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III Marine Amphibious Force  
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Encl: (1) 2d Combined Action Group Command Chronology

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

2. Downgraded at 3-year intervals, declassified after 12 years, DOD Dir 5200.10.

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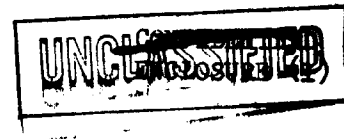
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

## PART I

Organizational Data1. Designation

2d Combined Action Group

CommanderLtCol D. R. CHRISTENSEN  
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)Subordinate Units

1st Combined Action Company

Capt R. D. TOMLIN  
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

2nd Combined Action Company

Capt T. M. HELDON  
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

3rd Combined Action Company

Capt W. J. CAMPBELL  
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

4th Combined Action Company

Capt H. M. MCCLOY  
(1 Mar - 11 Mar 1970)  
1stLt R. W. JOHNSON  
(12 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

7th Combined Action Company

Capt J. B. SCURAS  
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

8th Combined Action Company

Capt J. R. KNIBBS  
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

9th Combined Action Company

GySgt R. E. MCCLELLAND  
(1 Mar - 9 Mar 1970)  
1stLt T. W. COSTELLO  
(10 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)Attached Units

Detachment, Kit Carson Scouts, 1st Marine Division G-2 (C-1)

Detachment, ARVN Interpreters/Translators, III Marine Amphibious Force

Detachment, Medical Section, Headquarters, III Marine Amphibious Force

Detachment, Scout Dog Teams, 3rd MP Bn.

2. Locations

1 March 1970 to 31 March 1970

HQ, 2d CAG

CACO 2-1

CACO 2-2

CACO 2-3

CACO 2-4

CACO 2-7

CACO 2-8

CACO 2-9

Hieu Nhon District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

Hieu Duc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

Hieu Nhon District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

Hoi Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

Hoi Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

Hoi Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

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ExecO/Civic Action, S-5 Off	Maj J. A. MCCARTY	(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)
S-1 Officer	1stLt W. J. DECKER	(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)
S-2/S-3 Officer	Maj L. E. NUGENT	(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)
Asst S-2/S-3 Officer	2ndLt M. A. CARDINALE	(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)
S-4/Sup Officer	Capt J. T. FOX	(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		Others	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
14	620	0	40	0	0

5. End-of-Month Unit Daily Strength

USMC		USN		Others	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
14	598	0	40	0	0

PART III6. Personnel and Administration

a. Personnel Transactions. During the month of March the following personnel transactions were completed.

(1) Joined

USMC	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
2	112

(2) Rotated CONUS

USMC	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
1	111

(3) Reassignment within WestPac

USMC	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	38

(4) Transferred by Service Records While Sick (out of country hospital)

USMC	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	13

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(5) Extension of WestPac Tour Effected

USMC	
Off	Enl
1	1

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

To PFC	_____
To LCpl	48
To Cpl	_____
To Sgt	8

To SSgt	_____
To GySgt	_____
To 1stSgt/MSgt	_____
To SgtMaj/MGySgt	_____

7. Legal Matters

a. Courts held:

GCM 0

SpCM 1

SCM 4

b. Article 32 Investigations: 1

c. NJP: 19

d. JAG-Type Investigations: 1

8. Award Recommendations

SSM: 0

BSM: 3

NCM: 2

NAM: 0

PH: 48

9. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREPS

The command has responded to:

( One ) CONGRINTS

( One ) SPLINTS

( Six ) WELREPS

10. Morale and Welfare

a. R&R. The command has utilized the following number of quotas to the R&R areas listed.

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(1) Hong Kong (7)  
 Taipei (6)  
 Hawaii (11)  
 Okinawa (1)

Japan (3)  
 Bangkok (4)  
 Sydney (12)  
 Manila (2)

(2) In-Country

a. 12

b. Mail. Daily average bags of mail processed:

Incoming

25

Outgoing

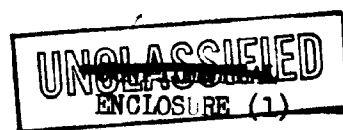
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c. Hospital Visitations. All in country hospital patients are visited weekly by their respective CACO Commanders.

ii. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: ( 0 ) 2 yrs; ( 0 ) 3 yrs; ( 0 ) 4 yrs;  
 ( 1 ) 6 yrs.

Extensions: ( 1 ) 4 months; ( 0 ) \_\_\_\_\_ months;  
 ( 1 ) 6 months; ( 0 ) \_\_\_\_\_ months;



PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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2. INTELLIGENCE.

a. General. A directive, number 4/CT dated 22 Jan 1970 issued by the Current Affairs Committee, Quang Nam Province, Region 5, directed that all military units and districts should provide for their own provisions for five months. This forced concentration of the enemy's efforts on the collection of rice and food stuffs was expected to create a low level of enemy activity, but the opposite proved true.

The first quarter of March started with a terrorist attack on a group of civilians and non-CAP PFs eating in a house 500m E of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The results of this attack, on the first by satchel charge, were 3 VN civilians KIA, 3 non-CAP PFs WIA(E) and 12 VN civilians WIA(E). CACO 2-2 handled the medevac of the wounded and CAP 2-2-1 swept the area with negative results. On the second, the VC initiated an attack on CAP 2-3-2 in Dien Ban District with SAF, RPG fire and AWF resulting in 2 USMC WIA(E), 2 PF (WIA(E) and 1 USN WIA(M). This attack proved to be the start of a high amount of enemy activity in Dien Ban District. This District during March, had the highest amount of both enemy initiated activity, and sightings by friendly forces, of all the Districts protected by 2d CAG units. On the 4th, two PFs of CAP 2-3-1 were WIA(E) when an M-26 grenade exploded as they moved their bicycle to leave the CAP day haven site 800m E of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The M-26 had been buried beneath the wheel of the bicycle, set to explode when the bicycle was moved. On the 5th, CAPs 2-4-1 and 2-4-4 assisted 2 non-CAP PF platoons in a sweep of Cam Thanh Island. The sweep discovered and destroyed what appeared to be an enemy base camp for rice collection. The approaches to the bunker complex was mined with over 40 artillery shells-booby trapped, rigged with trip wires. Recovered from the enemy were 400lbs. of rice, 400 lbs. of vegetables, documents and a large assortment of clothing, 782 gear. Also captured were 2 flags, one Russian and 1 VN labor party flag. The foodstuffs were distributed to the villagers and the documents turned over to District Headquarters. 1 non-CAP PF received wounds from a 105mm rd. booby trap that he triggered accidentally and another non-CAP PF was KIA when his platoon received SAF from an USEF as the PF platoon attempted to leave the island. CAP 2-7-6 on the 7th killed 1 VC as the VC was emplacing a M-26 grenade rigged with a trip wire. On the 8th a CAP 2-1-7 ambush initiated SAF on an estimated 5 enemy 8 km. W of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. A sweep of the area produced the first NVA KIA during the month, plus an AK-47, 2 RPG rounds, 7 chicom grenades and several documents.

During the second quarter of March both contact with the enemy and sightings of the enemy increased over the first quarter of March and the same time period of the previous month. Again, as in the first quarter of the month Dien Ban District saw the most activity.

