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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

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

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

2. Downgraded at 3-year intervals, declassified after 12 years, DOD Dir 5200.10.

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COMBAT CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1969 to 31 December 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

COMMANDER

LtCol D. T. SEILER
 1Dec69 31Dec69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 1-1

Captain W. H. GROSZ Jr.
 1Dec69 31Dec69

Combined Action Company 1-2

Captain J. E. KNIGHT
 1Dec69 31Dec69

Combined Action Company 1-3
 Commanding Officer

Captain J. W. MURPHY
 1Dec69 25Dec69

Combined Action Company 1-3
 Commanding Officer

Captain D. L. LAPHAM
 26Dec69 31Dec69

Combined Action Company 1-3
 Executive Officer

1stLt B. STEGHAUER
 1Dec69 31Dec69

Combined Action Company 1-4

Captain R. J. SEXTON II
 1Dec69 31Dec69

ATTACHED UNITS

1. None.

2. Locations

Hq 1stCAG
 CACO 1-1
 CACO 1-2
 CACO 1-3
 CACO 1-4

Chu Lai, Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN
 Tam Ky District, Quang Tin Province, RVN
 Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN
 Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
 Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN

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STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Adjutant/S-1

S-2/S-3/CommO

S-4/Supply

S-5/Special Services

Medical

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Major W. D. THOMPSON
1Dec69 31Dec69

Captain J. E. TIER
1Dec69 31Dec69

Major R. L. PADGETT
1Dec69 31Dec69

Captain T. M. GARBOWSKI
1Dec69 31Dec69

Major W. D. THOMPSON
1Dec69 31Dec69

FM1 W. BUCHANAN
1Dec69 2Dec69

FM1 T. A. ROBINSON
3Dec69 12Dec69

FM1 J. D. WOOD
13Dec69 31Dec69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
11	506	0	35	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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1. Personnel Administration.

a. Joined and Transferred. During the month of December 1969, the 1st Combined Action Group joined and transferred the following number of personnel listed in the four categories below:

(1) Joined

Officers
0

Enlisted
61

(2) Rotated CONUS

Officers
1

Enlisted
23

(3) Transferred within WestPac Command

Officers
1

Enlisted
11

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

Officers
0

Enlisted
8

b. Awards.

(1) There were two Bronze Star Medals, one Navy Commendation Medal, one Navy Achievement Medal and one Air Medal presented to members of this Command during December 1969.

(2) Recommendations for awards submitted to III MAF include:

SSM BSM DCM PCM 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:

PMI
23

VCG
1

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c. Casualties. Casualties During the month of December 1969 were as follows:

	<u>NIA</u>	<u>DAI</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIA/DAI</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>WIA/NBC</u>	<u>RET TO DU</u>
USMC	1	0	0	15	4	27	42	
USN	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	

d. CONGRUITS/SPLINTS/WIREPS. There was one piece of Congressional Correspondence and fifteen Wireps processed by this organization during the month of December 1969.

e. Administrative Assistance. There were three Group Directives promulgated during the month.

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

<u>Art 32 Investigations</u>	<u>Informal JAG Investigations</u>
0	0

General Court Martial: 0
Special Court Martial: 0
Summary Court Martial: 2
Non-Judicial Punishment: 6

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 breakdown of the R&R within this command:

	<u>Quotas</u>	<u>Utilized</u>
(1) Out of Country R&R	25	25
(2) In Country R&R	1	1

(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 the club, beach and 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 continually offered to all personnel who have not completed high school. During this reporting period one career reenlistment was executed.

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

Letters

Incoming
3 Bags

Outgoing
2 Bags

Packages

Incoming
8 Bags

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

j. Promotions. Ninety-four enlisted promotions were effected during the month of December 1969. The following is a breakdown of those promotions:

Sergeant.....1
Corporal.....2
Lance Corporal.....88
Private First Class.....1

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, 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, is waiting at the hospital when the casualty arrives. The remains of persons killed in action are identified within hours of arrival at Chu Lai.

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1. Civic Action. Civic Action projects during December 1969 proceeded at a normal pace, with the implementation of a bi-monthly civic action meeting for 1st CAG field personnel. This system finds S-5 personnel from 1st CAG Headquarters visiting each CACO Headquarters twice each month to conduct scheduled meetings for civic action representatives from each CAP. The result should be more knowledgeable field representatives for the CAG's Civic Action Program. The following commodities were distributed throughout the 1st CAG area of operation during December 1969.

(1) Commodities

- (a) food 750 pounds
- (b) clothing 110 pounds
- (c) soap 228 pounds
- (d) midwife kits 8
- (e) school kits 302
- (f) school refill kits 150
- (g) sewing kits 130
- (h) money contributions \$85.00

(2) Medical

- (a) patients treated 12,242
- (b) adults evacuated 76
- (c) children evacuated 33
- (d) dental treatments 46

During December 1969 the following Civic Action projects were completed:
CAP 1-3-6 assisted the villagers from Phuoc An (2) in constructing a fence.

CAP 1-3-7 built a volley ball court for the children of Giao Thug (1) village.

CAP 1-3-9 helped the villagers from An Phung (1) to construct seven bunkers.

CAP 1-4-1 assisted in building a fence around Khanh Van (6) BS 623791

Voluntary Contribution in U. S. Dollars in support of:

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Schools; \$50.00

Individuals; \$35.00

Other Construction Projects Completed:

Fences: 2

School: 1

Public Heads: 1

Culverts: 1

Dispensaries: 1

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2. Intelligence

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a. General. Enemy Activity in the 1st CAG AO began with a slight increase at the beginning of the month. Two major increases of enemy activity in the group that should have bearing on the immediate future. The first is the increase in activity experienced by CACO 1-2. On the 18th a CAP 1-2-7 ambush produced 1 VC KIA, 2 NVA KIA and 1 NVA POW. A preliminary interrogation of the POW found him to be a member of the 2nd Co. 402 NVA Bn. This unit is better known to this command as the 70th Bn 21st Rgt 2nd NVA Division. This is the first time that 1st CAG has made contact with this unit this far North. If the 70th Bn is in this area, it poses a threat to Ly Tin District. The second increase worth noting was the Hoi Chanhs coming from local force guerillas, the eyes and ears of the large NVA units. These Hoi Chanhs, while not able to give exact locations of the larger NVA units, can assist the CAP teams, by pointing out where the NVA get their resupply. The reason that these people have chosen to come in under the Chieu Hoi Program remains a mystery at this time. Activity over the rest of the 1st CAG AO did not produce any new or unusual events. CACO 1-1 continued to be harassed by booby traps, but managed to force the enemy in the open at times. In the Southern regions of the 1st CAG AO, an unusually large number of POW's should help to supply information on any troop build up or relocation of enemy units. Towards the end of the month, intelligence sources pointed to an offensive in the southern I Corps area that was supposed to coincide with the Christmas and New Year Holidays. The offensive was appropriately called the "Black Christmas" offensive. The offensive did not come about due, in part, to the resumption of the monsoon rains. The bad weather hampered the movement and resupply of enemy units in this area.

b. Activities

(1) CACO 1-1 maintained about the same level of contact through out the month. The mine and booby trap campaign waged by the enemy is still in effect, but not as lethal as last month because of the alertness on the part of the Marines. Most of the contact was limited to local force and hamlet guerillas harassing by fire. CACO 1-1 produced kills by running aggressive patrols and ambushes. On the 5th CAP 1-1-1 spotted 1 VC and killed him. Four days later, possibly as retaliation, some CAP PF's were ambushed by an unknown enemy force resulting in 2 PF KIA and 3 PF WIA and the loss of one (1) M-16.

