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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February 1969 - 28 February 1969

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander  
 Headquarters LtCol J. E. GREENWOOD 1 - 27 Feb69

4th Combined Action Group LtCol D. J. FORD 28 Feb69  
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Subordinate Units

CACO 4-1	Capt F. BRADLEY	1-28 Feb69
CACO 4-2	Capt W. C. BLAHA	1-28 Feb69
CACO 4-3	1stLt J. P. MURCHISON	1-28 Feb69

2. Location

Headquarters	1-28 Feb69	Quang Tri Combat Base
CACO 4-1	1-28 Feb69	Dong Ha District
CACO 4-2	1-28 Feb69	Mai Linh District
CACO 4-3	1-28 Feb69	Trieu Phong District

3. Staff Officers

Group Executive Officer	Maj R. M. COOPER	1-28 Feb69
S-1/Admin	CWO-2 R. E. FAUST JR.	1-28 Feb69
S-3	Maj J. C. WILSON	1-28 Feb69
S-4	CWO-2 R. A. GREER	1-28 Feb69

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## PART II

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## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

## COMMAND, OPERATIONS, AND TRAINING

The programmed expansion of 4th CAG during early February was completed with the input of 62 personnel from CAP School and the assets made available by the deactivation of CAP 4-2-2. The newly assigned personnel completed orientation training at 4th CAG Headquarters on 2 Feb 1969. The following CAPs were activated:

<u>CAP</u>	<u>HAMLET</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PF PLT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
4-1-7	Phouc My	Trieu Phong	31	9Feb69
4-1-8	An Binh	Dong Ha	77	2Feb69
4-2-8	Mai Dang	Hai Lang	18	3Feb69
4-3-5	Tham Trieu	Trieu Phong	53	1Feb69
4-3-7	Bo Bang	Trieu Phong	26	3Feb69
4-3-8	Tuong Van Ap	Trieu Phong	52	5Feb69

As programmed, CAP 4-2-2 was deactivated on 9 February with the activation of CAP 4-1-7. Although the initial plans called for PF Platoon 32 to continue to occupy the compound vacated by the Marine element of the CAP, the Trieu Phong District Chief decided that a mobile PF platoon would be more effective in dealing with the infiltration of small VC elements which move regularly across Route #1 from west to east. The compound was dismantled and salvagable materials returned to 4th CAG following deactivation. CAP 4-1-7 was activated as a compound CAP but the concept of actual employment is that of a mobile CAP. A minimal force remains in the compound and the majority of the CAP is deployed in adjacent hamlets on two to three day patrols. This mode of operation reduces the tendency to become tied to a fixed base and brings the CAP into alignment with its mission of providing hamlet security.

By mid-month the posture of 4th CAG was 16 mobile CAPs, two compound CAPs, and one Mobile Training Team. Additionally, operational control continued over three rifle squads from 2d Battalion, Third Marines. One of these squads continued to augment CAP 4-2-6 in Nhu Le Hamlet, Mai Linh District. The remaining two operated with PF platoon 114 and 80 in Dong Ha District. It is anticipated that these three squads will be withdrawn by the CG, 3d Marine Division as the post-TET threat diminishes in Quang Tri. On 20 February CG 3d Marine Division commenced planning to readjust forces and withdraw 2d Battalion, Third Marines from the Cam Lo and Huong Hoa (Cua) Districts where they had been working with the territorial forces in a pacification role. The lack of American presence that this move would create in these two contested population centers was of concern to the Division and Province officials. In short, an ideal environment for CAPs was created. During the period 22 to 26 February, liaison was made with

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the District Chiefs or their staffs in Cam Lo, Dong Ha, Mai Linh, Hai Lang and Trieu Phong Districts to evaluate the pacification program at present CAP locations, evaluate possible new CAP locations, and to project a priority for future moves. Based on these discussions CO 4th CAG recommended to the Province Chief and CG III MAF that the following immediate moves be made with present assets:

- (1) CAP 4-3-8 from Ha Tay (YD 338667), Trieu Phong District to the An Thai/Bac Binh complex (YD 132608), Cam Lo District.
- (2) CAP 4-2-4 from Tram Ly/Dai Nai (YD 370530), Mai Linh District to Bich Giang (YD 167604), Cam Lo District. This CAP will eventually shift to Lam Lang (YD 184605) when the Cam Vu resettlement project in Cam Lo District commences in late March.
- (3) Mobile Training Team to Cam Lo Resettlement Village (YD 105575) from Hai Lang District to work with the seven PF platoons in the village.

Additional internal adjustments which can be completed within the next 30 days were discussed with interested parties and the following tentative schedule was formulated:

- (1) CAP 4-3-6 from Vinh Lai (YD 326637), Trieu Phong District, to Le Xuyen (1) (YD 355615), Trieu Phong District.
- (2) CAP 4-3-2 from Van Hoa (YD 350600), Trieu Phong District, to area immediately east of its present area of coordination.
- (3) CAP 4-2-7 from Tra Log (YD 390535), Hai Lang District, to La Duy (YD 317544), Hai Lang District.
- (4) CAP 4-1-4 from Kim Dau (YD 230630), Dong Ha District, to Cam Vu (YD 183616), Dong Ha District when Cam Vu resettlement project begins. See Supporting Documents in Part IV.

Some explanation of rationale behind the proposed plans is probably desirable. Force Order 3121.4B sets forth specific characteristics that must be met to establish or move a CAP. Quang Tri Province has 124 Popular Force platoons activated at the present time. It is estimated that some 75 to 80 of these meet the prescribed characteristics for a Combined Action Platoon at the present time. CAPs could be gainfully employed at any of them. The question of priorities among these choices and the determination of whether or not the existing needs justify a request for additional Marine assets with which to form new CAPs must be based primarily on an analysis of Province wide objectives and resources. 4th CAG has tried to consistently select CAPs sites that contribute most to the principal projects underway in Quang Tri Province. Since October, several patterns illustrating this approach have been apparent.

