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

2. Enclosure (1) is downgraded at 3 year intervals. Declassified after 12 years. DOD Directive 5200.10.



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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1968 to 31 December 1968

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2d Combined Action Group

## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATACommanderDate

LtCol E. L. LEWIS

1 Dec 68  
31 Dec 68SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Combined Action Company

Capt. P. G. MITCHELL

1 Dec 68  
31 Dec 68

2d Combined Action Company

1stLt. O. S. MATTHEWS

1 Dec 68  
4 Dec 68

GySgt H. F. SUTCLIFFE

5 Dec 68  
23 Dec 68

Capt. J. W. BORHMAN

24 Dec 68  
31 Dec 68

3rd Combined Action Company

1stLt. J. E. PECK

1 Dec 68  
10 Dec 68

Capt. A. H. MOORE

11 Dec 68  
31 Dec 68

4th Combined Action Company

1stLt. R. A. CRONIN

1 Dec 68  
4 Dec 68

1stLt. O. S. MATTHEWS

5 Dec 68  
31 Dec 68

5th Combined Action Company

Major R. F. CHRISTIE

1 Dec 68  
31 Dec 68

7th Combined Action Company

Capt. J. D. NIOTIS

1 Dec 68  
31 Dec 68

8th Combined Action Company

GySgt D. H. WILSON

1 Dec 68  
31 Dec 68

9th Combined Action Company

1stLt. R. C. HARE

1 Dec 68  
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1stLt. R. A. CRONIN

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ATTACHED UNITS

Detachment, Scout Dog Platoon, 3rd M.P. Battalion  
Detachment, Kit Carson Scouts, 1stMarDiv G-2 (O&I)  
Detachment, ARVN Interpreters/Translators, III MAF  
Detachment, Medical Section, Hq III MAF

2. Locations.

1 December 1968 to 31 December 1968

Hq 2d CAG	District III, Danang Special Sector, RVN
CAG 2-1	Hieu Duc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAG 2-2	Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAG 2-3	Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAG 2-4	Hieu Nhon District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAG 2-5	Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAG 2-7	Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAG 2-8	Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CAG 2-9	Duc Duc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer/Civic Action Officer S-5	Major R. C. BROAD JP.	1Dec68 - 31Dec68
S-1 Officer	Capt. J. E. SEITZ	14Dec68 - 31Dec68
S-2/S-3 Officer	Major M. J. DUBE	1Dec68 - 31Dec68
S-4 Officer	1stLt. R. L. BULTON	1Dec68 - 31Dec68

4. Average Strengths. The average total strength for the 2d Combined Action Group for this period including individuals attached for duty was 642. The average effective USMC strength for the period was 555. The average U. S. Navy Corpsman effective strength was 43 during the same period.

a. Unit average effective strength is shown below:

UNIT	# of CAPS	USMC		USN	
		OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
CAG	CAG HQ	0	5	60	0 5

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UNIT	# of CAPS	USMC		USN	
		OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
2-1	6	1	65	0	7
2-2	4	1	60	0	5
2-3	6	1	90	0	5
2-4	6	1	80	0	5
2-5	7	1	60	0	6
2-7	4	1	50	0	4
2-8	4	0	60	0	4
2-9	2	1	30	0	2
TOTAL	39	12	555	0	43

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Personnel Administration.

a. Joined and Transferred. During the month of December, the 2d Combined Action Group joined and transferred the following number of personnel listed in the four categories below:

(1) Joined

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	87

(2) Rotated to CONUS.

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	57

(3) Transfer within WestPac Command

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	5

(4) Transfer by SH-1s w/sick (MedEvac)

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	28

b. Awards.

(1). Award recommendations submitted to FMFPac for approval during December are listed below:

<u>SSM</u>	<u>BSM</u>	<u>NCM</u>	<u>NAM</u>
0	4	4	21

(2). Awards returned approved from FMFPac included the following:

<u>SSM</u>	<u>BSM</u>	<u>NCM</u>	<u>NAM</u>
0	0	2	2

(3). Miscellaneous awards returned approved are listed below:

<u>PHM</u>	<u>VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY</u>
21	4

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c. Casualties. Casualties during the month of December are listed below:

USMC							
KIA	DAI	WIA	WIA/ANE	NBC	NBCNE	WIA/Ret to du	
3	0	18	15	4	0	8	

USN							
KIA	DAI	WIA	WIA/ANE	NBC	NBCNE	WIA/Ret to du	
1	0	1	1	0	0	1	

d. Congressional Interest Cases. During the month of December there were no Congressional Interest Cases received.

e. Welfare Reports. During the month of December there were no Welfare Reports received.

(1). There were no humanitarian transfers during the period.

f. Administrative Assistance.

(1). During December over 500 hours were spent auditing 370 Service Record Books with the individuals at Company positions. Administrative problems were resolved at the sites of the Combined Action Companies.

(2). 31 Unit Diaries were submitted during December with a total of 350 entries.

g. Career Counselling.

December	REENLISTMENTS	EXTENSIONS
	1 (Third)	1

(1). Overseas Tour Extensions. During the month of December 21 Marines extended their overseas tour for six months.

(2). Rest and Recuperation (R&R). During December this organization was allocated 84 Out-of-Country quotas and filled 75.

(a). In-Country R&R quotas allocated for December were 28 and 15 were filled.

h. Legal. A breakdown of legal activities for December is listed below:

INVESTIGATIONS	NJP's	SCM's	SPCI's	GOM's
10	5	1	0	0

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

PACKAGES

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December

INCOMING  
40 BagsOUTGOING  
35 BagsLETTERSDecember      INCOMING  
                   $1\frac{1}{2}$  BagsOUTGOING  
1 Bag

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

j. Promotions. Forty-four promotions were effected during the period as follows:

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	REGULAR	MERITORIOUS
PFC	4	0
LCPL	8	1
CPL	31	0
SGT	0	6
TOTAL	43	1

k. Hospital Visits. Weekly hospital visits were made to an average of 25 patients during December. No major problems of morale or welfare were uncovered.l. Informational Services. During December 135 Hometown News Release forms were mailed out. These releases covered promotions, awards and joining information on individuals in 2d CAG.~~UNCLASSIFIED~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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CIVIC ACTION.

a. During the month of December Marine Civic Action NCOs from 2d Combined Action Group continued with their efforts to act as a liaison between Hamlet, Village and District Officials in initiating civic action and community development. Attempts to obtain support from the GVN in the form of roofing and cement for construction projects were successful in several cases.

b. CACOs continued to maintain effective coordination between the G-5's of the 1st Marine Division, Naval Support Activity, Force Logistics Command, 1st Marine Air Wing and the 2d Republic of Korea Marine Corps Brigade. Coordination was also maintained with the S-5 sections of battalion size units in whose TAOI's Combined Action Platoons of 2d Combined Action Group were operating. Civic Action support from these units was most effective.

c. Continued coordination with MACV advisors and COKDS representatives has resulted in closer working relationship with District Officials and Revolutionary Development CADRE's in promoting civic Action.

d. CACO Civic Action NCOs were instructed to provide assistance when possible to RD Cadres operating within their TAOCs.

(1). It is felt that progress in community development can be further increased by closer coordination with RD Cadres. Should complete RD control of a project result in a more meaningful and successful program, direct support, in such cases, will be conducted with the utilization of civic action materials available to the CAP's.

e. Commodities distributed during the month of December were as follows: Soap, 2,673 lbs; clothing, 868 lbs; food, 2,822 lbs; blacksmith kits, 3; physical education kits, 28; school kits, 719; refills for school kits, 297; woodworking kits, 3; sewing kits, 87; masonry kits, 3; tooth brushes, 50.

f. The following is a listing of significant civic action events which occurred during the month of December.

(1). On 14 December 1968 local Vietnamese officials met with the Civic Action NCO of CAP 2-1-2 located at Hieu Duc District to discuss the completion of an elementary school. Coordination was later made with the District Chief and MACV advisors at Hieu Duc District Headquarters. An agreement concerning the completion of the school was reached. Hieu Duc District Headquarters arranged to supply a labor force and additional materials for the school. Arrangements were made to obtain 75 bags of cement from G-5 1st Marine Division in addition to the materials to be allotted for the school.

(a). Teachers are to be assigned to the school by District Headquarters once the school is completed.

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(b). CAP 2-1-2 also obtained 400 ammunition boxes from the 7th Marine Regiment. The boxes were then put to use to rebuild civilian dwellings in CAP 2-1-2's TAOC. Full cooperation of local Vietnamese officials was effective in both cases.

(2). Marines at CAP 2-1-5 at Hieu Duc District working with local hamlet officials took steps to obtain materials through the GVN for the construction of a Hamlet meeting house to be located adjacent to CAP 2-1-5. A ground breaking ceremony was conducted, a fence erected around the construction site, and a temporary structure was constructed for use as a meeting house until other materials can be made available by the GVN.

(3). At CAP 2-2-3 a drainage ditch was constructed, which will prevent the flooding of 10 houses. This project was initiated and completed as a result of a joint effort by local Vietnamese, FF's and CAP Marines.

(4). At CAP 2-5-3 construction of a fish pond was completed and the pond stocked with fish. Also a rabbit breeding project was initiated and project for breeding pigs was planned.

(5). Because of recent enemy activity around CAP 2-5-4 and Yen Ne Hamlet, Marines, Vietnamese civilians and RD Cadre members strung new fences and repaired holes in sections of the Hamlet perimeter fence which the VC have used to gain entrance to the hamlet. A project to repair a school in CAP 2-5-4 was initiated by Marines and RD Cadre members. All labor in replacing the school's roof and repairing the school, was done by local Vietnamese.

(6). Marines at CAP 2-5-6 working in coordination with local officials and the S-5, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines initiated plans to construct 10 new water wells.

(7). Hamlet and Village officials working in coordination with Marines at CAP 2-5-7 submitted a supply request to the GVN via Hoa Vang District Headquarters for roofing and cement to be used in the repair of a school house roof and the construction of new water wells.

(8). During the week prior to Christmas Marines and PPs at CAP 2-8-1 assisted Vietnamese in their fields planting rice crops, by constructing dikes and installing culverts for drainage to speed the planting.

(a). Prior to Christmas a joint operation was undertaken by Vietnamese villagers and the CAP unit to decorate the main roads and trails throughout the CAPs TAOC. A parade was held by the villagers and security for the occasion was provided by members of the CAP.

(9). The Civic Action NCO at CAP 2-8-4 became a participating member of Da Son Hamlet committee formed by local officials within the CAP's TAOC for the purpose of discussing and planning community development.

(10). Marines of CAP 2-9-1 working in coordination with S-5, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines took action to rebuild or repair 52 houses which

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houses destroyed as a result of friendly artillery against NVA forces within their TAOC. By the end of December 10 houses had been rebuilt and several others started.

(11). CAP 2-9-2 working in coordination with Hamlet officials, and the District Chief and MACV advisors at Duc Duc District Headquarters made plans and submitted requests for materials to the GVN for the construction of a new school within the CAP's TAOC. Marines assisted Vietnamese in building a temporary school to be used until materials from the GVN arrive and a permanent structure can be erected.

(12). Headquarters 2d Combined Action Group received 2500 toys from G-5 III Marine Amphibious Force on 24 December. 500 toys were presented to the District Chief of District III, Danang Special Sector while the remaining 2000 toys were proportionally divided among the 8 CACO's of 2d Combined Action Group for distribution by CAPs on Christmas Day. This effort was well received.

a. During the month of December, personnel assigned to 2d Combined Action Group assisted Vietnamese civilians in completing the following projects: bridges, 5; churches, 8; culverts, 6; dispensaries, 2; dwellings, 17; fences, 24; leveling/grading projects, 4; market places, 2; playgrounds, 1; playground equipment, 6; swings; schools, 9 with 22 classrooms; public showers, 2; public heads, 16; wells, 112; dam/dikes, 73; drainage ditch, 1.

b. Medical Assistance in Support of Civic Action. MedCap's held for the month of December resulted in the treatment of 26,180 Vietnamese civilians.

(1). Dental reports received indicated that 122 civilians were treated during the month of December.

(2). Medevac assistance for the month of December totalled 127 adults and 83 children.

(3). CAP Corpsmen administered a total of 1,579 innoculations to civilians during the first week in December.