(2) CACO 1-2 was surprised to find that the results of one of their ambushes were both VC and NVA. The fact that there were VC with the NVA when ambushed lends credence to intelligence reports of the NVA dissolving some units into local force guerrilla units in order to collect information about certain areas as well as for training purposes.

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In another unrelated incident, documents found on one body after a CAP 1-2-2 ambush identified the man as an assistant squad leader of the 113 VC Sapper Company. The 113 VC Sapper Company is better known to this command as the V-15th LF Co. and is usually found operating further to the North, in Tam Ky District.

(3) CACO 1-3, operating in the Binh Son area, experienced a substantial level of contact throughout the month. CACO 1-3 had a number of CAPs in contact during the month, with the enemy using harassing attacks and attacks by fire. These techniques were employed in a defensive nature in an attempt to deter the CAP from initiating offensive operations. On the 4th, CAP 1-3-3 on a combined operation with U.S. Army units made contact resulting in 2 VC KIA. Shortly after the contact, the CAP received 2 Hoi Chanhs from a local guerrilla force.

(4) CACO 1-4 experienced an active month. The enemy activity increased from the beginning of the month and continued throughout the month. The increase in activity was limited to harassing attacks and attacks by fire; not unlike CACO 1-3 action. The coastal CAP's continued to produce the bulk of the activity. CAP 1-4-4 killed 2 VC and captured 23 VC and 6 boats in one action. The Company received 9 Hoi Chanhs from the Bin Duc Village force and 3 from the Vin Duc Village force and should benefit from information extracted from these sources. On the 25th a patrol from CAP 1-4-6 captured one VC from the V-20 Sapper which is also known as the 74th Local Force Company. This is not the normal AO for this unit, and information gathered from this POW should answer many questions.

(5) In retrospect, the lack of any large offensive operations during the month and the threat of the "Black Christmas" offensive that never materialized due to inclement weather, points to a period of preparation by the VC/NVA. In addition, the reluctance on the part of the enemy to meet the CAPs in an open fight add to this feeling. The presence of new units in the Ly Tin District area may be a clue to where the TET offensive may be felt hardest. The influx of Hoi Chanhs from guerrilla force units points to unrest and discontent in VC/NVA relations.

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3. Operations

a. General

(1) During the reporting period the 1st Combined Action Group continued to conduct activities and operations that facilitated accomplishment of its assigned mission of village/hamlet security and the goals of the Accelerated Pacification Program (ACP). In keeping with the ACP, several CAP's were relocated during the month, involving Combined Action Companies 1-1 and 1-4. CACO 1-1 has plans for additional relocations in the near future.

(2) Enemy activity increased considerably over the preceding month and indications were that the enemy was starting to move close to the population centers such as Tam Ky, Ly Tin and Binh Son. It appears that the enemy is beginning to position his forces in preparation of the TET offensive. The enemy fired 122mm rockets into the Tam Ky area, near the Province Headquarters, on the 6th and 7th of the month. One Vietnamese civilian was killed and eight were wounded. This was the first attack by rockets in several months.

(3) The Americal Division USA experienced a productive month. The following is a recapitulation by named operation:

- (a) Frederick Hill (196th Bde)
140 VC KIA
26 NVA KIA
- (b) Geneva Park (198th Bde)
32 VC KIA
23 NVA KIA
- (c) Nantucket Beach (5th of the 46th Inf)
19 VC KIA
53 NVA KIA
- (d) Iron Mountain (11th Bde)
86 VC KIA
45 NVA KIA

All of the abovementioned operations continued through the month and no dates of termination have been set. The two (2) Infantry Companies involved in the Infantry Company Intensive Pacification Program continue to operate in their original AO's with very little contact. The majority of the Division's operations continue to focus on the west side of National Highway 1. The 196th and 198th Infantry Brigades continued to provide excellent logistical support to the CAP's in their respective areas.

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b. Activities

(1) The CAP's continued to conduct combined operations with the U.S. Army, Regional Forces and Popular Forces during the month. The intensive pacification of the village of Khuong Tho (BS 452075) continued through the month, employing U.S. Army, Popular Forces, National Police Field Forces and CAP 1-2-4. This operation has deprived the enemy of one of his foodstuff supply points and an operating base in the Ly Tin District.

(2) GACO 1-1 experienced a slight increase in the number of contacts over last month but finished the month with one less kill than the previous month. Suprise Firing Devices (SFD's) continue to plague the Marines in the First Company and the Company Gunnery Sergeant was seriously wounded and mangled on 12 December. The Company found a total of seven (7) SFD's for the month. CAP 1-1-7 was relocated on 22 December from their old TAOC east of Hwy #1 to a new area west of the highway and adjacent to CAP 1-1-6. The Biet Lops (PF's) are maintaining the security of the old TAOC.

(3) GACO 1-2 again experienced the least number of contacts during the reporting period with a total of six (6) but the Company did end up with five (5) enemy KIA which was good considering the small number of contacts. The Company also captured an NVA squad leader who provided some pertinent information on a new unit in the area. The Company radio operators are now located in the same TOC with the Vietnamese and U.S. Army advisors; this should facilitate coordination and reduce the total time necessary to clear supporting arms fire.

(4) GACO 1-3 finished the month with one less contact but doubled the enemy KIA from eight (8) to sixteen (16). It was noted that several contacts occurred much closer to the District Headquarters than experienced previously which tends to substantiate the plans of the enemy to attack the populated areas during the period of TET. The Company established a radio relay team on a piece of high ground in CAP 1-3-3's TAOC to provide reliable communications between the "Coastal CAP's" and the Company Headquarters at Binh Son.

(5) GACO 1-4 concluded a very active month during which the Company experienced twenty six (26) contacts and killed seventeen (17) enemy and captured twelve (12) VC POW's. Based on intelligence reports, the CAP's of the Fourth Company are targets for the near future, as a result the level of activity will probably continue to increase in the fourth Company's area. During the month CAP 1-4-5 was relocated and CAP's 1-4-4 and 1-4-6 expanded their TAOC's as a result of the relocation. This should provide all three CAP's improved areas in which to operate. Fourth Company leads the Group in the number of VI's payments made, with a total of forty (40) for the month.

