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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. JOO Directive 5200.10

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November 1969 to 30 November 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>Date</u>
2d Combined Action Group	LtCol D. R. CHRISTENSEN	1 Nov 69 30 Nov 69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Combined Action Company	Capt. H. A. BAKER	1 Nov 69 30 Nov 69
2d Combined Action Company	Capt. T. M. BELDON	1 Nov 69 30 Nov 69
3rd Combined Action Company	Capt. W. J. CAMPBELL	1 Nov 69 30 Nov 69
4th Combined Action Company	Capt. H. M. McCLOY	1 Nov 69 30 Nov 69
5th Combined Action Company	Capt. J. R. KNIBBS	1 Nov 69 30 Nov 69
7th Combined Action Company	Capt. G. E. BROWN	1 Nov 69 30 Nov 69
8th Combined Action Company	Capt. R. D. TOMLIN	1 Nov 69 30 Nov 69
9th Combined Action Company	Capt. J. B. SCURAS	1 Nov 69 30 Nov 69

ATTACHED UNITS

Detachment, Kit Carson Scouts, 1st MarDiv G-2 (C-I)
 Detachment, ARVN Interpreters/Translators, III MAF
 Detachment, Medical Section, HQ, III MAF

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2. Locations.

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HQ 2d CAG	Hieu Nhon District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-1	Hieu Duc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-2	Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-3	Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-4	Hieu Nhon District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-5	Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-7	Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-8	Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-9	Duc Duc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer/Civic Action S-5 Officer	Major J. A. McCARTY	1 Nov 69 - 30 Nov 69
S-1 Officer	1stLt. W. J. DECKER	1 Nov 69 - 30 Nov 69
S-2/S-3 Officer	Major L. E. NUGENT	1 Nov 69 - 30 Nov 69
Asst S-2/S-3 Officer	1stLt. R. W. JOHNSON	1 Nov 69 - 30 Nov 69
S-4 Officer/Supply Officer	Capt. J. T. FOX	1 Nov 69 - 30 Nov 69

4. Average Monthly Strength.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>595</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36</u>

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Personnel Administration.

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

(1) Joined

Officers
0

Enlisted
93

(2) Rotated CONUS

Officers
0

Enlisted
74

(3) Transferred within WestPac Command

Officers
0

Enlisted
28

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

Officers
0

Enlisted
19

b. Awards.

(1) Award recommendations during the reporting month were processed and forwarded to FMFPac for approval as follows:

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<u>USMC</u>				<u>USN</u>
<u>SS</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>NCM</u>	<u>NAM</u>	<u>BS</u>
1	2	0	1	0

<u>USMC</u>		
<u>BS</u>	<u>NCM</u>	<u>NAM</u>
1	3	3

(2) During the month, twenty four personnel of the Group received Purple Heart medals as a result of combat wounds.

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c. Casualties. Casualties during the month of November were as follows:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>DAI</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIANE</u>	<u>NBC</u>
USMC	3	0	2	13	10	2
USN	0	0	0	1	0	0

d. Congrints/Splints/Welrep. During the month of November, this Group processed four hardship discharge requests, one undesirable discharge, one unsuitability discharge and one Congressional/splint inquiry.

e. Legal. Legal activities during November were as follows:

<u>Article 32 Investigations</u>	<u>Informal Investigations</u>	<u>NJP</u>
1	3	9
<u>SCM</u>	<u>SPCM</u>	
2	0	

f. Morale and Welfare. The morale of the unit continues to be high and recreational activity was available to all hands.

g. The following Rest and Recuperation (R&R) leave quotas, out of country, were received and utilized:

(1) Out of Country R&R - Quotas	Utilized
33	31

h. Promotions. Promotions effected during the month of November were as follows:

	<u>Meritorious</u>	<u>Regular</u>
Cpl	3	35
L/Cpl	0	51
PFC	0	13

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2. INTELLIGENCE

a. General. The S-3 section had a Lieutenant, Assistant S-2/S-3 but was still lacking a Staff NCO as an Intelligence Chief in November.

b. Enemy Situation. For the first 5 days of November, contact by the CAPs continued at a moderate level. What contact the CAPs experienced was for the most part CAP initiated. Of significance was the return of one Hoi Chanh to CAP 2-2-2 and the kidnapping of a 31 year old VN male, for unknown reason, by twenty armed VC in CAP 2-7-6's TAOC.

A renewed push by the enemy developed in the second week of November. This activity was in line with the start of the enemy's Winter-Spring Offensive. Of note was the fact that the NVA were not involved in any of the contacts. All contact was with VC/VC1. On the 10th a tunnel complex containing weapons, and rounds was destroyed by an artillery mission called in by CAP 2-3-1.