(a). The U. S. Navy Corpsman at CAP 2-5-5 working in coordination with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines innoculated 1,200 school children living within the CAP's TAOC for Typhoid, Plague, and Cholera. During the last week of December the Corpsman at CAP 2-5-5 in coordination with 1st Battalion, 1st Marines innoculated an additional 204 persons for Plague.

i. Psychological Operations activities employed by 2d Combined Action Group during the month of December included the use of leaflet drops by aircraft, taped broadcasts from aircraft and broad dissemination by hand of leaflets and newspapers.

(1). On 24 December 14,000 leaflets were dropped by aircraft over Hoa Da village to inform the civilian population that CAP 2-5-3 was operating in the village to provide security and medical/civic action.

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assistance.

(2) On 30 December 32,000 Safe Conduct pass leaflets and 23,000 Rally (Chieu-Hoi) instruction leaflets were dropped and a taped broadcast of Rallying procedures was played, for a period of 30 minutes, in the vicinity of CAP 2-3-3. Two NVA were reported to have rallied to the RVN shortly thereafter.

(3). All CAPs attached to 2d Combined Action Group distributed leaflets, newspapers, and magazines to Vietnamese civilians living within their TAOC's on a weekly basis during the month of December.

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a. General. During the month of December the Combined Action Group S-3 continued with the additional duties as the Group S-2. Efforts are being made to assign an officer or a SNCO as the Group S-2 thereby forming a separate section capable of collecting, analyzing, and disseminating intelligence information to further enhance our capabilities and coordinate all intelligence matters.

b. Intelligence Information Chain. The intelligence information chain remains unchanged. The scattered nature of the CAPs requires that the gathering and evaluation of intelligence information be coordinated through local Government of Vietnam (GVN) and Free World Military Armed Force (WMAF) units. Our best source of accurate, timely information continues to be our CAP units. This is due to their extremely close relationship in working and living with the people. On several instances CAP units have reported timely information on enemy plans in their areas of operation. This intelligence information was passed simultaneously through appropriate GVN and WMAF channels. The CAPs also worked closely with local Interrogator/Translator teams and Counter Intelligence Teams as well as the supporting units' S-2's.

(1). Intelligence summaries from all sources were disseminated throughout 2d CAG, as appropriate.

c. Counter Intelligence. The 5th CIT located adjacent to the Headquarters 2d CAG compound in Danang has been providing information on the local and national level enemy infrastructure with Blacklists that are continuously updated. This includes background information on suspects apprehended by CAP units or captured enemy interrogation readouts. This has assisted CAP operations as they relate to the enemy infrastructure in our hamlets and villages.

d. Interrogator/Translator. During the month of December 1968 all detainees were either processed through the Vietnamese DIOCC's or were forwarded to the 1st Marine Division units in adjacent TAON's for processing by their attached teams. We are receiving readouts and reports from these teams as they become available.

e. Interpreters. 2d CAG had seven interpreters, 1 Officer (ARVN Liaison Officer) and 6 enlisted, attached during the month of December. Two of the interpreters are assigned duties at 3rd Company training PF platoons in the District of Dien Ban. One interpreter is assigned in the S-2/S-3 office, translating captured enemy documents, and assisting in translating letters or other documents forwarded to or received from the District Chiefs, or Province Chief. The other three interpreters are efficiently performing their duties at the 1st, 4th and 5th Companies. It is anticipated that five more interpreters will be assigned to 2d CAG in the future to enable each CACO to have one permanently assigned.

f. Equipment.

(1). Starlight Scopes. Starlight Scopes issued out during

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g. Enemy Statistics. Enemy statistics for the month of December were as follows:

December	KIA 75	POW 16	DETAINES 122	HOI CHANH 3
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h. Weapons and Ordnance Captured. During December the following weapons and ordnance were captured:

Weapons

AK-47	9	Shotgun	1
AK-50	1	Claymore	1
M-1 Rifle	2	M-72 LAW	2
.45Cal Pistol	1	SKS Machine Gun	1
.38Cal Pistol	1	B-40 Rocket Launchers	2
9mm Chicom pistol	1		

Ordnance

Bangalore Torpedo rounds	2	60mm Mortar rounds	65
RPG rounds	3	250lb bomb	1
B-40 Rocket rounds	4	M-79 rounds	4
M-72 rounds	18	105 Arty rounds	2
122mm Rocket rounds	2	90mm Cannon rounds	1
Chicom Grenades	41	2.75 Rocket rounds	58
M-26 Grenades	19	.50Cal rounds	101
Box Mines	1	AK-47 rounds	110
.30Cal rounds	2,350	7.62mm rounds	260

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a. General. The 2d Combined Action Group, during the month of December, continued to emphasize coordination on the CAP level and closely monitored the progress of the CACO's in firming up their plans in this direction. CACO's have submitted lists of units they contact on a daily basis to effect necessary coordination. All units in specific CAP TAOC's are also listed to provide the CAP Commanders with a ready check list of all elements they must contact daily. Reaction plans for each CAP have been formulated and approved by supporting units. These reaction plans encompass an internal CAP reaction capability from other CAPs in the district and reaction forces from U.S., ARVN or KMC units adjacent to our Tactical Areas of Coordination (TAOC's). Throughout the reporting period emphasis was placed on security of both the static CAP compounds and mobile CAP sites by complete coverage of assigned TAOC's accomplished through constant interdiction of routes of egress and ingress into the hamlets. Additional security has been provided by integrating Revolutionary Development Cadres located within the TAOC's with PF units and utilizing these additional troops to fully cover all areas assigned to the CAPs.

b. Mobility. At the end of the reporting period 2d CAG has thirteen mobile CAPs operating in Lang Nam Province. Seven of these were redesignated during the month of December from a fixed CAP to a mobile CAP status. Individual letters reporting the changes in status are located in Section IV of this chronology (Supporting Documents).

(1). We continue to reap increased benefits by having CAPs mobile. The CAPs are covering their entire TAOC's much more effectively and are keeping the enemy off balance by constant interdiction of infiltration routes, by denying the enemy access to supporters located in villages or hamlets and at the same time searching out the local VC infrastructure, the CAPs are effectively controlling their assigned areas.

(2). It is becoming more and more evident that mobility is the answer to most security problems confronting the CAPs. The CAP units are being accepted by the local populace and they are developing a mutual respect for each other. The civilians have warmed up to the mobile concept and enthusiastically support it. We are receiving more information from the villagers as they become accustomed to having CAP Marines and PF's in their hamlets and homes. Morale is high and the people have a greater sense of belonging as they think of the CAPs as their CAP and recognize the efforts made in their behalf.

c. Activity. The overall level of activity and instances of enemy contact increased during the reporting period. Some CAPs experienced little or no contact, as has been the trend for some time. These CAPs have been programmed for transfer of the Marine element and deactivation of the CAP to turn over the security of hamlets in this area to the PF's in consequence with the overall aims of the CAP Program. Any CAPs that follow a pattern of negative contacts or stagnancy are programmed for the turnover to the Vietnamese. Close monitoring of these trends allows 2d CAG to make maximum use of existing assets.

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Training.

(1). Training Plans. The training plans for the month of January 1969 were submitted in accordance with Group Bulletin 1500 of 30 November 1968. A copy of this bulletin is provided in section IV of this chronology. The plans are consolidated and approved at the CAGO level and are submitted for review and final approval at the CAG level.

(2). Outside Assistance Training. Coordination has been effected with 1st Marine Division Schools to provide a Mobile Training Team during January 1969 and as needed in subsequent months. Subjects to be taught include but are not limited to 81mm Mortar, 60mm Mortar, demolitions, quick fire - quick kill, night firing techniques, patrol and ambush techniques and zeroing of weapons.

(3). 2d CAG Mobile Training Teams (MTTs). The MTT's assisted CAPs in the training of their PF platoons. Subjects taught include mapping and the use of the compass, first aid, small unit tactics, scouting and patrolling, ambushes, supporting arms orientation, calls for fire support and FAM firing of organic weapons.

(a). During this reporting period, 2d CAG Mobile Training Teams trained a total of four PF platoons. MTT# 1 completed the construction of a new Combined Action Platoon compound at Duc Duc which was designated CAP 2-9-1. They also completed training the PF platoon currently assigned to that CAP. Upon completion of that compound on 27 December 1968 MTT# 1 was deactivated due to critical personnel shortages throughout 2d CAG. All of the MTT# 1 personnel have been reassigned within 2d CAG Combined Action Platoons.

(b). Mobile Training Team # 2 continued training PF Platoons in District III, Danang Special Sector. This MTT, during December, has trained three platoons and was training its fourth at the termination of the reporting period. This brings the total to 12 platoons trained in this District. All training has been extremely well received by the participants and has been enthusiastically supported by the District officials. In addition to training the PF's this MTT has provided security for this District by accompanying all of their trainee platoons on local cordon and search operations acting as liaison personnel as well as performing their duties of instructing and advising on these practical application operations. These local operations in District III accounted for 54 Viet Cong suspects during this period.

(c). As of 1200H 26 December 1968 MTT# 2 was redesignated as 2d Combined Action Group Mobile Training Team with no numerical designations.

(d). As soon as the 2d CAG MTT terminates training PF units in District III they will be transferred OPCON to Combined Action Company 2-3 at Dien Ban to Train eight companies in Dien Ban District.

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Inspections. A system of thorough inspections of CAP's in 2d CAG instituted in November is continuing. Close monitoring of all aspects of the program through these inspections assures the commander that proper emphasis is placed in critical areas, such as coordination with adjacent units, operations, fire support and local security. The 2d CAG Commanding Officer, in addition to his regularly scheduled inspection trips has instituted the following measures to lend impetus to and to ensure follow up action for areas requiring command attention and to correct deficiencies found during the course of the various inspections.

(1). Unscheduled Staff visits by all members of the Staff have been emphasized. These Staff Officers inspect all matters under their cognizance and make appropriate recommendations to the Company Commanders concerned. These visits and inspections have resulted in faster staff action, more responsive follow up action and have greatly benefited the CAP's.

(2). The policy of having the Company GySgt or the CACO Commander spend an occasional night with their CAP's has resulted in increased efficiency. These visits provide the Company Commanders with a much clearer picture of crucial areas during periods of maximum effort. The CAP's perform 80% of their patrolling and ambush work during night and periods of reduced visibility. These periodic visits instill confidence in the CAP Commanders and motivates them to attain even higher standards. It's a proven fact that direct supervision is by far the most necessary element for success in these small unit operations.

(3). Technical inspections are also conducted on a monthly basis by the 2d CAG Armorer and Motor Transport personnel. The armorer checks weapons for cleanliness and serviceability and compares records maintained by the CAP's and CACO's with his own records for accuracy. The Motor Transport personnel conduct similar checks for serviceability and cleanliness as well as proper preventative maintainence and all associated records and documents.

f. Staff Conferences. A weekly formal meeting of the Staff on Saturday assists in overall coordination of efforts for support of the CACO's and their CAP's. Areas requiring multiple staff action are discussed as well as promulgation of new policies or reemphasis on existing ones. This meeting is primarily used as a vehicle to organize the material to be presented to the CACO's on the weekly Sunday meeting. Areas requiring multiple staff action are discussed and courses of action are presented to the commander for approval. Once approval is provided the staff members coordinate their efforts in ensuring that the CACO's will be given full cooperation and support in execution of plans and orders.

(1). CACO Meetings. All Combined Action Company Commanders attend this weekly meeting. Staff officers present pertinent information and are available for direct coordination in matters under their cognizance after the meeting. Inspection results are provided by the Commanding Officer and the staff and information and orders are promulgated to all units.

