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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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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 - 31 August 70

Subordinate Units

1st Combined Action Company	Capt T.M. CARPENTER	1 - 31 August 70
2nd Combined Action Company	Capt T.M. BELDON	1 - 21 August 70
	Capt R.A. CRANE	22 - 31 August 70
3rd Combined Action Company	Capt L.H. WILLIAMS	1 - 31 August 70
4th Combined Action Company	1st Lt R.W. JOHNSON	1 - 31 August 70
7th Combined Action Company	Capt R.M. MALLARD	1 - 31 August 70
8th Combined Action Company	Capt J.R. KNIBBS	1 - 31 August 70
9th Combined Action Company	Capt R.A. CRANE	1 - 15 August 70

Attached Units

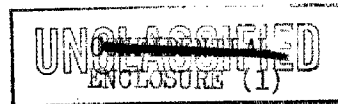
DET, Kit Carson Scouts, 1st MarDiv G-2 (C-1)
 DET, Scout Dogs, 3rd MP Battalion, 1st Marine Division
 DET, Medical Section, III MAF
 DET, ARVN Interpreters/Translators, III MAF

2. Location

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

3. Staff Officers

ExecO/S-5 Officer	Maj C.L. RUSHING	1 - 31 August 70
S-1 Officer	Capt E. COCKRELL	1 - 31 August 70
S-2/S-3 Officer	Maj C.L. RUSHING	1 - 31 August 70
Asst S-2/S-3 Officer	2d Lt M.A. CARDINALE	1 - 31 August 70
S-4 Officer	Capt J.T. FOX	1 - 31 August 70



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USMC	
Off	Enl
16	754

USN	
Off	Enl
1	55

Others	
Off	Enl
0	10

5. End of Month Unit Diary Strength

USMC	
Off	Enl
14	684

USN	
Off	Enl
1	52

Others	
Off	Enl
0	7

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of August, wet weather readiness training and preventive maintenance of group equipment prior to the onset of monsoon season was completed. Corpsmen in the CAP emphasized the care that must be taken to prevent immersion foot and the necessity of keeping foodstuffs dry. Instruction was also given on weapon care and tactical changes which develop during the rainy season. Motor transport section instructed Group and Company drivers on wet weather driving hazards and the preventive maintenance program required on vehicles during this period. At Second CAG Headquarters work was started on rebuilding and strengthening the perimeter defenses against the weakening effects of heavy rains.

During August, all CACOs were given instructions on night firing techniques. A common fault of CAP Marines has been shooting too high at night.

During the month of August, Second CAG deactivated one Company and five Combined Action Platoons. Personnel were redistributed to remaining Second CAG units. Disposition of excess equipment, resulting from recent CAG deactivations within RVN required extensive efforts by Second CAG's S-4 Section.

Operationally, Second CAG's actions and enemy reactions to pacification efforts remained essentially the same as last month. Small groups of enemy were encountered moving into populated areas with the purpose of taking advantage of the current rice harvest for resupply. An extensive land clearing operation using bulldozers resulted in the elimination of several VC avenues of approach and bunker systems. This project was undertaken at the request of Province and District Vietnamese Officials, and will be completed during September 1970.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Operation Summary

- 1 August 70 CAP 2-3-10 and local villagers while digging a foundation for a market place accidentally detonated an unknown type booby trap with an unknown type firing device at BT 065547, 3.5 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters. One USMC and 2 VN children received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding SFD. A search of the area for further SFDs was non-productive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M), 2 VN WIA(M).
- 2 August 70 CAP 2-9-1 patrol attempted to apprehend 1 VN female obviously trying to evade the patrol at AT 893483, 2 km NE of Duc Duc District Headquarters. CAP PF positively identified the VN as VC and after repeated VN language warnings to halt, initiated organic weapons fire on the fleeing VC. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 5 lbs of rice and 3 lbs of fish. The food was distributed among the PFs. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 5 lbs of rice, 3 lbs of fish captured.
- 2 August 70 CAP 2-3-7 ambush received 2 ChiComs from an USEF at BT 039617, 5.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The ambush returned fire with organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee N. During the contact 1 CAP PF received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding grenades. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(M).
- 3 August 70 CAP 2-7-4 patrol attempted to apprehend 14 VN males obviously trying to evade the patrol at BT 053635, 5.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The CAP PF, after repeated VN language warnings to halt, initiated organic weapons fire on the fleeing VN. Eight VN were apprehended. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PFs, the VN were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 8 VN detained.
- 4 August 70 CAP 2-7-3 patrol discovered a bunker at BT 024656, 8.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The bunker contained assorted munitions. The bunker and munitions were destroyed. RESULTS: 9 CSWC (M-72 LAWS), (20) 60mm mortar rounds, 150 M-79 HE rounds, 1 M-26 grenade, and 1 can packed with $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of C-4 destroyed.
- 4 August 70 Acting on information received from Thanh Thuy Village Security Chief, CAP 2-7-8 patrol discovered 1 M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with an unknown firing device, at BT 050655, 8.5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. As the patrol approached, the SFD exploded wounding 1 USMC. The USMC was medevaced by helicopter. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E)

