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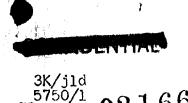
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Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific From:

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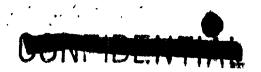
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3/JFB/efr 5700 28 Dec 1968

Commanding Officer

Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D) To:

(1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (2) Commanding General, FMF Pac Via:

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

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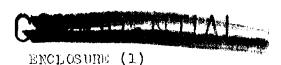
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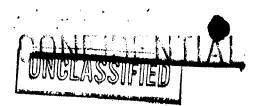
1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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1 Oct 68 - 31 Oct 68

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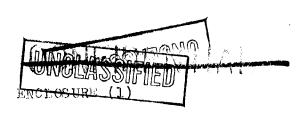
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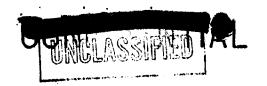
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#### PART I

#### ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

#### DESIGNATION

#### COMMANDER

3rd Combined Action Group, III MAF

LtCol Robert D. Whitesell USMC 13 Aug - 31 Oct68

#### SUBORDINATE 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

lstLt Robert D. Averill USMC

30 July -31 Oct68

#### LOCATION

Headquarters, 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 Province

#### 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj Reginald E. Armstrong USMC

12 Sept - 31 Oct68

S-l

lstLt Brantely E. Kearny USMC 3 Dec - 3 Oct68

lstLt Walter E. Switzer USMC

4 Oct - 31 Oct68



S-2/3

s-4

1st Sgt

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

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

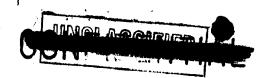
Capt Ronald R. Titus USMC 20 Sept - 31 Oct68

lstSgt Lawrence W. Wilson USMC 30 April - 31 Oct68

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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 elimated.
- (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 1960 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 logisitical support would come from for the Group and other Marine Corps Units in the Hue/Phi 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 lolst Airborne Division at Landing Zone Sally and effected resupply to isolated



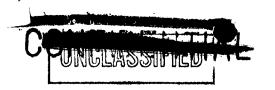


CAPs in CACO 3-4 primary. Resupply for many CACO 3-3- units was accomplised by a boat from this Headquarters.

#### 3. CIVIC ACTION

Liaison was made with the G-5 of the lolst Airborne Division in order to more closely coordinate the Group's Civic Action Program with that of the Pivision and its subordinate units. A file of pending, initated 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 viaethe Navy Corpsman, who would then become as assistant Civic Action man at the descreation of 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 constucted in two hamlets.





#### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On Ol2000H 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 proke contact. Called fire mission. Swept area at first light.

RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA KIA, 3 AK-47, 18 151bs satchel charges, 6 MVAcartridge belts, 3 AK-47 mag., 7 rice bags, 1 poncho, 6 battle dressings.

5. On O60730H 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 spideretrap.

RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-h7, 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.



ENCLOSURE (1)



- 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.
- On 092030H Oct68 CAP 3-2-8 at coord YD967057 ambushed 2 11. VC/NVA, swept area. RESULTS: 1 USHC 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 FF 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.

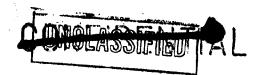
RESULTS: 3 VC/NVA KIA, 2VC/NVA POW, 1 SKS

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 FOW, 2 AK-47, 20 M-79 rds, 2 M-26 grenades 4 lb TNT, 2 VC claymore mines, 1 NVA mag. pouch, 1 U.S. cartridge belt

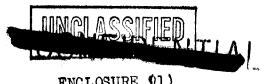
19. On 121435H Oct68 at coord YD814177 found 1 bunker and 2 spider traps. Searched and destroyed same by CAP 3-1-5. RESULTS: 2 M-1 carbines, 1 US canteen, 2 M-16 mag, 1 package of medicine, 2 battle dressings assorted clothing

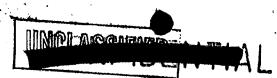




20. On 140915H Oct68 at coord YD822165. Patrol from CAP 3-1-4 found 1 spider trap with 3 occupants. Occupants surrendered.
RESULTS: 3 VC/NVA POW, 1 M-16, 2 M-1 carbines, 1 sub-machine gun, 4 M-26 grenades, 2 ponchos, 2 cartridge belts, 4 ammo pounchos 3 carbine mag, 5 M-16 mag, 1 sub-machine gun mag,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

