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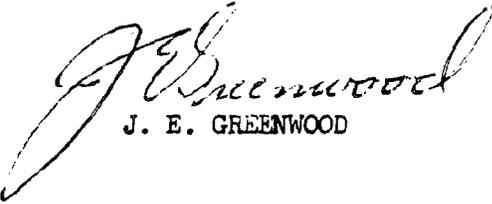
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November 1968 - 30 November 1968

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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LtCol. J. E. GREENWOOD 1-30 Nov68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

CACO 4-1	1stLt F. J. ROSSI	1-30 Nov68
CACO 4-2	Capt W. C. BLAHA	1-30 Nov68
CACO 4-3	SSgt C. E. WRIGHT	1-12 Nov68
	1stLt J. P. MURCHISON	13-30 Nov68

2. LOCATION

Headquarters, 4th CAG	1-30 Nov68	Quang Tri Combat Base
CACO 4-1	1-26 Nov68	Cam Lo District
	27-30 Nov68	Dong Ha District
CACO 4-2	1-30 Nov68	Mai Linh District
CACO 4-3	1-30 Nov68	Trieu Phong District

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Group Executive Officer	Maj. R. M. COOPER	1-30 Nov68
S-1/AdminO	1stLt J. E. HILLMAN	1-30 Nov68
S-3	Maj. D. R. DICKEY	1-30 Nov68
S-4	CWO R. A. GREER	1-30 Nov68

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

<u>USMC Officers</u>	<u>USMC Enlisted</u>	<u>USN Enlisted</u>
8	256	19

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

## Command-Operations-Training

Command and staff attention during the month of November was directed toward two major planning projects: support of the accelerated pacification program and expansion of the 4th Combined Action Group.

The GVN accelerated pacification program for Quang Tri Province identified 30 target hamlets that are to receive priority attention during the period 1 Nov 1968 and 31 Jan 1969. Province officials identified 58 additional hamlets considered to be within their pacification capabilities during the same period. Through a series of meetings and staff visits, Province officials, U. S. and Vietnamese commanders, and advisory personnel coordinated on the allocation of military forces and pacification resources to the target hamlets. 4th CAG, of course, participated in all these discussions. One of the most significant developments occurred when CG, 3d Marine Division made the 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines available to support the effort in the Cam Lo and Huong Hoa (Cua) areas. To minimize operational problems, it was agreed that 4th CAG should relocate the two Cam Lo CAPs, thus focusing its efforts elsewhere in the Province and leaving the Cam Lo and Huong Hoa (Cua) regions to be supported by the 3d Marine Division.

At approximately the same time, CG III MAF responded favorably to a request for additional CAPs previously submitted by CG 3d Marine Division. (See CG 3d MarDiv ltr 3/PDL/glp 3669/4 of 26Sep68 and CG III MAF ltr 14/jlb over 3120.1 of 4Nov68 in Part IV). By copy of the III MAF response, CO 4th CAG was directed to coordinate with the 3d Marine Division staff and propose the specific sites at which new CAPs would be located.

The planning problem facing 4th CAG, therefore, was threefold. It was necessary to identify two sites to which the Cam Lo District CAPs would move; to analyze all existing CAP areas of coordination and determine the shifts or adjustments necessary to best support the pacification program; and to select sites in order of priority for the new CAPs. Major factors to be considered in this planning were the location of the hamlets targeted in the accelerated pacification plan, the allocation of US/GVN forces and pacification resources, intelligence, and other major province projects currently underway or pending. Extensive coordination was completed with Vietnamese officials and senior advisors in Dong Ha, Trieu Phong, Mai Linh, Cam Lo, and Gio Linh Districts. Close liaison was maintained with the G-3 of the 3d Marine Division and the Province Senior Advisor to keep them appraised of developments.

On 15 November 1968, CO 4th CAG presented a detailed plan to CG,

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3d Marine Division and received his concurrence. The plan was then presented to the Quang Tri Province Chief, who approved it on 22 November 1968. This plan made provisions for the following:

1. Closing of CAP 4-1-3 in Cam Lo. Movement of its Marine element to YD 220623 in Dong Ha District where it would reform with PF Platoon 82 and be designated as CAP 4-1-5.
2. Closing of CAP 4-1-2 in Cam Lo. Movement of its Marine element to YD 270582 in Dong Ha District where it would reform with PF platoon 83 and be designated as CAP 4-1-6.
3. Movement of CACO 4-1 Headquarters from Cam Lo to Dong Ha District Headquarters.
4. Closing of CAP 4-3-1 in Trieu Phong. Movement of its Marine element to YD 333632 where it would reform with PF Platoon 51 and be designated as CAP 4-3-6.
5. Closing of CAP 4-2-5 in An Thai/Dai Nai area. Movement of its Marine element to Nhu Le where it would reform with PF Platoon 62 and be designated as CAP 4-2-6.
6. Adjustment of current Areas of Coordination (AOCs) of CAPs 4-3-2, 4-3-3, 4-3-4, 4-2-2 and 4-2-4.
7. Closing of compound occupied by CAP 4-2-1 and establishment of the unit in a mobile posture within its present AOC.
8. Identification of 12 sites for new CAPs and establishment of priority for their occupation.

