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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 September to

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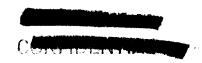
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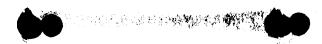
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III Marine Amphibious Force
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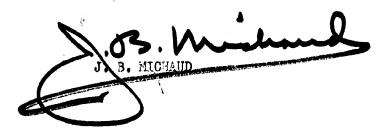
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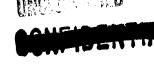
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8A

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

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

2. Downgraded at 3 year intervals. Declassified after 12 year interval in accordance with DOD Directive 5200.10.





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1 September 1969 to 30 September 1969

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# ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

3d Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force

COMMANDER
LatCol John B. MICHAUD, USMC
1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969

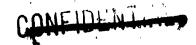
# SUBORDINATE UNITS

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Combined Action Company 3-1	Capt. Edwin R. GOEDDE JR., USMCR 1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969
Combined Action Company 3-2	Capt. Pat BURNS, USMC 1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969
Combined Action Company 3-3	Capt. Gary CARLSON, USMC 1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969
Combined Action Company 3-4	Capt. Jemes F. DAVIS, USMC 1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969
Combined Action Company 3-5	Capt. John F. PAICHEK, USMC 1 Sept - 30 Sept 1969
2. LOCATION	
Headquarters 1-30 Sep	Phu Bai Base, Huong Thuy District, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-1 1-30 Sep	Huong Thuy District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-2 1-30 Sep	Phu Loc District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-3 1-30 Sep	Phu Thu District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-4 1-30 Sep	Huong Tra District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-5 1-30 Sep	Then Bach Thach Village, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Province

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# 3. STAFF OFFICERS

S-1

S-3

S-4

Executive Officer

Major F. C. FISHER, USMC
1 Sep - 28 Sep 69
Major W. N. COLLISON, USMC
28 Sep - 30 Sep 69

1st Lt. D. A. WIEKEL, USMC 1 Sep - 30 Sep 69

Major W. J. LANNES, USMC 1 Sep - 30 Sep 69

Capt. D. WILLINGHAM, USMC 1 Sep - 30 Sep 69

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## 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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PART II

#### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

COMMAND, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING. During this period, emphasis was placed on refresher training in supporting arms. Individual Companies conducted fam firing and classes on the M-60 and also conducted FO classes. In addition, a formal two day refresher class in FO procedures was held at the 3d of the 66th Artillery Battalion, USA, on the 25th and 26th of September at Phu Bai Combat Base. The class was exclusively for selected CAP leaders (nine men attended) and was conducted by an Army Captain. The class was well received by all attending. Continued emphasis will be stressed in 3d CAG CAP's on supporting arms.

On 12 September a class was held on weapons safety for the Headquarters personnel, and on 26 September the 504th MP Battalion presented an hour lecture on Drug Abuse which included a display of various types of drugs. The lecture on Drug Abuse was attended by all Headquarters personnel and representatives from each CACO.

During this reporting period, enemy contacts have indicated a change in VO tastics. They are now operating in larger groups which are more heavily armed with RPG's. They have switched to daylight-type tactics by sending out a small scouting party (2-5 men) to check out the area while sending out a small scouting party (2-5 men) to check out the area line or the remainder of the force establishes a base of fire in a trea line or other covered or concealed locations generally out of effective small arms range. When the CAP embush opens up on the lead element, the remainder of the enemy force immediately fires its RPG's. This change in tactics is believed due in part to the successful introduction of two starlight scopes in each CAP approximately two months ago. In order to counter these tactics, when small groups of VC (2-5 men) are encountered. CAP Marines have several men armed with LAAW's who immediately look for likely base of fire elements while the rest of the CAP prepares to engage the small group of VC. Where clearance can be obtained, greater emphasis on artillery support is stressed.

Popular Forces strength and attendance continue to be problems. Emphasis still appears aimed at building new PF Platoons rather than supplying additional PF's to the existing platoons which have suffered natural attrition. PF Platoon average effective strengths for the month of Sep by CAP was as follows:

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The subject of PF strength is presently being pursued at District and Sector level.

Activities for the month of September for each company were as follows:

CACO 3-1: During this period, 2 VC were killed by CAP 3-1-2 who were identified as top level VC. In addition, the 12th RF Group, acting on intelligence supplied to them via the CACO Commander (obtained from XXIV Corps by 3d CAG), killed 5 VC, one of whom was identified as Deputy District Chief for Security.

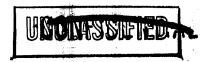
CACO 3-2: This Company participated in the District (Phu Loc) Rice Denial Plan. The Plan consisted of establishing rice storage houses in each village. The CAP's helped to provide security to the villagers while transporting their crop to the storage areas. This company has witnessed a recent increase in contacts with enemy units, most of them heavily armed with RPG's.

CACO 3-3: During this period, the CAPs of 3-3 saw slight decrease in enemy activity. However, in this area, the CAPs continue to encounter booby traps. One Marine was killed and 4 Marines wounded in two separate booby trap incidents. This CACO continues to stress training on this subject, and during this period conducted two classes on mines and booby traps which were attended by both Marines and FF's. Responding to information from infra-red and photo missions (made available by XXIV Corps), CAPs 3-3-1 and 3-3-5 conducted a detailed search during this reporting period. The suspected bunkers and houses were located; however, the results of the search were negative.