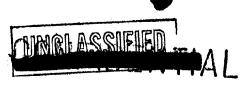
- 21. On 16 Oct68 construction of a dispensary in CAP 3-2-1's area was completed.
- 22. On 161015H Oct68 at coord YD823167 patrol from CAP 3-1-4 picked up VC who led them to a spider trap. Swept area. RESULTS: 3 VC POW, 1 M-1 carbine, 2 M-2 carbines, 2 M-26 grenades, 10 carbine mag, 2 NVA cartridge belts, 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 WDA(E), 1 Civilian WIA(E)
- 25. On 211955H Oct68 CAP 3-1-5 at coord YD817176 patrol told people to halt, who than opened fire. Swept area. RESULTS: 1 VC/NVA KIA, 40 detainees, later released.
- On 222045H Oct68 CAP 3-2-3 at coord YD956078 ambushed aperox 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





- 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 % 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

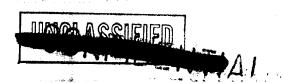


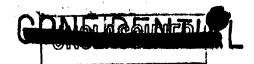
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# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. Weekly Activity Reports 1 October to 3 November 1968
- 2. Extracts from Monthly Activity Report for the Period 1-36 November 1968.

ENCLOSURE (I)





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

3/JFB/efr 5400 6 Oct 1968

From: Commanding Officer

Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force To:

(Attn: DIRCAP)

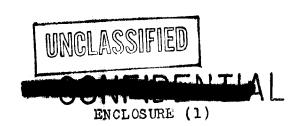
Weekly Summary 3rd Combined Action Group Activities for the period of 290001H Sept68 to 052400H Oct68 Subj:

(a) For 0 3121,4B Ref:

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

#### 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.
  - Critical Supply Shortages and Action Taken
- (1) General supply shortages remain the same as last week.





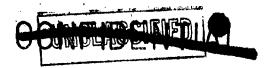
#### c. Training

(1) CACO 3-1

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

(2) CACO 3-2

SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	<u>Z</u>	PF	2
M-60 Machine gun M-79 Grenade Launcher PRC-25	2 1 1	94 78 90	73 61 70	107 137 155	74 57 67
Total USMC Man Hours: Total PF Man Hours:	365 630				
(3) CACO 3-3					
SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	2	PF	2
Patrolling Weapons PRC-25 Ambushes Mortar, 60mm	3 1½ 1½ 2½ 4	47 77 23 38 26	47 76 22 38 26	51 110 0 37 0	34 74 0 24 0
Total USMC Man Hours: Total PF Man Hours:	490 350⁵≥				
(4) CACO 3-4					
SUBJECT	HRS	<u>US MC</u>	<u>%</u>	PF	Z
Employment of the Trip Flare Daylight Patrols	1 4	3 15	6 30	6 20	8 26
Use and Safety of the Claymore Mine Map Reading	1½ 1	5 2	10 4	13 6	17 8



SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	Z	PF	%
Enemy Infiltration	1 2	12	25	15	17
M-79 Grenade Launcher		2	4	5	6

Total USMC Man Hours: 58½ Total PF Man Hours: 136

Grand Total USMC Hours: 934 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, 96603

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) For0 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 strengh 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.





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

3/JFB/rgl 5400 20 Oct 1968

From:

Commanding Officer Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force To:

(Attn: DIRCAP)

Weekly Summary 3rd Combined Action Group Activities for the Subj:

period of 130001H Oct68 to 192400H Oct68

(a) For 3121.4B Ref:

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 reads.

b. Critical Supply Shortages and Action Taken.

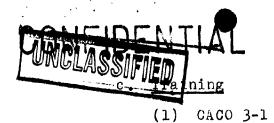
See Enclosure (1)

#### c. Training.

#### (1) CACO 3-1

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





SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	Z	$\underline{PF}$	<u>Z</u>
Conduct of Patrols Patrol Warning Order Map Reading Thrust Points Fire Mission PRC-25 Field Sanitation M-79 Grenade Launcher 50 Cal. EG Total USMC Man Hours: Total PF Man Hours:	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 116 158	8 6 11 11 2 4 10 2 5	75 10 10 2 3 10 2 4	6 2 13 12 16 6 9 2	317683517
(2) CACO 3-2					
SUBJECTS	HRS	USMC	Z	PF	2
	1 ½ 1 1 1	13 10 10 10 10	10 8 8 8 6	1 1 9 1.1	12 12 12 15 6
Care & Cleaning 30 CAl Machine Gun M-60 Machine gun Map Reading First Aid M-16 Rifle M-79 Grenade Launcher Communications Scouting & Patrolling	2 2 1 1 2 1 2 2 2 2	7 30 46 26 21 14 11	5 22 35 20 17 11 8 8	55 46 36 11 8 0	28 24 19 6 4 0 5

