnance was blown in place. RESULTS: 1 booby trapped round and 1 dud 60mm round destroyed.

CAP 1-3-8. Personnel, while helping RDs prepare fields of fire vicinity BS 582924, received one incoming grenade wounding 1 USMC. The CAP CP at BS 582923 opened fire on suspected enemy positions and received approximately 50 small arms rounds from an estimated 20 VC who immediately moved to the SW. Artillery was employed on possible withdrawal routes and a sweep was conducted with negative further contact. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA.

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CAP 1-24. An ambush opened fire on 5 VC at BT 456076. The VC returned fire and evaded to the SW. The area was swept finding 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-47. A resweep of the area at first light found 1 foot, much blood and 6 chicom grenades. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 I/C, 6 chicom grenades captured.

20 Aug

1st CAG reported that MTT 1-1 was redesignated CAP 1-1-5, retaining the same TAOC as that previously occupied by the MTT, in the vicinity of grid BT 3018.

MTT 1-2 was officially deactivated and is preparing for relocation as a CAP on 25 August 1969.

CAP 1-4-2. VIP payments were made to 4 VN males who turned in ordnance to CAP at BS 777858. RESULTS: 1 155 HE, 2 40mm HE, 1 105mm HE, and 25 cal .30 rounds destroyed.

CAP 1-4-4. Made VIP payments to 2 VN males for ordnance turned in at BS 749815. RESULTS: 1 60mm HE and 1 106mm round destroyed.

21 Aug

CAP 1-1-1. While participating in a sweep with District PF's, CAPs 1-1-1 and 1-1-4 received SAF from an USEF at BT 259201. The CAPs returned fire and called an artillery mission on the enemy position. A sweep of the impact area found two destroyed bunkers and several blood trails leading NW. RESULTS: 2 bunkers destroyed.

CAP 1-4-1. In a combined operation with Son Tinh District PF's CAP detained 3 VCS at BS 611806. One VCS was KIA when she attempted to flee. The VCS were taken to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 3 VCS.

CAP 1-3-2. An ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC moving E at BS 577910. The VC returned SAF and fled. While the CAP attempted to re-establish contact 1 USMC was WIA(M). A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M).

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CAP 1-3-3. A patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 3 VC moving S at BS 673973. A sweep of the area disclosed 3 bunkers which the CAP destroyed. RESULTS: 3 bunkers destroyed.

22 Aug

CACO 1-1. Headquarters and Tam Ky at NF 295240 received approximately 35 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and 6 122mm rockets. One VN child was KIA and 6 VN adults were KIA(B). Artillery was placed on NF 257403 and NF 246256 where CAPs 1-1-6 and 1-1-7 spotted mortar flashes. A sweep by army personnel produced negative results. RESULTS: 1 VN child KIA, 6 VN adults KIA(B).

23 Aug

CAP 1-7-8. While moving to its ambush site, CAP received SAF from approximately 20 VC at BS 585924. 2 PF's were KIA(B) and 2 PF's were KIA(M). The CAP returned organic weapons fire and were supported by gunships. A sweep of the area was non-productive. RESULTS: 2 PF KIA(B), 2 PF KIA(M).

24 Aug

CAP 1-1-7. A patrol initiated SAF on 2 VC planting a mine at NF 304285. 1 VC with an M-16 was KIA, the other VC escaped to the W. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 M-16 mine and 1 M-tool. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 M-16, 1 M-16 mine, and 1 M-tool recovered.

25 Aug

CAPs 1-4-5 and 1-4-6. CAPs were activated as mobile CAPs on 250900H. The Marines in 1-4-5 will operate with PF platoon 25 in the vicinity of BS 735785. The Marines in 1-4-6 have been combined with PF platoon 29 and will operate in the vicinity of BS 735784.

CAP 1-1-4. A VN male received a VIF punishment for delivering 1 60mm round to CAP at BS 285200. The ordnance was destroyed. RESULTS: 1 60mm round destroyed.

27 Aug

CAP 1-1-6. A Hoi Chanh turned himself over to CAP at NF 241255. The Hoi Chanh was delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

CAP 1-4-2. CAP detained 1 VN male with no ID card in possession of 1 M-26 grenade.

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at BG 777858. The VCS was turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VCS

CAP 1-1-6. A patrol received SAF from an estimated 12 VC at BT 235347. The CAP returned organic weapons fire. During a sweep of the area the CAP detained 4 VCS. RESULTS: 4 VCS.

