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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 September to

30 September 1969

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September 1969 to 30 September 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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lst Combined Action Group III Marine Amphibious Force FPO, San Francisco, California 96002 SUBORDINATE UNITS	LtCol J. E. HENNENAN 1Sep69 30Sep69			
Combined Action Company 1-1	Captain N. H. GROSZ 1Sep69 30Sep69			
Combined Action Company 1-2	Captain J. E. KNIGHT 1Sep69 31Sep69			
Combined Action Company 1-3	lstLt J. J. MULHEARN Jr. 1Sep69 30Sep69			
Combined Action Company 1-4	Captain K. M. SEARS 1Sep69 30Sep69			

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, Quant Tin Province, RVN
CACO 1-3	Binh Son Disrtict, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
CACO 1-4	Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN





3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Offier

Major J. H. LAWSON

Major W. D. THOMPSON

6Sep69 30Sep69

Adjutant/S-1

2ndLt B. W. SMITH

1Sep69 5Sep69

SSgt D. J. MAHOUCHICK

6Sep69

27Sep69

lstLt J. E. TYLER 28Sep69 30Sep69

S-2/S-3

Major R. F. ENDERT

1Sep69

Major R. L. PADGETT

2Sep69

30Sep69

S-4/Supply

Captain T. M. GARBOWSKI

1Sep69

30Sep69

Communications Officer

Major R. F. ENDERT

1Sep69

Major R. L. PADGETT

2Sep69

30Sep69

S-5/Special Services

Major J. H. LAWSON

1Sep69

5Sep69

Major W. D. THOM SON

6Sep69

30Sep69

Medical Section

HM1 T. A. ROBINSON

1Sep69 30Sep69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Personnel Administration.

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

(1) Joined

Officers

Enlisted 77

(2) Rotated CONUS

Officers

Enlisted 36

(3) Transferred within WestPac Command.

Officers

Enlisted O

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

Officers O

Enlisted 17

b. Awards.

- (1) There was one Navy Cross, Four Silver Stars, Five Bronze Stars, and eight Navy Commendation recommendations submitted to FMFpac for approval during the month of September 1969.
- (2) Awards returned approved from FMFPac included the following:

SSM

BSN 5 NCM

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

PHM 23 VCM 5

c. <u>Casualties</u>. Casualties during the month of September 1969 were as follows:

	KIA	DAI	$\overline{\text{DOM}}$	WIA	WIANE	NBC	WIA/NBC RET TO DU
USMC	1	0	0	11	3	1	0
USN	2	0	0	1	1	1	О

- d. <u>CCNGRINTS/SPLINTS/WEIREPS</u>. There were three pieces of Congressional Interest Correspondence and one Welfare Report Handled by this command during the month of September 1969.
 - e. Administrative assistance. None
- f. <u>Legal</u>. A breakdown of legal activities for September is shown below: Art 32 Investigations Informal Investigations

$$\frac{\text{GCM}}{\text{O}} \quad \frac{\text{SPCM}}{\text{O}} \quad \frac{\text{SCM}}{\text{l}} \quad \frac{\text{NJP}}{\text{ll}}$$

- g. Morale and Velfare. 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 40
 - (2) In country R&R 2

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(3) Five parties are held at a different CAP each week, consisting of a cook-out, beer and soda. Each CAP sends a man to the rear on a staggered schedule to allow him to relax and enjoy club, beach and USC 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 constanly being stressed to all personnel who have not completed high school. During November 1969 this command will send one Staff NCO to the Career Planners School in Okinawa.

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

Letters

Incoming bag

Outgoing so bag

Packages

Incoming 4 bags

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

j. Promotions. 12 enlisted promotions were effected during the month of August 1969 as follows:

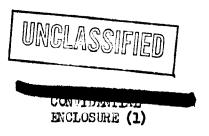
Sergeant. 6

Corporal. 2

Lance Corporal. . . . 0

Private First Class. .4

k. Hospital Visits. Hospital visits are made daily by the .
Hospital Corpsman representative, the Casualty NCO and the Mail Orderly who also delivers mail to the patients located in hospitals at Chu Lai. Frequent visits are 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.





