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From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1Oct68 to 31Oct68

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From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 October 1968 to 31 October 1968 (U)

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3rd Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
APO San Francisco, 96602

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28 Dec 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(2) Commanding General, MACV Pac

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 Oct 68 to 31 Oct 68

Ref: (a) HCC P5750.1A
(b) MACV PACO 5750.8A

Encl: (1) 3rd Combined Action Group Command Chronology for
the period 1-31 Oct 1968

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b) enclosure (1)
is submitted.

2. Downgraded at 3 years intervals
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Oct 68 - 31 Oct 68

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3rd Combined Action Group, III MAF

LtCol Robert D. Whitesell USMC
13 Aug - 31 Oct68SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 3-1

Capt James O'Reilly USMC
21 Sept - 31 Oct68

Combined Action Company 3-2

Capt Peter R. Lipe USMC
5 Sept - 31 Oct68

Combined Action Company 3-3

Capt Alan W. Hitchens USMC
18 Sept - 31 Oct68

Combined Action Company 3-4

1stLt Robert D. Averill USMC
30 July - 31 Oct682. LOCATIONHeadquarters, 3rd Combined Action Group Phu Bai Combat base, Huong
Thuy District Thua Thien (P)

Combined Action Company 3-1

Huong Thuy District Headquarter
Thua Thien Province

Combined Action Company 3-2

Phu Loc District Headquarters
Thua Thien Province

Combined Action Company 3-3

Phu Vang District Headquarters
Thua Thien Province

Combined Action Company 3-4

Huong Tra District Headquarters
Thua Thien Province3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj Reginald E. Armstrong USMC
12 Sept - 31 Oct68

S-1

1stLt Brantely E. Kearny USMC
3 Dec - 31 Oct681stLt Walter E. Switzer USMC
4 Oct - 31 Oct68

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S-2/3

Maj John F. Baxter Jr. USMC
12 Sept - 31 Oct68

S-4

Capt Ronald R. Titus USMC
20 Sept - 31 Oct68

1st Sgt

1stSgt Lawrence W. Wilson USMC
30 April - 31 Oct68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>ARVN(attached)</u>
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. OPERATIONS/TRAINING

(a) During the period of this report the Group continued to participate in action against the communist aggressors in Thua Thien Province, RVN. In accordance with III Marine Amphibious Force Order 3121.4B a total of 3595 man hours of formal training was conducted for the USMC elements of CAPs and 3356 man hours of formal training was conducted for the popular Force Soliders. In October the Group accounted for 24 VC/NVA KIA, 11 POWs, 95 Detainees, 12 Hoi Chanh, and 30 weapons captured. Friendly casualties for the same period were 3 PF's KIA, 2 USMC WIA(E), 5 PF's WIA(E), 6 USMC WIA(N/E), and 2 PF's WIA(N/E).

(b) During the reporting period shortages of PF's available for training, and day and night activities were encountered. Liaison was made with Province and District Officials and the situation was partially, but not completely eliminated.

(c) Final liaison was made with the District Chief of Huong Tra concerning CAP expansion in that District and CAP 3-4-4 was activated on 11 Oct 1968 in the vicinity of YD673273 Huong Tra District, Thua Thien Province. Liaison was made with the District Chief of Phu Vang and Huong Thuy District concerning future expansion in their respective District.

(d) A program was initiated in late October whereby PF Medics and USN Corpsmen commenced conducting Med Caps in conjunction with Revolutionary Development Medics. It is anticipated this will contribute to the development of better relations between the Popular Force Soldiers and the Revolutionary Development Teams, and increase the proficiency of their Medics.

2. LOGISTICS

(a) In the month of October FLSG-A, this unit's main source of logistics support, received instructions to relocate. The USA 26th General Support Group was scheduled to replace FLSG-A as USA units moved into its area. Initially transitional problems were, the required logistical support would come from for the Group and other Marine Corps Units in the Hue/Phu Bai area.

(b) Due to heavy rains, flooding hindered resupply in many areas where CAPs were located. Initiating a contingency plan, the Group obtained helicopter support from 101st Airborne Division at Landing Zone Sally and effected resupply to isolated

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CAPS in CAGO 3-4 primary. Resupply for many CAGO 3-3- units was accomplished by a boat from this Headquarters.

