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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 October 1969

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Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October 1969 to 31 October 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESTINATION

3d Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force

COMMANDER

LtCol. John B. MICHAUD, USMC
1 Oct - 31 Oct 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 3-1

Capt. Edwin R. GOEDDE JR., USMC
1 Oct - 31 Oct 1969

Combined Action Company 3-2

Capt. Pat BURNS, USMC
1 Oct - 31 Oct 1969

Combined Action Company 3-3

Capt. Gary CARLSON, USMC
1 Oct - 31 Oct 1969

Combined Action Company 3-4

Capt. James F. DAVIS, USMC
1 Oct - 31 Oct 1969

Combined Action Company 3-5

Capt. John F. PALCHAK, USMC
1 Oct - 31 Oct 1969

2. LOCATION

Headquarters 1-31 Oct

Phu Bai Combat Base, Huong Thuy District,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-1 1-31 Oct

Huong Thuy District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-2 1-31 Oct

Phu Loc District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-3 1-31 Oct

Phu Thu District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-4 1-31 Oct

Huong Tra District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-5 1-31 Oct

Thon Bach Thach Village, Phu Loc
District, Thua Thien Province

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY~~CONFIDENTIAL~~I. Command, Operations, and Training

A. During this reporting period the weather played an important role. The Phu Bai area had in excess of 75 inches of rain for the month of October, over 22 inches of which accumulated during one 24 hour period. During most of the second week in October, normal GAP activities were greatly curtailed. CAP 3-4-4 was temporarily withdrawn from its TAOC due to high water. Approximately 33 percent of the CAPs had to be finally, resupplied by helicopter. Damage to road nets in this area was considerable. One CAP Marine was drowned during this period.

B. The most significant tactical event was Operation Saturate which began 5 October in Phu Thu District. This was a joint operation consisting of Local Forces, the 2nd Battalion of the 327th Infantry (101st Airborne Division), and elements of the 54th ARVN Regiment. Also participating were elements of River Assault Groups and River Patrol Boats which continually patrolled the water-ways surrounding Phu Thu District. The operation was considered very successful, due in part to the weather which forced the VC out of their hiding places because of high water. CACO 3-3 accounted for 5 VC/KIA, 1 HOI CHAN, 2 POW's, 8 IWC, and 16 bunkers and miscellaneous equipment destroyed. Although totals are not complete, 101st units accounted for 7 VC/KIA, 7 POW, 15 IWC, and numerous bunkers and booby traps destroyed in place. In the initial phase of the operation, elements of the CAPs coordinated with each Airborne Company operating in this area. These elements remained with the Airborne Companies for the first eight days of the operation to assist the 101st units in locating VC hiding places and likely booby trap areas, and in general to help orient them to the area and people. The remaining members of the CAP remained in or near the hamlets to provide local security and to reassure the villagers during the initial phase of the operations. The second phase of the operation included considerable engineering effort. In addition, a large number of persons (approximately 3000) were relocated to central and Southern Phu Thu, an area previously controlled by the VC. Presently the CAPs in Phu Thu are carrying out normal operations, coordinating their activities with the airborne units. The 2/237 will remain in Phu Thu until approximately mid-November or possibly until the engineering effort on the roads and the resettlement is completed. It is anticipated that when the Airborne units leave Phu Thu, the CAPs will be relocated within Phu Thu District.

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to accomodate the security needs resulting from the population shifts.

C. Also during this period, the 26th Marines extended their AO to include the southern portion of Phu Loc. G Company, 2/26 has established a CP at hill 88 (vicinity of 808018), F Company, 2/26 has established a CP at Lang Co (vicinity of 890960). B Battery, 1/13 has taken over FSB Los Banos (vicinity of 832998) to provide fire support. Liaison was made with these units by both the 3d CAG S-3 and the CACO Commander of CACO 3-2. The arrival of the 26th Marines into Phu Loc increases the coordination problems in this District. Presently in addition to Local Forces, elements of the 54th ARVN Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, and 26th Marines are operating in this area.

