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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

Organizational Data1. Designation

1st Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
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Commander

Major G. W. ROBILLARD, JR
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

Subordinate Units

Combined Action Company 1-3

Captain R. J. DALTON
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

Combined Action Company 1-4

1stLt W. R. BLACK JR.
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

2. Location

Hq 1st CAG
CACO 1-3
CACO 1-4

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

Attached Units

None

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Major J. R. MATTIACE
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

Adjutant/S-1/HqComdt

Captain J. E. TYLER
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

S-2/S-3/Commo

Captain J. E. KNIGHT
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

S-4/Supply

Captain E. P. WAHL
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

S-5/Special Services

Major J. R. MATTIACE
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

Medical

MAJ J. D. WOODS
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

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USMC	
Off	Enl
0	111

USN	
Off	Enl
0	20

Others	
Off	Enl
0	0

5. End-of-Month Unit Diary Strength

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	350

USN	
Off	Enl
0	19

Others	
Off	Enl
0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of July, the 1st Combined Action Group continued to conduct normal operations. In addition to the normal conduct of operations, Phase I of CAP OPPLAN 1-70 was put into effect and was executed with a minimal amount of problems. In conjunction with CAP deactivation, maximum emphasis was placed on PsyOps using posters, loud speaker, ceremonies and aerial broadcasts. Themes employed were, RF/PF Combat Capabilities, Progress of Pacification Program, ARVN Combat Capabilities, Support of Pacification Program and the GVN.
2. Enemy activity showed a slight increase over the previous reporting period. The Group experienced more sightings of the enemy, but had less contacts and kills than the preceding period. The reason for fewer kills and contacts was due to the reduced number of CAPs and Marines in the field. One significant change has been noted in VC tactics during the past two weeks, in that the VC have been dressed as PF and ARVN and carrying M-16s. Several CAP PF platoons have been ambushed in the daytime by VC dressed as PF and/or ARVN.
3. During the reporting period, the Americal Division has continued its support operations. The Americal Division has partially extended its areas of operation into the areas left vacant by the deactivation of 1st CAG.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operations Summary

- a. Nighttime activities - Patrols - 340; Ambushes - 510
- b. Daytime activities - 305
- c. Multi-CAP operations - 0
- d. Combined operations - 2
- e. Significant operations conducted - None

2. Neutralization of Enemy Forces

- a. NVA KIA - 4
- b. VC KIA - 27
- c. NVA POW - 0
- d. VC POW - 4
- e. VCI POW - 0
- f. Ho Chi Chanh - 5

- (1) NVA - 0
- (2) VC - 5
- (3) VCI - 0

3. Casualties Sustained

- a. USMC KIA - 0
- b. USMC WIA(E) - 1
- c. USMC WIA(H) - 2
- d. USMC KIA - 0
- e. USN KIA - 0
- f. USN WIA(E) - 0
- g. USN WIA(H) - 0
- h. USN KIA - 0
- i. CAP PF KIA - 1
- j. CAP PF WIA(E) - 5
- k. CAP PF WIA(H) - 1
- l. CAP PF KIA - 0

4. New Techniques Employed

During the reporting period, more emphasis has been placed on letting the PF's plan the day and night activities. In addition the PF's have been encouraged to call for medevacs in routine and in some cases priority medevacs. Greater emphasis has been placed on the PF platoon to utilize their chain of command in areas of resupply, artillery support and air support.

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5. Command Relationships

a. VI: Daily contact between the CACO CO's and the District Chiefs was maintained. The Group CO and E-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 198th Brigade and the Americal Division.

c. Significant Problem Areas - None

6. Significant Accomplishments of Attachments - The Rit Carson Scouts accounted for 7 caves, tunnels and bunkers found in CAP AOs. Also, they participated in 39 patrols and conducted 28 PsyOps broadcasts.

7. Lessons Learned - None

8. Logistics

a. Significant Events

1. Combat losses for the month were one rifle, 7.62mm, M-14; one binoculars, 7x50; and one binocular, 6x30.

2. FAIRREP report has been submitted on all required items.

b. Supply - As a result of the reduction in the number of CAP's authorized within the Group, supply has started turning in excess gear to FLC, DaNang. Cancellations ~~of~~ outstanding documents have started.

c. Maintenance - Repairs required to deadlined communications and ordnance items are completed with reasonable time frames. Motor Transport equipment is the only problem area. Evacuation of equipment to Okinawa has resulted in some items being deadlined in excess of 90 days.

d. Motor Transport

1. During the month of July, 32,558 miles were logged by this Group.

2. Currently there is no significant shortage of Motor Transport equipment

3. It is expected that some Motor Transport equipment will be turned in as excess this next month due to deactivation of 1st CAG.

e. Miscellaneous - None

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9. Medical

(a) During the month of July, there was a sharp increase in the number of Palciparum Malaria cases, reaching a high of ten (10) men. Insect repellent is the preventive available along with keeping sleeves rolled down. Dapsone (a drug used to prevent F. malaria) is not recommended by the Navy due to its adverse effect on the blood. Continual reminders are given to personnel concerned to use their repellent conscientiously and keep their sleeves rolled down at night.

(b) As CAP's are extracted and closed, a practice of giving medical items to the PF Corpsmen has been instituted. With the exception of Narcotic and Antibiotic drugs, the CAP Corpsman is providing the medical supplies which he feels his counterpart is trained to use.

(c) There were no significant medical problems, except as afore mentioned, during the past month.