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(a) In 1968, the heart of the priority pacification area in Quang Tri was around Quang Tri City. CAPs formed a rough circle around the fringe of this area and served as a buffer to protect it and the RD Teams from the less pacified areas. As pacification progressed, this circle shifted -- most notably in Trieu Phong District -- and the CAPs then formed a buffer separating the priority area from the "Street without Joy" to the east.

- CAPs 4-3-4 and later CAPs 4-3-5 and 4-2-7 were located near Route 555. By enhancing the security of this area, they provided support for the Gia Dang resettlement project.

- CAPs 4-1-5 and 4-1-8 are positioned to support the Cam Vu resettlement project scheduled to begin in March as are two of the future sites now identified as "critical needs".

- CAP 4-2-1 and 4-1-7 are situated astride principal avenues of infiltration.

- Several CAPs -- 4-1-4, 4-2-3, 4-2-6, 4-3-3, 4-3-5, and others -- are located in priority hamlets targeted under the Accelerated Pacification Campaign (1 Nov 68 - 31 Jan 69) or the 1969 Pacification Campaign.

- Needs identified in the Cam Lo and Muong Hoa (Cua) areas are not new. During the lull in combat operations in late 1968, the 3d Marine Division had assets available to devote to the pacification effort. Now the reduction of forces available within the Division AO and the increasing tempo of combat has forced the withdrawal of these pacification assets and requires the reallocation of those remaining to fill part of the void.

Mid-February brought the deployment of Revolutionary Development cadre into the contested fringes of the pacified areas in accordance with the two phase 1969 Pacification Plan for Quang Tri Province. The teams were split into two 30 man teams from the original 59 man team which in effect doubled the number of teams available for deployment. The following RD Teams were employed in CAP AOCs by the end of February:

<u>CAP</u>	<u>RD TEAM #</u>
4-1-5	WT 30, 32
4-1-7	WT 39, 40
4-1-8	WT 9, 6, 33, 13
4-2-1	WT 26
4-2-3	WT 25

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<u>CAP</u>	<u>RD TEAM #</u>
4-2-6	QT 10
4-2-7	QT 7, 29
4-2-8	QT 15, 35
4-3-8	QT 23, 42

In coordination with the Province RD Advisor, the CACO commanders are serving as overseers for the RD effort in CAP hamlets. The goal of integrated military and Civic Action programs within each area of coordination is a reality at this time in some CAPs. Specifically, we are striving for mutual planning, integrated patrolling and security efforts, a complete and timely exchange of intelligence, joint psychological warfare campaigns, and coordinated civic action projects. To date we have encountered no serious problems. While we cannot claim that anything like full and effective integration is yet a reality, we are moving toward this goal and expect significant progress during March. See Supporting Documents in Part IV.

The training of the Popular Forces continued to receive major emphasis during the month. The technique of providing formal instruction from the CAG Headquarters and emphasizing on-the-job training by the CAP Marines continued to prove sound. The five-phase progressive marksmanship training course for each CAP continued at a rapid tempo during February. Four range facilities were utilized to implement the program: Dong Ha Combat Base, Quang Tri Combat Base, Hai Lang Range (YD 401487), and the Wunder Beach Range (YD 487570). During the month, 36 phases of firing were completed by the 18 CAPs.

The TET PSYOPS campaign continued as a viable program based on 4th CAG PSYOPS Order 1-69. Over 250 Vietnamese identified by District and village officials as the families of Viet Cong or NVA were hosted at the Quang Tri Chieu Hoi Center during four pre-TET visitations. (See pictures in Part IV). During the visits, Armed Propaganda Teams led group discussions, nationalistic movies were shown, the Chieu Hoi Program was explained by the Center Chief and recent ralliers, and propaganda materials were distributed. The food for a noon meal was provided by 4th CAG and prepared by the Hoi Chans at the center.

A sound and movie van provided by the 3d Marine Division was employed in three CACO 4-1 hamlets during the month. Over 1250 villagers viewed the films. Themes during these showings included personal hygiene, GVN services for the people, Chieu Hoi program benefits, community sanitation, advancements in indigenous culinary techniques, and Walt Disney cartoons. Plans for March provide for increased employment of this popular PSYOPS tool.

Results of the PSYOPS effort for the month were:

Posters Distributed 1782

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Leaflets Distributed:	28,490
APT Employment Hours:	156
Ordnance Items Turned In:	1181
VIP Funds Expended:	14,650 \$VN
Newspapers Distributed:	7,300
Movie Van Employment:	9 hours

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CACO 4-1 continued improvement of their CP at Dong Ha District Headquarters. An additional SEA hut and a dry ration storage facility were constructed. The galley facility was improved with the addition of screening and fly proof storage shelves. The company continued to operate with two augmentation squads provided by the 3d Marine Division. These squads were employed with PF platoons in high threat hamlets integrated with PF platoons.

Significant contacts and operations for the month were:

- (1) On 012100H Feb69, a night activity from CAP 4-1-5 triggered an ambush at YD 224616 when an undetermined number of enemy entered the killing zone. The area was illuminated by CAP 4-1-4 which formed a reaction force to assist in exploiting the contact. Three VC were KIA, one AK-47 captured and one PF WIA(E). On 20 February the Dong Ha District Chief presented PF Platoon 82 (CAP 4-1-5) with a meritorious unit award for the successful contact.
- (2) On 072145H Feb69, CAP 4-1-6 fired small arms, grenades, and claymore mines at 35 to 40 VC at YD 275605. A short exchange of fire followed. The area was illuminated and assaulted but the VC broke contact. A reaction force from CACO 4-1 Headquarters arrived at 2210 hours to coordinate blocking and maneuver elements of the augmentation squad designated as 4-1-3, 4-1-6, adjacent PF platoons and one U. S. Army company. Searches continued through 9 Feb 1969 resulting in the apprehension of one VC squad leader, two VC nurses, one ARVN deserter, one draft dodger, and the discovery of a 75 pound cache of assorted medical supplies.
- (3) On 190745H Feb69, the hamlet chief of Truc Khe reported to CAP 4-1-4 that one NVA was sleeping in a villager's home at YD 225653. A patrol was dispatched which fired small arms as the NVA attempted to flee. He was apprehended with his equipment and delivered to Dong Ha District Headquarters.
- (4) On 212130H Feb69, an estimated 30 VC were taken under fire by an ambush activity from CAP 4-1-6 at YD 265584. A reaction force from 4-1 Headquarters, CAP 4-1-7 and two tanks maneuvered to the west after the VC had broken contact. Artillery was fired on escape routes, the area was illuminated and the reaction force maneuvered to intercept the enemy. A thorough search resulted in two VC KIA and two AK-47's located at the point of initial contact.

