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

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 December to 31 December 1960
(Report Symbol MC 5750-06)

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A

Encl: (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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force

COMMANDER

Colonel John B. MICHAUD, USMC
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 3-1

Capt Edwin R. GOEDDE Jr., USMC
1 Dec - 28 Dec 1969
Capt Donald K. SHOCKEY, USMC
29 Dec - 31 Dec 1969

Combined Action Company 3-2

Capt Pat BURNS, USMC
1 Dec - 28 Dec 1969
1stLt Larry W. RIVERS, USMC
29 Dec - 31 Dec 1969

Combined Action Company 3-3

Capt Gary CARLSON, USMC
1 Dec - 31 Dec 1969

Combined Action Company 3-4

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

Combined Action Company 3-5

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

2. LOCATION

Headquarters 1-31 Dec

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

CACO 3-1 1-31 Dec

Huong Thuy District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-2 1-31 Dec

Phu Loc District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-3 1-31 Dec

Phu Thu District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-4 1-31 Dec

Huong Tra District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-5 1-31 Dec

Troui Bridge Headquarters, Phu Loc
District, Thua Thien Province

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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I. COMMAND, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

A. The preponderance of activity has continued to be in CACO 3-3's TAC in Phu Thu District. With the partial completion of the engineering effort on the roads and the completion of the resettlement of the local populace, the 2nd Battalion of the 327th Infantry (101st Airborne Division) terminated Operation Saturate on 4 December 1969 and moved out of Phu Thu District. These factors, plus the relocation of the CAPs of CACO 3-3 to accommodate the previously mentioned population shift, have resulted in a general increase in enemy activity. Apparently the VC immediately began to try to reestablish their Comm-Liaison structure. This resulted in an increase in contact, and the enemy suffered 11 VC KIA, 3 POWs, and 1 Chieu Hoi as the consequences of the aggressive operations of CACO 3-3.

B. Emphasis on training during the foul weather monsoon period continued and the amount of training at Group level increased significantly. A resume of the increased training effort is as follows:

1. Twenty-two Marines attended a Sapper Demonstration on 6 December conducted by a special team at Phu Bai Combat Base.

2. Refresher training was conducted 4 thru 6 December 1969 for 10 Marines and 10 Popular Forces soldiers from CAPs 3-3-4 and 3-4-3.

3. Refresher training was also conducted on 18 thru 20 December for CAPs 3-2-4 and 3-5-5. On 22 thru 24 December 1969 CAP 3-5-5 again sent personnel to the refresher training. Each CAP sent 5 Marines and 5 Popular Force soldiers to each refresher training session.

4. On 11 and 12 December 1969, Starlight Scopes (Night Vision Sight) (AN/PVS-2) training was conducted for 10 Marines from CACO 3-1 and CACO 3-4.

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

1. CACO 3-1

a. On 29 December, CACO 3-1 CAP leaders and Trung Si's attended a 101st Airborne Division Training Exercise at Camp Eagle. This training consisted of medevac procedures, 81mm forward observer procedures, and ARA rocket ships, with practical application involving the latter two subjects.

b. In conjunction with the 101st Airborne Division, Camp Eagle, CACO 3-1 began utilizing a psyops holocenter at night to broadcast various aspects of the Chieu Hoi Program.

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c. CACO 3-1 also began utilizing a CAP (3-1-5) from Camp Eagle manned by personnel from the 101st Airborne Division. Through direct communications with the CAP, ambushes were conducted based on sightings obtained by the radar unit.

d. This month also saw CAP 3-1-4 become mobile leaving 3rd CAG with no compound CAP's. Six USMC and 15 PF's from a platoon not assigned to a CAP remained as security on the hill, which will function as a communication relay station.

2. CACO 3-2

a. CACO 3-2 employed a 101st Airborne Division psyops sound truck throughout its TACC in an attempt to emphasize the Chieu Hoi Program. Coordination problem with the 101st continued to require much effort. The completion of the Combined TCC should help the problem.

