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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 January to  
31 January 1970

1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness  
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Encl: (1) 3d Combined Action Group Command Chronology

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

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1970 TO 31 January 1970

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1. DESIGNATION

3d Combined Action Group  
 Combined Action Force  
 III Marine Amphibious Force

COMMANDER

Colonel John B. MICHAUD, USMC  
 1 January 1970 to 31 January 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 3-1	Capt Donald K. SHOCKEY, USMC 1 January 1970 to 31 January 1970
Combined Action Company 3-2	1st Lt Larry W. RIVERS, USMC 1 January 1970 to 5 January 1970 Capt John F. PALCHAK, USMC 5 January 1970 to 31 January 1970
Combined Action Company 3-3	Capt Gary E. CARLSON, USMC 1 January 1970 to 31 January 1970
Combined Action Company 3-4	Capt James F. DAVIS, USMC 1 January 1970 to 31 January 1970
Combined Action Company 3-5	Capt John F. PALCHAK, USMC 1 January 1970 to 5 January 1970 1st Lt Larry W. RIVERS, USMC 5 January 1970 to 31 January 1970

2. LOCATION

Headquarters	1-31Jan70	Phu Bai Combat Base, Huong Thuy District, Thua Thien Province.
CACO 3-1	1-31Jan70	Huong Thuy District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-2	1-31Jan70	Phu Loc District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-3	1-31Jan70	Phu Thu District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-4	1-31Jan70	Huong Tra District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-5	1-31Jan70	Troui Bridge Headquarters, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Province

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STAFF OFFICERS  
Executive Officer

S-1

Major Walter N. COLLISON Jr., USMC  
1 January 1970 to 31 January 1970

S-2/3

Captain Darvin A. WEIKEL, USMC  
1 January 1970 to 25 January 1970  
Captain William N. JUSTICE Jr., USMC  
27 January 1970 to 31 January 1970

S-4

Major William J. LANNES III, USMC  
1 January 1970 to 31 January 1970  
Captain Roger D. ZORENS, USMC  
1 January 1970 to 31 January 1970

Chaplain

Lieutenant Commander Dewey V. PAGE, USN  
10 January 1970 to 31 January 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>ARVN (ATTACHED)</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
10	532	1	33	1	5

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PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

I. COMMAND, OPERATIONS, AND TRAINING

A. During the period covered by this report, the level of enemy activity in Thua Thien Province was unusually low. The enemy appeared to be avoiding contact and attempting to establish caches and commo-liaison for the expected Winter-Spring Offensive. During this pre-Tet period, 3d Combined Action Group continued to emphasize training and intelligence, and finalized preparations for the expected enemy Winter-Spring Offensive.

B. Elements of six CAPs were taken through the standard 3d CAG two and one-half days of refresher training. This training includes equal numbers of Marines and Popular Force soldiers, and emphasizes FO, Medevac, and radio procedures in addition to night firing techniques. Refresher training was held on 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24 January 1970, and a total of 30 Marines and 30 Popular Force soldiers attended.

C. CAP Leaders and TRUNG-SI (P.F. Platoon Leaders) attended an excellent one-day school in forward observer procedures which was conducted for them by the 1st of 39th Artillery Battalion on 12 and 13 January 1970. Lt THUC, 3d CAG ARVN Liaison Officer, and a 3d CAG interpreter assisted in the instruction. Call for Supporting Fire handouts in both English and Vietnamese were given out and students were taken to the field where they were allowed to adjust artillery fire.

D. On 29 and 31 January, all six CAPs in CACO 3-3 received training on the starlight scope (AN/PVS-2). This particular training continues to improve the effectiveness of the CAPs. Also during this reporting period, one Marine attended the 1st Marine Division NCO Leadership School.

E. Psyops leaflets, depicting the theme that U. S. Forces would pay for information about enemy activities, were distributed to all CACOs. The majority of these leaflets went to CACO 3-3 which has experienced an upsurge in booby trap activity. Emphasis was placed on intelligence gathering from POWs and KIAs in order to ascertain enemy order of battle during this critical pre-Tet stage. CAPs were urged to strip bodies completely to insure that no possible clue to unit identification would be overlooked.