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On the 9th, a CAP 2-3-4 ambush initiated SAF on 5 VC, 2.5 km SE of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire then fled S and NE, leaving behind, 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 RPG rocket launcher, 4 RPG rounds plus miscellaneous documents. In Dien Ban District, on the 12th, two VN civilians were wounded when 3 VC threw an M-26 grenade at a civilian bus moving N on QL#1. CAP 2-3-7 handled the medevac for the two VN civilians. On the 13th, the CAPs of 2d CAG had seven separate contacts with enemy between 1800H and 2200H. 2-9-2 accounted for the capture of 400 AK-47 rds., 40 M-16 rds, 6 SA magazines, the destruction of 3 bunkers and 2 SFDs after they had called an artillery mission on 15 VC on this date. On the 14th 2-9-1 accounted for 4 VC KIA in a long range sniper activity conducted by 2-9-1. On the 17th a CAP 2-3-7 patrol working an area believed to be the location of an enemy mine factory, discovered and destroyed 6 bunkers, 10 nonelectrical blasting caps, 6 feet of detonating cord, 8 feet of time blasting fuse in an area 4.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters.

On the 17th a CACO 2-1 unit, CAP 2-1-1 had contact with NVA troops. The ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 6 NVA moving N approximately 4 km NW of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. Two USMC were WIA(E) in the contact. A sweep produced 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA who was taken prisoner, 1 AK-47 and several documents. The POW stated that he was from the 31st NVA Regiment, which was working on resupply during this period.

On the 18th in Dien Ban District CACO 2-3's units made a highly important contact with the enemy. A CAP 2-3-2 patrol base received small arms fire from an USEF, 2.1 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy withdrew N when the CAP returned fire. The CAP reacted to a firefight to their NE, arriving to discover 4 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA(E), all the bodies were weaponless. At this time the patrol received SAF from 30 VC in houses and treeline to the N. The enemy again fled when the Marines and PFs returned fire. Two PFs were KIA in this contact. A sweep of this area produced 48 ARVN uniforms rumpled and thrown on the ground, all uniforms were without unit identification. This attack by the enemy was planned and well thought out. The incident is similar in plan to an incident of the 7th Feb 1970 in which 3 armed VC dressed in PF uniforms kidnapped a VN female from Trung Tay Hamlet in Hoa Vang District. It is also significant due to the size of the enemy force.

Hoa Vang District and Dien Ban District had a large turnover in VCS captured during March. These two Districts cover areas controlled by CACO 2-7 and CACO 2-3. In the 3rd quarter of March these two units captured an extraordinary amount of VCS. On the 20th a CAP 2-7-6 patrol on a combined operation with 2 platoons of the 51st ARVN Regiment apprehended 17 VN males in possession of 18 M-26 grenades, 15 chicom grenades and 3 blasting caps. All ordnance was destroyed in location. These VCS were turned over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters. CAPs 2-7-1, 2-7-2, 2-7-4 in combined force with NPFF apprehended 192 VN civilians 5.8 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The NPFF classified the VN civilians as 180 VCS, 11 VCI and 1 NVA. All were delivered to District Headquarters for further inter-

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regation. On a medevac mission by vehicle 1 USMC was KIA, 1 USMC WIA(E) and 1 USMC WIA(M) when they drove into an ambush while carrying a sick VN civilian back to CACO 2-7. Their vehicle received heavy repairable damage from the incoming ChiCom grenades, and ANF. The medevac team returned SAF causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. On the 25th personnel from CACO 2-1 again had contact with NVA. The CAP 2-1-1 ambush initiated SAF on 7 NVA 100m from their position, the enemy returned heavy SAF then fled south. A sweep of the area of contact produced 2 NVA KIA, and 1 NVA WIA was taken prisoner and 1 AK-47. The POW revealed that he and his fellow men were part of a 49 man group, broken down in 7 men fighting teams, and that they carried radios for communication. This 49 man group is part of the 31st NVA Regiment.

Enemy initiated contact, friendly sightings of enemy movement, apprehension of VCS and enemy terrorist attacks continued to be at a high level in the final quarter of March. On the 26th a CAP 2-4-1 patrol apprehended 19 VN civilians carrying digging tools in a restricted area 2.5 km. NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. They were classified VCS and taken to District Headquarters. The CAP patrol returned to the area to seek further VCS. 2 VC in a treeline initiated contact with a command detonated 105mm round. The patrol returned SAF causing the VC to flee SW. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 105mm round and 1 155mm round with pressure release type triggering devices, these were destroyed in place. The explosion of the 105mm rd resulted in 1 PF KIA, 1 USMC WIA(E) 1 PF WIA(E). It is thought that in this case that the 19 VN civilians were local force, low level VC cadre. At the same time CAP 2-2-4 in ambush site received 2 60mm mortar rounds. 2 VN civilians were KIA and 2 VN civilians WIA(M) from a satchel charge thrown at them by VC. PsyOps was notified. After a firefight on the 28th between CAP 2-9-2 PF's and 3 VC a 2-9-2 reaction force while sweeping through an area 1.9km NW of Duc Duc District Headquarters received SAF from an USEF in a treeline to their N. The patrol returned fire, and called an artillery mission causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area produced 6 VC hiding in the brush and 1 AK-47. The VC POWs were turned over to District Headquarters. Also on the 28th CAP 2-1-4 initiated SAF on 5 NVA moving W. The enemy returned fire and fled W. A sweep produced 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW and 2 AK-47s. The NVA POW stated his unit is a supply unit for the 31st NVA Regiment, he was delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. On the 30th a CAP 2-3-1 patrol apprehended 20 VN females and 11 VN males without proper identification. After questioning at District Headquarters 14 VN males and 3 VN females were retained as VCS. A terrorist incident on the 31st closed the month out. CAP 2-3-7 rendered first aid and medevaced 4 VN civilians who received fragmentation wounds from 2 ChiCom grenades thrown by 2 VC 4 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. PsyOps was notified.

c. Enemy Plans and Policies. There was a noticeable increase in enemy initiated ground activity during March over that of February.

During the month VC/VCi activities were directed towards disrupting the CAP program by attacks by fire on CAP units and heavy mine emplacements. Routes used by the VC/NVA to haul rice were mined to prevent rapid access by Allied troops. The enemy also made use of snipers to hold off Allied patrols.

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As in February the enemy employed SFDs directed both against military and civilian targets. SFDs were used in an attempt to demoralize military forces and to show the VN civilians that the RVN could not protect them. Terrorist activity was directed against civilians in an effort to frighten them into support of the VC/NVA program.

d. Interrogator/Translator. During the month of March, 267 detainees, 24 POWs were turned over by the CACOs 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 CACOs.

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 produced to augment the counter intelligence activities of the DIOCCs.

f. Interpreters. Interpreters were employed by the 2d Combined Action Group during the month of March. 6 were assigned to the CACOs and 1 remained at 2d CAG Headquarters.