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- 5 August 70 Acting on information received from 3rd CIT, a CACO 2-1 Headquarters patrol detained 2 VN females at AT 927703, 1.5 km N of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. Unresponsive to questioning by the patrol interpreter, the 2 VN were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 2 VN detained.
- 6 August 70 A CAP 2-9-1 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 10 VC with weapons moving SW at AT 893473, 2 km E of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with SAF and RPG's and fled in an unknown direction. One USMC received minor fragmentation wounds during the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M).
- 7 August 70 A CAP 2-7-4 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 5 VC with weapons moving N at BT 049628, 5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 12 VN civilians, 1 US .45 caliber pistol, 1 M-26 grenade and miscellaneous medical supplies. The 12 VN civilians, unresponsive to CAP PF questioning, were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation along with the pistol and medical supplies. The M-26 grenade was destroyed in place. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 12 VN detained; 1 IWC and miscellaneous medical supplies captured; 1 M-26 grenade destroyed.
- 7 August 70 A CAP 2-3-2 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on an USEF, with weapons moving W at BT 057596, 2 km NE of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned fire with SAF and an estimated 40 RPG rounds. One USMC and 2 CAP PFs were WIA during the contact and one USMC received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding RPGs. A helicopter medevac was called and during liftoff sustained a large volume of SAF causing it to crash. Two USMC helicopter crew members were KIA and 4 USMC helicopter crew members were WIA as a result of the crash. A CACO 2-3 Headquarters and a CAP 2-3-3 reaction force was dispatched to the above grid. The enemy fled in an unknown direction after the arrival of the reaction force. A second helicopter medevac was requested and extracted all casualties. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC (CAP) WIA(E), 2 (CAP) PF WIA(E) and 1 USMC (CAP) WIA(M).
- 7 August 70 A CAP 2-4-1 ambush received 1 ChiCom grenade from an USEF at BT 182592, 2.5 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. One USMC received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding grenade. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M).

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- 8 August 70 In a combined operation of CAP 2-1-5, two local RF companies and elements of 1st Bn 1st Marines, the force detained 12 VN civilians at AT 945655, 3.5 km SE of Dai Loc District Headquarters. Unresponsive to questioning and without proper identification cards, the VN were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 12 VN detained.
- 9 August 70 A CAP 2-3-10 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 7 VC with weapons moving N at BT 064547, 3.5 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy fled E without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 10 ChiCom grenades, 2 RPG rounds and assorted VN language VC propaganda leaflets. The grenades and RPG rounds were destroyed in place. The leaflets were delivered to District Headquarters for further analysis. RESULTS: 10 ChiCom grenades, 2 RPG rounds destroyed; assorted propaganda leaflets captured.
- 9 August 70 A CAP 2-7-4 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 3 VC with weapons moving N at BT 045629, 5.2 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled W. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 M-26 grenade, 1 ID card and \$1,000 P. The grenade was destroyed in place and the ID card and money was delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 M-26 grenade destroyed; 1 ID card and \$1,000 P. captured.
- 10 August 70 Hearing an explosion a CAP 2-2-1 patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. The patrol discovered 6 VN children WIA from an exploding 82mm HE mortar round at AT 923579, 1.5 km E of Dai Loc District Headquarters. A further search of the area disclosed 1 82mm HE dud that failed to detonate on impact at the above grid. The 6 VN children were rendered first aid and medevaced by vehicle. An EOD team from 5th Marines destroyed the dud mortar round. RESULTS: 6 VN children WIA(E); 1 82mm HE round destroyed.
- 10 August 70 CAP 2-4-4 with a geographic center of the TAOC at BT 163560, 2 km SE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, was deactivated. The deactivation was with the approval of CG, III MAF.
- 11 August 70 On a combined operation with 3rd CIT, a CAP 2-7-1 patrol apprehended 2 VN females and 5 VN males with improper identification at BT 024635, 7 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. A search of the VN disclosed 1 ChiCom grenade. The VN civilians, unresponsive to CAP PF questioning, were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. The grenade was destroyed. RESULTS: 7 VN detained; 1 ChiCom grenade destroyed.

