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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 March 1971 - 31 March 1971

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## PART I

Organizational Data

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Date</u>
2d Combined Action Group	LtCol J.J. TOINAY	1 - 31 March 1971

Subordinate Units

1st Combined Action Company	1stLt J.D. SLATTUM	1 - 6 March 1971
	1stLt R.M. MOUNTAIN	7 - 31 March 1971
2nd Combined Action Company	1stLt J.L. WALTERS	1 - 31 March 1971
3rd Combined Action Company	Capt D.D. DOOLEY	1 - 31 March 1971
4th Combined Action Company	Capt D.L. MCINTURFF	1 - 31 March 1971
7th Combined Action Company	Capt R.M. MALLARD	1 - 7 March 1971
	1stLt J.M. IVY	8 - 31 March 1971

Attached Units

DET, Kit Carson Scouts, 1st Mar Div G-2 (C-I)  
 DET, ARVN Interpreters/Translators, III MAF  
 DET, Medical Section, III MAF HQ  
 DET, Scout Dogs, 1st MP Battalion, FLC  
 DET, 7th Communication Battalion

2. Location

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

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj H.V. LEE	1 - 31 March 1971
S-1 Officer	1stLt E.B. GUCKERT	1 - 31 March 1971
S-3 Officer	Maj C.L. RUSHING	1 - 31 March 1971
Asst S-3 Officer	1stLt B.C. QUIST	1 - 31 March 1971
S-4 Officer	1stLt J.M. PIETRZAK	1 - 31 March 1971
S-5 Officer	1stLt B.C. QUIST	1 - 31 March 1971
Chaplain	Lt F. BIANCHINO	1 - 31 March 1971
ARVN Liaison Officer	1stLt HA SAU HOA	1 - 31 March 1971

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4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC  
Off Enl  
18 635

USN  
Off Enl  
1 53

Other  
Off Enl  
0 18

5. End of Month Unit Diary Strength

USMC  
Off Enl  
18 601

USN  
Off Enl  
1 52

Other  
Off Enl  
0 19

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
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The month of March saw enemy activity increase significantly as the K-850 campaign commenced. The increase of activity resulted in a proportionate increase in number of enemy casualties and personnel and weapons captured. The majority of sightings occurred in Dien Ban and Dai Loc Districts. An increase in mining and booby-trap incidents was noted as six occurred during the month. The highpoint of activity occurred on 29 March and extended into April as Combined Action Companies in Dai Loc, Dien Ban and Hoa Vang Districts received small arms and mortar fire. Results of this heightened activity were (44) enemy KIA, and (12) captured with (1) USMC KIA, (7) PFs KIA, (14) USMC wounded and (17) PFs wounded.

In accordance with continuing redeployment of Marines from the Republic of Viet Nam, much of CAG HQs support functions were involved with the planning and preparation for deactivation of CAG and its units. During March six CAPs were deactivated as directed by the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force.

2d CAG was honored by the visits of Lt. General Donn J. ROBERTSON, Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force and Colonel N.H. NUTTING, DCO 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized).

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Operation Summary

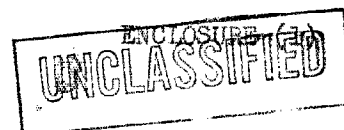
- 2 March 1971 A USMC member of CAP 2-3-2 while on an operation detonated an unknown size booby trap at grid BT 057607, 2.4 km north of Dien Ban District Headquarters. One USMC and one PF were WIA from the exploding SFD and medevaced by helicopter. A continued sweep of the area revealed two bunkers and 15 lbs. of food. The bunkers were destroyed and the food was delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(E); (1) PF WIA(E); (2) Bunkers destroyed and (15) lbs. of food captured.
- 2 March 1971 CAP 2-3-6 ambush initiated OWF on (3) VC with weapons at grid BT 067593, 1 km north of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled east. One PF was WIA and medevaced by helicopter and one PF was WIA minor. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA, (1) AK-47 rifle, (2) AK-47 magazines, (1) M-33 grenade, (1) cartridge belt and assorted documents. RESULTS: (1) PF WIA(E); (1) PF WIA(M); (1) VC KIA; (1) IWC; (2) AK-47 magazines; (1) M-33 grenade, and assorted documents captured.
- 3 March 1971 CAP 2-7-4 patrol received SAF from (3) VC at grid BT 049634, 5.6 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The CAP returned OWF causing the enemy to flee NE. One USMC was WIA during the contact and medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(E).
- 4 March 1971 CAP 2-2-2 patrol base apprehended (4) VN who were carrying food and fled upon the approach of the patrol at grid AT 926569, 1 km SE of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The VCS were delivered to District Headquarters where they were classified as VC. RESULTS: (4) VC POW; (200)lbs. of food captured.
- 4 March 1971 CAP 2-3-2 ambush initiated OWF on (1) VC at grid BT 056610, 2.7 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The VC returned SAF and fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area revealed (1) VC KIA, (1) AK-47 rifle, (2) AK-47 magazines, (3) M-26 grenades, (1) Chi Com grenade and assorted documents. One PF was WIA minor during the contact. RESULTS: (1) PF WIA(M); (1) VC KIA; (1) IWC; (2) AK-47 magazines captured; (4) grenades destroyed and documents turned over to District Headquarters.
- 5 March 1971 CAP 2-4-3 ambush initiated OWF on (8) VC at grid BT 176585, 1.4 km NW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The VC returned SAF and fled north. A sweep of the area disclosed (6) VC KIA,