Enemy documents captured on the 4th of November stated that the enemy planned to launch intensive attacks on the 14th and 15th. This action did not materialize. Enemy initiated contact was slight in the third week of November. On the 18th, 5 VN turned themselves in to CAP 2-2-4. The 5 VN did not respond to questioning and were turned over to District Headquarters for further interrogation. Again, this week the CAPs of 2d CAJ had negative contact with NVA forces.

Enemy initiated activity slackened in the final week of November. This was due to two factors. The adverse weather conditions which prevailed at this time hampered the enemy's activities. The enemy concentrated much of his efforts on gathering and storing rice. The enemy avoided contact with CAP forces in an attempt to regroup and prepare for future actions.

c. Enemy Plans and Policies. During November the enemy attempted to initiate a new Winter-Spring Offensive. This attempt was thwarted due to adverse weather conditions and the lack of support the enemy received from VN civilians. The enemy was therefore limited to minor harassing actions against the CAPs.

During November VC/VC1 activities were directed towards haranguing the villagers in an attempt to procure the material and political support required to sustain the enemy's activities. The enemy suffered great difficulties getting the response they needed in the month of November.

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Propaganda themes centered on attempts to discredit the GVN and the pacification policies of the CAP program. Although the enemy planned a high point of activity for the 14th and 15th of the month, no appreciable increase in enemy initiated contacts were noted during this period.

d. Interrogator/Translator. During the month of November, 41 detainees, 11 POW's and 1 Hoi Chanh were turned over by the CACO's to their respective District Headquarters for processing through the DIOCC. Feedback of information produced as a result of these interrogations was provided 2d CAG and the capturing CACO's.

e. Counter Intelligence. Timely and accurate counter intelligence support was supplied to 2d CAG by the 3rd, 5th and 9th Counter Intelligence Teams. Blacklists, agent reports, and interrogation reports were provided to augment the counter intelligence activity of the DIOCC's.

f. Interpreters. 8 Interpreters were employed by 2d CAG during the month of November. 7 were assigned to CACO's and 1 remained at 2d CAG Headquarters.

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

<u>KIA</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>DETAINEES</u>	<u>HOI CHANH</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>1</u>

(1) Weapons and Ordnance Captured.

Weapons

AK-47	6
M-14	1
M-79 grenade launcher	1
9mm pistol	3
.45 cal pistol	2
M-72 LAAM	2

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200 lb bomb	1
155 round	1
105 round	3
RPG propellant charge	1
Claymore	1
VC home-made mines	4
M-79 round	1
M-26 grenade	31
Chicom grenade	23
CS grenade	1
5.56 rounds	100

(2) Equipment Captured

Carbine magazine	1
AK-47 magazine	1
M-16 magazine	8
VC flag	11
Maps	5
Rice	125 lbs

Miscellaneous propaganda leaflets, items of clothing and medical gear.

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3. OPERATIONS.

a. General. Although the enemy planned to kick off his winter-Spring Offensive in November, the CAPs of 2d CAG had no noticeable increase in enemy initiated contact in November over that of October.

Moderate contact with the enemy was experienced in the first week of November. On the 3rd, CAP 2-1-4 initiated SAF on two VC. The two VC were later identified as the VC Village Chief and the VC Security Chief of Hoa Hung. On the 8th contact was made with the largest enemy force seen in November by the CAPs of 2d CAG. CAP 2-4-2 called an artillery strike on an estimated 50 VC resulting in 2 VC killed and 5 M-26 grenades recovered.

There was negative contact made with NVA troops in the second week of November. Two bunker complexes were destroyed, CAP 2-3-1 destroyed a small complex on the 10th. On the 13th CAP 2-3-7 destroyed a larger complex containing 2 AK-47's and 1 M-16 rifle.

Enemy plans called for a high point in activity on the 14th and 15th, these plans did not materialize. Most of the activity in the 3rd week of November involved the CAPs checking VN identification papers. Again no contact was made with NVA troops.

The slackening of contact continued into the final week with the exception of a mortar attack on My Hamlet resulting in 3 VN killed and 14 wounded VN. CAP 2-2-1 called in medevac helicopters for the wounded VN.

b. Mobility. At the end of the reporting period, 2d CAG had thirty-five (35) mobile CAPs and one (1) static CAP.

c. Training. Training plans for the month of November were submitted for approval to the Commanding Officer, 2d CAG by all CACO's in accordance with Group Bulletin 1500. Emphasis remained on training all Marines and PF's primarily in general military subjects such as patrolling, setting ambushes and listening posts, and calling for fire support.

d. Inspections. During the month of November a regular schedule of Staff Inspections was conducted throughout the CAPs. These inspections consisted of detailed critiques of undesirable trends and were submitted to CACO's so they could take corrective action. Also inspected were records being kept and co-ordination accomplished on both the CACO and CAP levels. Supply and communications inspections were also conducted in order to evaluate the state of readiness at the CAP and CACO level, based on usage data compiled at 2d CAG Headquarters.