2. Intelligence



a. General

- (1) The month began with a continuation of the previous month's lull in enery initiated activity. Once again, the majority of contact was centered around the Third Company's TACC in Quang Ngai Province. This month however, the Third Company capitalized on the enemy's presence by leading the four companies in total kills for the month. The Second Company, in the area of Ly Tin District, conducted at least two productive ambushes that resulted in two VC KIA and one area-served weapon captured. Although they received the least contact of all the CACO's, they continued to influence the people to support the GVN, and received one Chicu Hoi for their efforts. The majority of the kills were produced between the 13th and the 28th of the month, as the enemy attempted to use this period of negligible mosnlight to conduct his night activities. Third and Fourth companies received the largest amount of contact, and claimed 140 kills during the month.
- (2) First Combined Action Company, the hotbed of contact in recent months experienced fewer kills than in the past. During the month, they claimed 8 energy kills and one individual weapon captured. Recently, the CAPs in the northwest pertions of the TAOC (including 1-1-4, 1-1-6, and 1-1-7) have been plagued by the presence of a large amount of mines and booby-traps. Precentions are being taken to mark the mined areas as well as collect and destroy the ordnance. The CACO suffered 7 Maxines WIA and 5 IT soldiers WIA, as well as 3 PF soldiers killed, the najority of which were casualties of mines and booby-traps.
- (3) The Second Combined Action Company continued in its role of security for the Ly Tin area. Enemy activity consisted of mortar attack on the Ly Tin District headquarters. The mortars did slight damage to an Army vehicle. Other highpoints included two successful arbushes that resulted in 2 VC KIA and one crow-served weapon captured.
- (4) The Third Combined Action Company, historically the center of contact in the Group, proved their worth on the 13th of the month, they killed 116 NVA soldiers in one night. The 6th Battalien, 21st Regiment, NVA infiltrated the village and thoughted to eliminate the CAP 1-3-9. Their objective was to control the village of An Phong for two days. They were unsuccessful due to the determined efforts of the CAP. In the morning, an additional reaction force was sent from First CAG Headquarters that included the CO and S-3 Officer. Later that day, the CO was VIA minor, and not evacuated. The results of the bettle, from the CAP with the help of it's support were 116 NVA KIA. In addition to destroying almost half of the village, the energy killed a number of civilians. Activity during the remainder of the month was limited to hards—nent and attacks by fire.
- (5) The Fourth Company had frequent centact throughout the month. CAPs 1-4-5 and 1-4-6 were confronted with the 48th Bn. The company had 24 enemy kills, and collected 19 POW's. During one cirstrike, numbers of the CAP



team observed a vehicle it will be over the bombs by racing for about 60 meters in the open from one truling to enother. This evasion proved effective, as the foreward air controller failed to spot the vehicle. Although the CACO failed to produce its usual big number of Chicu Hei's, the CAP was successful in the approhension of 19 POWs.

- (6) In retrospect, the month saw only one large ground attack, which was in the Binh Son area, at CAP 1-3-9. The attack, as told by a POV taken from the action, was primarily for political reasons. First of all, it was to show the people of An Phong that the GVN is unable to protect them. The attack was timed to disrupt the elections which were slated for the following day. The idea was to hold the village for two days and then retire back into the nountains.
- (7) With the First Company being hampered by booby-traps, and the Second Company relatively quiet, the only other fighting occured in the area northeast of Quang Ngai City, where the two new TACC's of the Fourth Company coincide with the reported location of the VC 48th NF Bn. The future of the two new CAPs rosts with their ability to force the 48th Bn out of their TACC, or destroy then completely. The presence of a vehicle in the hands of the 48th Bn tends to demonstrate that they are well established and will be difficult to nove out. Intelligence sources point to an increase in enemy activity in Quang Ngai for the coming menth.

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Operations

c. General



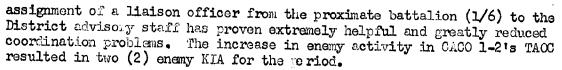
- (a) During the reporting period the 1st Combined Action Group continued to conduct operations in accordance with its assigned mission of village/hamlet security and in support of the Accelerated Pacification Program (ACP). New areas were considered and evaluated for the possible relocation of certain GAL's that have experienced very little or no activity in their present areas for extended periods of time. The Accelerated Pacification Program appears to be moving ahead satisfactorily and the District Chiefs and Vietnamese forces are enthusiasticated the program and eager to contribute their share toward achieving the goals of the program.
- (2) The Americal Division continued to conduct operations throughout the Chu Lai area, ranging from squad sized operations. The Division continued to provide logistical support on a daily basis, with a few exceptions
 due to the inclinate weather which prohibited helicopter resupply, in a satisfactory manner. The Division established a company in a role patterned
 after the CAT. 1st CAC provided liaison personnel to assist the infantry company in it's initial operations with the Popular Forces in the villages. This
 move was in conjunction with the Accelerated Pacification Program.

b. Activities

- (1) During the period the CAP's continued to conduct an increasing number of combined activities with the RF/FF forces. The 1st Company and the the 4th Company legal the list with over twelve apiece. The general attitude and aggressiveness of the Vietnamese forces is improving with few minor exceptions. The Americal Division continues to concentrate it's efforts west of National Mighway "I with an occasional foray to the east of the Highway and along the coastal area. Their activities to the west serve to intercept the large MVA units moving in from the west and allow the CAP's to concentrate their efforts against the VC and VCI.
- (2) CACO 1-1 experienced a moderately active month with twelve contacts and six sightings which netted eight VC killed, four VCS apprehended and two Chieu Hoils. The company commander submitted the request for the relocation of CAT 1-1-5. The District Chief of Tam Ky was very enthusiastic about the proposed TACC and earmarked Popular Force Platoon #143, recently graduated from the IF Training Center in Da Hang, to work with CAP 1-1-5 in the new area. The Company received an ARVH interpreter, S/Sgt DOMC on 30September.
- (3) CACO 1-2 continued with very little contact in the Company's TAOC although indications are that the enemy is becoming more active than in the past. The VC have attempted to use propaganda teams, occasionally with loud-speakers, to enhance their rice procurement efforts in the District. The enemy also attempted to lay a minefield in CAP 1-2-4's TAOC but were driven off by the CAP. The District Meadquarters received six (6) to eight (8) mortar rounds on 14 September which further emphasizes the upswing in enemy activity. The