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

(a) Friendly Activities

Night Patrols 808
Day Patrols 88
Ambushes 1616

(b) Enemy Casualties/Losses

<u>KIA</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>DETAINES</u>	<u>NOI CHANHS</u>
43	16	55	26

(c) Weapons and Ordnance Captured

<u>IWC</u>	<u>CSWC</u>
16	1

c. Training

(1) General. Formal training during the period covered General Military Subjects, Leadership, Small Unit Tactics, Infantry Weapons, and Supporting Arms. The individual CAP's averaged thirty five and one half (35½) hours of instruction for the month. CAGO 1-2 started a program of instruction for the CAP leaders and PF platoons sergeants designed to increase the professional knowledge of those in the leadership billets in the CAP's. Classes are given once each week at the CAGO/District Headquarters with the CAGO Commander and the District Chief or members of his staff, presenting the instruction.

(2) CAP Training. The CAP's are still limited in the instruction they can give due to the lack of suitable training aids and facilities but they utilize the actual weapons and ordnance (i.e. M-60mg, Claymore mine) to the maximum in lieu of slides and charts.

(3) Other Training

(a) Eight (8) Marines began the Vietnamese Language Course in Da Nang during the month.

(b) Twelve (12) Marines attended the Artillery Forward Observer Course conducted by Division Artillery, Americal Division USA. This course is proving most beneficial as a refresher course for the Marines in the field and all of the personnel attending the course speak highly of its benefits to the CAP Marine.

(c) All new personnel received a two day indoctrination course prior to their assignment to the CAGO's for field duty.

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(d) Classes on the Starlight Scope, Patrol Seismic Intrusion Device and demolitions were also presented to the new personnel joining the Group.

d. Inspections. Inspector - Instructors from the S-3 Section visited the CAP's and CAGO's during the month to check personnel and equipment. Individual Weapons were maintained in an excellent manner but a few discrepancies were noted during the inspection of M-60 machine guns and 60mm mortars; these were pointed out to the CAP leaders concerned and corrective action was taken immediately. Communications equipment was found to be in the best condition since the beginning of the monsoon season. Covering the handset (H - 198) with the plastic bag taken from the BA-4386 battery has reduced the failure rate of the handset considerably.

e. Fire Support. Artillery support was used daily during the month in the form of H and I fires or contact missions. Several missions were fired on suspected targets based on information received from Hoi Chanhs, POW's and in several instances, from the local populace. The responsiveness of the supporting artillery units was commendable. The batteries continue to exert maximum effort to ensure timely and accurate fire support for the CAP's submitting calls for fire. The interest shown by the 1st of the 14th Artillery in training the CAP Marines in proper fire mission procedures has reduced the time between initial fire request and the firing of the initial rounds.

f. Air Support. Tactical air support was utilized twenty two (22) times during the month; this included fixed wing strikes, helicopter gunship strikes, "Spooky", "Shadow", flareships, visual reconnaissance and liaison missions. The aforementioned figure does not include the missions flown for logistical resupply of the CAP's as this time is allotted by the proximate battalion on a daily basis and these are not requested or controlled by the CAG.

g. Scout Dog Teams. During the month the Scout Dog Teams were actively employed and all CAP's having a team assigned reported favorably on the effectiveness of the dogs. The Group is continuing efforts to acquire additional Teams. In some cases Sentry Dogs are being received instead of Scout Dogs; no problems have been experienced to date with the Sentry Dogs.

h. Psychological Operations

(1) Friendly Operations. The Americal Division continued to provide the necessary materials to support the Group's Psyops Program. A total of four hundred forty thousand five hundred (382,000 by air; 58,500 by hand) were distributed during the month. The "Early Word" aircraft speaker system was used in CAP 1-4-4, 1-4-5 and 1-4-6's TAOC's. The Group experienced a substantial increase in the number of VIP payments during the month.

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This may be attributed to the new handout recently circulated offering rewards for ordnance and booby traps (SFD's). A ground Speaker Team was used in CAP 1-4-4's area to exploit an enemy mining incident that killed ten (10) VN civilians. The CONEX box of psyops material from Da Nang has not been delivered to date.

(2) Enemy Psyops. The only enemy psyops occurred in CACO 1-1's area and consisted of leaflets quoting American negroes speaking against the war in Vietnam. One of the negroes quoted was a member of the 4th Infantry Division, USA.

i. Hit Carson Scouts. During the month the RCS's accounted for one (1) enemy KIA, one (1) individual weapon captured and discovered four (4) SFD's. Additional coordination was made with the Americal Division. The actual transfer is expected to take place after 1 January 1970, and place the Group's RCS's under the Americal.

j. Volunteer Informant Program. 36,600\$VN were paid to Vietnamese nationals under the VIP. This represents a sizeable increase over the amount spent the previous month. The amount of funds authorized has been increased, consequently, the Group can afford to exploit the program to a greater degree. It appears that the people are not as hesitant to bring ordnance to the CAP's as they have been in the past.

k. Communications

(1) General. Considering the bad weather and the distance involved between many of the CAP's and their CACO's, communications were very good during the month. Some of the Companies experienced over-ride and interference on the recently assigned lower frequencies and it was necessary to change frequencies.

(2) Operations. CACO 1-3 overcame the bulk of its communication problems by installing a radio relay site on a piece of high ground in CAP 1-3-3's TAOC. The relay station provides continuous communications between the "coastal" CAP's and the CACO Headquarters and often relays between the CACO and the Group Headquarters.

(3) Maintenance Support.

(a) Marine Air Group 12 continued to provide excellent second echelon repair and maintenance, usually completing the work in three to four days. It is anticipated that an arrangement similar to this will be made with MAG 13 once MAG 12 relocates.

(b) FLC's direct exchange program (DX) has improved and on the spot replacement is possible for most items. FLC plans to establish third echelon repair facilities at Chu Lai. This will eliminate the time presently required to send the items to Da Nang.

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1. Combat loss for the month was one (1) AN/PRC-25 Radio.
2. The Phase I Budget review was accomplished during the month for current year and budget year.
3. Construction of a new COC bunker was started in December and completion is expected in January.

B. SUPPLY

1. T/E deficiencies continue to effect overall readiness, however, the combat mission has not been impaired. Shortages of M151 1/2 ton trucks and M37B1 3/4 ton trucks reduce the motor transport capability.
2. Certain items of organizational clothing and equipment have become critical and are in a backorder status at the supply center.
3. Short supply of 40mm illumination (B535) continues to be a problem as assets are not available to meet demands.

C. MAINTENANCE

1. Communications equipment, i.e., RT-505 receiver/transmitter and H-189 handsets, deadlined for 3rd echelon still is a problem, although some relief was realized during December. Turn-around time still is the contributing factor to long downtime.

D. MOTOR TRANSPORT

1. During the month Group motor transport logged 20,054 miles.
2. Throughout the month failure of all types of available motor transport was realized which impaired operations slightly. The loss of one (1) M151 to code H also reduced the unit's capability.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Beginning 15 January 1970 personnel arriving into RVN will be issued utilities, underclothing, towels and boots in Olinawa. Unit requirements for these items will be for replenishment only and requisitioning objectives will be reduced.