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(5) Ak-47 rifles, (1) 9mm pistol, (1) M-72 LAAW, (20) Chi Com grenades and (1) home-made rocket launcher. The LAAW, grenades and rocket launcher were destroyed. RESULTS: (6) VC KIA; (7) IWC; (20) grenades destroyed, and (1) rocket launcher destroyed.

- 6 March 1971 CAP 2-1-6 ambush initiated OWF on (8) VC with weapons at grid AT 948638, 4.1 km SE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The VC returned SAF and fled south. A sweep of the area revealed (3) VC KIA, (1) AK-47 rifle, (1) K-54 pistol, (1) 9mm Pistol, and personal gear. The weapons and personal gear were turned into District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: (3) VC KIA; (3) IWC; assorted personal gear captured.
- 9 March 1971 CAP 2-7-1 ambush initiated OWF on (8) VC with weapons at grid BT 022625, 5.6 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The VC returned SAF and fled NW. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA, (1) AK-54 pistol, (1) M-26 grenade and various documents. RESULTS: (1) VC KIA; (1) IWC; (1) M-26 grenade destroyed; various documents captured.
- 10 March 1971 CAP 2-4-6 ambush initiated OWF on (6) VC with weapons at grid BT 124584, 4.2 km W of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The VC did not return fire and fled W. A sweep of the area disclosed numerous documents and (2) drag trails. The documents were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: Assorted documents captured.
- 10 March 1971 CAP 2-2-4 patrol initiated OWF on (5) VC at grid AT 921542, 3.2 km S of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled east. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA, (1) AK-47 rifle, (2) M-26 grenades, (2) Chi Com grenades, and assorted documents. The grenades were destroyed and the documents were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: (1) VC KIA; (1) IWC; (4) grenades destroyed; assorted documents captured.
- 12 March 1971 CAP 2-3-9 ambush initiated OWF on (5) VC at grid BT 101577, 3.5 km E of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled west. One USMC and one PF were WIA during the contact and medevaced by helicopter. A sweep of the area disclosed (2) VC KIA, (1) AK-47 rifle, (1) M-79 grenade launcher, (2) Chi Com grenades, (5) M-79 rounds, (1) M-26 grenade, and (2) cartridge belts. The grenades and M-79 rounds were destroyed. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(E); (1) PF WIA(E); (2) VC KIA; (2) IWC; (3) grenades destroyed; (5) M-79 rounds destroyed; (2) cartridge belts captured.