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- (4) During the reporting priod CACO 1-3 came to the foreground with the largest number of enemy kills as a result of the battle of An Phong (1) on 13 Setember when the 6th Battalion, 21st Regiment NVA infiltrated the village and attempted to annihilate the CAP and capture the village. Due to the support of the people in protecting the CAP Marines and the aggressive fighting spirit of the Marines the enemy failed and lost one hundred sixteen (116) soldiers in the battle. CACO 1-3 continued to participate in numerous combined operations with the Regional Forces in Binh Son District. One such operation of particular note was one involving CAP's 1-3-1, 1-3-3 and 1-3-4 and an RF Company in the vicinity of the Dong Le hamlets. The RF's were met with a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire from the surrounding high ground. CAP 1-3-3 lost their corpsman KIA during the one day operation. The Dong Le's have been targeted by the District Chief as an intensive pacifications area and plans are underway to relocate CAP 1-3-4 into that area. Indications are that an increase in the enemy activity in CACO 1-3's area is forthcoming.
- (5) CACO 1-4 experienced a moderate amount of activity with CAP's 1-4-4, 1-4-5 and 1-4-6 providing the bulk of the contacts and sightings. The anemy continues to maintain sizeable forces in the area north, northwest of CAP 1-4-5 and 1-4-6. CACO 1-4 participated in a total of twenty seven (27) cobined operations, most of which were to protect the rice harvesting operations of the villagers. Indications are that CACO 1-4 can expect and increase in enemy activity along with CACO 1-3.
- (6) The following statistics are the results of 1st CAG's operations and activities for the month of September:
 - (a) Friendly Activities

Night Patrols 65 Day Patrols 932 Ambushos 1643

(b) Enemy Casualties/Losses

KIA POW DETAINTEES CHIEU HOI'S/HOI CHANH'S

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(c) Measons and Ordnance Captured

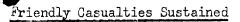
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	<u>KIA</u>	WIAE	WIAM	MIA	POW
USMC	1	11	3	0	0
USN	2	1	l	0	0
PF	11	9	3	0	0

c. Training

- (1) General. The formal training covered the subjects of General Military Subjects, Leadership, Small Unit Tactics, Infantry Weapons and Supporting Arms. Arrangements are being made with 1st Bn, 14th Arty, USA to provide FO instruction to each CAP. This instruction is designed to augment the information on FO procedures and techniques given at CAP S chool and at the Americal Divisions Arty Course.
- (2) <u>CAP Training</u>. The individual CAP's conducted daily classes as prescribed by the Group training schedule which is promulgated each week for the comming week. Each CAP Leader returns the schedule at the completion of the weeks training and indicates the number of hours accomplished. Thirty six hours of scheduled training was completed by each CAP. This formal training was augmented by many hours of impromptu instruction given by members of the CAP when the need or opportunity arose.

(3) Other Training

- (a) Six Marines completed the Vietnamese Language Course in Da Nang.
- (b) Three Marines attended the Artillery FO 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 by a representative from the S-3 Section during the month. Particular emphasis was given to the condition of crew served and individual weapons and individual equipment. No significant discrepancies were noted.
- (1) The S-3 Section continued the practice of taking prospective 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 the various problems that are common to many CAP'S and the solutions that have been tried and proven in the field.
- e. Fire Support. The USA artillery units supporting the Americal Division continued to provide excellent fire support during the reporting period. Due to the increase in enemy activity the number of fire missions called increased and, with few exceptions the time per mission was reduced as more missions were fired at the clearance procedures exercised. The 1st Bn, 14th Arty continued to provide outstanding support to the CAPs of CACO 1-3 and CACO 1-4. The desire

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of 1/14 to provide more and faster fire support has greatly improved the effectiveness of the artiller support.

f. Air Support

- (1) Tactical air support was utilized fourteen times during the month; this included fixed wing strikes, helicopter gunship strikes, Spooky and Shadow gunships and flareships as well as visual reconnaissance missions.
- (2) The aforementioned figure does not include the missions flown for logistical resupply of the CAP's as this 7 time is allotted by the proximate battalion on a daily basis and these missions are not requested or controlled by the CAG.
- g. Scout Dog Teams During the month Scout Dog Teams were available to two of the companies. The teams work well with most CAP's and serve to boost morale and confidence of the Marines and PF's alike.