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

KIA		POW		DETAINEES		IWC	CSWC
VC	NVA	VC	NVA	VC	NVA	14	1
18	7	21	3	267	0		

(1) Weapons and Ordnance Captured

Weapons

M-16	1
AK-47	13
RPG rocket launcher	1

Ordnance

155mm rd	1
105mm rd	4
81mm rd	4
60mm rd	8
Claymore	1
SFD	42
RPG rd	6
ChiCom	33
M-26 grenades	35
M-72 LAAW	5
M-79 rd	9
AK-47 rd	900
M-16 rd	100
Non electric blasting cap	13
Detonating cord	6 ft.
Time Fuse cord	8 ft.

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NVA packs	7
NVA Flag	1
Russian Flag	1
VN Labor Party Flag	1
SA Magazines	15
Field glasses	1
Poncho	1
Hammock	1
Cartridge Belt	5
E-tool	1
Rice	400 lbs.
Vegetables	400 lbs.
Miscellaneous propaganda leaflets, items of clothing and medical gear	

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a. General. March saw the units of 2d CAG experience constant small attacks by fire, and enemy patrols making squad size probes into CAP TAOC. Both combined operations with ARVN units and individual CAP sweeps produced a record amount of VCS apprehended. Most of these VCS were apprehended when it was discovered that they lacked identification and/or were unfamiliar to the PFs who lived in these areas.

The first quarter of March saw the start of the enemy's activities being aimed at denying Allied Forces and VN civilians free use of transportation routes. The enemy attempted this denial through the use of terrorist attacks combined with heavy mining of roads and trails. In answer to this threat the CAPs of 2d CAG increased day patrols, seeking surprise firing devices and night ambushes established on routes of access to major roads and trails. Also increased was the amount of VIP ordnance turned in during March which was an indication of the increased amount of enemy emplaced mines and booby traps. On the 3rd 3 Marines were taken under fire by an enemy force of unknown size as they attempted to return by road from CACO 2-4 to their CAP, CAP 2-4-1. An 81mm mortar mission from District Headquarters silenced enemy fire. On the 4th a CAP, 2-7-2 after a short fire fight swept the area of contact finding 1 unemplaced 12 lb box mine rigged for command detonation. The blood trails around the mine indicated that the CAP patrol had interrupted the enemy in the act of emplacing this mine. The mine was approximately 200 meters to the east of QL#1 on a well used civilian trail. The mine was destroyed in place. CAP 2-8-4 while on patrol the 5th of March captured 2 VC who were unarmed and dressed in civilian clothes. The two VC were following the patrol in an attempt to discover the CAP's pattern of movement and, or their strength and alertness. CAP 2-4-1 personnel were again taken under fire by the enemy on the 6th as they attempted to use the road to reach CACO 2-4. The Marines returned fire causing the enemy to flee. The road between the CAP and the CACO is heavily mined and dangerous for vehicle traffic, and has been such for over 4 months. During March the enemy increased his efforts to make foot travel between this CAP and the CACO difficult. Also during the month CAP 2-4-1 experienced many attacks by fire in which the enemy once fired upon melted away. On the 8th a PF and Marine were WIA(E) after the PF tripped a SFD rigged with a trip wire on a trail in CAP 2-3-6 TAOC, 3 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters.

The second quarter of March saw the enemy increase his efforts to disrupt the Pacification Program of 2d CAG through attacks on lines of ground communication, resupply and access. On the 12th a non CAP USN was WIA(E) when the road roller that the USN was driving was destroyed by a command detonated 30 lb box mine on QL#1 2 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. CAP 2-3-2 handled the medevac of the USN and VN civilian. On the same day 2 VN children were WIA(E) when 3 VC threw an M-26 grenade into their bus on QL#1 3.5 km NE of Dien Ban District Headquarters, in CAP 2-3-7 TAOC. On the 14th 1 VN

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female was WIA(E) when she tripped a 105mm round rigged with a trip wire, just off the main road connecting 2-4-1, 2-4-3, with CACO 2-4. 2-4-1 handled the Medevac.

The pattern set by the enemy in the first half of March continued into the second half of the Month. In Hieu Duc much contact was made with NVA troops. These enemy forces were moving in squad to (5) man team size units. All POWs taken by 2-1 units reported that they were from the 31st NVA Regiment. The sightings and contact with these small units of NVA substantiates agent reports that some NVA units are breaking down into smaller units to wage guerrilla type warfare. On the 24th a CACO 2-7 vehicle while on a medevac mission with a VN civilian aboard was ambushed on QL#1 6.5 km NE of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The ambush resulted in (1) USMC KIA, (1) USMC WIA(E), and (1) USMC WIA(M). The enemy fled when the Marines returned their fire. On the 26th, the same day that 2-4-1 captured 19 VCS with digging tools around an area with emplaced SFD, CAP 2-4-2 detonated 2 unknown type SFDs by igniting a brush fire. On the 31st CAPs 2-7-1, 2-7-2, and 2-7-4 with NPFF discovered (8) 60mm rounds and apprehended 2 VN civilians without identification in the vicinity of BT 045629. The 60mm rounds were destroyed in place and the VCS taken to District Headquarters. The capture of the two VCS and (8) 60mm rounds probably prevented injuries to Allied Forces and civilians if these 60mm rounds had been emplaced as booby traps.

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

c. Training. Training plans for the month of March were submitted for approval to the Commanding Officer, 2d CAG by all CACO's in accordance with Group Bulletin 1500. Emphasis was on care, cleaning and safety in the use of weapons. Handling of booby traps was also discussed.

d. Inspections. During March a regular schedule of Staff Inspections were conducted throughout the CAPs. These inspections consisted of detailed critiques of undesirable trends and were submitted to CACOs so they could take corrective action. Also inspected were records being kept and coordination accomplished on both the CACO and CAP levels. Supply and communication 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.

e. Conferences/Meeting

(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 February 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

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addition to promulgating command guidance. At each of these meetings the individual CACO CO or his representative gave a projection from the DIOCC (District Intelligence/Operations Control Center) concerning intelligence in their area for the coming week.

(3) CAP Commanders Conference. During March the CAP Commanders Conference discussed, handling of classified material, radio procedure and security, giving away food to villagers, how to handle this distribution of excess food, and the responsibilities of the CAP Commander. All agenda items were submitted by the individual CACO Commanders several days prior to the scheduled conference for review. These items were put in a logical order of discussion then distributed to the CAP Commanders at the meeting.

f. Special Operations

(1) Kit Carson Scouts. In March 2d CAG employed (9) Kit Carson Scouts. They participated in 165 day and night patrols, assisted with 5 classes, and conducted 15 PsyOps broadcasts, accounted for the capture of 4 VCS, and helped discover 4 cave and tunnel complexes. At the end of the period (1) Scout was WIA(E) and (1) Scout marked as U.A.

(2) Scout Dogs and Handlers. During the month of March, 2d CAG de-  
played (4) Scout Dog Teams.

g. Voluntary Information Program. The total amount of funds expended as rewards to Vietnamese during March for information on enemy activity and equipment, ordnance locations was 131,445\$VN.