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(5) On 282240H Feb69, a small ambush from CAP 4-1-7, in position at YD 284562, fired upon a squad of VC. Three VC were observed to fall during the fire fight and a fourth, wearing a white undershirt, was hit several times as he crawled into the brush. The ambush attempted to withdraw but received fire from three different directions. A reaction force from CACO Headquarters and 4th CAG Headquarters, with two tanks, moved to the ambush site maneuvering through thick brush and hedgerows to block escape routes. A search located one VC KIA, numerous blood trails, and bloody bandages, one AK-47 rifle, one 60mm mortar base plate, four 60mm mortar rounds, three AK-47 magazines, two cartridge belts, a woman's bloody brassiere, 500 piasters and 10 Dong NVA money. Another thorough search at first light on 1 March locating more blood, four additional mortar rounds, and assorted enemy 782 gear.

CACO 4-2 continued operations in Mai Linh and Hai Lang Districts. Integration of the CAP and RD Teams in the two districts received major emphasis during the month. Significant contacts and operations for the month were:

- (1) On 152200H Feb69, a CAP 4-2-1 ambush fired small arms at three VC and received one burst from an AK-47 in return at YD 378502. Following a negative search a second ambush site was established where the CAP received several incoming small arms rounds from an unknown number of VC. The CAP activity maneuvered to the edge of a village where 3 VCS were intercepted as they approached the activity.
- (2) On 272130H Feb69, a CAP 4-2-6 ambush patrol took one VC under fire from their position at YD 313476. The VC was seen running into a house at YD 313476. A search of the hamlet was made and two VCS were apprehended and turned over to Mai Linh District Headquarters.

CACO 4-3 continued operations in Trieu Phong District during the month. CACO Headquarters personnel prepared to integrate their tactical operations Control Center with the District Advisory Team TOC. The liaison and planning necessary for the activation of three new CAPs in Trieu Phong was the primary concern of the CACO during the month. Significant contacts and operations during the period were:

- (1) On 062225H Feb69, an ambush from 4-3-3 fired about 100 small arms rounds at three VC in a boat at YD 362576. The boat appeared to have been hit several times but disappeared into the darkness.
- (2) On 100200H Feb69, elements from CAP 4-3-5 fired small arms on one VC moving west from YD 360548. The VC was KIA and a caliber .45 pistol recovered from his body.
- (3) On 190800H Feb69, while on patrol, PF platoon 118 made contact with ten VC at YD 341662. A short fire fight resulted in two VC KIA. CAP 4-3-8 dispatched a reaction force which linked up with the PF platoon. The combined force captured the remaining eight VC with five AK-47's. One

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CAP Marine was presented with a Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star by the Province Chief on 20 February for his part in the action.

(4) On 241200H Feb69, while on a combined sweep at YD 368608, CAP 4-3-2 captured one SKS, one 82mm mortar tube, one 60mm mortar, and one VC POW. Prisoner and weapons were turned over to the Trieu Phong District Headquarters.

(5) On 282115H Feb69, an ambush patrol from CAP 4-3-7 was taken under fire by the VC at YD 344633 with automatic weapons and two hand grenades. The patrol returned a heavy volume of small arms fire and contact was immediately broken. The area of contact was swept under illumination by the patrol and a reaction force from the night CP. One enemy blood trail was found and one Vietnamese family of two women and three children were liberated from a bunker where they had been held hostage for two hours by six VC.

The Mobile Training Team continued its operations in Hai Lang District. On 2 February, training was completed with PF platoon 8 in the hamlet of Cu Hoan (YD 417487). From 10 to 28 February, the team trained PF platoon 9, in An Nhon Village (YD 455475). One significant find was made by MTT.

On 23 Feb 1969, an integrated patrol of the MTT, PF, and U. S. Army personnel located a suspicious foundation under a house in an abandoned village at YD 463486. The owner was contacted but could not offer an explanation for the unusual construction. A shape charge was employed to explore the foundation after extensive probing. The crater revealed a rice cache of 2000 pounds. 700 pounds were spoiled and destroyed. The remaining 1300 pounds were evacuated to District Headquarters. The owner of the house was then apprehended as a VCS.

Operational methods for the MTT remained unchanged. Formal training is supplemented by on-the-job training in the form of integrated day and night activities. Total training and operational accomplishments for MTT during February were:

Day Patrols	9
Night Patrols	9
Night Ambushes	18
Live Range Firing	2 days
Formal Instruction	15 hours

A 4th Combined Action Group Change of Command ceremony was held on 27 Feb 1969 when LtCol. Daniel J. FORD relieved LtCol. John E. GREENWOOD as Commanding Officer. Copies of the guest list and the departing remarks of the former Commanding Officer are contained in Part IV.

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- 1, Lt, Executive Officer for each CACO
- 1, SSgt, Training NCO for each CACO
- 2, LCpl, 2531 Field Radio Operators to each CACO
- 1, Lt, 0302 Assistant Training/Intelligence NCO to the CAG Headquarters
- 3, LCpl/PFC, 2531 Field Radio Operators to the CAG Headquarters
- 1, Cpl/LCpl, 2841 Radio Repair Technician to the CAG Headquarters
- 3, Pvt, 3531 Motor Vehicle Operator to the CAG Headquarters
- 1, HN Medical Field Service Technician to the CAG Headquarters

Change:

- 1, GySgt, 2595 Operation Communications Chief to 1, GySgt Radio Chief 2539

The above changes were considered urgent and of such significance that without immediate relief our present mission could be affected.