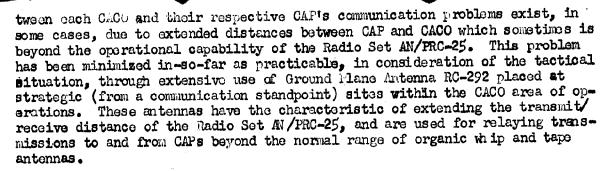
h. Psychological Operations

- (1) Friendly Operations. During the month, the 1st CAG in conjunction with and supported by the Americal Division, distributed over nine and one half million leafles; in addition, over eighteen (18) hours of aerial broadcasts were utilized to propound the Chieu Hoi program and Pro-GVN ideals. The PsyOps broadcasts may be taking effect as there were many more Chieu Hoi's this month than in the past. A total of of fourteen (14) VC/NVA Chieu Hoi'ed as compared to three (3) for the preceding month.
- (2) Enemy PsyOps consisted of leaflets and on two occasions loud-speaker broadcasts. The enemy still has difficulty in reaching the sector of the population that cold benefit him the most as the US and GVN forces control heavily populated and rice rich areas and he is unable to utilize his PsyOps capability to the fullest.
- i. Kit Carson Scouts. The KCS continue to contribute to the effectiveness of the CAP's, In answer to an inquiry by the 1st MarRiv as to whether or not the CAC would be desireous of additional KCS's; the 1st CAG replied affirmative, that one (1) KCS per CAP would be ideal, to date no further word has been received from the 1st Div.
- j. Volunteer Informant Program. 19,800 WN were spent during the month under the VIP program. The total amount was approciably less than the previous month in keeping with the reduction of total funds available from III MAF. The Group was notified of a slight increase in the total funds available consequently the expenditures will probably increase somewhat with a slight degree of encouragement from the CAP's for the people to bring in more ordnance.

k. Communications

(1) Operations. During the reporting period communications between Croup Headquarters and CACO Headquarters were generally satisfactory. Be-





(2) Personnel. One Group Headquarters radio operator was transferred to CACO 1-3 during the reporting period while another had terminated his overseas tour and was rotated to CONUS. This necessitated bringing two radio operators in from the CACO's. One was transferred from CACO 1-3 and one from CACO 1-4. The Group Headquarters radio watch consists of a three section watch, which is adequate for present operations.

(3) Maintenance Support

- (a) Second Echelon. Due to lack of adequate support by FISG-A and of the Direct Exchange Program, it became necessary to make liaison with the Radio Repair Section, MAOS-12, MAG-12 for the purpose of establishing a reliable 2nd Echelon Radio Repair. Since then they have been exceptionally cooperative in performing repair work, even to the point of replacing parts from their own stock, although they are in short supply. In-shop time for repair orders has averaged about 32 days.
- (b) Third Echelon. During the reporting period, support by the Direct Exchange Program has been generally unsatisfactory. Equipment turnaround time in the past has been excessive, and it has continued with little noticeable improvement. Radio equipment, particularly RT-505/PRC-25, on dead-line in excess of 40-60 days is not unusual and indeed is probably the rule rather than the exception. At the present time the 1st CAG has a total of 14 AN/PRC-25 on deadline, four of which are in excess of 50 days on deadline. The rest range from one week to over one month.

(4) EQUIP ENT REPAIR SUMMARY

EQUIPMENT	IPMENT TO DEADLINE		FM DEADLIN	E	TOT AL	
	MAG-12 (2nd Ech)	FISG-A (3rd Ech)	MAG-12 (2nd Ech)	FISG-A (3rd Ech)	TO D/L	FM D/L
AN/PRC-25	20	7	*18	5	27	17
H-138/189/1-80	0	29	0	***5	29	2
H33	1	0	1	0	1	1
R-442	1	0	1	0	1	1
RT-524	Ö	0	0	1.	0	1
TA-1	Ŏ	3	0	0	3	0

* Includes six (6) not 2nd Echelon repairable, transferred to 3rd Echelon. **Includes two (2) Code H (beyond economical repair).

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4. S-4/Supply

a. Significant Events

(1) Combat losses during the month were one M-60 machine gun, one M-79 grenade launcher, and three M-16 rifles.

b. Supply

- (1) Supply support from FLC during September continued to be excellent. Material receipts as a result of weekly convoys enables the Group to reduce actual leadtime. With the pending monsoon season the convoys will probably be stopped and could reduce the supply capability if receipts from the system are not timely.
- (2) T/E deficiencies continue to effect the overall readiness, however, the combat mission has not been impaired. Receipt of one MI51 truck, a ton, has given some relief to the T/E asset posture.
- (3) Increased input of personnel beyond T/O has decreased assets of organizational clothing and equipment, and in some cases, an NIS position has been realized.

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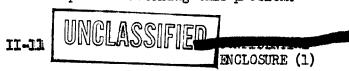
(1) Turn-around time of deadlined communications equipment continues to be a problem. The RT-505 and H-189, handset, being deadlined in excess of 30 days is of concern. It is an ticipated that in October communication maintenance support should improve with the receipt of a repair van and modules, parts, etc., at Sub Unit #1, FLSG-A, Chu Lai.

d. Motor Transport

- (1) During the reporting period Group Motor Transport logged 23, 442 miles.
- (2) 9th Engineers began construction of a grease rack at the Motor Pool.

e. Miscellaneous

- (1) Public Works Chu Lai started renovation of the quenset huts which will serve as the new Group CP.
- f. Medical. The following information was received during the Senior Corpsman's meeting held at the Combined Action Program Headquarters on 24 September 1969.
- (1) All corpsmen are to be on the alert for hepatitis and hemorragic fever. A bulletin has been sent to all corpsmen concerning this problem.



(2) Other topics discussed were: Navy personnel, naval administration, immunization reports from III MAF Transient Facility, disease incidents within the Combined Action Program, Combined Action Program School Hospitalman training curriculum, a review in regards to Food Service Personnel, physical examinations, and wet weather (monsoon season) medical problems.

