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From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)

Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 April to 30 April 1969 (U)

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*R. H. Barrow*  
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By direction

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

3/JSS/wjb  
5700  
8 June 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 April to 30 April 1969.

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8A

Encl: (1) 3d Combined Action Group Command Chronology

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

2. Downgraded at 3 year intervals. Declassified after 12 years.  
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*R. E. Andrews*  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April - 30 April 69

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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3d Combined Action Group, III MAF

1 Apr - 30 Apr  
LtCol Roi E. ANDREWS USMC

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 3-1	1 Apr - 30 Apr Capt. Edwin R. GOEDDE JR. USMC
Combined Action Company 3-2	1 Apr - 30 Apr Capt. George A. KIESEL USMC
Combined Action Company 3-3	1 Apr - 13 Apr Capt. Alan W. HITCHENS USMC  14 Apr - 30 Apr Capt. Joel D. WARD USMC
Combined Action Company 3-4	1 Apr - 30 Apr Capt. James F. DAVIS USMC
Combined Action Company 3-5	1 Apr - 30 Apr Lt. Fenton L. DRAKE USMC

2. Location

Headquarters, 3d Combined Action Group	Phu Bai Combat Base, Huong Thuy District Thua Thien (P)
Combined Action Company 3-1	Huong Thuy District Headquarters Thua Thien (P)
Combined Action Company 3-2	Phu Loc District Headquarters Thua Thien (P)
Combined Action Company 3-3	Phu Vang District Headquarters Thua Thien (P)
Combined Action Company 3-4	Huong Tra District Headquarters Thua Thien (P)
Combined Action Company 3-5	Thon Bach Thach Village Phu Loc District Thua Thien (P)

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3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

1 Apr - 30 Apr  
Major Beryl T. CHRISTLIEB USMCR

S-1

1 Apr - 30 Apr  
1st Lt. Walter E. SWITZER USMC

S-4

1 Apr - 30 Apr  
Major John S. SIROTNIK USMC1 Apr - 21 Apr  
Capt. Robert L. SPENCER USMCR22 Apr - 30 Apr  
Capt. Donald Willingham USMC

1st Sgt.

1 Apr - 30 Apr  
1st Sgt. Lawrence W. WILSON USMC4. 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>	<u>ENL</u>
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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

This command experienced no peculiar problems or difficulties with its personnel situation. The administration aspects of 3d CAG also continued without difficulty. The flow of paper work was reorganized and appropriate organization of the S-1 section was made to improve the administrative organization.

The Personnel/Administrative Statistics for the month of April are as follows:

PROMOTIONS

To LCpl 18 (2 Meritorious)  
To Cpl 3 (All Meritorious)  
To Sgt 11

OFFICERS JOINED

Captain 1

MOS

3010

OFFICERS DROPPED

Captain 1

MOS

3002

ENLISTED JOINED

MOS

E-8 E-7 E-6 E-5 E-4 E-3 E-2/1

0311

3

3

18

43

0331

5

0341

6

0351

6

3041

1

3516

1

ONE NON-HOSTILE DEATH OCCURREDLEGALCOMPLETEDPENDING

OFFICE HOURS

43

0

COURTS

5

0

INVESTIGATIONS

5

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ENLISTED DROPPED ROTATION E-8 E-7 E-6 E-5 E-4 E-3 E-2/1  
 MOS

0141				1			
0311				1	10	7	2
0331						2	1
0341							3
0351					3	2	
1121				1			
3051				1			

ENLISTED TRANSFERRED TO III MAF

0141							
0369							
2531						11	
0311					2	3	3
0331							3
0351							3
3531						1	

USN JOINED (ATTACHED)  
 MOS

8404					2		1
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USN DROPPED (TAD TERMINATED)

8404				4	1		
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AVERAGE NON-REPRESENTATIVE FOR APRIL

USMC OTH	USMC ENL	USN ENL
0	42	2

CASUALTIES: The following casualties were received:

KIA	1
WIA (E)	8
WIA (NE)	7

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~~OPERATIONS & TRAINING~~

The month of April saw the relocation of two CAPs. CACO 3-3 having eight CAPs was reduced to six with one going to CACO 3-1 (3-1-9) and the other to 3-2 (3-2-6). CAP 3-1-9 was immediately employed and joined PF Platoon #89. CAP 3-2-6, however, was equally distributed to the other CAPs in CACO 3-2 while awaiting the arrival of their PF Platoon. During the previous period CAP 3-4-3 was relocated to new area of suspected enemy infiltration and occupation. Two weeks after relocation the CAP made contact with a VC/NVA platoon resulting in three confirmed enemy kills (two VC and one NVA officer) and many blood trails and drag marks.