The rationale supporting the selection of the sites for new CAPs is explained in CO 4th CAG ltr 1/JEH/wgh, 3121 of 23Nov68 (see Part IV). Similar considerations influenced the decisions to move four CAPs to new AOCs and to adjust the AOCs of five others. An additional factor of significance in making the internal moves was the desire to better focus CAP effort. Progress in CACO 4-3 area during October and early November suggested previous areas were too large for CAPs to exercise proper tactical control, and the division of training time among two or even three different PF platoons tended to reduce the overall impact of the program.

On 1 November 1968, III MAF/SA, ICTZ Letter of Instruction 26-68 was issued. This directive gave Province/District chiefs authority over CAPs in areas concerned to include authority for relocation within their own province/district after coordination with the appropriate CAG/CACO and PSA/DSA. This significant change enabled much of the above plan to be put into effect at once without awaiting approval from the III MAF/I Corps level as previously required. Internal shifts and AOC

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adjustments began at once, and only the request for new CAPs was forwarded to higher authority by the parallel chains of command.

When approval for the relocation of CAPs 4-1-2 and 4-1-3 to Dong Ha District was received, CACO 4-1 began preparations immediately. Compounds were cleaned out and excess personal effects stored. On 27 November CAP 4-1-3 and the CACO 4-1 Headquarters moved. The old 4-1-3 compound was turned over to PF Platoon #87, which was directed to continue operations at that site. By 30 Nov 1968, CAP 4-1-2 had completed all arrangements for shifting to Dong Ha District and for turning its compound over to PF Platoon #76. The move was scheduled for 2 December 1968.

The deactivation of CAP 4-2-5 and the activation of CAP 4-2-6 at Nhu Le YD 315480 occurred on 25 November 1968. Adjustments in CAP 4-2-4's AOC were effected on the same date. Preparation for closing the 4-2-1 compound began on 20 November and continued throughout the multi-battalion cordon and search operation that was conducted in Thuong Xa by forces from the 3d Marine Division, 1st ARVN Regiment, and Quang Tri Province. The shift to a completely mobile posture was made on 27 November 1968, the date the operation terminated. In the 4-2-2 AOC no changes had been effected by the end of the month, and plans for future adjustments were still under consideration.

CAP 4-3-1 was deactivated on 15 November 1968. This action occurred because operations throughout October and November confirmed that the area was well pacified and in little need of CAP attention. On the same date, the Marine element of the CAP shifted to the Bo Bong area as planned and reformed with PF Platoon #51 as CAP 4-3-6. Adjustments to the 4-3-2, 4-3-3 and 4-3-4 AOCs were made later in the month.

See Part IV for a map representation of all CAP AOCs in effect during any part of the month.

Enemy contacts were few throughout the month, although 4th CAG continued its program of small unit activities and area saturation. Total operations for November were:

<u>Day Patrols</u>	<u>Night Patrols</u>	<u>Ambushes</u>	<u>LPs</u>
332	379	389	269

Efforts continued to keep the Combined Action Program abreast of the evolving GVN pacification program. Additional information on the GVN effort to establish Popular Self-Defense Forces was promulgated to the 4th CAG. At the Combined Action Program Director's Meeting in Danang on 29 November 1968, initial arrangements were made to have CACO commanders inspect Revolutionary Development Cadre Teams operating in their areas. Not only will this effort assist the RD teams but it will give Combined Action Program personnel a better insight into, and a closer working relationship with, this important program.

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In order to improve small unit operations a new system of checking CAP operations was initiated in November. On a nightly basis, a staff NCO was assigned to accompany CAPs on patrols and ambushes. Results of the inspections drew attention to many small discrepancies and oversights on the part of small unit leaders. This information was relayed to CAP leaders and to CACO commanders with instructions to initiate corrective measures.

When a new fire support unit, 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized), moved into Trieu Phong, Mai Linh, and Hai Lang Districts, it was necessary to revise the fire support plans for CAPs in these districts. Coordination was initiated in late November to determine the fastest, most reliable means of support. The major problem appeared to be obtaining dual clearances from U. S. military units and the Vietnamese officials at district and province levels. As the month ended some improvement had been achieved, but the results were still not entirely satisfactory.

Extensive action was initiated in November to improve the quality of training provided to Marines and Popular Forces. First, liaison was accomplished with the G-3 Section, 3d Marine Division, and it was determined that the Division small arms instruction contact team was available to assist the 4th Combined Action Group. The contact team provided specialized instruction on the following subjects: M-16, 60mm mortar, claymore mine, hand grenades, M-79 grenade launcher, LAA, and M-60 machine gun. The team was used to instruct the CAPs in CACO 4-1 on the M-60 machine gun.

In line with one of the more important areas of the Vietnamese conflict, a special personal response instructor from the G-5 section, 3d Marine Division, visited each CAP and presented an informative class.

An outstanding contribution to the 4th Combined Action Group training efforts was received in November as eight training aids, charts in Vietnamese language, were added to the training aids library. The topics of the charts were: marksmanship, 81mm mortar, 60mm mortars, M-79 grenade launcher, map and compass, and individual movement.