PROMOTIONS. The following promotions were effected:

To LCpl	12
To Cpl	3 (2 meritorious)
To Sgt	1 (meritorious)
To SSgt	1
To GySgt	1

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>MOS</u>
LtCol	1802

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>
0311						1	1	2
0141					1		1	2
3051						2		2
3531						1		1

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<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					11	12	8	31
2111				1				1
0141				1				1

TRANSFERRED TO III MAF

0331	1	1
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TRANSFERRED TO 1ST MARDIV

0331	1	1
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TRANSFERRED TO CAMP BUTLER

0311	1	1	3	5
3531			1	1

USN JOINED

1 HM1		
1 HM2		
1 HM3		

USN DROPPED

1 HM2		
3 HM3		

AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR FEBRUARY

<u>USMC OFF</u>	<u>USMC ENL</u>	<u>USN</u>
8	327	22

AVERAGE NON-EFFECTIVES FOR FEBRUARY

<u>USMC OFF</u>	<u>USMC ENL</u>	<u>USN</u>
0	35	0

CASUALTIES. The following casualties were received:

KIA	0
WIAE	3
WIANE	0
NBCE	2

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SCM	0	1
Office Hours	9	0
Investigations	4	0

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MEDICAL

The Naval Hospital Corpsman attached to the 4th Combined Action Group conducted a MEDCAP program during the month which reached 10,033 Vietnamese civilians. At present there are eighteen CAPs and one Mobile Training Team in the field. Seventeen CAPs and the MTT have a Naval Hospital Corpsman serving with them. By virtue of our decentralized mode of operation, the Corpsman has greater responsibilities than those assigned the average Corpsman. One of these responsibilities is to support the local health officials in the care and treatment of the Vietnamese civilians. The 4th CAG has found that to work with these officials takes a great deal of patience and tact. It is difficult to accept their rather primitive techniques and their apparent lack of interest in the betterment of village conditions. However, as rapport develops between the Corpsman and his counterpart, it becomes apparent that what appeared to be primitive technique and apathy is really a lack of assets, education and the traditional Vietnamese ability to be happy and have a good time regardless of the environment. To evaluate this situation correctly, a mature, perspicacious Corpsman is necessary. It is not in the American tradition to accept slow progress, however, in the process of creating change, we must not be impetuous and shortsighted. What we are after is long-term upgrading that will continue when we depart. To accomplish this end, the Corpsman must accept the apparent shortcomings and work to reinforce the local health worker, not supplant him or his program.

In many hamlets there are no local health officials present. This facilitates the establishment of programs but the challenge of stimulating interest and attempting to get the Vietnamese to help themselves is more difficult. Acceptance of filth, reluctance to be treated by a MEDCAP and hygienic apathy are typical in these hamlets. Here again, the development of rapport and the upgrading of conditions is a long-term project. The ideal situation is to locate an enthusiastic Vietnamese who is motivated to train as an assistant medical worker who may eventually assume the full responsibility as Village Health Official.

The training level of the newly assigned Corpsman remains high. A highly motivated individual that can cope with the challenges described above is necessary for the successful accomplishment of our mission.

The treatment of 264 military patients during the month at the Group Sick Bay represents no significant change from previous months. No significant trends were noted. A general medical classification of infirmities follows:

Upper Respiratory Infection	83
Skin Diseases	28
Diarrhea and Dysentary	24
Fever of Undetermined Origin	6
Injuries: Non-combat	4
Injuries: Combat	0
Veneral Diseases	2
Other	117
Total Treated	264

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SUPPLY/LOGISTICS

The shortage of certain major T/E items of equipment continues to be critical. Two PU482 generators are authorized by T/E. Only one of these generators has been received. It has been on deadline since 1 January 1969 when it was turned in to FLSG-B for repairs. Subsequently, during February it was evacuated to 3d Force Service Regiment. The second generator has been on priority 02 requisition since 27 July 1968 and the last known holder of the requisition was the Marine Corps Supply Activity, Philadelphia. A follow-up message to check the status was sent 4 January 1969. To date no reply has been received. On 8 February a MARES Reporting Card (GA) was submitted and its status is still pending. The Group Headquarters has a requirement for continuous electric power supply in order to provide the necessary operational, administrative and logistical control of the units in the field dispersed throughout Quang Tri Province. The current power supply is provided from a generator that is on temporary loan from Mobile Construction Battalion 7. Other major items of T/E equipment that continue to be critical are four M-107 water trailers. These water trailers have been on priority 02 requisition since July and are urgently needed to support the CACOs and CAPs. The latest status held indicates that the items are being procured for direct delivery. A MARES Reporting Card was submitted on 8 February 1969 reflecting the status of these trailers. In addition, a M151  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton truck was designated as Code H due to a faulty engine and a replacement has been placed on a priority 02 requisition.

A quarterly PM was performed on each vehicle during the month of February. One M-37 3/4 ton truck and M-151  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton truck were turned in to FLSG-B for engine and body repairs and engine repairs respectively. The M-37 was evacuated to FLC for 4th echelon repair. Vehicle mileage for the month of February was 8,224 miles. Shortages of spare parts continue to exist although the problem is not considered critical at this time.

Approval was obtained for construction of nine new SEA huts and the project was assigned to MCB 128. The construction of two huts had been completed by 27 February 1969. The remaining seven huts should be completed during the next month.

There was a shortage of claymore mines, AP M18A1, and 40mm illum during the middle of the month. The Ammunition Supply Point at Quang Tri now has an adequate supply of these two items. The ordnance NCO conducted an informal review of ammo procedures and allowances for the Ammo NCO of each CAP.

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All CAPs and the Mobile Training Team participated in civic action projects including over 10,000 medical treatments, over 160 dental treatments, distribution of 2,600 pounds of foodstuffs, 68 pounds of clothing, 351 pounds of soap, 365 school kits, and 4,000 toys plus candy and cookies to the children for TET. In addition 10 health workers were trained and 114 English language classes were conducted with 750 people attending.