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- 11 August 70 A USMC member of a CAP 2-9-2 patrol accidentally detonated a bounding type anti-personnel mine rigged with a trip wire firing device along a trail at AT 873494, 2 km N of Duc Duc District Headquarters. Another USMC moving to aid the first Marine accidentally detonated a second bounding type anti-personnel mine rigged with a trip wire firing device in a field 50 meters south of the above grid. Both USMC were KIA from the exploding mines. A sweep of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC KIA
- 11 August 70 CAP 2-7-9, with a geographic center of the TAOC at BT 013648, 8.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters, was deactivated. The deactivation was with the approval of CG, III MAF.
- 11 August 70 A CAP 2-4-7 patrol apprehended 9 VN civilians found in a restricted area at BT 175555, 2.5 km S of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The VN civilians, unresponsive to CAP PF questioning were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 9 VN detained.
- 12 August 70 CAP 2-1-7, with a geographic center of the TAOC at AT 935725, 3.5 km NE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters, was deactivated. The deactivation was with the approval of CG, III MAF.
- 12 August 70 CAP 2-8-4, with a geographic center of the TAOC at AT 931830, 12.5 km NW of Hoa Vang District Headquarters, was deactivated. The deactivation was with the approval of CG, III MAF.
- 12 August 70 CAP 2-4-3 patrol, working with an AO, observed three VN moving into a treeline at BT 162588, 2 km N of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The patrol moved to investigate and apprehended 25 VN females. Unresponsive to CAP PF questioning the VN were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. A search of the area disclosed 1 60mm mortar base plate, hidden in the bush beside a trail and 1 M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire type firing device located on a trail near the above grid. The booby trap was destroyed in place. A further search of the area for SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 25 VN detained, (1) 60mm mortar base plate captured and 1 SFD destroyed.
- 12 August 70 CAP 2-9-1 PF accidentally detonated a M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device, located on a trail at AT 889473, 1 km SE of Duc Duc District Headquarters. The PF was WIA, and was rendered first aid and medevaced by vehicle. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(E).

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- 13 August 70 Local villagers informed a CAP 2-1-1 patrol base that 6 NVA had entered Hoa Phu village at AT 917716, 3.5 km NW of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. The patrol discovered 1 NVA from the 5th Company, 4th Battalion, 31st Regiment in an empty house at the above grid. A search of the area disclosed 1 AK-47 and 1 Chicom grenade. The POW was delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation along with the rifle. The grenade was destroyed in place. RESULTS: 1 NVA POW, 1 IWC, 1 Chicom grenade destroyed.
- 13 August 70 CAP 2-7-1 patrol discovered 30 VN dressed in ARVN and ROK uniforms at BT 020625, 6.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Responsive to questioning by CAP PF, the 30 man unit was not detained. A further check with District Headquarters revealed the unit designation given by the VN was nonexistent. The patrol returned to the above grid and initiated organic weapons fire on the enemy. The enemy returned fire with SAF and fled W. One USMC received minor gunshot wounds during the contact. The patrol requested an AO and a reaction force from CAP 2-7-3 and CAP 2-7-4. District Headquarters dispatched a platoon of NPFF to assist in a combined unit block and search operation. A sweep of the area by the combined force revealed 1 local force VC guerrilla armed with 3 Chicom grenades, 1 VN male with an improper identification card and 1 VN male whose name appeared on the District Black List as a VCI. The VN, the VC POW, and VCI were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. The grenades were destroyed. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M), 1 VC POW, 1 VCI and 1 VN detained, 3 Chicoms destroyed.
- 14 August 70 Upon hearing an explosion, CAP 2-2-1 ambush dispatched a patrol to investigate. At AT 927579, 1 km E of Dai Loc District Headquarters, the patrol discovered the Ky Tam Hamlet Office destroyed by an unknown type explosive device. A further search of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: Ky Tam Hamlet Office destroyed.
- 14 August 70 CAP 2-7-10 patrol, after repeated warnings in Vietnamese to halt, initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC carrying supplies and fleeing at BT 044647, 7 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 VN civilian, 3 note books and 1 pack containing assorted medical supplies. The VN, unresponsive to questioning by CAP PFs, was detained and delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation along with the medical supplies and notebooks. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 VN detained, 1 pack containing assorted medical gear and 3 notebooks captured.

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- 14 August 70 CACO 2-9, co-located with Duc Duc District Headquarters at AT 875476, was deactivated. CAP 2-9-1 with geographic center of the TAOC at AT 876480, 1.5 km NE of Duc Duc District Headquarters, was deactivated. CAP 2-9-2 with a geographic center of the TAOC at AT 871492, 1.5 km N of Duc Duc District Headquarters, was deactivated. The deactivations were with the approval of CG, III MAF.
- 14 August 70 Local villagers informed CAP 2-3-8 patrol that 4 VC had passed through Phong Ngu (1) Hamlet. The patrol went to the hamlet and captured 1 female local force VC guerrilla at BT 056625, 4.5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The POW, unresponsive to questioning by CAP PFs, was delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. A further sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 VC POW.
- 14 August 70 CAP 2-7-1 ambush captured 1 local force VC guerrilla at BT 026616, 5.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF, the POW was delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 VC POW.
- 15 August 70 CAP 2-7-4 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 5 NVA with weapons moving E at BT 055629, 5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The NVA returned fire and fled E. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 NVA KIA dressed in a blue and gray uniform, from an unknown unit, 1 Russian K-44 pistol, 3 M-26 grenades, and miscellaneous documents. The documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis along with the pistol. The grenades were destroyed. RESULTS: 1 NVA KIA, 1 IWC, miscellaneous documents captured, 3 M-26 grenades destroyed.
- 16 August 70 CAP 2-7-10 PF, while on patrol, accidentally detonated an M-26 grenade booby trap with a pull wire firing device, located on a trail at BT 042642, 6.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Three PFs were WIA by the exploding SFD. The PFs were rendered first aid and medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 3 PFs WIA(E).
- 16 August 70 CAP 2-7-4 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC with weapons moving N at BT 054629, 5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy did not return fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA, 2 AK-47s, 1 M-26 grenade, 1 M-33 grenade and assorted personal effects. The grenades were destroyed. The weapons and personal effects were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 2 IWC, 2 grenades destroyed, 1 BA 386 battery, 1 commercial broadcast transistor radio, 2 memo pads captured.