3. CACO 3-3

a. CACO 3-3 saw an increase in enemy activity, particularly in the use of booby traps, which resulted in five USMC KIA's.

b. Seven new type chemical delay fuse devices were found in CAP 3-3-3's TACC. These devices were submitted to XXIV CORPS for detailed analysis.

c. During this period, the four CAPs were relocated and/or their TACC's adjusted, as follows;

- (1) CAP 3-3-1 was relocated to the village of Vien Trinh, (YD 950185).
- (2) CAP 3-3-2 extended their present TACC to include Lo Xo Dong Hamlet.
- (3) CAP 3-3-4's TACC was reduced to include only Van Giang and Vinh Lieu Hamlets.
- (4) CAP 3-3-6 relocated to Tan Bao Hamlet, (YD 940170).

d. On 13 December two Chieu Hoi's who defected in November were employed in conjunction with the "Early Word Bird". For approximately 2-3 hours, throughout Phu Thu District, the Hoi Chanhs broadcasted that they "were sorry to see their comrades suffer so much as a result of recent CAP contacts and they would guarantee their safety and welfare if they joined the Chieu Hoi Program", etc.

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e. CAP 3-3-3 had the most significant contact during this period. On 12 December while sweeping its TLOC, the CAP flushed 5 VC from a marshy swamp and chased them into a blocking force which killed them at a distance of 30 meters. 1 AK50, 1 .45 caliber pistol, 2 - 6mm pistols (Russian), 1 SKS, 1 M2 Carbine, medical gear, sleeping gear, rice (5 lbs), and cooking utensils were captured. In addition, a large amount of documents were confiscated indicating that they were part of a economic unit. The documents also indicated that the VC were trying to compile information on CAP activities in Phu Thu. Confiscated with the documents were the delay fuse devices previously mentioned.

4. CACO 3-4

a. In general, CACO 3-4 experienced a lull in enemy activity.

b. The USA Mobile Training Teams, (101st Airborne Division) began operating in Huong Chu and Huong Ha Hamlets.

c. CACO 3-4's Company Commander gave a presentation on the mission and method of the CAPS to elements of the 3d Bridge of Camp Evans.

5. CACO 3-5

a. CACO 3-5's most significant activity was the discovery of 3 tons of rice in the Hamlet of Nam Pho Can. The rice was found in the tops of houses and temples in huge jars, bags and drums. Sandbag fortifications were also used, with the front rows of sandbags filled with sand and the back rows filled with rice.

D. The totals for this month's activities are as follows:

DAY PATROLS
952

NIGHT PATROLS
1514

AMBUSHES
1703

ENEMY CASUALTIES:

<u>VC/NVA/MLA</u>	<u>VC/NVA/POW</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>VCS</u>	<u>INC</u>	<u>CMC</u>	<u>CHIEF HOI</u>
11 3	3 0	19	33	23	0	2

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES:

<u>USMC: KLA</u>	<u>WIA (E)</u>	<u>WIA (M)</u>	<u>MLA</u>	<u>POW</u>
0	5	2	0	0

<u>PF: KLA</u>	<u>WIA (E)</u>	<u>WIA (M)</u>	<u>MLA</u>	<u>POW</u>
0	2	2	0	0

VIP PAYMENTS: 42,600\$VN for weapons or information

PSYOPS:

<u>Newspapers</u>	<u>Handouts</u>	<u>Posters</u>
65	780	430

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E. Captain ABERNETHY, USA, the S-3 advisor for the Popular Forces Training Center, Thua Thien Province, and Captain GIAO, Training Officer, visited eight CAPS and four Company Headquarters on the 9th and 10th of December. On 18 December the Commanding Officer, 3d Combined Action Group, attended a special briefing and tour at the PF Training Center, while the GAGO Commanders on 28 December were briefed at the training center by the Senior Advisor and the S-3 Advisor. As a result of this "feedback process", liaison with the PF Training Center will result in more efficient and more productive training for the Popular Force soldier.