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CAP 1-3-4. USAC on patrol set off unknown type SFD with pull friction type fuze. RESULTS: 1 USAC WIA(M).

CAP 1-4-6. Patrol approached 5 VN's working in heavy brush, as CAP approached VN's attempted to flee. PF's told VN's to stop and fired warning shots, VN's continued to evade and CAP engaged with S/A/F. VC returned fire with automatic weapons. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA.

CAP 1-1-2. Patrol observed a VN male leave house in new life hamlet after dusk. KCS identified VN as VC and shot him. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 AK magazines (loaded) and 3 Chicom captured.

CAP 1-4-2. Two Hoi Chanhs turned themselves in to CAP 1-4-2 at BS 776858, 18 km NE of Quang Ngai. They were members of the Binh Nam village guerillas. The ralliers were taken to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 2 Hoi Chanhs.

3 December 1969

CAP 1-4-6. Patrol received RPG, M-79 and AWF from USEF at BS719795. The patrol returned fire and called artillery mission. The enemy fled W. A sweep of the area produced 2 VC KIA. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA.

4 December 1969

CAP 1-4-2. A Hoi Chanh turned himself in to CAP 1-4-2 at BS776858. He was a member of the Bing Duc guerrilla force. He was taken to District Headquarters for disposition. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

CAP 1-3-3. While on combined operation with USA CAP 1-3-3 engaged 5-7 VC with S/A/F and airstrikes at BS673973. The enemy returned fire and fled in an unknown direction. While sweeping the area the CAP received 2 Hoi Chanhs and found 2 VC KIA. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA; 2 Hoi Chanhs.

CAP 1-4-5. Based on intelligence, the CAP sent a patrol to BS737780 where it made contact with 5 VC. CAP engaged VC with S/A/F and enemy fled S. While sweeping the area the patrol received S/A/F from USEF at BS735-778. Patrol returned fire and called artillery mission. A sweep of the area produced 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

5 December 1969

CAP 1-1-1. A patrol initiated organic weapons fire and called an artillery mission on an estimated 6 VC at BT260201,

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5.5 km SW of Tam Ky. The enemy fled NW without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA by SAF. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

CAP 1-1-1. A patrol base initiated organic weapons fire on 1 VC spotted running across a rice paddy at BT 255176, 1 km SW of Tam Ky City. The VC fled in an unknown direction without returning fire. As the CAP commenced a sweep of the area, light SAF was received from BT 254175. The CAP returned fire with organic weapons, causing the enemy to flee SW. A sweep of the area disclosed a small cache containing 150 lbs of rice and miscellaneous articles of clothing. RESULTS: 150 lbs of rice and miscellaneous clothing captured.

6 December 1969

CAP 1-4-6. At BS 715794, 9.5 km NE of Quang Ngai City, CAP PFs from a Cap 1-4-6 patrol spotted a VN woman trying to evade the patrol. When the PFs called for the suspect to halt, she started running away. The PFs captured the fugitive after wounding her in the foot with SAF. The wounded suspect was medevaced to 91st Evac Hospital and will be turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation after treatment. RESULTS: 1 VCS.

CAP 1-1-3. Patrol encountered and initiated SAF on 5 to 7 VC at BS 634974, 8 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. As the enemy withdrew, the CAP maneuvered forward to maintain contact, encountering heavy SAF from an USEF at BS 635974. The CAP returned fire with organic weapons and called for a reaction force to block the enemy's route of escape. While a USA blocking force was inserted by helicopter, the enemy position was subjected to strikes by fixed wing aircraft and helicopter gunships. The enemy evidently dispersed and withdrew in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area by the CAP disclosed 2 ChiCom grenades, 2 M-79 rounds, 1 block of C-4, 2 loaded M-16 magazines, 2 cartridge bolts, 5 packets of rice, 1 sandbag full of rice, miscellaneous medical supplies, and an empty wallet. RESULTS: 2 ChiCom grenades and 2 M-79 rounds destroyed; 1 block of C-4, 2 loaded M-16 magazines, and miscellaneous foodstuffs, medical supplies, and individual equipment captured.

CAP 1-3-1 at BS 696976, 10 km NE of Binh Son District, a CAP 1-3-1 patrol wounded and captured a VN woman who was spotted trying to evade the patrol and who ran away when ordered to halt. Wounded by SAF fired by a CAP PF, the VN was medevaced to the 91st Evac Hospital and will be turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation after treatment. RESULTS: 1 VCS.

CAP 1-4-6. Patrol initiated M-79 fire on 4 presumed VC spotted in a restricted area at BS 710795, 7 km NE of Quang Ngai City. No return fire was received. A sweep of the area disclosed 4 VN civilians hiding in a hole, one of them wounded in the foot. The VN were turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 4 VCS.

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CAP 1-1-1. An USRF at BT 264183, 4.5 km SW of Tam Ky City, fired 1 M-79 round at a group of CAP 1-1-1 PF's and civilians who were located at BT 266186, causing minor wounds to 1 VN. The CAP called an artillery fire mission on the enemy causing them to flee SW. The area was swept with negative results. RESULTS: 1 VN WIA(N).

CAP 1-1-1. While acting as the sweep force in a combined operation with non-CAP PFs, CAP 1-1-1 received M-79 fire from an USRF at BT 272181, 5 km SW of Tam Ky City. The CAP returned fire with organic weapons and directed artillery and airstrikes on the enemy position. As the enemy scattered in various directions, the non-CAP PF in position as the blocking force shot and killed 1 VC as he fled. A sweep of the area disclosed the following items: 1 M-26 grenade and 1 M-79 round, each rigged with a trip wire firing device; 1 M-26 grenade; 1 cartridge belt; 2 NVA caps; 2 NVA helmets; 2 M-16 magazines; 2 AK-47 magazines; 1 poncho; cooking utensils; and 25 lbs of rice. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA (not CAP); 2 SFD's destroyed; 1 M-26 grenade destroyed; various articles of individual equipment and feedstuffs captured.

CAP 1-2-2. Ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 4 VC who were apparently checking houses with flashlights at BT 401121, 14 km NW of Chu Lai. The enemy returned SAF and fled NW. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 ChiCom grenades, 1 field pack, 1 hammock, several documents, and blood trails. The documents identified the dead VC as NGUYEN XUAN DA, an assistant squad leader in platoon 123 of 113 VC Sapper Company. The Company Commander was identified as HUYNH BINH. The grenades were destroyed in place and the documents were turned over to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 IWC, 3 ChiCom grenades destroyed, several documents and miscellaneous articles of individual equipment captured.

CAP 1-2-2. Patrol received 1 grenade from an unknown source at BT 404123, 9 km SE of Tam Ky City. The patrol deployed and swept the area with negative results. 4 PFs and 1 USMC were wounded by grenade fragments in the incident. The casualties were medicated. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E), 4 PFs WIA(E).