CACO 3-4: The most significant event during this reporting period was the combined Operation of the Huong Tra District force and the 2nd of

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the 501st Airborne Battalion. This operation was similar to "County Fair" operations as run by the Marine Corps. The 2/501 Battalion acted as the cordon force and surrounded the village of La Chu. The operation was supported by National Police and payops teams. The CAPs and RFs were the sweep force. The total number of people processed was 1388, including 41 VCs. The VCs are not included in the CACs monthly total because, as of this writing, they are still being processed to determine if any are VCI.

QACO 3-5: This company is also located in Phu Loc and participated in the Rice Denial Program. CAPs of this company continued to make contact with groupsel VC, most of which appear to be making rice runs. During this period, coordination with the 54th ARVN Regiment improved again due mostly to command emphasis by 3d CAO at XXIV Corps, the 1st ARVN Division, and Thus thien Sector plus the efforts of the CAOO Commander.

A summary of 3d CAG activities during this reporting period is shown below:

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In addition to normal operations and training, 3d DAG representatives attended a Rice Denial Conference at XXIV Corps on the 22nd of September. The conference was attended by representatives of all Vietnamese and Allied Forces in the XXIV Corps TAOR. A permanent record of the conference was made by XXIV-Corps for future use.



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On 29 September, the 3d CAG was visited by Colonel Metzger, who will relieve Colonel Burroughs as the Assistant Chief of Steff for the Combined Action Program. He visited several CAPs, previously visited by General Wheeler, ADC XXIV Corps, and remained overnight at 3d CAG Headquarters.



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# PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The 1st MAW Staff Judge Advocate Office held the first Special Court Martial for this Command, since being delegated Legal Assistance for the 3d Combined Action Group. The case was heard on 13 September 1969, no undue difficulties were encountered during the processing.

#### PROMOTIONS

- 13 Promoted to Sgt
- 3 Promoted to Cpl
- 69 Promoted to ICpl

#### OFFICERS JOINED

Major W. N. COLLISON 074335/0392 Capt. R. D. ZOREN 091464/3002

#### ENLISTED JOINED

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#### ENLISTED DROPPED ROTATION

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#### TRANSFERED TO III MAF

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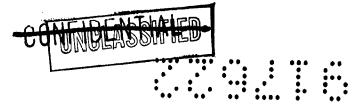
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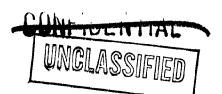
OTHER ATTACHMENTS

Kit Carson Scouts

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Handlers and Dogs

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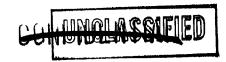
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#### MEDIC AL

During this reporting period, it was learned that a parasite study would be conducted in early November by Lttol RADKE, the senior parasitologist from the U. S. Army, Long Binh. The study is to compare infestation of CAP teams, in their unusual capacities, with Army personnel who live and act in a more protected environment.

Medical. On 24 September the regular Medical Department monthly meeting was held at III MAF. Word was passed that all HMs with retation dates in November will be notated between 15 and 31 October. This involves six corpsmen from 3d CAG. Reliefs will be provided prior to retation so as not to cripple CAP strengths. At present, 3d Combined Action Group is under strength by two HMs. Hopefully this will be rectified by 4 October. During October, the HM build-up supposedly will continue, and consequently some of the CACO Headquarters will be provided with a corpsman who will coordinate supplies and be able to act as relief for R&R, casualties, and hospitalized HM<sup>†</sup>s.

Monthly totals are as follows: WIAE-18; KIA-4; FUO-2; Malaria-1; Med Caps-15, 17,213 as of 26 September. The low Med Caps total for the month is probably due to the heavy rice harvest & the reluctance of the willagers to go to Sick Call and keep time and money from their fields. This is similar to the situation which existed last year during the same period of time.

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#### LOGISTICS/SUPPLY



During the reporting period, it was requested through MSAD Public Works Phu B i, that the 5d CAG M.T. area and entering readway be filled and graded, and culverts installed for proper drainage and to insure access during the monsoon season. An estimate was made and work is scheduled to begin in two weeks.

During the month, a TI was ordered on all weapons of this command. Fifty percent of these weapons were found defective, largely because they had never been subjected to a TI.

Thirty (30) M16 rifles, eight (8) M60 machine guns and four (4) M79 grenade launchers were repaired by Small Arms Maintenance, 1st FSR.

Additional limison was established between Small Arms Maintenance and S-4
3d CAG for a technical inspection team visit. It was established that a technical repair team would visit 3d CAG during the first week of October, 1969. A detailed statement of results will be presented in the next report.

## Supply

a. During the reporting period, 3d CAG received the following outstanding items.

(1) One hundred (100) rainsuits (2) Three hundred and thirty six (336) poncho liners

(3) Eight hundred and eightly (880) pairs socks

These items were immediately issued to the CACOsto equip their troops.

# Motor Transport

a. 3d CAG M.T. Section compiled a total of 38078 miles during the reporting period in transporting 98 short tons of cargo to the troops in the field, to include armo and class IV material. In addition, two (2) rebuilt PC's, M3781, were received and placed in service.

#### 4. Maintenance

a. Three (3) hot water heaters were received and placed in service.
b. All electrical wiring was checked by Public Works Phu Bai, and faulty wiring replaced.

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#### CIVIC ACTION

The following statistics represent the accomplishments of the Civic Action Program for the month of September, 1969.