The overall tempo of enemy activity and contact rose considerably, six enemy KIA and 11 IWC. The CAPs continued to observe blacklists and to use internal intelligence systems resulting in 16 VCS.

During this period CAPs of CACO 3-1 assisted in the location and exhuming of the mass graves of the 1968 TET murders by the National Liberation Front and its allies. Assistance was primarily rendered by providing security for the workers involved and passing on locations of graves to appropriate authority.

Although day activities declined somewhat, there was a near triple increase in night patrols and ambushes, placing ever-increasing pressure on the attempted night movement of the Viet Cong/NVA.

A problem noted during this period was the CAP/RD relationship. While some CAPs enjoy a harmonious and cooperative relationship, numerous CAPs are being saddled with providing "bodyguard" security for RD team members. This matter has been brought to Province's attention and joint efforts are in progress to correct the situation.

TRAINING

An orientation syllabus consisting of subjects peculiar to 3d CAG and pertinent to all CAP Marines was finalized after the previous month's research and evaluation. The program consists of a five day school, including those required items listed on CAG Frag #60 of 28 April 1969. Preparation of lesson plans and rehearsals of the instructors commenced.

CAP-level training continued to stress weapons safety and night firing techniques. A degree of difficulty has been experienced in getting the PF soldiers to attend classes but positive remedial steps are in process. The rice harvest season can be considered as the prime obstacle to PF training. The overall training performance is shown within the supporting documents.



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Level training consisted primarily of on - the - job type, motor transport, and cross administrative training within the

The Mobile Training Team graduated one PF platoon in Huong Tra District and then relocated to a new site near District Headquarters and prepared for the training of two new platoons, to commence in May.

During the second half of the month the team had a two week stand down for refurbishment of equipment and supplies as well as a reorganization and rewriting of lesson plans.

#### SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS

During the month of April, 3d CAG continued to provide unequaled support to its field units in both T/E items and general supply. This support was brought about by untiring efforts of the S-4 section, numerous convoy trips to supporting agencies in Biang, and a positive can-do attitude.

A review of not needed and excess equipment and supplies provided Force Logistics Command with over two tons of material for redistribution and passage to needy units. These items warehouse and outdoor stowage were reorganized and relocated to provide faster location and distribution. This is a result of the previous month's evaluation of material flow procedures and lot stowage.

Motor Transport received an overall "Good" with minor discrepancies as a result of ILL MAE MT inspection. All of the discrepancies, generally administrative, were remedied prior to 30 April 69. Additional Motor Transport services were furnished over the Group's 55 mile long AOC so that all personnel could attend Easter Services.

The maintenance and supply status during April continued to maintain its C-1 category. The professional knowledge and experience that directs these departments is largely responsible for this continuing status.

The repair and return to service of five outboard motors during this period is of particular note since numerous CAPs are waterbound, and this is their only means of resupply. Additional instruction on maintenance were held for three companies in an effort to reduce malfunctions and improve performance of the outboard motors.

Commercial shows were provided to each CAGO and were enthusiastically welcomed and enjoyed, by both Marine and PF. The support was handled with expertise by the S-4, in the form of the shows to the CAGO HQ, providing the means for food, beer, and soda and assisting the CAGO's in bringing the CAP members in. Free beer and soda was provided at each show as well as separate additional issues to the companies.

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During this period three new corpsmen joined the Group, alleviating the personnel shortage in this billet. Study and evaluation was initiated to consider the requirements for a Medical Officer or independent corpsman at Group Level.

Commensurate with the increased tempo to the tactical situation during April, the number of MED CAPs also increased. A total of 27,329 Vietnamese civilians were seen and treated by the CAPs and some patients received additional medical attention from nearby US units.

Hospitalization for this period increased as a result of numerous enemy contacts and is shown below:

Combat Injury	15
Non-Combat Injury	5
FUO	5
URI	1
Dermatology	2
Dysentary	3
Other	8
Total	43

There were no new cases of malaria during the period. Continuous and detailed medical inspections continued to be held by the Chief Corpsman and his staff. Results of those inspections have ensured the use of proper medicines in water purification.

The alert CAP Corpsman (USN) of CAP 3-2-4, located in the vicinity of Lang Co, was responsible for identifying a potential plague epidemic. By his timely and alert action he brought the matter to the attention of the proper authorities, resulting in over 5,000 plague inoculations within the CAPs' village and the saving of many lives.

CIVIC ACTION

Civic action projects at both Group and CAP level continued to progress with tangible results as follows:

Five Foot Bridges  
One Playground  
Two ~~Dispensaries~~  
One Market Place  
One Well

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(Civic Action continued)

These items came from a variety of generous and well meaning sources. The appreciation shown for these seemingly insignificant items was exceeded only by the dire necessity existing.