The following projects were completed:

Tram Ly	YD 365537	Bridge Repair
Mia Dong	YD 392469	Bridge Repair
Thoung Xa	YD 379501	Bridge Repair
Nhan Bieu	YD 325526	Foot Bridge Constructed
Nigha An	YD 235615	Road Repair
Bich La Dong	YD 359578	Road Repair
Bich La Dong	YD 358577	Road Repair
Tram Ly	YD 371538	School Repair
Cam Xuan	YD 216631	School Repair
Van Van	YD 378534	School Roof Repaired
Dao Dau	YD 359578	Village Clean-up
Nigha An	YD 235615	PSYOPs Board Constructed

The Six Month Project Plan which lists the significant projects in each District to be undertaken during the next six month period was formulated and submitted by each Combined Action Company commander. This plan has proven to be the nucleus of the Civic Action Program and serves a two fold purpose: (1) It addresses problem of priority and competing interests; (2) It allows lead time for planning and procurement of materials on a timely basis. In addition, projects are initiated to supplement or complement the plan based on the needs and desires of the people.

The dental program continued with DENTCAPs being conducted in Dong Ha, Trieu Phong and Mai Linh Districts. The MEDCAP and DENTCAP continued to be a good cornerstone of the civic action program. A good example of this is the significant increase in the number of treatments at the scheduled MEDCAP in Nhu Le since the hamlet chief and two Vietnamese nurses have been assisting. The villagers in Nhu Le had been noncommittal to the CAP and RD team previously. Subsequently, the local people have turned out to clear bamboo thickets and hedge rows that were once VC havens. The dental program was suspended during TET and the post TET period but will be activated again next month. In general progress was slow on civic action projects during the TET celebrations and have not regained their momentum.

The month was highlighted with numerous TET and post TET celebrations in all areas. CAP members participated with the local villagers in these festivities and distributed 200 bags of food, approximately 2,000 pounds, to poor families through the village and hamlet chiefs. In conjunction with this, 4,000 toys, plus candy and cookies were presented for the children. Additionally, in Dong Ha District the Marines contributed 3,000\$VN for TET envelopes that were presented to the children in the hamlet that are in the CAP's area of coordination. Through these mutual showing of efforts a closer relationship exists between CAP members and local civilians.

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## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On 1 Feb 1969, CAP 4-3-5 was activated in the village of Tham Trieu (YD 370552) in Trieu Phong District. CAP will work with PF platoon 53.

012100H Feb69. A night activity from CAP 4-1-5 triggered an ambush at YD 224616 when an undetermined number of enemy entered the killing zone. The area was illuminated by CAP 4-1-4 which formed a reaction force to assist in exploiting the contact. Three VC KIA, one captured AK-47, and one PF WIA(E) resulted from the contact. On 20 February the Dong Ha District Chief presented PF platoon 82 (CAP 4-1-5) with a meritorious unit award for the successful contact.

On 2 Feb 1969, MTT 4-1 completed a two week training cycle with PF platoon 8 at YD 425490 in the village of Cu Hoan in Hai Lang District.

On 2 Feb 1969, CAP 4-1-8 was activated as a mobile CAP. CAP will work with PF platoon 77 in the hamlet of An Binh in Dong Ha District (YD 20762?).

031100H Feb69. CAP 4-1-4, acting as part of a larger sweep force, located twenty reinforced rock and bamboo bunkers in grids YD 1961 and 2062. Each bunker was capable of housing two to four men. Approximately 100 fighting holes supported the bunkers. Warm rice and other signs indicated recent occupancy by about 25 VC. The bunkers and fighting holes were destroyed.

On 3 Feb 1969, CAP 4-2-8 was activated as a mobile CAP. CAP will work with PF platoon 18 at YD 393475 in Mai Linh District.

On 3 Feb 1969, CAP 4-3-7 was activated as a mobile CAP. CAP will work with PF platoon 26 at YD 340633 in Trieu Phong District.

032000H Feb69. CAP 4-2-2, at YD 277577, fired small arms upon VC moving from east to west across Highway #1. A fifteen minute firefight followed. The area was illuminated and swept with negative results.

On 5 Feb 1969, CAP 4-3-8 was activated as a mobile CAP. CAP will work with PF platoon 52 in the hamlet of Xom Dong YD 338667 in Trieu Phong District.

062225H Feb69. An ambush from CAP 4-3-3 fired small arms at three VC in a boat at YD 362576. The boat appeared to have been hit several times but disappeared into the darkness.

072145H Feb69. CAP 4-1-6 fired small arms, grenades, and claymore mines at 35 to 40 VC at YD 275605. A short firefight followed. The area was illuminated and assaulted but the VC broke contact. A reaction force

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from CACO 4-1 Headquarters arrived at 2210 hours to coordinate blocking and maneuver elements of CAPs 4-1-3, 4-1-6, adjacent PF platoons and one U. S. Army company. The search continued through 9 Feb 1969 resulting in the apprehension of one VC squad leader, two VC nurses, one ARVN deserter, one draft dodger, and the discovery of a 75 pound cache of assorted medical supplies.

On 9 Feb 1969, CAP 4-1-7 was activated as a compound CAP. CAP will work with PF platoon 31 at YD 287497 in Trieu Phong District.

On 9 Feb 1969, PF platoon 58 was assigned by Mai Linh District Headquarters to work with CAP 4-2-1 at YD 371497. Reason for change: Old PF platoon 67 which was with CAP 4-2-1 was reassigned as security platoon for District Headquarters.

On 9 Feb 1969, CAP 4-2-2 at YD 276576 was deactivated as a compound CAP. CAP USMC personnel were reassigned as replacements with other CAPs.

On 10 Feb 1969, MTT 4-1 commenced a two week training cycle with PF platoon 9 at YD 455475 in Hai Lang District.

100200H Feb69. Element from CAP 4-3-5 fired small arms on one VC moving west from YD 360548. Contact resulted in one VC KIA and one Caliber .45 pistol captured.

120800H Feb69. Local Revolutionary Development Teams reported to CAP 4-1-7 that one squad of VC were observed in Phouc My Hamlet (YD 293573) at 120200H. At daylight approximately 400 National Liberation Front propaganda leaflets were found spread on the trail at YD 290572. Presumably these had been left by the VC squad. The leaflets were picked up and samples forwarded to III MAF.

142315 Feb69. CAP 4-1-6 fired small arms, one claymore and threw two grenades at seven or eight VC moving northeast at YD 273613. Reaction force from CAP swept area under illumination with negative results.