CAP 1-4-3. Patrol received SAF from an USRF at BS 770730, 16 km NE of Quang Ngai. The CAP returned fire with organic weapons and called artillery on the enemy position, causing the enemy to break contact and flee NW. One USN was wounded in the contact. A sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. RESULTS: 1 USN WIA(E).

8 December 1969

CAP 1-1-7. Was informed by villagers that an unknown type of SFD had detonated in the office of the Hamlet Chief of Vinh Binh Hamlet at BT 300280, 6 km N of Tam Ky City, wounding the Hamlet Chief and 1 other VN.

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The CAP dispatched a patrol to the scene. A search disclosed an AT mine rigged as a booby trap in the same office. The wounded VN were medevaced. The booby trap was disarmed and destroyed. District officials are investigating. RESULTS: 2 VN WIA(E), 1 SFD destroyed.

9 December 1969

CAP 1-4-1. During a sweep of its TAOC, a CAP 1-4-1 patrol detained a total of 25 VN for violating curfew regulations in the vicinity of BS 609817, 10 km N of Quang Ngai City. The VN were delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 25 VCS.

CAP 1-1-2. 2 VN children were brought to the CAP 1-1-2 patrol base suffering from multiple fragmentation wounds sustained when they detonated an M-79 dud in a field at BT 337106, 3.5 km S of Tam Ky City. The dud had not been rigged as an SFD. The VN were medevaced to the 27th Surgical Hospital. PsyOps was contacted. RESULTS: 2 VN children WIA(E).

CAP 1-1-1. A group of PFs who had been off duty during the day were enroute to the CAP 1-1-1 patrol base when they received S/F and 60mm mortar fire from an USEF at BT 275191, 5 km SW of Tam Ky City. The PFs returned S/F and attempted to evade the enemy fire. Meanwhile, the CAP patrol base which was located 700 meters to the NW directed organic weapons fire on the enemy position, causing the enemy to withdraw SW. The CAP then directed an artillery mission on probable enemy routes of escape. Two PFs were KIA and 3 PFs were wounded in the initial contact. In addition, 1 M-16 was lost, presumed captured by the enemy. The wounded PFs were medevaced. A sweep of the enemy position and artillery impact areas was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA(E), 1 PF WIA(M), 1 M-16 Captured by the enemy.

CAP 1-4-5. Patrol located approximately 2 tons of rice buried in earthen jars at BS 722793, 9.5 km SW of Quang Ngai City. District Officials were apprised of the discovery and arrangements were made to distribute the rice to villagers from My Lai. RESULTS: Approximately 2 tons of rice captured.

10 December 1969

CAP 1-1-1. During a patrol, a PF detonated a SFD wounding himself and another PF at BT 254175, 6.5 km SW of Tam Ky City. The SFD consisted of an M-26 grenade rigged with a trip wire firing device. The area was searched for further SFDs with negative results. RESULTS: 2 PF WIA(E).

CAP 1-3-4. Patrol base received S/F from an USEF at BS 655003, 9 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called in an artillery mission causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. One PF was WIA in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(S).

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CAP 1-3-5. Patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 3 VC killing all 3 at BS 712946, 11 km E of Binh Son District Headquarters. A sweep of the area produced 1 S&S and 1 M-1 carbine. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA, 2 IWC.

CAP 1-4-4. Called in medevac helicopters for 10 VN who were wounded when 1 of the VC detonated an AT mine at BS 754817, 13 km NE of Quang Ngai City. The CAP searched the area for further mines with negative results. PsyOps was notified. RESULTS: 10 VN MIA(E).

CAP 1-2-3. Ambush initiated SAF on an USEF at BT 440091, 10 km NW of Chu Lai Air Base. The enemy returned SAF and fled SW. Two PF's were wounded in the contact. A sweep of the area revealed 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-47. RESULTS: 2 PF MIA(E), 1 VC KIA, and 1 IWC.

CAP 1-4-6. Patrol received SA, AW, and RPG fire from an USEF at BS 710815, 9 km NE of Quang Ngai City. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and used helicopter gunship support causing the enemy to withdraw in an unknown direction. One USMC was KIA and 1 USMC was MIA(E) in the contact. No sweep was conducted due to a river barrier. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC MIA(E).

11 December 1969

CAP 1-3-2. Patrol received SAF and AWF from an estimated 20-30 VC at BS 538679, 10 km SW of Binh Son District Headquarters. The CAP returned organic weapons fire and called in helicopter gunships causing the enemy to flee E and N. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-47. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 IWC.

CAP 1-3-1. Patrol received SA sniper fire from an USEF at BS 677969, 9 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The patrol returned fire with organic weapons, silencing the snipers. During a sweep of the area, a VN male who tried to evade the patrol and who failed to heed orders to stop was captured after being wounded by SAF. A further sweep of the area was nonproductive. The VCS was turned over to USA authorities. RESULTS: 1 VCS.

CAP 1-4-6. Patrol discovered 150 lbs of rice under the floor of an abandoned house at BS 715795, 10 km NE of Quang Ngai City. CAP PFs distributed the rice among families in the area. A further search of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 150 lbs of rice captured.

CAP 1-4-5. Patrol called artillery on 2 VC spotted at BS 727781, 10 km E of Quang Ngai City. At the end of the fire mission, an USEF at the same location initiated SAF on the CAP. The CAP returned fire with organic weapons and used artillery and helicopter gunship support, causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

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CAP 1-4-6. Ambush received SAF, 4 grenades and 5 RPG rounds from an estimated platoon of enemy at BS 708783, 8 km NE of Quang Ngai City. The CAP returned fire with organic weapons and used artillery illumination, helicopter gunship support, and fire support from the organic weapons of a nearby USA APC troop. Two USMC were WIA(E) in the contact. A sweep of the area revealed several blood trails. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E).

CAP 1-3-7. Patrol base initiated organic weapons fire on 7 VC at BS 614937, 3 km E of Binh Son District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF, broke contact and fled E. A sweep of the area produced 1 VC KIA, 1 M-1 Carbine and 1 M-33 grenade. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 IWC, and 1 M-33 grenade destroyed.

12 December 1969

CAP 1-1-2. Two USMC were WIA(E) when one detonated an M-26 grenade booby trap at BT 332195, 2 km S of Tam Ky City. The grenade was rigged with a trip wire firing device. A search of the area failed to disclose any further booby traps. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E).

CAP 1-3-4. While moving non-CAP PF and RD casualties caused by an enemy mortar attack, a CAP 1-3-4 patrol received SAF from an USMC at BT 625001, 8 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The CAP returned fire with organic weapons and called an artillery mission on the enemy position. The CAP completed the movevac of 2 non-CAP PF WIA and 1 RD WIA, and noted that 1 non-CAP PF had been KIA in the mortar attack. As this incident occurred outside of the CAP TAOC, the CAP did not sweep the artillery impact area. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA(E), 1 RD WIA(E).