3. CIVIC ACTION

Liaison was made with the G-5 of the 101st Airborne Division in order to more closely coordinate the Group's Civic Action Program with that of the Division and its subordinate units. A file of pending, initiated Civic Action planning for the period January through June 1969 commenced. A meeting was held for all Group Civic Action men. Major Civic Actions policies were reemphasized and a policy was established requiring all CAPs to install a Marine as the Civic Action man via the Navy Corpsman, who would then become an assistant Civic Action man at the discretion of the CAP leader. It is felt this procedure was of substantial benefit in improving the Civic Action program within 3rd CAG. During the reporting period, construction of two dispensaries was completed and three repaired, 2 market places were repaired and a pier in the hamlet of Bach Thach was repaired as were two schools. Sanitation was improved in three hamlets through the placing of trash barrels or the installation of public urinals. Wells were improved or constructed in two hamlets.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 012000H Oct68 CAP 3-2-5 at coord ZD086004 fired upon 8 VC/NVA. The VC returned fire with S/A and B-40 rockets. Swept area.

RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA(N/E), Enemy negative.

2. On 021200H Oct68 CAP 3-2-5 at coord ZD082015 found 1 NVA body. It is believed that this VC was killed as a result of its contact on 012000H Oct68.

RESULTS: 1 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47 magazines, 1 NVA belt, 1 letter asking for money and food.

3. On 040830H Oct68 CAP 3-3-2 at coord YD774236 1 VC turned himself in as a Hoi Chanh.

RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh, 1 M-1 carbine

4. On 042120H Oct68 CAP 3-2-7 at coord ZD185016 ambushed approx 15 VC/NVA with claymores, M-79 and S/A. Received returned fire from VC/NVA plt 200 meters away. Ambushed called reaction force and broke contact. Called fire mission. Swept area at first light.

RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA KIA, 3 AK-47's, 18 15lbs satchel charges, 6 NVA cartridge belts, 3 AK-47 mag., 7 rice bags, 1 poncho, 6 battle dressings.

5. On 060730H Oct68 CAP 3-2-6 at coord ZD139009 1 NVA corpsman rallied.

RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh

6. On 070230H Oct68 CAP 3-2-5 at coord ZD086016 exchanged S/A fire with 5 VC in a boat. The VC jumped into water and were killed.

RESULTS: 5 VC KIA, 1 AK-50, 2 satchel charges, 20 lbs rice, 1 civilian radio.

7. On 071405H Oct68 CAP 3-1-5 at coord YD813176 found a spider trap with an unknown number of occupants who were told to Chieu Hoi. The CAP received S/A fire and retaliated by dropping grenades into spider trap.

RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1M-26 grenade, 2 Hypodermic needles, 1 wallet, 1 NVA cartridge belt, 45 AK-47 rds.

8. On 072100H Oct68 CAP 3-2-8 at coord YD977052 ambushed approx 25 VC/NVA. Illumination was called for and VC/NVA broke contact. Swept area.

RESULTS: 2 VC/NVA, KIA 2 AK-47 mag., 1 cartridge belt.

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9. On 081300H Oct68 CAP 3-3-2 at coord YD811251, 2 VC rallied.
RESULTS: 2 Hoi Chanh
10. On 091900H Oct68 CAP 3-1-3 at coord YD912108 patrol spotted and received fire from 3 VC/NVA. Patrol returned fire and called for illumination, swept area.
RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(N/E), 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 4 AK-47 mag.
11. On 092030H Oct68 CAP 3-2-8 at coord YD967057 ambushed 2 VC/NVA, swept area.
RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(N/E)
12. On 10 Oct68 Construction of a dispensary was completed in CAP 3-3-4's area.
13. On 111730H Oct68 CAP 3-1-3 at coord YD912117, 2 unarmed VC rallied.
RESULTS: 2 Hoi Chanh
14. On 11 Oct68 CAP 3-4-4 activated in Huong Tra District in the vicinity of YD673273.
15. On 111845H Oct68 CACO 3-2 received approx 60 rds of 81mm mortars from coord ZD104988. Fired counter mortar fire.
RESULTS: 1 USA WIA(E), 3 PF WIA(E)
16. On 111930H Oct68 at coord YD969056 a patrol from CAP 3-2-8 was ambushed. Returned fire called illumination and reaction force. Swept area.
RESULTS: 10 Detainees later released, 1 USMC WIA(E)
1 PF WIA(E), 1 PF KIA
17. On 112340H Oct68 CAP 3-2-1 at coord YD933114 ambushed approx 10 VC/NVA, received S/A in return. VC/NVA broke contact. Swept area.
RESULTS: 3 VC/NVA KIA, 2VC/NVA POW, 1 SKS
18. On 121300H Oct68 CAP 3-1-5 at coord YD812170 patrol found a tunnel and heard noise from inside it. Occupants were told to surrender, which they did.
RESULTS: 2 VC POW, 2 AK-47, 20 M-79 rds, 2 M-26 grenades
4 1/2 lb TNT, 2 VC claymore mines, 1 NVA mag. pouch, 1 U.S. cartridge belt
19. On 121435H Oct68 at coord YD814177 found 1 bunker and 2 spider traps. Searched and destroyed same by CAP 3-1-5.
RESULTS: 2 M-1 carbines, 1 US canteen, 2 M-16 mag, 1 package of medicine, 2 battle dressings assorted clothing