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(1) Staff Conference. 2d CAG Headquarters continued to hold weekly staff meetings where matters of multiple staff cognizance were discussed.

(2) Combined Action Company C.O.'s Meeting. During the month of November a meeting was held on a weekly basis for all Combined Action Company Commanders and the Headquarters Staff. These meetings are specifically designed for the purpose of working out problems of support and coordination in addition to promulgating command guidance. At each of these meetings the individual CACO CO or his representative gave a projection from the DIACC (District Intelligence/Operations Control Center) concerning intelligence in their area for the coming week.

(3) CAP Commanders Conference. During November one CAP Commanders Conference was held. All agenda items were submitted by the individual CACO Commanders several days prior to the scheduled conference for review. The suggested agenda items were evaluated, arranged in a logical sequence, and distributed at the conference to the individual CAP Commanders as a guide for discussion. November's conference dealt with employment of killer teams, military courtesy/appearance in the CAP and assignment of duties within the CAP. Also discussed were proper methods of briefing and debriefing of patrols/ambushes, and transportation difficulties in the CAP.

f. Special Operations.

(1) Kit Carson Scouts. At the beginning of November 2d CAG employed 7 Kit Carson Scouts in the various CAPs. They participated in 219 day and night patrols, assisted with 32 classes and conducted 10 PsyOps broadcasts. At the end of the reporting period 2d CAG had 10 Kit Carson Scouts deployed in the CAPs. Two of the scouts were marked as U.A. during this period.

(2) Scout Dogs and Handlers. During the month of November, 2d CAG did not deploy any scout dogs or scout dog handlers.

g. Voluntary Information Program. The total amount of funds expended as rewards to Vietnamese Nationals during November for information pertaining to enemy activity and/or enemy equipment and ordnance was 40,530\$VN. This represents an increase of 8,230\$VN over October's payments and a decrease of 4,820 from September. These changes in figures are due to 2d CAG being ordered to pay minimum prices on ordnance and other units surrounding 2d CAG overpaying on V.I.P. payments thereby drawing more of the business than 2d CAG.

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h. Artillery Support. During the month of November 2d CAG units called in 10 artillery fire missions and 3 81mm mortar missions on either suspected or known enemy targets.

i. Air.

(1) Fixed Wing. During November no missions were flown in direct support of 2d CAG operations against the enemy.

(2) Flareships and Gunships. During November no missions were flown in direct support of 2d CAG operations during the reporting period.

Basketball Missions 0

Spooky Missions 0

(3) Medical Evacuation Missions. A total of 15 medical evacuation missions were requested/controlled by 2d CAG units during November. These missions included medevacs for Vietnamese civilians and PFs as well as Marines.

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4. LOGISTICS

a. General. This unit, in November, was in a C-2 category under the Mares/Forstat rating system which reflects a satisfactory operational readiness status for combat essential equipment. The personnel picture improved in November with the addition of a Logistics Clerk to the S-4 Section. The Mares/Forstat reports have become a useful tool in expediting supply support.

b. Significant Events. There was no significant events in the month of November.

c. Damage to weapons due to enemy action.

(1) During this reporting period there was no weapons damaged beyond repair by enemy action.

d. Motor Transport.

(1) The motor transport section logged at total of 26,890 miles and hauled a total 5,821 tons during November.

(2) 3rd echelon maintenance was needed for (7) vehicles:

- (3) M35A2C 2½ Ton Trucks
- (2) M37 3/4 Ton P.C.S.
- (2) 2M151 Jeeps

(3) 4th echelon was needed for (6) vehicles:

- (4) 1M151 Jeeps
- (2) M35A2C 2½ Ton Trucks

(4) Average deadline time was as follows:

- 2d echelon (13) days
- 3rd echelon (16) - (30) days

e. Airlift.

(1) During this period there were no airlifts used by 2d CAG.

f. Messhall. During this reporting period the messhall served a total of 16,432 meals.

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(1) In November the armory repaired 60 weapons, 7 weapons were sent to 1st FSR for third echelon maintenance.

h. Problem Areas.

(1) During this period the arrival of a S-4 Clerk and a warehouse chief alleviated almost entirely the personnel problems existing in the S-4 section. However the failure to receive critical items of equipment such as previously requisitioned M37's (3/4 Ton P.C.'s) and starlight scopes has hampered this units otherwise good supply support picture.