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- 16 August 70 A USMC member of CAP 2-7-1 patrol accidentally detonated a M-79 HE round booby trap rigged with a pressure firing device on a trail at BT 030634, 6 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The USMC was WIA by the exploding SFD and medevaced by helicopter. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E).
- 16 August 70 CAP 2-2-3 ambush observed by use of a Starlight Scope an estimated 7 VC with weapons moving W at AT 926614, 3.5 km N of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The ambush initiated organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction and called an artillery illumination mission. Fifteen minutes later, the ambush received 3 RPG rounds from the same enemy force at AT 924615, 4 km NE of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The ambush returned fire with organic weapons fire again causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. One USMC received minor fragmentation wounds during the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M).
- 17 August 70 A PF member of CAP 2-3-8 accidentally detonated an M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device on a trail at BT 047615, 4 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. One USMC was WIA from the exploding SFD. The USMC was medevaced by helicopter. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E).
- 19 August 70 CAP 2-7-2 patrol observed 1 VN female carrying rice and obviously trying to evade the patrol at BT 031621, 5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. CAP RF, after repeated VN language warnings to halt, initiated organic weapons fire on the fleeing VN. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 40 lbs of rice, 1 can of fish and a large quantity of VN language anti-GVN documents on the VC. The documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis along with the rice and fish. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 40 lbs of rice, 1 can of fish, and VN language anti-GVN documents captured.
- 19 August 70 CAP 2-3-7 patrol received SAF from an USEF at BT 035615, 6 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee N. One PF was KIA, 1 PF was WIA and medevaced by helicopter and 1 USMC received a minor gunshot wound during the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 PF WIA(E) and 1 USMC WIA(M).
- 20 August 70 CAP 2-3-2 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 6 VC with weapons moving S at BT 057602, 2.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The patrol received SAF and 1 Chicom grenade and the enemy fled N. The patrol called an artillery mission on probable enemy escape routes. One CAP PF was WIA during the contact. The PF WIA was medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(E).

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- 23 August 70 CAP 2-7-1 patrol apprehended 2 VN females obviously observing their patrol base at BT 034636, 6.5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. One of the VN, age 16, appeared on the District Black List. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF the VN were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 2 VN detained.
- 24 August 70 A CAP 2-4-3 patrol observed 5 VN females obviously trying to evade the patrol at BT 173589, 2.5 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. CAP PF, after repeated VN language warnings to halt, initiated organic weapons fire on the fleeing VN. A sweep of the area disclosed one local force VC guerrilla POW and 4 VN with improper identification cards, CAP PF identified the VC POW. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF, the VN were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC POW; 4 VN detained.
- 25 August 70 A CAP 2-7-10 patrol received fragmentation from a command detonated Claymore mine at BT 040644, 7 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The patrol did not return fire for lack of a discernable target. Two USMC were WIA from the exploding mine and medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E).
- 25 August 70 In a multi-CAP operation, CAPs 2-3-1, 2-3-2, 2-3-3, 2-3-6, 2-3-7 and 2-3-8 initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC with weapons in a tree line at BT 059608, 2.8 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy fled W without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 rifle, 1 pack containing miscellaneous anti-GVN VN language propaganda leaflets and 1 M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device on a trail. The SFD was destroyed in place. The propaganda leaflets were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis along with the rifle and pack. Continuing the operation, the force discovered 3 fortified bunkers in the vicinity of the above grid. The force called a fixed wing air strike on the 3 bunkers. A further search of the area for bunkers was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 IWC; 1 pack with miscellaneous anti-GVN propaganda leaflets captured; 1 SFD and 3 bunkers destroyed.
- 26 August 70 Responding to a request for assistance from a non-CAP PF platoon under attack from an USEF while guarding a bridge at AT 866574, 5 km W of Dai Loc District Headquarters, a

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CAP 2-2-4 reaction force moved to reinforce the non-CAP platoon. The force initiated organic weapons fire and called an 81mm mortar fire mission on the USEF. The enemy returned fire with 30 M-79 HE rounds and SAF and fled SW. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 M-16 rifle and 4 M-26 grenades. The grenades were destroyed. The M-16 rifle was delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 IWC; 4 M-26 grenades destroyed.