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D. Activity during this period by CACO is as follows:

1. CACO 3-1

- a. CAP 3-1-1 relocated on 30 October from its previous Hamlet of Gia Le Ghanh to Ap Ngu Tay. The village of Gia Le Chanh gave the departing Marines a party of tea and pastries and a gift of a tin of cookies and a Vietnamese painting. The Marines exchanged good wishes and departed. In the new location, the District Chief and villagers were on hand to greet the Marines. 3d CAG ARVN Liaison Officer reiterated the objectives and mission of the CAP program to both the CAP Marines and the PFs. Leaflets explaining the presence of the CAP were passed out to the villagers.
- b. During this period CACO 3-1 instituted a company training program to be run by a Sergeant ex-CAP Leader. Initial success of this training effort indicates that the assignment of a training NCO (E-5) in each company will pay dividends.

2. CACO 3-2

- a. The CACO Commander coordinated with the elements of the 26th Marines which moved into CACO 3-2 TAOC during this period (see paragraph 1C).

3. CACO 3-3

- a. During this period, this CACO had the most activity, primarily due to "Operation Saturate". The number of booby traps encountered during this period showed a slight increase. This

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i. believed to be due to increased friendly activity in the TAOC rather than a new enemy drive to employ booby traps. Reports from the Army engineers indicate that many booby traps are being destroyed by the large plows presently working in the area. The weather continues to hamper the engineer and redevelopment efforts in the District. The CACO Gunnery Sergeant, Cysgt R. E. CLEMONS received a Cross of Gallantry with bronze star from the District Chief of Phu Vang District for his previous work in that TAOC.

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4. CACO 3-4

- a. This CACO has experienced a lull in both enemy activity and information on such activity. During this period one CAP was temporarily withdrawn from its TAOC because of flooding.

5. CACO 3-5

- a. The most significant single contact during this period occurred in CAP 3-5-3. Operating on intelligence provided by the District S-2 (DIOCC) CAP 3-5-3 successfully ambushed 7 VC resulting in 4 VC/KIA, and the capture of 2 AK47, 1 RPG Launcher, 3-B40 rounds, 2 satchel charges and 3 empty rice bags. This contact occurred on 18 October and on 25 October 1969 two Marines from CAP 3-5-3 (Cpl. M. T. DEMARCO and PFC M. C. LAWS) were awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with bronze star for their actions during the contact.

E. The totals for this months activities are as follows:

Day Patrols
806

Night Patrols
984

Ambushes
1103

Enemy Casualties

<u>VC/KIA</u>	<u>VC/POW</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>VCS</u>	<u>IWC</u>	<u>CWC</u>	<u>CHIEU HOI</u>
11	2	6	0	12	2	1

Friendly Casualties

<u>NSMC</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA(E)</u>	<u>WIA(M)</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>WIA(E)</u>	<u>WIA(M)</u>
0	0	2	5	0	0	5	0

VIP PAYMENTS 87,000\$VN for weapons or information

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F. Although the weather hampered training somewhat, 3d CAG increased its formal training effort during this period. Approximately 40 new men were given classes and allowed to fire 50 rounds with the M60. Each man also attended a class on the LAAW and fired the weapon. In addition, a class on the claymore was given, the group being broken into groups of six. The final class for the new men was M16 night firing, with each man firing one magazine under illumination and 5 rounds using the starlight scope mounted on ~~this~~ weapon.

G. A separate program of ~~training~~ on the starlight scope (Night Vision Sight, AN/PVS-2) was begun this month for the Marines already in the CAPs. So far, one company, CACO 3-1, has participated in the program. Selected members from each CAP spent three nights in classes on this scope and in zeroing the scope (mounted) with their individual weapons. Every effort will continue to be made to improve the ~~night~~ firing capability of 3d CAG Marines.