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(2). CAP Commanders Conference. Once a month all CAP Commanders meet at CAG Headquarters for a briefing by the Commanding Officer and designated staff officers. Agenda items are submitted on areas CAP Commanders desire to discuss and critical areas desired to be emphasized by the Commanding Officer. Copies of these items are provided each participating CAP Commander. Staff Officers are made available to answer any questions presented for discussion or to resolve any point brought up during these discussions. The Group 1stSgt acts as moderator and controls the general discussions. Minutes of these conferences are kept and a printout is provided to all attendees the following week. These monthly conferences have been extremely successful and have been enthusiastically received by all concerned. These period of mutual exchange of ideas between CAP Commanders have been beneficial to all and have become an important part of 2d CAG's overall indoctrination and instruction program. It affords a CAP Commander the opportunity of finding out how his contemporaries are solving problems common throughout the CAG and gives him the opportunity of comparing his efforts with those methods already proven successful. The time spent on this conference is reimbursed ten-fold in increased performance throughout the CAG. This meeting also provides the CAG Commander with the opportunity to emphasize current objectives and to point out general problems to all CAP Commanders and provide them methods to solve them.

g. Operational Aids. The many facets of a CAP Commander's job necessitates more than broad guidance to ensure compliance with orders, directive and policies from higher echelons of command. The average CAP Commander has a myriad number of daily duties necessary for the successful accomplishment of his mission. It is imperative that specific guidance be provided to ensure that these duties are effectively accomplished. 2d Combined Action Group has produced aids designed to assist these CAP Commanders in their daily duties. These are discussed in part below and copies of these aids are provided in section IV of this chronology.

(1). CAP Assignment Bulletin. This bulletin published duties to be assigned each member of the Marine element of a CAP. This enables the CAP Commander to delegate his authority in certain areas and to have someone responsible to him for execution of specific items associated with each assignment. This document provides each man with a guide to his daily responsibilities. It has been used effectively since its introduction into the CAPs last month.

(2). CAP Commanders Daily Checklist. This checklist provides guidance for uniformity and impetus of effort in the CAPs. It provides the CAP Commander with a list of items that he must pay attention to on a daily basis and serves as a reminder or a check on their accomplishment. The list covers all areas of CAP activity during any 24 hour period. This checklist has been heralded as being invaluable by many CAP Commanders in the execution of their daily duties. This checklist is also used in conjunction with the assignment of responsibilities bulletin and assists the CAP Commander in organizing his daily workload.

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(3). Training Plan Form. Group Bulletin 1500 dated 30 November 1968 promulgated amplifying instructions for the preparation of training plans as required by higher authority. This Group bulletin, a copy of which is attached in section IV herein, provides all necessary guidance for compiling data, planning for training, submission of CAP training plans to CACO for review and approval for final submission to CAG for approval and ordered execution. This bulletin provides the format for submitting the plans and reduces the CAP and CACO workload by having them simply fill in the blanks on an enclosed form. CACO's request for outside assistance in specific areas are also made on this same form. The CAG S-3 then establishes necessary liaison with III MAF or 1st Division units to provide the outside training assistance. Excellent cooperation has been received from the 1st Marine Division in the program.

(a). Popular Forces Training Record. A record of training accomplished is maintained on each Popular Force Soldier in every CAP. Training folders are maintained current at the CACO level for each CAP and contain data on the status of training of each CAP. The form entitled P.F. Training Performance Record is the document used for this purpose. A copy of this form is provided in section IV herein.

(4). Patrol/Ambush Record. This form is filled out daily by each CAP for each patrol or ambush conducted. It provides the CAP Commander with a permanent record of all of his activities, who the participants were, how much ammunition and what type was expended as well as the debriefing notes on these activities for future reference. The front of the form is filled out prior to the activity leaving and the back is completed after it returns and is debriefed. CACO's review these forms daily and counter sign or endorse them after making appropriate or necessary comments. These records are maintained on a permanent basis at the CACO Headquarters. A copy of this form is provided in Section IV herein.

(5). Commander's Daily Summary. This daily report amplifies and clarifies previously submitted Spot Reports during one 24 hour period. Spot Reports are, of necessity, brief and oftentimes omit information necessary for follow up action or for record purposes. This daily summary refers to these reports and provides the CAG Commander with a much better picture of the overall activity throughout the Province.

(6). CAP Operations Statistics Boards. These have been provided all CAPs to facilitate plotting of activities and to centrally locate pertinent information for all activities conducted in any 24 hour period. The boards are made up in the S-3 shop as pictured in the documents section of this report. Two types are made up for the CAPs. A folding board for the mobile CAPs which easily fits on a rucksack, packboard, or can easily be carried and a one piece rigid type for the fixed CAPs' command bunkers. The some information is provided in both. Refer to Section IV for full descriptions and specification. These statistics boards have been a valuable asset to the CAP Commander as they assist in plotting or presenting his information for coordination with various units adjacent to his TAOC and the conduct of CAP operations.

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(7). Fire Mission Form. 2d CAG has standardized a form to enable the CACO to keep a permanent record of all missions fired or controlled by CAP personnel. This form provides a record of all elements of the initial fire request as well as subsequent adjustments by FO's. It records replot data and also has space set aside to record target surveillance information. A copy of this form is kept on all fire missions involving CAP personnel. Section IV of this chronology has a sample copy of this form.

h. Special Operations.

(1). Scout Dogs and Handlers. Scout dogs and handlers, on temporary duty from 3rd MP's to 2d CAG, continue to be a highly beneficial asset to our operations. These scout dogs and handlers are assigned to 2d CAG for 15 day periods and join a CAP for their entire tour. At the termination of their tour they return to 3rd MP's and the dogs are placed on rest hold for a period of three to four days prior to returning to the field. All of the handlers are enthusiastic about their work with the CAPs as they have a feeling of belonging and being appreciated. So far, all handlers have requested to work with the CAPs in 2d CAG again. We now have handlers who are performing their fourth 15 day tours of duty with us. At the termination of the reporting period there were seven scout dogs and handlers assigned to 2d CAG. We maintained an average of five assigned throughout the period. Higher priorities with the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions prevent us from receiving out optimum request of two dogs per Combined Action Company or a total of 16 dogs.

(a). Operations. These dog teams have again proven invaluable when properly utilized. The dogs have alerted ambushes and patrols or enemy presence and have located bunkers and caches of ammunition and food. On one occasion a scout dog found and followed a blood trail to an enemy aid station where four VCS's were apprehended and turned in for interrogation. One was later found to be a VC nurse. The presence of a scout dog in a CAP boosts morale and inspires confidence in the Marines as well as the Popular Force soldiers.

(b). Indoctrination. All Marines and PF's in the CAPs having scout dogs and handlers assigned are thoroughly briefed by the handlers. These briefings include the teams' capabilities, limitations, concept of employment, peculiarities and a general familiarization period and demonstration to show proper utilization of this valuable support. The handlers demonstrate how their particular dog alerts to contacts to enable all hands to recognize these warnings of unusual activities in the area of operation. The handler is included in all briefings of patrol and ambushes to provide him with necessary information on the mission, terrain, and weather and to enable him to advise the activity commander on where or how to employ his dog.

(c). Reports. Each Combined Action Company Commander having a scout dog team assigned submits a report upon detachment, or in the case of those teams remaining for more than one 15 day period, submits a monthly report by the 5th of the month after the reporting period. This

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questionnaire type report provides the 2d CAG with usage data and provides the 3rd MP Battalion with information and records of service. A report is also required of the scout dog handler upon detachment. This is also a questionnaire type report and is of value in better acquainting CAP personnel with the peculiar aspects of scout dog team employment. Copies of both of these questionnaire type reports are provided in Section IV of this chronology.

(2) Kit Carson Scouts. Scouts assigned to 2d CAG continued their fine work during the reporting period. They provided classes for both PF's and Marines on enemy tactics, the enemies use of the local terrain, enemy weapons and have identified suspect who were later found to be local VC infrastructure cadre. They have assisted in the overall CAP mission and have participated in PsyOps programs. Our Kit Carson Scouts have won the respect and confidence of the local populace as well as the admiration of the PF's and Marines with whom they work. We are realizing increased effectiveness by assigning the scouts in pairs. This system provides the scouts someone to talk to with the same background and problems and seem to increase their willingness to participate in activities. 2d CAG has six scouts on the rolls at the termination of the reporting period. It is anticipated that a level of 16 will be reached in February 1969 and maintained thereafter.

i. Voluntary Information Program. The Voluntary Information Program (VIP), a system by which Vietnamese Nationals are rewarded for turning in ammunition of all types, pointing out booby traps and reporting on enemy troops movements or locations, has been highly sucessful during the month of December. A copy of the 2d CAG bulletin promulgating information to subordinate commanders and providing defined guidelines in establishing fair rates of payments for the program, is enclosed in section IV of this chronology. During December, over 92,000 Piasters were expended in support of the VIP program. The information provided and the ordnance recovered by this fund has undoubtedly saved many lives. The ordnance is usually blown in place thereby denying the enemy's use of it as booby traps, mines or preventing him from firing it at friendly troops. We have continued the PsyOps effort to push this VIP program and will continue to emphasize prompt payment for information or ordnance. The 2d CAG VIP bulletin 3410 dated 24 November 1968 has been translated in Vietnamese to further disseminate the programs' goals to our CAP Popular Forces soldiers. Ordnance turned in under the program is listed in section IV.

j. Artillery Support. During December 2d CAG units adjusted an estimated 2,000 rounds of artillery fire on suspected or known enemy positions. The majority of these missions were adjusted on targets acquired by CAP units. In addition to the supporting artillery, approximately 3,000 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar were adjusted on the enemy by CACO's and adjacent supporting units in support of CAP operations.

k. Air.

(1). Fixed Wing. All fixed wing close air support sorties in

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Support of CAP operations were controlled by U. S. Air Force or USMC (new) Forward Air Controllers except for occasional missions for troops in contact which were directed by CAP Marines through the FACs. CAP units conducted sweeps into all areas to provide bomb damage assessments.

(2). Flareships and Gunships. Flareships and gunships were controlled directly by CAPs after having been requested through CAGO's for support missions. A total of eleven flareship and five gunship missions were flown involving 37 sorties. Short reaction time for both of these services continues to be outstanding.

(3). Medical Evacuation Helicopters. A total of 47 medical evacuation missions were controlled by CAP units to provide evacuation for wounded or sick Vietnamese civilian, PF, or Marine personnel during December. Missions were flown in all types of weather speedily transporting sick and wounded to medical facilities throughout Quang Nam Province.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~5. Special Services.

a. Special Services activities for the month of December were related primarily to the Christmas season, and took the form of organized parties and the distribution of gift donations.

(1). During previous months, Christmas gifts donated by organizations and individuals in the U. S. were received and stored. In late December, these gifts were distributed throughout the CAPs together with the names of donors and the recommendation that individual Marines write letters of appreciation. The gifts were enthusiastically and appreciatively received.

b. During the month, beer and soda rations were distributed regularly to CAOCs and CAPs. 372 cases of beer and soda were dispensed.

c. No Recreation Fund obligations were incurred during the month.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~6. Logistics --General.a. Significant Events.

(1). Phase 1 of the operational budget was submitted to Force Logistics Command. This submission was a projection of anticipated funding requirements for balance of Fiscal Year 1969 and the entire Fiscal Year 1970 based on past usage date. An increase of \$200,000 was requested, predicated on the anticipated relocation of this Headquarters to Hoi An.

(2). New supply procedures were initiated within 2d CAG as required by ~~MCOP 1400.15D~~.

b. Damage due to enemy action. During this period, one AN/PRC-25 Radio Set, one M-79 Grenade Launcher, and one M-16 Rifle were destroyed due to hostile fire. These losses represent a monetary loss of \$1,290. Requisitions are currently in the system to replace these lost items.

c. Motor Transport.

(1). During this period, twenty-nine vehicles compiled a total of 19,725 accident free miles.

(2) The following vehicles were deadlines for second echelon repairs:

(a). Four M151A1

(b). One M35A2C

(c). Two M37B1.

(d). Average deadline time was 4.9 days.

(3). The following vehicles were deadlined for third echelon repairs.

(a). One M151A1

(b). Six M37B1.

(c). Average deadline time was twenty-three days.

(4). Motor Transport ran a total of 3 convoys to the An Hoa and Hoi An area. Total tonnage hauled was approximately 84,000 pounds. In addition, twelve single truck trips were made to these areas carrying 56,000 pounds of cargo.

d. Air Lift. A total of 26,940 pounds of Class I supplies were lifted by helicopters to CAPs operating in Hieu Nhon District during the reporting period.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~e. Food Service.

(1). 2d CAG served 20,188 meals during this period. "Operation Turkey" was put into effect for Christmas. Its purpose was to provide every Marine in the field with a hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings for Christmas. To support this operation twenty-one insulated food containers were borrowed from FLC mess halls. Several CAPs drew uncooked turkeys and joined villagers in combined Christmas dinners.