(3) Techniques

- (a) During the month of September the Group Aid Station instituted a quarterly innoculation program within the entire 1st Combined Action Group. This program will continue into the month of October.
- (b) The senior medical representative visited ten CAPs during the month. During these visits sanitation inspections were conducted and daily MEDCAPS were observed within each plateon visited. Sanitation in the villages continues to be stressed.
- (c) Weekly sanitation inspections continue to be conducted in the Group Headquarters. All problem areas have been noted, and corrective action initiated.

(d) Medcaps conducted	Totals
Patients treated	20,941
Adults evacuated	219
Children evacuated	86
Dentcaps	80
(e) U. S. Personnel treated at CAG	505
(f) Hospitalized	61
MIV	16
Illness	47



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5. Civic Action

- a. During September 1969, 100 pounds of clothing were received from the 29th Civil Affairs Company. In addition, 3100 pounds of food were received from Americal Division Food Service Section. 950 School Kits were received and 850 were given to CAP 1-4-2 for distribution.
- b. On 26 September 1969 in the 4 districts within the 1st CAG AO, 200 cases of apples and 12 boxes of cookies were distributed for the Childrens Autum#Festivel
- c. The Popular Force Personnel and Marines of CAP 1-2-7 completed a bridge at coordinates BT455256, Ly Tin District.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

1 Sept 69

- CAN 1-1-2. An ambush initiated SAF on 2 VC at BT *25179. The VC fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area found 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-A7. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA. 1 IVC.
- CAL 1-1-7. An ambush received SA and 82mm mortar fire from an estimated VC squad at DT 297287. The CAP returned organic weapons fire an called an artillery mission causing the VC to flee MV. One PF was VIA(M) in the contact. A sweep of the area produced negative results. RESULTS: 1 PF VIA(M).
- CAP 1-4-5. A patrol initiated organic weapons fire on A VC spotted at BS 730777. One VC was pinned down by the SAF and was coptured when the other VC fled in an unknown direction. The POV was delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 POV.

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CAP 1-4-6. A Hoi Chanh turned himself over to CAP at BS 709777. The Hoi Chanh was delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

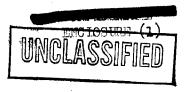
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- CAP 1-3-7. While searching a suspected VC dwelling, CAP initiated SAF on 1 VC spotted at BS 648982. The VC was KIA. The CAP forms 3 chicom grenades on the VC and 140 pounds of rice and A sets of utilities in the dwelling. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 140 pounds of rice and A sets of utilities.
- CAP 1-4-3. One female Hoi Chanh turned herrelf over to CAP at BS 768828. The Hoi Chanh was delivered to District Headquerters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.
- CAP 1-4-5. A patrol received SAF from an estimated 20-30 VC at BS 723776. The CAP contacted an AO who directed an airstrike on the enemy. A CAP sweep of the area found 2 booby trapped M-79 rounds, numerous destroyed bunkers, trench lines, and spider holes, 12 pairs of black pajemas and several blood trails leading S. The CAP destroyed the booby traps. RESULTS: Numerous bunkers and 2 boob trapped M-79 rounds destroyed.

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- CAP 1-3-2. A VN male received a VEP payment for informing the CAP of the location of one 105mm round at BS 577905. The round was destroyed. RESULTS: 1 105mm round destroyed.
- CAP 1-4-6. CAP detained 1 VCS while sweeping an enemy bunker complex at BS 716793. Numerous bunkers were destroyed by the CAP during the sweep. RESULTS:

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1 VCS, numerous bunkers destroyed.

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CAP 1-1-4. VN children received VIP perments for delivering 2 60mm morter rounds to CAP at BT 27/193. The ordnence was destroyed. RESULTS: 2 60mm morter rounds destroyed.

CAP 1-3-4. Villagers brought a 10 year old VN male to CAP haven site at BS 621017. The child was suffering from a recent gunshot wound of an unknown origin. The CAP called a medevac. The VCS will be turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VCS.

CAP 1-2-1. 30 VC entered a hamlet at BT 432169, and kidnapped 4 VN civilians and 1 RD. The VC reportedly took their hostages to BF 446163. CAP was informed of the incident and relayed the information to Americal Division. PsyOps was contacted. RESULES: 4 VN civilians and 1 RD kidnapped.

8 Sept 69

CAP 1-4-2. PF's captured 3 village guarrillas at BS 778858. The guarrillas, aged 15, 16, and 18 are confirmed VC informants. The POW's were turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 3 VC POW.

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CAP 1-1-1. VN children received Reyme, ts for informing CAP of the location of one 82mm round and one 60mm round at BT 275194. The ordnence was destroyed. RESULTS: Cas 82mm round and one 60mm round destroyed.

CAN 1-3-2. A VN male received a VIP payment for informing the CAP of the location of 1 105mm round at BS 578905. The round was destroyed. RESULTS: 1 105mm round destroyed.

CAP 1-4-3. Acting on information from a Hoi Chanh, a patrol found 1 M=1 carbine and 1 chicom grenade in a cave at BS 772835. The rifle appeared to have been unused for a period of 2+3 months. The grenade was destroyed. RESULTS: 1 INC, 1 chicom grenade destroyed.