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a. During the month of November Civic Action NCO's from the 2d Combined Action Group continued their efforts to act as liaison between Hamlet, Village and District Officials, in initiating Civic Action and Community Development. Civic Action efforts in med caps, education, distribution of commodities, personnel response and construction projects continued at an acceptable level.

b. Emphasis was put on not using a direct give away program, but rather having participation by the Vietnamese. The CAPs held contests, parties and awarded the material as prizes. Several CAPs gave out trash barrels to their Hamlets under the condition that the people had to hold regular police calls. The CAPs made arrangements to pick up the trash barrels for them. The Hamlet Chief provided the people to dump the trash. With these trash barrels the Hamlets held daily police calls.

c. During the month of November the CAPs continued their work on several construction projects within their TAOC's. The CAPs assisted the people in repairing their roads which were heavily damaged due to the monsoon rains. The CAP Marines and the Vietnamese repaired several bridges which had been washed out or collapsed due to the heavy rains during the month. CAP Marines improved relations with the Vietnamese people in their areas by giving them assistance in helping them repair their Hamlets and villages.

d. Several CAPs had PsyOps Teams come to the Hamlets and villages to show the people and CAP Marines the different customs of the two countries. This led to a better understanding of each others customs.

e. During the month the CAP Civic Action NCO's received numerous gifts from people in the United States. These gifts included clothing, candy, toys and personnel hygiene kits. The gifts were given to the most needy Vietnamese in the CAP areas.

f. Commodities distributed during the month of November were as follows: Food: 42 lb; Soap: 400 lb; Clothing: 1000 lb; School Kits: 2000; Personnel Hygiene Kits: 200; Sewing Kits: 100; Blacksmith Kits: 6; Carpenter Kits: 2; and Masonary Kits: 2.

g. During November CAP personnel of the group assisted Vietnamese civilians in completing the following: Fences: 3; Public Heads: 6; Dwellings: 3; Wells: 1; Bridges: 7; School Classrooms: 2; Family Bunkers: 8; Public Showers: 3; Play Grounds: 1; Roads: 13 miles; Leveling and grading projects: 4.

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h. In November med caps treated 13,202 Vietnamese civilians. 59 dental cases were treated. 40 children and 32 adults were medevaced during the month. 54 civilians underwent basic medical training to act as interpreters for the Corpsman.

i. Psychological Operations Activities employed by the group during the month of November included the use of handouts and air dropped leaflets:

- (1) Approximately 100,000 Chieu Hoi leaflets were air dropped.
- (2) Approximately 30,000 Safe Conduct passes were air dropped.
- (3) Approximately 45,000 Vietnamese news papers were hand distributed by CAP Marines.

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(1) The same problem areas existed as were reported in several previous reports. Lack of T/E items.

- (a) Telephone Set, TA-1 190
- (b) Telephone Set, TA-312 56
- (c) Radio Control Group, GRA-39 26

o. Communications.

(1) Radio Relay. A period of four hours down time was recorded for the MRC-62. Two hours to relocate equipment and two hours power failure.

(2) Security. Call signs and "MIKE" designators were changed on the 10th with no difficulty.

(3) Staff Visits. During the month CACO 2-4, 2-5 and 2-9 were visited. Preventative Maintenance and operating conditions were checked, with the following results reported.

(a) 2-4. The equipment in CACO/CAPs was in good operating condition. Records and logs were maintained properly. The operating site (COC) had about two feet of water. A new COC is being built and will be ready early in December. Preventative Maintenance was satisfactory.

(b) 2-5. Communications in general was outstanding. Equipment was well cared for both in CACO and CAPs. The radio operators were well informed on all aspects of their mission.

(c) 2-9. The equipment in CACO/CAPs was in good operating condition. Records and logs were also maintained properly.

(4) Battery usage (BA-386). 948 BA-386 batteries were used during the month of November. 149 AN/PRC-25 radios were in use.

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(5) Combat Operation Center. Overall communications traffic increased approximately 12%. The following communications traffic was passed through the combat operations center over various nets.

Incoming Messages	598
Outgoing Messages	201
Spot Reports	153
Intell Reports	2
Casualty Reports	34
SIR Reports	2
Commanders Daily Summary	<u>240</u>
Total Traffic	1,230

(6) Communications Supply. Components of end items were in adequate stock throughout the entire month with the exception of whip antennas for the radio set AN/PRC-25. The following list reflects requisition status of communication items.

Requisitions Submitted	23
Requisitions Completed	0
Requisitions Outstanding	23
Total Outstanding	36

(7) Maintenance. Excellent maintenance support on repair of components of end items was provided by Electronic Maintenance Company from FLSG-B. Total support provided by FLSG-B Electronic Maintenance was as follows.