28 Aug

CAP 1-1-1. A USMC was WIA(E) when he tripped a booby trapped M-26 grenade on a trail at BT 274114. The medivac helicopter received SAF as it departed and the CAP called an artillery mission on BT 265177. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E).

CAP 1-2-7. CAP was providing security for an RD Drama performance in My Phu hamlet at BT 474045 when a bomb (NFI) exploded among the spectators, resulting in 8 VN civilians KIA, and 80 VN civilians WIA(E). PsyOps was contacted. RESULTS: 8 VN civilians KIA, 80 VN civilians WIA(E).

CAP 1-4-5. An ambush initiated SAF on 2 VC spotted at BS 743792. The VC returned SAF and fled to the S. A sweep of the area revealed 30 reinforced bunkers which the CAP destroyed. RESULTS: 30 bunkers destroyed.

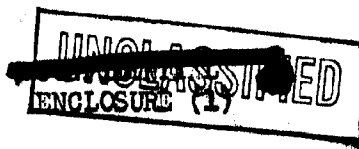
CAP 1-3-4. CAP called medivac for 3 PSDF's on a security patrol who were wounded by 2 incoming grenades from an USEF at BT 621017. RESULTS: 3 PSDF's WIA(E).

29 Aug

CAP 1-4-5. While air strikes were being conducted in the vicinity of BS 732785, a patrol exchanged organic weapons fire with an USEF trying to flee the area. The CAP contacted the AO who directed an air strike on the USEF with excellent target coverage. 1 USMC and 2 PF's were WIA(E). A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC and 2 PF's WIA(E).

CAP 1-1-4. 2 VN children showed a patrol the location of 2 booby trapped 105 rounds at BT 270178. The ordnance was destroyed and a VIP payment was made. RESULTS: 2 booby trapped 105 rounds destroyed.

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CAP 1-4-1. CP called an artillery mission on an USEF at BS 627806. A sweep of the impact area disclosed 1 M-1 carbine with 2 magazines. Results: 1 IWC.

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GROUP BULLETIN 1650

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Meritorious Mast; case of Private First Class Dwayne A. PYRON
244 66 34, U. S. Marine Corps

Ref: (a) MCO P5000.3; par 8052

1. Purpose. To award a Meritorious Mast to the subject man.
2. General. Under the provisions of reference (a), you are awarded a Meritorious Mast for your outstanding performance of duty from 16 June 1969 to 31 July 1969. While serving as Headquarters Police Sergeant, you were very instrumental in displaying an exceptional skill and knowledge of electrical wiring and showed initiative by improving, repairing and installing electrical equipment throughout the offices and barracks of this Group. You performed your duties as Police Sergeant in a noteworthy manner and always maintained a "CAN DO" attitude. You are hereby commended for a job WELL DONE.
3. Action. By copy hereof the Adjutant is directed to ensure that appropriate service record book entries are made in accordance with reference (a), and that a copy of this Mast is forwarded to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code DGH).
4. Self-cancellation. 1 November 1969.

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GROUP BULLETIN 1650

From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: Meritorious Mast; case of Corporal Thomas W. DICKMAN, 242 00 75/0141,
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Ref: (a) MCO P5000.3, par 8052

1. Purpose. To award a Meritorious Mast to the subject man
2. General. Under the provisions of reference (a), you are awarded a meritorious mast for services set forth below:

a. During the period of 28 August 1968 to 30 August 1969, you have performed duties as Unit Diary Clerk for this Group. You have performed all tasks with outstanding skill and resourcefulness, contributing directly to a progressive increase in the efficiency of the Group S-1 Section. You have voluntarily and enthusiastically worked many long and tedious hours to insure that the records of the personnel in this command were always up to date and correct, which in turn enhanced the delivery of mail and speeded pay procedures for the command. During your tour of duty in this Group you maintained an error rate of 0.0 in the personnel accounting section of the Group S-1. Your professional competence was demonstrated numerous times when you had to leave your administrative duties and go to the field to help support a CAP unit which was in contact with numerically superior enemy forces. These reaction forces were at times required to remain in the field for several days participating in patrols and ambushes in support of the CAP unit. In spite of these adverse conditions and the hazards of a combat environment you were still able to keep all your administrative duties meticulously accurate and up to date.

b. Your performance has at all times been exemplary and has served as an example for your fellow Marines. You are commended for a job "WELL DONE".

3. Action. The Group Adjutant is directed to ensure this Meritorious Mast is entered in your service records, and that a copy is forwarded to the Commandant of the Marine Corps for insertion in your official file.

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 September
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