F. Much effort was expended during this period to prepare and plan for Tet (6Feb70) and the beginning of the expected Winter-Spring Offensive. CACOs were ordered to increase the tempo of their activities in their assigned TACOs beginning 27 January 1970, paying particular attention to the coordination of available combat support and mobility of the Combined Action Platoons.

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(1) 3d CAG assigned Liaison NCOs to both the 1st and 2nd Brigades of the 101st Airborne Division. The 1st Brigade operates in the same Districts in which CACOs 3-1, 3-2, 3-3 and 3-5 are located. On 29 January a Staff Sergeant from the Group S-3 Section reported to the 1st Brigade TOC for temporary duty. The 2nd Brigade operates in the same District as CaCO 3-4, and on 30 January a Sergeant from the Group S-3 Section reported to the 2nd Brigade TOC for temporary duty. The mission of the Liaison NCOs was to insure that all support available from the 101st Airborne Division would be made available to the Combined Action Platoons in an expeditious manner.

(2) 3d Combined Action Group and subordinate CACOs published Operation Orders delineating missions and concepts of operations for the Tet period. Contingency plans for alternate CPs, mortar/rocket attacks, and ground attacks were emphasized and rehearsed. CaCO Commanders increased their coordination efforts with the District Chiefs, District Advisors, and the 101st Liaison teams which have been located in each District during the Tet period. Coordination with supporting units improved at all levels during this period.

G. On 30 January, the 101st Airborne Division repositioned some of its combat units in anticipation of the expected Tet Offensive. The 2nd Battalion of the 327th Infantry from the 1st Brigade was inserted into Phu Thu and established a CP at YD 876205. This Battalion (-) is one of the two Division Reactionary Forces; however, until committed the Battalion will conduct ambushes and patrols in Phu Thu. CaCO 3-3 has coordinated with this unit. The 1st Battalion of the 501st Infantry from the 2nd Brigade inserted in the area between BSF SALLY and La Chu Village (vicinity of YD 650240). They have also been designated as a Division Reactionary Force. CaCO 3-4 has coordinated with this unit.

H. Activity during this period by CaCO was as follows:

(1) CaCO 3-1

a. CaCO 3-1 has units which operate near the buffer zones for the base defense of both Camp Eagle and Phu Bai Combat Base. Phu Bai Combat Base published procedures on 2 January 1970 whereby CAP 3-1-3 could receive on-call 81mm illumination from that installation. Also during this period, CAP 3-1-4 took part in 4 sweeps with Camp Eagle Base Defense.

(2) CaCO 3-2

a. The enemy continued to avoid contact in this area and activity during this period was greatly diminished, particularly during the first part of this reporting period. On 25 January 1970, CAP 3-2-1 made contact with the enemy resulting in 1 NVA/POW and 1 VC/POW.

b. The 2nd Battalion of the 327th Infantry became OPCON of two additional airborne companies on 30 January 1970. During this month the Combined TOC (Phu Loc District Headquarters) was completed. CaCO 3-2 has established liaison with the Combined TOC which consists of the District Chief and his staff plus Airborne elements.

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(2) CACO 3-3

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a. CAPS 3-3-6 and 3-3-5 continued to locate booby traps and bunkers within their TACC. On 27 January 1970, two USMC on a patrol were WIA as a result of a booby trap. One VC was KIA as a result of that daylight patrol.

b. Company training included 81mm mortar drill and pre-planned illum and HE missions which have been established to support the CAPs of CACO 3-3.

c. CAP 3-3-5 successfully implemented the VIP program in their TACC utilizing leaflets and personal contact. Villagers are now assisting in policing up dud ordnance and helping to locate booby traps.

d. CAPs of CACO 3-3 accounted for two VC/POWs and one VC/KIA during this period.

e. The 1st Battalion of the 327th Infantry (101st Airborne) moved into Phu Thu for operations during the Tet period. Coordination has been made and no problems have been encountered.