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- 13 March 1971 CAP 2-2-2 ambush spotted (3) VC moving west at grid AT 919562, 2.3 km S of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The (3) VC walked into the ambush site and were captured. RESULTS: (3) VC POW; (4) M-26 grenades captured.
- 15 March 1971 A member of CAP 2-2-1, while on a sweep operation, detonated an unknown type SFD rigged with a pressure type firing device at grid AT 936556, 3 km SE of Dai Loc District Headquarters. Two USMC and one CAP PF were WIA and medevaced from the SFD. A sweep of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: (2) USMC WIA(E); (1) PF WIA(E).
- 15 March 1971 A USMC member of CAP 2-2-2 while on patrol detonated a 60mm HE round rigged as a SFD at grid AT 938555, 3.1 km SE of Dai Loc District Headquarters. One USMC was WIA and medevaced. A sweep of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(E).
- 15 March 1971 CAP 2-1-4 ambush initiated OWF on (4) VC at grid AT 952687, 2.3 km E of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled SE. Two USMC were WIA minor during the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA, (1) AK-47 rifle, (4) Chi Com grenades, and (1) 2 lb. homemade mine rigged with a blasting cap and comm wire. The grenades and mine were blown in place. RESULTS: (2) USMC WIA(M); (1) VC KIA; (1) IWC; (4) grenades and (1) homemade mine destroyed.
- 16 March 1971 A PF member of CAP 2-7-2, while on patrol, detonated an M-26 grenade booby trap rigged with a trip wire at grid BT 027620, 4 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. One USMC was WIA from the SFD and medevaced by helicopter. Two CAP PFs were KIA from the SFD. A sweep of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(E); (2) PFs KIA.
- 17 March 1971 CAP 2-1-5 ambush received (3) grenades from (10) VC at grid AT 949677, 2.5 km SE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. The CAP returned OWF causing the enemy to flee east. One PF was KIA and one PF was WIA minor during the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) 10 lb. bag of rice. RESULTS: (1) PF KIA; (1) PF WIA(M).
- 17 March 1971 CAP 2-3-4 ambush initiated OWF on (2) VC at grid BT 084576, 3 km E of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled NW. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA, (1) M-79 grenade launcher, (2) M-79 HE rounds, (2) M-26 grenades, and (1) cartridge belt. The grenades and M-79 rounds were destroyed. RESULTS: (1) VC KIA; (1) IWC; (2) M-79 rounds and (2) grenades destroyed; (1) cartridge belt captured.

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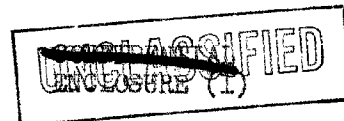
- 18 March 1971 A PF member of CAP 2-3-6, while on a sweep operation with CAPs 2-3-2 and 2-3-1 of grid square 0660, 2 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters, detonated (1) anti-personnel mine. Two CAP PFs were WIA(E) and one PF was WIA minor from the SFD. Continuing on the sweep CAP 2-3-2 initiated OWF on (3) VC at grid BT 058605. The enemy returned SAF and fled south. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA, (2) bunkers which were destroyed and assorted documents. Continuing with the operation CAP 2-3-2 discovered (1) spider hole, (1) bomb canister and (1) M-79 HE round. RESULTS: (2) PFs WIA(E); (1) PF WIA(M); (1) VC KIA; (2) bunkers, (1) spider hole, (1) bomb canister, and (1) M-79 round destroyed; assorted documents delivered to District Headquarters.
- 19 March 1971 While CAP 2-3-7 was on patrol, a mine dog tripped a 60mm HE round which was rigged with a trip wire firing device at grid BT 012583, 5.2 km W of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The dog was WIA from the SFD and medevaced to 1st MP Battalion. A sweep of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: (1) War Dog WIA(E).
- 21 March 1971 CAPs 2-4-2, with a geographical center of grid BT 128556, 4.2 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, and CAP 2-4-7, with a geographical center of grid BT 178553, 3.1 km SE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, were deactivated. Deactivation was with the approval of CG, III MAF.
- 22 March 1971 CAP 2-3-9, with a geographical center of TAOC at grid BT 095560, 3.5 km SE of Dien Ban District Headquarters, and CAP 2-3-10 with a geographical center of TAOC at grid BT 062545, 3 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters, were deactivated. Deactivation was with the approval of CG, III MAF.
- 22 March 1971 While on a combined operation, CAP 2-2-1 initiated OWF on an USEF at grid AT 900556, 2.3 km SW of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled in an unknown direction. One USMC was WIA minor during the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed (2) VC KIA and (2) M-16 rifles. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(M); (2) VC KIA; (2) IWC.
- 22 March 1971 CAP 2-7-8, with a geographical center of TAOC at grid BT 057665, 8 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters, was deactivated. Deactivation was with the approval of CG, III MAF.

