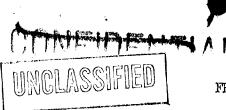
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III Marine Amphibious Morce FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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From:

Commanding Officer

To:

Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Via:

Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force
 Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
 Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Tacific

Command Chronology for period of 1 June to 30 June 1970

Ref:

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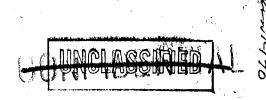
(b) FMFFaco 5750.8B

(c) CAFO 5750.1

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

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

2. Downgraded at three year intervals. Declassified after 12 year interval in accordance with DOD Directive 5200,100



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#### COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June 1970 TO 30 June 1970

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## PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

COMMANDER

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

LtCol Claude M. DANIELS, USMC 1 June 1970 - 30 June 1970



### SUBORDINATE UNITS

	1	SUBORDINATE (	INLIE
Combined Action	Company	3-1	Capt John J. MCNAMARA, USWCR 1 June 1970 - 30 June 1970
Combined Action	Company :	3=2	Capt Phillip E. TUCKER, USAG 1 June 1970 - 30 June 1970
Combined Action	Company	3-3	Capt Frank No MCCARTHY, USBC 1 June 1970 - 3 June 1970
			Capt Thomas M. CAMMONTER, USMO 4 June 1970 - 30 June 1970
Combined Action	Company	3⊷4	Capt Thomas M. CARPENTER, USMC 1 June 1970 - 3 June 1970
	·.		lstLt. Dennis F. CLANCET, USING 4 June 1970 ~ 30 June 1970
Combined Action	Company 3	3-5	Capt Phillip E. TUCKER, USMC 1 June 1970 - 3 June 1970
			Capt Frank N. MCCARPHY, USMC 4 June 1970 - 30 June 1970
2. LOCATION			
Headquarters	1-30June	970	Phu Bai Combat Base, Huong Thuy District, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-1	1-30June	970	Huong Thuy District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CA00 3-2	1 <b>-</b> 30June	70	Phu Loc District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CA 00 3-3	1. <b>-</b> 30June	70	Phu Thu District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-4	1-30June	70	Miong Tra District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CA00 3-5	1-30June	70	Truoi Bridge Headquarters, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Province

COMPAND STREET

# CONTINUE IDENTIAL

#### 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major Walter N. COLLISON Jr. USMO 1 June 1970 - 30 June 1970

8-1

Captain James D. DEFIETRO, USMO 1 June 1970 - 30 June 1970

S-2/3

Major William J. LAMMES XIII, USMC 1 June 1970 - 29 June 1970

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Captain John J. MCNAMARA, USMER 30 June 1970

Captain Roger D. 2003NB, USMB 1 June 1970 - 30 June 1970

Chaplain

ICDR Dowey V. PAGE, USN 1 June 1970 - 30 June 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMO

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ARVN (Athenhed)

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Eni.

5. END-OF-MONTH UNIT DIARY STRENGTH

USMC

USN

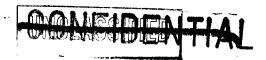
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#### PART II

#### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

#### I. COMMAND, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

- A. During this reporting period enemy activity continued to the means involving the Combined Action Platoons. Contact with enemy forces resulted in 16 VC/NVA KTA (one of which was a VC/NVA WTA POW who died of vounds encoute to the hospital), and II individual weapons and three crow served weapons captured. One of the contacts alone resulted in nine NVA KTA, and seven AK-47 rifles and one RPG-2 captured with no friendly casualthies sustained. Also during this period, seven Rome plows were put to work in CAP 3-3-6's area of operations. The results of these plows have been rightficant. By the end of the mouth three bunkers were destroyed and 800 pounds not rido. were found and redistributed to the PFs and villagers. The ploud have been particularly important to the CAP members, as the area is infested with surprise firing devices.
- B. The CAP leaders seminar continues to function as an opportunity for reemphasis on military subjects and a little accializing with contemporaries. Seminars were held on 8 and 22 June and the topics covered included; artillery support, rules of engagement, leadership as it applies to the CAP leader, and explosive ordnance disposal. Following each seminar, the CAP leaders attended a specially prepared lunch prior to returning to the field. At the seminars scheduled for next month, the CAP leaders will be encouraged to being along another member of their CAP.
- C. The S-3 Mobile Training Team continued to conduct formal classes for the CAPs. The classes were conducted on 5, 7, 25, 26 and 29 June and were attended by 5h Marines and 82 Popular Forces soldiers from the platoons associated with the CAPs. In addition, eight Marines attended NCO Leadership School at the First Marine Division, and five Marines attended Vistnamese Language School at Danang.
- D. On 24, 25 and 26 June, a USO show was held at each of the GACO Head-quarters and a final show at 3d CAO Headquarters. Each CAP left's security element at its day position and all the other Marines and some PP Trung-Si's were transported to the CACO Headquarters.
  - E. A summary of activities by CACO is as follows:
    - 1. CACO 3-1
- a. Activity in Houng Thuy District continued to increase and on 18 June 1970, CAP 3-1-3 suffered one USMC KIA, one PF KIA, one USMC WIA, and five PFs WIA.
- b. On 3.3 June 1970, CAP 3-1-1 spotted 3.2 VC/AVA and killed three. The starlight scope was particularly instrumental in this contact.