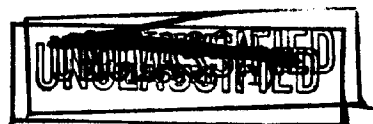
h. Artillery Support. During March 2d CAG units called in (23) artillery fire missions, (6) 81mm mortar missions and (1) 60mm mortar mission on enemy positions and routes of withdrawal.

i. Air

(1) Fixed Wing. In March 2d CAG employed no fixed wing support fire.

(2) Flareships and Gunships. During March (2) Gunship missions were flown in support of 2d CAG units.

(3) Medical Evacuation Missions. A total of (26) medical evacuation missions were requested/controlled by 2d CAG units during March. These missions included medevacs for Vietnamese civilians and PFs as well as Marines.



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j. VIP Visitors to 2d CAG. During March 2d CAG units received several visitors from the military units in I Corps area. These visits were familiarization visits for these General Grade Officers. On the 27th General DOEHLER, 1st Div ADC visited CACO 2-1, CAPs 2-1-1, 2-1-2, and 2-1-3. On the 28th General BOWMAN, Assistant Chief of Staff III MAF paid a visit to the District Headquarters of Dien Ban District to talk with the District Chief, and the COs of CACOs 2-3 and 2-7 to discuss enemy activity in Dien Ban District. Lt. General McCUTCHEON paid a familiarization visit with Combined Action Companies 2-2 and 2-1 and CAPs 2-2-4, 2-2-2, 2-1-3, and 2-1-2.

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#### 4. LOGISTICS:

a. General: This unit continues to be in a C-2 category for equipment on hand and equipment readiness. All invoices have been completed from excesses of departing units.

b. Significant Events: During this period the following combat essential items were received.

- (2) 60MM Mortars
- (18) Starlight scopes

Additionally the assistance of Lt. SEEGMILLER from the Service Branch at the CCP is being utilized to reconstruct follow up status on requisitions held for a prolonged period.

c. Damage to Weapons Due to Enemy Action: During this period there were no weapons damaged due to enemy action.

#### d. Motor Transport:

(1) The Group Motor Transport Section drove a total of 34,358 and hauled 23,246 tons of equipment during this period. Twelve (12) Motor Transport vehicles were deadlined for 2nd echelon repairs, and two were turned in as Code H items. The breakdown is as follows:

- (1) M35A2C
- (4) M37B1
- (7) M151A1

(2) Five (5) of these vehicles were deadlined for 3rd echelon maintenance. The breakdown is as follows:

- (3) M37B1
- (2) M151A1

(3) During this period (2) two of these vehicles were deadlined for 4th echelon maintenance. The breakdown is as follows:

- (2) M151A1

(4) Average deadline times were as follows:

- (2)nd echelon 5-7 days
- (3)rd echelon 16-30 days

#### e. Airlift:

(1) During this period no airlifts had been scheduled.

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(1) Approximately 9,470 meals were served during this period in the II Combined Action Group messhall.

(2) A total of 2,520 meals were distributed to field units from 2nd CAG's messhall.

g. Armory:

(1) The armory has repaired a total of (50) weapons during this period. One-hundred (100) weapons were sent to 1st FSR for third echelon maintenance.

h. Miscellaneous Services:

(1) During this period a Lt. SEEGMILLER from FLC CCP came to this command to assist us in our supply status of documents.

(2) 7th Engineers have completed half of the rock gravel fill in the compound and have secured from the job site due to other commitments.

i. Supplies: Supply release action from supporting units are generally satisfactory, although long lag periods in receiving document status causes delayed completion time frames.

j. Problem Areas:

(1) This Command's "critical problem area" has been the failure to receive the following items necessary to the operational effectiveness of this command.

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Quantity on Requisition</u>
TA-312	56
Gen PU-482	2

(2) Failure to receive above items causes this unit to be short T/E items critically needed in this command.



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1. During the month of March 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 tin and cement for construction projects were successful in several cases. The 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 TAOR's Combined Action Platoons of 2d Combined Action Group were operating. The Civic Action support from these units was effective. The continued coordination with MACV advisers and COORDS representatives has resulted in closer working relationships with District Officials and Revolutionary Development CADRE'S in promoting civic action.

(a) An example of the civic action work that has been done to better Marine - Vietnamese is that the Civic Action NCO's have been working with the people to complete their rice harvest. This has kept them quite busy, along with repairing homes which have been damaged due to enemy activity and repairing school houses. These projects have shown the Vietnamese that the CAP Marines respect them and are there willing to assist the people at all times.

2. Agricultural projects which are vitally important to the CAPs because of the importance they hold for the future of Viet-Nam's people. During March Civic Action NCOs worked closely with the farmers experimenting with seeds, hoping to find those vegetables which the farmers will accept and start raising in quantity. The Civic Action NCOs for example, received a large quantity of seeds of all types with instructions on growing them. These seeds were received from private groups, individuals in the States interested in the welfare of Viet-Nam. With many of the CAPs spending considerable time in the development of these vegetables crops, it was hoped that those most beneficial to the people would be identified so that the CAPs could narrow their attention to the crops best suited to the land, climate and farming methods available.

3. Commodities distributed during the month of March were as follows: food, 1989 lb., soap, 1246 lb., clothing 450 lb., school refill kits, 75; personnel hygiene kits, 35; sewing kits, 148; midwife kits, 8; physical education kits, 7; masonry kits, 4.

4. During March, CAP personnel of the Group assisted the Vietnamese civilians in completing the following projects; 9 fences; 3 public heads; 14 wells; 4 dwellings; 2 pagodas; 3 hooches; 3 bridges; 3 school class rooms; 4 family bunkers.

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5. Medical assistance in support of Civic Action saw MedCaps resulting in the treatment of 19,769 Vietnamese civilians. 46 dental cases were treated. 64 Vietnamese adults and 31 children were medically evacuated during the month.

6. CAP corpsmen continued to train Vietnamese civilians in the basics of first aid. During the month 54 such civilians were undergoing training. These aides assist in MedCaps and serve as interpreters for the corpsmen.

7. Psychological operations activities employed by 2d CAG during the month of March included the use of air-dropped leaflets and hand dissemination of leaflets and Vietnamese newspapers.

(1) Approximately 30,000 "CAPs are here to help you" leaflets were air-dropped.

(2) Approximately 40,000 "safe conduct passes" leaflets were air-dropped.

(3) 40,000 reward leaflets were air-dropped during the month.

(4) Approximately 40,000 Vietnamese newspapers were hand distributed by CAP Marines.

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- (1) Lack of T/E items.

Radio Control Group GRA-39-10  
Telephone set TA 312 56

b. Communications:

- (1) Radio Relay - A total of 1 hour down time was recorded for the MRC-62. The following is a break down and cause of MRC-62 down time:

1 hour due to replacement - testing of equipment

- (2) Battery Usage (BA-386) - 985 batteries were used during the month, 128 AN/PRC-25 radios were in use

- (3) Field testing of the AN/PRR-9 AN/PRT-4 revealed that this unit is unsatisfactory for use in the CAPs due to its limited range. This unit will receive one additional month of field testing before a decision will be made on keeping or rejecting this unit.