#### 1. Medical Treatment

Med-Caps: 17,213 people treated Dental-Caps: 47 people treated Med-Evacuations: 2 Adults Med-Evaced

### 2. Distribution of Commodities

Food: 547 lbs. 7 gal. milk, 411 lbs. candy Soap: 893 lbs.
Clothing: 12 boxes, children sixes
School Kits: 500
Sewing Kits: 45
Cigarettes: 258 packs
Cement: 52 bags
Children's toys: 2 boxes, misc.
Pipe: 100 feet, 2 inch pipe
Plywood: 5 sheets
Lime: 5 bags
Tin: 16 sheets

#### 3. Health and Sanitation

Toothbrushes: 48
Toothpaste: 54

#### 4. Educational Efforts

English Classes 215 Attendance: 1,250

## 5. Construction Projects Completed

Bridges: 2 Built, 5 repaired Churches and Pagodas: 3 repaired Dwellings: 14 10 built, 4 repaired Markot places: 1 Barber shop Playground equipment: 1 merry-go-round, 1 sying set





Roads: 2 wash outs repaired

Schools: 4 repaired

School seats and desks: 25

Wells: 7 Dikes: 2

Docks and Wharfs: :



During this period the Civic Action Program within this Command increased by 1000 per cent over the previous two months, largely due to revitalizing these programs by appointing a gunnery Sergeant with experience in the field in a Combined Action Company, and thorough knowledge of the area as Civic Action VOO. The supply system under which we operate lacks a great deal toward efficiency. Often materials promised can not be obtained and often requisitions are only partially filled. Although CARE Kits are very hard to obtain, we have donated over 50 various types of kits. Also donated were many small Items, many of them coming from the weekly SP packs which each CAP receives.

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- On 01 0020H SEP 69 at coord ZD 143007 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-6 informed by villagers of LOC THUY that VN male, NGUYEN NGAN, Age 59, was assasinated by VC at 01 0020H. Victims wife stated 3 VC entered their home, took him 75 meters away and shot him 3 times in chest. Wife states unknown number of VC set up around house. VC came from east and left to south. Wife states VC killed husband because of son in ARVN. VC stole 4,000 Piesters. RESULTS: 1 VN assasinated
- 2. On O1 2300H SEP 69 at coord YD 689245 (5 Km W Hue City) CAP 3-4-2 informed by villagers that 30 VC entered THON PHU from west. VC stole a duck and passed out leaflets and left to west. RESULTS: None
- 3. On 03 2055H SEP 69 at coord ZD 162013 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-5 received one B40 while in embush site from unknown number of VO from northwesterly direction approx 75 meters away. CAP initiated fire. Two VC were seen fleeing south. RESULTS: None
- 4. On 03 0430H SEP 69 at 04Pr3-2-6 AO (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAPs 3-2-2, 3-2-5, 3-2-6 participated in combined operation with USA, RF and PF's. RF's conducted sweep with CAP's, PF and USA as blocking RESULTS: 1 VCI, 3 draft dodgers suspects
- 5. On 04 0100H SEP 69 at coord YD 717215 (21 Km SW Hue City) CAP 3-4-1 informed by PF's that three VC entered TRUC LAM from east, raised VC flag on school flag pole, booby trapped flag pole and passed out propaganda leaflets then left to east. A PSDF spotted flag propaganda leaflets then left to east. fired at booby trap with S/A destroying flag and booby trap. RESULTS: One VC flag and one booby trap destroyed
- 6. On 04 0100H SEP 69 at coord YD 808247 (42 Km E Hue City) CAP 3-1-1 informed by VN child of one M26 frag grenade at above coord. VIP reward. paid. Grenade destroyed. RESULTS: 1 VIP reward paid.
- On 04 0145H SEP 69 at coord YD 853240 (72 Km NE Phu Thu Dist Hq) While in ambush site, CAP 3-3-2 received three B40 rounds and S/A fire from southwest from unknown number of enemy. CAP returned fire. Enemy fled in unknown direction. RESULTS: None

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While moving into embush site, spotted three figures. CAP initiated fire and swept area apprehending two VN females without IDs from Phu Vang. Third individual believed to be VN male fled SE.

RESULTS: 2 female detainees

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9. On 04 2115H SEP 69 at coord ZD 153997 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq).
While setting up ambush, 252-6 Marine was setting out claymores.
PF's shifted their original direction without informing CAP and opened fire with S/A and claymores wounding one USMC with gumshot wound below right knee. USMC med evac to 85th Evac Hospital. During illum for med evac CAP observed 25-30 VC moving NE approx 150 meters away. CAP initiated fire. VC fled to SE.
RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIAE

10. On 04 2115H SEP 69 at coord YD 873257 (7 km NE Phu Thu Dist Hq) while in ambush site, CAP 3-3-2 observed two VC approaching from left flank of ambush. CAP initiated fire. Illum and sweep revealed one VC/KIA with one AK47 and blood trails leading to DONG GI. Day sweep revealed one VC/KIA RESULTS: 2 VC/KIA, 1 AK47

11. On 05 1235H SEP 69 at coord ZD 214015 (11 Km E Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-3 received information from villagers that 20 NVA and 10 VC with three VC females entered Phu Gia from east at 04 2000H. Rice, money and other items stolen. VC females carried grenades and one .45 pistol. NVA and male VC carried two B40's and 25 AK47's. Eight VC spent night in house forcing owner to give them rice and money. NVA and male VC wore green uniforms cut off at knee, VC females wore black clothes. Enemy left at 05 0400 to NE.