142345H Feb69. While investigating inordinate movement in Mai Dang Hamlet, CAP 4-2-8 was fired upon by four AK-47's, carbines, and one light machine gun from across a river at YD 389479. The CAP returned small arms, illuminated and contact was broken.

152200H Feb69. A CAP 4-2-1 ambush fired small arms at three VC and received one burst from an AK-47 in return at YD 378502. Following a negative search, a second ambush site was established where the CAP received several incoming small arms rounds from an unknown number of VC. The CAP activity swept the area capturing three VCS.

152230H Feb69. CAP 4-3-2, at YD 357597, saw lights and heard movement across a river at YD 359599. Illumination was fired and the activity

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fired several probing rounds. Immediately the VC returned 20 small arms rounds and five recoilless rifle rounds. Artillery was called and area observed for remainder of night. A followup search on 16 February yielded negative results.

160730H Feb69. A patrol from CAP 4-1-7 and members of an RD Team policed up 30 National Liberation Front propaganda leaflets at YD 283570.

162100H Feb69. MTT #1 sighted an unknown number of VC at YD 460480. Arty mission fired and the area swept on 17 February yielding blood pools and hair.

180200H Feb69. CAP 4-1-6 participated in a sweep as a blocking force at YD 303567. The CAP made negative contact with an estimated enemy squad which had probed the lines of Quang Tri Combat Base.

190745H Feb69. The hamlet chief of Truc Khe reported to CAP 4-1-4 that one NVA was sleeping in a villager's house at YD 225653. A patrol was dispatched which fired small arms as the NVA attempted to flee. He was apprehended with his equipment.

190800H Feb69. While on patrol, PF platoon 118 made contact with ten VC at YD 341662. A short firefight resulted in two VC KIA. CAP 4-3-8 dispatched a reaction force which linked up with the PF platoon. The combined force captured the remaining eight VC and five AK-47's. One CAP Marine was presented with a Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star by the Province Chief on 20 February for his part in the action.

192045H Feb69. A CAP 4-2-8 activity fired upon seven VC at YD 383472. An exchange of fire resulted and the VC fled to the east. A sweep of the area under illumination yielded negative results.

200230H Feb69. A CAP 4-3-7 patrol was taken under small arms fire by a 10 to 15 man enemy force at YD 335626. The patrol and a reaction force from CAP Headquarters maneuvered to make contact, received one incoming M-79 round, but could not renew contact. A sweep of the area at first light yielded negative results.

201915H Feb69. A CAP 4-3-2 patrol fired small arms on two VC across a river at YD 353607. A short firefight followed and the VC broke contact disappearing into a treeline. A search at first light yielded negative results.

212130H Feb69. An estimated 30 VC were taken under fire by an ambush activity from CAP 4-1-6 at YD 265584. A reaction force from 4-1 Headquarters, CAP 4-1-7 and two tanks maneuvered to the west after the VC had broken contact. Artillery was fired on escape routes. The area was illuminated and thoroughly searched resulting in two VC KIAs and two AK-47's which were located at the point of initial contact.

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221130H Feb69. A patrol from CAP 4-3-7 attempted to check the identification of two Vietnamese observed in the coastal sand dunes at YD 345637. The Vietnamese threw a hand grenade at the patrol and escaped into a tree-line. A following search netted negative results. 1 USMC WIA.

231030H Feb69. An integrated patrol of MTT #1, PF and U. S. Army personnel located a suspicious foundation under a house in an abandoned village at YD 463486. The owner was contacted but could offer no explanation for the unusual construction. A shape charge was employed to explore the foundation after extensive probing. The crater revealed a rice cache of 2000 pounds. The owner of the house was apprehended as a VCS.

232045H Feb69. A patrol from CAP 4-1-4, departing an ambush site at YD 237634 received one incoming hand grenade. The area was immediately searched by the patrol and a reaction force from CAP Headquarters maneuvered to intercept the VC. A single set of foot prints were found leading from the scene but contact could not be reestablished. 1 USMC WIA.

240215H Feb69. An ambush from CAP 4-1-7 received two incoming hand grenades at YD 293564. The activity deployed and maneuvered conducting a search but was unable to reestablish contact with the VC. 1 USN WIA (MedEvac)

241200H Feb69. While on a combined sweep at YD 368608, CAP 4-3-2 captured one SKS, one 82mm mortar tube, one 60mm mortar, and one VC POW. The prisoner and weapons were turned over to Trieu Phong District Headquarters.

241600H Feb69. A patrol from CAP 4-2-8 found and destroyed one freshly dug enemy bunker at YD 387468.

242000H Feb69. An ambush patrol from CAP 4-1-7 received one incoming enemy hand grenade and one short burst of AK-47 rifle fire into their ambush site at YD 282565. The patrol immediately returned fire and made a sweep of the area. Blood trails and one bloody battle dressing were found at first light.

242023H Feb69. While in their night CP, CAP 4-2-8 received approximately five rounds of sniper fire from YD 386474. The CAP immediately returned fire and swept the area but could not establish contact with the enemy.

251000H Feb69. While conducting a search operation, CAP 4-2-6 found and destroyed one 4'x6'x4' bunker, reinforced with steel casings at YD 305479.

262115H Feb69. An ambush patrol from CAP 4-1-7 made contact with an estimated five VC at YD 293563. The fire fight lasted approximately five minutes with an exchange of small arms fire. As contact was broken, artillery was fired on escape routes. The area was searched with no significant findings. At first light the area was again searched and no indications of the enemy were found.

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272130H Feb69. A CAP 4-2-6 ambush patrol took one VC under fire at YD 313476 with small arms. A search of the area was made and two VCS were apprehended and turned over to Mai Linh District Headquarters.

272205H Feb69. An element of MTT 4-1 sighted four VC at YD 453483. The enemy was brought under fire with small arms by MTT and return small arms fire was received. The area was searched under illumination after contact was broken and again at first light with negative results.

On 28 Feb 1969, MTT 4-1 completed a two week training cycle with PF platoon 9 at YD 455475 in Hai Lang District.