- (4) Inspection Visits - During the month CACOs 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-7, 2-8, and 2-9 were visited. Preventive maintenance, condition and inventory of gear was inspected with the following results:

- (a) All frayed handsets had been replaced
- (b) End components such as AT 892 and AT 271 antennas and ST 138 packboards were inadequate supply, an improvement over the previous month.
- (c) Taping of the handset cord was initiated and will be enforced to prevent future cord fraying.
- (d) The radio set PRC-88 that was introduced into 31 CAPs last month proved to be inadequate due to a lack of range.

- c.
- Combat Operation Center:
- Overall communications traffic increased approximately 12%. The following traffic was passed through the COC over various nets:

Incoming messages	334
Outgoing messages	265
Spot reports	210
Intelligence reports	5
Casualty reports	45
Commanders daily summary	190
Total traffic	1049

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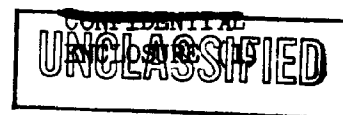
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d. Communication Supply: Components of end items were in adequate stock throughout the entire month. The following list reflects requisition status of communication items:

Requisitions Submitted	141
Requisitions Completed	39
Requisitions Outstanding	52
Total Outstanding	52

e. Maintenance: Excellent maintenance support on repair of components of end items was provided by Electronic Maintenance was as follows:

Work Requests Submitted	87
Work Requests Completed	87
Work Requests Outstanding	5
Total Outstanding	5



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a. General. During the month of March, Headquarters 2d Combined Action Group, Medical Section concentrated on an expanding MedCap capability at CAG level. Due to 2d CAG's unique position between two villages remote enough from Hoi An to warrant local medical attention, a tactical and civic action purpose is served.

Responsibilities of Corpsmen and procedures are being reviewed with all Corpsmen at CAG level in order to give a uniform overview presentation. Individual CAPs are inspected to determine the effectiveness of the individual Corpsman's carrying out his responsibilities.

Although hampered by a continuing shortage of Corpsmen, maximum utilization of Corpsmen and trained Marine counterparts has proven effective and in some cases extremely so. Marine counterparts are trained in advanced and sophisticated first aid procedures and log maintenance so that in the event of a loss of the CAP Corpsman the medical capabilities are not lost.

Experience at 2d CAG HQ's has shown that the present T/O for HQ's medical personnel is not sufficient. A minimum of three permanent medical personnel is required to efficiently operate this CAG Aid Station due to our unique position.

b. Personnel

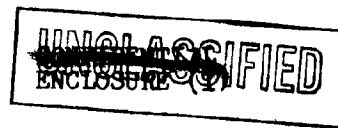
- (1) Medical Department Representative: J.H. BRYSON, HMC
  - (2) Administrative/Sick Call Petty Officer: J.F. COMBS, HML
  - (3) Supply/Sick Call Petty Officer: None
- |                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| (a) Detached RTD:         | 3 |
| (b) Detached Combat Loss: | 3 |
| (c) Detached Med. Loss:   | 1 |
| (d) WIA:                  | 6 |
| (e) Joined:               | 4 |

c. MedCap.

(1) During the month of March Combined Action Platoons treated 19,769 Vietnamese civilians through routine MedCaps.

(2) Headquarters Group Aid Station treated 193 Vietnamese civilians through daily MedCap

d. Training. CAP Corpsmen conducted a total of 63 classes with an attendance total of 576 Health workers and PF Corpsmen and civilians. This is an increase of 8 classes and 91 attendance.



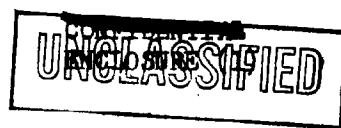
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1. The month of March was productive for Special Services. There were two Heng Keng trips made which proved to be quite successful. Our monthly income for the month was \$1,032.00. Also during the month of March, 2D CAG Special Services picked up fiscal responsibility for the Combined Action Force Headquarters, 2d CAG Special Services will handle all monetary transactions for CAF Headquarters.

2. Special Services also recieved paperback books during the month of March. The paperback books were distributed to the Headquarters and to all the CAPs.

3. Also during the month of March the regular, weekly ration of beer and seda to the CACOs and CAPs was continued. During this period 415 cases of beer and seda were rationed to the field. There is also a beach party for the Headquarters every Sunday afternoon; free beer and seda is supplied by Special Services along with recreational equipment.

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PART III  
 SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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- 1 Mar 70 A group of VN civilians and non-CAP PF eating in a house received a satchel charge from an USEF at AT 922580, 500m E of Dai Loc District Headquarters. Three VN civilians were KIA by the explosion and 3 PF and 12 VN civilians were WIA. The enemy withdrew in an unknown direction. The wounded were taken to CACO 2-2 Headquarters, given first aid and medevaced. A sweep of the area by CAP 2-2-1 was nonproductive. RESULTS: 3 VN civilians KIA, 3 non-CAP PF WIA(E), and 12 VN civilians WIA(E).
- 2 Mar 70 A CAP 2-3-2 ambush received SAF and RPG fire from an USEF at BT 052602, 2.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee W. Two USMC and 2 PF were WIA in the contact and were medevaced by helicopter to NSA Hospital. One USN received minor wounds. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E), 2 PF WIA(E), and 1 USN WIA(M).
- 2 Mar 70 A CAP 2-7-3 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 4 VC in a treeline at BT 014651, 8.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled N. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: Negative.
- 2 Mar 70 A CAP 2-7-3 patrol received SAF from an USEF at BT 013651, 8.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee N. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: Negative.
- 3 Mar 70 One of 10 dud M-79 rounds accidentally detonated while being delivered by 3 VN civilians to a CAP 2-9-2 patrol base at AT 863487, 1.5 km NW of Dai Loc District Headquarters. One VN was killed and the other two were wounded. Hearing the explosion, the nearby patrol base dispatched a patrol which rendered first aid and medevaced the 2 WIA. The remaining 9 duds were destroyed. PsyOps was notified and a VIP payment was made. RESULTS: 1 VN civilian KIA; 2 VN civilians WIA(E); 9 dud M-79 rounds destroyed.
- 3 Mar 70 A CAP 2-7-5 patrol apprehended 5 VN civilians with altered ID cards in a boat moored at BT 041698, 4 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF, the 5 VN were classified as VCS and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 5 VCS.

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Three USMC from CAP 2-4-1 received SAF and M-79 fire from an USEF across a river at BT 178581, 2 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The CAP patrol base nearby observed the enemy muzzle flashes, returned organic weapons fire, and called an 81mm mortar mission on the enemy position, causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. Three USMC received minor wounds in the action. A sweep of the area was not made because of the intervening river and because the enemy were outside the CAP TAOC. RESULTS: 3 USMC WIA(M).

4 Mar 70

As they departed by bicycle from a CAP 2-3-1 patrol base at BT 073584, 800m E of Dien Ban District Headquarters, 2 PF members of the CAP were wounded by an accidentally detonated M-26 grenade booby trap with a pressure release type firing device. The 2 WIA were medevaced by helicopter to NSA Hospital. The bicycle had been left outside a nearby house the night before while the CAP conducted night activities. The grenade had been buried beneath one of the wheels and was rigged to detonate when the wheel moved. A sweep of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 PF WIA(E).