(4) CACO 3-4

a. The 1st Battalion of the 501st Infantry (101st Airborne Division) moved into the Huong Tra lowlands during the latter part of this reporting period. Close and continuous coordination is being conducted with this Battalion through their IO assigned to District Headquarters and through the 3d CAG INCO assigned to the 2nd Brigade at LZ SALLY.

b. Preparation for Tet resulted in one significant change in support, in that the District Chief, Huong Tra, has agreed to pre-clear illumination missions for those CAP ambushes located in positions where cannister fall out is not a problem.

c. CAP 3-4-1 accounted for 1 VC/KIA during this period.

(5) CACO 3-5

a. During this time frame, enemy activity was low and the CAPs of this Company experienced a relatively quiet period.

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

<u>DAY PATROLS</u>		<u>NIGHT PATROLS</u>			<u>AMBUSHES</u>	
1056		1682			1769	
<u>ENEMY CASUALTIES</u>		<u>DET</u>	<u>VCS</u>	<u>IWC</u>	<u>CWC</u>	<u>CHIEU HOI</u>
<u>VC/NVA KIA</u>	<u>VC/NVA POW</u>	2	11	9	0	0
2/0	3/1					

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FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

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USMC:     $\frac{KIA}{1}$          $\frac{WIAE}{5}$          $\frac{WIA(M)}{3}$          $\frac{NBC}{1}$          $\frac{MIA}{0}$          $\frac{POW}{0}$

PF:         $\frac{KIA}{1}$          $\frac{WIAE}{0}$          $\frac{WIA(M)}{4}$

VIP PAYMENTS: 47,250\$VN for ordnance or information

PSYOPS

LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED  
810

POSTERS  
120

## II. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

During this period, the number of corporals on hand has continued to decrease to a present 27% of authorized T/O strength. This deficiency is attributed to a high quantity of personnel replacements in pay grades E-3 and E-2 not eligible for promotion. It is anticipated that this rank deficiency will be corrected within a three month period. The on-hand number of gunnery sergeants remains at an unacceptable level. These deficiencies continue to significantly impair the efficiency of the Combined Action Program. Statistics for the month are as follows:

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH  
520

PROMOTIONS  
1 to Sgt  
1 to Cpl  
45 to LCpl  
1 to PFC

OFFICERS JOINED  
1

OFFICERS TRANSFERRED  
1

ENLISTED JOINED  
47

ENLISTED TRANSFERRED  
34

USN ATTACHED  
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AVERAGE DAILY NON-EFFECTIVE ENL FOR JANUARY

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OFFICE HOURS: COMPLETED PENDING  
13 0INVESTIGATIONS: COMPLETED PENDING  
0 5III. MEDICAL

A. On 8 January the regular monthly medical department meeting was held at III MAF. During this meeting a supply list for all CAP Corpsmen was formulated.

B. On 24 January LCDR METCALF from III MAF Force Surgeon's Office arrived at 3d CAG and conducted a survey of the CAP Corpsmen as to motivation and efficiency.

C. Monthly totals are as follows: WIAD-5; WIA(M)-3; KIA-1; Died of wounds received in action-1; FWO-2; Malaria-1; Injuries from other causes-8; MedCaps-10, 417 Vietnamese patients treated.

IV. LOGISTICS/SUPPLY

## A. Significant Events

(1) The most significant accomplishment noted during the reporting period was the establishment of a Marine Liaison at ASP 103 at Phu Bai with Marines from FIC Danang, and the arrival of 60mm, 40mm, and 81mm illumination from Danang. Space has been provided at ASP 103 for the storage of ammo for 3d CAG, which is controlled and distributed by the Marine Liaison at ASP 103.

(2) The deficiency of 30 Night Vision Sight Assemblies were received. All allowances are on hand.

(3) 52 PRC-88s were received and issued to the Headquarters Communications Section.