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CAP 1-1-4. While on patrol, 5 USMC and 1 PF were wounded when a booby trap (NFI) was tripped at BT 265198. No further booby traps were discovered during a search of the crea. RESULES: 4 USMC WIA(E), 1 USMC WIA(M), 1 PF WIA(M).

mission on an USEF at ET 2671994. The energy returned SAF and fled in an unknown direction. 1 PF was ETA in the contact. A step of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA.

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CAP 1-2-3. An ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 4 VC moving N at BT 440907. The enemy fled HW and ME. One VC escaped through a dual entrance bunker which the CAP subsequently destroyed. The sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 RPG, 3 B-40 rounds, 3 chicom grenades and miscellaneous individual equipment. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 CSVC, 3 B-40 rounds and 3 chicom grenades destroyed; and miscellaneous individual equipment captured.

CAP 1-3-6. Acting on information from a KCS, the CAP detained 3 VCS at BS 574937. 1 VCS was in possession of 2 dissimilar ID cards. The VCS were turned over to Binh Son District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 3 VCS.

12 Sept 69

CAP 1-2-4. A patrol received SAF from approximately 10 VC in spider holes at BF 448072. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and were reinforced by LF's and RD's. The VC fled in an unknown direction, 1 USBC was MIA(E) in the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed several spider holes, a small funnel and 1 VC cantern. RUSUTES: 1 USBC WIA(E).

CAP 1-1-7. An ambush observed 1 mortar round hit a friendly village at BE 297287. The mortar, later determined to be 82mm, resulted in 7 VN civilians WTA(E). RESULTS: 7 VN civilian WTA(E).

CAP 1-3-4. A Noi Chanh turned himself over to PF's at BS 622008. The Noi Chanh surrendered 2 chicom grandes which the CAP destroyed. The Noi Chanh was delivered to District Meddquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh, 2 chicom grandes destroyed.

CAPs 1-4-5 and 1-4-6, and a platoon of RF's from the 380 RF Company conducted 2 all day search and clear operation in the vicinity of BS 704792. 9 VCS without ID Cards were detained. As the sweep continued, CAP 1-4-6 called an artillery mission on 7 VC spotted at BS 703794. The CAP received heavy SAF in return from the 7 VC and an USEF at BS 705794. Airstrikes requested by the CAP silenced the enemy at both positions. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 9 VCS.

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CAP 1-1-7. Thile CAP was participating in a sweep with Biot Eop forces, a booby trap (NFI) was tripped wounding one USM and one Biot Lop. As the booby trap exploded, an USMF at BI 278282 initiated SAF. The joint forces returned SAF and called an artillery mission causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USM UTA(M), 1 Biot Lop UTA(M).

CAP 1-3-9. An estimated 2 NVA Componies attacked the village of An Phong at BS 473877, in an attempt to overrun CAP 1-3-9. The NVA used satchel charges, grandes, SA, AN, RPG, and mortar fire during the assault. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and was supported by artillery, speckies, and flareships. The CAP was reinforced at 0930 by an NF Company and at 1130 by A 1/52 USA. Present count of enemy toll is 60 KIA. Numerous weapons have been captured. 1 USMC and 1 USM

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were KIA. Fight PF's were KIA. 2 USRC and 1 USN were wounded. RISULTS: "(NOT FINAL) 60 NVA KIA, numerous weapons captured, 1 USRC KIA, 1 USN KIA, 8 PF's KIA, 1 USRC WIA(E), 1 USRC VIA(M), 1 USR VIA(M).

CAP 1-1-5. Quang Tin Province Headquarters received 2 122mm rockets at BT 298221. A patrol at BT 312175 heard the rockets launched from the vicinity of BT 304170. The CAP patrol reported the suspected launch site and remained in position. A subsequent sweep of the suspected rocket launch site turned up a SFD composed of an M-16 rifle ammunition can filled with explosive and right with a trip wire firing device. The SFD was blown in place. RESUMTS: 1 SFD destroyed.

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CAP 1-3-9. ND's who reinforced CAP took 1 NVA prisoner. He is reportedly a PFC from the 10th Company, 6th Battalion, 21st Regiment, 2nd NVA Division. The prisoner is still undergoing interrogation. The latest count of NVA KIA is 116. Seventy IV and CSV were captured. Friendly casualties remain unchanged. RESULS: (To be added to results of item #21 of CAP OPSUM of 13 SEPTEMBER 1969) an additional 56 NVA KIA, 70 IV and CSV captured, 1 POV (NOT CAP).

CAP 1-3-6. Acting on information from the village chief, CAP detained 2 VCS at BS 574937. The VCS were taken to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 2 VCS.

CAP 1-4-5. An ambush received 13-15 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from an USIFF in the vicinity of BS 765824 and BS 761825. The CAP called artillery on both locations silencing the mortars. A CAP 1-4-4 sweep of the area found 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-50 and 1 M-72 LAAV. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 2 IVC.

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CAP 1-3-9. Of the 70 wearons captured by CAN 1-3-9 on 13 Sept 69, 68 were IV and 2 were CSW. RESUMES: 68 IVC. 2 CSW.

CAP 1-4-6. A patrol initiated SAF on 1 VC spotted at BS 717787. The VC was KIA. A search of his body revealed a document indicating the individual had been a VC for 1 year. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, document captured.