SPECIAL SERVICES

This month saw the laying of the ground work for the 3d CAG recreation room and the preparation of a "Weekend Break" for those Marines in the field. The recreation room will be air-conditioned, of modern interior, and offer T.V., radio, stereo, popcorn, cold drinks, a complete paperback library and additional contemporary paperbacks.

The items ordered during February (Tiger Shorts, Sweat Shirts, 3d CAG lighters and Sweat socks) began arriving and were immediately issued to each CAGO. Additional purchases of athletic equipment, good quality portable radios, voltage regulators, and Polaroid cameras and film, further increased the size of the account and the benefits available to the Marine in the field.

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

3/JSS/wjb  
 5400  
 5 April 1969

FROM: S-3  
 To: Commanding Officer, 3d Combined Action Group

Subj: Weekly Summary of Training and Results of CAP Inspections by  
 CACO Commanders.

1. The following summary of training is submitted for the week of  
 30 March - 5 April 1969.

Training

(1) CACO 3-1

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Squad Tactics	5½	99	14	188	11
Patrol Warning	8	99	10	188	29
Ambushes	4½	99	16	188	3
IA Infiltrate	2½	99	9	188	5
Care & Cleaning M-16	5	99	6	188	9
Compound Defense	2	99	8	188	4
81mm. Mortar	1	99	2	188	1
Claymore Mine	1	99	4	188	3
Maps	2	99	6	188	10
Radio Procedure	½	99	12	188	6
Patrol Leaders Guide	4	99	15	188	7
Total USMC Man Hours:	283				
Total PF Man Hours:	726				

(2) CACO 3-2

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Night Ambush Formations	2	55	54	85	31
Radio Procedures	1	55	63	85	39
Fire Control	1½	55	63	85	30
Total USMC Man Hours:	237				
Total PF Man Hours:	387				

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## (3) CACO 3-3

SUBJECT	HOURS	USMC	%	PF	%
Ambush & Patrol	2	79	19	112	14
IA Drills					
a. Freezing	1	79	16	112	16
b. Immediate Assault	1/2	79	14	112	14
c. Immediate Assault on a Guerilla Camp	4	79	14	112	13
d. Counter Ambush	1	79	17	112	18

Total USMC Man Hours: 87

Total PF Man Hours: 77

## (4) CACO 3-4

SUBJECT	HOURS	USMC	%	PF	%
Ambush & Patrol	3	49	22	124	10
Claymore Mine	2	49	8	124	7
First Aid	1	49	8	124	4
Compass	1	49	6	124	5

Total USMC Man Hours: 140

Total PF Man Hours: 73

## (5) CACO 3-5

SUBJECT	HOURS	USMC	%	PF	%
Review of Ambush Techniques	1/2	58	26	127	15
IA Drills	3	58	6	127	13
First Aid	1	58	11	127	16
Moving into an Ambush Site	1/2	58	9	127	11
Security for Ambush	2	58	8	127	13
When and How to open	1/2	58	11	127	12
Fire on Ambush	1/2	58	11	127	12

Total USMC Man Hours: 269

Total PF Man Hours: 397

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Negative Training Reported

Grand Total NMS Man Hours: 1,026

Grand Total PP Man Hours: 1,660

2. No significant problems were discovered as a result of CAP  
Inspections by CACO Commanders.

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

3/JSS/wjb  
5400  
12 April 69

From: S-3  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Combined Action Group

Subject: Weekly Summary of Training and Results of CAP Inspections  
by GAGO Commanders.

1. The following summary of training is submitted for the week  
of 4 April - 12 April.

a. Training

( ) GAGO 3-1

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
PRC/25 Proce.	5	70	24	230	12
Claymore Mine	1	70	19	230	4
Patrols & Ambushes	2	70	19	230	4
M-60	2	70	19	230	0
M-79	1	70	11	230	4
M-16	4	70	12	230	7
PRC/25 Care & Cleaning	4	70	21	230	16
Sanitation	1	70	1	230	2
Small Unit Tactics	3	70	4	230	7
IA Drills	4	70	24	230	10
Assault on Guerrilla Camp	1	70	11	230	6
Ambushes	6	70	23	230	9
Fire Adju-stment	2	70	14	230	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 433  
Total PF Man Hours: 564

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## (2) CACO 3-2

	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Weapons Safety	1	63	65	89	36
Radio Procedures	1	63	65	89	36
Wire Control	2	63	67	89	38
Squad Formations	2	63	69	89	41

Total USMC Man Hours: 266  
Total PF Man Hours: 228

## (3) CACO 3-3

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Immediate Action		74	15	102	16
Counter Ambush Action		74	8	102	13
Med Evac		74	5	102	9
Phonetic Alphabet		74	1	102	3