## B. Damage to Weapons Due to Enemy Action

(1) No weapons were damaged or lost due to enemy action during the reporting period.

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C. Motor Transport

(1) Motor Transport vehicles averaged 47,210 miles during the reporting period, transporting 72 short tons of cargo, including Class V and Class IV, in support of the troops in the field.

(2) This Command received 5 M37B1 3/4 ton Cargo Trucks from FLC maintenance Float as replacement for vehicles evacuated to Okinawa.

D. Food Service

(1) The Food Service Department of the 26th General Support Group Phu Bai, has provided outstanding support to this Command during the reporting period.

E. Ordnance

(1) The 3d CAG Armory repaired 65 weapons at this Headquarters Armory. In addition, 22 weapons were repaired by the Group Armorer through personal visits (trouble shooting) to the troops in the field.

(2) 15 weapons were repaired by FLC, Weapons Maintenance Bn., Danang.

F. Miscellaneous Services: None

G. Supply

(1) Although the overall Supply situation has been satisfactory there is a requirement for 22 60mm mortars. This Command is authorized 93 60mm mortars and has 10 available for use. The requirement of 22 mortars was requisitioned in sufficient time to meet the Combined Action Platoon's combat operational needs. The requisition is over 60 days old. Current information received from FLC indicates that this item is NIS at the immediate supply source, and, consequently, this requirement has been passed to MRL, 3d FSR, Okinawa. CG, ForLog CMD Msg 261330Z Jan70 reflects the latest status received regarding this requisition.

(2) The overall statistical information on requisitions submitted to MC100, FLC and 148 S&S Co (US Army) are listed below.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REQN'S</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>CANCELLED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
MC100	165	19%	6%	75%
148th	34	80%	0	20%

H. Communications

(1) This Command has received outstanding support from 2d Maintenance Bn., XXIV Corps. During the reporting period, 16 PRC-25s and 22 hand sets were repaired by 2d Maintenance Bn., Phu Bai.

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A. The following statistics represent Civic Action accomplishments for the month of January 1970.

- (1) Medical Treatment  
Medicines: 20,447 persons
- (2) Distribution of Commodities  
Food: 302 lbs  
Soap: 279 lbs  
School Kits: 400  
Carpenter Kits: 2  
Candy: 161 lbs  
Tobacco: (Cigarettes, Cigars, etc.): 96 packs  
Cement: 60 bags  
Tin Roofing: 26 sheets
- (3) Health and Sanitation  
Immunizations: 15  
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste: 34
- (4) Educational Efforts  
English Classes: 180  
Attendance: 774
- (5) Construction Projects Completed  
Bridges: 3  
Dispensaries: 1  
Fences: 3  
Hospitals: 1 (repaired)  
Roads: 1.5 miles of road (repaired)  
Schools: 1 (repaired)  
Tables and Benches: 15

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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## PART III

## SUBSEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 02 1700H JAN 70 CAP 3-3-5 relocated to coord YD 920210. CAP 3-3-3 extended their TAOC to include the former TAOC of 3-3-5.
2. On 02 2145H JAN 70 at coord ZD 139011 CAP 3-2-2, while in ambush site, observed 3 VC approaching from the south moving in northerly direction. CAP initiated contact with claymores and S/A fire at approx 50 meters away. VC returned fire, fleeing in S direction. Sweep under illum revealed 1 blood trail leading in SW direction and 1 AK47 w/1 magazine. Day sweep revealed two additional AK47 magazines.
3. On 02 2130H JAN 70 at coord YD 879230, while returning to day harbor site, PFs informed USMC personnel that a VN civilian had stolen food in his house. CAP apprehended the VCS after finding medical supplies and powdered poison in his house. VCS stated he knew other VCS in Hue City. VCS detained for further questioning.
4. On 03 1430H JAN 70 at coord YD 921212 CAP 3-3-5, while on day patrol, tripped 2 booby trapped M26 fragmentation grenades simultaneously, resulting in two USMC receiving multiple fragmentation wounds and one USMC receiving minor fragmentation wound. CAP called for and received med evac. USMC/WIA med evacuated to 85th Evac Hospital.
5. On 03 2050H JAN 70 at coord ZD 154022 CAP 3-2-5, while in ambush site, spotted 2 VC east of their position and also heard movement south of ambush site. CAP initiated contact with M79 and S/A fire at approx 100 meters. VC returned fire with 4 B40's and heavy volume of S/A fire from the east and south resulting in one USMC receiving fragmentation wounds to head and right buttocks and 4 PFs receiving minor flash burns. VC fled in northeasterly direction. CAP and USA element joined forces and conducted sweep under illum with negative results. Called in artillery on suspected enemy escape routes. USMC/WIA med evac to 85th Evac Hospital.