Total USMC Man Hours: 3912 Total PF Man Hours: 420

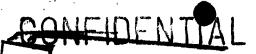
# CONFIDENTIAL UNCLASSIFIED CACO 3-3

SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	<u>Z</u>	PF	Z
Arm & Hand Signals Combat Formations M-60 & 30 Cal MG Night Ambushes Patrolling	2 3 1½ 2½ 1	25 13 8 25 13	25 13 9 25 13	25 0 0 0	12 0 0 0
TOTAL USMC Man hours: Total PF Man Hours:	176½ 50				

#### (4) CACO 3-4

SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	<u>Z</u>	PF	<u>12</u>
M-72 LAAW M-16 Mifle M-26 Grenade	1 1 1	13 16 15	26 32 30	15 15 15	20 20 20
Claymore Minw	1	15 15	30 30	14 0	19 0
Cal. 45 Pistol Fire Power	į	15	30 30	0	0
M-60 MG N-79 Grenade Launcher	1	15 15	30 66	0	0
Night Ambushes First Aid	1	33 15	30	0	0
Patrols Radio Procedure	2 2	49 29	98 56	22	30
Map & Compass Combat Formation	2	16 30	32 60	0 20	28
Arm & Hand Signals I.A. Drills	1½ 2	40 18	80 36	28 0	35 0

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



(5) CAG Hq

SUBJECT HRS USMC

Supply Procedures for CAP Supply NCO's

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Total USMC Man Hours: 26

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 1230 Grand Total PF Man Hours: 813

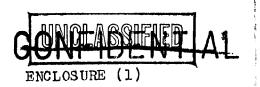
#### d. Progress Report

(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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SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	%	PF	<u> %</u>
M-72 LAAW M-60 Machine Gun M-16 Rifle Field Sanitation Shelter Tents Patrol Warning Ord	1 2 1 1 2 er2	6 5 14 14 11	6 5 4 14 14 10	12 7 9 20 22 0	7 4 5 12 13 0
Total USMC Man Hou Total PF Man Hours					
(2) CACO	3-2				
SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	%	PF	Z
Patrol Warning Ord Patrol Leaders Ord Conduct of Patrols E-72 LAAW Combat Formations VC Mines Hand & Arms Signal I.A. Drills First Aid Handling of POW Mapping Fam Firing M-16 Care & Cleaning of M-16 Rifle	er2 1 2 1 s 1 1 1 1	20 20 27 10 9 6 9 21 13 8 18 36	16 16 23 8 7 5 7 16 10 6 14 28	28 30 50 20 19 20 27 217 33 10	15 16 26 12 10 11 14 11 9 18
Total USMC Man Hou Total PF Man Hours					
(3) CACO	3-3				
SUBJECT	HRS	<u>us mc</u>	<u>%</u>	PF	<u>Z</u>
Booby Traps 60mm Fortar Call for Illum. M-60 MG Mapping Combat formations	1 1 2 2 2 2	10 14 15 17 0 32	10 14 15 17 0 32	10 0 0 17 3 0	9 0 0 15 3 0



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SUBJECT	HRS	US MC	%	PF	%
Chain of Command	1	9	9	11	9
Total USMC Man Hours: Total PF Man Hours:	180 109				
(14)					
SUBJECT	HRS	USIAC	%	PF	%
I.A.Drills M-79 Grenade Launcher Claymore Mine M-60 MG Patrols	2 1 1 1	17 12 12 12 12	17 <b>19</b> 19 19		249999
Total USMC Man Hours: Total PF Man Hours:	82 90				
(5) CAG Hq					
SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	%	PF	%
Operators & PM Instruction, M151A1 Supply Procedures Logistics Procedures Cords Lecture	1 2 2	12 4 14 10	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
Total USMC Man Hours:	90				
Grand Total USMC Man H Grand Total PF Man Hou		787⅓ 751			

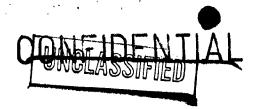
Progress Report.

General.