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20. On 140915H Oct68 at coord YD822165. Patrol from CAP 3-1-4 found 1 spider trap with 3 occupants. Occupants surrendered.
RESULTS: 3 VC/NVA POW, 1 M-16, 2 M-1 carbines, 1 sub-machine gun, 4 M-26 grenades, 2 ponchos, 2 cartridge belts, 4 ammo pouches, 3 carbine mag, 5 M-16 mag, 1 sub-machine gun mag, assorted clothing.

21. On 16 Oct68 construction of a dispensary in CAP 3-2-1's area was completed.

22. On 161015H Oct68 at coord YD823167 patrol from CAP 3-1-4 picked up VC who led them to a spider trap. Swept area.

RESULTS: 3 VC POW, 1 M-1 carbine, 2 M-2 carbines, 2 M-26 grenades, 10 carbine mag, 2 NVA cartridge belts, miscellaneous equipment.

23. On 181530H Oct68 CAP 3-1-4 at coord YD836174 PF's received word of Chuoi Hoi. Patrol picked up same.

RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh, 1 9mm pistol, 2 M-26 grenades, cartridge belt.

24. On 202200H Oct68 CAP 3-2-5 at coord ZD089015 spotted VC boat attempting to land. Fired M-79 received M-79 fire in return. Broke contact.

RESULTS: 3 PF WIA(E), 1 Civilian WIA(E)

25. On 211955H Oct68 CAP 3-1-5 at coord YD817176 patrol told people to halt, who then opened fire. Swept area.

RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA KIA, 40 detainees, later released.

26. On 222045H Oct68 CAP 3-2-3 at coord YD956078 ambushed approx 40 VC/NVA. VC/NVA broke contact. Swept area.

RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 USMC WIA(N/E), 5 VC/NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 1 M-79, 1 SKS, 2 cartridge belts, 8 M-79 rds, 3 AK-47 mags, 2 chicom grenades, 1 package of documents, 1 M-79 cartridge belt

27. On 231500H Oct68 CAP 3-2-3 at coord YD963084, patrol while searching a house spotted 1 VCS, who was apprehended.

RESULTS: 1 VCS later classified POW.

28. On 242240H Oct68 CAP 3-1-5 at coord YD815177 received S/A fire from a house. Returned fire with S/A one side of house burst into flames. Contact broken, swept area.

RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(N/E), 1 USMC WIA(N/E), 6 detainees, later released.

29. On 292000H Oct68 CAP 3-2-1 at coord YD917107 ambushed 2 VC/NVA Swept area.

RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA KIA, 1 AK-47

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30. On 291630H Oct68 CAP 3-2-3 at coord YD 955075 acting upon
PF intelligence picked up 2 Hoi Chanhs

RESULTS: 2 Hoi Chanhs

31. On 310700H Oct68 CAP 3-3-6 at coord YD 777307 2 VC rallied.

RESULTS: 2 Hoi Chanhs

32. On 310745H Oct68 CAP 3-2-8 at coord YD 974050 ambushed 5
VC/NVA received returned S/A fire. VC broke contact, area
was swept.

RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(N/E), 2 VC KIA, 2 AK-47

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Weekly Activity Reports 1 October to 3 November 1968
2. Extracts from Monthly Activity Report for the Period 1-³¹~~30~~
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HEADQUARTERS
3rd Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO San Francisco, 96602

3/JFB/efr
5400
6 Oct 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(Attn: DIRCAP)

Subj: Weekly Summary 3rd Combined Action Group Activities for
the period of 290001H Sept68 to 052400H Oct68

Ref: (a) ForO 3121,4B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

a. CAP Inspections

(1) CACO 3-1 finds difficulty in training and running daylight activities due to the absence of PF's prior to 1800H

(2) CACO 3-3 has been informed by the NCOIC of CAP 3-3-7 that they are not operating with the number of PF prescribed by CAP S.O.P.

(3) Steps are being taken to correct the discrepancy noted above.

(4) CAP's not inspected by an officer: None.

b. Critical Supply Shortages and Action Taken

(1) General supply shortages remain the same as last week.

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c. Training

(1) CACO 3-1

CACO 3-1 had a negative training during this reporting period due to operational commitments.

(2) CACO 3-2

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
M-60 Machine gun	2	94	73	107	74
M-79 Grenade Launcher	1	78	61	137	57
PRC-25	1	90	70	155	67

Total USMC Man Hours: 365
Total PF Man Hours: 630

(3) CACO 3-3

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Patrolling	3	47	47	51	34
Weapons	1½	77	76	110	74
PRC-25	1½	23	22	0	0
Ambushes	2½	38	38	37	24
Mortar, 60mm	4	26	26	0	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 490
Total PF Man Hours: 350½

(4) CACO 3-4

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Employment of the Trip Flare	1	3	6	6	8
Daylight Patrols	4	15	30	20	26
Use and Safety of the Claymore Mine	1½	5	10	13	17
Map Reading	1	2	4	6	8

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Enemy Infiltration	1	12	25	15	17
M-79 Grenade Launcher	2	2	4	5	6
Total USMC Man Hours: 88½					
Total PF Man Hours: 136					
Grand Total USMC Hours: 93½					
Grand Total PF Man Hours: 1117					

d. Progress Report

(1) Liaison has been made with the District Chief of Huong Tra concerning expansion in that District. It is anticipated that one CAP will be made operational in Huong Tra during the week of 6-12 Oct 1968.

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HEADQUARTERS
3rd Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO San Francisco, 96602

3/JFB/efr
5400
13 Oct 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(Attn: DIRCAP)

Subj: Weekly Summary 3rd Combined Action Group Activities for the
period of 060001H Oct68 to 122400H Oct68

Ref: (a) ForO 3121.4B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is
submitted:

a. CAP Inspections

(1) No significant problems were discovered as a result
of inspections in CACO 3-1, 3-2, and 3-4.

(2) CAP 3-3-7 is getting an average of five Popular
Force Soldiers per-night for their night activities. CAP 3-3-3
is getting no Popular Force Soldiers support for their night
activities. The District Chief has been informed of this on
numerous occasions, the last time being 10 Oct 1968, and he
states he will look into the situation. The reported strength
of the platoon working for CAP 3-3-3 is 34, and that of the
platoon with CAP 3-3-7 is 30.

(3) A letter will be forwarded in accordance with
ICCI 5401.2 concerning the situation mentioned in sub-paragraph
(2).

b. Critical Supply Shortages and Action Taken

(1) General supply shortages remained the same as last
week, with the exception of the receipt of 9 M-151A's.

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HEADQUARTERS
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5400
20 Oct 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(Attn: DIRCAP)

Subj: Weekly Summary 3rd Combined Action Group Activities for the
period of 130001H Oct68 to 192400H Oct68

Ref: (a) For 3121.4B

Encl: (1) Critical Supply Shortages and Action Taken

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is
submitted:

a. CAP Inspections.

No significant problems were discovered as a result of
inspections of CACO 3-1, 3-2, and 3-3.

(2) CACO 3-4 is having to resupply its troops by
helicopter because of flooded roads.

b. Critical Supply Shortages and Action Taken.

See Enclosure (1)

c. Training.