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6. On 07 1600H JAN 70 villagers reported to CAP 3-2-5 that half a body and one AK47 were found in the vicinity of contact made on 03 2050H JAN at coord ZD 154022. Villagers disposed of body and the AK47 turned over to District Headquarters.
7. On 09 0600H JAN 70 CAPs 3-2-2, 3-2-5, and 3-2-6 participated in combined operations in conjunction with USA, National Police and RF elements. Operation commenced at 0600H at coord ZD 126010 and was completed at 0730H at coord ZD 140010.
8. On 12 1310H JAN 70 at coord ZD 166024 CAP 3-2-5, while in day position, received information from villagers of the location of body floating in the river. CAP investigated discovering 1 VC who appeared to have been dead for approx 1 week. VC was wearing green shorts, shirt and rain jacket made out of a poncho. CAP notified District Headquarters.
9. On 13 0930H JAN 70 at coord YD 794177 CAP 3-1-1, while on day patrol, was informed by victims wife that on 12 2400H JAN 6 VC kidnapped her husband. Victims name was Dang De age 62, and he was an informer for District Headquarters. VC departed in southerly direction. CAP notified Dist Hqs. PSYOPs notified.
10. On 17 1140H JAN 70 at coord YD 637250 CAP 3-4-6, while on day patrol, discovered one foreign manufactured pressure plate anti-personnel mine partially buried on side of trail. CAP destroyed mine.
11. On 17 1640H JAN 70 at coord YD 930207 CAP 3-3-1, while on day patrol, discovered one M50 ammo can which contained salt, fish and documents listing twelve VC in general vicinity Acting on intelligence received, CAP 3-3-1 conducted day patrol at coord YD 930207 apprehending one VC female. VC female's name was Tran Thi THEM, 23 years old. She informed CAP of the location of 2 additional VC in the village of THON LUONG VIEN. Initial interrogation by CAP verified that this VC women and a VC male had set the booby traps which had wounded 2 Marines on 14 January.

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12. On 18 1000H JAN 70 at coord YD 939216 CAP 3-3-1 PT's recognized the name of a VN male who was listed on document found by CAP on 17 JAN. CAP deployed day patrol to above coord and apprehended the VC living on a boat. Initial interrogation by CAP verified this POW as man who set the booby trap which wounded two Marines on 3 JAN 70.

13. On 20 2305H JAN 70 at coord ZD 155012 CAP 3-2-5, while in ambush site, spotted 5 VC moving from north to south, CAP initiated contact with LAAWs, M60, M79, and S/A fire at approx 50 meters. VC returned S/A fire, fleeing in northerly direction. Illum and sweep revealed 1 AK47 with one magazine and 400 lbs. of rice. CAP observed VC carrying body of wounded or KIA/VC. CAP called in artillery mission on suspected routes of escape. Day sweep revealed one large blood trail leading from house in a northerly direction. Further investigation also revealed one VN female received minor wound from S/A fire as a result of contact.

14. On 21 1130H JAN 70 at coord ZD 155012 a further investigation of wounded VN female of 20 JAN revealed she was the wife of the Hamlet Chief who was forced to give rice to the VC. Casualty was treated at Phu Loc District Headquarters and returned to home.