4 Mar 70

A CAP 2-7-2 patrol received 1 M-79 round and SAF from an USEF at BT 038626, 5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. One USMC was WIA in the contact and was medevaced by helicopter to NSA Hospital. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 unemplaced 12 lb box mine rigged for command detonation, 100 ft of comm wire, and 3 blood trails. The SFD was destroyed in place. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E); 1 SFD destroyed; 100 ft of comm wire captured.

5 Mar 70

A USMC member of a CAP 2-3-4 patrol accidentally detonated an M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device at BT 069568, 2 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The Marine received minor wounds from the exploding SFD. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M).

5 Mar 70

In a combined operation which commenced 041000H, CAPs 2-4-1 and 2-4-4 assisted 2 non-CAP PF plts in a sweep of Cam Thanh Island in the vicinity of BT 182578, 2.5 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. During the operation the CAPs discovered 30 bunkers, 40 booby traps, most of which were artillery rounds rigged with trip wire firing devices, 400 lbs of rice, and 400 lbs of vegetables,

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1 Russian Flag, 1 VN Labor Party flag, miscellaneous documents, and a large assortment of clothing and 782 gear. At 041400 1 CAP 2-4-4 PF accidentally detonated a 105mm round booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device at BT 181577. He was wounded and medevaced by helicopter to NSA Hospital. The bunkers and SFDs were destroyed. The rice and vegetables were delivered to District Headquarters for redistribution. The documents were delivered to District DIOCC for analysis. After the termination of the operation, the last non-CAP PF plt to leave the island received SAF from an USEF at BT 181583. The assistance of CACO 2-4 Headquarters was requested and an artillery fire was called on the enemy positions and adjusted by the non-CAP plt. The enemy fled S. One non-CAP PF was KIA in the action. A sweep of the area was not made because of the approaching darkness. RESULTS: 1 non-CAP PF was KIA; 1 CAP PF WIA(E); 30 bunkers and 40 SFDs destroyed; 800 lbs of food, 2 enemy flags, miscellaneous documents, and a large assortment of clothing and 782 gear captured; and 1 IWC.

5 Mar 70 A CAP 2-8-4 patrol apprehended 2 VN males at AT 934835, 9 km NW of the Danang Airfield. The 2 VN had been following the patrol. Interrogation by CAP PF identified the men as local force VC guerrillas. The 2 POW were delivered to District Headquarters for further questioning. RESULTS: 2 VC POW.

7 Mar 70 A CAP 2-7-6 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 1 VC who had just emplaced an M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device at BS 072703, 6 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The VC disappeared from sight. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA and 1 entrenching tool. The booby trap was destroyed. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA and 1 entrenching tool captured.

7 Mar 70 A CAP 2-7-2 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 3 VC in a treeline at BT 037626, 5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned 1 M-26 grenade and fled N. Two USMC were WIA in the contact and were medevaced by helicopter to NSA Hospital. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E).

8 Mar 70 A CAP 2-1-7 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 5 enemy at AT 931723, 8 km W of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled SW. One USMC received minor wounds in the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 N/A KIA, 1 AK-47, 2 RPG rounds, 7 ChiCom grenades and several documents. The grenades were destroyed and the documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M); 1 NVA KIA; 1 IWC; 2 RPG rounds and documents captured.

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- 9 Mar 70 A CAP 2-9-1 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 10 VC in a tree line at AT 883486, 1.5 km NE of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The enemy fled NE without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 3 VC KIA. The patrol also apprehended 3 VN males without identification in the area of contact. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF, the 3 VN were classified as VCS and delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA and 3 VCS.
- 9 Mar 70 A CAP 2-3-4 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 5 VC at BT 095570, 2.5 km SE of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled S and NE. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 RPG rocket launcher, 4 RPG rounds, 1 cartridge belt, and miscellaneous documents. The documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 CSWC, 1 IWC; 4 RPG rounds, 1 cartridge belt and miscellaneous documents captured.
- 11 Mar 70 A CAP 2-7-2 ambush received 8 M-79 grenade rounds and SAF from an USEF at BT 033626, 5.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Lacking a discernable target, the CAP did not return fire. The enemy withdrew in an unknown direction. One CAP RF was WIA in the contact and was medevaced by stretcher to Dien Ban District Headquarters. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 CAP RF WIA(E).
- 11 Mar 70 A CAP 2-8-4 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 6 VC moving N along a river bank at AT 929829, 8 km NW of the Danang Airfield. The enemy returned SAF and fled NE. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.
- 12 Mar 70 A CAP 2-1-3 ambush received 2 M-79 grenade rounds from an USEF at AT 921708, 2 km N of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. One USMC received minor fragmentation wounds in the action. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M).
- 13 Mar 70 A CAP 2-3-2 patrol base acting on information received from a local villager dispatched a patrol to a house at BT 056595, 2 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters and apprehended 1 wounded VN male. The VCS was brought to the Village Security Chief who identified the wounded male as a local force VC guerrilla and delivered him to a National Policeman with the Village Security Chief for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC POW.

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- 13 Mar 70 A CAP 2-9-2 patrol called an artillery fire mission on 15 VC observed in bunkers at AT 872498, 2.3 km N of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The enemy fled NE without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 M-26 grenade booby traps rigged with trip wire firing devices, 3 bunkers were destroyed. The ordnance and SA magazines were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 2 SFDs destroyed; 400 AK-47 rounds, 40 M-16 rounds, 6 SA magazines captured.
- 13 Mar 70 A CAP 2-8-2 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC moving SE across an open rice paddy at AT 896803, 10.5 km NW of the Danang Airfield. The enemy fled SW without returning fire. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: Negative.
- 13 Mar 70 A CAP 2-1-1 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 5 VC moving S at AT 909723, 4 km NW of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The enemy fled SW without returning fire. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: Negative.
- 13 Mar 70 A CAP 2-3-3 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 3 VC walking NE on QL-1 at BT 048580, 1.8 km from Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy fled NE without returning fire. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: Negative.
- 13 Mar 70 A CAP 2-4-3 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 5 VC sighted by use of a starlight scope moving NW in a tree line at BT 174580, 1.2 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The enemy fled N without returning fire. The ambush called an artillery fire mission on probable enemy escape routes. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: Negative.
- 13 Mar 70 A CAP 2-7-5 patrol received SAF and 4 ChiCom grenades from an USEF at BT 054696, 5 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. Two USMC, 1 USN, and 1 PF received minor fragmentation wounds in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E), 2 PF WIA(E).
- 13 Mar 70 A CAP 2-7-7 ambush received SAF and M-79 grenade fire from an USEF at BT 026704, 3 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee S. One USMC and 2 PF were WIA in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. The friendly casualties were medevaced to NSA Hospital. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E), 2 PF WIA(E).