Work Requests Submitted	81
Work Requests Completed	67
Work Requests Outstanding	14
Total Outstanding	29

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a. General: During the month of November emphasis was placed on organization of the 2d Combined Action Group aid station. Supply procedures were initiated and revised to enable the Group Aid Station to more efficiently fulfill its role as Medical Supply point for CAGO's and CAP's.

b. Personnel:

- (1) Medical Department Representative: HMC J. H. BRYSON, USN
- (2) Assistant Medical Department Representative: HML M. RINELL, USN
- (3) Administrative/Sick Call Petty Officer: HM2 D. B. MICHAEL, USN
- (4) Hospital Corpsman Personnel Statistics for the month of November 1969:

(a) Detached	<u>4</u>
(b) Joined	<u>4</u>
(c) Casualties	<u>3</u>

c. Med Caps: During the month of November Combined Action Platoons treated 14,222 Vietnamese civilians through routine Med Caps and treated 10 dental patients. Headquarters Group Aid Station treated emergencies only in the case of Vietnamese civilians and routine care to employees.

d. Training:

- (1) CAP Corpsman conducted a total of 61 classes with an attendance of 521 Health workers of PF Corpsmen.

d. Sanitation:

- (1) Use of iodine tablets in local water was stressed along with avoidance of local ice and foods in CAP units. No unusual sanitation problems were apparent.

f. Inspections:

- (1) Routine inspections of CAP units was conducted. Sanitation inspections of Headquarters compound were conducted also.

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a. The month of November was a steady month for Special Services. The two Hong Kong trips were successful. Our purchasing of gear was some what limited in November due to the drop in monthly income. The income for the month was \$957.00.

b. Almost five hundred paperback books were received during the month of November, from donors in the United States. The paperback books were distributed to all the CAPs.

c. Also during the month of November the regular, weekly ration of beer and soda to the CACOs and CAPs was continued. During this period 508 cases of beer and soda were rationed to the field.

d. Special Services continued its function of handling monthly orders for pre-recorded tapes under the program provided by III Marine Amphibious Force Special Services. During November, Marines and Naval Personnel of 2d CAG purchased 29 tapes.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 Nov 69

A Hoi Chanh turned himself in to CAP 2-2-4 at AT864574, 6 km W of Dai Loc. He was delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation.

3 Nov 69

CAP 2-7-5 patrol base heard movement and moments later received grenades, M-79 and SA fire from an estimated 15 VC at BT053696, 5.5 km SE of the DaNang Airstrip. The CAP returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to break contact and flee W. A daylight sweep of the area revealed 2 blood trails, 10 chicom grenades and 1 M-26 grenade.

At AT954690, 7 km SW of the DaNang Airstrip, CAP 2-1-4 patrol initiated SAF on 2 VC on a trail killing both of the enemy. A search of their bodies disclosed (2) 9mm pistols, (8) M-26 grenades, and various documents which identified the enemy as the VC Security Chief of Hoa Hung and the VC Village Chief of Hoa Hung. The ordnance and documents were turned over to District Headquarters.

CAP 2-3-2 patrol discovered a 50 lb box mine set in series with 6 smaller box mines and rigged for command detonation at BT047612, 3.5 km N of Dien Ban. A wire connected to the 50 lb mine was traced to a nearby house. The CAP detained 15 VN found in and around the house. All the detainees were without ID cards and were turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation. The mines were destroyed.

4 Nov 69

Twenty armed VC entered a hamlet at BT071703, 7 km SE of the DaNang Airstrip. The enemy force kidnapped a 31 year old VN male for unknown reasons and departed to the SE. A CAP 2-7-6 was informed of the incident. PsyOps was contacted.

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CAP 2-1-4 PFs informed CAP USMC that a possible VC meeting might take place in the vicinity of AT955696, 7 km SW of the DaNang Airstrip. The CAP patrol proceeded to the area to set in an ambush. Upon arrival in the area, the CAP spotted and initiated SA on (3) VC trying to flee. (1) VC was KIA, the other two were wounded and captured. A search of the area disclosed (3) AK-47s, (1) M-79 grenade launcher, and (6) M-26 grenades. Reportedly village guerrillas from Hoa Hung Village, the (2) POWs were turned over to District Headquarters for interrogation.

A CAP 2-1-2 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on (4) NVA moving S at AT926715, 8.5 km SW of the DaNang Airstrip. The enemy returned SA and fled N. (1) PF was KIA in the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed (2) NVA KIA, (1) AK-47 and (1) M-26 grenade.

6 Nov 69

Villagers informed District Officials that 2 VC KIA were located at AT914708 10 km SW of the DaNang Airstrip. CAP 2-1-2 was then contacted and dispatched a patrol to the area to confirm the KIA. The CAP located the 2 KIA who were identified by CAP PFs as members of the Hoa Phu village guerrilla force. According to information from local villagers, these VC KIA apparently resulted from a CAP 2-1-2 contact on the night of 5 November.

8 Nov 69

While in a CAP 2-4-3 ambush site, a USMC tripped a booby trap (NFI) wounding himself and another USMC at BT171589 2.5 km NE of Hoi An. The wounded personnel were medevaced and the CAP re-located its ambush site.