H. Army EOD teams also began conducting classes in each CAP. CACO 3-1 participated in the training. The remaining units are programmed for future training.

I. The individual companies continued to emphasize fam firing of CAP weapons by bringing members ~~of~~ local areas to conduct this training.

J. Pysops activities resulted in the dissipation of 3570 posters and 435 leaflets by 3d CAG.

K. During this reporting period, this Command had CAPs visited by both General WHEELER (DC, XXIV CORPS) and General NICKERSON (CG, III MAF). General WHEELER visited on 17 October and General NICKERSON visited on 19 October.

L. During this period a Directional Antenna was erected at CACO 3-4 greatly improving communications with CAP 3-4-6.

I. During this period SSgt GRANGER attended Career Planning School on Okinawa from 6 Oct - 11 Oct and is now holding that billet.

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1 SGT
0 CPL
56 LCpl

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OFFICERS JOINED

NONE

ENLISTED JOINED

75

ENLISTED DROPPED ROTATIONS

53

TRANSFERRED TO III MAF

1

USN ATTACHED

13

USN TAD TERMINATED

5

AVERAGE NEW EFFECTIVES FOR OCT

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AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
10	510	0	30

LEGAL

OFFICE HOURS
8

COMPLETED
5

PENDING
3

INVEST
10

COMPLETED
6

PENDING
4

OTHER ATTACHMENTS

(7) Kit Carson Scouts

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A. During the period of reporting, liaison was established with the Medical Department of MAG-36 to take over from MCB-1 the treatment of our medical and dental referrals, MCB-1 Medical being relocated out of our area. At present, 3d Combined Action Group is over strength by six Hms, which include two Hms waiting to attend CAP school and who are replacements for personnel rotating in December and January. They presently are being utilized in CACO Headquarters to coordinate supplies and act as reliefs for hospitalized and R&R hospital Corpsmen.

B. On 24 Oct 1969 CACO 3-1 brought in a dog suspected as being rabid. Tests at NSA Da Nang were negative; however, the Rabies Control Board reported these tests can be deemed only 98% accurate, and recommended all personnel bitten by this dog be given anti-rabies vaccine. As a result, nine personnel currently are under going a series of rabies shots.

C. Monthly friendly totals are as follows: KIA: 0; Accidental deaths: 1; death by friendly fire: 1; WIA: 7; Self inflicted wounds: 4; FUO: 8; Malaria: 1; Med Caps 6,955.

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A. As a result of heavy rains, the use of helicopters to resupply twelve isolated Combined Action Platoons became a necessity. In anticipation of critical conditions during the monsoon period, this Command requested direct liaison with MAG 36 for emergency helicopter resupply. A reply to this request was received from III MAF. It stated that paucity of helicopters precluded the standing tasking of Marine resources for helicopter resupply, and that requests for emergency resupply by helicopter be submitted on an "as occurs" basis through the chain of command. Because of the impossibility of foreseeing emergency resupply conditions, coupled with the time-consuming helicopter request procedures, the recommendation set forth by III MAF was considered totally unrealistic and unfeasible. In view thereof, liaison was effected with XXIV Corps and 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), resulting in standing and immediate availability of helicopter resources for emergency resupply of any and all elements of this Command. Approximately three short tons of supplies were helicopter delivered to 12 and 3 isolated CAP's on October 8th and October 11th respectively.