three PFs for their parts in the contacts on 24 May and 13 June 1970.

#### 2. CACO 3-2

- a. During this reporting period, CACO 3-2 continued utilizing its PSID's along the shore line of Cau Hai Bay.
- b. CAPs from CACO 3-2 continued to conduct long fringe patrols on the outer boundaries of their TACCs. One such activity, was specifically assigned the task of capturing a leading VC official. Because of increased friendly activity in the area, however, the effort had to be abandoned after two days.

#### 3. CACO 3-3

- a. Activity in Phu Thu District remained relatively quiet. The Rome plows transported to CAP 3-3-6 on 25 June 1970 have uncovered numerous bunkers, caches and surprise fixing devices.
- b. Road construction by both Vietnamess and Americans continues in Phu Thu.

#### 4. CACO 3-4

- a. Rockets were again received in the vicinity of 6400 3-4 Headquarters; however, none of them landed within the headquarters perimeter.
- b. The company's training program conditions to place emphasis on the PF platoons. During one training session, a serious wound was incurred by the company gunnery sergeant when he attempted to colleges an M-72 (L. ). Three fingers and part of his palm on the left hand had to be amoutated and he is presently in the hospital in Japan.

#### 5. CACO 3-5

- a. CACO 3-5 continues to have most of the contect in 3d CAG. CAP 3-5-1 had a particularly large contact on 16 June killing nine NVA.
- b. The area between Phu Loc and Huong Thuy Districts seems to remain the major route of enemy approach to the lowlands.
- F. During the month of June, the 3d CAG armorer made four visits to the CAPs in the field to inspect and make minor repairs to weapons.
- G. On 21 June 1970, The 101st Airborne Division held a two mile cross country race and Sgt D. POWELL, from 3d CAG, came in second.
- H. On 18 June 1970, 3d CAG was visited by Col NETZGIR, CAF Commanding Officer and Sgt Major WIGGINS, the CAF Sgt Major.



The period, ICdr D. V. PAGE, 3d CAG Chaplain, conducted of persons. He also conducted two memorial services which were attended by 105 persons.

J. The totals for this month's activities are as follows;

DAY PATROLS		/ <u>N</u>	IGHT P.	ATROLS		A	WBUS-13	
900			1116				153?	
ENEMY CASUA	LTIES							
VC/NVA KIA	VC/NVA	POW DET	vcs	IWC	CSWC	CHIEU HO	<u>I</u>	
5 1/1	0 0	0	0	11	3	0		
FRIENDLY CA	SUAL TIES							
USMC: KIA	WIA(E)	WIA(M)	MIA	FOW	NHC	DOW		
2	7	0	0	0	1	0	·	
PF: KIA	WIA(E)	WLA(M)						
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VIP PAIMENT	<u>s</u>							
6,100 \$VN w	as paid to	Vietnames	se Nati	onals:	for ord	mnoe or :	informatio	n.
PSYOPS								- ,
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PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Personnel Transactions. During the month of June the following personnel transactions were completed.

Joined

USMC

Rotated CONUS

USMC

Reassignment Within WestPac 3.