15. On 25 0112H JAN 70 at coord YD 713224 CAP 3-4-1 while in ambush site, spotted 5 VC to the south approx 400 meters away and enter a hamlet. CAP spotted these same 5 VC moving away from ambush site. CAP initiated contact with LAAWs and M60 at approx 200 meters away. Negative return fire received. VC fled in SE direction. Illum and sweep revealed 1 VC/KIA, 1 AK47 4 field packs, 1 satchel charge, 3 lbs or rice, canned meat, 1 US cartridge belt, bandages, and enough plastic to make 4 ponchos. Day sweep revealed negative results.

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16. On 25 2310H JAN 70 at coord ZD 088004 CAP 3-2-1, while utilizing star-light scope in ambush site, observed 4 NVA approaching from the southeast. CAP initiated contact with claymores, M79 LAAGs, M60 and S/A fire at approx 45 meters away. NVA returned heavy volume of S/A fire and unknown number of B-40 rounds resulting in two USMC receiving minor fragmentation wounds. CAP 3-2-1 reactionary engaged enemy in support of ambush. NVA broke contact fleeing in southeast direction. Illum called for and received.. Sweep revealed 1 NVA/WIA captured, 2 AK47s w/6 magazines, and blood trails leading in the southeast. NVA/POW stated he was member of the C-19 company and when CAP initiated contact all 4 NVA were hit. NVA/POW med evaced to 85th Evac Hospital. Day sweep resulted in 1 VC/WIA captured, 1 rain jacket, and 1 rice bag. VC/WIA stated he was a member of the Phu Loc District Cadre operating in area of Phu Loc. POW med evaced to 85th Evac Hospital. USMC/WIA both non med evaced.

17. On 27 1040H JAN 70 at coord YD 925185 CAP 3-3-6 Marines, while on day patrol, tripped a booby trapped fragmentation grenade resulting in two USMC receiving multiple fragmentation wounds. CAP called for and received med evac. USMC/WIA med evaced to 85th Evac Hospital.

18. On 27 1430H JAN 70 at coord YD 925185 CAP 3-3-6 spotted 1 VC armed with AK47. CAP initiated contact with S/A fire followed with one M26 fragmentation grenade resulting in 1 VC/KIA. Search of body revealed assorted documents, medicine, 1 M26 grenade, and 60 AK47 rounds. Search of immediate area revealed 1 booby trapped M26 grenade, 1 booby trapped 105mm HE round, 1 booby trapped 60mm HE round, and 3 bunkers. CAP destroyed ordnance and bunkers. Documents turned over to Dist Hqs.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following is a list of the Supporting Documents contained in this report:

- a. Monthly Operations Report covering period of 1-31 January 1970.
- b. Casualties from Friendly Firepower Report covering period of 1-31 January 1970.
- c. Control, Turn in and disposal of Captured Enemy Weapons Report for month of January 1970.
- d. 3d CAG OORDER 1-70 (PLAN FOR TET)

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To: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force  
Subj: Monthly Operations Report  
Ref: (a) ForO 3121.4B w/ch1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the month of January 1970.

a. LOCATION AND STRENGTH

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>PF PLT. NO.</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>		<u>PF</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		
3d CAG		O/E			
		6/68	1/4		Phu Bai Base
3-1		1/9			YD 847172
3-1-1	158	10	1	32	YD 7716
3-1-2	159	10	1	32	YD 7972
3-1-3	91	10	1	32	YD 9111
3-1-4	85	10	1	32	YD 8416
3-1-5	83	11	1	30	YD 8117
3-1-6	81	12	1	33	YD 7832
3-1-7	94	10	0	27	YD 8019
3-1-8	92	10	1	34	YD 8223
3-2		1/5			ZD 0900
3-2-1	135	11	1	20	ZD 0800
3-2-2	130	12	1	25	ZD 1401
3-2-3	140	10	1	22	ZD 1901
3-2-4	163	11	1	32	AU 8000
3-2-5	139	10	1	23	AU 1601
3-2-6	138	11	1	22	ZD 1400