F. Prior to the recent initiation by the 101st Airborne Division of a Mobile Training Team similar to the Combined Action Program. The 101st Airborne Division requested briefings for the First Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, at Camp Eagle on 12 December 1969, and for the Third Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, at Camp Evans on 18 December 1969. An offer was made by 3d CAG to assist them in any manner possible.

G. On 8 December, General ROYAN, accompanied by the CAP Director, Colonel METZGER, visited Hue City where he met with the Province Chief. They also visited CAPS 3-5-5 and 3-2-4.

H. On 29 December the CAP Director, Colonel METZGER, visited seven CAPS in 3d CAG.

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II. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

PROMOTIONS

5 Sgt
2 Cpl
62 LCpl

OFFICERS JOINED

2

ENLISTED JOINED

64

ENLISTED DROPPED ROTATIONS

37

TRANSFERRED TO III MAF

1

USN ATTACHED

2

USN TAD TERMINATED

6

AVERAGE NEW EFFECTIVES FOR DECEMBER

26

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	
10	535	

	<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	
0	37	

LEGAL

OFFICE HOURS

COMPLETED
6

PENDING
4

INVESTIGATIONS
2

COMPLETED
0

PENDING
2

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A. On 3 December the regular Medical Department monthly meeting was held at III MAF. The Commanding Officer of 3d CAG directed the Corpsmen to initiate a training program for PF Corpsman. This has been started in all CAPs.. An immunization schedule has been set up and all personnel are receiving inoculations on a monthly basis.

B. Monthly totals are as follows: WIA -7: KIA-0: FWO-4: malaria-0:

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The readiness relative to logistics status will remain in the present categories until modification of T/E allowances previously submitted are approved.

B. Significant Events

The most significant event occurring during the reporting period was the release of this Command's back orders of Motor Transport repair parts by MC100 (FLC DaNang), and the receipt of two (2) M35 2½ ton Cargo Trucks.

C. Damage To Weapons Due To Enemy Action

During the reporting period, two (2) weapons were lost due to enemy action.

1 - M79 Serial # 108260

1 - M16 Serial # 723721

D. Motor Transport

The vehicles of the Motor Transport Section of this Command compiled a total of 35,931 miles during the reporting period and transported 67 short tons of cargo, including Class V and Class IV, in support of the troops in the field.

E. Food Services

This Command has received excellent support from the 26th General Support Group. In addition, the support received from 45th Engineers and MAG-16 messhalls in preparing hot Christmas meals for the CAPS (troops in the field) was outstanding.

F. Ordnance

This Command's armory has repaired 49 weapons during this reporting period. A total of 18 weapons have been repaired at Weapons Maintenance Battalion, FLC. As of this date, there are 6 weapons at FLC undergoing repair:

M60 - - 2

M79 - - 1

M16 - - 3

G. Communications

This Command has received outstanding support from 2nd Maintenance Battalion, XXIV Corps. During the reporting period, 17 PRC-25s and 19 hand-sets have been repaired by Second Maintenance Battalion, Phu Bai.

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(1) General items of supplies received during the month are as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Surveyed</u>
Body armor	210	75	51
Headset	2	2	0
Gloves, cotton, knitted, pr	550	0	0
Memorandum pads	200	100	0
Calender FY 70	15	15	0
Holster, .45	50	40	0
Socks, medium, pr	240	125	0
Skivvy shirt, medium	300	135	0
Gas can	20	0	0
Water can	50	50	0
BA-4386 battery	1,152	600	0

(2) Over-all statistical information on requisitions submitted to MC100 (FLC) and 148th S&S Co. are listed below.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Reqs</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Canceled</u>	<u>Pending</u>
MC100	184	57	11	116
148th	92	80	8	4

I. * Class V

During December, an increase in the authorized monthly allowance of B535 40mm WSP M-79 ammo from 585 rounds to 2900 rounds was effected. The increase provided the individual CAP with a realistic amount of M-79 illumination ammo which is a high usage item.