Mobile training teams continued to have high impact on Popular Force platoons throughout Mai Linh and Hai Lang Districts. The emphasis on the approach continued to be in the areas of equipment readiness, formal instruction, on-the-job training, (patrols and ambushes and a tactical operation if possible), and in establishing excellent support with the PFs and village officials. Units that completed training in November were PF Platoons #61 and #66 in Mai Linh District, and PF Platoon #6 in Hai Lang District. Total training accomplished included:

Day Patrols - 41	Live Firing - 6 days
Night Patrols - 28	Listening Posts - 5
Night Ambushes - 46	PSYOPS - 1 day operation
Formal Hours of Instruction - 48	REDCAPS - 48

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A PSYOPS order in effect during most of the month was directed toward an aggressive campaign for information concerning VC/NVA leaders and enemy or friendly ordnance that had been left on the battle field. Results of the PSYOPS were:

Posters distributed - 3,300	Ordnance turned in or pointed out - 491
Leaflets distributed - 155,000	Weapons turned in - 3
APT broadcast - 24 hours	VIP Funds expended - 120,875 \$VN
Newspapers distributed - 18,000	

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL. The critical shortage of sergeants (E-5) in the MOS billet 0311 remains. As of 30 November 1968 there were ten sergeants/0311's on the rolls while the T/O allowance is 18. The shortage of 3041/3051 sergeants/below still exists. There are 2 on rolls as of 30 November 1968 and the T/O allowance is five.

ADMINISTRATION. There were no significant developments in administration.

PROMOTIONS. The following promotions were effected:

To LCpl	2	(1 meritorious)
To Cpl	16	(2 meritorious)

OFFICERS JOINED

1	1stLt	0302
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ENLISTED JOINED

<u>MOS</u>	<u>E-8</u>	<u>E-7</u>	<u>E-6</u>	<u>E-5</u>	<u>E-4</u>	<u>E-3</u>	<u>E-2/1</u>	<u>Total</u>
0121						1		1
0311			1	1		2	5	8
2531				1				1
3041						1		1
3051					1			1
3531						1	1	2
Total				2	1	5	6	14

ENLISTED DROPPED ROTATION

<u>MOS</u>	<u>E-8</u>	<u>E-7</u>	<u>E-6</u>	<u>E-5</u>	<u>E-4</u>	<u>E-3</u>	<u>E-2/1</u>	<u>Total</u>
0311				1	6	3	1	11
2111					1			1
2143				1				1
2533					1			1
Total				2	8	3	1	14

DROPPED TO III MAF

1	GySgt	0369
1	Cpl	0311
1	Pvt	0311
1	SSgt	3041

DROPPED TO 3D MARDIV

1	PFC	0311
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USN JOINED

2	HN
2	HM2
Total 4	

USN DROPPED ROTATION

1	HM2
4	HM3
Total 5	

AVERAGE STRENGTH

AVERAGE NON-EFFECTIVE STRENGTH

<u>USMC Off</u>	<u>USMC Enl</u>	<u>USN Enl</u>	<u>USMC Off</u>	<u>USMC Enl</u>	<u>USN Enl</u>
8	256	19	0	33	1

CASUALTIES

KIA	0
WIAE	4
WIANE	0
NBCE	2
NBCNE	0

LEGAL

	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Pending</u>
SCM	2	
SpCM		1

AWARDS RECEIVED

SCOTT, Herbert L. Cpl 0311 2252295

Navy Commendation Medal "V"  
Presented on 1Nov68 by LtGen WALT  
in the field

AWARDS SUBMITTED

COURTNEY, Burton A. Jr. Sgt 2143 2122633

Navy Commendation

GARCIA, Aaron Jr. Cpl 0311 2341503

Navy Achievement

LEFEVRE, William R. Cpl 2533 2245980

Navy Achievement

Capt Ton That Phong ARVN  
Mai Linh District Chief

Certificate of Commendation

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MEDICAL

During the month the Corpsmen from the twelve CAPs and two MTTs treated 7,374 Vietnamese in MEDCAPs. There was no change in the external medical support for the command. It remained adequate in all respects.

A general classification breakdown of military patients treated for the month of November follows:

1. Upper Respiratory Infection - 28
2. Skin Disease - 29
3. Diarrhea and Dysentery - 8
4. Fever of Undetermined Origin - 4
5. Injuries, Non-Combat - 2
6. Usual Diseases - 5
7. Others - 64

LOGISTIC/SUPPLY

Supply operations improved since completion of a new 768 square feet SEA hut for a warehouse and establishment of a new locator system. Sufficient quantities of jungle utilities and socks have been received to relieve clothing shortage. Five night vision sights AN/PVS-2 were received, issued and put in immediate service in CAPs 4-1-4, 4-2-1, 4-2-3, 4-3-3, and 4-3-6. Supply support from FLC and FLSG-B has continued to improve.

The scheduling of weekly preventive maintenance on vehicles was a problem due to the heavy commitment of vehicles each day. This was resolved by performing PM's at night on vehicles assigned to CAG Headquarters and scheduling PM's on CACO's vehicles during the weekly Commanding Officer's Conference. Quarterly PM's are pulled monthly on all vehicles due to the road and weather conditions. A safety lecture was held on 4 November 1968 to caution drivers on speeding, proper operation of vehicle, and proper maintenance procedures. Total mileage for the month of November 1968 was 8,230 miles.

## CIVIC ACTION

During the month of November all CAPs and MTT participated in Civic Action projects including over 7,000 medical treatments, and the distribution of 2100 pounds of footstuffs, 110 pounds of clothing, 192 pounds of soap, and 150 school kits. The bulk of this clothing was received from individual donors in the U. S. in response to articles published in local newspapers by PFC GIBSON, a member of the Civic Action Section. Additionally, 19 Vietnamese health workers were trained and 58 English classes were conducted for 656 Vietnamese.