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- 14 Mar 70 A CAP 2-7-5 ambush received AWF from an USEF at BT 054686, 5 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. One PF received minor wounds in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(M)
- 14 Mar 70 A 1st MarDiv sniper team attached to a CAP 2-9-1 patrol initiated SAF on 3 VC at AT 892482, 1.8 km E of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The VC fled N without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA. Continuing on the patrol, the sniper team initiated SAF and the CAP called an artillery fire mission on 15 VC in a treeline at AT 885494, 2 km NE of Duc Duc District Headquarters. Two secondary explosions were observed. The enemy fled NE without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA. RESULTS: 4 VC KIA.
- 14 Mar 70 A CAP 2-8-4 patrol received SAF from 5 VC in a treeline at AT 933831, 9 km NW of Danang Airfield. The patrol returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee NW. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 ChiCom grenade and 1 NVA flag. The grenade was destroyed and the flag was delivered to CACO 2-8 Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 ChiCom grenade destroyed, 1 NVA flag captured.
- 15 Mar 70 A CAP 2-9-1 patrol discovered an 81mm canister packed with a plastic explosive booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device on the edge of a rice paddy dike at AT 886486, 1.3 km NE of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The SFD was destroyed. Continuing on the patrol, a 1st MarDiv sniper team attached to the patrol initiated SAF on 3 VC carrying AK-47 rifles moving N along a treeline at AT 894493, 2.4 km NE of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The enemy fled N without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. Continuing on the patrol, the sniper team initiated SAF on 2 VC moving NW across a rice paddy at AT 877494, 2 km N of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The enemy fled W without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 SFD destroyed.
- 17 Mar 70 A CAP 2-7-2 patrol apprehended 2 VN civilians without proper identification at BT 030623, 5.2 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP RF, the VN were classified as VCS and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 2 VCS
- 17 Mar 70 A CAP 2-3-7 patrol discovered 6 bunkers, 10 nonelectric blasting caps, 6 feet of detonating cord and 8 feet of time blasting fuse at BT 030618, 4.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The bunkers and ordnance were destroyed. RESULTS: 6 bunkers, 10 nonelectric blasting caps, 6 feet detonating cord, and 8 feet of time blasting fuse destroyed.

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- 17 Mar 70 A CAP 2-1-1 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 6 NVA moving N at AT 910726, 4 km NW of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled E. Two USMC were WIA in the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA, 1 AK-47, and several documents. The POW stated he was from the 31st NVA Regiment and was medevaced by helicopter with the 2 USMC WIA to NSA Hospital. The POW will be sent to District Headquarters for further interrogation after medical treatment. The documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E); 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW, 1 IWC, and several documents captured.
- 18 Mar 70 A CAP 2-9-2 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 10 VC in a treeline at AT 887496, 2.3 km NE of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled W. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 AK-47, 18 booby traps, most of which were ChiCom and M-26 grenades rigged with trip wire firing devices, 3 SA magazines, 500 AK-47 rounds, and 1 bunker. The SFDs and bunker were destroyed and the AK-47, SA magazines, and AK-47 rounds were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 IWC; 18 SFDs and 1 bunker destroyed; 3 SA magazines and 500 AK-47 rounds captured.
- 18 Mar 70 A CAP 2-3-2 patrol base received SAF from an USEF at BT 055597 1.7 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The CAP returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to withdraw N. Hearing SAF to the NE, the CAP patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. The CAP patrol discovered 4 PF KIA and 2 PF WIA at BT 056601, 2.1 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Six M-16s were lost to the enemy in this action. The patrol then received SAF from an estimated 30 VC in houses and a treeline to the N. The patrol returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee NE. Two PF were KIA in this contact. The friendly casualties were medevaced by helicopter to NSA Hospital. A combined CAP 2-3-2, 2-3-6, 2-3-7 and RF Company reaction force made a sweep of the area using helicopter gunships in support and discovered 48 ARVN rumpled uniforms without unit identification scattered throughout the area. The uniforms were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 6 PF KIA, 2 PF WIA(E); 48 ARVN uniforms without unit identification captured.
- 19 Mar 70 A CAP 2-4-2 ambush received 1 ChiCom grenade and SAF from an USEF in a treeline at BT 132556, 4.2 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. One USN received minor fragmentation wounds in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USN WIA(M).

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- 20 Mar 70 A CAP 2-3-1 patrol apprehended 2 VN females without identification at BT 070592, 900m NE of Dien Ban District Headquarters, when they refused to stop upon command of CAP PF. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF, the 2 VN civilians were classified as VCS and delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 2 VCS.
- 20 Mar 70 While on a combined operation with 2 platoons of the 51st ARVN Regiment, a CAP 2-7-6 patrol apprehended 17 VN males, between the ages of 16 to 45, and confiscated 18 M-26 grenades, 15 ChiCom grenades and 3 electric blasting caps in grid square BT 0770, 6 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The CAP destroyed the ordnance. The VN males were classified as VCS upon questioning by ARVN troops and were delivered to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 17 VCS; 18 M-26 grenades, 15 ChiCom grenades and 3 blasting caps destroyed.
- 20 Mar 70 A CAP 2-3-7 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 7 VC heading E at BT 045621, 3.8 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with 2 M-79 rounds and SAF and fled E. Two USMC were WIA in the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 cartridge belt, and miscellaneous documents. The friendly casualties were medevaced by helicopter to NSA Hospital. The documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis along with the cartridge belt. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E), 1 VC KIA; 1 cartridge belt, miscellaneous documents captured.
- 20 Mar 70 A CAP 2-1-2 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 3 NVA moving E at AT 923710, 2.3 km NW of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The enemy fled E without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, and 10 lb of cooked rice. The rice was distributed to local villagers. RESULTS: 1 NVA KIA; 1 IWC, 10 lb of cooked rice captured.
- 21 Mar 70 A combined operation of CAPs 2-7-1, 2-7-3 and the 59th RF Battalion apprehended 3 VN males and discovered 3 caves and 1 claymore mine in grid square BT 0266, 5.5 km S of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. Upon questioning by RF, the VN males were classified as VCS and delivered to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for interrogation. The caves and claymore mine were destroyed. RESULTS: 3 VCS; 3 caves and 1 claymore mine destroyed.
- 23 Mar 70 A combined operation of CAPs 2-7-1, 2-7-2, 2-7-4 and NPEF apprehended 192 VN civilians in the vicinity of BT 024624, 5.8 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Upon questioning by NPEF, the VN civilians were classified; 180 VCS, 11 VCI and 1 VC. All were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC POW, 11 VCI, 180 VCS.