(1) CACO 3-1

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Conduct of Patrols	2	11	11	0	0
Arm & Hand Signals	2	10	10	0	0
I.A. Drills	2	12	12	0	0
50 Cal. Machine Gun	1	11	11	16	10
M-26 Grenade	1	8	8	12	7

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c. Training

(1) CACO 3-1

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Conduct of Patrols	2	8	7	6	3
Patrol Warning Order	2	6	5	2	1
Map Reading	2	11	10	13	7
Thrust Points	2	11	10	12	6
Fire Mission	1	2	2	16	8
PRC-25	2	4	3	6	3
Field Sanitation	2	10	10	9	5
M-79 Grenade Launcher	2	2	2	2	1
50 Cal. MG	2	5	4	13	7
Total USMC Man Hours:	116				
Total PF Man Hours:	158				

(2) CACO 3-2

<u>SUBJECTS</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Technique of Fire for Rifle Squad	1½	13	10	1	1½
Leadership	1	10	8	1	1½
Combat Intelligence	1	10	8	1	1½
Compound Defence	1	10	8	9	5
I.A. Compound Defence	1	10	6	11	6
Care & Cleaning 30 Cal Machine Gun	2	7	5	11	6
M-60 Machine gun	3	30	22	55	28
Map Reading	2	46	35	46	24
First Aid	1½	26	20	36	19
M-16 Rifle	1½	21	17	11	6
M-79 Grenade Launcher	2	14	11	8	4
Communications	1½	11	8	0	0
Scouting & Patrolling	2	11	8	10	5
Total USMC Man Hours:	391½				
Total PF Man Hours:	420				

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 (2) CACO 3-3

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Arm & Hand Signals	2	25	25	25	12
Combat Formations	3	13	13	0	0
M-60 & 30 Cal MG	1½	8	9	0	0
Night Ambushes	2½	25	25	0	0
Patrolling	1	13	13	0	0

TOTAL USMC Man Hours: 176½
 Total PF Man Hours: 50

(4) CACO 3-4

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
M-72 LAAW	1	13	26	15	20
M-16 Rifle	1	16	32	15	20
M-26 Grenade	1	15	30	15	20
Claymore Mine	1	15	30	14	19
Cal. 45 Pistol	1	15	30	0	0
Fire Power	1	15	30	0	0
M-60 MG	1	15	30	0	0
M-79 Grenade Launcher	1	15	30	0	0
Night Ambushes	2	33	66	0	0
First Aid	1	15	30	0	0
Patrols	2	49	98	0	0
Radio Procedure	2	29	56	22	30
Map & Compass	2	16	32	0	0
Combat Formation	2	30	60	20	28
Arm & Hand Signals	1½	40	80	28	35
I.A. Drills	2	18	36	0	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 495
 Total PF Man Hours: 185

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>
Supply Procedures for CAP Supply NCO's	2	26
Total USMC Man Hours:	26	
Grand Total USMC Man Hours:	1230	
Grand Total PF Man Hours:	813	

d. Progress Report

(1) On 11 October 1968, Mobile CAP 3-4-4 was activated in the vicinity of coordinates YD673273.

e. General

(1) Personnel shortages of three (3) SSgt 0369 and one (1) GySgt 0369 previously reported on 15 Sept 1968 still exist. These shortages hinder the efficiency of (1) CACO, the Inspector/Training and Civic Action Sections.

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
M-72 LAAW	1	6	6	12	7
M-60 Machine Gun	2	5	5	7	4
M-16 Rifle	1	4	4	9	5
Field Sanitation	1	14	14	20	12
Shelter Tents	2	14	14	22	13
Patrol Warning Order2	11	11	10	0	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 159
Total PF Man Hours: 129

(2) CACO 3-2

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Patrol Warning Order1		20	16	28	15
Patrol Leaders Order2		20	16	30	16
Conduct of Patrols	1	27	23	50	26
M-72 LAAW	1	10	8	22	12
Combat Formations	2	9	7	20	11
VC Mines	1	6	5	19	10
Hand & Arms Signals	1	9	7	20	11
I.A. Drills	1½	21	16	27	14
First Aid	1	13	10	20	11
Handling of POW	1	8	6	17	9
Mapping	1	18	14	31	16
Pam Firing M-16	2	36	28	33	18
Care & Cleaning of M-16 Rifle	1	4	3	10	5