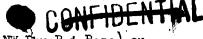
RESULTS: Intel information

12. On 05 1745H SEP 69 at coord ZD 153997 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) FOLLOW UP on CAP 3-2-6 SPOT REP 04 2115H. When CAP spotted VO under illum. CAP initiated fire with S/A and M79 which struck house at coord ZD 152998, wounded one civilian and killing one other. Wounded civilian med evac to Hue Hospital RESULTS: 1 civilian killed. 1 civilian wounded

13. On 06 0040H SEP 69 at coord YD 922098 (3. Km SE Phu Bai Base)
CAP 3-5-1 in ambush site received one B40 round from SW direction approx
70 meters away. Second B40 round received 45 minutes later from unknown
location. One USMC/WIAE, one USN/WIAE. CAP initiated fire and VC fled
SW. Med evac wounded to 85th Evac Hospital.
RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIAE. 1 USN/WIAE

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14. On 06 1110H SEP 69 at coord YD 825172 (32 Km NW Flux Bai Base) on day patrol, CAP 3-1-4 detained 12 VN females and checked for ID's. Temples had no ID and were turned over to Dist Hq. RESULTS: 12 detainees

- 15. On 06 1505H SEP 69 at coord YD 693233 (5 Km W Hue City) CAP 3-4-2 was informed by villagers of La Chu that approx 42 VC entered village at 05 2300H from westerly direction. VC paychased unknown quantity of rice stating to villagers they were very hought and needed rice badly. VC left approx 05 2400H in westerly direction. RESULTS: Intel information
- 16. On 06 2040H SEP 69 at coord YD 959040 (62 km SE khu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-3 in ambush site, spotted 15 VC/NVA moving NE approx 30 meters away. CAP initiated fire and received approx 10-D40 reads and grenades resulting in three USMC/WIAE, 2 NVA/KIA and two AK47 with megazines. Med evac wounded to 85th Evac.

  RESULTS: 3 USMC/WIAE, 2 NVA/KIA, 2 AK47
- 17. On O6 2330H SEP 69 at coord YD 814239 (42 Km E Hma City) CAP 3-1-1 in ambush site spotted two VC moving East to West approx 50 meters away. CAP initiated fire, VC fled in morthernly direction.

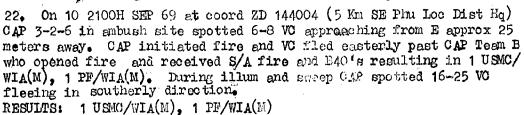
  RESULTS: None
- 18. On 06 2400H SEP 69 at coord YD 688248 (5 Km 7 Hue City) CAP 3-4-2 was informed at 07 0830H by village that 12 V entered LA CHU from west at above coord and purchased 20 pounds of rise and peanuts then left at 0100H in westerly direction.
  RESULTS: Intel information
- 19. On O8 2150H SEP 69 at coord ZD 195003 (11 KM E Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-3 in ambush site spotted 3-4 VC moving east approx 100 meters away. CAP initiated fire and received enemy S/A fire wounding one PF. RESULTS: 1 PF/WIA
- 20. On 09 1645H SEP 69 at coord YD 799244 (42 Km E Hue City) CAP 3-1-1 on day patrol found cre bunker 6x4x4 feet containing two B40 rounds. Bunker and ordnance destroyed.
- 21. On 10 1030H SEP 69 at coord YD 865248 (8 Km NE Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-1 received one VC female Chieu Hoi at above coord. Chieu Hoi stated she was with mother VC who was killed on 4 SEP by CAP 3-5-1, also states she was in C-2 Company of K-4 Battalion. Chieu Hoi delieved to Dist Hq. RESULTS: 1 Chieu Hoi

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23. On 10 2100H SEP 69 at coord ZD 144004 (5 Fm SE PM Lot Dist Hq)
FOLIOW UP on SPOT REP CAP 3-2-6 10 2100H. Enemy strength confirmed approx
20 NVA. KCS reported seeing NVA carrying 2 municipated bodies. Blood
trails indicate 6 or 7 NVA hit.
RESULTS: None

24. On 12 2130H SEP 69 at coord YI 819113 (55 km SE Mue City) CAP 3-1-5 in ambush site, spotted one VO approaching from east approx 50 meters away. CAP initiated fire. Sweep revealed one fighting hole containing propaganda leaflets. Leaflets turned into Dist Mq. RESULTS: VC propaganda leaflets captured

25. On 12 2215H SEP 69 at coord YD 706199 (4 Win W Has City) CAP 3-4-3 while in ambush site, CAP's PF's made contact with approx 12 VC. VC returned fire with approx 10-B40's resulting in four PE/WIA. Sweep revealed one VC flag and propaganda leaflets.

RESULTS: 4 PF/WIA. 1 VO flag, propaganda leaflets

26. On 12 2230H SEP 69 at coord YD 614:66 (11 KM W 1019 City) CAP 3-4-6 spotted one individual moving in northernly direction approx 50 meters away. CAP initiated fire and WC fled westerly.

RESULTS: None

27. On 12 2400H SEP 69at coord YD 621268 (11 km W Hae City) CAP 3-4-6 was informed on 13 SEP by villagers that two VC entered LONG KHE at 2400H and purchased 25 pounds of rice and left in southerly direction. VC wore shorts and utility shifts and carried AK47's.