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- 24 Mar 70 A CAP 2-3-4 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 3 VC moving S at BT 090570, 1.7 km E of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned 3 RPG rounds and AWF and fled E. One USMC received a minor fragmentation wound in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M).
- 24 Mar 70 A CAP 2-9-2 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 5 VC in a tree line at AT 878498, 2 km N of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled N. The patrol called an artillery fire mission on probable routes of enemy escape. During a sweep of the area, 1 USMC patrol member accidentally detonated a 105mm round booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device. Two USMC were WIA by the exploding SFD and were medevaced by helicopter to NSA Hospital. A sweep of the area for further SFDs disclosed 3 105mm rounds 1 M-72 LAAW, and 5 unknown type mine booby traps each rigged with trip wire firing devices. The SFDs were destroyed. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E); 9 SFDs destroyed.
- 24 Mar 70 A CACO 2-7 vehicle medevac for 1 VN civilian suffering from convulsions received 5 ChiCom grenades and AWF from an USEF while proceeding S on QL-1 at BT 034640, 6.5 km NE of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The medevac team returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to withdraw in an unknown direction. One USMC was KIA, 2 USMC were WIA and the M151 received major repairable damage in the contact. 1 USMC WIA and the VN were medevaced by helicopter to NSA Hospital and the M151 was towed to CACO 2-7 Headquarters. A sweep of the area was not made because of the approaching darkness. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA(E), 1 USMC WIA(M), 1 VN civilian WIA(E); 1 M151 damaged.
- 24 Mar 70 A CAP 2-9-1 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 6 VC moving NW in a rice paddy at AT 895476, 1.9 km E of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with M-79 and RPG rounds, SAF and AWF and fled N. The ambush called an artillery fire mission on probable routes of enemy escape. Two PF were KIA and 2 USMC were WIA in the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. The friendly casualties were medevaced by vehicle to 5th Marines BAS. RESULTS: 2 PF KIA, 2 USMC WIA(E).
- 25 Mar 70 A CAP 2-7-1 patrol received 10 M-79 rounds and SAF from an USEF in a tree line at BT 024632, 6.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The CAP returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee SE. 3 USMC, 1 USN and 1 RF were WIA in the contact. All were medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 3 USMC WIA(E), 1 USN WIA(E), 1 RF WIA(E).

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A CAP 2-1-1 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 7 VC moving E at AT 915725, 4 km NW of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled S. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA, 1 AK-47, 3 NVA packs and miscellaneous documents. The NVA WIA, who stated his unit was the 31st NVA Regiment, was rendered first aid and medevaced. He will be returned to District Headquarters for interrogation after medical treatment. The documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis along with the NVA packs. RESULTS: 2 NVA KIA, 1 POW WIA(E); 1 IWC, 3 NVA packs and miscellaneous documents captured.

26 Mar 70

A CAP 2-4-1 patrol apprehended 19 VN civilians carrying digging tools in a restricted area at BT 173597, 2.5 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. Upon questioning by CAP PF, the VN civilians were classified as VCS and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. Upon returning to the vicinity of the apprehension to seek further VCS, 2 VC in a treeline initiated contact with the patrol by use of a command detonated 105mm round at BT 168596, 2.2 km N of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee SW. 1 PF was KIA, 1 USMC and 1 PF were WIA in the contact. The Marine and PF WIA were medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area with helicopter gunships and fixed wing aircraft in support disclosed 1 105mm round booby trapped with pressure type firing devices. The SFDs were destroyed. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 USMC WIA(E), 1 PF WIA(E), 19 VCS; 2 SFDs destroyed.

28 Mar 70

A CAP 2-2-4 ambush received 2 60mm mortar rounds and SAF from an USEF in an unknown location at AT 864572, 5.7 km W of Dai Loc District Headquarters. Lacking a discernable target, the ambush did not return fire and called an 81mm mortar illumination mission. The enemy fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VN civilians KIA and 3 VN civilians with minor fragmentation wounds, 2 SA magazines and 2 ChiCom grenades. The wounded VN civilians, who stated they incurred their wounds from an exploding VC satchel charge thrown at them, were rendered first aid and the ChiCom grenades and SA magazines were destroyed in place. PsyOps was notified. RESULTS: 2 VN civilians KIA, 3 VN civilians WIA(M); 2 ChiCom grenades, 2 SA magazines destroyed.

28 Mar 70

A CAP 2-9-2 PF ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 3 VC moving N at AT 866491, 1.5 km NW of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled NW. A CAP 2-9-2 reaction force was dispatched and joined forces with the PF ambush. During a sweep of the area, the CAP received SAF from an USEF in a treeline at AT 868496, 1.9 km NW of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The reaction force returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery fire mission on the enemy location causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area disclosed

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6 VC hiding in the brush and 1 AK-47. The VC POWs were delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. The PF ambush was mutually agreed upon by the District Chief and the CACO Commander in order to evaluate CAP PF proficiency. RESULTS: 6 VC POW, 1 IWC.

- 28 Mar 70 A CAP 2-4-1 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 8 VC moving W at BT 177593, 2.5 km N of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with 4 ChiCom grenades and fled W. 1 USMC was WIA in the contact and was medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VN male and 1 VN female WIA. Upon questioning by CAP PF, the VN were classified as VCS, rendered first aid, and medevaced by helicopter. The VCS will be returned to District Headquarters for further interrogation after medical treatment. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E), 2 VCS.
- 28 Mar 70 A CAP 2-1-4 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 5 NVA moving W at AT 942693, 1.5 km E of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled W. 1 USMC was WIA in the contact and was medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47 rifles, and 1 NVA attempting to hide in a gully. The NVA POW stated his unit was the 31st NVA Regiment. He was delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 NVA KIA, 1 USMC WIA(E), 1 NVA POW, 2 IWC.
- 29 Mar 70 A CAP 2-1-1 patrol discovered the body of 1 NVA KIA by SAF, 1 AK-47, 6 ChiCom Grenades and 1 NVA pack at AT 904720, 4 km NW of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. It is believed the 1 NVA was KIA during a contact with a CAP 2-1-1 ambush. The grenades were destroyed in place and the rifle and pack were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 NVA KIA; 1 IWC, 1 NVA pack captured; 6 ChiCom grenades destroyed.
- 29 Mar 70 A CAP 2-4-1 patrol initiated SAF and called an artillery fire mission on 2 VC running SE at BT 182588, 2 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The enemy disappeared from sight without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.
- 30 Mar 70 A CAP 2-9-1 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 3 VC moving SW at AT 892476, 2.8 km W of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with RPGs, AIF and SAF and fled N. 2 USMC and 2 PF were WIA in the contact and were medevaced by vehicle to the 5th Marines BAS. The ambush called an artillery fire mission on probable enemy escape routes. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 4 M-26 grenades, 1 cartridge belt, 3 SA magazines, 1 rainsuit, 1 hammock. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E), 2 PF WIA(E), 2 PF WIA(E), 1 VC KIA; 1 IWC, 1 cartridge belt, 3 SA magazines, 1 rainsuit, 1 hammock, and 1 diary captured.

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A CAP 2-8-3 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 4 VC moving S at AT 901801, 10.2 km NW of the Danang Airfield. The enemy fled W without returning fire. During a sweep of the area, the ambush received ChiCom grenades and SAF from the 4 VC. The patrol returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee W. 3 USMC were WIA and 2 USMC and 1 PF received minor fragmentation wounds in the contact. The 3 USMC WIA were medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 cartridge belt, 2 SA magazines, 1 poncho, 1 pocket knife, 1 wallet containing miscellaneous documents, and 55lbs of foodstuff. The documents were delivered to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for analysis along with the rifle, cartridge belt, magazines, poncho, pocket knife and wallet. The foodstuff was distributed to local villagers. RESULTS: 3 USMC WIA(E), 2 USMC WIA(M), 1 PF WIA(M); 1 VC KIA; 1 IWC, 1 cartridge belt, 2 SA magazines, 1 poncho, 1 pocket knife, 1 wallet containing miscellaneous documents, 55 lbs of foodstuff captured.

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