27 August 70 A CAP 2-7-4 patrol apprehended 3 VN males between the ages of 40 and 50 obviously trying to evade the patrol at BT 055631, 5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. While questioning the VN, the patrol received SAF from 4 VC in a tree line 100m W of the above grid. The patrol returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee NE. One PF was WIA during the contact and medevaced by helicopter. The VN, unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF, were detained and delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(E); 3 VN detained.

28 August 70 A PF member of a CAP 2-4-3 patrol accidentally detonated a M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device at the entrance to a bunker at BT 164588, 1 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. Three PFs were WIA from the exploding SFD. The PF WIA were medevaced by helicopter. The bunker was destroyed. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 5 gal can containing 30 lbs of polished rice. The rice was retained by the CAP PF. RESULTS: 3 PF WIA(E); 30 lbs of rice captured, 1 bunker destroyed.

28 August 70 CAP 2-4-5 and CAP 2-4-7, in an operation, discovered 4 bunkers containing assorted ordnance, 50 lbs of polished rice, assorted medical supplies and miscellaneous documents at BT 164588, 1 km N of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The bunkers and ordnance were destroyed in place. The rice was retained by the PF. The documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis along with the medical supplies. RESULTS: 4 bunkers, 1 claymore mine, 1 155mm HE round and 2 250lb bombs destroyed; 50 lbs of polished rice, assorted medical supplies and miscellaneous documents captured.

29 August 70 A CAP 2-3-5 ambush received M-79 HE rounds, RPGs and SAF from an USEF in a tree line at BT 081599, 3 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee E and W. One USMC was KIA, 3 USMC were WIA and 3 USMC received minor fragmentation wounds

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during the contact. The USMC WIA were medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area disclosed assorted ordnance and 4 VN language propaganda leaflets. The ordnance was destroyed. The propaganda leaflets were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA; 3 USMC WIA(E), 3 USMC WIA(M); 4 ChiCom grenades, 2 M-79 HE rounds destroyed; 4 VN language VC propaganda leaflets captured.

- 29 August 70 A CAP 2-4-6 ambush received 1 RPG from an USEF at BT 113576, 2.5 km W of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The ambush returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. Three USMC were WIA and 1 USMC received minor fragmentation wounds from the exploding RPG. The 3 USMC WIA were medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 RPG fin assemblies, two ChiCom grenades and 2 M-26 grenades. The ordnance was destroyed in place. RESULTS: 3 USMC WIA(E), 1 USMC WIA(M); 2 RPG fin assemblies, 2 ChiCom grenades and 2 M-26 grenades destroyed.
- 29 August 70 A CAP 2-3-8 patrol base received ChiCom grenades and 3 60mm mortar rounds from an USEF at BT 048614, 4 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The patrol base returned organic weapons fire causing the enemy to flee in an easterly direction. Six PF were WIA in the contact. The PF were medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 6 PF WIA(E).
- 30 August 70 A CAP 2-3-1 patrol base at BT 073585, 500m E of Dien Ban District Headquarters, received 3 ChiCom grenades from an USEF in an unknown location. The patrol base did not return fire for lack of a discernable target. Two USMC and 1 USN were WIA from the exploding grenade. The 2 USMC and 1 USN WIA were medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(E), 1 USN WIA(E).

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a. NVA KIA	1
b. VC KIA	8
c. NVA POW	1
d. VC POW	9
e. VCI POW	0
f. Hoi Chanh	
(1) NVA	0
(2) VC	0
(3) VCI	0

3. Casualties Sustained

a. USMC KIA	3 (including 1 DOW)
b. USMC WIA(E)	16 (including 2 NBC)
c. USMC WIA(M)	17
d. USMC MIA	0
e. USN KIA	0
f. USN WIA(E)	1
g. USN WIA(M)	1
h. USN MIA	0
i. CAP PF KIA	2
j. CAP PF WIA(E)	22
k. CAP PF WIA(M)	1
l. CAP PF MIA	0

4. New Techniques Employed

Negative

5. Command Relationships

2d CAG experienced no problem areas with Vietnamese or local FVMAF units during August.

6. Significant Accomplishments of Attachments

a. Kit Carson Scouts: At the beginning of August 2d CAG had eight KCSs deployed in 2d CAG small units. Two KCSs were dropped from the roll in midmonth, giving an end of the month strength of nine KCSs with the pick-up of three additional Scouts in the latter third of the month. The Scouts conducted twenty-nine classes and participated in 321 patrols.