28. On 12 2400H SEP 69 at coord YD 691247 (5 km W Hue City) CAP 3-4-2 informed by villagers that approx 50 WO entered LA CHU at 2400H from west, seperated into two groups. One group of 30 stayed at above coords, other group of 20 went to coord YD 702255. WO took 200 pounds of peanuts and rise only for themselves which they are at village. WC departed at approx 0100H in westerly directive.

RESULTS: None

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29. On 13 2200H SEP 69 at coord YD 814246 (42 Km E Hue City) While in embush site CAP 3-1-1 spotted two VC moving easterly approx 30 meters away. CAP initiated fire, VC fled to east. RESULTS: Negative

30. On 13 2245H SEP 69 at coord YD 954055 (6% Wh SE Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-3 while in ambush site spotted three VC moving south approx 70 meters away. CAF initiated fire, VC fled to south, RESULTS: Negative

31. On 13 2300M SEP 00 at coord Y0 710233 (5 Km % Mu; City) CAP 7-4-2 informed on 14 1000H by villagers and PF Set that we entered CMO VU from west amount 15 2500H. VC stollagers are 200 pounds of pagnuts maparited 0200H in descenty direction.

RESULTS: Negative

32. On 14 0001h SEP 69 at coord YD 7312.3 (22 No. SW Fale City) While in ambush site CAP 3-4-1 observed approx 10 VC enter BUONG DONG from northerly direction. CAP initiated fire. VC returned fire with B40's and S/A. Two B40's impacted in VN house counding two civilians. One PF/KIA, and one PF/WIA result of energy fire. Two VC/KIA one 9mm pistol were found during search.

RESULTS: 1 PF/WIAE, 1 PF/KIA, 1 9WM pistol, 2 VN wounded, 2 VC/KIA, 2 satchel charges, propagands heaflets

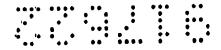
33. On 16 0820F SEP 69 at coord YD 88225. (4 kg. N Pho Thu Dist Hg) While on day patrol CAF 3-3-4 checked ID of VN smale whose name appeared on black list. Suspect stated she gave 15 SMP CAF location to VC and was married to VC Captain. Suspect also stated husband and one other VC came to LE XA DONG each night to eat. Suspect curned over to Dist Hq. RESULTS: 1 VCS

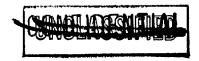
34. On 16 0930H SEP 69 at coord YD 722214 (2 Rm SW Hie City) CAP 3-4-1 day patrol discovered one VC bunker neasuring 3x10x1g feet. Bunker located 10 feet above water line in bembo cluster.

RESULTS: 1 Bunker destroyed

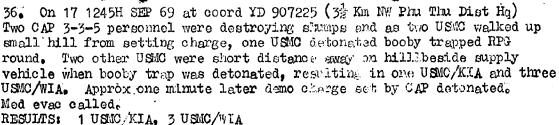
35. On 16 2245H SEP 69 at coord YD 795225 (3 Km E Hue City) While in ambush site CAP 3-1-2 spotted six VC approaching from east approx 50 meters away. CAP initiated fire resulting in 2 VC/KIA RESULTS: 2 VC/KIA, 1 AK47, 4 AK47 Magazines, 2 cartridge belts, 2 mag pouches

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37. On 17 4400H SEP 69 at courd AU 305016 (11 km N Mm Loe Dist Hq) (AP 3-2-3 was informed of 30 VC/NVA entering SIUM SIEM village from north-easterly direction. Vi entered home of GAP Mile no there. Villagers state there seme 30 VC/NVA entered village on 05 1235H SEP. Three VC/NVA females were amoung group. VC/NVA dressed in light green military shorts and shirts, armed with two B40 lemmehers and unknown number of AK47's. VC/NVA passed our 2500 Piasters and told villagers to purchase rice or be killed on their naturn on 17 or 18 SEP. Enery Separated in two groups at 0300H and 0400H in northwesterly direction.

38. On 17 2013H SEP 69 at coord ZD 193011 (11 Km E Hue City) While in ambush site, CAP 362-3 spotted three VO with lights expressing from west approx 100 meters away. CAP initiated firs and VO fled southeasterly. RESULTS: Negative

39. On 18 0200H SEP 69 at coord YD 914093 (5 Km. SE Plm Bai Base) While CAP 3-5-2 was in ombush site, three VC were seen approaching from southwest approx 75 meters away. CAP initiated fire. Sweep revealed negative results. RESULTS: Negative

40. On 18 1815H SEP 69 at coord YD 967033 (12 Km NW Phu Loc Dist Hq)
CAP 3-5-4 while on day patrol discovered three NVA land mines and three
bunkers. Mines were found above ground without concealement and bunkers
appeared to be recently used.
RESULTS: 2 NVA mines destroyed, 1 mine used for instruction, 3 NVA bunkers
destroyed

41. On 18 2130H SEP 69 at coord AU 807013 (11 km E Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-3 informed at 18 1735H by villagers that 5 VO and 10 NVA entered TRUNG KIEN and stole large quantities of fish and rice from 16 houses. VC/NVA threatened civilians in attempt to learn of CAPU embush site. VC/NVA wore khaki shirts, black trousers and carried AK47 s and departed to west. RESULTS: None