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- 23 March 1971 CAP 2-7-7, with a geographical center of TAOC at grid BT 025705, 3 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters, was deactivated. Deactivation was with the approval of CG, III MAF.
- 24 March 1971 CAP 2-7-4 patrol, while checking a tree line at grid BT 043633, 5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters, discovered a hollow tree which contained (24) Chi Com grenades, (1) 60mm round, (1) homemade mortar tube, (2) helmets, (1) haversack, (1) WP bag and (1) 3.5 rocket motor. The gear was delivered to District Headquarters and the ordnance was destroyed. RESULTS: (24) Chi Coms, (1) 60mm round destroyed; (1) homemade mortar tube, (2) helmets, (1) haversack and (1) 3.5 rocket motor captured.
- 24 March 1971 CAP 2-2-2 ambush initiated OWF on (15) VC at grid AT 917564, 1.5 km S of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The VC returned SAF and fled south. Two PFs were WIA during the contact and medevaced. A sweep of the area disclosed (2) VC KIA and (1) AK-47 rifle. RESULTS: (2) PFs WIA(E); (2) VC KIA; (1) IWC.
- 25 March 1971 CAP 2-2-4 ambush received OWF from an USEF at grid AT 919547, 3.1 km S of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The CAP returned OWF causing the enemy to flee east. One USMC was KIA during the contact. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. At 252330H the CAP again received SAF from (3) VC at grid AT 919545, 2.9 km S of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The CAP returned SAF forcing the enemy to flee NE. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: (1) USMC KIA.
- 27 March 1971 Local villagers reported that VC entered the Giao Ai Hamlet at grid AT 925579, 1 km E of Dai Loc District Headquarters and assassinated the assistant Hamlet Chief. CAP 2-2-1 dispatched a patrol to investigate and found (1) VN KIA. RESULTS: (1) VN KIA.
- 28 March 1971 CAP 2-3-6 patrol discovered (1) bunker at grid BT 060602, 1.8 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The bunker was blown and at the same time the CAP initiated OWF on (2) NVA to the north. The NVA did not return fire. A sweep of the area and bunker revealed (3) NVA KIA, (1) NVA POW, (2) B-40 rocket launchers, (2) AK-47 rifles, (1) claymore mine, (14) Chi Com grenades, (9) B-40 rounds, (1) AK-47 magazine, and (3) cartridge belts. RESULTS: (3) NVA KIA; (1) NVA POW; (2) CSWC; (2) IWC; (1) claymore mine, (9) B-40 rounds, (14) Chi Coms, (1) AK-47 magazine and (3) cartridge belts captured.



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- 28 March 1971 CAP 2-7-6 ambush initiated OWF on (20) VC with weapons at grid BT 029616, 5.2 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled west. A sweep of the area disclosed (2) NVA KIA, (3) AK-47 rifles, (1) M-72 LAAW, (9) Chi Com grenades and miscellaneous documents. RESULTS: (2) NVA KIA; (4) IWC; (9) Chi Coms destroyed and assorted documents captured.
- 28 March 1971 CAP 2-7-2 ambush received (1) satchel charge and (15) M-26 grenades from an USEF at grid BT 035626, 6.6 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The CAP returned OWF causing the enemy to flee east. Two RFs were KIA and (1) VN civilian was WIA from the exploding grenades. The VN civilian was rendered medical aid and medevaced. RESULTS: (2) RFs KIA; (1) VN WIA(E).
- 29 March 1971 CACO 2-7, located at grid BT 024658, 8.3 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters, received OWF from an USEF. The CACO returned OWF causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. At 290315H, CACO 2-7 observed (9) 122mm rockets being launched from grid BT 022664, 8.8 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The CACO returned 60mm and 81mm HE mortar fire on the rocket launching site suppressing the rocket launching. The rockets impacted at grid square BT 1157, 5.5 km W of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. Five VN civilians were KIA and (4) VN civilians were WIA. The wounded civilians were brought to 2d CAG HQ where they were rendered medical aid and medevaced by helicopter. At CACO 2-7 (1) RF was WIA during the contact and medevaced. A first light sweep of launch site revealed (1) 122mm rocket, (1) Chi Com grenade, (1) Chi Com hellbox, and bamboo aiming stakes. RESULTS: (1) RF WIA(E); (5) VN KIA; (4) VN WIA(E); (1) 122mm rocket destroyed; (1) Chi Com grenade destroyed; (1) Chi Com hellbox captured.
- 29 March 1971 CAP 2-2-4 ambush received B-40 and SAF from an USEF at grid AT 925545, 3.2 km SE of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The CAP returned OWF causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. One PF was KIA, two PFs were WIA and medevaced, and one PF was WIA minor during the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed (3) Chi Com booby traps rigged with trip wire firing devices and (1) NVA flag. RESULTS: (1) PF KIA; (2) PFs WIA(E); (1) PF WIA(M); (3) Chi Com booby traps destroyed and (1) NVA flag captured.
- 29 March 1971 CAP 2-2-2 patrol sighted (90) VC at grid AT 924551, 2.3 km S of Dai Loc District Headquarters carrying AK-47s, B-40s, and automatic weapons. The CAP called a gunship and swept the area at first light which disclosed (1) VC KIA. RESULTS: (1) VC KIA.