CAP 1-4-1. At BS 623829, 9 km N of Quang Ngai City, a CAP 1-4-1 patrol apprehended 4 VN without ID cards, 2 of which had tried to evade the patrol. A further search of the area disclosed 500 lbs of rice hidden under a haystack. The 4 VN suspects and the captured rice were turned over to District Headquarters for disposition. RESULTS: 4 VCS, 500 lbs of rice captured.

CAP 1-4-1. VN civilians led a CAP 1-4-1 patrol to a cache of ordnance at BS 623887, 5 km N of Quang Ngai City. The cache included 89 60mm mortar rounds, 4 81mm mortar rounds, 4 M-33 grenades, 14 M-26 grenades, 5 ChiCom grenades, 9 M-79 rounds, 1 3.5" round, and 3 105mm rounds. A VIF payment of 35000\$VN was distributed among the 17 VN informants. The ordnance was destroyed. RESULTS: A large cache of ordnance destroyed.

CAP 1-1-3. While sweeping the impact area of the previous night's artillery H&I fire, a CAP 1-1-3 patrol found the dismembered remains of a VC in a restricted area at BT 357174, 4.5 km SE of Tam Ky City. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

CAP 1-1-1. Engaged approximately one squad of VC with organic weapons and artillery at BT 6249201, 4 km W of Tam Ky resulting in 2 PF WIA; 2 VC KIA, 18 VCS captured and 1 AK-47 captured.

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 CAP 1-3-2. A Hoi Chanh turned himself in to CAP 1-3-2 at BS 578906, 2 km SW of Binh Son District Headquarters. Reportedly a member of the Ngoc Tri village guerrilla force, the rallier was delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

CAP 1-3-5. Patrol detained a VN at BS 720935, 12 km E of Binh Son District Headquarters. The detainee was found to have a bag of rice, 1 poncho, and 1 hammock concealed on his person. While questioning the VN, CAP PFs spotted 3 VC running from a nearby house. The CAP initiated SAF, killing the 3 VC. A search of the VC KIA revealed 2 grenades, a VC flag, miscellaneous individual equipment, 10 lbs of rice, and various documents (NFI). The detainee and documents were turned over to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA, 1 VCS, 2 grenades destroyed, 1 VC flag, 10 lbs of rice, miscellaneous individual equipment, and documents captured.

14 December 1969

CAP 1-4-2. Patrol received SAF from an estimated 10 VC at BS 757857, 16 km NE of Quang Ngai City. The CAP returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee W. An artillery mission was then called in on possible routes of escape. While conducting a sweep of the area, 3 VN were observed in the immediate vicinity and were subsequently detained for interrogation by District Officials. RESULTS: 3 POWs

CAP 1-3-4. Three Hoi Chanhs turned themselves in to CAP 1-3-4 at BS 743810, 13 km NE of Quang Ngai City. Reportedly members of Dong Lo hamlet guerrilla squad, the ralliers were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 3 Hoi Chanhs.

CAP 1-3-4. Patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 7 VC at BS 675004, 11 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled W. During a sweep of the area of contact, 2 wounded VC and 2 VC hiding in some bushes were captured. A search of the POWs revealed assorted medical gear, 15 lbs of rice, and miscellaneous individual equipment. CAP PFs were unable to extract the POWs' unit identification. The wounded POWs were moved to the 91st Evacuation Hospital. The other 2 POWs were turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 4 VC POW.

CAP 1-4-5. Patrol discovered 7 bunkers at BS 718303, 10 km NE of Quang Ngai City. In the process of destroying the bunkers, a secondary explosion occurred. RESULTS: 7 bunkers destroyed. The secondary explosion resulted in (1) USMC WIA(M).

16 December 1969

CAP 1-4-2. Seven male and 2 female Hoi Chanhs turned themselves in to CAP 1-4-2 at BS 775058, 17 km NE of Quang Ngai City. Reportedly members of the Binh Duc village guerrilla force, the ralliers were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 9 Hoi Chanhs.

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 CAP 1-3-1. Patrol received MGF from 3-5 VC at BS 691975, 10 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The CAP returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee SW. During a sweep of the area 1 VC KIA and 1 wounded VC were found. Due to the wounded VC's condition, CAP PF were unable to obtain any significant information from him. The POW was moved by helicopter and will be interrogated by District Officials after treatment. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC POW.

18 December 1969

CAP 1-1-1. Patrol received several rounds of SAF from 2 or 3 snipers at BT 251199, 4.5 km W of Tam Ky City, wounding 1 PF in the leg. The enemy immediately fled NW. A sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. The PF WIA was moved by helicopter. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(E).

CAP 1-1-2. Acting on intelligence received from local civilians, CAP 1-1-2 discovered a buried AP mine at BT 301142, 5 km S of Tam Ky City. Apparently rigged with a pressure type firing device, the mine was blown in place. A further sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 SFD destroyed.

CAP 1-1-1. Called an artillery mission on a squad of VC spotted at BT 254204, 8.5 km W of Tam Ky City. The enemy fled in an unknown direction. While sweeping the impact area, the CAP received SAF from an USMC at BT 253205. The CAP returned fire with organic weapons, causing the USMC to flee in an unknown direction. The CAP then swept the area and found 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

CAP 1-2-7. Ambush received SAF from a 6 to 7 man enemy squad at ET 457045, 7.5 km W of the Chu Lai Air base. The CAP returned fire with organic weapons, causing the enemy to flee W. One USMC was slightly wounded in the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 2 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA, 2 AK-47's, 1 RPG Launcher, 7 ChiCom grenades, 2 RPG rounds, 1 first aid packet and 2 raincoats. Preliminary questioning of the wounded NVA revealed that the NVA element of the enemy squad was from the 2d Company of the 402d NVA Battalion. The wounded prisoner was evacuated to the 91st Evac Hospital. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M); 1 VC KIA, 2 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW; 2 IWC, 1 CSWC, 2 raincoats captured; 7 grenades, 2 RPG rounds destroyed.

CAP 1-3-5. Patrol base intermittently observed what appeared to be flashlights or lanterns at BS 712948, 10 km E of Binh Son District Headquarters. The CAP dispatched a patrol to the site but contact could not be established. A first light sweep of the area disclosed 4 concealed bunkers and a spot that had apparently been used for messing. The bunkers were destroyed. RESULTS: 4 bunkers destroyed.

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CAP 1-3-2. Patrol apprehended a 17 year old VN male at BS 578904, 4 km SW of Binh Son District Headquarters. The youth had false identification papers and was evasive to questioning by CAP PFs. He was detained as a VCS and turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VCS.