The following construction projects were completed: a foot bridge at Cam Xuan (YD 231620); repair of 5 houses, (2) Nhan Bieu (YD 324524 and 324513), (1) Bich La Long (YD 362572), (1) Nun Bais (YD 324528) and (1) Vinh Dai (YD 175588); three fences, Nhan Bieu (YD 324529 and 322524); repair of school at Cam Xuan (YD 231652); two public heads at Nhan Bieu, (YD 321525 and 324525); one chicken coup at Long Hung (YD 364514); and repair of one shed roof at Dai Nai (YD 347520).

AIK funds in the amount of 50,000 \$VN were made available by the 3d MarDiv for the purchase of civic action supplies. The majority of the money was spent for tin roofing and school supplies, with the remainder for toys for the Christmas celebration. These items were in immediate need for pending projects and also to support the six-month Civic Action plan.

The Civic Action NCOs in the CAPs continued to be active and met with the Staff of the Civic Action Section to discuss current problems and to refine the six-month plan. The Civic Action NCOs in the CAPs that relocated or had their area of coordination changed commenced to work with the village officials in their new areas.

## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF EVENTS

041700HNov68 - While on patrol CAP 4-3-4 captured two VC women who were carrying two grenades, documents and food. After interrogation women led patrol to three more VC men who surrendered and had five weapons. Results of action: five enemy captured, (1) M-1, (1) AK-47, (1) M-1 Carbine, (1) M-79 and (1) M-16 captured, and assorted documents.

050800-1600HNov68 - Local Vietnamese turned in 45 pieces of friendly and enemy ordnance and approximately 560 rounds of small arms ammo. VIP payment was made on the spot, at CAP 4-1-4.

061100HNov68 - Civilian boy showed CAP 4-1-4 location of AK-47. VIP payment was made on the spot.

071520HNov68 - While on a sweep, CAP 4-2-3 spotted two VC, pursued and received fire and returned fire. Results: two USMC WIA, one VC KIA, (1) AK-47 rifle, (3) AK-47 magazines, (1) M-26 grenade, (1) cartridge belt and one magazine pouch captured.

070800-1630HNov68 - At CAP 4-1-4, local civilians brought in or pointed out location of 19 pieces of friendly and enemy ordnance and approximately 450 rounds of small arms ammo. VIP payments were made on the spot.

081200HNov68 - MTT 4-1 commenced training PF Plt #64 in Van Van (YD379542) in Mai Linh District.

090400HNov68 - While on operation, CAP 4-3-4 received one enemy grenade. Results: three PF Soldiers WIA, CAP returned fire. Results: one VC KIA, on .45 cal pistol captured.

111600HNov68 - MTT 4-1 was withdrawn from Van Van (YD 379542) and discontinued training mission with PF Plt #64.

121940HNov68 - CAP 4-2-1, while on patrol, stopped to check out light. Upon approaching light, point man was hit by automatic fire. Patrol returned fire. Results: one PF KIA.

141850HNov68 - CAP 4-2-3, while on patrol, CAP received fire from their front and flank. Results; two friendly WIA, one starlight scope, combat damaged, hit with small arms fire.

151200HNov68 - CAP 4-3-1 was relocated to (YD333632) in the hamlet of Bo Bang, Trieu Phong District. It will operate as a mobile CAP.

170800HNov68 - CACO 4-1 Commanding Officer departed for R&R. Gunnery Sergeant R. I. LEISTER became the acting CO.

170900HNov68 - CACO 4-2 Commanding Officer departed for R&R. First Sergeant S. MORLET became the acting CO.

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191200HNov68 - MTT 4-2 commenced training PF Platoon #64 at Van Van (YD 379542) in Mai Linh District.

231200HNov68 - CAP 4-3-1 was redesignated as CAP 4-3-6.

241200HNov68 - CACO 4-1 and CACO 4-2 Commanding Officers returned from R&R.

251200HNov68 - CAP 4-2-5 relocated to (YD 315480) and redesignated 4-2-6. CAP will continue to operate as a mobile CAP.

271200HNov68 - CACO 4-1 Headquarters relocated to Dong Ha District Headquarters, (YD 241606).

271200HNov68 - CAP 4-1-3 relocated to (YD 220623) in Dong Ha District. Redesignated as 4-1-4 and will operate as a mobile CAP.

282010HNov68 - CAP 4-1-5 patrol observed two (2) VC move into night position. VC were taken under fire at twenty meters, results of sweep uncovered one (1) AK-47 rifle and one (1) VC helmet.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

4th Combined Action Group Command Chronology  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS-----November 1968

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- 1) Spot Reports
- 2) 4th CAG OUT Messages
- 3) Ltr, 3d MarDiv to III MAF, "Assignment of Combined Action Platoons to 3d Marine Division AC, recommendations concerning", 26 Sep 1968
- 4) Ltr, III MAF to 3d MarDiv, "Assignment of Combined Action Platoons to 3d Marine Division", 4 Nov 1968
- 5) 4th CAG ltr to III MAF, "Expansion of the 4th Combined Action Group", 23 Nov 1968
- 6) 4th CAG "PSYCOPS Operation Order 2-68", 30 Oct 1968
- 7) Map Representation of CAG Areas of Coordination (ACCs)