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A. The following statistics represent Civic Action accomplishments during this reporting period.

1. Medical Treatment

Med-Caps: 11,916
Med-Evacs: 4 adults

2. Distribution of Commodities

Food: 122 lbs.
Soap: 584 lbs.
School kits: 650
Carpenter kits: 2
Sewing kits: 30
Candy: 264 lbs.
Cement: 18 bags
Plywood: 5 sheets
Tin: 4 sheets
Cotton rag dolls: 33
Cigarettes: 283 packs

3. Health and Sanitation

Toothbrushes: 64
Toothpaste: 60 tubes

4. Educational Efforts

English classes: 152
Attendance: 1,085

5. Construction Projects Completed

Houses: 9
Bridges: 4
Dispensaries: 1
Fences: 1
Hospitals: 1 repaired
Schools: 1 repaired
Wells: 4

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SUBSEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 01 1100H DEC 69 at coord YD 882232 CAP 3-3-4 while on day patrol discovered 4 bunkers. CAP destroyed bunkers and searched bunker, finding one ML6 destroyed.
RESULTS: 1 ML6
2. On 02 0630H DEC 69 at coord YD 975045 CAPs 3-5-2, 3-5-3, 3-5-4, and 3-5-5 participated in combined operations in southern half of Loc Dien Village with National Police, USA, RF, and PF elements. Operation commenced at 02 0600H and completed at 02 1100H resulting in the apprehension of 2 VCS and one draft dodger. VCS turned over to Dist Hqs.
3. On 02 1935H DEC 69 at coord YD 879236 CAP 3-3-2 while in ambush site spotted 2 VC approaching ambush site from north. CAP initiated contact with S/A fire at 10 meters resulting in 2 VC/KIA.
RESULTS: 2 VC/KIA, numerous amount of medical gear.
4. On 04 0230H DEC 69 at coord YD 821181 CAP 3-1-5 while in night position was informed by villagers that on 04 0230H 5 VC entered the village of Thon Gia Lo Thong and assassinated the chairman of the village council. CAP notified Dist Hqs and Psyops was notified.
5. On 04 2150H DEC 69 at coord ZD 203020 CAP 3-2-4 while in ambush site observed 2 VN m/les enter a house near ambush site. CAP sent 2 USMC and 1 PF to investigate resulting in the apprehension of 2 VCS. VCS turned over to Dist Hqs.
6. On 05 1130H DEC 69 at coord YD 864246 CAP 3-3-2 while on day patrol discovered 1 Russian Carbine m/960. CAP turned rifle over to Dist Hqs.
7. On 05 2230H DEC 69 at coord ZD 201020 CAP 3-2-4 while in ambush site observed 3 VC approaching from the NE. CAP initiated contact with claymores and S/A fire at approx 65 meters away. VC returned S/A fire fleeing in SW direction resulting in one USMC receiving minor wound to left shoulder. USMC/WIA was non med evaced. Illum and sweep revealed negative results.
RESULTS: one USMC/WIA (m)

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8. On 06 0930H DEC 69 at coord YD 910223 CAP 3-3-5 was shown by VN children the location of 5 M79 rounds, and 1 booby trapped 105mm round, CAP destroyed ordnance. VIP payment has been made.

9. On 07 1600H DEC 69 at coord YD 905229 CAP 3-3-5 while on day patrol was informed by VN boy of the location of 2 booby trapped 81mm rounds (HE). CAP destroyed ordnance. VIP payment will be made.