(2). A recommended Table of Equipment change has been submitted to higher authority to increase the allowance of insulated food containers to provide each fixed CAP with four each and to maintain enough at each CACO to provide periodic hot meals to the mobile CAPs.

f. Armory.

(1). During this period, the 2d CAG Armory sent one M14 Rifle, two M60 Machine Guns, two 30 Cal. Machine Guns, thirteen M79 Grenade Launchers, five M16 Rifles, three pairs of Binoculars, one 50 Cal. Machine Gun, and five M77 Shotguns to 1st FSI for third echelon repair.

(2). The armorer made three trips to companies in the field to perform on site repairs and inspection.

g. Miscellaneous Service.

(1). The FLC Laundry Platoon provided service on laundry of recovered clothing for CAG as well as normal laundry services for the companies.

(2). Adequate sewage, plumbing, and electrical repairs are provided the Headquarters compound by Maintenance Section, Public Works, Danang, Naval Support Activity.

h. Supplies.

(1). During this period, Supply received thirty-nine M122 Tripod Mounts which alleviated a T/E shortage for this item.

(2) Following 1969-1970 monsoon requirements were submitted:

Nylon Rain Plastic Sheeting	3000	LF
Fighting Hole Covers	500	EA
Shirt Sleeping	500	EA
Covers Waterproof	700	EA
Hat, Camouflage	700	EA
Compound Sealer	200	BG
Corrosive Pre Aerosol	500	CN
Tape Sensitive	100	RL
Tape Pressure	100	RL
Knee Boots	50	PR

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Bag Waterproof	200	EA
Candle	1000	EA
Liner Poncho	300	EA
Overshoe Rubber	50	EA
Poncho	300	EA

(3) 2d CAG received 100 reconditioned flak jackets from FLC during the month of December through direct exchange procedures.

i. Problem Areas

(1) The turn around time for direct exchange items remains a problem. In effect the system of Direct Exchange provides units with the capability of turning in an item and immediately receiving a serviceable item in return. We have experienced periods of 10 to 15 days delay in receipt of serviceable items because 2d CAG was not on previously established priority lists. Liaison has been effected and this problem area should be resolved during January 1969.

(2) Motor Transport. Vehicles are still being deadlined at FSR for long periods of time due to shortage of repair parts.

(3) T/E Shortages. The most significant problem is still the lack of T/E equipment. Examples of T/E shortages are:

Mount tripod f/50 cal M.G.	13	ea
Machine Gun 50 cal w/equip	12	ea
Mortar 60mm w/equip	14	ea
Compass magnetic M2	4	ea
Truck cargo M37B1	3	ea
Trailer cargo M416B1	11	ea
Barber kits	46	ea
Duplicating set stencil process	1	ea
Duplicating set spirit process	1	ea
Refrigeration unit prefab 100 cuft	1	ea
SB 22A/PT Switchboard	1	ea
Telephone set TA-1PT	190	ea
Telephone set TA-312PT	81	ea
Radio control group AN/GFA-39A	26	ea
Night vision scope	32	ea
Generator set PU 482	2	ea
Wrist watch	103	ea
Binoculars 6x30	60	ea
Seismic Intrusion devise AN/PRS-1	41	ea
Recorder reproducer sound	1	ea
Address plate machine MOD 215	1	ea
Embossing add plate MOD 350A1	1	ea
Office supply set field desk	7	ea
Office supply set w/18" typewriter	1	ea
Office supply set w/11" typewriter	9	ea

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a. General. In addition to the Corpsmen providing immediate life saving medical care for the wounded and conserving the manpower of both Marines and Popular Forces soldiers by the prevention of disease and illness, the CAF Corpsmen have trained Marines and Vietnamese in the duties of a Hospital Corpsmen. This emphasis on training selected individuals to perform as Corpsmen during periods when Corpsmen are not available has resulted in having several well trained Marines and Vietnamese in each company.

b. Personnel.

(1) Medical department representative: HMC H. L. MITCHELL USN

(2) Assistant Medical Department Representative: HMC G. S. RISHEL USN

(3) Hospital Corpsman statistics at the end of December 1968

(a) Detached	4
(b) Joined	3
(c) TAD Terminated	15
(d) Average on board strength	46

(e) During the month of December 1968 the 2d CAG aid station treated 222 USMC/USN personnel through routine sick call.

(f) On December 8, 1968 HM3 Carl J. MILLER USN died as a result of self inflicted gunshot wound to the head. An autopsy was performed at U. S. Naval Support Activity Station Hospital on 10 December 1968. Investigation of the incident was completed by Major K. F. CHRISTIE.

c. Med Caps.

(1) During the month of December Combined Action Platoons treated 26,180 Vietnamese civilians through routine Med Caps and treated 122 dental patients. Med Cap patients treated during December decreased by 9,501. It is felt the decrease in patients was to the increase in the number of mobile CAPs. The corpsman in a mobile CAP is limited to the amount of medical supplies he can carry.

(2) The Headquarters medical section treated 949 Vietnamese civilians during December through daily Med Cap, showing an increase of 639 over last month's figures.

d. Training.

(1) During the month of December CAP hospital corpsman conducted a total of 48 classes resulting in a total attendance of 737 Vietnamese civilians, an increase of 10 lectures and an increase of 80 Vietnamese present at health and sanitation lectures.

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(2) Continued efforts were made by CAP hospital corpsman in the training of PF's, RD's and civilians in the duties of a hospital corpsman, or Village health workers.

(3) Continued efforts were made by CAP hospital corpsman to train one Marine from each CAP on the contents and use of the unit 1. This Marine was to be recognized as the individual to render First Aid in the absence of the hospital corpsman. We are striving to train three men from each CAP in these duties.

e. Sanitation

(1) During the month of December HMC MITCHELL accompanied HMC BUTCHER from the NSA hospital Medicine Unit to collect stool samples of a group of 100 CAG personnel. Personnel were chosen from the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th companies. It was discovered that 42% of the personnel examined had some type of intestinal parasitic infection. A prophylactic and a treatment process will be recommended to cope with this situation.

(2) Corpsmen submit periodic samples of all water sources used by CAP's for testing. These water samples are tested at NSA's Preventive Medicine Unit.

(3) Field sanitation and hygiene have been stressed during the reporting period with proper disposal of human wastes being the prime target area.

f. Inspection

(1) HMC MITCHELL conducted routine inspections of CAP's during December. Emphasis is being placed on proper facilities, sanitary conditions, malaria prophylaxis and shot records. The Chief Corpsman travels extensively throughout the TAOC's to closely monitor all aspects of training and performance of duties by 2d CAG Corpsmen. Marked improvements in all areas have been noted.

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a. Security. Security violations remained a matter of concern during the month of December. The most frequent violations were the disclosures of ambush sites, patrol routes, and using unit designations instead of call signs over the radio. The following action was taken:

(1). Numerical Codes and Authentication tables were requested through the Registered Publications Officer III MAF, for all CACO's and CAPs.

(2) Work on a brevity code oriented toward the combined action program was formulated for submission to Chief of Naval Operations. This code will contain a list of operational words unique to the operations and missions of the Combined Action Program.

(3) An accelerated security indoctrination program was commenced during December to reemphasize all facets of security. CACO commanders were instructed at weekly meeting. CAP personnel were briefed and schooled on security measures during inspections held by a Communications representative from Group Headquarters.

(4) Preparations were made to change frequencies and call signs on 1 January 1969 and to periodically change or reshuffle assigned frequencies and call signs for the entire group.

b. Communication Inspection. All companies were inspected during December. The most outstanding discrepancy was the lack of 1st echelon maintenance of antennas KC-292. The following action was taken:

(1) Instructions on when and how to hold 1st echelon maintenance on the equipment were provided on site to all units.

(2) Some antennas were moved to better locations.

(a) After proper preventative maintenance was held all CACOs were able to communicate directly to Group Headquarters with no further problems encountered.

c. Equipment Status. A KT 524 was installed in the Group combat operations center utilizing a battery charger with two 12 volt wet cell batteries for power. This provides 100% direct communications to all units. A recommendation is being considered to request RT 524 radio sets with 110 volt power supply for all CACO Headquarters.

d. Combat Operations Center. Communication traffic increased by approximately 5% over November and 10% over October. The following communications traffic was passed internally through the Combat Operations Center on the Group admin net:

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(1) Incoming Messages	371
Outgoing Messages	413
Spot Reports	306
Intelligence Reports	20
Casualty Reports	46
Daily Summaries	248
Total Traffic	1404

e. Communications Supply. Requisitions for new communications equipment previously submitted are still outstanding. Requisitions processed for December are as follows:

(1) Requisitions Submitted	15
Requisitions Filled	3
Requisitions Outstanding	12

f. Maintenance. There was an increased number of equipment Code "H" in December. Handsets H-189 represented 98% of Code "H" equipment. Support provided by FSK during December is as follows.

(1) Number of Work Requests	94
Number of Work Requests Code "H"	34
Number of Work Requests Completed	50
Number of Work Requests Incomplete	10

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## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Dec                    CAP 2-3-5 swept site of previous spooky and arty mission. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 M-72 captured at grid BT072556.

                          CAP 2-5-4 paid one VN boy 1,000 piasters for information on the location of 1 105 round.

2 Dec                    CAP 2-3-4 found 1 M-72 at BT080563, Results 1 M-72 destroyed.

3 Dec                    CAP 2-5-1 while on patrol picked up 1 VC who led patrol to house which contained 1 ChiCom grenade and 1 M-26 grenade at BT046613.

                          CAP 2-3-5 sighted 6 boats taking uniformed personnel across river at BT194-557. Called fire mission resulting in 3 boats destroyed.

                          CAP 2-3-5 destroyed a mine planted near a bridge at BT027700.

                          CAP 2-5-3 while on patrol found 1 claymore mine pointed towards CAP 2-5-3 compound. The mine was disarmed.

                          CAP 2-5-5 heard firing in the village at BT027667. Went to investigate found 1 VN security agent killed by an AK-47 round. Also found 2 105mm rounds hidden. The two rounds were blown in place.

4 Dec                    CAP 2-3-5 spotted 4 boats with approximately 16 VC. Called fire mission and sank all of them. No confirmed enemy KIA although no swimmers were observed.

                          MTT-2 accompanied sweep with PFs and RDs and National Police which apprehended 17 VCS at BT040790.

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CAP 2-3-5 spotted movement around boat on shore. Called fire mission. Results: 1 VC KIA.

CAP 2-3-5 spotted 4 boats at BT068554. Called for fire mission. Results 4 boats destroyed.

5 Dec

CAP 2-3-3 was led to a cache of 58 2.75 rocket rounds by local civilian information. The ammo was blown in place at BT043576.

6 Dec

CAP 2-7-5 ambush captured 1 VC, 1 AK-47, 2 ChiCom grenades and rice at AT929854.

CAP 2-9-1 ambush killed 1 VC at AT889469.

7 Dec

CAP 2-5-9 was deactivated. This compound was leveled by District Forces as it served no purpose in its old location.

CAP 2-3-4 patrol found 1 105mm round and blew it in place. Then 2 VN children showed them the location of 3 60mm rounds. Blew all rounds in place.

CAP 2-5-6 patrol found 2 bangalore torpedoes, 2 RPG rounds and 1 ChiCom grenade at BT005704.

8 Dec

CAP 2-7-5 killed 1 VC and wounded another during ambush at AT918856.

CAP 2-5-1 in Hoa Vang District has been redesignated CAP 2-7-6 and is officially part of CACO 2-7 as of 0800H.

CAP 2-5-2 in Hoa Vang District has been redesignated CAP 2-7-7 and is officially part of CACO 2-7 effective 0800H.

CAP 2-7-5 ambushed 30 VC at AT920855. Results 1 VC KIA, 2 VC POW (WIA).

CAP 2-5-4 VN man reported the whereabouts of 1 81mm HE round. The VN man was paid 600 piasters.

9 Dec

CAP 2-8-3 killed 4 VC from ambush, at grid AT900806.

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CAP 2-3-3 was officially designated as mobile CAP 2-3-3 at 0800H working in the vicinity of grid squares (BT0357-BT0457).