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A CAP 2-4-1 ambush initiated SAF on 4 VC at BT177592, 3.5 km NE of Hoi An. The enemy fled NW. The CAP called in artillery illumination and swept the area finding (2) VC KIA, (1) AK-47 (4) M-26 grenades and (4) chicom grenades.

9 Nov 69

A CAP 2-4-5 patrol spotted a small wooden box floating in a river at BT 167573, 2 km W of Hoi An. The box was retrieved and found to contain (1) VC flag and a packet of VC propaganda.

10 Nov 69

Acting on information from a National Policeman, a CAP 2-7-2 and RF patrol located an arms cache and captured (1) VC caught by surprise at BT039628, 5 km NE of Dien Ban. The cache consisted of (1) M-14 rifle, (1) AK-47, (2) .45 caliber pistols, (1) 9mm pistol, (10) sets of black uniforms, 5 maps, and 30 documents. Reportedly a member of the Thanh Truong Village guerrilla force, the POW was delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. The arms and documents were turned over to the RF unit.

A CAP 2-3-1 patrol discovered 3 bunkers connected by tunnels at BT-079595, 1.5 km NE of Dien Ban. A search of the complex revealed 4 chicom grenades, (8) loaded M-16 magazines, (100) rounds of 5.56mm ammunition, (1) RPG propellant charge, and (25) lbs of rice. One USMC was WIA(M) when he tripped an M-79 booby trap near one of the bunkers. The CAP then withdrew from the area and adjusted an artillery mission on the complex destroying the bunkers and tunnels.

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13 Nov 69

A CAP 2-2-1 ambush received M-79 and SA fire from an USEF at AT931579, 1 km E of Dai Loc. The CAP returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to break contact and flee in an unknown direction. Two USMC and (1) PF were WIA(E) in the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed (6) VC KIA and (5) 3-40 rounds.

14 Nov 69

While at its patrol base, CAP 2-2-4 called an 81mm mortar and artillery missions on (7) VC at AT822564, 5.5 km W of Dai Loc resulting in 2 secondary explosions. The enemy fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) 200 lb bomb, (1) 155mm round, (1) 105mm round, (1) bloodstained shirt, and several drag marks. The CAP notified 2/5 Mar which disposed of the ordnance.

15 Nov 69

During a CAP 2-3-6 patrol, a CAP RF tripped a Chicom grenade booby trap wounding himself, (4) USMC and (1) USN at BT060603, 2 km N of Dien Ban. A search for additional booby traps was nonproductive.

16 Nov 69

A CAP 2-4-3 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on (4) VC moving NW at BT168578, 2.5 km NE of Hoi An. The enemy returned grenades, M-79 and SA fire before fleeing to the SE. An element of the CAP ambush pursued the VC and reestablished contact killing (1) VC. A search of the VC's body revealed a letter containing the names of possible local VC. Meanwhile at the original ambush site, (5) VC were spotted and taken under fire with SAF. The enemy fled NW. The ambush then called in an artillery mission on possible routes of escape. A daylight sweep of the area disclosed blood trails and pieces of flesh. The captured document was turned over to District Headquarters. The following morning (2) VN mentioned in the letter were taken into custody by District Officials. Two USMC and (1) PF were WIA(M) in the contact.

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18 Nov 69

(5) VN turned themselves in to CAP 2-2-4 at AT866574, 5 km W of Dai Loc. The VN stated they were from nearby Loc Tan village but refused to respond to further questioning by CAP PFs. Three of the VN had no identification. The (5) VN were turned over to District Headquarters for further interrogation.

20 Nov 69

During a CAP 2-3-6 patrol, (1) USMC detonated a chicom grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device wounding himself and another USMC at BT060596, 1.5 km N of Dien Ban. As the chicom grenade exploded, an estimated 10-12 VC initiated SAF on the patrol which returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee NW. A sweep of the area was nonproductive.

25 Nov 69

A CAP 2-3-2 reaction force was dispatched to reinforce an RF unit which had come under attack by an estimated squad of VC at BT047595, 10 km NW of Hoi An. The CAP linked up with the RFs and employed organic weapons fire and called in an artillery mission. The enemy then fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area revealed numerous blood trails and drag marks.

26 Nov 69

A CAP 2-5-1 ambush shot and killed (1) VC wheeling a bicycle at BT022716, 2 km S of The DaNang Airstrip. District officials confirmed the identification of the KIA as VC.

27 Nov 69

While on patrol CAP 2-9-2 had a PF trip a SFD consisting of a tin can filled with explosive and rigged with a pressure type firing device at AT875494, 9 km SW of Dai Loc. One USMC and (1) PF were wounded in the incident.