List added 4 Mar 69

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending Report) CACO 4-3BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 409556 COORD,  
                     KM                      OF                     .CHARLIE - (When; DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 041700HNov68DELTA - (Who, What, How) While on patrol CAP 4-3-4 captured two VC women who were carrying two grenades, documents and food. After interrogation women led patrol to three VC men who led CAP to five hidden weapons.ECHO - (Results) Swept area for more VC - neg results. While on the way to Day position Village Chief had parade from point of capture to position to show people that the CAP was on the job.FOXTROT - Fr/KIA Neg                      GOLF - Fr/MIA Neg                      HOTEL - Fr/MIA Neg                     INDIA - En/KIA Neg                      (C) JULIET - En/Capt'd Five                      KILO - En/Sua Neg                     LIMA - (Weapons Captured) (1) M-1, (1) AK-47, (1) M-1 Carbine, (1) M-79 and (1) M-16MIKE - (EQUIPMENT/DOCUMENTS) Assorted documents and food.NOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) VC taken to District for disposition. Weapons and documents turned over to District Chief.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final Report*T-100*







SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending Report) CACO 4-2BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 315505 COORD,  
                     KM                      OF                     .CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 071520HNov68.DELTA - (Who, What, How) While on a sweep, CAP 4-2-3 spotted two VC, pursued  
and received fire and returned fire.ECHO - (Results) Fired at VC and moved to area VC were hiding. Received one  
enemy grenade. Results: two USMC WIA, one VC KIA.FOXTROT - Fr/KIA Neg GOLF - Fr/WIA Two HOTEL - Fr/MIA NegINDIA - En/KIA One (C) JULIET - En/Capt'd Neg KILO - En/Sus NegLIMA - (Weapons Captured) (1) AK-47 rifle, (3) AK-47 magazines, (1) M-26 grenade  
(1) cartridge belt and (1) magazine pouch.MIKE - (EQUIPMENT/DOCUMENTS)                     NOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Rifle turned in to CAG Headquarters.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final Report.



SPOT REPORT

ALPHA - (Unit sending Report) CACO 4-2

BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 323524 COORD,  
                     KM                      OF                     .

CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 141850HNov68.

DELTA - (Who, What, How) CAP 4-2-3, while on patrol, received fire from their front and flank. Results, two friendly WIA, one starlight scope struck by small arms fire.

ECHO - (Results) Returned fire with negative results.

FOXTROT - Fr/KIA Neg GOLF - Fr/WIA Two (2) HOTEL - Fr/MIA Neg

INDIA - En/KIA Neg (C) JULIET - En/Captrd Neg KILO - En/Sua Neg

LIMA - (Weapons Captured) Neg

MIKE - (EQUIPMENT/DOCUMENTS) Neg

NOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Starlight scope returned to supply with combat damage.

OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final report.

SPOT REPORT

ALPHA - (Unit sending Report) CACO 4-1

BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 220613 COORD,  
                     KM                      OF                     .

CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 282010HNov68.

DELTA - (Who, What, How) Two (2) VC moved into ambush site and at a distance  
of 20 meters were taken under fire by CAP 4-1-5 patrol.

ECHO - (Results) Sweep of area revealed (1) VC Helmet and (1) AK-47 rifle.  
Swept again at first light with neg results.

FOXTROT - Fr/KIA Neg GOLF - Fr/WIA Neg HOTEL - Fr/MIA Neg

INDIA - En/KIA Neg (C) JULIET - En/Captrd Neg KILO - En/Sua Neg

LIMA - (Weapons Captured) one AK-47

MIKE - (EQUIPMENT/DOCUMENTS) one VC Helmet

NOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken)                     

OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final Report





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SECT S-3 PHONE 4TH CAG  
CWO

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FM: FOURTH CAG  
TO: CG III MAF  
(AATN: DIERCAP)

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MTT TRAINING OF POPULAR FORCE UNIT

1. ON 19 NOVEMBER 1968 MTT 4-2 COMMENCED TRAINING PF PLT #64 AT VAN VAN  
(YD 379542) IN MAI LINH DISTRICT.

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DRAFTER D R DICKY  
SECT S-3 PHONE 4TH CAG  
CWO

PRIORITY 240621 Z NOV 68

FM: FOURTH CAG  
TO: CG III MAP  
(ATTN: DIRCAP)

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~~RE~~-DESIGNATION OF CAP

1. CAP 4-3-1 HAS BEEN REDESIGNATED AS CAP 4-3-6 EFFECTIVE 23 NOV 68.

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DRAFTER D R DICKEY  
SECT S-3 PHONE 4TH CAG  
CWO \_\_\_\_\_

PRIORITY 260231Z NOV 68

FM: FOURTH CAG  
TO: CG III MAF  
(ATTN: DIRCAP)

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CAP RELOCATION AND REDESIGNATION

1.. ON 25 NOVEMBER 1968 CAP 4-2-5 WAS RELOCATED TO YD315480. CAP WAS REDESIGNATED FROM 4-2-5 TO 4-2-6. CAP WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS A MOBILE CAP.