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- 30 March 1971 CAGO 2-1 HQs received (3-5) incoming 60mm HE rounds from grid AT 935679, 1.2 km SE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters. A non-CAP PF Platoon #156 observed the enemy mortar position and engaged the enemy. The VC fled SW. RESULTS: (3) non-CAP PFs WIA(M).
- 30 March 1971 CAGO 2-3 HQs and immediate vicinity received (25) 82mm HE rounds. CAP 2-3-3 spotted the enemy mortar position at grid BT 062581, 2.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters and called a fire mission on the enemy location. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: (1) VN civilian KIA and (5) VN civilians WIA by enemy fire.
- 30 March 1971 CAP 2-3-4 while on sweep of grid square BT 0859, received (2) M-26 grenades from (2) VC in a bunker at grid BT 083595, 2.2 km NE of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The CAP returned OWF, destroying the bunker. A sweep of the area and bunker disclosed (2) VC KIA, (1) B-40 round, (4) blasting caps, (1) Box of BA-30 batteries and assorted medical gear and documents. One CAP RF was WIA minor during the contact. RESULTS: (1) RF WIA(M); (2) VC KIA; (1) B-40 round, (4) blasting caps, (1) box of batteries, assorted medical gear and documents captured.
- 31 March 1971 CAP 2-2-4 patrol detained (1) VN male, obviously trying to evade the patrol, at grid AT 923545, 3 km S of Dai Loc District Headquarters. Unresponsive to CAP PF questioning was detained and delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. District classified the VCS as VC. RESULTS: (1) VC POW.
- 31 March 1971 Acting on intelligence of VC located at grid BT 051574, 1.5 km W of Dien Ban District Headquarters, CAPs 2-3-5 and 2-3-3 moved to investigate and received OWF from (50) VC at the above grid. The CAP returned fire and called fire missions and gunships. The contact was sporadic until 311630H. One CAP PF was KIA during the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed (16) NVA KIA, (2) B-40 rocket launchers, (5) AK-47 rifles and assorted documents. RESULTS: (1) PF KIA; (16) NVA KIA; (2) CSWC; (5) IWC; and assorted documents captured.

## 2. Neutralization of Enemy Forces

a. NVA KIA	19
b. VC KIA	25
c. NVA POW	3
d. VC POW	9
e. Hoi Chanh	0

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a. USMC KIA	1
b. USMC WIA(E)	14
c. USMC WIA(M)	9
d. USMC MIA	0
e. USN KIA	0
f. USN WIA(E)	1
g. USN WIA(M)	0
h. USN MIA	0
i. CAP PF KIA	7
j. CAP PF WIA(E)	17
k. CAP PF WIA(M)	7
l. CAP PF MIA	0

4. New Techniques Employed

During the month of March 2d CAG employed (4) XM-174 Automatic Grenade Launchers.

5. Command Relationships

2d CAG experienced no significant problem areas with Vietnamese or local FWMAF units during March.

6. Significant Accomplishments of Attachments

a. Kit Carson Scouts: While participating in 102 patrols, the KCS attached to 2d CAG accounted for the neutralization of four Viet Cong soldiers. One KCS was terminated during the reporting period as he proved unsuitable for duty with 2d CAG. The end of the month strength was (4) KCS being utilized by this command.

b. ARVN Interpreters: During the month of March, 2d CAG had six interpreters and one ARVN Liaison Officer assigned. The interpreters continue to provide valuable services in the translation of documents and daily liaison with Vietnamese Military units and the civilian populace.

c. Scout Dogs: 2d CAG utilized eleven Scout Dog Teams and two Mine Dog Teams during the month of March. All teams were proficient in their combat assignments and a welcome asset to CAP capabilities.

7. Lessons Learned

Negative.

8. Logistics

a. General: 2d CAG continues to be in a C-1 status under the MARES/ FORSTAT Reporting System.

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b. Significant Events: The 2d CAG Logistics Section, during the reporting period, began supply inventories prior to the upcoming stand-down. Emphasis was placed on the smaller units turning in all excess gear.