Total USMC Man Hours: 276½
Total PF Man Hours: 423

(3) CACO 3-3

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Booby Traps	1	10	10	10	9
60mm Mortar	1	14	14	0	0
Call for Illum.	1	15	15	0	0
M-60 MG	2	17	17	17	15
Mapping	2	0	0	3	3
Combat formations	2	32	32	0	0

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Chain of Command	1	9	9	11	9
Total USMC Man Hours:	180				
Total PF Man Hours:	109				

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
I.A.Drills	2	17	17	25	24
M-79 Grenade Launcher	1	12	19	10	9
Claymore Mine	1	12	19	10	9
M-60 MG	1	12	19	10	9
Patrols	1	12	19	10	9

Total USMC Man Hours: 82
Total PF Man Hours: 90

(5) CAG Hq

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Operators & PM					
Instruction, M151A1	4	12	0	0	0
Supply Procedures	1	4	0	0	0
Logistics Procedures	2	14	0	0	0
Cords Lecture	2	10	0	0	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 90

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 787½
Grand Total PF Man Hours: 751

d. Progress Report.e. General.

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CRITICAL SUPPLY SHORTAGES AND ACTION TAKEN

1. Below listed items are considered critical supply shortages for the unit:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRI</u>
Utility Shirt, Jungle	855	02
Utility Trouser	526	02
Undershirts	1250	02
Lime	2500	02
Borebrushes, M-60	200	02
Rod, Cleaning, M-60	60	02
Combination Tool, M-60	26	02
Truck, Cargo, 4x4, 3/4 ton M3781	2	02
Truck, Cargo, 4x4, 1/4 ton M151A1	1	02
Antenna element AT-1095/VRC	2	02
Antenna element AT-1096/VRC	10	02
Boots, Combat Jungle, 10R	111	02
Battery, BA 30	497	02
Battery, BA 386	921	02
M-79 Grenade Launcher	33	02
Battery, BA1100U/for		
Starlite Scope	157	02
Typewriter, 18" Pica	2	02
Typewriter, 13" Pica	4	02

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5400
27 Oct 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(Attn: DIRCAP)

Subj: Weekly Summary 3rd Combined Action Group Activities for the period
200001H Oct68 to 262400H Oct68

Ref: (a) 3121.4B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

a. CAP Inspections

(1) No significant problems were discovered as a result of inspections

(2) CAP's in 3-4 were not inspected because of transportation difficulties. Corrective action has been taken.

b. Critical Supply Shortages and Action Taken

(1) During the reporting period the unit received lime, borebrushes for the M-60 MG, one (1) M151 jeep, BA 30 and BA 1100U batteries. All other shortages remain the same.

c. Training

(1) CACO 3-1

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Squad Formations	1	0	0	23	13
Arm & Hand Signals	2	0	0	23	13
Fire Team Formations	1	0	0	23	13
Fam Firing M-60 MG	1	6	6	13	7

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CACO 3-1 (Cont)

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Care & Cleaning					
M-16 Rifle	1	4	4	6	3
Care & Cleaning					
M-60 MG	1	11	11	0	0
I.A. Drills	1	12	12	10	6
Patrol Coordination	1	10	10	0	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 43
 Total PF Man Hours: 121

CACO 3-2

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Patrol Coordination	2	59	46	56	33
Patrol Debriefing	1	49	39	53	31
I.A. Drills	1	20	16	21	12
Claymore Mine	1	17	13	35	20
First Aid	1	18	14	26	15
Fire Discipline	1	20	16	31	18

Total USMC Man Hours: 242
 Total PF Man Hours: 278

CACO 3-3

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Care & Cleaning M-60,	1				
M-16	2		9	2	8
Patrolling	3	32	29	34	15
Patrol Debriefing	1	14	13	0	0
I.A. Drills	1	14	13	0	0
Ambushes	1	3	3	15	7

Total USMC Man Hours: 131
 Total PF Man Hours: 129

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CACO 3-4

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Duties of Sqd Members	1	49	74	36	36
Offensive Combat	1	26	39	13	13
Movement to Contact Phase	1	33	50	21	20
Attack Phase	1	26	39	22	21
Consolidation Phase	1	31	46	20	20
Exploitation Phase	1	26	39	10	10
Patrol Coordination	1	8	12	12	12
Patrol Debriefing	1	5	8	7	7

Total USMC Man Hours: 204
Total PF Man Hours: 141

CACO Hq

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Radio Procedure	1	6	0	0	0
PR 292 Antennas	1	6	0	0	0
ANPRC-25	1	6	0	0	0
ANGRA-39	1	6	0	0	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 24

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 644
Grand Total PF Man Hours: 669

d. Progress Report.