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<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>PF PLAT. NO.</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>		<u>PF</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		
3-3		1/3			YD 898186
3-3-1	102	12	1	25	YD 9518
3-3-2	160	12	1	22	YD 8823
3-3-3	100	12	1	17	YD 8924
3-3-4	101	11	1	31	YD 8921
3-3-5	104	11	1	20	YD 9221
3-3-6	161	12	0	14	YD 9417
3-4		1/6			YD 754252
3-4-1	47	10	1	27	YD 7121
3-4-2	53	14	0	12	YD 6825
3-4-3	62	10	1	24	YD 7018
3-4-4	52	9	1	22	YD 6827
3-4-5	35	10	1	22	YD 7028
3-4-6	59	11	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	0	26	YD 9505
3-5-3	136	11	1	24	YD 9607
3-5-4	132	10	1	20	YD 9705
3-5-5	133	11	1	20	YD 9705

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ACTIVITIES

DAY PATROLS  
1056

NIGHT PATROLS  
1682

AMBUSHES  
1769

ENEMY CASUALTIES

<u>VC/NVA/KIA</u>	<u>VC/NVA/POW</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>VCS</u>	<u>IWC</u>	<u>CWC</u>	<u>CHIEU HOI</u>
2 0	3 1	2	11	9	0	0

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

<u>USMC</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIAE</u>	<u>WIA(M)</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIAE</u>	<u>WIA(M)</u>
	1	5	3	1	0	0		1	0	4

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III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

3/WJL/wjb  
3460  
1 Feb 70

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 January 1970.

a. Captured	IW <u>9</u>	CS <u>0</u>
b. Destroyed by Capturing Unit	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
c. Turned into Sub-collection points	IW <u>9</u>	CS <u>0</u>
d. Received at Corps level collection points	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
e. Turned into CHMG by Corps level collection points	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
f. Retained in Museums of Exhibits	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
g. Retained as War Trophies	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
h. Recaptured and returned to USA, PF or RVNAF control	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
i. Other (with appropriate explanations)	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>

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Copy to: CAF, Commanding Officer

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3/WJL/wjb  
5830  
1 Feb 1970

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force  
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 JAN 1970.
2. There were six incidents and nine 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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ENCLOSURE (1) c.

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CASUALTIES FROM FRIENDLY FIRE/POWERS

		<u>SMALL ARMS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Killed	US		
Military	RVN		
Civilian		2	2
Wounded	US	1	1
Military	RVN		
Civilian		5	5
Number of Incidents		3	<u>6</u>

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29 0900H JAN 1970

Operation Order 1-70

- Ref: (a) MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 sheets 6541 IV, 6541 I, 6542 III, 6442 II, 6641 IV, 6541 II  
(b) XXIV CORPS PERINTREP 2-70  
(c) 101st Abn Div (Am 61) FRAGO 8 (TET 1970) to OPORD 13-69 (Randolph Glen) (V)  
(d) 101st Abn Div (AMbl) OPORD 13-69 (Randolph Glen) with changes 1-7  
(e) CACO 3-1 Opn Order 2-70  
(f) CACO 3-2 Opn Order 1-70  
(g) CACO 3-3 Opn Order 1-70  
(h) CACO 3-4 Opn Order 1-70  
(i) CACO 3-5 Opn Order 1-70

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization: No Change

## 1. Situation

- a. Enemy Forces. See reference (b), XXIV CORPS PERINTREP 2-70 covering 4 January 1970 - 17 January 1970.
- b. Friendly Forces. See reference (c) FRAGO 8 (TET 1970) and reference (d) OPORD 13-69 (RANDOLPH GLEN).
- c. Attachments and Detachments; 3d MP Battalion scout and sentry dogs teams as available. MCS from 101st Abn Div as available.

## 2. Mission

- a. The mission of the 3d Combined Action Group is to continue to operate in support of pacification and to increase security operations throughout its assigned TAOC and to continue to support the Combined Action Program mission as stated in ICCI 5401.2A during the TET 1970 period (27Jan-15Feb).