Total USMC Man Hours: 22  
Total PF Man Hours: 36

## (4) CACO 3-4

	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
M-79	3	43	11	124	5
Radio Equipment	12	43	13	124	5
Immediate Action Drills	3	43	32	124	15
Wire Control	3	43	14	124	5
Phonetic Equivalents	4	43	2	124	5
Pronunciation	4	43	9	124	5
M-60	1	43	9	124	5
Noise and Light Discipline	1	43	9	124	5

Total USMC Man Hours: 78  
Total PF Man Hours: 114

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(5) CAGO 3-5

	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Inspector Ambrose	2	54	16	107	2
Immediate Assault on a					
Guerrilla Camp	3	54	14	107	1
IA Details	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	54	18	107	10
The Freeze Position	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	54	21	107	12

Total USMC Man Hours: 94

Total PF Man Hours: 179

2. No significant problems were discovered as a result of CAG  
Inspections by CAGO Commanders.

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

3/JSS/wjb  
5400  
19 April 69

From: S-3  
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Combined Action Program

Subject: Weekly Summary of Training and Results of CAP Inspections by  
CACO Commanders.

1. The following summary of training is submitted for the week of 10 -  
19 April 1969.

a. Training

(1) CACO 3-1

SUBJECT	HOURS	USMC ON ROLLS	% USMC ATTENDED	PF ON ROLLS	% PF ATTENDED
Care & Cleaning M-16	1	93	0	258	4
Weapons Safety	10	93	46	258	8
Patrol Order	5	93	18	258	14
M-60 Machine Gun	5	93	3	258	0
Care & Cleaning PRC-25	3	93	21	258	9
PRC-25 Procedures	3	93	16	258	5
Squad Tactics	9	93	20	258	23
Map Reading	1	93	3	258	1
First Aid	1	93	3	258	5

Total USMC Man Hours: 987

Total PF Man Hours: 993

(2) CACO 3-2

SUBJECT	HOURS	USMC ON ROLLS	% USMC ATTENDED	PF ON ROLLS	% PF ATTENDED
Camouflage Technique	1	55	85	90	52
M-60 Firing	3	55	97	90	64
Weapons Safety	13	55	85	90	56

Total USMC Man hours: 269

Total PF Man Hours: 309

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## (3) CACO 3-3

SUBJECT	HOURS	USMC	%	PF	%
RADIO Equipment	1	79	25	112	53
Phonetic Equivalents	1	79	20	112	41
Pronunciations	1 1/2	79	19	112	49

Total USMC Man Hours: 57

Total PF Man Hours: 123

## (4) CACO 3-4

SUBJECT	HOURS	USMC	%	PF	%
M-60	2	49	12	24	11
Patrolling	2 1/2	49	23	24	11
45 Cal. Pistol	1	49	9	124	7
I.A. Drills	1 1/2	49	19	124	15
PRO-25	1 1/2	49	7	124	3
Claycore	1	49	9	124	5
M-77	1	49	17	124	7
M-16	1	49	9	124	5
M-79	1	49	7	124	2
LZ Security	1 1/2	49	17	124	7

Total USMC Man Hours: 105

Total PF Man Hours: 146

## (5) CACO 3-5

SUBJECT	HOURS	USMC	%	PF	%
Disassembly & Assembly of the 45 Cal. Pistol	3	55	14	107	20
Night Patrolling & Ambush	5	55	16	107	20
Radio Equipment	2	55	48	107	44
Phonetic Alphabet	1 1/2	55	21	107	42
Radio Procedures	1 1/2	55	43	107	54
Types of Ambush	2	55	11	107	12
Pronunciation	1 1/2	55	19	107	26
Review of Equipment	2	55	17	107	22

Total USMC Man Hours: 204

Total PF Man Hours: 534

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Negative Training Reported

Grand Total of Man Hours: 1,622  
Grand Total of Man Hours: 2,205

2. No significant problems were discovered as result of CAP  
inspections by SACO Commanders.

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

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5400  
26 April 69

From: S-3

To: Commanding Officer, 3d Combined Action Group

Subj: Weekly Summary of Training and Results of GAP Inspections by  
GAGO Commanders.