USMC

Enl

Transferred by Service Records While Sick (out of country) 40 Hospital)

> USMC Off Enl

5. Extension of WestPac Tour Effected

USMC

PROMOTIONS: During the month of June the following promotions were effected.

To PFC	lı.	To SSgt	2
To ICpl	<b>8</b> 9	To GyŠgt	1
To Cpl	Ö	To lstSgt/MSgt	0
To Set	11	To SgtMaj/MG/Sgt	- 0

LEGAL MATTERS

Courts held

0 SpCM

SCM

22 VArticle 32 Investigations completed: 0

- 3. NJP: 19
- 4. JAG-Type Investigations: 2 Completed: 2
- D. AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS
  - SSM 0
  - BSM O
  - NCM O
  - NAM 0
  - PH 9
- E. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREPS

The Command has responded to:

- 6 CONGRINTS
- O SPLINTS
- 3 WELREIS
- F. MORALE AND WELFARE
  - 1. RAR. The Command has utilized the following number of quotes to the R&R areas listed.
  - a. Hong Kong l Japan 2
    - Taipei 5 Bangkok 5
    - Hawaii 5 Sydney 8
    - Okinawa l Manila 2
  - b. In Country

0



2. Mell. Daily exerage bags of mail processed

Incoming

Outgoing

4

2

3. Hespital Visitations.

19 Visits

54 Patients

G. CAREER PLANNING

Re-enlistments: 0

Extensions: 1

MEDICAL. Monthly totals are as follows: WIA(E)-7, WIA(M)-0, NHC-1, KIA-2, FUO-2, Malaria-0, MedCaps-7,777. The low MedCap total for the month is due to the CAPs poving out of the villages and into less populated areas.

#### IV. Logistics/Supply

- A. Significant Events. Negative significant events to report for month of June 1970.
- B. Damage to Weapons Due to Enemy Action. Negative report is submitted on Combat Loss of Weapons for month of June 1970.

#### C. Motor Transport

- 1. Motor transport vehicles averaged a total of h1,000 miles during the month. Cargo transported consisted of 68 tons of Classes I and V in support of the Combined Action Platoons in the field.
- 2. The following Group Motor Transport vehicles were repaired during the reporting period:
  - a. Vehicles repaired by 3d Combined Action Group (2d echelon)

M157A1	32	M71.8	1
M37B1	23	An/mrc109	1
M35A2C	بلڌ	CFM 15	1
M416	6		

b. Vehicles repaired at FLC (3d/4th echelon)

M37B1 1

c. Vehicles repaired by 2d Maintenance Bn (U.S. Army) (3d echelon)

M151A1 1

D. Food Services. The Food Services Department, 26th General Support Group, Phu Bai, has provided adequate support to this Command during the reporting period.

#### E. Ordnance

- 1. The ammunition support received from ASP at Phu Bai was satisfactory during the reporting period.
- 2. The following is a breakdown of repairs made to organic weapons and repairs pending.
  - a. Weapons repaired by 3d CAG Armory

M-16 Rifle	3	37	45 Cal Pistol	10
M-60 Machine G	un 2	21	Shotgun	3
M-79 Grenade I	auncher	8	Sterlight Scope	15
				ACCIENCE L
			JOHN ANDA	

b. Weapons repaired at FLC, DaNang



M-16 Rifle	2	Shotgun	2
M-60 Machinegun	8	Starlight Scope	8.
M-70 Granada Launcher	<b>3.</b>		

c. Weapons pending repair at FLC, DaNang

M-16 Rifle 2 Starlight Scope 5
M-79 Grenade Launcher 1

- F. Miscellaneous Service. Forty fire extinguishers were installed throughout the 3d Combined Action Group Headquarter's area. Some living quarters were painted inside and old screen was replaced on the outside.
- G. Supply. Inventory was conducted on all personal effects held in storage. Additional inventories were conducted on all formal account items in the warehouse and armory.
- H. Communications. Support received from 2nd Maintenance Battation has been satisfactory. Of the forty items of communications equipment turned in for repair, 99% were repaired and 1% remain pending.

