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III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Combined Action Group  
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COMMANDER

1st Col J.F. SETLER  
 1 June 70 - 30 June 70

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 1-1

Captain R.J. DALTON  
 1 June 70 - 25 June 70

Combined Action Company 1-2

Captain J.E. KNIGHT  
 1 June 70 - 29 June 70

Combined Action Company 1-3

Captain D.L. LAPHAM  
 1 June 70 - 29 June 70  
 Captain R.J. DALTON  
 30 June 70

Combined Action Company 1-4

1st Lt W.R. BLACK JR.  
 1 June 70 - 30 June 70

ATTACHED UNITS

1. None.

2. Locations

HQ 1st CAG  
 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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3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Major G.N. ROBILLARD JR.  
1 June 70 - 30 June 70

Adjutant/S-1/HQComdt

Captain J.E. TYLER  
1 June 70 - 30 June 70

S-2/S-3/Commo

Major R.L. PADGETT  
1 June 70 - 8 June 70  
Major J.M. MATTIACE  
9 June 70 - 30 June 70

S-4/Supply

Captain E.P. WAHL  
1 June 70 - 30 June 70

S-5/Special Services

Major G.N. ROBILLARD JR.  
1 June 70 - 30 June 70

Medical

HMC J.D. WOODS  
1 June 70 - 30 June 704. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
10	179

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	29

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	0

5. END-OF-MONTH UNIT DIARY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
9	122

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	22

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the reporting period the 1st Combined Action Group continued to conduct operations that enhanced the accomplishment of its assigned mission of village and hamlet security and goals of the GVN Accelerated Pacification Program (APP).
2. Enemy activity showed a significant decrease over the preceding month. The Group experienced less contacts and accounted for less enemy kills than the previous month.
3. The Americal Division, USA continued to experience moderate contact throughout its TAOR, with the 196th Infantry Brigade (Operation Frederick Hill) again accounting for the bulk of the enemy contacts and kills. The infantry companies assigned to the Combined Unit Pacification Program continued to operate in their respective areas with no significant changes. The 196th and 198th Infantry Brigades continued to provide logistical and tactical support as required by the CAP's in their TAOR's.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. Operations Summary

- a. Nighttime activities - Patrols - 710; Ambushes - 1689
- b. Daytime activities - 685
- c. Multi-CAP operations - 3
- d. Combined operations - 9
- e. Significant operations conducted - NONE.

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2. Neutralization of Enemy Forces

- a. NVA KIA - 1
- b. VC KIA - 35
- c. NVA POW - 0
- d. VC POW - 18
- e. VCI POW - 0
- f. Hoi Chanhs - 11

- (1) NVA - 0
- (2) VC - 11
- (3) VCI - 0

3. Casualties Sustained

- a. USMC KIA - 0
- b. USMC WIA(E) - 7
- c. USMC WIA(M) - 5
- d. USMC MIA - 0
- e. USN KIA - 0
- f. USN WIA(E) - 0
- g. USN WIA(M) - 0
- h. USN MIA - 0
- i. CAP PF KIA - 2
- j. CAP PF WIA(E) - 5
- k. CAP PF WIA(M) - 0
- l. CAP PF MIA - 0

4. New Techniques Employed: None

5. Command Relationships

a. VN: Daily contact between the CACO CO's and the District Chiefs was maintained. The Group CO and S-3 made frequent visits to District and Province, coordinating with the District Chiefs, District Senior Advisors, Province Chiefs, Province Senior Advisors and their respective Staffs.

b. Local FVMAF Units: Constant liaison was maintained throughout the reporting period between the CACO CO's and their proximate USA battalions and between the Group and the 196th and 198th Brigades and the Americal Division.

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c. Significant Problem Areas: None

6. Significant Accomplishments of Attachments: The Kit Carson Scouts accounted for (25) caves and tunnels found. They also went on (316) ambushes.