1. The following summary of training is submitted for the week of 21  
April to 28 April 1969.

## a. Training

## (1) GAGO 3-1

SUBJECT	HOURS	USMC ON ROLLS	% USMC ATTENDED	PF ON ROLLS	% PF ATTENDED
Psychological Warfare	3 1/2	94	25	258	12
Patrol Procedures	2 1/2	94	12	253	12
Map and Compass	4	94	10	258	5
M-16 Care & Cleaning	4	94	21	258	8
M-60 Care & Cleaning	2	94	12	258	9
M-79 Care & Cleaning	1 1/2	94	1	258	2
Squad and Fireteam Movements	4	94	19	258	5
Night - Time Security	1 1/2	94	3	258	6
FRM-25 Procedures and Care	5	94	14	258	5
Hand and Arm Signals	1	94	11	253	5

Total USMC Men Hours: 425

Total PF Men Hours: 646

## (2) GAGO 3-2

SUBJECT	HOURS	USMC ON ROLLS	% USMC ATTENDED	PF ON ROLLS	% PF ATTENDED
Safety of Weapons and Use of M-60 and M-79	6	65	73	90	73
Map and Compass	5	65	49	90	41

Total USMC Men Hours: 442

Total PF Men Hours: 743

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a. Training

(3) CACO 3-3

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>ON ROLLS</u>	<u>% USMC</u> <u>ATTENDED</u>	<u>PF</u> <u>ON ROLLS</u>	<u>% PF</u> <u>ATTENDED</u>
Your Reaction Concerning the People	1	78	30	152	12
Hoi Chanh Policy	1	78	29	152	10
Civic Action	1	78	17	152	9

Total USMC Man Hours: 61  
Total PF Man Hours: 96

(4) CACO 3-4

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>ON ROLLS</u>	<u>% USMC</u> <u>ATTENDED</u>	<u>PF</u> <u>ON ROLLS</u>	<u>% PF</u> <u>ATTENDED</u>
Hoi Chanh Policy	1½	56	16	124	10
Civic Action	2	56	18	124	14
M-16 Rifle	1½	56	10	124	4
M-60	2	56	11	124	7
Compass	1	56	10	124	6
Ambushes	1	56	10	124	9
Artificial Respiration	2	56	10	124	2
Care and Cleaning of Claymore Mine	1	56	9	124	2
Immediate Action Drills	1	56	8	124	13

Total USMC Man Hours: 72  
Total PF Man Hours: 113

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a. Training

## (5) CACO 3-5.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>ON ROLLS</u>	<u>% USMC</u> <u>ATTENDED</u>	<u>PF</u> <u>ON ROLLS</u>	<u>% PF</u> <u>ATTENDED</u>
Firing of M-60	4½	62	14	136	12
Use of M-79 (Aiming & Firing)	1	62	16	136	14
Use of the M-72	2	62	14	136	11
Care and Cleaning of M-60	1	62	12	136	10
Deployment of 60mm Mortar	2	62	11	136	10
Mapping and Compass	4	62	9	136	15

Total USMC Man Hours: 105

Total PF Man Hours: 261

## (6) MTT

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Military Ceremonies - Graduation	2	9	100	37	100

Total USMC Man Hours: 18

Total PF Man Hours: 74

## (7) Headquarters Company

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Motor Transport Shop					
Safety	1	63	25		
Motor Vehicle Safety	1	63	33		

Total USMC Man Hours: 36

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 1,159

Grand Total PF Man Hours: 1,736

2. No significant problems were discovered as result of CAP Inspections by CACO Commanders.

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## a. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

1. On 02 0530H April 69 at coordinates ZD140015 (5Km NE of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-2 had a returning patrol unit observe a group of VN people around a dead body. CAP investigated and found that a Kit Carson Scout, Hung Nguyen, age 16, was assassinated by five VC during the dark hours. Further questioning of civilians proved unsuccessful. Identification made from papers on body.

RESULTS: One VN assassinated

2. On 03 0120H April 69 at coordinates YD805227 (3Km E of Hue City) CAP 3-1-2 while on patrol located one M-26 grenade booby trap. CAP searched area with no other findings and EOD team destroyed booby trap.

RESULTS: One booby trap destroyed (M-26)

3. On 03 1020H April 69 at coordinates YD805227 (3Km E of Hue City) CAP 3-1-2 while on patrol, PF apprehended one VN female without an I.D. card. She was taken to District Headquarters.

RESULTS: One VN female detainee

4. On 03 1040H April 69 at coordinates YD8227197 (5 1/2 Km SE of Hue City) CAP 3-1-5 while on patrol at the above coordinates found two M-2 Carbines and one Bangalore torpedo. CAP searched immediate area with no further findings.

RESULTS: One USMC medevacs

6. On 06 1400H April 69 at coordinates YD818197 (5 1/2 Km SE of Hue City) CAP 3-1-5 was sweeping an area at the above coordinates when a VC element, approximately six VC opened fire with small arms at approximately 100 meters. The CAP unit immediately returned fire that wounded two VC. A sweep of contact area resulted in one .45 caliber pistol, five M-16 magazines, one US cartridge belt and numerous blood trails.

RESULTS: One .45 caliber pistol, five M-16 magazines, one US cartridge belt.