#### V. Civic Action

As The following statistics represent Civic Action accomplishments of this Command for the month of June 1970.

l.	Medical Treatment	Total 8
	Med-Caps	7,777
2.	Distribution of Commodities	
	Soap Candy Cigarettes Tin roofing	280 Pars 250 Ibs. 100 packs 15 <b>s</b> heets
3.	Health and Samitation	
	Immunizations Pemicilin Aspirin Bandages	350 800 tablets 900 tablets 100
4.	Educational Efforts	
	English Classes Attendance	1.00 975

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5. Construction Completed



Road Repair Wells Bridges (foot) Dispensary 2321

B. Narrative. There are several projects that are in various stages of completion. No new projects are being started until after the completion of those presently under construction.

- Co Religious Activities for Reporting Period June 1970
  - 1. Protestant Services with Holy Communion by Chaplain Page

Number of Services

Autendance

2. Catholic Mass - by Chaplain Fiorino

Number of Services

Attendance

3. Memorial Services

Number of Services

Attendence

4. Chaplain Page visited 4th Combined Action Group and provided M Protestant Worship Services with Holy Communion where 136 personnel attended.





PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

- 1. On 6 June 1970 at YD 663272, a unit of approximately 15 VC/NVA initiated contact with CAP 3-4-4 at YD 663272 with AK-47 fire and three rounds of M-79 fire. One Marine received very minor fragmentation wounds in the left leg. The enemy was located approximately 150 meters north of the Marines in the hamlet of Van Xa. CAP 3-4-4 returned fire with small arms. An initial sweep under organic illumination produced one VC KIA and one AK-47 magazine. A follow up sweep at first light revealed one AK-47 magazine, one 1 lb block of TNT and one M-26 fragmentation grenade. The enemy W KIA was yearing camouflage face paint.
- 2. On 7 June 1970, while set in an ambush at YD 916108, CAP 3-5-1 observed one NVA carrying a weapon and approaching the ambush site from the west. The CAP initiated contact from approximately 20 meters with automatic weapons fire and claymores. The NVA fled to the east. The CAP swept the area with negative results. Later, while moving to an alternate ambush site, CAP 3-5-1 observed six NVA with weapons 100 meters to the southwost. The CAP initiated contact with small arms fire. A sweep of the area produced one NVA KJA, one AK-47 rifle with magazine, one pack, one watch, and one wallet.
- 3. On 8 June 1970, while CAP 3 fell was in its day harbor site at YD 916107, the hamlet chief of Gan Tam Hamlet brought in one NVA belt and stated that he knew the whereabouts of the body of one NVA in the area of the CAP's earlier contact of 7 June 1970. A patrol was dispatched to the area and found the body of one NVA KIA. Location of the body was approximately 30 meters from where the claymores were activated during the initial contact the preceding night.
- 4. On 13 June 1970, CAP 3-1-1, while set in an ambush site at YO 787166, observed 12 NVA with packs and weapons through a starlight scope. The CAP initiated contact from approximately 30 meters with claymores, M-72 and small arms fire. The enemy fled in all directions, but generally to the northwest. The enemy returned fire with one B-40 round that failed to detonate. A sweep of the area produced three NVA KIA, one AK-47, two RPG-7 rocket launchers, eight B-40 rockets and one satchel charge.
- 5. On 14 June 1970, CAP 3-5-5, while set in an ambush site at YD 977048, observed two NVA carrying AK-47 rifles moving southeast. The CAP initiated contact with claymores and small arms fire. The enemy returned fire with two B-40 rockets and fled to the west. A sweep of the area produced one NVA KIA wearing a khaki uniform, one AK-47 rifle, and one pair of binoculars.
- 6. On 16 June 1970, CAP 3-5-1, while set in an ambush site at YD 916108, observed 20 NVA carrying weapons and moving in a column formation in an easterly direction. At a distance of ten meters the CAP initiated contact with claymores and small arms fire. The NVA returned fire with AK-4? fire



and approximately 12 B-40 rockets. The enemy then fled to the southwest. A sweep of the area produced eight NVA KIA, one NVA WIA(POW), seven AK-47 rifles, one RPG-2, three B-40 rockets, 12 AK-47 magazines, miscellaneous documents, assorted web gear, and medical supplies. The NVA WIA(POW) died of wounds enroute to the hospital, bringing the number of RTA to mine.