7. Lessons Learned: No new or significant lessons learned during the period.

8. Logistics

a. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat Losses for the month were one (1) Rifle, 7.62mm, M-14 and one (1) Binoculars, 7 x 50.
2. The ammunition bunker construction was completed during this month.
3. FAMREP report has been submitted on all required items.

b. SUPPLY

1. As a result of the reduction in the number of CAP's authorized within the Group, there are some T/E items which must be declared excess. The Allowance list is being revised accordingly and necessary adjustments will be made.

c. MAINTENANCE

1. Repairs required <sup>by</sup> ~~to~~ deadline communications and ordnance items are completed within reasonable time frames. Motor Transport equipment is the only problem area. Evacuating equipment to Okinawa has caused an excessive deadline period for some items.

d. MOTOR TRANSPORT

1. During the month of JUNE 33,189 miles were logged by this Group.
2. Currently there is no significant shortage of Motor Transport Equipment.

e. MISCELLANEOUS

N/A

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## 9. Civic Action

- a. Civic Action projects during the month of June 1970 proceeded at a normal pace. The following commodities were distributed throughout the 1st Combined Action Group's Area of Operation during June 1970:

- (1) Foodstuffs - 279 pounds
- (2) Meals - 277
- (3) Clothing - 12 pounds
- (4) Soap - 35 pounds

- b. Educational Assistance: Twenty (20) English classes were taught by CAP personnel for Thirty-six (36) Vietnamese students.

- c. Financial Aid: A total of \$105.00 was voluntarily contributed during the month of June 1970.

- d. Other projects: NONE

## 10. Personnel and Administration

- a. Personnel Transactions. During the month of June 1970 the following personnel transactions were completed.

(1) Joined                      USMC  
                                     OFF      ENL  
                                     1        28

(2) Rotated CONUS                      USMC  
                                     OFF      ENL  
                                     2        48

(3) Reassignment Within WestPac                      USMC  
                                     OFF      ENL  
                                     0        55

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(4) Transferred by Service Records While Sick (Out of Country Hospital)

USMC  
 $\frac{\text{OFF}}{0}$      $\frac{\text{ENL}}{6}$

(5) Extension of WestPac Tour Effected

USMC  
 $\frac{\text{OFF}}{0}$      $\frac{\text{ENL}}{0}$

b. Promotions: During the month of June 1970 the following promotions were effected:

To PFC	<u>2</u>	To SSGT	<u>1</u>
To LCPL	<u>32</u>	To QYSGT	<u>0</u>
To CPL	<u>14</u>	To MSGT	<u>1</u>
To SGT	<u>9</u>		

c. Legal Matters:

(1) Courts Held:                      GCM    0  
                                                  SpCM   0  
                                                  SCM    0

(2) Article 32 Investigations:    1

(3) NJP    5

(4) JAG-type Investigations Completed:    5

d. Award Recommendations

SSM    1  
 BSM    12  
 NCM    16  
 NAM    2  
 PHM    11

e. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREPS

The command has responded to:

(0) CONGRINTS

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(0) SPLINTS

(0) WELREPS

f. Morale and Welfare

- (1) R&R. The command has utilized the following number of quotas to the R&R areas listed:

(a) Hong Kong	(2)	Japan	(2)
Taipei	(2)	Bangkok	(7)
Hawaii	(7)	Sydney	(8)
Okinawa	(0)	Manila	(1)

(b) In-Country - NONE

- (2) Mail. Daily average bags of mail processed:

Incoming  
6

Outgoing  
2

(3) Hospital Visitations. 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 the hospitals at Chu Lai. Frequent visits are made by the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Adjutant and First Sergeant.

g. Career Planning.

Re-enlistments: One

Extensions: One

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# 11. Intelligence

a. CACO 1-1 (Tam Ky) again this month experienced little contact due to enemy activity in the Hiep Duc area and the overwhelming preponderance of Vietnamese forces in some CAP TAOC's. The enemy that were encountered are believed to be primarily local force VC units.

b. CACO 1-2 was also relatively quiet for the month with the only significant contacts coming in the western portions of the CAP's TAOC's with members of the V-20 Main Force VC Company. Agent reports indicated, however, that elements of the 78th RF Rocket Bn. and 125th NVA Infantry Bn. remained a threat to Ly Tin District. Significantly, the enemy failed to initiate any military operations or terrorist acts to coincide with the district-wide elections held during the latter part of the month.

c. CACO 1-3 remained the most active CACO in the CAG as coastal CAPs 1-3-4 and 1-3-5 totaled ten and seven VC KIA respectively. These VC were believed to be part of the 48th Local Force VC Bn. or the 95A Local Force VC Sapper Co. Indications of increased enemy activity during the month were numerous including large numbers of lights moving along the Song Tra Bong towards Binh Son District Headquarters from both the southwest and northeast and agent reports concerning a large unidentified NVA force (possibly elements of the White Star Regiment). Early in the month Binh Son District Headquarters came under attack by an unidentified enemy force who utilized 82mm mortars, RPGs and M-79 grenade launchers. Despite this attack and the apparent build up, attacks failed to materialize at election time.