CAP 2-8-3 Villager turned in 1 AK-47 rifle he found at AT900806. Villager was paid a reward.

13 Dec

CAP 2-9-1 found one box mine in road outside of compound at AT865487.

CAP 2-3-2 patrol made contact with a squad size force of VC. Results were 1 VC KIA and 5 VC POW plus 50 pounds of rice at BT044598.

CAP 2-1-3 were led to 2 122mm rockets by local civilians. Sent rockets to District Headquarters.

MTT-2 accompanied ARVN and National Police on a sweep which netted 38 VCS at BT040805.

CAP 2-5-4 villager led CAP personnel to 3 booby traps in field at AT986688. The booby traps were destroyed, villager was rewarded.

14 Dec

CAP 2-4-4 was officially designated as mobile CAP 2-4-4 at 0800H to work in the vicinity of (BT1456-BT1556-BT1656).

CAP 2-9-1 ambushed, wounded, and captured 1 VC at AT894468.

CAP 2-5-4 one VN boy reported how he found 1 82mm HE round while working in his rice paddie. Blew 82mm round in place. VN boy was paid a reward.

15 Dec

CAP 2-1-4 while spot checking ID cards apprehended VN male whose name appeared on the current blacklist.

CAP 2-5-4 reported 1 VN boy brought a 81mm round to 2-5-4. Later the same boy brought another 81mm round. Both rounds were destroyed and the boy was paid a reward.

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CAP 2-7-2 reported apprehending 2 VCS at BT074704. 1 VCS confessed to throwing a grenade at a friendly unit. Both were sent to District Headquarters.

17 Dec

CAP 2-3-5 made contact with large VC force. After arty and gunship strike, AO and ground troops confirmed 25 VC KIA at BT074549.

CAP 2-5-4 acting on intelligence passed to PFs by civilians made contact with 5 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA, 2 VC POW(WIA), 1 AK-47, and documents.

CAP 2-3-5 ambush hit VC force, resulting in 1 VC KIA at AT977677.

18 Dec

CAP 2-9-1 received 2 VC Chieu Hoi at AT889469. They were both turned over to District Headquarters.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy reported one toe popper mine at AT976676. The mine was blown in place. The boy was rewarded.

19 Dec

CAP 2-5-6 after blowing enemy claymore made contact with 5 VC, killing 3 VC and wounding another. In addition 2 AK-47, 1 38 cal. pistol, 1 .45 cal pistol, 1 pair binoculars, 1 M-26 grenade, 15 lbs explosive charge, and numerous personal documents, at BT005703.

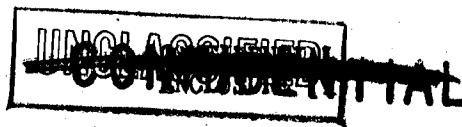
CAP 2-3-6 found 3 bangalore torpedoes at BT062587. Torpedoes were blown in place.

20 Dec

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy turned in 5 toe popper mines. Mines were blown, VN boy was given a reward.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy reported the whereabouts of 2 105mm round booby traps. Booby traps were blown in place. The VN boy was given a reward.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy turned in 1 toe popper mine. Boy was rewarded.



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21 Dec

CAP 2-1-3 VN boy informed USMC of 3 M-26 booby traps. VN boy was given a reward.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy informed Marines of one dud M-79 round. Round was blown in place.

CAP 2-5-4 VN child turned in 1 toe popper mine. Mine was destroyed.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy turned in 1 toe popper mine. Mine was blown in place.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy notified USMC of 3 booby traps. Found to be B-40 rocket booster charges. Booster charges were destroyed.

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CAP 2-5-3 in Hoa Vang District was officially designated as mobile CAP 2-5-3 at 1200H. The old CAP compound has been leveled and materials were salvaged to reinforce hamlet perimeter defenses.

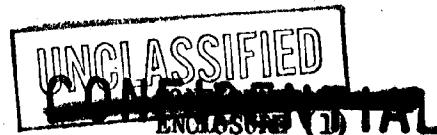
CAP 2-1-1 swept Hoa Phu Hamlet (AT922724) with CAP 2-1-6 as blocking force. CAP 2-1-1 accounted for 14 VC KIA and captured 1 AK-47, 1 Russian light machine gun, 1 shotgun, 2 M-1 grenades, 1 PRC 10, and 6 ChiCom grenades. CAP 2-1-6 enroute to blocking position for CAP 2-1-1 accounted for 10 more VC KIA.

CAP 2-4-2 Interpreter led patrol to ordnance cache at BT120575. Results 1 case of LAAMs, 5 cases of 60mm mortar rounds.

CAP 2-5-4 VN child notified USMC of an M-79 round he had found. Round was destroyed.

23 Dec

CAP 2-1-1 checking out area of previous day's contact found 2 NVA KIA, grenades, medicine, and individual gear at AT922726.



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CAP 2-3-5 on daytime activity made contact with approximately 1 platoon VC, called fire mission, then assaulted killing 2 VC and capturing 1 9mm pistol at BT069548.

CAP 2-1-3 VN child brought in 1 VC hand set and one antenna. VN child was rewarded.

CAP 2-5-4 VN child reported 1 booby trapped 105mm round and 1 rifle grenade. VN boy was given a reward.

CAP 2-5-4 VN child brought to 2-5-4 position 1 toe popper mine. Boy was rewarded.

24 Dec

CAP 2-5-4 on Hoa Vang District operation netted 1 NVA KIA, 4 NVA POW WIA, 2 AK-47, 1 AK-50, 1 M-79, 10 M-26 grenades, and numerous documents at AT995687.

CAP 2-1-1 patrol found 1 NVA KIA at AT923728, as a result of earlier contact.

25 Dec

CAP 2-7-3 was officially designated as mobile CAP 2-7-3 at 1200H operating in the vicinity of AT9382 and AT9383. The old CAP compound was turned over to the Hoa Vang District Chief who will use it for further deployment of PF units.

CAP 2-3-3 received 1 Chieu Hoi at BT051602.

CAP 2-1-1 A civilian led patrol to cache of 20 60mm rounds at AT928726.

CAP 2-3-2 captured one Chieu Hoi at BT051602.

26 Dec

CAP 2-7-2 in operations with 1st MP unit, ARVN company, and District Police killed 4 NVA, captured 7 NVA, 10 shotguns, 1 M-79, 4 AK-47, 2 B-40 rocket launchers, and ammo for above weapons, at AT974786.

CAP 2-8-4 while on blocking position killed 1 VC at AT989786.

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26 Dec

CAP 2-8-2 patrol found numerous fighting holes and various types of booby traps at AT886779. Requested E.O.D. team. Booby traps and fighting holes were blown up.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy found 1 81mm round and 1 M-79 round. Boy was rewarded.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy reported a 105mm round and a 42mm round. Both rounds were blown and the boy rewarded.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy turned in 1 81mm round. Round was blown by USMC personnel. Boy was rewarded.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boys turned in 2 81mm rounds, 1 toe popper mine, 2 ChiCom grenades and 1 105mm round. They were blown in place. The boys were rewarded.

27 Dec

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy turned in a 105mm round to compound. Child was given a reward.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy turned in a 105mm round, 1 M-79 round, and 1 60mm round. All were blown in place by USMC personnel. Boy was rewarded.

First Mobile Training Team completed the construction of CAP 2-9-1 (AT890668) at Mau Chanh (2) and the training of its PF platoon.

First Mobile Training Team was deactivated this date due to critical personnel shortages, and its personnel assigned to CAP units within 2d CAG.

Second Mobile Training Team was officially redesignated as Second Combined Action Group Mobile Training Team with no numerical designation, as of 1200H.

CAP 2-5-4 VN children brought in 3 105mm rounds, 1 m-26 grenades, and 6 M-79 rounds. Children were rewarded.

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28 Dec

CAP 2-2-1 was officially designated as mobile CAP 2-2-1 at 1200H. The old CAP 2-2-1 has been leveled and the reusable gear has been distributed to repair fixed CAP compounds. The 1st Battalion 7th Marines have assumed responsibility for CAP 2-2-1's tower.

CAP 2-5-4 3 VN children turned in 4 HE 105mm rounds, 1 M-79 round, and 1 grenade. Children were rewarded.

CAP 2-5-4 VN boy brought in 2 105mm rounds. Children were rewarded.

CAP 2-5-4 Children turned in 1 105mm round, 1 66mm rocket round, and 1 60mm round. Children were rewarded.

29 Dec

CAP 2-5-4 VN child brought 1 105mm round and 1 dud M-79 round. Child was rewarded.

CAP 2-5-4 VN child brought to this position 3 105mm rounds and 1 M-79 round. Child was rewarded.

CAP 2-5-4 VN child brought to this CAP 6 60mm rounds. Child was rewarded.

30 Dec

CAP 2-4-5 spotted 4 boats at BT207570. Called fire mission and sunk 1 boat with 2 personnel.

CAP 2-4-4 spotted 4 boats on other side of river at BT185444. Called fire mission destroying 2 boats and damaging the other 2.

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## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Change in 2d CAG CAP Status, letters to III MAF
2. ✓ Training Plan Bulletin, 30 Nov 1968
3. ✓ CAP Assignment Bulletin, 21 Nov 1968
4. CAP Commanders Daily Checklist
5. ✓ Popular Forces Training Record
6. ✓ Patrol Ambush Record
7. ✓ Commanders Daily Summary
8. ✓ CAP Operations Statistics Boards, Photographs
9. ✓ Fire Mission Form
10. ✓ Scout Dog and Handlers
11. ✓ Voluntary Information Program Bulletin "Reward Program Payment Guidelines", 24 Dec 1968
12. ✓ Voluntary Information Program Ammunition Photographs
13. ✓ VIP Ordnance Turned in

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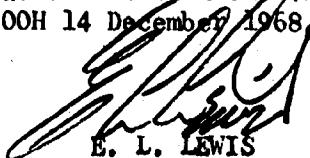
From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: Assistant  
Chief of Staff/Director Combined Action Program)

Subj: Change in 2d Combined Action Group CAO Status; Report of

1. The following change in CAP status is reported.

a. Combined Action Platoon 2-3-3 (BT041578) was officially designated  
as mobile Combined Action Platoon 2-3-3 in the vicinity of grid squares  
(BT0357-BT0457) at 0800H on 10 December 1968.

b. Combined Action Platoon 2-4-4 (BT181588) was officially designated  
as mobile Combined Action Platoon 2-4-4 in the vicinity of grid squares  
(BT1456-BT1556-BT1656) at 0800H 14 December 1968.

  
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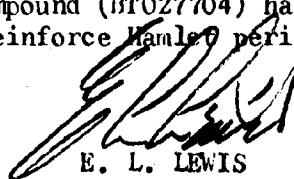
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Chief of Staff/Director Combined Action Program)

Subj: Change in 2d Combined Action Group CAP Status, Report of

1. The following change is reported.

a. Combined Action Platoon 2-5-3 (BT027704) in Hoa Vang District,  
Quang Nam Province was officially designated as mobile Combined Action  
Platoon 2-5-3 at 1200H 22 December 1968. The CAP will operate exten-  
sively in the vicinity of grids (BT0268-BT0269).

b. The old CAP 2-5-3 compound (BT027704) has been leveled and  
materials were salvaged to reinforce Hamlet perimeter defenses.



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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
(Attn: Assistant Chief of Staff/Director Combined Action Program)

Subj: Deactivation of a CAG unit; Report of

1. The following changes are reported.

a. The First Mobile Training Team has completed the construction of Combined Action Platoon compound 2-9-1 (AT890468) at Mau Chanh (2) and the training of its' PF Platoon. This Mobile Training Team has been deactivated this date due to critical personnel shortages, and its' personnel have been reassigned to CAP units within 2d CAG.

b. The Second Mobile Training Team currently training PF platoons in District III, Danang Special Sector is redesignated as Second Combined Action Group Mobile Training Team with no numerical designation, as of 1200H 26 December 1968.

c. Upon graduation of the last PF platoon from District III, Danang Special Sector, the Mobile Training Team will be assigned to the First Combined Action Company, in Hieu Duc District, Quang Nam Province where they are scheduled to train 3 PF platoons.