CAP 1-4-4. Having received a report from villagers that VC were fishing in a restricted area at BS 752824, 14.5 km NE of Quang Ngai City, CAP 1-4-4 dispatched a patrol to the area and observed 6 boats hurriedly trying to flee down a river. As the boats ignored warning shots, the patrol initiated S/F on the fugitives, whereupon they put to shore shouting "Chiou Hoi!" The patrol captured 23 unarmed VC, 3 of whom were wounded, and found 3 VC KIA. Ages of the VC ranged from 10 - 45. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF, the 23 POWs were delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA, 23 VCS's, 6 boats captured.

CAP 1-3-5. A Hoi Chanh turned himself in to CAP 1-3-5 at BS 722956, 11 km E of Binh Son District Headquarters. The rallier was identified as NGUYEN BAC, age 29, a squad leader in the 31st VC Co, and was equipped with a cartridge belt, an M-14 magazine pouch, 4 ChiCom grenades, and 1 lb of rice. The 4 grenades were destroyed and the Hoi Chanh was turned over to District Headquarters for processing. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh; 4 ChiCom grenades destroyed.

21 December 1969

CAP 1-4-6. Patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 1 VC at BS 709795, 9 km NE of Quang Ngai City. An artillery mission was called in on the area. A sweep of the area revealed 2 VC shelters and 2 enemy bunkers destroyed. RESULTS: 2 shelters and bunkers destroyed.

CAP 1-4-5. The Marine element of CAP 1-4-5 relocated to operate in a new TAO, the approximate geographic center of which is at BS 700770, 6.5 km NE of Quang Ngai City. The Vietnamese element of the CAP is platoon 36.

22 December 1969

CAP 1-1-7. The Marine element of CAP 1-1-7 has been relocated to operate in a new TAO, the approximate geographic center of which is at ET 249235, 5.5 km NW of Tam Ky City. PF platoons #151 and #147 comprise the Vietnamese element of the CAP.

CAP 1-4-3. Patrol base observed 2 VN children attempting to break into a house in the hamlet of An Hai (2) at BS 767829, 15.5 km NE of Quang Ngai City. A patrol was despatched to question the children. Questioning revealed that the children's parents were VC and that they were located at BS 777630.

Another patrol was despatched to search the area and succeeded in locating and capturing the VC parents. The VC were suffering from wounds reportedly inflicted by artillery H&I fire on the night of 21 Dec. Reportedly village guerrillas, the POWs reported that a 22 man VC force had also been in the artillery impact area and that 4 of the VC had been KIA as a result. The 2 POWs were medevaced by helicopter to 91st Evac Hospital and will be turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation after medical treatment. RESULTS: 2 VC POWs.

CAP 1-1-1. Patrol initiated S&F on 2 VC spotted at BT 265204, 5 km SW of Tam Ky City. The enemy returned fire with 2 M-79 rounds and fled NW. The CAP then called in an artillery mission on possible escape routes. During a sweep of the area the CAP encountered 1 VN who was coming from the artillery impact area. Evasive to questioning by CAP PF, the VN was transported to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VCS.

CAP 1-3-5. Patrol encountered 5 VC wearing grenades on their belts at BS 722956, 12 km N of Binh Son District Headquarters. The CAP initiated organic weapons fire on the VC as they turned and started to flee S. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA and 4 ChiCom grenades. The PFs recognized the 2 VC KIA as guerrillas from Van Tuong Hamlet. The grenades were destroyed. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 4 grenades destroyed.

CAP 1-4-3. A wounded VC female was brought in by her 18 - year old brother to a CAP 1-4-3 patrol base at BS 767829, 14 km NE of Quang Ngai City. The VC female suffered multiple fragmentation wounds to the back, reportedly sustained by artillery H&I fire on the night of 21 Dec 1969. Upon being questioned, the VN brother admitted being VC and naively requested permission to return to his unit. He would give no information about his unit other than to state that there had been 22 VC at BS 755830 on the night of 21 December, and that 4 VC were KIA and 3 were WIA by the same artillery mission that wounded his sister. (This information corroborates the information reported by 2 other POWs in item 10 of CAP OPSUM 211600H - 221600H Dec 69). The wounded VC female was medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital and will be turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation after treatment. The male VC was transported directly to District Headquarters for questioning. RESULTS: 2 VC POWs.

23 December 1969

CAP 1-4-3. A Hoi Chanh turned herself in to CAP 1-4-3 at BS 767832, 15 km NE of Quang Ngai City. The reason given for rallying was need for medical attention due to illness. Reportedly a Binh Duc Village guerrilla, the rallier stated that there was a 12 to 15 man VC force at BS 777833. Acting on this information, the CAP called in an airstrike on that area, then conducted a sweep which disclosed 15 bunkers and 10 small connecting tunnels containing 11-16 AP mine, 2 cartridge booby traps, 350 lbs of rice, 250 lbs of corn, 150 rice bowls, 25 lbs of salt, 2 bottles of whiskey, 1 ChiCom grenade, and miscellaneous clothing.

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Several blood trails were also found in the area. The food was distributed to villagers in a nearby CAP - protected hamlet; the grenade, mine, booty traps, and bunker complex were destroyed. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh; 15 bankers, 10 connecting tunnels, 3 SFDs, and 1 grenade destroyed; 625 lbs of food, 2 bottles of whiskey, 150 rice bowls, and miscellaneous clothing captured.

CAP 1-3-4. Patrol received information from local VNs of a 20 to 30 man VC force at BS 643998, 9.5 km NE of Binh Son. An artillery fire mission was called in on the target. A sweep of the area produced 1 cartridge belt. RESULTS: 1 cartridge belt captured.

CAP 1-4-5. Ambush initiated SAF on 4 VC in a restricted area at BS 702755, 9 km NE of Quang Ngai City. The enemy did not return fire. A sweep of the area produced 2 VC KIA. A search of the bodies disclosed 1 wallet with an ID card, miscellaneous papers, and a set of VN ID tags. The wallet, ID tags and papers were turned over to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, miscellaneous documents and personal gear captured.

24 December 1969

CAP 1-4-4. Three Hoi Chanhs rallied to PF members of CAP 1-4-4 at BS 757819, 13.5 km NE of Quang Ngai City. One rallier was a VC platoon sergeant, the second a VC riflemen, and the third a VC nurse. They turned in 1 M-26 grenade and 2 ChiCom grenades, and gave information about the location of two company-sized VC units equipped with 82mm mortars, 60mm mortars, RPG, and small arms. Reportedly members of the 60th unit (also given as C-71), the Hoi Chanhs were turned over to National Police for processing. An AO was used to search the reported enemy locations with negative results. RESULTS: 3 Hoi Chanhs.

CAP 1-3-3. While on a combined operation with an USA unit at BS 680969, 10 km NE of Binh Son, a CAP 1-3-3 USMC detonated an unknown type mine resulting in 2 USMC WIA(E), and 1 USMC WIA(H). The mine was rigged with a trip wire firing device. The USMC were redeployed to 27th Surgical Hospital. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E), 1 USMC WIA(H).

