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- 1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted
- 2. Downgraded at 3-year intervals, declassified after 12 years, DOD Dir 5200.10.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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### PART I

### Organizational Data

### 1. Designation

lst Combined Action Group III harine Amphibious Force FPO, San Francisco, California 95002

### Subordinate Units

Combined Action Company 1-3

Combined Action Company 1-4

### Commander

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

Captain R. J. DALTON

1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

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

### 2. Location

Mq 1st CAG CACO 1-3 CACO 1-4 Chu Lai, Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, MVN Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, MVN

Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RWN

### Attached Units

#### None

## 3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Adjutant/S-1/HqCondt

S-2/S-3/CommO

S-4/Supply

S-5/Special Services

Ledical

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

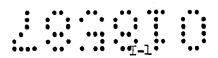
Captain J. E. TYLER
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

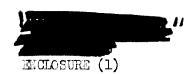
Captain J. E. KNIGHT
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

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

hajor J. M. NATTIACE 1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

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





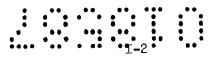


## 4. Average Lonthly Strength

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## 5. End-of-Month Unit Diary Strength

USING	usn	Others
off <u>Anl</u> 0 350	0ff <u>Anl</u> 0 19	$\frac{\text{Off}}{0}  \frac{\text{Bal}}{0}$



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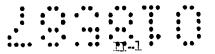
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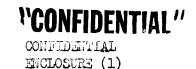


# PART II

### 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 GVM.
- 2. Meany 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 proceding 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 N-16s. Several CAP of 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.



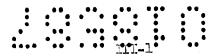


#### PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1. Operations Summary
  - a. Highttime activities Patrols 340; Ambushes 510
  - b. Daytime activities 305
  - c. Lulti-CAP operations 0
  - d. Combined operations 2
  - e. Significant operations conducted None
- 2. Meutralisation of Memy Forces
  - a. WWA KIA 4
  - b. VC NIA 27
  - c. MVA POW O
  - d. VC POW 4
  - e. VCI POW O
  - f. Hol Chanhs 5
    - (1) HVA 0
    - (2) VC 5
    - (3) VOI 0
- 3. Casualties Sustained
  - a. USEC KIA 0
  - b. USAC WEA(E) 1
  - c. USAC WIA(h) 2
  - d. USAIC LIA 0
  - e. USN KIA O
  - 1. USM WIA(I) 0
  - g. USH WIA(M) 0
  - h. USN LIA O
  - 1. CAP PF KIA 1
  - j. CAP PI WIA(E) 5
  - N. CAP I WIA(M) 1
  - 1. CAP PV HIA 0
- 4. New Techniques Employed

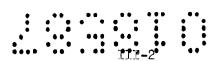
During the reporting period, more emphasis has been placed in letting the PF's plan the day and night activities. In addition the PF's have been encouraged to call for medevacs in routine and in some cases priority medevacs. Greater emphasis has been placed on the PF platoon to utilize their chain of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



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- 5. Command Relationships
- a. W: 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 FWMAF 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 Mone
- 6. Significant Accomplishments of Attachments The Kit 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 lesses for the month were one rifle, 7.62mm, M-14; one binocular, 7x50; and one binocular, 6x30.
  - 2. FAIREP 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 TLC, Danang. Cancellations Not outstanding documents: have started.
- c. Maintenance Repairs required to deadlined communications and ordnance items are completed with reasonable time frames. Notor 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. Hotor Transport
- 1. During the month of July, 32,558 miles were logged by this Group.
- 2. Currently there is no significant shortage of Notor Transport equipment
- 3. It is expected that some Notor 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. hedical

- (a) During the month of July, there was a sharp increase in the number of Malcipirum 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 Mavy 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 Corps en has been instituted. With the exception of Marcotic and Antibiotic drags, the CAP Corps is providing the medical supplies which he feels his commercant is trained to use.
- (c) There were no significant medical problems, except as afore mentioned, during the past month.
  - (d) LEDCAP Report
    - (1) Patients treated 5470
    - (2) Adults evacuated 53
    - (3) Gildren evacuated 25
  - (e) Personnel treated at the Group Aid Station
    - (a) Total Visits 278
    - (b) Rotal Army Personnel treated 15
  - (f) Hospitalized
    - (1) Wounded in Action 1
    - (2) billed in Action 0
    - () Mied of Wounds (Mon-hostile) 1
    - (4) Wounded (Non-hostile) 3
    - (5) Other Non-hostile/diseases 34
  - (3) Lindted Services 343
  - (h) Eanunizations Administered 218
  - (i) Speciacles Ordered 13

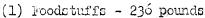
### 10. Civic Action

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



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- (2) heals 198 units
- (3) Clothing 17 pounds
- (4) Soap 23 pounds

b. Mucational Assistance - Sixteen (16) English classes were given by CAP personnel to 22 Vietnamese students.

- c. Idmarcial Aid Hone
- d. Other Projects: Furnished following materials for the Luc Vgyn Buddhist School in Tam Ry District.
  - (1) 2 sheets of 1/2 inch plywood
  - (2) 40 pieces of 8 foot 2x4's
  - (3) 3 bags of cament
  - (4) 3 gallons of roofing tar

The labor on this project was 100% Vietnamese and was completed on 22 July 1970.

- 11. Personnel Administration
- a. Person of Transactions. During the month of July 1970 the following personnel transactions were completed:
  - (1) Joined USIC Off Enl 0 90
  - (2) <u>Notated COMUS</u> USAC Off <u>Enl</u> 1 25
  - (3) Reassignment within WestPac USAC Off Enl
- (4) Transferred by Service Record Maile Sick (Out of Country Tospital)

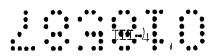
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(5) Extension of WestPac Tour Effected

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

To	PFC	2
Τo	LCpI	35
To	Col	4

c. Legal Latters:

- (1) Courts Held: GCH 1 SpCH 0 SCH 1
- (2) Article 32 Investigations: 0
- (3) HJP: 4
- (4) JAJ-Type Investigations Completed: 4

d. Award Recommendations

SSE - 1

BS: - 15

Hal - 15

M**a**il - 5

PII. - 4

e. Congrids/splints/welreps

The command has responded to:

- (0) COHGRINTS
- (O) SPLINTS
- STERRE (4)

### f. Horale and Welfare

- (1) RER. The command has utilized the following number of quotas to the RER areas listed:
  - (a) Mong Mong (2)

Japan (1)

Taipei (3)

Bangkok (5)

Hawaii (7)

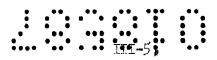
Sydney (6)

Okinawa (0)

(b) In-Country - 0

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(2) Lail. Daily average bags of mail processed:

Incoming 5

Outgoing

(3) Hospital Visitations. Hospital visits are made daily by the Hospital Corporan 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, Pirst 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 readside 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 hIA within a 45 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 45th, 107th and 405th Pattaliens are dispatching companies that are moving from west to east in an attempt to limit 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. Luch 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 10th hain Force VC Eattalion and the ever-present guerrillas who occupy the hadlets 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 Mavy 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 Vistnamese 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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### 14. Fire Support

a. Fire support during the reporting period was provided by Division Artiller, 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 alloted by the proximate battalien 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 CAF 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. Redesi mations None
  - d. Relocations Mone

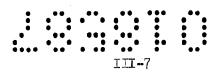
### 17. Combined Action Force School

- a. Graduated: 10
- b. Attending: 3

## 16. Combined Action Force Language School

a. Graduated: 10

b. Attendance: 0



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## 19. Psychological Operations

- 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. hovies 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.