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

d. Motor Transport: A total of 24,258 miles was logged by the Group Motor Transport. The increase in mileage is due to the turn in of supplies and equipment, which are being taken to Supply outlets in the DaNang area daily. There were two vehicles deadlined for 3rd echelon maintenance and four deadlined for 2nd echelon maintenance. Breakdown is as follows:

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>ECHELON</u>	<u>QTY</u>
M37B1 Truck	2nd	2
M151A1 Jeep	2nd	2
M35A2C Truck	3rd	1
M37B1 Truck	3rd	1

e. Airlifts: During March, logistical support by helicopter was provided with the movement of 8,700 lbs. of supplies to field units.

f. Messhall: Approximately 22,950 meals were prepared during the reporting period in the 2d CAG Messhall. Of the above total approximately 11,250 meals were distributed to Marines in the field.

g. Armory: The Group Armory repaired a total of 135 weapons. In addition 66 weapons requiring 3rd echelon maintenance were sent to 1st FSR for repair.

h. Miscellaneous Service: During the reporting period, "A" Company, 7th Engineers completed erection of a chain link fence around the CAG Headquarters compound.

i. Supplies: No significant problems with supply support have occurred during the reporting period. This unit has been evaluating all items of supply to determine excesses. All excesses are being turned in through the appropriate supply channels.

j. Problem Areas: None.

#### 9. Civic Action/Psychological Operations

a. With the deactivations of six CAPs and continued Vietnamization in March, CAG's Civic Action Program slowed proportionately. Emphasis continues to be directed toward use of Vietnamese channels by civilians desiring help. CAG Marines attempt to monitor such requests but lack of personnel and material resources continue to hamper the responsiveness of the Vietnamese.

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b. 2d CAG continues to use its own limited resources for low-cost, high-impact projects. One very beneficial and gratifying program is that stocked by U.S. civilian contributions and distributed by the CAG Chaplain to local orphanages, schools, churches, and refugee hamlets. This program has provided some 700 pounds of soap and 750 pounds of clothing.

c. During March CAP Marines distributed some 625 pounds of food, 8 bags of cement, 35 sheets of plywood, 104 sewing kits, 11,000 school kits and taught 62 English classes.

d. The MedCap's continued and are reported under the Medical Section of this report.

e. Psychological Operations during March continued to use Face-to-Face communications as their basic medium. Leaflet drops were made in support of CAP deactivations and operation Lam Son 719.

f. One series of wanted posters were distributed in response to documents captured in Dien Ban District.

#### 10. Personnel and Administration

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

(1) Joined	USMC Off Enl <u>1</u> <u>35</u>
(2) Rotated CONUS	USMC Off Enl <u>1</u> <u>56</u>
(3) Reassignment within WestPac	USMC Off Enl <u>1</u> <u>6</u>
(4) Transferred by Service Records while sick (out of country hospital)	USMC Off Enl <u>0</u> <u>8</u>
(5) Extension of WestPac Tour effected	USMC Off Enl <u>0</u> <u>0</u>

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

To PFC	<u>4</u>	To SSGT	<u>1</u>
To LCPL	<u>40</u>	To GYSGT	<u>0</u>
To CPL	<u>20</u>	To 1STSGT/MSGT	<u>0</u>
To SGT	<u>8</u>	To SGTMAJ/MGYSGT	<u>0</u>

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c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts Held: GCM 1  
                   SpCM 3  
                   SCM 0

(2) Article 32 Investigations: 3 Completed

(3) NJP: 9 Completed

(4) JAG Type Investigations: 0

d. Award Recommendations:

SSM	0	NAM	23
BSM	29	PHM	13
NCM	21	LofM	2

e. Congrints/Splints/Welreps: The Command has responded to:

(2) CONGRINTS                      (0) SPLINTS                      (14) 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)	Okinawa	(3)
Taipei	(10)	Bangkok	(9)
Hawaii	(8)	Sydney	(8)

(b) In Country (6)

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

Incoming	Outgoing
(10)	(1)

(3) Hospital Visitations: All in-country hospital patients are visited weekly by their respective CAGO Commanders.

g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: NONE

Extensions: NONE

11. Intelligence: Enemy contact was light through most of March with activity increasing in the last days of the month as the first highpoint of the K-850 Summer Campaign was reached. The enemy appeared to be consolidating through the early weeks of the month with the majority of sightings occurring in Dai Loc District and Dien Ban District.

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13. Fire Support: 2nd CAG's subordinate units employed (7) artillery illumination missions, (17) 81mm illumination missions, and (18) 81mm fire missions during the reporting period.