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42° On 20 2210H SEP 69 at coord YD 960442 (12 Km NW Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-5-4 in ambush site spotted 5 VC approaching from the south. CAP initiated fire, VC returned fire with S/A and B40°s, VC fled south. One USMC/WIA(M). Sweep revealed 1 VC/KIA, 1 A350. RESULTS: 1 VC/KIA, 1 USMC/WIA(M), 1 AK50

43. On 20 2325H SEP 69 at coord YD 920106 (3% Km CM Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-1 in ambush site spotted 3 VC approach from south approx 30 meters away. CAP initiated fire, VC fled north. RESULTS: None

44. On 21 2130H SEP 69 at sport YD 881231 (4 201 T Phr. flow Dist Hq.) CAP 3-3-4 in ambush site spotted light moving between two houses approx 50 meters away. CAP initiated fire. Illum and sweep rovealed blood trails leading south, VN man and woman living in house admitted meeting two VC. VN turned into Dist Hq. RESULTS: 2 detainees

45. On 21 2000H SEP 69 at coord ZD 193014 (11 Km % Pho Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-3 was informed by villagers at 22 0730H that 9 VC entered PHUOC AN from NE dressed as PF's and armed with one B40 and eight AK47 at VC passed out leaflets which stated "HO CRI MINH and followers were the only ones who could save VN from devastration". Leaflets in English were passed out stating "You are not the only ones sick of the War", and directed Americans to go home. VC stole rice and left to NE. RESULTS: None

46. On 21 2310H SEP 69 at coord ZD 093005 (1 Km SW Plu Loc Dist Hq) GAP 3-2-1 in ambush site spotted 4 VC at a Budhist temple at above coord. CAP initiated fire, VC fled south. Sweep revealed negative results. RESULTS: None

47. On 23 2230H SEP 69 at coord YD 956072 (5 km SE Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-2 in ambush site spotted 5 WC approx 150 meters moving N. CAP initaited fire. WC fled north. CAP received heavy S/A fire and B40's from another group of VC to the NW. CAP 3-5-3 moved north to reinforce CAP 3-5-2. Sweep revealed three blood trails leading south. RESUITS: None

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49. On 23 2440H SEP 69 at coord ZD 154014(5 km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-5 in ambush site, heard five VC yelling "Chieu Hoi" from westerly direction across river. VC crossed river and approached ambush site as CAP intiated fire. VC returned S/A fire and fled SE. Illum and sweep revealed one VC/KIA and one AK47. VC wore black shirts and shorts with NVA belts.

RESULTS: 1 VC/KIA, 1 AK47

50. Qt 24 2200H SEP 69 at coord YD 679255 (6 Km NW Has City) CAP 304-4 informed at 25 1500H by villagers that 35 VC entered LIEU COC from south and stole 300 pounds of rice then left toward west. VC armed with 20 AK47's, 3 SKS and 2 B40 launchers. RESULTS: None

51. On 24 2230H SEP 69 at coord YD 804246 (42 Km E Hue City) CAP 3-1-1 while in ambush site spotted two VC moving isouthward approx 100 meters away. CAP initiated fire and VC returned S/A fire then fled to west. RUSULTS: None

52. On 24 2345H SEP 69 at coord YD 975055 (12 Km NW Phu Bel Base) CAP 3-5-4 in ambush site spotted five VC approaching from NW approx 40 meters away. CAP initiated fire and received one B40 round then VC fled SE. RESULTS: None

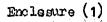
53. On 25 0245H SEP 69 at coord YD 953054 (62 km SE Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-3 in ambush site spotted five VC moving west approx 50 meters away. CAP initiated fire and received S/A fire as VC fled west. Illum and sweep revealed negative results. RESULTS: None

54. On 25 1600H SMP 69 at coord YD 952109 (5 km SE Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-2 was informed by villagers of LOC BON of large cache of rice at above coord. CAP sent patrol to area and found 800 pounds of rice in small Budhist temple. Helo lifted rice to Dist. Hg. VIP reward paid. RESULTS: 800 pounds rice, VIP reward

55. On 25 2230H SEP 69 at coord YD 973051 (12 Km NW Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-5-4 in embush site spotted unknown number of WO/NVA approaching from east. CAP initiated fire. WO fled to southwest. One NVA/KIA with AK50.

RESULTS: 1 NVA/KIA, 1 AK50









56. On 26 1230H P 69 at coord YD 857085 (2 Km have Bal Base)
CAP 3-1-3 on patrol found 2 VN bodies, NGO XOAL, age 44, and NGO DE, age 56, assasinated by VC. Can of chow and one broken Ho Chi Minh sandel with words in English (Beware 2-5" written on sole. Bodies estimated dead 30 days and had both feet and hands cut off. Boys bones were all broken. Victims kidnapped on 17 June. RESULTS: 2 VN assasinated

57. On 26 1600H Sep 69 at coord YD 985230 (34 Km NW Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-5 on day patrol found two 5.56 cu. ft. ammo boxes with assorted ordnance and supplies. Items turned in to Dist Hq.
RESULTS: 40 AK47 rounds, 96.30 cal carbine rounds, 3 bags rice, 1 bag gauze, 10 penicillin ampules, 1 bag salt, 1 100cc bottle srum albumin, VC paper work, medical instructions, 1 set black pajamas, 1 head scarf, 1 pair shorts, 1 yd green cloth.