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Subj: Change in 2d Combined Action Group CAP status; Report of

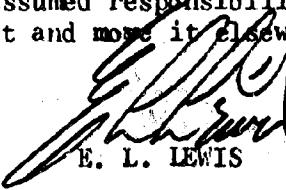
1. The following change is reported.

a. Combined Action Platoon 2-7-3 (AT934832) in Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province was officially designated as Mobile Combined Action Platoon 2-7-3 at 1200H 25 December 1968. The mobile CAP will operate extensively in grids AT9382 and AT9383.

b. The old CAP 2-7-3 compound (AT934832) has been turned over to the Hoa Vang District Chief who states he will use it for further deployment of PF units in that area.

c. Combined Action Platoon 2-2-1 (AT922562) in Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province was officially designated as Mobile Combined Action Platoon 2-2-1 at 1200H 28 December 1968. The mobile CAP will operate extensively in the vicinity of grids AT9056, AT9156 and AT9157.

d. The old CAP 2-2-1 compound has been leveled and the reusable gear has been distributed to repair fixed CAP compounds. The 1st Battalion, 7th Marines have assumed responsibility for the CAP 2-2-1 tower. They will dismantle it and move it elsewhere in their TAOR.

  
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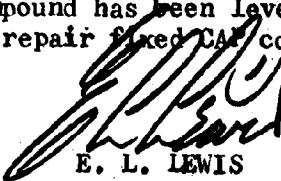
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: Assistant Chief of Staff/Director Combined Action Program)  
Subj: Change in 2d Combined Action Group CAP status; Report of

1. The following changes in CAP status are reported.
  - a. Combined Action Platoon 2-1-1 (AT921724) in Hieu Duc District, Quang Nam Province was officially designated as Mobile Combined Action Platoon 2-1-1 at 1800H 28 December 1968. The mobile CAP will operate extensively in the vicinity of grids AT8971, AT9071 and AT9072.
  - b. The old CAP 2-1-1 (AT921724) has been turned over to the Hieu Duc District Chief who will use it for further deployment of PF units in that area.
  - c. Combined Action Platoon 2-2-4 (AT865574) in Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province was officially designated as Mobile Combined Action Platoon 2-2-4 at 1800H 7 January 1969. The mobile CAP will operate extensively in the vicinity of grids AT8557, AT8657 and AT8658.
  - d. The old CAP 2-2-4 compound has been leveled and the reusable gear has been distributed to repair fixed CAP compounds.

  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: Assistant Chief of Staff/Director, Combined Action Program)

Subj: Change in 2d Combined Action Group CAP Status; Report of

1. The following changes in CAP status are reported.

a. Combined Action Platoon 2-5-9 was deactivated on 7 December 1968. This compound has been leveled by the District forces as it served no purpose in its old location.

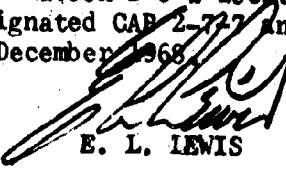
(1) The 2-5-9 PF element continues to operate in this village in a semi-mobile status and is effectively controlling their assigned areas.

(2) The U. S. Marine element of CAP 2-5-9 has been transferred to CACO 2-4 in a Cadre status awaiting assignment as new CAP 2-4-6. This nucleus of five Marines has been distributed throughout CACO 2-4 to temporarily fill vacancies caused by the recent large output of personnel during the holiday season. They will, however, remain designated as Cadre for the formation of CAP 2-4-6. Contingency plans call for the activation of CAP 2-4-6 in an area to be re-occupied by civilians presently located in a refugee camp in Hieu Nhon District. Activation of this CAP is contingent on approval or disapproval of plans presented for eventual relocation of CAP's outside Quang Nam Province and the availability of adequate personnel for forming a complete CAP.

b. Two CAP's have been redesignated temporarily for better centralized control by CACO's. A complete redesignation of CAP's will be effected as soon as information on the status of CAP's to be moved out of the province is received by this Headquarters.

(1) Combined Action Platoon 2-5-1 located at (BT071701) in Hoa Vang District has been redesignated CAP 2-7-6 and is officially part of CACO 2-7 effective 0800H, 8 December 1968.

(2) Combined Action Platoon 2-5-2 located at (BT059700) in Hoa Vang District has been redesignated CAP 2-7-7 and is officially part of CACO 2-7 effective 0800H, 8 December 1968.

  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Training Plans

Ref: (a) 2d CAG Order P3000.1 of 10 Nov 1967  
(b) ForceO 3121.4B of 22 Jun 1968

1. Purpose. To promulgate amplifying instructions for the preparation of training plans as required by reference (a).

2. General. The training objectives of the CAG are to enhance the military knowledge and combat effectiveness of the CAPs and to monitor the efforts of all CACO's in providing a training program for all CAP personnel, both USMC and PF's, that will be responsive to the individual requirements of each CAP. This will be accomplished through regularly scheduled periods of instruction in basic and specialized military subjects. The dispersion of the CAPs and the limited number of personnel available at the CAG level to assist with instruction places the responsibility for the majority of the instruction on the squad leader and the CACO's.

a. To the extent possible, schools and centralized training conducted at CAG Headquarters location or at Combined Action Program level will be utilized to supplement field instruction. An example of this is the Vietnamese language school at Program Director level. Additionally, contact training teams will be provided periodically for instruction of a more technical nature. These contact teams will present instructions to the designated personnel assembled on the CACO level.

b. Squad leaders (CAP Commanders) will develop a General Military Subject Training (GMST) program directed toward improving the combat effectiveness of his squad and PF counterparts. Training will be conducted daily utilizing field and training manuals, tactical trends and training tips, Guidebook for Marines and current guidance from the CAG and CACO Headquarters. Emphasis will be placed on weapons and ordnance employment and safety. Emphasis should also be placed on marksmanship, communications security, current tactical trends, Vietnamese language for Marines, English language for Vietnamese, and first aid. All instructions will be presented with the intent to fulfill the requirements set forth in reference (b) to eventually train the CAP so that the USMC element can be withdrawn and the PF's can assume the responsibilities of the CAP in protecting their own hamlets or villages. Practical application is encouraged to supplement lecture type instruction.

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c. Popular Force personnel should attend at least one hour of instruction daily. To encourage attendance, one hour of GMST instruction should be planned during the evening hours just prior to darkness when all members of the platoon are present. This is the best period for maximum participation. Instructions can also be scheduled for the PF's left behind on a daily basis in the compound or as the day security force for the mobile CAPs. This instruction however usually has to be repeated several times on each subject so that all hands received it. It is realized that this is a trying task especially in the mobile CAP concept but it can be accomplished with proper evaluation of assets and scheduling. The ultimate goal is to thoroughly train the counterparts in as short a period of time to allow us to move a Marine element to a new location to train others.

3. Action. CACO Commanders will require all CAP Commanders to submit training plans for their specific CAP's one month in advance. Maximum assistance and guidance will be provided the CAP's by the CACOs in arriving at a realistic, and comprehensive plan. CACO's will review each plan, make appropriate changes, consolidate their CAP plans into a composite CACO plan and submit it to this Headquarters using Enclosure (1) as format for submission. This completed plan will arrive at the CAG Headquarters on the 25th of the month preceding the month of training. The first plan will be due December 25th for the month of January 1969.

4. Cancellation 30 May 1969.

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 To: Commanding Officer, 2d Combined Action Group (Attn. S-3)

Subj: Training Plan, Submission of

1. The training plans for CAP units of CACO \_\_\_\_\_ are submitted below:

a. General Military Subjects:

SUBJECT	HOURS SCHEDULED FOR USMC	HOURS SCHEDULED FOR PF's	COMMENTS
(1) Patrolling			
(2) Ambushes and Listening Posts			
(3) Coordination of Supporting Arms			
(4) Fire Missions, Fire Control, and Calls for Fire			
(5) Air Support			
(6) Med Evac Procedures			
(7) Defensive Operations and internal defensive system			
(8) Field Fortification			
(9) Wire Obstacles			
(10) Battlefield Illumination			
(11) Map Reading			
(12) Compass			
(13) Marksmanship (to include night firing procedures)			

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SUBJECT	HOURS SCHEDULED FOR USMC	HOURS SCHEDULED FOR PF's	COMMENTS
(14) Weapons Security and Safety			
(15) Care and Cleaning of Arms and Equipment			
(16) FAM Firing			
(17) First Aid and Life Saving Steps			
(18) Sanitation and Hygiene			
(19) Mines and Booby Traps			
(20) Employment of Defensive Mines			
(21) Current Events			
(22) Vietnamese Language			
(23) English Language			
(24) Communications			
(25) Radio Procedures			
(26) Communications Security			
(27) Vietnamese History and Traditions			
(28) Enemy Tactics and Trends			
(29) Troop Leading Procedures			
(30) Five Paragraph Orders			

b. Training to be Conducted by CACO Level Teams on Special Subjects:

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SUBJECT	HOURS SCHEDULED FOR USMC	HOURS SCHEDULED FOR PF'S	COMMENTS

c. Centralized Training at CAG level (Submit names and school to be attended)

Example:

Cpl. B. A. MARINE - Vietnamese Language School  
Class convening 24 Jul 69.

d. Request for Contact Team Training For Month of \_\_\_\_\_.

Example: Request that an engineer contact team be provided by 2d CAG for CACO 2-9 during week of 26 Jan 1969 for a block of five hours instruction on defensive mines.

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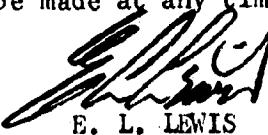
Subj: Assignment of responsibilities within CAP units of this Command

Encl: (1) CAP Assignments

1. Purpose. To promulgate a standard CAP organization list to all CAPs in 2d CAG.

2. Background. Continued inefficiency in management of assets, personnel and available time indicates a need for CAP Commanders to assign specific duties to personnel in their CAPs. These Duties will effectively cover the majority of tasks covered in the CAP Commanders daily checklist.

3. Action. Combined Action Company Commanders will ensure assignments are made within each CAP as indicated in enclosure (1) immediately upon receipt of this bulletin. Recommendations for refinements and changes to the CAP organization may be made at any time.



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1. CAP Commander. Performs duties as CAP Commander and directly controls the efforts as described in assignments listed below; supervises all phases and facets of work and operations assigned by higher headquarters. Personally checks progress on a daily basis and ensures all regulations and orders are carried out. Is charged with the responsibility for and combat readiness of all men in his Marine Squad; closely coordinates with and assists the PF Platoon Commander or "Honcho"; is responsible for execution of all duties described in this document.
2. Assistant CAP Commander. Performs duties of CAP Commander during his absence; assists the CAP Commander in direct supervision of the performance of duties of each CAP member; performs any other duties as assigned by the CAP Commander.
3. Ammunition NCO. In charge of ammunition bunker and ammunition issued to troops; makes recommendations to CAP Commander on condition or work required to service, clean or store PF ammo; checks ready service ammo in trenches, living spaces, fighting bunkers and other locations for required amounts and serviceability; requests ammunition resupply; arranges for disposal of class III ammo; keeps ammo on hand and expenditure records; assures that all ammo is cleaned and ready for use at all time; redistributes ammo as required; performs other duties as directed by CAP Commander.
4. Personnel Records NCO. Is responsible for maintenance of all personnel records in CAP to include, rosters of all PF's; PF attendance records, current rosters of all USMC personnel, logging personnel in and out of the compound for visits to CAG or other locations other than operational duties; performs other duties as directed by the CAP Commander.
5. Security NCO. Is responsible for security of the Compound or mobile CAP; checks wire to make sure it provides adequate protection; repairs the wire; checks positioning of claymores and makes recommendation to the CAP Commander on emplacement of mines and other security elements; is responsible for bunker security watch assignments coordinated with the CAP Commander; checks alertness of security of both PF's and USMC and performs other duties as directed by the CAP Commander.
6. Operations NCO. Responsible for coordinating all efforts pertaining to operations. Works with the CAP Commander and assists him in: planning and coordinating patrols; planning and coordinating listening posts and ambushes, submission of overlays and plans to adjacent and senior commands; planning for supporting fires; instructing other CAP members of support availability, supervises briefing of members of night and day activities; supervises debriefing; maintains Patrol/Ambush record sheets and forwards them for CACO's signature and comments; keeps records on all operational activities in a chronological logbook; maintains records of liaison effected and what was discussed and agreed upon; maintains current friendly situation maps as required; performs other duties as assigned by the CAP Commander.