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B. This Command had never had a technical inspection of its weapons. A program was therefore initiated for CAG armorers to conduct a T. I. of all weapons to determine the need for a weapon repair program. Results of this preliminary inspection indicated that over one half of this Command's weapons were defective. During this reporting period, therefore, this Command obtained the services of a Weapons Contact Team from Ordnance Company, Maintenance Battalion, 1st Force Service Regiment, Force Logistics Command. The service rendered by the Contact Team proved to be outstanding. The following organic weapons were repaired by the subject team:

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Machine Gun, 7.62mm M60	458	93%
Pistol, Auto Cal. 45 M1911A1	97	63%
Machine Gun, 7.62mm M60	57	85%
Launcher, Grenade, 40mm, M79	14	20%

As a result of the outstanding support provided by the Contact Team to 3d CAG, an extension for their services was requested and approved for the purpose of inspecting and repairing weapons of the PF's working with Combined Action Platoons due to the fact that the A & DSL Company (ARVN) has to maintain 47,000 weapons with only about 20 men and was considered beyond their capacity. A detailed statement of the results will be presented in the next report.

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A. Warehouse, Storerooms and Armory. The S-4 office, supply administration, and supply warehouse required reorganization to establish better coordination of S-4/Supply functions. This was accomplished by merging the supply personnel, office equipment, and all administrative records into one S-4/Supply Office with the warehouse being administered from a centrally located office in CAG Headquarters area.

1. The warehouse was reorganized to ~~comprise~~ bulk stocks, personnel effects, and Class II operating stocks, less 782 equipment and clothing stocks.

2. An additional issue point was established within the immediate CP area for issuing of 782 equipment and clothing to facilitate processing of personnel coming and going to the field.

3. The Motor Transport issue was completely overhauled. One warehouseman (MOS 3051) was assigned for proper supply control. A complete inventory of all spare parts with a locating system was established in accordance with sound Marine Corps warehousing procedures.

4. The 3d CAG Armory was relocated from the warehouse to a building next to the S-4/Supply Office to afford better positive control and inspection/repairing of weapons.

5. The results of the field analysis team inspection conducted in September were received during this period. Command comments on the status of supply were sent to CMC. CMC replied on 28 October 1969 and stated that in view of corrective action being taken by this Command for the deficiencies disclosed by the inspection, further action by CMC was not considered necessary.

IV MOTOR TRANSPORT

A. 3d CAG Motor Transport Section compiled a total of 36,200 miles during the reporting period in transporting approximately 86 short tons of cargo. In addition, three rebuilt M151A1's were received and placed in service. A new roof for the motor transport building was constructed to provide protection during inclement weather.

B. Due to the weather and the fact that there are no roads in one third of the 400 square miles of this CAG's area of operations, numerous vehicle breakdowns were experienced. Some vehicles were deadlined for major repairs. The 3/4 truck M37 had not proven a reliable vehicle in rough terrain and cannot sustain the resupply loads of the CACO's. As a result, 2 1/2 6X6 Trucks which are normally pooled at the CAG level had to be used. This created a problem at the CAG level insofar as unit distribution to the CACO's and resupply runs to FLC in Da Nang were concerned because of unavailability of 2 1/2 Ton Trucks.

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A. The following statistics represent the accomplishments of the Civic Action Program for this Command for the month of October, 1969.

1. Medical Treatment

Med-Caps: 6,955 people treated
Med-Evacs: 4 adults

2. Distribution of Commodities

Food: 670 lbs. food, 9 gal. milk, 17 lbs. candy
Soap: 437 lbs.
Clothing: 6 boxes, all six boxes children's sizes
School Kits: 350
Sewing Kits: 37
Carpenter Kits: 2
Barber Kits: 1
Cement: 24 bags
Cigarettes: 110 packs
Paint: 11 gal.
Tin: 6 sheets
2x4s: 25, 12 feet long
Writing Kits: 30

3. Health and Sanitation

Immunizations: 21
Toothbrushes: 37
Toothpaste: 38 tubes

4. Educational Efforts

English classes: 117
Attendance: 703

5. Construction Projects Completed

Bridges: 4
Churches: 3 repaired
Dispensaries: 1
Houses: 2 repaired
Fences: 1
Roads: 2 washouts repaired
Showers, public: 1
Halls, public: 1
Wells: 3

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B. The heavy rains caused a decrease in Civic Action activity for the month of October. Noticeable decreases occurred in the number of English classes and the number of Med-Caps held. Both items were down by 25 per cent of last month's number.