14. Air Support: During February, 2nd CAG employed helicopters for (26) medical evacuations, (6) gunship missions, and numerous helicopter missions for resupply and command control purposes.

15. Activations, Deactivations, Redesignations and Relocations of CAPs: In the month of February, 2nd CAG relocated five platoons and redesignated two platoons. CAP 2-1-6 was relocated to a new TAOC with a geographical center at grid AT 946640, 6 km SE of Hieu Duc District Headquarters, at 091515H February, 1971. At 110830H February, 1971, CAP 2-2-2 was relocated with a new geographical center at grid AT 915562, 1.5 km south of Dai Loc District Headquarters. CAP 2-2-4 was simultaneously relocated with a geographical center at grid AT 915545, 2.7 km south of Dai Loc District Headquarters. CAP 2-7-5 was relocated with a new geographical center at grid BT 050620, 3.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters, at 111200H February, 1971. At the same time CAP 2-3-8 was relocated with a new geographical center at grid BT 015575, 5 km west of Dien Ban District Headquarters and redesignated as CAP 2-3-7. The old CAP 2-3-7 was redesignated as CAP 2-7-6 and retained the same TAOC with a geographical center at grid BT 035615, 4 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters.

16. Special Services

a. 2nd CAG sent 3 representatives to Hong Kong during February for the purpose of buying Special Services equipment. Items obtained included tennis shoes, athletic socks, basketballs, fishing equipment and two Johnson outboard motors. The buying flights to Hong Kong continue to be profitable and necessary for maintaining a useful inventory of equipment.

b. Special Services distributed some 250 magazines to Marines as well as 366 cases of beer and soda.

c. One USO show visited 2nd CAG during February. Mr. Sebastian GABOT spent 2 hours talking to Marines, posing for pictures and signing autographs.

17. Medical Department

a. During the month of February an outbreak of plague was noted in CAGO 2-2's TAOR. All military personnel in 2nd CAG were checked for up-to-date plague immunizations. Those personnel requiring plague booster immunizations received the same. A supply of plague vaccine was brought from other medical facilities and distributed to the CAGO 2-2 senior corpsman for immunization of Popular Forces and Regional Forces. There were no cases of plague reported among 2nd CAG personnel.

There were two (2) reported cases of animal bites. Neither was rabid. Routine inspections of the CAGO and CAP areas were carried out. MedCaps conducted by 2nd CAG units totaled 750.

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Extensive contact by CAPs in Dai Loc District with elements of the 90th NVA Regiment on the night of 25 March resulted in no discernable results. However, reports from villagers on 26 March indicated that 15 NVA had been WIA and 5 Vietnamese females kidnapped from Loc An Village for use as nurses. Information from local villagers indicated that an additional 43 VC/NVA had been WIA on the night of 29 March as a result of CAP 2-2-2 observing approximately 90 enemy troops and calling in helicopter gunships and artillery fire missions. The 29th of March marked the height of enemy activity as CAPs in Hieu Duc, Dai Loc, Dien Ban and Hoa Vang Districts all made contact and Company Headquarters received mortar and small arms fire. 2d CAG Headquarters had nine 122mm rockets impact in its vicinity. The period of increased activity continued into April with large numbers of enemy being observed in Dien Ban and Dai Loc Districts.

a. Weapons and Ordnance captured

(1) Individual and Crew-Served Weapons captured:

AK-47	(22)	K-54 Pistol	(2)
M-16	(2)	9mm Pistol	(2)
M-72 LAAW	(2)	M-79 Grenade Launcher	(2)
B-40 Rocket Launcher	(4)		

(2) Ordnance Captured

122mm rocket	1	M-79 HE rounds	10
B-40 rounds	10	Claymore Mines	2
Chi Com Grenades	90	SFDs (Homemade)	2
M-26 Grenades	25	81mm HE rounds	1
Anti-personnel Mines	4		

(3) Gear Captured

60mm mortar tube (Homemade)	1	AK-47 magazines	7
BA-30 batteries	12	Web gear (assorted)	9
Blasting Caps	4	Documents	
Rice	650 lbs.		

12. Communications

a. Battery usage: During the month 505 BA-386 batteries and 415 BA-4386 batteries were used.