58. On 26 2120H SEP 69 at coord ZD 153020 (5 km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-5 in ambush site spotted two VC approx 200 meters away moving NE. VC hid beside river and soon wear defined by 4 other VC then all proceeded toward ambush. CAP initiated fire and VC fled NE. CAP then received RPG rounds from unknown size enemy force resulting in two USMC/KIA, four USMC/WIA, one PF/WIA. Wounded med evaced to 85th evac hospital. Sweep revealed 1 VC/KIA 1 pistol. VC force estimated at 40. RESULTS: 2 USMC/KIA, 4 USMC/WIAE, 1 PF/WIAE, 1 VC/KIA, 1 9mm pistol

59. On 26 2150H SEP 69 at coord ZD 142006 (5 km SE Phu Loc Dist Hq)
CAP 3-2-6 in ambush site spotted four VC throughtstarlight scope approx
200 meters away. CAP initiated fire. Received S/A fire from treeline
during sweep resulting in one USMC/KIA and one PD/WIAE. Sweep revealed
one VC/KIA and one AK47, supply list, heavy blood treils.

RESULTS: 1 USMC/KIA, 1 PF/WIAE, 1 VC/KIA, 1 AK47

50. On 26 2325H SEP 69 at coord YD 919105 (32 Km SE Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-1 in ambush site spotted approx 20 WC approaching site from N. CAP initiated fire when WC were approx 10 meters away. WC returned S/A fire and one B-40 resulting in one USMC/WIA(M). Sweep revealed 5 WC/KIA and 5 AK47's
RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIA(M), 5 WC/KIA, 5 AK47's

61. On 27 2115H SEP 69 at coord YD 815243 (5 Km E Hue City) CAP 3-1-8 in establishing ambush site spotted one VC approaching from south, approx 35 meters away. CAP initiated fire, VC fled west. RESULTS: None

62. On 27 2400H SEP 69 in AAP-4-2's AO (5 km W Hue City) CAPs 3-4-1 and 3-4-2 conducted combined operation with USA and RF's. Operation resulted in 400 persons processed to date.

RESULTS: 172 detainees, 9 VCI, 3 VCS

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(I) (I) 63. On 28 0130H SEP 69 at coord YD 804244 (42 Km E Hue dity) CAP 3-1-1 in ambush site received enemy S/A fire from east approx 60 meters away. CAP returned fire, VO fled to east.

RESULTS: None

64. On 28 0240H SEP 69 at coord ND 823176 (52 km SE Hue City) CAP 3-1-5 informed at 29 0330H by PF's that a PSDF, PHA VAN DAN, age 20, of Thuy Luong was assacinated by 8700. WO entered victims home, woke him up and was shot in the back but did not kill him, as he ran from house. He then was fatally shot in chest. RESULTS: 1 VN assashated

55. On 28 1300H SEP 69 at coord YD 905115 (2 km E Phu Bai Base) OAP 3-1-3 received one Temala W Chieu Hoi who stated she was a cook and rallied because her unit was moving and she didn't want to leave. Also stated she worked with approx 20 VC. No unit given.

RESULTS: 1 VC Chieu Hoi

66. On 28 1205H SEP 69 at coord ZD 189002 (11 Km E Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-3 on day patrol was approached by VO and informed of location of VC booby trap. A member of CAP followed VN by booby trap which detonated resulting in mixor fragmentation wounds of one USMC.

RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIA(M)

67. On 28 2355H SEP 69 at coord YD 819179 (22 Km SE Hue City) CAP 3-1-5 in ambush site spotted three VO moving W approx 50 meters away. CAP initiated fire. VO fled southwest. RESULTS: None

68. On 29 3600H SEP 69 at coord YD 680255 (12 Km N Hie City) FOLLOW UP on 0AEO 3-4 SPOT 27 2400H. WO, Dang AUC, age 21 with AK47 rellied to two PF's of platoon 225. Onter Hoi is from HUONG DIEN and has been WO since 1967 prepently assigned to hie Sapper unit.

RESULTS: 1 WO Object Hoi

69. On 29 1830H SEP 69 at coord 2D 153020 (5 Km SE Phu Loc Dast Hq) FOLLOW UP on CAP 3-2-5 Spot 20 2120H SEP. Phen Dien, WC killed by CAP on 20 SEP now believed to be WO District Chief of 80-90 men company that he led on 20 SEP. Dien joined WC in 1945, trained in NVN and family lives in CAP's AO. RESULTS: None

70. On 29 2129H SEP 69 at coord YD 908114 (2 Km E Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 water proceeding to check point 1 spotted two VC approaching from NW, CAP initiated fire on VC approx 30 meters away. VC returned fire resulting in one USMC/WIA(M)
RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIA(M)



#### PART IV

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS



Tab A: 3d CAG 5830, "Casualties from Friendly Firepower", 1 Oct 1969

Tab B: 3d CAG 3121, "Monthly Operations Report", 1 Oct 1969

Tab C: 3d CAG 3460, "Control, Turn-in and Disposal of Captured Enemy Weapons", 1 Sep 1969

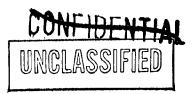
Tab D: 3d CAG, "Kit Carson Scout Report", 29 Sep 1969

Tab E: 3d CAG 1510, :Training Program for 6 - 31 Oct 1969", 29 Sep 1969

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

3/WJL/wjb 5830 1 **9**ct 1969

From: Commanding Officer

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Action Group

Subj: Camualties from Friendly Firepower

Ref: (a) ICCI 5830.1B

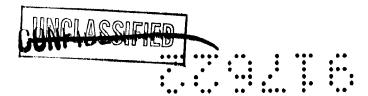
Encl: (1) Casualties from Friendly Firepower Report

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted for the period 1-30 September 1969.