C. Construction projects dropped to zero during the week of heaviest rain, but attained a normal level during the dry weather which followed. The same holds true for the distribution of commodities and health and sanitation efforts.

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PART III

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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1. On 01 0600H OCT 69 at coord YD 926108 - YD 985048 (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Km SE Phu Bai Base) CAPs 3-5-1, 3-5-2, 3-5-4 with PF Plat's 127, 129, 132, 133 and RF Plat 741 conducted combined operation at the above coord to locate rice caches.

RESULTS: None

2. On 02 0300H OCT 69 at coord YD 792219 (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Km E Hue City) CAP 3-1-2 while in ambush site, sent a Marine to check OP. In doing so he strayed outside the ambush perimeter and was mistaken by PF's for VC. PF's initiated S/A fire fatally wounding Marine.

RESULTS: 1 USMC/KIA

3. On 03 2103H OCT 69 at coord YD 820175 (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Km SE Hue City) CAP 3-1-5 while in ambush site heard movement 20 meters to direct front and initiated fire.

No return fire was received.

RESULTS: None

4. On 04 1545H OCT 69 at coord YD 917218 (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Km NW Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-5 spotted 2 VC in treeline at above coord. CAP initiated fire and VC fled southward. During sweep 2 PF's were wounded from ChiCom Grenade booby trap. Sweep revealed 2 weapons and miscellaneous items. PF's med evac to 85th evac hospital.

RESULTS: 2 PF/WIAE, 1 9mm pistol, 1 M2 carbine, miscellaneous items

5. On 04 2140H OCT 69 at coord YD 868259 (8 Km NE Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-1 While in ambush site received one B40 round from unknown size enemy force approx 100 meters away. CAP returned fire and VC fled easterly.

RESULTS: None

6. On 06 1200H OCT 69 at coord YD 911227 (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Km NW Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-5 received one VC Chieu Hoi with AK47. Unit not revealed.

RESULTS: 1 Chieu Hoi, 1 AK47

7. On 06 2240H OCT 69 at coord YD 703290 (7 Km NW Hue City) CAP 3-4-5 while in ambush site spotted 2-3 sampans approaching LA VAN THONG from N. CAP Initiated fire with S/A and M79 hitting 3 VC. Received approx 100 S/A rounds and VC fled in sampans. Bodies not found due to high water.

RESULTS: None

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8. On 08 1400H Oct 69 at coord YD 619250 (11 KM W Hue City) CAP 3-4-6 while on day patrol found two bunkers 6x10x10 feet, constructed of dirt and bamboo and appearing to be graves. CAP destroyed bunkers.
9. On 08 1630H Oct 69 at coord YD 911220 (3 1/4 KM NW Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-5 while on day patrol discovered bunker containing a hand generated radio with Chinese markings. Bunker destroyed, radio turned into CACO Hq.
10. On 08 1730H Oct 69 at coord 911226 (2 1/4 KM NW Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-5 while on day patrol spotted three VC in tree line approx 250 meters away. CAP initiated fire with S/A killing two VC and capturing 2 AK47.
11. On 09 0630H Oct 69 at coord 893237 (5 1/2 KM NE Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-3 returning from day patrol found bunker containing 800 pounds of rice. Bunker destroyed and rice distributed among villagers.
12. On 09 1000H Oct 69 at coord YD 815205 (3 1/2 KM NW Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-4 on day patrol detained three VN without ID. Detainees turned over to Dist Hq.
13. On 09 1600H Oct 69 at coord YD 917120 (2 KM E Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 received body of USMC drowned on 06 Oct. VN fishing in SONG river discovered body floating down stream.
14. On 10 0215H Oct 69 at coord YD 979049 (12 KM NW Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-5-4 while in a bush site spotted two VC approaching from east approx 30 meters away. CAP initiated fire, no return fire received. VC fled SE. One M79 detonated in brush close to CAP member causing minor fragmentation wound of left leg. USMC/WIA med evac to 85th evac hospital. Sweep revealed one blood trail.
15. On 11 2200H Oct 69 at coord ZD 153010 ~ ZD 155023 CAPs 3-2-2, 3-2-5 3-2-6 participated in combined operation with A Co, 2/521 of 101st and RF Companies 176 and 916. CAPs set up blocking force as other units swept area searching for draft dodgers and VCS. Negative Results.
16. On 12 2335H Oct 69 at coord YD 973051 CAP 3-5-4 spotted two VC approaching from south. CAP initiated fire and received two B40 rounds and S/A fire. VC fled SW. Negative Results.
17. On 13 1545H Oct 69 at coord YD 910223 (3 1/4 KM NW Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-5 on day patrol found and destroyed three bunkers.
18. On 13 1600H Oct 69 at coord YD 913226 (3 1/4 KM NW Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-5 on day patrol found and destroyed one M26 grenade booby trap.