BT

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DRAFTER D R DICKEY  
SECT S-3 PHONE 4th CAG  
CWO \_\_\_\_\_

PRIORITY 280323Z NOV 68

FM: FOURTH CAG  
TO: CG III MAF  
(ATTN: DIRCAP)

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RELOCATION AND REDESIGNATION OF CAP

1. ON 27 NOVEMBER 1968 CAF 4-1-3 RELOCATED TO (YD 220623) IN DONG HA DISTRICT. 4-1-3 REDESIGNATED 4-1-5. WILL OPERATE AS A MOBILE CAF.

BT

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DRAFTER D R DICKY  
SECT 9-3 FROM 4TH CAG  
CWO

PRIORITY 280325Z NOV 68

FM: FOURTH CAG  
TO: CG III MAF  
(ATTN: DIRCAP)

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RELOCATION OF CAEO HQ

1. ON 27 NOVEMBER 1968 CACO 4-1 HEADQUARTERS RELOCATED AT DONG HA DIST  
HEADQUARTERS (YD 241606)

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HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marine Division (Rein)  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

3/PDL/glp  
3669/4  
26 Sep 1968

From: Commanding General  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
Via: Commanding General, XXIV Corps

Subj: Assignment of Combined Action Platoons to 3d Marine Division AO,  
recommendations concerning

Ref: (a) Force Order 3121.4B

1. At the present time there are only four Combined Action Platoons operating within the 3d Marine Division's area of operation. With the stabilized situation that has existed since the end of the TET offensive, it is recommended that consideration be given to moving additional platoons to, or activating new platoons in, the northern portion of Quang Tri Province.

2. The 3d Marine Division's area of operations is considered appropriate for the employment of Combined Action Platoons for several reasons:

a. The area contains many HF platoons that would benefit greatly from training given by CAP Marines. There are 17 of these HF platoons in Cam Lo District; 7 more in Cua Valley; at least 7 within the areas relatively proximate to the Cua Viet River; 11 others in Gio Linh District, primarily in the 2d ARVN Regiment's area of operations; and 5 more in the southeastern portion of the Division's area in Trieu Phong District. All 47 of these are considered likely candidates for the Combined Action Program, but less than one-tenth of them are being reached at the present time.

b. Two of the six major projects identified in the current Six Month's Plan for Quang Tri Province would be greatly enhanced by the availability of additional CAP elements. The first of these involves the resettlement of refugees in the Cam Vu area; the second, the development of a large belt of miracle rice north of the Cam Lo River. Both efforts will require introduction of significant security forces into the area and should provide fertile ground for a Combined Action Program effort.

c. The Division would benefit further in an economy-of-force sense. The introduction of additional Combined Action units into the Cua Valley, the Cam Lo refugee area, and along the Cua Viet and the gradual improvement of security and pacification in those areas would eventually free some elements of the Division for offensive operations elsewhere.

d. Preliminary investigation indicates that there are a number of

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specific locations within these areas that meet the criteria for location of Combined Action Platoons as set forth in reference (a).

3. In connection with the economy-of-force consideration mentioned above, it is noted that this Division has less than a proportionate share of the total Combined Action Program allocated to the area in which it operates. The forty odd platoons in Quang Nam Province, for example, give the divisions operating there roughly the equivalent of a regiment of infantry to meet the problems of rear area/local security. A proportionate assignment of forces to Quang Tri Province would materially assist this Division in meeting its extensive commitments.

4. It is further requested that CO 4th Combined Action Group be asked to coordinate with my staff and Vietnamese officials as necessary to prepare a list of specific locations for Combined Action Platoons, listing the priority in which these locations would be occupied if the desired units are made available.

R. G. DAVIS

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III Marine Amphibious Force  
Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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4 Nov 1968

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division  
Via: Commanding General, XXIV Corps  
Subj: Assignment of Combined Action Platoons to 3d Marine Division  
Ref: (a) CG 3dMarDiv ltr ser: 3/PDL/glp 3669/4 dtd 26Sep68  
(b) Force Order 3121.4B

1. The request for staff coordination with the Commanding Officer, 4th Combined Action Group and for planning with Vietnamese officials, as contained in reference (a) is approved. I have directed the Director, Combined Action Program, to effect liaison of Commanding Officer, 4th CAG with appropriate members of your staff as soon as possible.
2. Assignment of Combined Action Platoons cannot be made at this time but will be considered upon receipt of definitive information as to locations and priority for activation. Such request should be correspondingly initiated by the Province Chief, Quang Tri Province, to the Commanding General, ICTZ, to insure coordination and approval by the Government of Viet Nam.
3. In the determination of future CAP sites the vital role of III MAF in support of the current Pacification Program must be considered. I feel that CAPs can only be assigned in contested hamlets and villages to accomplish the detailed mission, as set forth in paragraph 8b to reference (b), and not for augmentation or replacement of presently deployed security elements.

NOTE: This letter was signed by CG, III MAF on 4 Nov 1968.