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

Incoming Messages	224
Outgoing Messages	216
Spot Reports	191
Casualty Reports	2
Total Traffic	633

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(1) Medical Department Representative:	J.C. COSTELLO HMC USN
(2) Leading Petty Officer:	H.D. JOHNSON HML USN
(3) Ass't Leading PO:	D.G. YOUNG HM2 USN
(4) Medical Admin POIC:	W.F. DAY HM2 USN
(5) Sick-Call POIC/Driver:	S.L. FOX HM2 USN
(6) Supply POIC:	R. HUNTINGTON HM3 USN
(7) MedCap & Sick-Call PO:	C.A. PAINTER HM3 USN
(8) Personnel Transactions:	
(a) Detached:	5
(b) Hospitalized (NBC)	3
(c) Hospitalized (WIA)	1
(d) Joined:	4

c. MedCaps: During the month of February, Combined Action Platoons treated 6,436 civilians in routine MedCaps, and a total of 41 civilians who were casualties resulting from hostile action.

d. Training: CAP Corpsmen held a total of 63 classes with an attendance of 318 health workers, PF corpsmen and civilians.

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c. Communications supply: For the month of March there was a total of four outstanding requests for batteries, antennae, etc.

d. Maintenance

Work requests submitted	98
Work requests completed	98
Work requests outstanding	0

e. Teletype: During March the following communication traffic passed over the teletype circuit:

Incoming messages	510
Outgoing messages	160
Total messages	<u>670</u>

13. Fire Support: 2nd CAG's subordinate units employed (4) artillery illumination missions, (12) 81mm illumination missions, and (9) 81mm fire missions during the reporting period.

14. Air Support: During March, 2d CAG employed helicopters for (43) medical evacuations, (3) gunship missions, and numerous helicopter missions for resupply and command control purposes.

15. Activations, Deactivations, Redesignations, and Relocations of CAPs:

During the reporting period 2d CAG deactivated six Combined Action Platoons. At 211220H March, 1971, CAP 2-4-2, with a geographical center of TAOC at grid BT 128556, 4.2 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, and CAP 2-4-7, with a geographical center of TAOC at grid BT 178553, 3.1 km SE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, were deactivated. CAP 2-3-9, with a geographical center of TAOC at grid BT 095560, 3.5 km SE of Dien Ban District Headquarters, and CAP 2-3-10, with a geographical center of TAOC at grid BT 062545, 3 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters, were deactivated at 221000H March 1971. At 221030H March, 1971, CAP 2-7-8, with a geographical center of TAOC at grid BT 057665, 8 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters, was deactivated and on the following day at 1000H CAP 2-7-7, with a geographical center of TAOC at grid BT 025705, 3 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters, was also deactivated. All deactivations were with the approval of the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force.

16. Special Services

a. 2d CAG sent four people on two flights to Hong Kong to purchase Special Services equipment including athletic shorts, sweatshirts, polaroid camera batteries, playing cards and other stock items.

b. Special Services distributed some 250 magazines to CAP Marines as well as supplying 400 cases of beer and soda.

c. The advent of good weather permitted the resumption of Sunday beach trips for CAG Marines.

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d. One USO show saw Miss Ina BALIN entertain CAG Marines.

# 17. Medical Department

a. General: During the month of March, casualty handling procedures were improved to increase patient control and improve the casualty reporting system. Except for emergency or priority medevacs all hostile and non-hostile casualties are processed through CAG Headquarters Medical Section to minimize the number of trips required to medical facilities 20 miles away and avoid losing patients in the medical casualty processing system.

There was one reported case of an animal bite which was not considered rabid.

MedCaps at 2d CAG totaled 1,310.

## b. Personnel:

(1) Medical Department Representative:	J.C. COSTELLO HMC USN
(2) Leading Petty Officer:	H.D. JOHNSON HML USN
(3) Ass't Leading PO/Admin POIC	W.F. DAY HM2 USN
(4) Sick Call Petty Officers:	S.L. FOX HM2 USN
	C.A. PAINTER HM3 USN
	W.C. FRANCIS HM2 USN
	J.G. HANLEY HM3 USN
	R.H. HUNTINGTON HM3 USN
(5) Medical Supply POIC:	
(6) Personnel Transactions:	
(a) Detached:	6
(b) Joined:	5
(c) Hospitalized (NBC)	1
(d) Hospitalized (WIA)	1

c. MedCaps: During the month of March Combined Action Platoons treated a total of 93 civilian casualties caused by hostile action and 6,977 civilians classified as non-hostile casualties.

d. Training: CAP Corpsmen held a total of 92 classes with an attendance of 265 health workers, PF Corpsmen and civilians.

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