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19. On 14 2210H Oct 69 at coord YD 829161 (3 1/2 KM NW Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-4 enroute to ambush site spotted three VC approx 50 meters away. CAP initiated fire and received S/A fire, VC fled in unknown direction. Negative Results.

20. On 15 1400H Oct 69 at coord YD 887244 (5 1/2 KM NE Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-3 was informed by children of tracks believed to be VC. CAP followed tracks to bunker containing two men and one woman. VC fired on CAP. CAP threw claymores in bunker and detonated it with S/A killing three VC and capturing one M16, one AK47 and miscellaneous items.

21. On 16 0815H Oct 69 at coord YD 860259 (3 1/2 KM NE Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-3 captured one female VC while on sweep. VC stated another VC would join her today. Info revealed 6-7 more VC in area.

22. On 16 1230H Oct 69 at coord YD 894211 (5 1/2 KM NE Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAPs 3-3-3 and 3-3-1 conducted sweep based on intel from previous captured POW. Negative Results:

23. On 17 2014H Oct 69 at coord YD 797193 (4 1/2 KM SE Hae City) CAP 3-1-7 while in ambush site, spotted movement approx 75 meters away. CAP initiated fire. Sweep revealed one VN male detainee.

24. On 18 2220H Oct 69 at coord YD 959045 (6 1/2 KM SE Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-3 while in ambush site, spotted 7 VC approaching from south. CAP initiated fire with claymores, M79 and S/A at 25 meters away resulting in 4 VC/KIA, 2 AK47, 1 RPG, 3 B40 rounds, 2 satchel charges, 3 rice bags, 1 USMC/WIAE(M).

25. On 19 1910H Oct 69 at coord YD 911231 (5 1/2 KM NE Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-3 on day patrol with aid of scout dog discovered bunker containing 1/2 block C-4 and kerosene stove. Bunker destroyed.

26. On 20 2240H Oct 69 at coord YD 957048 (6 1/2 KM SE Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-3 while in ambush site spotted three VC approach from south. CAP initiated fire at approx 30 meters away. One Chi Com grenade was received resulting in 1 USMC/WIA(M) and 1 PF/WIA(M).

27. On 24 0900H Oct 69 at coord YD 905227 (3 1/2 KM NW Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-5 while on day patrol discovered two bunkers. CAP destroyed bunkers.

28. On 24 2300H Oct 69 at coord YD 909104 (2 KM E Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 while in ambush site spotted 4 VC approaching from southeast; CAP initiated fire and received S/A fire. Sweep revealed 2 blood trails, 1 AK47 magazine

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29. On 26 1600H Oct 69 at coord YD 905228 (3 1/2 KM NW Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-5 while checking area where bunkers were found detonated a booby trap resulting in one USMC/WIA, one PF/WIA, USMC/WIA med evacuated to 85th evac Hospital.