10. On 07 1830H DEC 69 at coord YD 894215 CACO 3-3's Actual while enroute to CAP 3-3-4's position was informed by engineers of the location of VC in a bunker. CACO Actual informed CAP 3-3-4 to sweep area. CAP swept area discovering 2 VC in a bunker. CAP turned POW's over to Dist Hqs, RESULTS: 2 VC/POWs, 1 AK47, 1 32 Cal Pistol

11. On 08 1030H DEC 69 at coord YD 962048 CAP 3-5-2 while moving day position noticed wire around the village had been cut in several places. Upon investigating CAP found small items of gear and with PFs assisting conducted search of house finding a large quantity of rice. CAP 3-5-3 was called in to assist in search of entire hamlet of Nam Pho Com. Results of search revealed storage of estimated 3 tons of rice hidden in tops of houses, temples, jars, sandbags and drums. Containers were disguised to look like sandbags by stacking the front row with bags of sand and back row of sandbags filled with rice. Rice taken to Truoi Bridge compound for disposition. Results: 3 tons of rice.

12. On 09 0800H DEC 69 at coord AU 810014 CAP 3-2-4 while in day position received one Chieu Hoi who stated he was a member of a 10 man Ranger Squad that made contact on 6 DEC 69 at the village of Loan Ly (AT 885973). 5 men are left in his squad. Chieu Hoi's name is Nguyen AN, 24 years old and a native of Nghi Giang Vinh Loc. Chieu Hoi turned over to Dist Hqs for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 Chieu Hoi, 1 AK47.

13. On 09 1600H DEC 69 at coord YD 843248 CAP 3-3-3 acting on intel received from VN boy swept area discovering fresh footprints leading into a bunker. CAP appealed to VC to surrender and when he refused CAP fired S/A fire into bunker and VC surrendered. Search of bunker revealed 1 AK47 and miscellaneous gear. RESULTS: 1 VC/POW, 1 AK47.

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14. On 10 1000H DEC 69 CAP 3-3-5 while conducting sweep from coord YD 928206 to YD 929208 discovered 1 bunker. While approaching bunker VC opened fire with a small caliber pistol resulting in one PF receiving wound to left side. CAP returned fire with M79 and S/A fire with negative results. CAP checked bunker revealing 3 AK47's w/3 magazines. Proceeding on sweep CAP discovered 1 bunker at coord YD 929208. CAP threw 3 M26 grenades in bunker resulting in 1 VC/KIA. PF/WIA med evaced to 85th Evac Hospital.

RESULTS: 1 VC/KIA, 1 PF/WIA(E), 3 AK47s w/3 magazines

15. On 10 1430H DEC 69 at coord YD 798194 CAP 3-1-7 while on day patrol discovered 1 9mm pistol, and 6 M79 rounds hidden in bushes in vicinity of village Headquarters. CAP turned above findings over to Dist Hq.

16. On 11 1215H DEC 69 at coord YD 925201 while on day patrol CAP 3-3-5's PF tripped a booby trapped grenade resulting in one PF receiving a mild concussion. CAP corpsman treated PF. PF now med evaced.

17. On 12 0900H DEC 69 at coord YD 895234 CAP 3-3-3 while on day patrol discovered underground bunker containing 500 lbs rice. CAP swept immediate area discovering 1 additional bunker containing 400 lbs rice. CAP redistributed rice to VN civilians.

RESULTS: 900 lbs rice

18. On 12 0930H DEC 69 at coord YD 926188 - YD 934198 CAP 3-3-6 while on day patrol discovered 1 booby trapped 105mm HE round, VC mess gear, 1 weeks supply of rice, 1 pair of shorts and 1 cartridge belt. CAP destroyed booby trapped 105mm round and retained equipment at day position.

19. On 12 1000H DEC 69 at coord YD 889246 CAP 3-3-3 and PF Platoon #100 conducted sweep of CAP's AO flushing out 5 VC. VC ran out of marshy swamp moving in NE direction. CAP pursued by fire and chased them into the blocking force which killed them at a distance of 30 meters.

RESULTS: 5 VC/KIA, 1 AK50. 1 45 Cal Pistol. 2 32 Cal Russian Pistols, 1 SKS, 1 M2 Carbine and documents.

20. On 12 1200H DEC 69 at coord YD 868234 CAP 3-3-2 while on day patrol discovered one 38 caliber pistol. CAP retained pistol and returned to day position.