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28 Nov 69

At a range of 250m CAP 2-2-4 ambush initiated SAF and AWF on an USEF detected by a P-SID. An AO, working in support of 1/5 Mar, was requested to observe the area. The CAP then called in artillery illumination while the AO flew over the area of contact and reported spotting (2) VC KIA in the vicinity of AT867572, 5 km W of Dai Loc. Using a starlight scope, the CAP shot and killed (2) more of the enemy who were attempting to recover the (2) bodies. The AO again flew over the area under illumination and confirmed a total of (4) enemy KIA. No further enemy activity being observed, the CAP called in artillery H & I fire for the remainder of the night. A daylight sweep of the area revealed the (4) enemy KIA had been dragged away.

A CAP 2-3-6 patrol called an artillery mission on (2) VC spotted moving through a restricted area at ST060605, 2 km NW of Dien Ban. The enemy fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA.

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Subj: Extension of a CAP Tactical Area of Coordination (TAOC)

Encl: (1)- Overlay of present CAP TAOC
(2)- Overlay of extended CAP TAOC

1. In response to a request by the Dai Loc District Chief the TAOC of CAP 2-2-3 has been modified as shown in enclosure (2).
2. This modification is minor but does bring the Hamlet of An My (1) (AT924603) into the TAOC.
3. Concurrence with this modification has been received from the Province Chief, Quang Nam Province and the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment.
4. Although this modification adds very little area to the TAOC it provides security for an additional hamlet and provides the CAP with considerably more flexibility by providing additional haven sites and operating area.

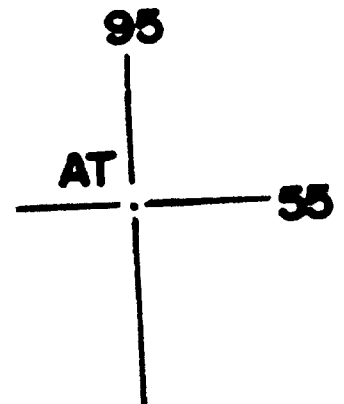
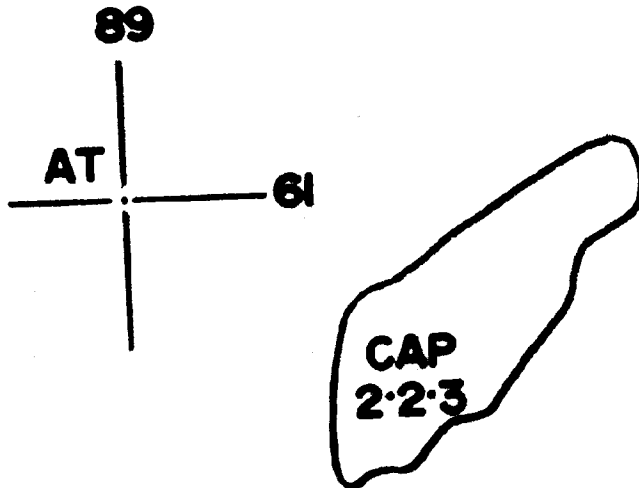
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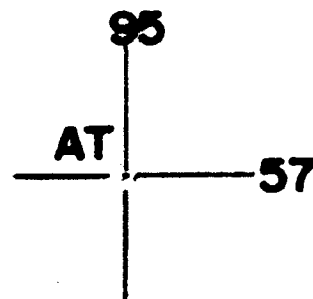
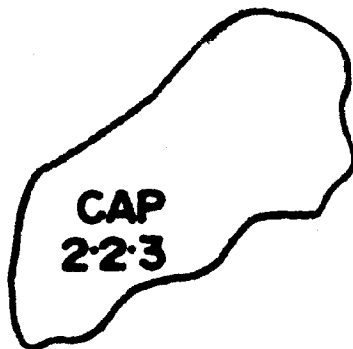
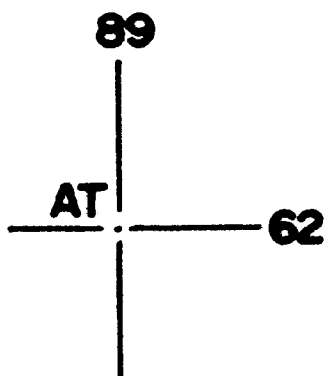
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3. Concurrence with this modification has been received from the Province Chief, Quang Nam Province and the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment.
4. Although this modification adds very little area to the TAOC, it provides security for an additional hamlet and allows the CAP to cover several rice storage areas and infiltration routes from the V.C. controlled areas south of the Vu Gia River.