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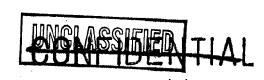


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# CRITICAL SUPPLY SHORTAGES AND ACTION TAKEN

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

ITEM	QTY	PRI
Utility Trouser UNdershirts Lime Borebrushes, M-60 Rod, Cleaning, M-60 Combination Tool, M-60 Truck, Cargo, 4x4, 3/4 ton M3781 Truck, Cargo, 4x4, 1/4 ton M151A1 Antenna element AT-1095/VRC Antenna element AT-1096/VRC Boots, Combat Jungle, 10R Battery, BA 30 Battery, BA 386 M-79 Grenade Launcher Battery, BA1100U/for Starlite Scope	855 526 1250 2500 60 26 2 1 10 111 497 921 33	02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02 02
Typewriter, 18" Pica Typewriter, 13" Pica	157 2 4	02 02 02
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HEADQUARTERS 3rd Combined Action Group III Marine Amphibious Force FPO San Francisco, 96602

> 3/JFB/efr 5400 27 Oct 1968

Commanding Officer

To:

Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

(Attn: DIRCAP)

Weekly Summary 3rd Combined Action Group Activities for the period

200001H Oct68 to 262400H Oct68

(a) 3121.4B  $R_{\mathbf{c}}\mathbf{f}$ :

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. Oritical Supply Shortages and Action Taken

(1) During the reporting period the unit received lime, borebrushes for the M-60 MG, one (1) M.51 jeep, BA 30 and BA 1100U batteries. All other shortages remain the same.

#### c. Training

(1) CACO 3-1

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



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# CACO 3-1 (Cont)

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SUBJECT		HRS	US MC	%_	PF	<u>%</u>
Care & Cleaning M-16 Rifle Care & Cleaning		1	4	4	6,	3
M-60 MG I.A. Drills Patrol Coordination		1 1 1	11 12 10	11 12 10	0 10 0	0 6 0
Total USMC Mah Hours: Total PF Man Hours;	43 121	** ** ** ***				
CACO 3-2						
SUBJECT		HRS	USMC	2	PF	<u>Z</u>
Patrol Coordination Patrol Debriffing I.A. Drills Claymore Mine First Aid Fire Discipline		2 1 1 1 1	59 49 20 17 18 20	46 39 16 13 14 16	56 53 21 35 26 31	33 31 12 20 15 18
Total USMC Man Hours: Total PF Man Hours:	242 278					
CACO 3-3						
SUBJECT		HRS	<u>US MC</u>	Z	PF	<u>%</u>
Care & Cleaning M-60, M-16 Patrolling Patrol Debriefing I.A. Drills Ambushes		1 2 3 1 1	32 14 14 3	9 29 13 13	2 34 0 0 <b>1</b> 5	8 15 0 0 7

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



CACO 3-4

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SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	%	PF	<u>%</u>
Duties of Sqd Members Offensive Combat Movement to Contact Phase Attack Phase Consolidation Phase Exploitation Phase Patrol Coordination Patrol Debriefing	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	49 26 32 32 32 8 5	74909535928	36 13 21 220 10 12	36 13 20 20 10 12 7

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

CACO Hq

SUBJECT	HRS	<u>US MC</u>	%	PF	2
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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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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HEADQUARTERS 3rd Combined Action Group III Marine Amphibious Force FPO San Francisco, 96602

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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) For0 3121.4B

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

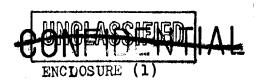
#### a. CAP Inspections.

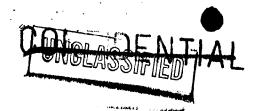
- (1) No significant problems were discovered as a result of the inspections.
  - (2) CAP's not inspected by an officer: None.

#### b. Training.

#### (1) CACO 3-1

SUBJECT	HRS	<u>US MC</u>	%	PF	2
Duties of Sqd Members Defensive Combat	k 2	14 15	15 16	48 41	26 22
Movement to contact Phase of Offensive Combat Attack Phase Consolidation Phase	1 1 ½	14 8 0	15 9 0	46 19 31	24 10 17





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CACO 3-1(Cont)

SUBJECT	HRS	US MC	2	PF	%
Exploitation Phase In Offensive Combat I.A. Drills Claymore Mine M-79 Grenade Launcher M-60 MG Care & Cleaning M-16 Rifle Intelligence	1 2 2 1 1 2	0 6 7 8 4 14 46	0689450 150	8 6 2 14 7 19	4 3 1 8 4 10 0