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## 3. Execution

a. Concept of Operation. Combined Action Companies will increase the tempo of their activities in their assigned TACOs paying particular attention to coordination of available combat support and mobility of the Combined Action Platoons. CAG Headquarters will take all necessary actions to insure Combined Action Companies receive timely and effective support.

## b. CAG Headquarters

(1) Establish an alternate COC and be prepared to switch Command and Control to the alternate COC on order.

(2) Establish reaction forces from Phu Bai personnel. The Executive Officer is designated as OIC of the reaction force. Be prepared to utilize the reaction forces to reinforce CAP units upon order and to provide internal security in the event Phu Bai Combat Base is penetrated.

(3) Intensify liaison efforts with senior Command (101st Abn Div), in whose TACOC 3d CAG operates, in order to insure coordination of efforts during the TET period. Also, establish liaison with XXIV CORPS in the event that 1st MAF cannot provide helicopter support for the employment of the reaction forces.

c. CACO 3-1; See reference (c)

d. CACO 3-2; See reference (f)

e. CACO 3-3; See reference (g)

f. CACO 3-4; See reference (h)

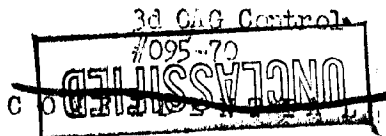
g. CACO 3-5; See reference (i)

## h. Coordinating Instructions

(1) On 28 Jan 1970 a liaison SNCO from 3d CAG S-3 will report to 1st Brigade, 101st Abn Div TOC for duty. This liaison SNCO, in conjunction with 101st personnel, will visit CACOs in Huong Thuy, Phu Thu and Phu Loc Districts on a daily basis to coordinate combat support requirements.

(2) On 30 Jan 1970 a liaison NCO from the 3d CAG S-3 will report to 2nd Brigade 101st Abn Div TOC for duty. This liaison NCO, in conjunction with 101st personnel, will visit CACO 3-4 (Huong Tra) on a daily basis to coordinate combat support requirements.

(3) Casualties from CACOs will be medevaced by Helo (Dustoff). Casualties in Phu Bai Headquarters will be medevaced by organic land transportation (ambulance). Emergency aid stations at Phu Bai will be located at both COCs and 3d CAG sick bay.



## 4. Administration and Logistics

a. S-4, 3d CAG will support the requirements of the CACOs in regards to resupply and transportation in the normal manner.

b. S-4, 3d CAG will establish liaison with XXIV CORPS for emergency resupply by helicopter should this become necessary.

c. There will be no R&R for Officers & SNOs during the period 29 Jan 70 - 15 Feb 70. R&R for all other personnel will be kept to an absolute minimum.

## 5. Command and Communication Electronics

a. The 3d CAG CP will be located at Phu Bai in the 3d CAG COC bunker.

b. An alternate CP will be established in the bunker adjacent to the enlisted Recreation Room. The communications Section will insure that all necessary land lines in the alternate position are installed by 29 Jan 1970. From 29 January 1970 until 15 February 1970, a radio watch will be maintained at the alternate CP during the hours 2200-0600 each night. This watch will be prepared to take over the Command Net on order.

c. In the event that both primary and alternate Group Command Posts become inoperative, CACO 3-1 will assume net control.

d. CACO CPs will be as designated in their respective Operation Orders (reference (e) through (1)).

e. The following alert signals are effective immediately in the 3d CAG Headquarters Area (Phu Bai).

(1) ROCKET/MORTAR/ARTILLERY/HOSTILE AIRCRAFT: continuous blast for one minute on base siren, or by voice (runner, telephone, radio).

(2) GROUND ATTACK: continued rise and fall of siren for 3 minutes, or by voice (runners, telephone, radio).

(3) GAS ATTACK: clacker device, metal clacking, or by voice (runners, telephone, radio).

(4) THE AIR CLEAR: three 15 second blasts by siren, or by voice (runners, telephone, radio).

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Colonel USMC  
Commanding

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