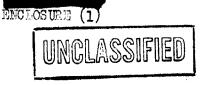
CAP 1-3-3. While at CP, 1 USMC was $\text{UIA}(\mathbb{B})$ by a sniper in the vicinity of BS 675985. The CAP did not return fire due to friendlies in the area. RUSUMES: 1 USMC $\text{WIA}(\mathbb{B})$.

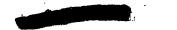
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CAP 1-1-3. An ambush initiated organic weapons fire on the point element of an estimated VC Company at HF 351172. The enemy returned fire on the CAP who requested and received spocky support. The VC fled to the SW. A sweep of the area revealed 4 VC KIA and 3 AK-47 magazines. 1 PF was KIA and 1 PF was WIA(E) in the

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contact. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 PF VIA(E), 4 VC KIA.

CAP 1-3-9. CP saw 3 60mm mortar rounds hit in the hamlet of An Phong (1) at BS 473863. The CAP called an artillery mission on a suspected mortar position at BS 457870, silencing the mortars. 5 VM civilians were KIA and 35 VM civilians were wounded. No damage to property was recorded. RESULES: 5 VM civilians KIA, 22 VM civilians WIA(E), 13 VM civilians WIA(M).

18 Sept 69

CAP 1-4-6. A Hoi Chanh turned himself in to CAP at BS 719788. The Hoi Chanh was delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

CAP 1-3-5. CAP went mobile and effected relocation in the form of a major enlargement of its TAOC. The geographic center of the new TAOC is at BS 71.0956. The Vietnemese element of the CAP is composed of PF platoons 180, 184, and 132.

CAPs 1-4-5 and 1-4-6. While participating in a joint operation with RF units, CAP 1-4-5 and RF Company 199 received approximately 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire and SAP from an UNCF in the vicinity of BS 709795. The CAP and RF's returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery mission causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. 3 RF's were KIA and 4 RF's were wounded in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. During the same operation airstrikes were called on an estimated 30 VC in the vicinity of BS 697795. A sweep of the area revealed 2 VC KIA. RESULES: 3 RF's KIA (Not CAP), 4 RF's TIA(E) (Not CAP), 2 VC KIA (Hot CAP).

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CAP 1-1-1. CAP and RF Company 172 in NDP's received 60mm morter rounds from an USEF in the vicinity of BT 288188. CAP 1-1-5 fired morter illumination in support of CAP 1-1-1 and RF Company. 2 RD's were KIA, 3 RD's were VIA(E) and 8 RF's were VIA(E) in the morter attack. A devlight sweep of the contact area was nonproductive. RESUITS: 2 RD's KIA, 3 RD's VIA(E), and 8 RF's VIA(E).

While participating in a joint operation with RF companies 180 and 932, CAP 1-4-5 and the RF companies received heavy SAF from an USEF in the vicinity of BS 732775. The CAP and RF's returned organic weapons fire and called airstrikes on the enemy causing them to flee in an unknown direction. During a sweep of the area, the RF units found 1 NVA KIA and captured 3 VC, 1 M-1 carbine, various documents, and medical supplies. One Hoi Chanh turned himself in to the RF's. RESULTS: 1 NVA KIA (Not CAP), 3 VC POV (Not CAP), 1 Hoi Chanh (Not CAP), 1 TC (Not CAP), miscelleneous documents and medical supplies captured (Not CAP).

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CAF 1-1-7. One PF was KIA and 1 PF was VIA(E) when an M-26 grenade booby trap was tripped during a patrol in the vicinity of BT 309291. As the booby trap exploded the CAP patrol received SAF from an USMF at EN 305297. The CAP

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returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee N. A cusep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 PF VIA(Ξ).

In a joint operation with RF commanies 780 and 977, a CAP 1-4-6 patrol captured 1 VC in a bunker at BS 718791. The VC was reportedly from the Mv Lai hamlet local VC force. 2 hunkers were der roved by the CAP. CAP 1-4-5, also participating in the joint operation, initiated organic respons fire on 10 VC at BS 725806. The VC returned SAF and fled W. A sweep of the area revealed 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC POW, 2 hunkers destroyed.

23 Sept 69

CAP 1-1.1. A VN male received a VIP payment for delivering two 81mm mortar rounds and 2 60mm mortar rounds to CAP at BT 275193. The rounds were destroyed. RESULTS: 2 60mm and 2 81mm rounds destroyed.

CAP 1-2-4. A patrol discovered a small cache buried on the side of a hill at BT 448072. The cache contained 30 AK-47 rounds, 1 poncho, 1 hammock, 1 canteen, 1 duffle bag, 1 bag of rice and a wallet containing 3305VN. RESULTS: 30 AK-47 rounds destroyed, miscellaneous individual gear, 1 bag of rice, 3305VN captured.

CAPs 1-3-3 and 1-3-4. Received 6-10 60mm mortar rounds and heavy SAF from an USEF in the vicinity of BS 662007. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and received support from Spookies. One USN was killed and 2 PF's were TA(E) in the contact. A daylight sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USN KIA, 2 PF SIA(E).