CAP 1-3-5. Patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC in a restricted area at BS 698947, 10 km NE of Binh Son. The enemy did not return fire. A sweep of the area produced 2 VC KIA, 1 cartridge belt, 1 compass, 1 syringe, 2 bottles of penicillin, 1 roll of gauze bandage, 1 battle dressing and 1 roll of adhesive tape. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA; various medical supplies and individual equipment captured.

CAP 1-4-4. A Hoi Chanh armed with an M-1 carbine and 2 M-26 grenades turned himself in to CAP 1-4-4 at BS 757819, 14 km NE of Quang Ngai City. He stated that he was a member of an unnamed local guerrilla unit. The reason given for rallying was persuasion by his sister. He stated many VC want to rally but are afraid of the consequences. The rallier was turned over to District Headquarters for processing and the grenades were destroyed. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh, 1 IWC, 2 ChiCom grenades destroyed.

26 December 1969

CAP 1-3-5. AT BS 722956, 9.1 km S of Binh Son District Headquarters, a CAP 1-3-5 patrol encountered an unarmed VN male whom the PF knew to be a VC. As the VC attempted to escape, the patrol initiated SAF and killed him. The identity of the VC was subsequently verified by the local Village Chief. Continuing on, the patrol detected 4 VN who were herding cows in a restricted area at BS 697920. The 4 VN were turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 4 VCS.

CAP 1-3-3. At BS 668960, 9.5 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters, a 68 year old VN male came to CAP 1-3-3's patrol base to seek medical attention. He had been wounded in the arm by SAF while in a restricted area. He claimed to be unable to identify the source of the SAF. Tagged as a VCS, the wounded VN was medevaced by helicopter and will be turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation after treatment. RESULTS: 1 VCS.

CAP 1-4-6. Having found a newly built VC shelter in an uninhabited area at BS 714799, 10 km NE of Quang Tri City, a CAP 1-4-6 Patrol conducted a sweep of the area and found a VC hiding in a foxhole. Reportedly a member of the V-20 Sapper Co, the 20 year old VC stated his unit was located at BS 714903. The CAP called artillery and airstrikes on the reported enemy location, destroyed the VC shelter, and turned the VC over to District Headquarters for interrogation. The CAP did not conduct a sweep of the impact area due to its being located outside the CAP TADC. RESULTS: 1 VC POW.

CAP 1-1-1. Patrol initiated SAF on 3 armed VC spotted at BS 756808, 5.5 km W of Tam Ky City. The enemy returned SAF, broke contact, and fled NW. The CAP called an artillery mission on possible enemy escape routes. A sweep of the area produced 1 VC KIA by SAF. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

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CAP 1-3-5. A VC Noi Chanh armed with an M-1 carbine turned himself in to CAP 1-3-5 at BS 697945, 10.5 km NE of Binh Son. Reportedly a member of a local guerrilla unit, the rallier was turned over to District Headquarters for processing. RESULTS: 1 Noi Chanh, 1 IWC.

CAPs 1-4-3 and 1-4-4. While conducting a combined search operation in an uninhabited restricted area, CAPs 1-4-3 and 1-4-4 found 30 VC bunkers at BS 741832, 14 km NE of Quang Ngai City. Continuing on, the CAPs found 20 VC shelters at BS 721834, 2500 lbs of salt hidden at BS 745821, and 3 VC boats hidden at BS 745827. The CAPs reconnoitered a likely ambush site by fire at BS 741835, and during a sweep of the area found 1 dead VC who had apparently been killed by CAP fire while he was observing the CAPs from a concealed position in thick undergrowth. The bunkers, boats, and shelters were destroyed. The salt was redistributed to refugees in a resettlement hamlet. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 30 VC bunkers, 20 VC shelters, and 3 VC boats destroyed; 2500 lbs of salt captured and distributed to villagers.

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CAP 1-3-3. A Hoi Chanh turned himself in to CAP 1-3-3 at BS 66960, 9 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. Reportedly a former PSDF from the local area, the 18 year old rallier stated he had been kidnapped by the VC and forced to fight for them in an unnamed local guerrilla unit. He was turned over to District Headquarters for processing. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

29 December 1969

CAP 1-3-1. While halted on first light sweep saw a person suddenly appear from 694966. One USMC thought the person to be a VC. RESULTS: 1 PSDF, investigation initiated.

CAP 1-4-6. Spotted approximately 10 VC and 3 NVN. The NVN were in full uniform and packs (717805). Enemy opened fire w/o/w. Enemy fled north. Fire mission called, unable to sweep area due to river.

CAP 1-1-6. Received 1 57mm mdg, 1 60mm mdg, 1 81mm mdg, 3 8" rnds, and 1 105mm rnd from VN child. VIP payment made. RESULTS: All the ordnance destroyed.

CAP 1-4-5. Engaged 5 VC with Claymore mine and 60 mm fire (684773). Called for illumination fl. VC fled N/W. PSID initiated ambush. RESULTS: No significant findings.

30 December 1969

CAP 1-1-7. Ambush received S&F and several M-79 rounds from an estimated 8 VC at BT 262248, 7 km NW of Tam Ky City. The CAP returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee NW. 2 USMC and 1 PF were wounded in the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VN female who had been wounded while running out of her house looking for cover during the firefight. The 4 casualties were evacuated by helicopter. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E), 1 PF WIA(E), 1 VN civilian WIA(E).

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CAP 1-4-4. While on a combined operation with an RF unit, CAP 1-4-4 received S&F from an USEF at BS 735785, 10.5 km NE of Quang Ngai City. The CAP returned S&F causing the enemy to break contact and flee W. While pursuing the enemy, an RF accidentally detonated an unknown type AP mine, wounding 1 USMC, 1 PF, and 2 RF. The mine was apparently rigged with a pressure type firing device. A sweep of the contact area and a search for further SFDs were nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E), 1 PF WIA(E), and 2 non-CAP RF WIA(E).

CAP 1-4-2. A female Hoi Chanh turned herself in to CAP 1-4-2 at BS 776858, 18.5 km NE of Quang Ngai City. Reportedly a member of the Phu Qui hamlet VC guerrilla unit, the rallier stated that there were 38 VC in the unit,

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that they were armed with BARs, carbines and AK-47's, and that the unit was then located at BS 794849. An artillery mission was called on the reported enemy position. The impact area being out of the CAP TAOC, an immediate sweep was not conducted. The Hoi Chanh was turned over to District Headquarters for processing. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

CAP 1-1-3. Ambush received SAF and 5 M-79 rounds from 8 VC at BT 346175, 4 km SE of Tam Ky City. The CAP returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee NE. A sweep of the area produced 2 VC KIA and 1 AK-47. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 IWC.

CAP 1-3-5. Patrol spotted a young VN male attempting to evade the patrol at BS 722956, 10 km E of Binh Son District Headquarters. When the CAP PFs shouted orders for him to halt, the VN ignored the orders and began to run away. The CAP captured the fugitive after wounding him with SAF. After medical treatment, the VN will be turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VCS.

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