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b. ARVN Interpreters: 2d CAG had eight interpreters assigned to the CACOs and 2d CAG Headquarters at the beginning of the reporting period. In midmonth one interpreter was returned to Headquarters for ARVN Interpreters as ineffective. A replacement was received for this interpreter bringing the end of the month strength to eight. The interpreters were invaluable in translating the necessary documents for the deactivations which took place in August.

c. Scout Dogs: During August 2d CAG deployed four Mine and Booby Trap Dog Teams and twelve Scout Dog Teams. The Scout Dogs were a welcome addition to CAP patrols, quite often alerting to the placement of enemy troops

7. Lessons Learned

Negative

8. Logistics

a. General: During this reporting period this Command continues to be in a C-2 category under the Mares Reporting System.

b. Significant Events: During this period this unit received the following combat essential equipment:

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QTY</u>
M151A1, Jeep	1
M37B1, Truck	3
15 CFM, Luber	1

c. Damage to Weapons due to enemy action: During this period the Command Armory received no weapons damaged due to enemy action.

d. Motor Transport: The Group Motor Transport Section drove a total of 53,000 miles during the reporting period. There were five (5) vehicles deadlined for 2d echelon maintenance. Breakdown is as follows:

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QTY</u>
M151A1, Jeep	2
M37B1, Truck	3

(1) During this period of reporting six (6) vehicles were deadlined for/to 3rd echelon maintenance. Breakdown is as follows:

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QTY</u>
M151A1, Jeep	2
M101, Trailer	2
M37B1, Truck	2

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(2) Average deadline time was as follows:

2nd Echelon
3rd Echelon

2-4 Days
20-30 Days

- e. Airlifts: As in previous reports no airlifts have been scheduled.
- f. Messhall: Approximately 7,900 meals were served during this period in the 2d CAG Messhall. A total of 12,950 meals were distributed to field units from the 2d CAG Messhall.
- g. Armory: The armory has repaired a total of 90 weapons during the period. Fifty (50) weapons were sent in for repair to 1st FSR for 3rd echelon maintenance.
- h. Supplies: FLC's AS-1 listing for the clearing of all old requisitions was not scheduled for this month.
- i. Problem Areas: Excess equipment turn-in for vehicles will not be accomplished until early in September due to congestion at the retrograde facility. This "pick-up" is caused by units deactivated in lieu of their return to Conus.

9. Civic Action/Psychological Operations

a. During the month of August, Civic Action NCOs from the 2d Combined Action Group continued their efforts as liaison between hamlet, village, and district officials in initiating civic action and community development projects. Civic Action efforts have continued at an acceptable level in MedCaps, education, personal response, distribution of commodities, and construction projects.

b. Agriculture projects are being stressed by the CAPs because of the importance they hold for the future. The Civic Action NCOs have been receiving, in large quantities, a variety of vegetable seeds from interested people back in the United States. Civic Action NCOs are working closely with the farmers experimenting with seeds, hoping to find those vegetables which the farmers will accept and start raising in quantity.

c. The assistance given in the building of schools at Dien Ban has resulted in appreciably closer ties between CAP Marines, Popular Forces, and the local civilians.

d. Two refugee settlements were provided with 22 6x6 loads of critically needed lumber necessary for the permanent construction of houses prior to the monsoon season.

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e. During the month of August 2d CAG's Civic Action NCO has received numerous gifts from people in the United States. These gifts include clothing, seeds, books, candy, and soap. The gifts have been distributed to CAPs for further distribution.

f. Commodities distributed during the month of August were as follows: Food, 3209 lb.; Soap, 450 lb.; Clothing, 100 lb.; Personnel hygiene kits, 50; Phy Ed Kits, 5.

g. During the month of August CAP personnel of the group assisted Vietnamese civilians in completing the following projects: Dams, 1; Water pump, 1; Refugee Camp, 1; Wells, 6; Schools, 5; Bridges, 2; Dwellings, 16; Heads, 1; Fences, 20.

h. Medical Assistance in support of Civic Action MedCAPs resulted in the treatment of 17,377 Vietnamese civilians. 47 dental cases were treated and 43 civilians were under going training in the basics of first aid. These aides assisted in MedCaps and served as interpreters for the corpsmen.

i. Psychological operations activities employed by the group during the month of August included the use of land dissemination and air dropped leaflets:

- (1) Approximately 30,000 "CAPs are here to help you" leaflets were air dropped.
- (2) Approximately 50,000 "safe conduct passes" were air dropped.
- (3) 60,000 reward leaflets were air dropped during the month of August.
- (4) Approximately 50,000 Vietnamese newspapers were hand distributed.