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4th Combined Action Group  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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23 Nov 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: Expansion of the 4th Combined Action Group

Ref: (a) CG, III MAF ltr 14/jlb over 3120/1 of 4 Nov 1968  
(b) Force Order 3121.4B

Encl: (1) Overlay showing proposed CAF sites and adjusted areas of coordination

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b) the location of prospective CAF sites has been discussed in detail with the District Chief and District Senior Advisors of Hai Lang, Mai Linh, Trieu Phong, Dong Ha, Gio Linh, and Cam Lo Districts; with CG, 3d Marine Division; and with the Province Chief and Province Senior Advisor. The following sites have been selected in order of priority:

An Tru (Trieu Phong)	375560
Tuong Van Ap (Trieu Phong)	330665
Tra Loc (Hai Lang)	390540
Mai Dang (Hai Lang)	390470
Mai Loc (Trieu Phong)	336618
Pho Lai Xa (Dong Ha)	223625
Cu Hoan (Hai Lang)	435495
Giap Hi (Hai Lang)	435435
Van Tri (Hai Lang)	460445
Ha Thanh (1) (Gio Linh)	218697
Ha Thanh (2) (Gio Linh)	228680
Ha Thuong (Gio Linh)	220725

(NOTE: Above list reflects the coordinates of the approximate center of the proposed area of coordination and the nearest hamlet name. See enclosure (1) for accurate plots.)

2. The above sites meet the criteria cited in paragraph 10 of reference (b). Additionally, they lend major support to the current pacification plan and to other priority projects underway or pending within Quang Tri Province. These new areas of coordination contain seven hamlets designated by GVN as priority hamlets for the current pacification effort and four hamlets that have been assigned similar priority by the Province Chief.

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23 Nov 1968

Subj: Expansion of the 4th Combined Action Group

The An Tru and Tra Loc areas contain portions of Route 555, which is currently being opened in support of the Gia Dang operation. Pho Lai Ya lies within an area scheduled for population resettlement and planting of miracle rice beginning in February 1969. The three Trieu Phong sites, when added to the adjusted areas of other CAPs now operating in the District, would form an extensive north-south screen protecting the District's priority pacification areas and paralleling the less pacified "Street Without Joy". Mai Dang and Tra Loc are located astride what is considered to be a major VC supply/infiltration route running from Base Area 101 to the coastal and "Street Without Joy" areas. Expansion into Gio Linh District would put CAPs in position where they could eventually work with more than half the District's thirteen (13) platoons and enhance the security of more than 24,000 people.

3. The three CACO headquarters presently activated within 4th CAG are capable of exercising effective control over the first six sites proposed in paragraph 1 above. Expansion beyond that point, would generate a requirement for additional command/control facilities. A CACO headquarters would then be needed in Hai Lang, and a second one should be considered for Gio Linh if the three sites there are approved.

4. In order to support the pacification effort more effectively, arrangements have also been made to shift or adjust the areas of eight existing Combined Action Platoons, and to move CACO 4-1 from Cam Lo to the Dong Ha District Headquarters. (See enclosure (1)). These internal changes have been approved by the Province Chief and will be effected within the next few days. They permit the 4th Combined Action Group to concentrate its efforts in the Dong Ha, Trieu Phong, Mai Linh, Hai Lang, and Gio Linh Districts with the understanding that the 3d Marine Division will provide the U. S. presence and support for the GVN pacification effort in the Cam Lo and Huong Hoa (Cua) Districts. In approving the plan the Province Chief indicated that unforeseen developments prevent the 3d Marine Division from keeping adequate forces assigned to the pacification effort in Cam Lo and Huong Hoa (Cua) Districts, it is probably that another realignment would be necessary. This would involve either shifting units internally to assist these Districts or possibly assigning new Combined Action Platoons to them before occupying all of the sites proposed in paragraph 1.

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) VC/NVA leaders who are known or names of VC/NVA leaders who appear on District blacklists.

(2) Known enemy caches of weapons or ordnance.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Armed Propaganda Teams.

(2) Vietnamese Information Service, (VIS).

(3) DIOCC Personnel.

(4) Hamlet/Village Officials.

(5) Police Field Forces.

(6) U.S. and Free World Forces in AOs.

2. MISSION

a. Fourth Combined Action Units will conduct an aggressive Psychological Warfare campaign with the use of awards funds to influence Vietnamese Nationals to reveal the location of VC/NVA leaders, ordnance, and weapons.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Commencing on 4 November, all CACOs will tailor their operations to effectively accomplish the mission through the use of PSYOPS material as provided by this headquarters.

b. 4th CAG PSYOPS Officer will:

(1) Coordinate all CACO's operations.

(2) Distribute posters, leaflets and other materials to CACOs as necessary to support program. (Annex A)

(3) Assign Armed Propaganda Teams, as available, to meet requirements of the plan.

(4) Arrange for aerial broadcasts during the period 11-16 November. Coordinate operations with CACOs.

(5) Provide portable loud speakers, photo coverage and additional VIP Funds upon request.

c. CACOs will:

(1) Coordinate all CAP PSYOPS efforts.

(2) Meet with Hamlet/Village Officials on 4 November to explain the Program.

(3) Employ assigned Armed Propaganda Teams as follows:

(a) 4-9 November to announce the rewards campaign for weapons, ordnance, and VC leaders.

(b) 25-30 November to distribute reports of progress and advise people of awards money still available.

(4) Make awards payments in accordance with schedule in Annex B and Annex C.

d. CAPs will execute following PSYOPS campaign:

(1) 4-9 November: Distribute and post posters #1 and #2 (Annex A) at key locations.

(2) 11-16 November: Distribute leaflets #3, #4, and #5 (Annex A)

(3) 18-23 November: Distribute leaflets #6 and #7 (Annex A)

(4) 18-23 November: Establish checkpoints for I.D. Cards at key locations. Have information poster prominently displayed; utilize PF's to talk with people during checks.