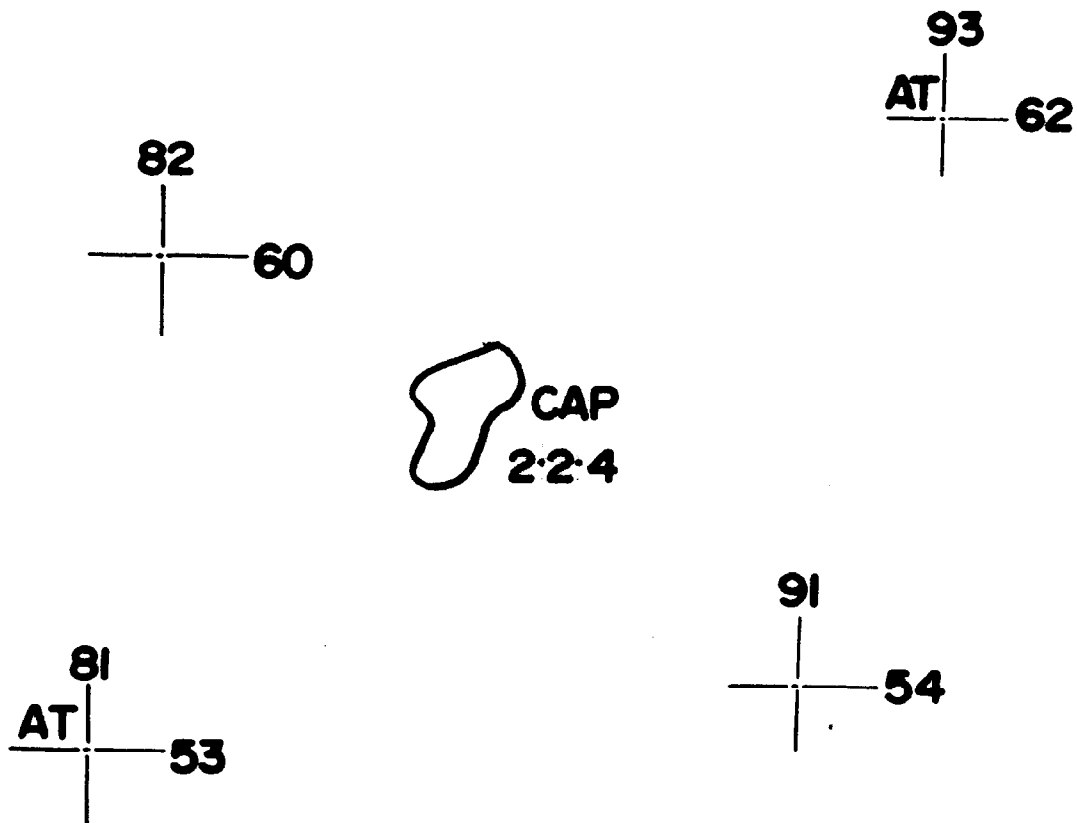
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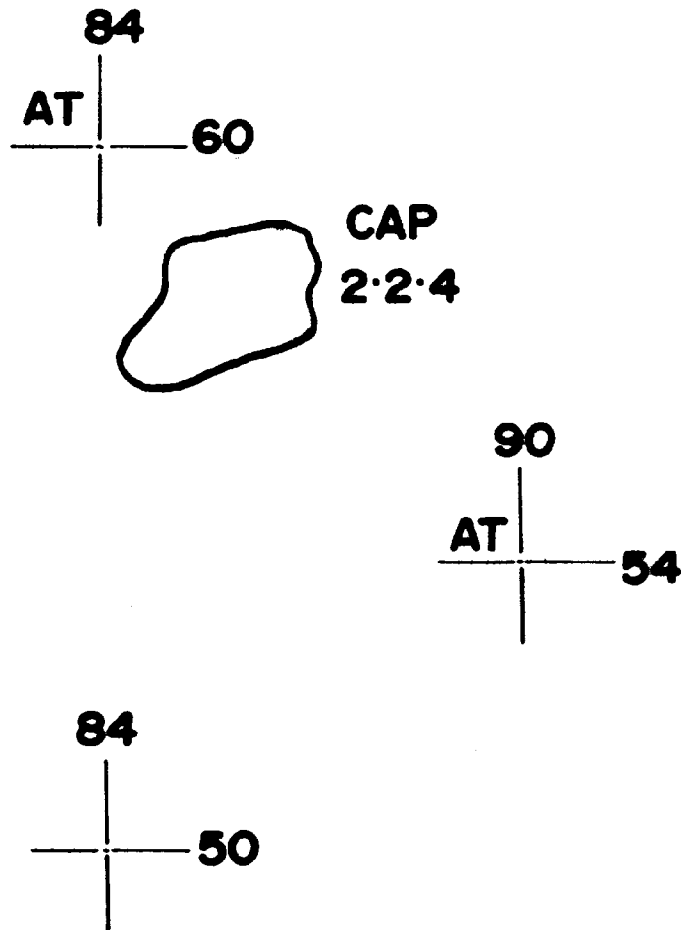
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OVERLAY OF PRESENT CAP 2-2-4 TAOC

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OVERLAY OF EXTENDED CAP 2-2-4 TAOC

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