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7. On 07 1230H April 69 at coordinates YD904111 (2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Km E of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 while on patrol at the above coordinates apprehended one VCI Le Thi Tam. This female was a confirmed VCI. Individual was transported to Huong Thuy District Headquarters.

RESULTS: One female VCI

8. On 07 2030H April 69 at coordinates YD833273 (4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Km SE of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-3 while moving to ambush site 3-3-3A assumed that 3 had turned toward their ambush site. After visual contact was lost between two elements, the point man of 3A took under fire a shadowy figure making noises with a rifle. When identification as established, a medovac was called for one USMC/WIA.

RESULTS: One USMC/WIAE

9. On 08 1430H April 69 at coordinates YD691246 (5Km W of Hue City) CAP 3-4-2 had turned into their position a large and assorted amount of ordnances by VN children. VIP reward will be made.

RESULTS: Five M-72 LAAW's, four B-40 Rockets, six 81mm rounds, four Claymore Mines, two Chinese Communist grenades, eight 105mm rounds, and assorted ammunition.

10. On 08 1730H April 69 at coordinates YD691256 (6Km N of Hue City) CAP 3-4-4A while on patrol found a helicopter rocket pad with 112.75 rockets. Rockets were destroyed by an EOD team.

11. On 08 2000H April 69 at coordinates YD730210 (2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Km SE of Hue City) CAP 3-4-1 received a report that two VC had distributed propaganda leaflets during the dark hours in Kim Hong Village. A RF unit operating in the area of Kim Hong collected the leaflets and delivered them to this position on 10 April 69.

RESULTS: One Hundred propaganda leaflets

12. On 09 1400H April 69 at coordinates YD695242 (5Km W of Hue City) CAP 3-4-2 reported two adult VN made, age 19 and 22 years, led CAP unit to the location of two 250 pound bombs. Later an EOD team destroyed the ordnance, an VIP reward will be made.

13. On 1630H April 69 at coordinates YD815266 (1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Km E of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-3 reported that one VN civilian informed USMC personnel of a mortar round located in a water container concrete type. Upon checking out information, found an 60mm HE round down, half buried in bottom of water container. An EOD team destroyed the ordnance and a VIP reward was made.

RESULTS: One 60mm mortar round found and destroyed

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14. On 11 0130H April 69 at coordinates YD704187 (4Km of Hue City) CAP 3-4-3 was in two ambush positions about 300 meters apart. Ambush one consisting of five Marines and 12 PFs was attacked from several directions (including the direction of the nearest village) by approximately two squads of enemy with small arms, grenades and RPGs. The first RPG round wounded several Marines but all five returned fire as they called for and received illumination. Their Claymore Mines failed to fire. (It was discovered later that fragments from enemy explosives had cut all wires). The PFs kept low and refused to return fire. The enemy entered the position and the Marines engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with them. Ambush two ~~received~~ and returned fire as they joined ambush one and found that the enemy had withdrawn. A medevac helicopter and gunships were requested and received. Artillery was called in with undetermined results, on light moving about 1000 meters away toward the high ground. First light a sweep of the area and the artillery impact area disclosed three enemy KIA and numerous drag marks in vicinity of fire fight.

RESULTS: One USMC/KIA, five USMC/WIAE, two PF/KIA, two VC/KIA, one NVA/KIA, one RPG and two B-40 Rockets

15. On 11 1600H April 69 at coordinates ZD 155014 (5Km SE of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-5 was returning from daytime patrol when one USMC while removing his .45 caliber pistol from the holster had the weapon discharge, wounding him in right leg below the knee. USMC was treated by corpsman and medevaced to NSA, Danang.

RESULTS: Investigation pending

16. On 11 2000H April 69 at coordinates YD 978051 (12Km NW of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-5-4 while in ambush site observed shadowy figures approximately 50 to 75 meters in front of position. A brief but heavy exchange of fire followed before the shadowy figures, were identified as friendly forces from 3-5-4. Immediately ceased fire, wounded were treated and medevaced. CAP 3-5-4 reported that further investigation of the incident (11 2000H April 69) indicated that the PFs were fired upon as they approached the ambush site from in front of the ambush line. It is not clear whether or not they had just put in Claymores or they had gone to talk to PFs. Their approach was from the direction assigned as a field of fire. There had been no word passed of their going in front of the lines.

RESULTS: One PF/KIA, and three PF/WIA

17. On 12 0945H April 69 at coordinates YD707218 (2Km N of Hue City) CAP 3-4-1 while on daytime patrol located a bunker under a grave. Size of bunker 6' x 6' x 4'. Destroyed bunker and burned surrounding grass.

RESULTS: Two AK-47s, two M-2 Carbines, two satchel charges, small amounts of food, water, ammunition and medical supplies.