Total USMC Man Hours: 178
Total PF Man Hours: 293%

(2) CACO 3-2

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

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

(3) CACO 3-3

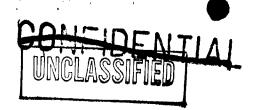
SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	%	PF	Z
Defensive Combat Intelligence Demolitions POW Interrogation M-60 MG	2 1 2 1 2	19 98 2 9	16 83 2 8	50 0 555 225	4 7 20 20

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

(4) CACO 3-4

SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	<b>%</b>	PF	26
Defensive Combat	2	29	43	37	37

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CACO 3-4 (Cont)

SUBJECT	HRS	USMC	%	PF	8
Monement to Contact Phase Attack Phase Consolidation Phase Exploitation Phase	1 1 1 1	8 8 8 7	18 12 12 10	15 15 15 12	15 15 15 12
Application review and Evaluation Helicopter Operations Map Symbols Ambush Patrols M-60 MG Intelligence	3 1 2 6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	30 4 6 14 <b>1</b> 5 54	44 9 20 22 79	29 7 11 14 7 0	29 7 11 14 7 0

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

(5) CAG Hq

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

Total USMC Man Hours: 22

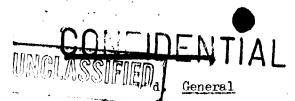
Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 933% Grand Total PF Man Hours: 1031%

#### o: Progress Report.

(1) CAP 3-1-3 is presently making preparation to become a non-compound CAP. Liaison with District and Village Officals 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.





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

2. Type and number of operations conducted.

Night Patrols/Ambushes	Day Patrols	IP's
1795	724	512

#### 3. Other Operations:

## (a) Joint Operations

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

# (b) Rice Collections

Date	Amount
70ctober 1968	201b
24 October 1968	2001p

# 4. Enemy Casualties.

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

Ordance Turned In

Civilian Int. Repts

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HEADQUARTERS 3rd Combined Action Group FPO San Francisco, 96602

3/JFB/whw 1000 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.	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	STRENGTH O	-USMC	USN	PF	LOCATION
	CAG H <sub>Q</sub>		89	3	0	Phu Bai
	3-1	5 1	ĭí	3 1	ŏ	YD847172
	3-1-1 (TTH078)	-	12	ī	32	YD890170
	3-1-2 (TTHO81)		14	1	32	
	3-1-3 (TTH079)		17,		32	YD912118
	3-1-4 (TTH075)		15	1	33	YD&L1168
	3-1-5-3-1-6 (TTHO73)		14		27	ŶD820180
	3-1-7 (TTH072)		13	1 1	27	YD807190
	3-2	2	- 9	ī	ö	ZD096007
	3-2-1 (TTH082)	~	14		22	YD925104
	3-2-2 (TTH083)		16	1	29	YD934084
	3-2-3 (TTH084)		15	ī	<b>1</b> 6	YD960080
	3-2-4 (TTHO87)		<u>16</u>	· ī	23	
	3-2-5 (TH088)		14		25	ZD080000
	3-2-6 (TTH089)		15	1	22	ZD140010
	3-2-7 (TTH072)		16		20	•
	3-2-8 (TTH091)		16	l l	26	YD980050
	3-2-9 (TTH093)		<u>13</u>	ī	16	ZD968062
	3-2-10 (Village Milit	лia	14	ī	8	AT890960
	& Village Controlled)					• ,
	3-3	1	12	1	0	YD781262
	3-3-1 (TTH055)	_	15	ī	25	YD780260
	3-3-2 (TTH057)		16	ī	16	¥D780240
	3-3-3 (TTH063)		15	ī	36	YD810300
	3-3-4 (TTH064)		14	ī	33	YD860310
	3-3-5 (TTH062)		15	ī	20	¥D800250
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Type and number of Weapons.

- 6 M-1 Carbines
- 2 M-16
- 1 9mm pistol

- 2 M-2 Carbines
- 1 Sub-machine gun 1 M-79 Grenade Launcher

14 AK-47

2 SKS

- <u>l</u> AK-50
- 6. Friendly Casualties.

	<u>KIA</u>	WIA(E)	<u>wian<b>y</b>e</u>	MIA	POW
USMC	0	2	6	0	. 0
USN	0	0	0	0	0
PF	3	5	2	0	0

ENCLOSURE (I)