(1) Liaison has been made with the District Chief of Phu Vang concerning CAP expansion in that District

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e. General

A problem was initiated during the reporting period whereby Revolutionary Development Medics will conduct Med Caps in conjunction with the PF Medic, Village Health Worker and Navy Corpsmen. It is anticipated that this coordination will not only improve relationships between these groups and increase the proficiency of the individuals concerned, but also prevent duplication of effort and eliminate medical competition. The program has become operational in CACO's 3-1 , 3-2 and 3-4.

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5400
31 Nov 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(Attn: DIRCAP)

Subj: Weekly Summary 3rd Combined Action Group Activities for
the period 270001H Oct68 to 022400H Nov68

Ref: (a) ForO 3121.4B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is
submitted:

a. CAP Inspections.

(1) No significant problems were discovered as a
result of the inspections.

(2) CAP's not inspected by an officer: None.

b. Training.

(1) CACO 3-1

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Duties of Sqd Members	1	14	15	48	26
Defensive Combat	2	15	16	41	22
Movement to contact Phase					
of Offensive Combat	1	14	15	46	24
Attack Phase	1	8	9	19	10
Consolidation Phase	1/2	0	0	31	17

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CACO 3-1(Cont)

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Exploitation Phase In					
Offensive Combat	1	0	0	8	4
I.A. Drills	2	6	6	6	3
Claymore Mine	2	7	8	2	1
M-79 Grenade Launcher	1	8	9	14	8
M-60 MG	1	4	4	7	4
Care & Cleaning M-16 Rifle	2	14	15	19	10
Intelligence	1	46	50	00	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 178
Total PF Man Hours: 293½

(2) CACO 3-2

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Defensive Combat	2	38	32	67	39
Application Review Evaluation	3	37	31	62	36
Intelligence	1	97	83	0	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 284
Total PF Man Hours: 310

(3) CACO 3-3

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Defensive Combat	2	19	16	5	4
Intelligence	1	98	83	0	0
Demolitions	2	2	2	8	7
POW Interrogation	1	9	8	25	20
M-60 MG	2	9	8	25	20

Total USMC Man Hours: 167
Total PF Man Hours: 107

(4) CACO 3-4

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Defensive Combat	2	29	43	37	37

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CACO 3-4 (Cont)

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Monement to Contact Phase	1	8	18	15	15
Attack Phase	1	8	12	15	15
Consolidation Phase	1 1/2	8	12	15	15
Exploitation Phase	1	7	10	12	12
Application review and Evaluation	3	30	44	29	29
Helicopter Operations	1	4	6	7	7
Map Symbols	2	6	9	11	11
Ambush Patrols	6	14	20	14	14
M-60 MG	1 1/2	15	22	7	7
Intelligence	1	54	79	0	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 282
Total PF Man Hours: 327

(5) CAG Hq

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Communications	2	11	0	0	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 22

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 933 1/2
Grand Total PF Man Hours: 1031 1/2

c. Progress Report.

(1) CAP 3-1-3 is presently making preparation to become a non-compound CAP. Liaison with District and Village Officials has been made, and it is anticipated that the movement from the compound will be completed on 8 Nov68.

(2) CAP 3-3-8 was activitied on 021530H Nov68 at coordinates YD783314.

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d. General

(1) During the reporting period an officer from the G-2 section of XXIV Corps gave Combat Intelligence training to all CAP's with the exception of three from CACO 3-1 who were on an operation.

(2) The CACO Commander and the CAG Staff were briefed on 28 Oct 1968 by the Assistant Province Advisor for Thua Thien Province.

(3) The CACO Commander of 3-1 has reported that the District Chief of Huong Thuy District is a poor Tactical Commander. All Operations initiated by him lack organization and have little or no supervision. The situation has been discussed with the District Advisor, and will be discussed with the Province Advisor this week.