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18. On 12 1100H April 69 at coordinates ZD143008 (5Km NE of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-2 received a report at this position that an RD Sgts' mother was seized and murdered by five VC dressed in Khaki clothing. Search of area, location ZD148979, and found one female body with fatal bullet wound in head. Identification of body proved to be RD Sgts' mother.

RESULTS: One VN female assassinated

19. On 12 1100H April 69 at coordinates YD9210/YD9310 (3 1/2 Km SE of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-1 while conducting a sweep of Loc Ban Village, An Nang Hamlet one and two, working with PF platoon and District personnel, apprehended seven persons questioning of I.D. cards. Detainees were taken to Loc Ban Village Headquarters for questioning.

RESULTS: Five detainees released, two detainees to Hue City

20. On 13 0030H April 69 at coordinates ZD153091 (5Km SE of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-5 initiated an ambush with small arms and Claymores after a trip flare was ignited in front of ambush line. Called illumination and swept area with findings of blood trails. A short period of time passed before receiving a hatched charge, small arms and B-40s. Returned fire and observed VC fleeing from nearby occupied VN homes. Again called illumination and conducted sweep of area with findings of one VC/KIA and SKS weapon.

RESULTS: One VC/KIA, one SKS rifle, one M-2 Carbine, three USMC/WIAE and two PF/WIA

21. On 13 1950H April 69 at coordinates YD905275 (13Km E of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-5 reported an accidental discharge of a .45 caliber pistol by a USMC wounding the individual's right toe. He was moved to 85th Evac. Hospital, after treatment by CAP corpsman.

RESULTS: Investigation pending

22. On 14 0800H April 69 at coordinates YD807247 (4 1/2 Km E of Hue City) CAP 3-1-9 while on a daytime patrol they located a small cache of enemy ordnance in a trench line. The enemy ordnance was destroyed by an EOD team.

RESULTS: Three 60mm HE rounds, three rifle grenades

23. On 15 0310H April 69 at coordinates YD914268 (13Km E of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-5 reported that two VC approached an occupied house approximately 100 meters away from their ambush site. As the VC approached in a southerly direction they were taken under fire with small arms. A sweep of the contact area revealed a canteen and one poncho of US origin.

RESULTS: One canteen and one poncho USA

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24. On 16 0300H April 69 at coordinates YD887280 (9Km E of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP reported nine sampans in river heading toward their AOC and initiated fire with small arms, M-60 and M-72s approximately 400 to 600 meters. Boats extinguished lights and fled in a northwesterly direction as adjacent and/or supporting units were notified of possible enemy in sampans and direction taken.

25. On 16 1240H April 69 at coordinates ZD201030 (11Km E of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-3 reported that six VC and one NVA entered Thon An Hamlet during the dark hours and demanded food supplies and information regarding the whereabouts of USMC. When refused, one VN female was shot four times in the head. The enemy carried both AK-47s and B-40s and immediately fled the area after the assassination with out food/information. Phu Loc District Headquarters has been notified.

26. On 16 1410H April 69 at coordinates YD913264 (13Km E of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-5 reported that one VN informant (adult male) gave them the whereabouts of one bunker. Investigated and found on 6' x 6' x 4 1/2' bunker lined with tin, tin air vents, bamboo deck, small amounts of food and clothing, and had been recently occupied.

RESULTS: One bunker destroyed

27. On 16 1930H April 69 at coordinates YD823182 (5 1/2 Km SE of Hue City) CAP 3-1-5 while preparing for night activity, the PF Platoon Sgts. received intelligence from a 16 year old male that there were 15 to 20 VC at YD82181. A night patrol was formed, consisting of six USMC and fifteen PFs. With S-600 as point, the patrol moved approximately 500 meters, arriving at the southern edge of Gia Le Truong Hamlet (YD823182). Here a defensive position was established and two PFs moved out to check a house that had lights burning. Not saying a word to anyone, and un-noticed, S-600 recrossed route #1 apparently to check out a house in the adjacent area. When S-600 returned one PF opened up with a burst of M-16 fire at approximately 10 meters. Immediately after the PF opened fire, 3-1-5 fired on M-79 round that detonated at YD823179 wounding four VN civilians (all minor wounds). Wounded USMC was pronounced DOA. Wounded VN civilians were treated by CAP corpsman.

RESULTS: One USMC/KIA

28. On 16 April 69 at coordinates YD822274 (4Km SE of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-1 while on daytime patrol located one Claymore Mine. All indications seem to bear out the fact that a friendly unit failed to remove said ordnance when they relocated four months ago.