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7. Area Police Man. Is responsible to the CAP Commander for the police of the area; coordinates with the CAP Commander on assigning individuals to work details; supervises the police of the compound or mobile CAP haven; burns and/or disposes of all garbage and trash; conducts police of all living spaces and bunkers. Performs other duties as directed by the CAP Commander.

8. Facilities Man. Is responsible to CAP Commander for upkeep of existing structures, bunkers, positions, fighting holes, towers etc.; recommends priorities of work to CAP Commander; submits plans for construction; submits lists of timbers and material for construction; coordinates with CAP Commander on availability of troops for working parties; submits recommendations for improving living conditions of both PF's and USMC Personnel to CAP Commander; performs other duties as assigned by CAP Commander.

9. Supply Man. Is responsible to CAP Commander for all supply matters; controls receipts of supply items from CACO; accounts for all supply items; surveys worn out or unserviceable gear excluding ammunition; accounts for all weapons issued; requests resupply of all items to support CAP with approval of CAP Commander; draws and issues expendable items; controls issue of rations; makes arrangements for hot chow; is responsible for proper security of all supply items; performs other duties as assigned by CAP Commander.

10. Civic Action NCO. Is responsible to CAP Commander for; keeping CAP members current on Civic Action programs underway in TAOC; coordinates newly initiated programs affecting the pacification effort in nearby hamlets; schedules Vietnamese and English language classes and assists in their administration; coordinates with and assists the CAP Corpsman in MedCap programs; submits recommendations for and coordinates efforts in the self-help program; keeps a record of Civic Action fact sheets, UASID technical manuals and special reports and studies disseminated to CAPs; closely monitors the Chieu Hoi program efforts of the CAP and makes recommendations to the CAP Commander for related PsyOps efforts in that direction, such as leaflets on the Chieu Hoi program etc; closely monitors the actions of the CAP members as regards courtesy and harmonious relations with the local civilians; performs all other duties as directed by the CAP Commander.

11. Training NCO. Is responsible to the CAP Commander for; monitoring the CAP training program as promulgated by CACO; keeps training records up to date on Marines and PF's; monitors FAM firing and test firing of weapons; maintains training manuals for PF instruction; maintains lesson outlines and plans for instruction; keeps records and submits reports on training conducted to CACO headquarters; conducts other duties as assigned by the CAP Commander.

12. Intelligence NCO. Is responsible to the CAP Commander for; dissemination of all intelligence information from higher headquarters to all members of the CAP; debriefs day and night activities with CAP Commander; insures that intelligence information gathered is passed up to CACO headquarters; coordinates efforts of Kit Carson Scout if any are assigned; coordinates

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efforts and assignments of Scout Dog handlers; maintains enemy situation map of enemy contacts or activities in the CAP TAOC; maintains records of captured documents, gear, ammunition or weapons; performs other duties as directed by the CAP Commander.

13. CAP Corpsman. Advises the CAP Commander on all matters pertaining to health, sanitation, hygiene and medical matters; hold regular sick call on PF's and Marines; trains the PF Corpsman; trains local civilians as nurses and medics; prepares and conducts medical instruction for CAP members; conducts MedCaps in local villages; requests medical resupplies in accordance with existing regulations; performs other duties as directed by 2d CAG Chief Corpsman and the CAP Commander.

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## CAP Commanders Daily Checklist

CAP Squad Leader Daily Checklist

Certain minimal acceptable standards must be met within each compound in 2nd CAG. In order to provide guidance for uniformity and impetus of effort the items on this list will be checked on a daily basis. All CACO's, CAP Commanders or their designated assistants will insure that full attention will be provided on all items. Indications that these checks have been accomplished will also indicate that an NCO has in fact supervised their execution and that the tasks have been satisfactorily accomplished. This is by no means a firm all encompassing list. Some areas applicable to only one individual CAP must also be checked daily.

1. Operations.

a. Daytime and nighttime activities for tonight and the next day have been coordinated as follows:

- (1) Exact Patrol route submitted.
- (2) Check points fixed and assigned.
- (3) Preplanned fires assigned, approved.
- (4) All CAP members advised of concentration locations and assigned concentration designation numbers.
- (5) Patrols, Ambushes, Listening Posts and all CAP activities coordinated with supporting units.
- (6) Reaction force commander notified of best routes into CAP TAOC (tactical area of coordination). Report this process as often as the reaction force is changed. Consider all possible sites within TAOC where help may be needed.
- (7) Overlays of all operations submitted to supporting unit and to senior command as approved by CACO.
- (8) III MAF Form 14-6(10-68) for Patrol/Ambush Record is filled out properly.
- (9) Yesterdays Patrol/Ambush form has been submitted to CACO for CACO remarks and signature.

	Accomplished						Checked by
	S	M	T	W	F	S	
(1)							
(2)							
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(10) Todays and tonights assignments for activities and security have been posted - all troops aware of assignments.

(11) Any difficulties in coordination reported to CACO.

(12) Situation map available and up to date.

## 2. Security.

The compound/haven area has been inspected for the following:

(1) Claymores.

(a) Defused

(b) Mines picked up and secured.

(c) Wires rolled up, checked on meter for serviceability.

(d) Claymores in wire or strapped in where no one can tamper with them will have the hell boxes removed and wires rolled up. Periodic removal of these wires (every 2 - 4 days) from the mines and caps for a circuit check will be made.

(e) Mines not stored with caps unless in the canvas sack made for such purpose.

(f) Caps not stored with any high explosives.

- (g) Caps stored out of direct sunlight in clean dry location.
- (h) Mines, wires, hell boxes cleaned before storing.

(i) Mines in place checked to insure nobody has tampered with them (such as turned around).

### 3. Ammunition.

a. Expenditures from previous 24 hour period recorded.

b. Requisitions for resupply of ammo to  
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c. Troops checked for adequate amount.									
d. Ammo previously issued to troops spot checked for dirt, rust.									
e. Ammo bunker inspected for storage, neatness, separation of ammo by type.									
f. Ammo log up to date.									
g. Area checked for loose ammo scattered in compound.									
h. PF ammo spot checked for cleanliness and PF leader advised of result.									
i. Wet ammo dried out.									
j. Unserviceable ammo disposed of.									
k. Ready service arms in trenches and fighting positions cleaned, dried, ready for use.									
<b>4. Weapons.</b>									
a. Inspected for serviceability.									
b. Test fired (when applicable).									
c. Inspected for cleanliness.									
d. All men familiar with and cross trained in use of crew served weapons.									
e. Firing tables available for mortars.									
f. Aiming stakes in place.									
g. Range cards made up for M-60's.									
h. Alternate positions for all crew served weapons familiar to everyone.									
i. Are fields of fire clear?									
j. Zones of fire assigned.									
k. Training conducted for new men on all weapons.									

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1. LAAWs secured and cleaned.
- m. M-79's cleared.
- n. All weapons accounted for.
  - o. All weapons cleared in compound. Individual weapons - no round in chamber, machine guns at half load. (in haven area for mobile CAPs)
  - p. All weapons checked for spare parts.
5. Defense.
  - a. Assignments made for each man in event of attack by day or by night.
  - b. Alternate defense plan understood by all hands.
  - c. Assignments made to all crew served weapons (sequence of who will be manning each weapon in event someone gets hit).
  - d. Wire checked for adequacy of protection.
  - e. Wire checked for possibility of tampering.
  - f. Fighting holes cleaned out.
  - g. Positions repaired as necessary.
  - h. Flares ready with ready service ammunition.
  - i. Listening posts assigned.
  - j. Two third's (2/3) of personnel assigned on activities outside the wire/haven area during period of reduced visibility.
  - k. Troops have all necessary protective equipment such as flak jacket, helmets, gas masks.
  - l. Alert drill held (2 time weekly or as needed).

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## 6. General.

a. Thorough police of CAP compound/haven area to include.

- (1) Picking up all trash.
- (2) Burning all trash.
- (3) Transporting trash to dump (when ever the trash piles up).
- (4) Cleaning heads and urinals and burning wastes or digging & filling slit trenches.
- (5) Cleaning all living spaces/haven areas.
- (6) Cleaning out fighting bunkers and holes.
- (7) Clearing fields of fire around perimeter. (cutting grass, spraying of defoliants and burning).

b. Inspection of personnel to include:

- (1) Cleanliness and grooming.
- (2) Haircuts.
- (3) Serviceability of clothing.
- (4) Personal problems handled ASAP.
- (5) Request Mast.
- (6) Arms and equipment.
- (7) General knowledge of CAP activities.
- (8) Special services gear distributed.
- (9) Re-emphasis on military courtesy daily.
- (10) Mail distributed and readdressed if required.
- (11) All troops have dog tags. Two tags around neck and one on their right boot plus a spare.

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(12) All troops have I. D. Cards.

c. Get radio log up to date and check for:

- (1) Patrols/Ambushes logged leaving, crossing check points and returning to compound.
- (2) Listening posts departing and arriving.
- (3) Contacts as occurring.
- (4) Radio checks every 30 minutes.

d. Inoperative equipment returned to CACO for action.

e. First echelon maintenance held.

f. Prototechnic clean and available for immediate use.

8. Medical.

a. Has the CAP Corpsman:

- (1) Checked head for sanitation.
- (2) Held sick call on PFs and Marines.
- (3) Have available malaria tablets and salt tablets.
- (4) Held or scheduled activities concerning MedCaps.

9. Mobile CAPs

a. In addition to applicable portions of the above checklist the mobile CAP commander will perform these additional checks.

- (1) Check security of perimeter to assure troops are alert (rotate this duty so as to have constant supervision)

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(2) Check troops to insure no unnecessary gear is carried. Spare gear is stored at CACO.

(3) Coordinate with all local forces on planned activities.

(4) CAP night haven selected during the day prior to use. Don't broadcast or indicate where CAP will stay.

(5) Provide local security at all times while anyone is in Haven.

(6) Haven sites selected prior to use and scouted out.

(7) Night haven changed from day haven.

(8) Movement to pre-selected night haven made after dark.

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## POPULAR FORCES TRAINING PERFORMANCE RECORD

(NAME)

## (SUBJECTS)

## PATROLS &amp; AMBUSHES

- Patrol Order
- Combat Formations
- Immed. Action Drills
- Ambushes
- Patrol Coordination
- Patrol Debriefing
- Village Search

## C.P. DEFENSE

- General Orders
- Challenging
- C.P. Defensive Systm

## DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS

- Field Fortifications
- Wire Obstacles
- Defensive Fires
- Request for Fire Spt

## MAP READING

- Orientation of Map
- Map Symbols
- Map Legend
- Using Coordinates

## MARKSMANSHIP

- Sight Picture
- Sight Alignment
- Trigger Squeeze
- Weapons Safety
- Range Firing

## WEAPONS TRAINING

- Assembly & Disassembly  
of all CAP Weapons
- Care and Cleaning
- Fam Firing

## FIRST AID &amp; HYGIENE

- 3 Life Saving Steps
- First Aid for Wounds
- Burns

## Fractures

- Artificial Respiration
- Sanitation & Hygiene

## MINES &amp; BOOBY TRAPS

- Types & Employment
- General Functioning
- Mine Countermeasures
- Booby Traps
- " " Countermeasures

## GOVERNMENT OF RVN

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III MAP FORM 14-6 (10-68)

CAF CACO

PATROL/AMBUSH RECORD

Patrol # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Composition

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Time departed CP \_\_\_\_\_

Time returned \_\_\_\_\_

## Report of Activity

Change to planned patrol (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## **CACO Remarks**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed

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**Commanders Daily Summary**

**A. Unit Sending Report.**

**B. Period covered: 1200H \_\_\_\_\_ to 1200H \_\_\_\_\_**

**C. Reportable incidents: (summarize in chronological order and refer to date/time groups of spot reports previously submitted). If there were any casualties describe how they were sustained, what battle gear they were wearing at the time, what tactics were being employed (friendly & enemy), how they were armed and a brief summary of events leading to occurrence of the casualties. Use of supporting arms (appropriate for the situation, technique of employment, timeliness) CACO comments.**

**D. Friendly Casualties (daily recap)**

- (1) KIA
- (2) WIA
- (3) MIA

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E. **Enemy Casualties (daily recap)**

(1) **KIA (confirmed body count with grid locations):**

(2) **WIA Captured:**

(3) **VCS Captured:**

(4) **Confirmed Enemy captured (break down as VC or NVA)**

(a) **VC:**

(b) **NVA:**

(5) **Weapons captured:**

(6) **Equipment/documents captured:**

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## FIRE MISSION

D.T.G. \_\_\_\_\_

155's

105's

81's

CLEAR BY V.N.