10. Personnel and Administration

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

(1) Joined

USMC	
Off	Enl
1	58

(2) Rotated CONUS

USMC	
Off	Enl
2	67

(3) Reassignment Within WestPac

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	100

(4) Transferred by SR/while sick (out of country hospital)

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	14

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USMC	
Off	Enl
0	1

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

To PFC	<u>3</u>	To SSgt	<u>0</u>
To ICpl	<u>97</u>	To GySgt	<u>0</u>
To Cpl	<u>94</u>	To 1st Sgt/MSgt	<u>0</u>
To Sgt	<u>0</u>	To SgtMaj/MGySgt	<u>0</u>

c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts Held:	GCM	None
	SpCM	None
	SCM	2

(2) Article 32 Investigations:	1	<u>Completed</u>
(3) NJP:	7	yes
(4) JAG-Type Investigations:	2	<u>Completed</u>
		yes

d. Award Recommendations

SSM - 0
LOM - 1
BSM - 11
NCM - 13
NAM - 1
PH - 24

e. Congrints/Splints/Welreps

The command has responded to:

(2) CONGRINTS (0) SPLINTS (5) WELREPS

f. Morale and Welfare

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

(a) Hong Kong	(5)	Japan	(3)
Taipei	(10)	Bangkok	(7)
Hawaii	(16)	Sydney	(7)
Okinawa	(2)		
(b) In Country	(4)		

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(2) Mail: Daily average bags of mail processed:

Incoming (2) Outgoing (2)

(3) Hospital Visitations: All incountry hospital patients are visited weekly by their respective CACO Commanders.

g. Career Planning

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

Extensions: (1) 6 months

11. Intelligence: Enemy troop activity and terrorist attacks were at low ebb during August. Movement of enemy supply cadre in small groups, or as individuals was high. The enemy avoided contact to concentrate on resupply and to prepare for expected high activity in September. Agent reports indicate that enemy troops withdrew to safe havens for retraining and to receive command direction. On the fourth CAP 2-7-3 captured a cache of enemy munitions at BT 024656. The munitions included nine LAAWS, twenty 60mm mortar HE rounds, one hundred and fifty M-79 HE rounds, one M-26 grenade and a quarter pound of C-4. The CAP destroyed the bunker and munitions.

On the fifth, CAP 2-9-1 discovered a recently dug storage bunker at AT 885485. The bunker contained a cache of food. The food was distributed to the CAP PFs. Finds of this sort, and the destruction of munitions and food stuff cause the enemy to disrupt his plans.

On the seventh CAP 2-3-2 made the first heavy contact of the month at BT 057596, 2 km NE of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The CAP initiated organic weapons fire on the enemy force. The enemy returned SAF and over 40 RPG rounds. One USMC and two PFs were wounded and one USMC received minor wounds. A helicopter medevac which was called in, received heavy small arms fire causing it to crash on lift off. CACO 2-3 and CAP 2-3-3 were led by the Company Commander in reaction to the contact. The reaction force broke the enemy contact and a second Medevac was called in and received, evacuating the wounded CAP members and the injured helicopter crew members.

On the twelfth CAP 2-4-3 apprehended twenty five Vietnamese females in a restricted area. Unresponsive to questioning they were turned over to District Headquarters. It is believed that the women were acting as bearers for the VC.

Local villagers have shown an increased interest in aiding the CAPs with information as to the location of enemy troops and the locations of food and munitions caches. This is indicative of the success the CAPs have had in releasing the enemy's hold on the local villagers. This type of aid from the people led to the capture of one NVA from the 5th Company 4th Battalion, 31st Regiment in Hoa Phu Village at AT 917716, by CAP 2-1-1.

For the third month running, incidents involving enemy soldiers dressed as ARVN or Republic of Korea Marines have developed. On the thirteenth CAP 2-7-1 discovered thirty Vietnamese dressed in ARVN and ROKMC uniforms. The CAP initiated small arms fire on the enemy. The enemy returned small arms fire and fled west. A sweep of the area after the contact produced one local force

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VC, one member of the VC infrastructure and one Vietnamese with an improper identification card. Information freely given by local villagers led to the discovery of the thirty VC.

The only major terrorist incident during August happened on the twenty-sixth of the month. CAP 2-4-7 investigating an explosion discovered the Thuan Tinh Village Chief and a PSDF with minor fragmentation wounds received from an exploding Chicom grenade in a terrorist attack. The CAP rendered first aid then released the two men.

Most of the enemy sightings and contact with the enemy was experienced in Dien Ban and Hoa Vang Districts. The enemy was on the move in these Districts due to harassment from the units of the 1st Marines. In late August the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines destroyed the VC District Headquarters for Dien Ban and Hoa Vang Districts. This caused confusion in the ranks of the VC as noted in the erratic spotting of enemy movement in the latter third of the month.

a. Weapons and Ordnance Captured:

(1) Individual Weapons Captured

AK-47	4
LAAW	9
.45 Cal pistol	2
K-44 pistol	1
M-16 rifle	1

(2) Ordnance Captured

175mm HE round	1
155mm HE round	1
105mm HE round	7
82mm HE round	9
60mm HE round	20
M-79 HE round	150
M-26 grenades	16
Chicom grenades	16
RPG rounds	2
M-33 grenade	1
SFD	1
M-60 rounds	500
C-4	$\frac{1}{4}$ lb.
Blasting Caps	10