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21. On 17 0915H DEC 69 at coord YD 683256 CAP 3-4-4 while on day patrol discovered 75 lbs of rice stored in Hay Stack near a deserted house. CAP turned rice over to Dist Hqs.

22. On 19 1905H DEC 69 at coord AT 805010 CAP 3-2-4 while enroute to ambush site observed 7 NVA moving from south to north. CAP initiated contact with M79, M60 and S/A fire at approx 30 meters away. NVA returned S/A fire fleeing in north and south directions, resulting in one PF receiving minor wounds to right leg. CAP joined element of 26 Marines and swept area, discovering 1 NVA/KIA, 1 9mm pistol and numerous blood trails. NVA/KIA's name was DO VAN TAO, 1st Lt., age 22. TAO was carrying documents and a wrist compass. Documents stated NVA had paid local people 15495\$VN. CAP called in artillery mission on suspected routes of escape. Day sweep revealed 1 AK47 w/3 magazines, 1 NVA belt, 1 grenade pouch and 1 magazine pouch. PF/WIA med evaced to Hue Citadel. RESULTS: 1 NVA/KIA, 1 9mm pistol, 1 AK47 w/3 magazines, assorted documents, and miscellaneous gear.

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23. On 21 0800H DEC 69 CACO 3-3 relocated CAP 3-3-1 to the village of Vion Trinh coord YD 950185. CAP 3-3-2 extended present AO to include the Hamlet of Le Xe Dong. CAP 3-3-4 reduced its AO to include Van Giang and Vinh Lieu Hamlets only and CAP 3-3-6 relocated to Tan Boa Hamlet coord YD 940170.

24. On 25 2230H DEC 69 at coord YD 893212 CAP 3-3-4's scout dog discovered one booby trapped M26 grenade. Dog handler disposed of grenade.

25. On 25 2230H DEC 69 at coord YD 892312 3-3-4 in ambush site deployed a killer team to observe a VCS who has been under surveillance for several days. As killer team approached house they spotted 3 VC moving toward them. CAP initiated contact with M79 and S/A fire at 50 meters away. Negative return fire received. Illum and sweep revealed 2 VC/KIA, 1 AK47 w/3 magazines, documents, miscellaneous gear, and one blood trail leading in a northerly direction. Daylight sweep revealed footprints and two bunkers. Documents sent to Sub-Sector and bunkers were destroyed. RESULTS: 2 VC/KIA, 2 AK47s w/3 magazines, documents, miscellaneous gear.

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26. On 27 0845H DEC 69 at coord YD 922194 CAP 3-3-6 Marines while in day patrol tripped a booby trapped M26 grenade resulting in three USMC receiving multiple fragmentation wounds and 1 PF receiving minor fragmentation wound. CAP called for and received emergency med evac. USMC/WIA med evacuated to 85th Evac Hospital. PF/WIA treated at Dist Hq.

27. On 27 1300H DEC 69 at coord YD 992048 CAP 3-5-4 while on day patrol discovered 1 NVA/KIA that had apparently been killed in initial contact of spot report 25 0130H DEC. NVA/KIA had wounds to legs. Body was located approx 300 meters away from contact. Villagers also stated that on night of contact 2 NVA who were wounded and carrying 1 NVA/KIA asked them for medical treatment and then departed in southerly direction. CAP notified Dist Hqs. RESULTS: 2 NVA/KIA, 1 NVA belt, 1 poncho, 1 AK47 magazine with rounds.

28. On 27 1330H DEC 69 at coord YD 922194 CAP 3-3-6 returned to area of previous incident of spot report 27 0845H DEC 69 to investigate and search area and spotted 1 VC that fled toward treeline. CAP initiated contact with S/A fire with negative results. CAP swept area of previous incident and detonated a new booby trapped M26 fragmentation grenade resulting in two USMC receiving multiple fragmentation wounds. CAP called for and received emergency med evac. USMC/WIA med evacuated to 85th Evac Hospital.