d. CACO 1-4 in Son Tinh experienced only one significant action during the month. What is believed to be the majority of the 48th Local Force VC Bn. attempted to obtain supplies from and terrorize the civilians in Song Quan (V) (BS 755818) in CAP 1-4-4's TAOC. It is significant that the enemy deliberately terrorized the people and killed a number of civilians. The VC were frustrated in their attempts to obtain supplies by the arrival of the CAP.

e. There was relatively light contact in the CAG during June compared to that of the previous month. Of note was the reported buildup of VC forces in Binh Son District during the voting period and their failure to mount significant attacks during this period and the deliberate terrorizing of civilians by the 48th Local Force VC Bn. Enemy units in the 1st CAG TAOR remain vulnerable to interdiction by artillery and aerial bombardment by the CAPs. Enemy morale remains vulnerable to psychological exploitation by propaganda concentrating on VC/NVA defeats in combat, fear of death, battle hardships and GVN ability to support the needs and aspirations of the people.

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## 12. Communications

a. Because of the outstanding effort of ISU-4 in providing maintenance support, no significant problems occurred in communications.

## 13. Fire Support

a. Fire support during the period was provided by Division Artillery, Americal Division (1/14th and 1/82nd Bn's) and ARVN artillery, on occasion in the Tam Ky area.

## 14. Air Support

a. Tactical air support was used frequently during the month: this included fixed wing strikes, helicopter gunship strikes and visual reconnaissance missions. No major problems were encountered with close air support and the CAP's continue to utilize the Air Force FAC's to support their daylight operations. The FAC's not only observe for the CAP's but also call artillery missions and control air strikes.

b. Air support is not limited to tactical requests, as logistical resupply of outlying CAP's requires daily attention. The time for those missions is allotted by the proximate battalion on a daily basis. These missions are neither requested nor controlled by the CAG. At times the availability of aircraft was reduced by the requirements for helicopters to support Combat Assaults (CA's) in the Americal Division.

## 15. Activations, Deactivations, Redesignations, Relocations of CAP's

a. CAP's 1-1-1, 1-1-3, 1-1-5, 1-2-5 and CACO 1-1 were deactivated 25 June 1970.

b. CAP's 1-2-3, 1-2-4 and CACO 1-2 were deactivated 29 June 1970.

c. CAP's 1-2-1 and 1-2-2 were redesignated as CAP 2-3-10 on 29 June 1970.

## 16. Combined Action Force School

a. Graduated: 21

b. Attending: 10

## 17. Combined Action Force Vietnamese Language School

a. Graduated: 7

b. Attending: 6

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## 18. Other Schools

- a. Infantry Weapons Repair Course: 1
- b. 1st Marine Division NCO School: 8
- c. Americal Division Artillery School: 8
- d. Americal Division NCO School: 4

## 19. Psychological Operations

## a. Friendly operations

(1) The Group distributed 2,115,000 leaflets by aircraft and 22,000 by hand for a total of 2,137,000.

(2) Aerial broadcasts were used for a total of 5 hours and 30 minutes. The "Early Word" aerial broadcasts was utilized several times during the month.

(3) The movie team showed movies at CAP 1-3-12 to encourage more distrust of the VC as a result of VC burning civilian homes. The team also worked at CAPS 1-3-4 and 1-3-5 to show the people improved living standards.

(4) 1st CAG conducted additional Psyops following deactivation of CACO 1-1 and CACO 1-2 consisting of leaflet distribution through VIS and both VIS and American ground speaker teams. The messages stressed the proficiency of Vietnamese forces in the CACO's TOACs (especially the PFs) and the fact that the Marines were needed in other places. VIS distributed a total of 6000 leaflets obtained from 1st CAG. Two Army ground speaker teams operated for one day each, one in Tam Ky the other in Ly Tin. The Vietnamese reacted very favorably to these psyops efforts.

## 20. Volunteer Information Program

a. During the month of June the Group paid 61,400\$VN to Vietnamese Nationals for ordnance under the VIP. CACO 1-4 in Son Tinh leads the Group in the number of pieces of ordnance received under the program.