(3) Gear Captured

60mm base plate	1
M-16 magazine	1
BA 386 Battery	1
USMC utilities	2
VN money	1,000\$VN
salt	30lb.
assorted medical supplies	
transistor radio	

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a. Battery usage (BA-386): 1622 batteries were used during the month.

b. Combat Operation Centers: The following communications traffic was passed through the combat operations center over various nets:

Incoming Messages	394
Outgoing Messages	217
Spot Reports	194
Intelligence Reports	3
Casualty Reports	47
Serious Incident Report	2
Total Traffic	<u>857</u>

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

Requisitions Submitted	15
Requisitions Completed	3
Requisitions Outstanding	34
Total Outstanding	<u>46</u>

d. Maintenance

Work Requests Submitted	126
Work Requests Completed	121
Work Requests Outstanding	0
Total Outstanding	<u>5</u>

13. Fire Support: During August 2d CAG employed ten artillery missions, fifteen 81mm mortar missions and six 60mm mortar missions.

14. Air Support: During August there were no fixed wing support missions flown for 2d CAG.

15. Activations, Deactivations, Redesignations and Relocations of CAPs: In the month of August 2d CAG deactivated one Company and five platoons. CAP 2-4-4 with a geographic center of the TAOC at BT 163560, 2 km SE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, was deactivated on 10 August 1970 at 1600H. On the 12th at 1130H CAP 2-1-7 with a geographic center of the TAOC at AT 935725, 3.5 km NE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters was deactivated. Also on the 12th at 1130H CAP 2-8-4 with a geographic center of the TAOC at AT 931830, 12.5 km NW of Hoa Vang District Headquarters, was deactivated. CACO 2-9, co-located with Duc Duc District Headquarters at AT 875476 was deactivated; CAP 2-9-1 with a geographic center of the TAOC at AT 890480, 1.5 km NE of Duc Duc District Headquarters, and CAP 2-9-2 with a geographic center of the TAOC at AT 871492, 1.5 km N of Duc Duc District Headquarters, was deactivated. All CACO 2-9 deactivations took place on 14 August 1970 at 1600H.

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16. Combined Action Force School: 2d CAG in August sent forty-six Marines to the Combined Action Force School.

17. Combined Action Force Vietnamese Language School: 2d CAG, in August sent nine Marines to Combined Action Force Vietnamese Language School.

18. Special Services

a. During the month of August, one Special Services trip to Hong Kong was made for the purchase of three hundred pair of Second CAG Sweatshirts, and other Special Services equipment.

b. Second CAG Special Services has taken over the assets of First and Third CAGs which have been deactivated. While this has resulted in the acquisition of items such as TV's, fans, etc that we have been trying to get for a long time, it has also resulted in large amounts of excess gear. This excess gear is being processed for turn-in.

c. Weekly rations of beer and soda to Combined Action Companies continued with 415 cases of beer and soda distributed.

d. Two USO shows were provided during the month of August.

19. Medical Department

a. General: During the month of August emphasis was placed on the efficient follow up procedures concerning Vietnamese Med Evaced for serious diseases since the presence of a disease in any proportion in our operating area effects the health of the CAPs directly. It was recommended that the mission numbers be noted in the case of Helo evac and the definite area medical facility, preferably Hoi An Provincial Hospital, be ascertained as soon as possible.

Water sanitation was again stressed at CACO level to reduce the incidence of skin and other infections caused by contaminated water.

More comprehensive administrative procedures at CACO level were recommended and implemented. A folder for each man attached to a company containing his immunization tickler card and sick call record to maintain continuity of his medical care.

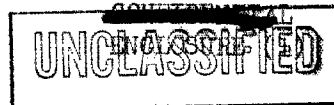
Routine inspection of CAPs were carried out during the reporting period.

Med Caps at CAG level totaled 1,094 during August. Lack of Med Cap supplies as such does not hamper our capabilities in this area since excess supplies from activities deactivating are readily available.

b. Personnel

- (1) Medical Department Representative:
- (2) Admin/Sick Call Petty Officer:

J.H. BRYSON, HMC, USN
J.F. COMBS, HML, USN



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(3) Supply/Sick Call Petty Officer:

G.J. DAGLEY, HML, USN

(a) Detached	11
Transferred:	0
RTD:	0
WIA Medevac:	2
KIA:	0
Non-Battle Medevac	2
Non-Battle Hospital:	0
Total Losses:	15

(b) Gains: 9

c. Med Cap: During the month of August Combined Action Platoons treated 17,377 civilian in routine Med Caps and a total of 48 civilians who were casualties resulting from hostile action.

d. Training: CAP Corpsmen held a total of 81 classes with a total attendance of 456 Health Workers, PF Corpsmen and civilians.

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