(5) Provide security and support as directed for Armed Propaganda Teams during periods 4-9 November and 25-30 November.

e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Ensure thorough, systematic coverage of all hamlets in assigned area when making leaflet distribution.

(2) Hand leaflets to individuals. Urge PFs to mingle with people and discuss leaflet contents during distribution.

4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

a. Administration

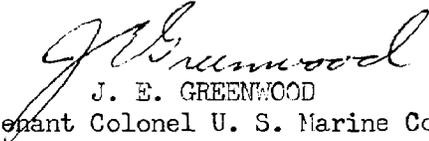
- (1) VIP Funds and receipts available from S-3 Officer.
- (2) Obtain a receipt from all individuals who are paid an award.

b. Logistics

- (1) Supplies will be delivered to CACO CPs.
- (2) Any request for special transportation of caches should be submitted to this Headquarters, attention S-4.

5. COMMAND and COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. No change from present procedures.

  
J. E. GREENWOOD  
Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding

ANNEXES:

- A - PSYOPS Material
- B - Awards Guide for Weapons/Ordnance
- C - Awards Guide for information on VC/NVA Leaders

ANNEX A

POSTERS AND LEAFLETS

- I & II Posters announcing awards for weapons/Ordnance
- III & IV & V Leaflets announcing awards for weapons/Ordnance
- VI & VII Leaflets announcing awards for VC/NVA information

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ANNEX B

## AWARDS GUIDE for WEAPONS/ORDNANCE

1. The following guide will be used within ICTZ for the expenditure of VIP funds: (all sums shown are RVN Piasters)

<u>AMMUNITION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Small Arms ammo - per rd up to 50 rds	5\$VN	10\$VN
Small Arms ammo - per lot (more than 50 rds)	50\$VN	500\$VN
Mortar ammo, 60mm/81mm/82mm	500\$VN	1,000\$VN
Artillery ammo	500\$VN	3,000\$VN
Recoilless rifle ammo	500\$VN	3,000\$VN
<u>WEAPONS</u>		
Hand grenade or rifle grenade	500\$VN	750\$VN
Pistol	500\$VN	1,000\$VN
Rifle, semi auto/bolt action	1,000\$VN	1,000\$VN
Rifle, auto	1,500\$VN	2,000\$VN
Submachine gun	2,000\$VN	2,000\$VN
M-79 Grenade launcher	2,000\$VN	4,500\$VN
Machine gun, 30/50 cal	5,000\$VN	8,000\$VN
Mortar 60mm/81mm/82mm	5,000\$VN	10,000\$VN
Recoilless rifle 57/75/82mm	5,000\$VN	10,000\$VN
Artillery piece less than 100mm	15,000\$VN	25,000\$VN
Artillery piece or mortar over 100mm	20,000\$VN	50,000\$VN
Rockets 122/140mm or larger	20,000\$VN	65,000\$VN
<u>MINES OR BOOBYTRAPS</u>		
Mine/Boobytrap	500\$VN	2,000\$VN
If a mine or boobytrap is reported which has been set for explosion by the enemy	2,500\$VN	10,000\$VN

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ANNEX C

## AWARDS GUIDE FOR INFORMATION ON VC/NVA LEADERS/FORCES

1. The following guide will be used within ICTZ for the expenditure of VIP funds: (all sums shown are RVN Piasters)

<u>INFORMATION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Information which results in the killing or capture of VC/NVA troops	1,000\$VN	2,000\$VN
Less than a squad	1,000\$VN	2,000\$VN
Squad size unit	2,000\$VN	4,000\$VN
Platoon size unit	4,000\$VN	6,000\$VN
Company size unit	6,000\$VN	8,000\$VN
Battalion size unit	8,000\$VN	10,000\$VN

Information which leads to the capture of VC infrastructure

Individual members	1,000\$VN	2,000\$VN
Hamlet leaders	2,000\$VN	5,000\$VN
Village leaders	5,000\$VN	8,000\$VN
District leaders	8,000\$VN	10,000\$VN
Information on enemy infiltration activities	2,000\$VN	4,000\$VN
Information on sapper activity	3,000\$VN	5,000\$VN
Information on troop movement	2,000\$VN	4,000\$VN
Information on imminent attack		
US, RVNAF, or other FWMMAF Bases	8,000\$VN	10,000\$VN
Information on location of PWs and PW Camps	9,000\$VN	10,000\$VN

Information which leads to the successful recovery of PWs  
Special amounts in excess of 10,000\$VN will be paid. Amount will be determined by the Commanding General, III MAF.

Information on imminent attack by mortar, rocket, or artillery in which the weapons are captured or destroyed in firing position. Payments up to 100,000\$VN may be authorized.

2. The above list does not cover each and every type of information for which payments may be made. When the situation does not fall into one of the examples listed above, that example most nearly describing the situation will be used.

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ANNEX C Cont'

3. If the material provided by the informant is not in serviceable condition, payments below the minimum amount are authorized and encouraged. Further, if the custodian making a disbursement has insufficient funds to execute the minimum payment for an item listed above, and timely payment is desirable, payment below the minimum are authorized. All questions regarding the appropriateness of any disbursement will be referred to the Class A Agent Officer, ICF, Provisional Corps Vietnam G-2 Security.

4. Under no circumstances will any expenditure of VIP funds in excess of 10,000\$VN be made without the prior approval of the Commanding General, III MAF.

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