29. On 28 1000H DEC 69 at coord YD 928194 CAP 3-3-5 while in day position received from 2 VN children 3 bangalore torpedoes. CAP destroyed ordnance and VIP payment will be made.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- a. Monthly Operations Report dtd 1 Jan 1970
- b. Control, Turn In and disposal of Captured enemy weapons. 1 Jan 1969 (sic)
- ✓ c. Casualties from Friendly Firepower. 1 Jan 1970

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Subj: Monthly Operations Report
Ref: (a) ForO 3121.4B w/ch 1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the month of December 1969.

a. LOCATION AND STRENGTH

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>PF PIAT. NO.</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>		<u>PF</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		
3d CAG		O/E			
		7/70	3		Phu Bai Base
3-1		1/5	0		YD 847172
3-1-1	158	10	1	34	YD 7716
3-1-2	159	9	1	34	YD 7922
3-1-3	91	10	0	34	YD 9111
3-1-4	85	13	1	33	YD 8416
3-1-5	83	9	1	33	YD 8117
3-1-6	98	11	1	35	YD 7832
3-1-7	94	10	0	28	YD 8019
3-1-8	84	9	1	35	YD 8223
3-2		1/6	0		ZD 0900
3-2-1	135	9	1	22	ZD 0800
3-2-2	130	12	0	25	ZD 1401
3-2-3	140	11	1	22	ZD 1901
3-2-4	163	11	1	32	AU 8000
3-2-5	139	14	1	22	AU 1601
3-2-6	138	8	1	22	ZD 1400

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DESIGNATION	PF PLAT. NO.	USN	PF	LOCATION
3-3		1/7	0	YD 898186
3-3-1	102	10	1	23 YD 9518
3-3-2	105	10	1	24 YD 8823
3-3-3	100	9	1	15 YD 8924
3-3-4	101	12	1	31 YD 8921
3-3-5	104	10	1	15 YD 9122
3-3-6	103	10	1	14 YD 9417
3-4		1/7	0	YD 754252
3-4-1	47	10	1	22 YD 7121
3-4-2	53	12	0	23 YD 6825
3-4-3	61	13	1	18 YD 7018
3-4-4	52	10	1	20 YD 6827
3-4-5	35	12	1	31 YD 7028
3-4-6	59	9	1	23 YD 6127
3-5		1/8	1	YD 9606
3-5-1	129	10	1	26 YD 9210
3-5-2	162	12	1	33 YD 9505
3-5-3	136	12	1	22 YD 9607
3-5-4	132	11	1	26 YD 9705
3-5-5	133	11	1	21 YD 9705

ACTIVITIES

DAY PATROLS
952

NIGHT PATROLS
1514

AMBUSHES
1703

ENEMY CASUALTIES

VC/NVA/KIA	VC/NVA/POW	DET	VCS	INC	OWS	CHIEU HOI
11 3	3 0	19	33	23	0	2

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

USMC:	KIA	WIAE	WIA(M)	MIA	POW	PF:	KIA	WIAE	WIA(M)
	0	5	2	0	0		0	8	2

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3/WJL/wjb
3460
1 Jan 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) ForO 3460,4C

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

a. Captured	IW 23	CS 0
b. Destroyed by Capturing Unit	IW 0	CS 0
c. Turned into Sub-collection points	IW 23	CS 0
d. Received at Corps level collection points	IW 0	CS 0
e. Turned into CHMC 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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Copy to: CAP DIRECTOR

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5830
1 Jan 1970

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

Subj: Casualties from Friendly Firepower

Ref: (a) IOCI 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 December 1969.
2. There were four incidents and six casualties due to friendly fire. A summary of these incidents is shown in enclosure (1).
3. 3d CAG has no recommendations for action to be taken by III MAF.

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CASUALTIES FROM FRIENDLY FIREPOWER REPORT

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	<u>SMALL ARMS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Killed		
US	0	0
Military		
RVN	0	0
Civilian	0	0
Wounded		
US	1	1
Military		
RVN	2	2
Civilian	3	3
Number of Incidents	4	4

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