RESULTS: One Claymore Mine

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29. On 19 0115H April at coordinates ZD091003 (1Km SW of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-1 while in ambush site were attacked by 15 to 20 VC. Received approximately eight grenades and small arms. VC initiated attack from 10 to 15 meters away from ambush site. Claymore and small arms fire were immediately returned and a sweep conducted. No further contact.

RESULTS: Two USMC/WIAE

30. On 19 0225H April 69 at coordinates ZD189021 (11Km E of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-3 observed five VC from ambush site heading in the direction of ambush site. PF opened ambush from about 50 meter with claymores and small arms VC returned fire with small arms and grenades.

RESULTS: One VC/KIA, one PF/WIA(M), one SKS rifle, 15 pounds of rice, one cartridge belt and two magazines AK-47

31. On 19 0650H April 69 at coordinates ZD 141009 (5Km NE of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-2 was informed by VN civilian that an RD female had been stabbed by five VC at about 15 2400H April 69. Investigated and found victim still alive. Medevac completed, questioned people in the area, found that VC carried two AK-47s and three SKSs and that the VC came from the south and returned in same direction. VC were on a assassination mission. Phu Loc District Headquarters was notified.

RESULTS: One VN female medevaced

32. On 19 0700H April 69 at coordinates ZD092004 (1Km SW of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-1 swept area of contact from spot report of 19 0115H April 69.

RESULTS: One VC/KIA, one .45 caliber pistol, one B-40, six concussion grenades and one cartridge belt.

33. On 19 0800H April 69 at coordinates ZD092004 (1Km SW of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-5 while conducting a sweep saw one VC suspect run from a hidden position from approximately 300 meters away from sweep element. PFs, RDs, and CDs fired warning shots which was ignored by VC. VC fled to village area. Sweep of village produced no further sightings of suspect.

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34. On 19 2240H April 69 at coordinates YD 827177 (5km SE of Hue City) CAP 3-1-5 while in ambush site, rear security observed two VC approaching 50 meters from a westerly direction. Initiated small arms fire and VC fled to EAST. Illumination was called and sweep was conducted.

RESULT: One USMC/WI(E)

35. On 20 0015H April 69 at coordinates ZD 153021 (5Km SE of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-5 while in ambush site observed five VC approaching from North West. At approximately 30-50 meters VC were taken under fire with small arms, M-79 and M-60. VC broke contact again and fled North East. Continued sweep of area with undetermined results.

RESULTS: Two USMC/WI (E)

36. On 21 2245H April 69 at coordinates YD 828242 (4km SE of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-3 while on night patrol observed lights from house and investigated. As patrol leader approached the house, one person fled from rear entrance and was taken under fire with small arms fire. Illumination was called and swept area with no further signs of suspect. Owner of house questioned by PF's, surveillance of house and general area maintained till first light, then the owner of house was taken to Phu Vang District Headquarters.

RESULT: One detainee (male)

37. On 23 1100H April 69 at coordinates YD 837203 (15Km E of Phu Vang District Headquarters) at CAP 3-1-1 and 3-1-6 are providing security for VN men unearthing TET victims of Hue City, 1968. Presently 20 to 30 bodies have been found.

38. On 24 2350H April 69 at coordinates ZD 143012 (5Km NE of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-2 rear while in ambush site observed five VC moving North to South approximately 75 meters away. CAP initiated the ambush with small arms fire, but received none in return as VC fled in unknown direction. A sweep was made of the area with findings of blood trails and drag marks.

RESULTS: One USMC/WIA (M)

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39. On 27 0400 April 69 at coordinates YD 888283 (9Km NE of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-4 while in ambush site observed two VN males fishing in a boat, hailed boat to shore because of curfew violation.

RESULTS: Two detainees

40. On 27 1200H April 69 at coordinates YD 892283 (9Km NE of Phu Vang district Headquarters) CAP 3-3-4 was shown the location of one 105mm HE round by three VN children. EOD team requested and VIP reward will be made.

RESULTS: One 105mm HE round

41. On 28 0500H April 69 at coordinates YD 832230 (5Km E of Hue City) CAP 3-1-8 while in ambush site, CAP received small arms fire from four to five VC about 25 meters to the east, in Phu Thu District. CAP returned fire, called for and received ~~ammunition~~ and swept area, after receiving permission from Phu Thu District Headquarters. Found heavy blood trails.

RESULTS: Two USMC/WIAE

42. On 29 2019H April 69 at coordinates ZD 091908 (1Km SW of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-1 while setting out Claymore mines, one Marine was hit in the back with a satchel charge which didn't explode. He returned to the lines, and the CAP received three more satchel charges, and small arms fire. CAP returned the small arms fire and set off one Claymore mine. Swept the area with undetermined results.

RESULTS: One satchel charge and approximately 15 AK-47 cartridges

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