30. On 28 2000H Oct 69 at coord YD 885227 (4 KM N Phu Thu Dist Hq) CAP 3-3-4 detained one VN male and one VN female who were outside after curfew. Female stated son was a VC and had visited her earlier. Detainees turned over to Dist Hq.

31. On 29 0330H Oct 69 at coord ZD 184024 CAP 3-2-3B had moved into cordon position and spotted 6 to 8 VC moving to SW. CAP initiated fire with M79 and S/A fire at approx 100 meters. VC returned S/A fire and fled to NW. Results, 2 VC/KIA, 1 AK47 w/2 magazines, 1 satchel charge, 1 homemade bomb, 60 lbs rice, 1 belt with knife and canteen.

32. On 30 0800H Oct 69 at coord ZD 820035 (5 KM NE Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-2-2 participated in day sweep with RF Platoon #742, PF Platoon #130 and S-2 squad from Dist Hqs resulting in discovery of 2-55 gallon drums of rice. Sweep was headed by Hoi Chan who was member of S-2 squad. Rice turned over to Dist Hq.

33. On 30 1000H Oct 69 at coord YD 776168 CAP 3-1-1 relocated to above location joining PF Platoon #158. PF Platoon 66, formerly associated with CAP 3-1-1 remained in former TAOC. CAP 3-1-6 extended its TAOC to include the former TAOC of CAP 3-1-1.

34. On 30 1545H Oct 69 at coord YD 808192 (4 KM SE Hue City) CAP 3-1-7 was informed by VN male of 12 M79 NE rounds hidden in bushes near Pagoda. M79 rounds were taken to day harbor site. VIP payment will be paid.

35. On 31 0140H Oct 69 at coord YD 953063 (6 1/2 KM SE Phu Loc Dist Hq) CAP 3-5-3 while in ambush site, received approx 5-10 B40 rounds from south, 100-150 meters away. CAP initiated fire with claymores, M79 M60 LACWs, and S/A fire. Enemy fled in unknown direction. Results, 1 USMC received minor wounds of left leg, 1 USMC received minor fragmentation wounds of right and left hands, right leg and right side of head. USMC/WIA med evac to 85th evac hospital. Illum and sweep revealed negative results.

36. On 31 2045H Oct 69 at coord YD 954064 (6 1/2 KM SE Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-3 while in ambush site was taken under fire by 7 VC approaching from south with B40 and S/A fire at a distance of 20 meters. CAP returned fire with M79, M60, LACWs, claymores and S/A fire. VC fled in unknown direction. Results, 1 USMC received minor fragmentation wound of left leg, 1 USMC received minor fragmentation wounds of left foot, 2 PF/KIA, 2 PF/WIA(N) 1 USMC/WIA and 2 PF/WIA med evacuated to 85th evac hospital. Illum and sweep revealed negative results. Day sweep revealed 1 rice bag and 1 NVA belt.

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APO, San Francisco 96602

3/WJL/wjb
3460
1 Nov 1969

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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) ForO 3460.4C

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

a. Captured	IW 12 CS 2
b. Destroyed by capturing unit	IW 0 CS 0
c. Turned into sub-collection points	IW 12 CS 2
d. Received at Corps level collection points	IW 0 CS 0
e. Turned into CMNC by Corps level collection points	IW 0 CS 0
f. Retained in museums of exhibits	IW 0 CS 0
g. Retained as war trophies	IW 0 CS 0
h. Recaptured, and returned to US, PF, or RVNAF control	IW 0 CS 0
i. Other, (with appropriate explanations)	IW 0 CS 0

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5830
31 Oct 1969

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Action Group
Subj: Casualties 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 1-31 October 1969.
2. There were three incidents and three casualties due to friendly fire. A summary of these incidents is shown in enclosure (1).
3. 3d CAG has no recommendation for action to be taken by III MAF.