GRID

DANGER CLOSE

OBS. TGT. DIR.

ADJUSTED BY

NATURE OF TGT.

RD. W.P. IN ADJUST

RDS. H.E. IN EFFECT

RDS. ILLUM

FUSE QUICK

FUSE DELAY

V.T.

FIRE WHEN READY

GIVE "GUNS UP"

GIVE "SHOT OUT"

ADD					
DROP					
RIGHT					
LEFT					
REPEAT					
FIRE FOR EFFECT					

END OF MISSION

CHECK FIRE

FIRED BY \_\_\_\_\_

TGT. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REPLOT \_\_\_\_\_

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From: CACO  
To: Commanding Officer (Attn: S-3)  
Subj: Scout Dog Team Report Period \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ from the 3d M.P.  
Name (Last, First, Int) Rank Service No.  
Scout Dog Platoon was TAD to this Company during the above period. He  
worked Scout Dog \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, during this period.  
(Name) (Kennel No.)

2. Performance Data, (Print or Type all answers. If additional space  
is required answer questions on separate appended sheets)

- a. What CAP's assigned?
- b. What guidance or instruction was provided by the Dog Handler for  
the Dog when he was first assigned?
- c. Was the Handler knowledgeable about his job; to what extent?  
(describe fully)
- d. Did Handler attend Patrol/Ambush briefings?
- e. What guidance was provided by the Dog Handler at these briefings?
- f. Did the Handler request any special information or intelligence  
prior to working his dog? (describe)
- g. What basic tactics were utilized when employing the dog?
- h. Did you have to change your combat formations or tactics because  
of the dog?
- i. Where there any peculiar problems brought out during Scout Dog  
employment (such as slowing you down, cause you to spring your ambushes  
too early etc)?
- j. Any resupply problems created because of fresh water nonavailability  
or dog food?
- k. What has been the Marine reaction to the Scout Dog; do they feel  
(more secure), (less secure), (indifferent), (describe fully)?
- l. What has been the PF reaction do they feel: (more secure) (less  
secure) (indifferent)(describe fully)?
- m. What has been the civilian reaction in having the Scout dog around  
the villages?
- n. Have your operations improved as a result of having a Scout dog  
assigned to you?

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o. Do you feel that the Scout Dog Team has been an asset? (Explain why)

p. Would you (be willing to have more) (desire to have more) or (enthusiastic about having more) dogs assigned?

3. In the space provided below and in appended extra sheets if necessary, give a complete narrative summary of factual information to include, but not limited to: capabilities, limitations, tactics used, problem areas, special considerations, results, opinions and recommendations.

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From: Scout Dog Handler  
To: Commanding Officer, 2d Combined Action Group  
Via: CACO

\_\_\_\_\_, was assigned to  
Rank, Name (Last, First, Int) Service No.  
CAP \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ during the period \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE TO SCOUT DOG HANDLER: THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS PROVIDED TO YOU IN ORDER TO BETTER AQUAINT OUR CAP PERSONNEL WITH THE PECULIAR ASPECTS OF EMPLOYING SCOUT DOGS. WE ARE SOLICITING YOUR HONEST ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE USAGE DATA TO ASSIST THOSE SCOUT DOG TEAMS WHICH WILL FOLLOW YOURS IN THE CAP PROGRAM. YOU HAVE PROVIDED US WITH A VALUABLE SERVICE WHICH IS APPRECIATED BY ALL HANDS IN THE CAP PROGRAM. YOUR ATTENTION TO THE BELOW WILL FURTHER ENHANCE OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS.

The following questionnaire/report is submitted by this handler for information. (Print or type all answers. If additional space is required answer questions on separate appended sheets.)

1. Did you receive adequate briefings prior to employment?
2. In what areas could you have received more information?
3. Were you and your dog employed (enough) (too often) (to the full extent of your capabilities)?
4. How could we better prepare the PF's or the Marines for your utilization?
5. Do you feel you were accepted by the Marines as part of their team?
6. Were the tactics employed commensurate with your capabilities?
7. What problems were encountered during tactical employment (how were they solved)?
8. Did you have any resupply problems?
9. Would you (prefer to) (prefer not to) work with the CAP's in the future? Why?
10. In the space provided below and in extra appended sheets if necessary write a narrative account of your tour of duty with the CAP's. Include information on employment, tactics, problem areas, results, and any recommendations you may have towards improving the use of Scout Dog Teams with the CAP's.

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## HEADQUARTERS

2d Combined Action Group  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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GROUP BULLETIN 3410

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Rewards Program, payment guidelines for

Ref: (a) III MAF/I Corps Combined Psychological Operations Order 3-68  
 (b) GrpBul 3410 1/JRD/jec over 25 June 1968

Encl: (1) Maximum and Minimum Payments

1. Purpose. To promulgate pertinent excerts of reference (a) in order to provide a guide in arriving at fair price rates in payment for equipment turned in or information or material volunteered by Vietnamese Nationals to U.S. or other Free World Military Armed Forces units.

2. General. The enemy continues to employ rockets close to our installations and usually operates from heavily populated areas which precludes counter battery or other suppression fires. Mines and explosive devices continue to kill and maim innocent civilians, as well as friendly troops throughout the 2d CAG area of operations at a very high incident rate. The rewards campaign was initiated during the early fall of 1967. While primarily a military effort with marked success within certain areas of ICTZ when compared with previous efforts in the civilian rewards program this past year, efforts have proven that when the PSYOP effort in the rewards campaign is intensively applied toward a specific geographical target area there is an immediate marked increase in the number of civilians who volunteer information concerning the location of arms and munitions. Units of 2d CAG have distributed awards in support of this program totaling over 120,000\$VN. There is no doubt that much of this information on ammunition location, location of rocket positions, turning in of weapons, explosive devices and supply caches has saved a considerable number of lives in 2d CAG areas of operation.

3. Execution. In the continued execution of this operation every possible means of motivating the populace through face-to-face communications will be employed and every effort must be made to sell the rewards program (Tim Sung Giac) until, in the minds of the populace it becomes synonymous with "patriotism demonstrated by turning in enemy weapons and munitions."

a. CACO's and CAPI's will advise all hands of the importance of this program and will disseminate all information contained herein.

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b. Individuals will receive prompt fair payments as soon as possible for information leading to recovery of ordnance or ordnance delivered. The payment scale provided in enclosure (1) will be utilized as a guide for proper amounts to be paid.

c. If funds are not available on the site of the munitions turned in the civilians will be provided a certificate signed by the CAP Commander or CACO which entitles him to collect certain amount of money upon presentations at a specified location on the certificate. It is imperative that prompt payments be made.

d. If only information is provided, it will be checked for validity prior to any reward being paid. Upon confirmation of the information and recovery of any items, the reward will be paid by the unit recovering the items.

e. After payment of the rewards, U. S. Forces will take steps to return individuals to their homes in such a manner as not to publicize the fact that they have turned in arms or munitions or have provided information.

f. A closely monitored accounting system will be put into effect by all CACO's in handling of monies concerned with this program. Books will be kept at the CAG level and will be periodically spot checked by personnel administering the fund on the CAP Directorate level.

g. The payment list provided in enclosure (1) indicates minimum and maximum amounts which may be paid to Vietnamese civilians as rewards for weapons and munitions, or information leading to the recovery of weapons or munitions. The range of rewards is designed to permit the command making the reward flexibility in recognizing the degree of personal dangers the informant might have been subjected to in reporting the information. The minimum is established in order to ensure that attitudes of false economy will not result in payment so small as to be detrimental to the program. CACO's and CAP's will comply with these maximums and minimums in the payments of rewards.

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## Maximum and Minimum Payments

1. The following, dependent on the quality or quantity of equipment in conjunction with the danger to the individual is provided in arriving at a fair price rate for information or equipment turned in by Vietnamese Nationals:

	Min	Max
A. Mines/Booby traps scale from 100\$VN to 1500\$VN.		
(1) Grenade/booby traps - homemade VC from 50 cal or 20mm shells of the "Toe Cutter" variety.	100	300
(2) Grenade/booby traps - homemade VC from beer cans or comparable size.	150	400
(3) Mines/booby traps - homemade Anti-personnel	200	1,000
(4) Mines- Anti personnel in lots of 2 or more each.	300	500
(5) Mines- Anti vehicular homemade of standard U. S. or North Vietnamese (dependent on size used for mine-use following scale as guide:	800	2,000
60mm mortar mine	500	1,000
81mm mortar mine	700	1,500
105 shell or larger	1,000	2,000
*250 lbs or larger bomb	2,000	Special Rate

(6) If any of the above have been rigged either with time device or for command detonation when reported - add 25 to 50% of total scale.

## B. Weapons:

(1) Hand or rifle grenades	500	750
(2) Tear gas grenades	500	750
(3) Pistol	500	1,000
(4) Rifle, Semi-automatic, or bolt action	1,000	1,500
(5) Rifle, Automatic	1,000	2,000
(6) Submachine Gun	2,000	2,500
(7) M-79 Grenade launcher	2,000	4,000

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	Min	Max
(8) Machine gun 30 Cal or 50 Cal	5,000	8,000
(9) Mortar 60mm	5,000	7,000
(10) Mortar 81mm or 82mm	7,000	10,000
*(11) Mortars over 82mm	Special Rate	
(12) Recoiless rifle 57mm	5,000	7,000
(13) Recoiless rifle 75mm or 81mm or 82mm	7,000	10,000
*(14) Recoiless rifle over 82mm	Special Rate	
(15) RPG -7 or RPG 2	5,000	7,000
(16) Arty pieces less than 100mm	15,000	25,000
*(17) Arty pieces over 100mm	Special Rate	
(18) Rockets, 122mm or 140mm or larger (consult higher Hq on rates as many variables are involved such as type of launcher, type of rocket etc)	20,000	65,000

C. Ammunition. Some of the items listed under parag A and B above can be classified as ammunition in most cases but those listed below are categorized as ammunition found in caches or in the area of operations not rigged or for use as a booby trap. In every case a determination will have to be made by the CAP/CAOO on conditions involved in the turning - in of various rounds, dependent on personal danger involved or other extenuating circumstances.

	Min	Max
(1) Small arms ammo - per round up to 50 rds.	5	10
(2) Small arms ammo - per lot (more than 50 rds)	50	500
(3) Grenades - Enemy origin	300	600
(4) Grenades - U. S. Origin	500	1,000
(5) Mortar Ammo 60mm/81mm/82mm W.P.	300	800
(6) Mortar ammo 60mm/81mm/82mm H.E.	500	1,000
(7) Mortar ammo Illumination	200	600

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(8) Artillery Shells and 4.2 mortar rounds.	Min	Max
	500	1,500

\*All items marked will be approved by CAG on Special Rates.

2. In addition to rewards listed above, up to 100,000\$VN will be paid for information that results in the capture or destruction of artillery or 122mm/140mm rockets in position for firing. As much as 100,000\$VN will also be paid for reporting information which results in capture or destruction of enemy base areas, communications sites and logistic storage areas.

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AK-47 rifle	1
8 inch round	1
105mm rounds	32
106mm rounds	2
82mm rounds	4
81mm rounds	9
60mm rounds (HE)	57
60mm rounds (illum)	2
66mm LAAW	3
75mm rocket	1
90mm round	1
40mm (M-79) round	24
Bangalore torpedo	2
Rifle grenades	3
Claymore mines	2
Toe popper mines	11
Mines	8
M-26 grenades	22
ChiCom grenades	8
CS grenades	2
B-40 boosters	3
Blasting caps	3
50 caliber rounds	100
7.62mm rounds	40
30 caliber rounds	100
5.56mm rounds	692
7.62mm (short AK-47) rounds	80
M-16 magazines	4

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