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DESIGNATION	STRENGTH-USMC	USN	PF	LOCATION
	0	E		
3-3-6 (TTH065)	17	1	32	YD780300
3-3-7 (TTH061)	17	1	35	YD760270
3-4	1	1	0	YD755255
3-4-1 (TTH038)	17	1	28	YD720220
3-4-2 (TTH041)	16	1	22	YD700230
3-4-3 (TTH043)	16	1	21	YD690250
3-4-4 (TTH042)	14	1	30	YD680280
MTT-1	9	0	0	Phu Bai
MTT-2	12	0	0	Huong Tra
CAG School	27	0	0	Danang
Totals:	10	573	34	659

2. Type and number of operations conducted.

<u>Night Patrols/Ambushes</u>	<u>Day Patrols</u>	<u>LP's</u>
1795	724	512

3. Other Operations:(a) Joint Operations

(1) 1 October 1968.	CAP 3-3-5, 1/501 USA Phu Vang (D)
(2) 7 October 1968.	CAP 3-3-1, 1/501 USA Phu Vang (D)
(3) 16 October 1968.	CAP 3-2-6, 1/502 USA Phu Loc (D)
(4) 18 October 1968.	CAP 3-1-4, Recon Plt/101 Huong Tra (D)
(5) 19 October 1968.	CAP 3-2-7, 1/502 USA Phu Loc (D)
(6) 20 October 1968.	CAP 3-1-3, 1/502 USA Huong Thuy (D)
(7) 20 October 1968.	CAP 3-3-5, 1/501 USA Phu Vang (D)
(8) 31 October 1968.	CAP 3-1-5, 1/502 USA Huong Thuy (D)

(b) Rice Collections

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7 October 1968	201b
24 October 1968	2001b

4. Enemy Casualties.

<u>KIA</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>INF</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>WPNS CAPT</u>
24	11	95	0	12	30

Ordnance Turned In

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2 Nov 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(Attn: DIRCAP)

Subj: Combined Action Monthly Activities Report

Ref: (a) ForO 3121.4B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

a. DESIGNATION	STRENGTH-USMC	USN	PF	LOCATION
	0	E		
CAG H _q	5	89	3	0 Phu Bai
3-1	1	11	1	0 YD847172
3-1-1 (TTH078)		12	1	32 YD890170
3-1-2 (TTH081)		14	1	32 YD910150
3-1-3 (TTH079)		14	1	32 YD912118
3-1-4 (TTH075)		15	1	33 YD841168
3-1-5-3-1-6 (TTH073)		14	1	27 YD820180
3-1-7 (TTH072)		13	1	27 YD807190
3-2	2	9	1	0 ZD096007
3-2-1 (TTH082)		14	1	22 YD925104
3-2-2 (TTH083)		16	1	29 YD934084
3-2-3 (TTH084)		15	1	16 YD960080
3-2-4 (TTH087)		16	1	23 ZD041023
3-2-5 (TTH088)		14	1	25 ZD080000
3-2-6 (TTH089)		15	1	22 ZD140010
3-2-7 (TTH072)		16	1	20 ZD800010
3-2-8 (TTH091)		16	1	26 YD980050
3-2-9 (TTH093)		13	1	16 ZD968062
3-2-10 (Village Militia & Village Controlled)		14	1	8 AT890960
3-3	1	12	1	0 YD781262
3-3-1 (TTH055)		15	1	25 YD780260
3-3-2 (TTH057)		16	1	16 YD780240
3-3-3 (TTH063)		15	1	36 YD810300
3-3-4 (TTH064)		14	1	33 YD860310
3-3-5 (TTH062)		15	1	20 YD800250

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5. Type and number of Weapons.

<u>6</u> M-1 Carbines	<u>2</u> M-16	<u>1</u> 9mm pistol
<u>2</u> M-2 Carbines	<u>1</u> Sub-machine gun	<u>1</u> M-79 Grenade Launcher
<u>14</u> AK-47	<u>2</u> SKS	
<u>1</u> AK-50		

6. Friendly Casualties.

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA(E)</u>	<u>WIA/TE</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>POW</u>
USMC	0	2	6	0	0
USN	0	0	0	0	0
PF	3	5	2	0	0

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