7. On 26 June 1970 at approximately 0150H, CACO 3-5 Headquarters received eight B-40 rounds and small arms fire, all of which impacted cutside the perimeter. Fire was received from the west and the south and an USEE was observed approaching the perimeter from the north. The enemy was taken under fire with M-79 fire at approximately 50 meters with unknown results. There were no friendly casualties.



PART IV

OUTPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. The following is a list of the Supporting Documents contained in this report.
  - a. Monthly Operations Report covering period of 1-30 June 1970.
- b.  $\sim$  Control, Turn in and Disposal of Captured Enemy Weapons Report for month of May 1970.

PART IV

SUFPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. The following is a list of the Supporting Documents contained in this report.
  - a. Monthly Operations Report covering period of 1-30 June 1970.
- b. Control, Turn in and Disposal of Captured Enemy Weapons Report for month of May 1970.



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

3/CAV/tu 3460 3 July 1970

From: Commanding Officer

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

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

Ref: (a) For0 3460.40

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information is provided for the month of June 1970.

a.	Captured	TW	in cs	3
b.	Destroyed by Capturing Unit	īv.	0 os	<del>-6</del>
C.	Turned in to sub-collection points		17.08	3
d.	Received at Corps level collection points	IW		Ö
8•		IW	n us	0
f.	Retained in Museums or Exhibits	IW	o cs	.0
g.	Retained as War Trophies	IW		
h.	Recaptured and Returned to USA, PF or RVNAF control			Ō
1.	Other (with appropriate explanations)	IW_	o cs	0

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III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO San Francisco 96602

3/CAV/tu 3121 3 July 1970

Fromt Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

Via: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force

Subj: Monthly Historical Summary

Ref: (a) FMFPac0 5750.100

(b) ForO 3121.LB

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the following report is submitted for the month of June 1970.

#### a. Location and Strength

Strength USMC USN Designation Enl PF Plt No Off Enl off PF Location 3d CAG 4 67 1 3 Phu Bai Base 3-1 CACO 1 10 YD 847127 03 10 1 XD 7716 3-1-1 33 33 -91 8 YD 9111 1 3-1-3 160 7 YD 8417 1 3-1-4 34 9 1 YD 8218 158 3-1-5 9 YD 7823 3-1-6 3-2 CACO **ZD** 097008 1 21 3-2-1 135 9 1 ZD 0800 130 10 1 19 ZD 1402 3-2-2 140 11 22 ZD 1901 3-2-3 64 10 24 AU 8001 3-2-4 25 10 1 ZD 1601 3-2-5 1.39 10 20 138 ZD 14:00 3-2-6 3-3 CACO 1 YD 896188 104\* 3-3-1 30 1 15 YD 9519 10 3-3-2 100 31 YD 8823 160 9 33 XD 8924 3-3-3 10 105 29 3-3-4 YD 8921 10 161 29 XD 9221 104\* HAVET NO CLEVEL

CONFIF	Strength MC USN						
<u>Designation</u>	PF Plt No	Off	Enl	Off	Enl	PF	Location
3-4 CACO 3-4-2 3-4-4 3-4-6	53,54,55 47 145,52,56,1 59,146	1	9 11 9 10 9		1	21 36 25 27	YD 754252 YD 6824 YD 7018 YD 6827 YD 6227
3-5 CACO 3-5-1 3-5-2 3-5-3 3-5-4 3-5-5	129 136 162 133 132	1	8 9 10 9 10		1 1 1 1	28 26 35 33 30	YD 967063 YD 9210 YD 9505 YD 9607 YD 9806 YD 9705

\* CAP 3-3-1 and CAP 3-3-6 are both working in latter's AO and are both using PF platoon 104 in their day and night activities.

#### b. Activities

Day Patrols	Night Patrols	Ambushes	
900	1116	1533	

#### c. Enemy Casualties

VC/NVA/KIA	VC/NVA POW	DET VCS	IWC CS	C CHEEU HOI
2 14	0 0	0 0	11 3	0

### d. Friendly Casualties

USMC	: KIA	WIA(E)	WIA(M)	MIA	POW	NHC	DOW
	2	7	0	0	0	1	0
PF:	KIA	WIA(E)	WIA(M)				
	2	R	3				

e. VIP Payments. 6,100 \$VN was paid to Vietnamese Nationals for ordnance or information.

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