2. There were four incidents and four casualties due to friendly fire. A summary of these incidents is shown in enclosure (1).

3. 3d CAG has no recommendation for actions to be taken by TII. MAR.

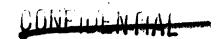
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Enclosure (1)

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# CASMAINTIES FROM FRIENDLY FIREPOUER REPORT

•	SMALL ARMS	TOTAL
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RVN Civilien	2	2.
Wounded US		
Military RVN	0	0
Civilian	2	2.
Number of Incidents	4	4



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3/WJL/wjb 3121 1 **0**ct 1969

From: Commanding Officer'

To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: ACofs, CAG)

Subj: Monthly Operations Report

Ref: (a) For0 312114B w/ch1

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

a. LOCATION AND STRENGTH

DESIGNATION	PF PLT. NO.	USMC USMC	TH USN	PF	LOCATION
3d CAG		0/18			Phu Bai Base
3-1		<i>4/</i> 7	0	0	YD 847172
3-1-1	<b>9</b> 6	10	1	25	YD 8024
3 <b>-1-</b> 2	82	10	1	25	YD 7922
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3-1-4	85	11	1	25	YD 8416
3-1-5	83	10	1	23	YD 8117
3-1-6	98	10	1	28	YD 7823
3-1-7	94	10	1	20	YD 8019
3-1-8	80	10	1	25	YD 8124
<b>3-</b> 2		1/6	0	0	ZD 0900
32-1	135	12	1	31	ZD 0800
3-2-2	130	12	1	27	ZD 1401
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3/WJL/wjb 3460 1 Sep 1969

From: Commanding Officer'

To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: G-4)

Subj: Control, Turn-in and Disposal of Captured Enemy Weapons

Ref: (a) For0 3460.40

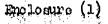
1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is provided for the month of August 1969.

a.	Captured	IW 49 CS 2
b.	Destroyed by capturing unit	IW OCSO
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f•	Retained in museums of exhibits	IW O CS O
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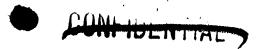
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3/WJTi/wjb 3410 29 Sep 1969

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, FMF (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Kit Carson Scout Report

Ref: (a) 3d MarDivO 3410.1A

Encl: (1) Monthly Kit Cerson Scout Report

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in references (a), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith:

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29 Sep 1969

The status of Kit Carson Scouts during the period 27 August to 27 September 1969 is submitted as follows:

EMPLOYING UNIT

# Significent Accomplishments: None

1.	Patrols	143
2.	Classes conducted	6_
3•	Psy Ops broadcasts	0
4.	Enemy killed	1 VC
5•	Weapons captured/suspects	
٠	apprehended	1 AK47
6	Weapons recovered	0
7.	Returnees	0
8.	Caves/Tunnels/Caches detected Mines/Booby traps detected	0
9.	Mines/Booby traps detected	0

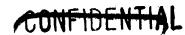
Significant Weaknesses: None



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GruBul 1510 3/WJI/wjb 29 Sep 1969



#### GROUP BULLETIN 1510

From: Commending Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Training Program for 6 October-31 October 1969.

Ref:

(a) Gru0 P3000.1B

(b) Handbook of Basic Military Principles, Vol. I & II

(c) Combat Leaders Checklist, 3d Marine Division

Encl: (1) Schedule of Classes

1. Purpose. To promulgate the training program for the period 6 October-31 October 1969, in accordance with reference (a).

#### 2. Action

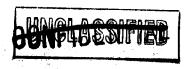
- a. A report of the subjects taught will be submitted to the respective CACO Headquarters by each CAP. The CACO Headquarters will submit the written bi-monthly training report to this Headquarters. (S-3) by the 14th and 28th of each month.
- b. Individual training records will be maintained by the CAP Leader for both the Marines and PF's.
- c. Maximum emphasis will be placed on teaching the PF's through demonstrations and practical application to gain a thorough knowledge in the subjects scheduled.
  - d. Training will be conducted utilizing references (a) through (c).
- 3. Self-Gancellation. 1 November 1969.

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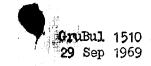
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# SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

DATE/SUBJECT	HOURS	<b>VOLUME</b>	CHAPTER	PAGES
6 Oct-10 Oct				
Zero of Starlight Scope with M16	2	FMFM	1-34	Section II
M60, care and cleaning PF Procedures	1			CAP Leaders Notes
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Map Reading	7	2	3	65-81
13 Oct-17 Oct				
Employment of M71 LAAW	1			CAP Leaders Notes
Map Reading	2	2	3	83-97
Mines & Booby Traps	2	1	7	89-117
20 Oct-24 Oct				
Employment of M79	1			CAP Leaders Notes
Immediate Action Drills	2	2	6	151-159
Ambush	2	5	7	135-149
27 Oct-31 Oct				
Reporting Enemy Information	1	2	4	107-109
Patrol Tips	1	2	4	11 <b>5-1</b> 23
Radio Set AN/PRC-25	3	2	9	201-209
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