CAP 1-3-2. Acting on information from villagers, a CAP patrol was dispatched to BS 565905, where 3 Hoi Chanhs turned themselves over to the CAT. The Hoi Chanhs surrendered 3 AK-47s, 5 M-26 greandes and 5 loaded AK-47 magazines. The CAP delivered the Hoi Chanhs to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESUMES: 3 Hoi Chanhs, 3 F/C, 5 M-26 greandes destroyed.

GET 1-4-5. In a joint operation with RF companies 107, 199, 780, and 933 discovered 15 well-constructed reinforced bunkers at BS 727795. The bunkers were destroyed. RESUTE: 15 bunkers destroyed

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CAF 1-2-5. One Hoi Chanh turned himself in to CAF at BT #1612x. The Hoi Chanh was delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

CAP 1-2-2. An ambush heard VC proposanda coming from a megaphone in the vicinity of 3T 400123. A CAP patrol dispatched to investigate, received SAF from an USEF. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called artillery and mortar missions. During a sweep of the area 4 VCS were detained and turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 4 VCS.

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CAP 1-4-5. While participating in a joint operation with RF companies 107, 199, 308, and 933, CAP initiated SAF on 2 VC at BS 728808. The CAP then spotted an additional 15 VC at BS 725810, and initiated organic weapons fire on the enemy force. The VC returned SAF and fled W. A sweep of the two areas revealed 2 VC KIA, During the same operation, a CAP 1-4-6 patrol received SAF from an estimated 15 VC at BS 722793. The CAP returned organic weapons fire causing the VC to flee N. One EF was VIA(E) in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 FF VIA(E).

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CAF 1-4-5. In a joint harvest security operation with RF companies 199 and 380, CAF received SAF and 60mm morths fire from an estimated 15 VC at BS 705789. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery mission as the enemy broke contact and fled E. During a sweep of the impact are the CAP detained 5 VCS without ID cards and found 2 destroyed bunkers. As the CAP was moving back to the harvest area, it received SAF from 3 VC spotted at BS 700793. The CAP returned SAF causing the VC to flee N. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA. Meanwhile CAP 1-4-5, also participating in the operation, received SAF from an USUF at BS 715798. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called airstrikes on the enemy location. The airstrikes resulted in 9 VC KIA and 16 secondary explosions. During the airstrikes the CAP spotted 3 VC attempting to 1 flee the area. The CAP initiated SAF killing all three of the enemy. RESULTS:

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CAP 1-1-4. During a patrol, a KCS spotted at 60mm round booky trap at BT 269194. The KCS disarmed the booky trap. HOD will destroy the round. RESUMES: 1 60mm booky trap destroyed.

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CAP 1-2-3. RD's led a patron to a shallow grave containing 1 VC KIA at BT 452092. The VC had been killed by SAF approximately 2 weeks ago, possibly by a CAP ambush on 11 September. RESUITS: 1 VC KIA.

CAP 1-2-3. 1 VN male, age 40, was apprehended by National Police for possessing two AP mines (NFI) at ET 452092. The individual, who claimed he was holding the mines for the VC, told National Police that in one month, the TACC's of CAPs 1-2-3 and 1-2-4 will be mined. The CAPs were informed of the incident. RESULTS: 1 VCS (NCT CAP).

28 Sept 69

CAP 1-4-6. An ambush received MGF from an TSMF at BS 717787. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery mission causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. One USMC was VIA(M) in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M)

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CAP 1-1-6. A patrol received SAF from an USEF at BT 242247. The CAP resumed organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area revealed 1 VC KIA, and 1 M16Al mine which the CAP destroyed. As the CAP continued on its patrol, it detained 3 VN females without ID cards at BT 242247. The CAP delivered the VN women to District Heddquarters for interrogation. RESUMES: 1 VC KIA, 3 VCS, 1 M16Al mine destroyed.

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CAP 1-1-7. A patrol recieved SAF from an USEF at BF 300334. The CAF returned organic weapons fire causing the VC to flee in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA and 1 AK-47. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 TWC.

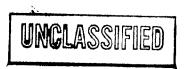
CAP 1-1-4. A VN male delivered 7 M-79 rounds, one 60mm round, two 81mm rounds, and one 105mm round to CAP at HF 285200. BOD destroyed the ordnance A VIP payment was made. RESUITS: 7 M-79 rounds, 1 60mm round, 2 81mm rounds, and 1 105mm round destroyed.

CAF 1-3-4. 2 Hoi Chanha turned themselves in to CAF at E7 622005. The CAF delivered the Hoi Chanha to District Handauarters for interrogation. RESULES: 2 Hoi Chanha.

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CAP 1.4-2. While providing security for VN woodcutters, CAP received SAF from 6 VC at BS 768850. The CAP returned organic warners fire and called an Slmm morter mission. The enemy fled SE. The CAF attempted to resetablish contact but was unsuccessful. 1 USMC and 2 VN civilians were wounded by the enemy fire. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E), 2 VN civilians WIA(E).

CAP 1-4-1. A patrol received SAF from 5-6 VC at BS 603807, and from USEF's at BS 604816 and 609813. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called artitlory on the 3 enemy locations. The enemy fled in an unknown direction. One USMC was VIA(E) in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC VIA(E).



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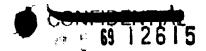
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