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CASUALTIES FROM AIRBORNE FIREPOWER REPORT

<u>SAME AREA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Killed	
US 1	1
Military	
RVN	
Civilian	
Wounded	
US	
Military 2	2
RVN	
Civilian	
Number of	
Incidents 3	3

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3121
1 Nov 1969

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

Subj: Monthly Operation Report

Ref: (a) ForO 3121.4B w/ch 1

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

a. LOCATION AND STRENGTH

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>PF PLAT. NO.</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>		<u>PF</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		
3d CAG		0/E			
3-1		5/70	4		Phu Bai Base
3-1-1	86	1/7			YD 847172
3-1-2	82	9	1	25	YD 8024
3-1-3	90	9	1	30	YD 7922
3-1-4	85	10	1	30	YD 9111
3-1-5	83	9	1	28	YD 8416
3-1-6	98	10	1	30	YD 8117
3-1-7	94	10	1	30	YD 7823
3-1-8	80	10	1	30	YD 8019
		9	1	30	YD 8124
3-2		1/6			ZD 0900
3-2-1	135	11	1	22	ZD 0800
3-2-2	130	11	1	25	ZD 1401
3-2-3	140	11	1	21	AU 2001
3-2-4	141	11	1	25	AT 8798
3-2-5	139	11	1	22	AU 1501
3-2-6	138	9	1	22	AU 1400

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DESIGNATION	PF PLAT. NO.	STRENGTH		PF	LOCATION
		USMC	USN		
3-3		1/8	1		YD 898186
3-3-1	102	10	1	23	YD 8626
3-3-2	105	11	1	19	YD 8524
3-3-3	100	14	1	29	YD 8924
3-3-4	101	10	1	30	YD 8823
3-3-5	104	10	1	18	YD 9122
3-3-6	103	11	1	19	YD 9018
3-4		1/9	1		YD 754252
3-4-1	47	10	1	22	YD 7121
3-4-2	58	99	1	23	YD 6825
3-4-3	61	80	1	28	YD 7018
3-4-4	52	10	1	20	YD 6827
3-4-5	35	9	1	31	YD 7028
3-4-6	59	11	1	22	YD 6127
3-5		1/11	1		YD 0402
3-5-1	129	12	1	26	YD 9210
3-5-2	128	24	1	25	YD 9208
3-5-3	136	10	1	24	YD 9504
3-5-4	132	11	1	26	YD 9705
3-5-5	132	12	1	23	YD 0402

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ACTIVITIES

DAY PATROLS
806

NIGHT PATROLS
984

AMBUSHES
1103

ENEMY CASUALTIES

<u>VC/NVA/KIA</u>	<u>VC/NVA/POW</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>VCS</u>	<u>IWC</u>	<u>CNC</u>	<u>CHIEU HOI</u>
11	2	6	0	12	2	1

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

<u>USMC</u>			<u>PF</u>		<u>WIA(M)</u>
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIAE</u>	<u>MIA(M)</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>POW</u>	
	2	5	0	0	1

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 101st Airborne Division (Attn: AVDG-GF)
Subj: Kit Carson Scout Report
Ref: (a) 3d MarDivO 3410.1A
Encl: (1) Monthly work sheet report
1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a),
enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MONTHLY KIT CARSON SCOUT WORK SHEET REPORT

The status of Kit Carson Scouts working during the period 21 September to 20 October 1969 is submitted as follows:

EMPLOYING UNIT

3d CAG

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DAYS WORKED</u>
HA CHIEU	141	30
TRUONG THANH	500	21 (UA)
VAN CHUYEN	460	30
VAN XUAN TRIEU	461	30
TRUONG CON CHANH	502	30
NGUYEN NGOC	329	0 (UA)
DONG VAN THUOC	499	20

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From: Commanding General
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Missing Command Chronology

Ref: (a) PhoneCon III MAF Historical Off/FMFPac of 8 March 1970

Encl: (1) 3rd CAG Missing Command Chronology for the Period 1-30
November 1969

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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