(d) MEDCAP Report

- (1) Patients treated - 5470
- (2) Adults evacuated - 53
- (3) Children evacuated - 25

(e) Personnel treated at the Group Aid Station

- (a) Total Visits - 276
- (b) Total Army Personnel treated - 15

(f) Hospitalized

- (1) Wounded in Action - 1
- (2) Killed in Action - 0
- (3) Died of Wounds (Non-hostile) - 1
- (4) Wounded (Non-hostile) - 3
- (5) Other Non-hostile/diseases - 34

(g) Limited Services - 343

(h) Immunizations Administered - 218

(i) Spectacles Ordered - 13

10. Civic Action

(a) Civic Action, during this reporting period, was reduced proportionally to the number of CAPs that were deactivated and the reduced number of Marines. The following commodities were distributed throughout the 1st Combined Action Group's Area of Operation during July 1970.

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

To PFC 2
 To LCpl 35
 To Cpl 4

To Sgt 1
 To SSgt 1

c. Legal Matters:

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

(2) Article 32 Investigations: 0

(3) HRP: 4

(4) JAG-Type Investigations Completed: 4

d. Award Recommendations

SSA - 1
 BSA - 15
 MCA - 15
 MAR - 5
 PIA - 4

e. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREPS

The command has responded to:

(0) CONGRINTS
 (0) SPLINTS
 (4) WELREPS

f. Morale and Welfare

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

(a) Hong Kong (2)

Japan (1)

Taipei (3)

Bangkok (5)

Hawaii (7)

Sydney (6)

Okinawa (0)

(b) In-Country - 0

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"CONFIDENTIAL"(2) Mail. Daily average bags of mail processed:Incoming
5Outgoing
2

(3) Hospital Visitations. Hospital visits are made daily by the Hospital Company 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, First Sergeant, and Administrative Chief.

g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: 0

Extensions: 0

12. Intelligence

a. The Third Company experienced the majority of enemy activity during the month of July. Both roadside and coastal CAP's accounted for a significant number of enemy KIA. Roadside CAP's 1-3-3 and 1-3-9 had a tally of 12 enemy KIA within a 48 hour span. Coastal CAP 1-3-5 engaged the enemy twice in a three day period resulting in 10 VC KIA. Recent intelligence indicates that enemy activities have increased in company and other large scale units. This movement seems to indicate that enemy units such as the 48th, 107th and 406th Battalions are dispatching companies that are moving from west to east in an attempt to link up with local force units such as the 95th Sapper Battalion. With their knowledge of the terrain, the enemy would be capable of carrying out a large scale attack.

b. The Fourth Company in the Son Tin District experienced a rather peaceful month. Much of this continued increase in security is due to the fact that the Army is conducting "Landclearing Operations" in the Fourth Company's AO. The known enemy units operating in the Fourth Company's AO are the 48th Main Force VC Battalion and the ever-present guerrillas who occupy the hamlets throughout the Son Tin District.

c. With only two companies left operating out of 1st CAG, the companies managed to kill 31 of the enemy without any Marines or Navy personnel being seriously wounded. Another significant fact during the month was the high number of VIP payments which tends to indicate increased cooperation on the part of the Vietnamese people.

13. Communications

a. During this reporting period, communication gear came in at a rapid and well coordinated pace. There were no problems encountered.

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a. Fire support during the reporting period was provided by Division Artillery, Americal Division (1/14th and 1/82nd Battalions). Division artillery was timely and effective.

15. Air Support

a. Tactical air support was used frequently during this reporting period. This support included fixed wing strikes, helicopter gunship strikes, flareships and visual reconnaissance flights. No major problems were encountered with close air support. The CACO's and CAP's continue to utilize the Air Force FAC's to support their daylight operations.

b. Air support has not been limited to tactical requests. Logistical resupply of outlying CAP's required and received excellent support during this reporting period. The time for the resupply mission was allotted by the proximate battalion on a daily basis. The resupply missions were neither requested nor controlled by the CAG. Only on very few occasions was the availability of aircraft reduced to the point that the CAPs could not be supported on a daily basis.

16. Activations, Deactivations, Redesignations, Relocation of CAPs

a. Activations - None

b. During this reporting period the following CAP's were deactivated in accordance with CAP OP Order 1-70. CAP's 1-3-4, 1-3-5, and 1-3-9 were deactivated on 29 July 1970. CAP's 1-3-2 and 1-4-2 were deactivated on 30 July 1970. Appropriate ceremonies were held during each CAP deactivation. PsyOps posters and loudspeaker broadcasts were utilized to a maximum degree during predeactivation and post deactivation.

c. Redesignations - None

d. Relocations - None

17. Combined Action Force School

a. Graduated: 10

b. Attending: 3

18. Combined Action Force Language School

a. Graduated: 10

b. Attendance: 0

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a. Friendly Operations

(1) The Group distributed 1,850,000 leaflets by aircraft and 45,000 by hand for a total of 1,895,000.

(2) Aerial broadcasts were utilized constantly, especially during the deactivation of 1st CAG CAPs. The "Early Word" aerial broadcasts were also utilized several times during the month.

(3) The movie team was utilized frequently during the month. Movies were shown at CAP's 1-4-3, 1-4-2, 1-3-12, and 1-4-4. The average attendance was 1,500 people. The movies were based on Vietnam and how to better the lives of its people. Cartoons were available for the children.

(4) During the movies a Vietnamese paper, "Ban Tin" was passed out to the people. A total of about 2,000 were distributed.

(5) 25 copies of the "Rallier Guide" were distributed to 3rd and 4th Companies.

b. Additional PsyOps were conducted to support the Phase I deactivation in accordance with CAF Operations Order 1-70.

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