282240H Feb69. A small ambush from CAP 4-1-7, in position at YD 284562, fired upon a squad of VC. Three VC were observed to fall and not move during the fire fight and a fourth wearing a white undershirt was hit several times as he crawled into the brush. The ambush attempted to withdraw but received fire from three different directions. A reaction force from CACO Headquarters and 4th CAG Headquarters, with two tanks, moved to the ambush site. A sweep of the area located one VC KIA, numerous blood trails and bloody bandages, one AK-47 rifle, one 60mm mortar base plate, four 60mm mortar rounds, three AK-47 magazines, two cartridge belts, a woman's bloody brassiere, 500 piasters and 10 Dong NVA money. Another thorough search at first light on 1 March located more blood, four additional 60mm mortar rounds and assorted enemy 782 gear.

282115H Feb69. One ambush patrol from CAP 4-3-7 was taken under fire by the VC at YD 344633 with automatic weapons and two hand grenades. The patrol returned a heavy volume of small arms fire and contact was immediately broken. The area of contact was swept under illumination by the patrol and a reaction force from CAP Headquarters. One enemy blood trail was found and one Vietnamese family which had been held hostage in a bunker by the VC.

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2.0 KM NW OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 012100H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) A night activity from CAP 4-1-5 triggered an  
ambush when an undetermined number of enemy entered the killing zone.  
The area of contact was illuminated and except with no further contact.  
Three VC bodies were found.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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employment.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

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SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 1961 & 2062 COORD,  
4.0 KM NW OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, Did INCIDENT OCCURED) 031100H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) CAP 4-1-4 located twenty-four reinforced rock  
and bamboo bunkers approximately 7'x4'x4' and capable of holding two to  
four men each. Enough fighting holes were found to support about one VC  
company (100). Warm rice and other signs indicated very recent occupa-  
tion by about 25 VC. Area completely checked with negative results.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-3BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 276604 COORD,  
4.0 KM SE OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 072146H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) While in their night CP, CAP 4-1-6 fired upon 30 to 45 VC with claymores, grenades and small arms. VC returned small arms fire, broke contact and moved south. Artillery fired on escape routes. Area was illuminated and searched with negative results.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 273616, 274612 COORD,  
4.0 KM SE OP Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 08 & 09 Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) While conducting a sweep following the CAP 4-1-6 contact of 072145H Feb CAPs 4-1-3 and 4-1-6 apprehended one VC listed on the Black List, as a squad leader, two VC nurses, one ARVN deserter, and one draft dodger. Also located approximately 75 pounds of medical supplies.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-3BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE XD 360548 COORD,  
2.0 KM NE OF Quang Tri City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 100200H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) Two PF who were en route to District Headquarters from CAP 4-3-5 position, sighted one VC moving west at above grid. PF fired small arms and received no return fire. VC was killed, body and weapon recovered.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE XD 273613 COORD,  
4.0 KM SE OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 142315H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) CAP 4-1-6 in night position sighted movement of  
7 to 8 VC moving northEast. CAP detonated one claymore, threw two M-26  
grenades, fired 100 rounds M-16, and 20 rounds M-79.ECHO - (Results) Swept area with negative results under illumination.FOXTROT - Fr/KIA 0 GOLF - Fr/WIA 0 HOTEL- Fr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 0 (C) JULIET - En/Captred 0 KILO - En/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Reaction force formed and Police Chief  
Notified.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-2BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 389479 COORD,  
8.0 KM SE OF Quang Tri City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 142345H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) CACO 4-2-8 reported movement in village at  
above grid. Investigating patrol fired upon by four AKs and carbines  
and one light machine gun from across river (400 rounds incoming).  
Returned small arms, illuminated and contact was broken.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-2BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 378502 COORD,  
5.0 KM SE OF Quang Tri City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 152200H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) CAP 4-2-1 ambush sighted 3 VC and fired small arms, received one burst of AK fire in return. Swept area with negative results. Established new ambush. Made contact with unknown number of VC receiving several rounds of incoming small arms. Maneuvered and apprehended one VCS. Swept area under illumination and apprehended 2 additional VCS.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-3BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 359599 COORD,  
6.0 KM N OF Quang Tri City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 152230H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) An activity from CAP 4-3-2 saw lights at the  
above grid across the river from their location. The sound of a heavy  
metal object being moved was heard. Illumination mission was fired and  
activity commenced recon by fire. Received 20 rounds of small arms and  
5 rounds of recoilless rifle fire in return. An artillery mission was  
called on the enemy position with unknown results. Enemy fire ceased.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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to observe enemy position. Crossed river and searched on 16 Feb in am.  
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\_\_\_\_\_OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 283570 COORD,  
5.0 KM NW OF Quang Tri City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 160730H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) A patrol from CAP 4-1-7 and members of RD  
Team policed up 30 NLF propaganda leaflets from trail where they had  
been left on night of 15-16 Feb.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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separate cover.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 225653 COORD,  
6.0 KM N OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 190745H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) Hamlet Chief in Truc Khe reported to CAP  
4-1-4 that one NVA was sleeping in a villagers house at the above grid.  
CAP dispatched a patrol which captured one NVA after firing small arms.  
NVA apparently ditched his AK-47.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-3BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE XD 341662 COORD,  
10 KM NE OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 190800H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) While on patrol at above grid and time, PF  
Platoon #118 made contact with 10 VC near a pagoda. The platoon re-  
quested assistance from CAP 4-3-8. CAP 4-3-8 gave assistance upon link  
up with Plt. #118.ECHO - (Results) After completion of the fire fight and a sweep of the  
area, 8 VC were captured, 2 VC were KIA, and 5 AK-47s were recovered.FOXTROT - Pr/KIA 0 GOLF - Pr/WIA 0 HOTEL- Pr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 2 (C) JULIET - En/Captrd 8 KILO - En/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) Five AK-47sMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Prisoners and weapons were turned over  
to Trieu Phong District Headquarters.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 383472 COORD,  
10 KM SE OF Quang Tri City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 192045H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) An activity from CAP 4-1-7 sighted seven  
unidentified persons moving west to east at above grid. An exchange of  
small arms was followed by a sweep which yeilded negative results.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-3BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 335626 COORD,  
10 KM E OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTC INCIDENT OCCURED) 200230H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) An activity from CAP 4-3-7 sighted 10 to 15  
VC and received 15 rounds of incoming small arms fire. Activity and  
reaction force from CAP Headquarters maneuvered to make contact. Received  
one incoming M-79 round but made negative further contact. Will sweep  
at first light.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ COORD,  
2.0 KM NW OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 201630H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) One Vietnamese boy turned into CAP 4-1-4 the  
following ordnance: 100 rds AK-47 ammo, 1 RPG round. The boy was paid  
VIP funds for reward.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-3BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 353607 COORD,  
6.0 KM N OF Quang Tri City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 201915H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) An element of CAP 4-3-2 sighted two VC carrying weapons. Fired S/A and received 10 - 15 incoming S/A rounds. VC disappeared into a treeline and were pursued by S/A and LAAW fire.ECHO - (Results) Will cross river and check area at first light.FOXTROT - Pr/KIA 0 GOLF - Pr/WIA 0 HOTEL- Pr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 0 (C) JULIET - En/Captd 0 KILO - En/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Search at first light revealed one blood trail and two drag marks all heading east away from the river.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 265584 COORD,  
3.0 IN SE OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 212130H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) Estimated 30 VC were taken under fire by CAP 4-1-6 activities. Reaction force from 4-1 Headquarters, CAP 4-1-7 and 2 tanks maneuvered to west after VC had broken contact. Artillery was fired on escape routes.ECHO - (Results) The area was illuminated and thoroughly searched. Two VC bodies were located at the point of initial contact.FOXTROT - Fr/KIA 0 GOLF - Fr/WIA 0 HOTEL- Fr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 2 (C) JULIET - En/Captrd 0 KILO - En/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) 2 AK-47sMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) NoneOSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-2BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 463486 COORD,  
4.0 KM E OF Hai Lang City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 231030H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) An integrated patrol of MTT-1, PF and U.S.  
Army located a suspicious foundation under a house in an abandoned  
village at the above grid. The owner was contacted but could not provide  
an explanation for the unusual construction. A shape charge was  
employed to explore the foundation after extensive probing. The crater  
revealed a rice cache of 2000 pounds. 700 pounds were spoiled and destroyedECHO - (Results) 1300 pounds were evacuated to District Headquarters.The house owner was apprehended.FOXTROT - Fr/KIA 0 GOLF - Fr/WIA 0 HOTEL - Fr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 0 (C) JULIET - En/Captrd 0 KILO - En/Sus 1LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) 2000 pounds of unpolished rice.

NOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken)

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

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-3BRAVO - (Where) IN Huong Tri PROVINCE TD 345637 COORD,  
10 KM NE OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, Where, Incident occurred) 221130H Feb 69.CHARLIE - (Who, What, How) A patrol from CAP 4-3-7 attempted to check the identification of two Vietnamese observed in the coastal sand dunes. Vietnamese threw a hand grenade at patrol and escaped into a treeline. The search for the VC continues.

ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_

FOXTROT - Fr/KIA 0 GOLF - Fr/MIA 1 (E) HOTEL - Fr/MIA 0INDIA - Fr/KIA 0 (C) JULIET - Fr/Captd 0 KILO - Fr/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Search groups lost enemy in trees and brush.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACQ 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 237634 COORD,  
3.0 KM N OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 232045H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) A patrol from CAP 4-1-4, departing from an  
ambush position, received one incoming hand grenade. The area was  
immediately searched by the patrol and a reaction force from CAP Head-  
quarters maneuvered to intercept the VC. A single set of foot prints  
were found leading from the scene but contact could not be re-established.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_MIKE - (Equipment/Documents) None  
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SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 293564 COORD,  
5.0 KM NW OF Quang Tri City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 210215H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) An ambush from CAP 4-1-7 received two incoming hand grenades. The activity deployed and maneuvered, conducting a search but was unable to re-establish contact with the VC.ECHO - (Results) \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-2BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 387468 COORD,  
5.0 KM SE OF Hai Lang City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 241600H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) A patrol from CAP 4-2-8 found one fresh dug  
enemy bunker at coord YD 387468.ECHO - (Results) Patrol checked the bunker with negative results.FOXTROT - Pr/KIA 0 GOLF - Pr/WIA 0 HOTEL- Pr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 0 (C) JULIET - En/Captrd 0 KILO - En/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Notified 4th SAG S-3OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 282565 COORD,  
4.0 KM S OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 242000H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) At 2000, one ambush patrol from CAP 4-1-7  
received one incoming enemy grenade and one short burst of AK-47 rifle  
fire into ambush site at coord YD 282565.ECHO - (Results) Patrol immediately returned fire and made a sweep of  
the area and found nothing. A sweep of the area was made again at  
first light and found blood trails and one bloody battle dressing.FOXTROT - Pr/KIA 0 GOLF - Pr/WIA 0 HOTEL- Pr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 0 (C) JULIET - En/Captd 0 KILO - En/Sas 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Notified 4th CAG S-3OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-2BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 386474 COORD,  
5.0 KM SE OF Hai Lang City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 242023H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) While in their night CP, CAP 4-2-8 received  
approximately 5 rounds of sniper fire from coord YD 386474.ECHO - (Results) The CAP immediately returned fire and made a sweep  
of the area and found nothing.FOXTROT - Pr/KIA 0 GOLF - Pr/WIA 0 HOTEL- Pr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 0 (C) JULIET - En/Captrd 0 KILO - En/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Notified 4th CAG S-3.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-2BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 305479 COORD,  
6.0 KM SW OF Quang Tri City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 251000H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) While conducting a search operation, CAP 4-2-6  
found one enemy bunker size 4x6 reinforced with steel casings.ECHO - (Results) Search of bunker was made with negative results.FOXTROT - Pr/KIA 0 GOLF - Pr/WIA 0 HOTEL - Pr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 0 (0) JULIET - En/Captred 0 KILO - En/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Bunker was destroyed.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 293563 COORD,  
4.0 KM S OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 262115H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) An ambush patrol from CAP 4-1-7 made contact  
with an estimated 5 VC at coord YD 293563.ECHO - (Results) Contact lasted approximately 5 minutes with small  
arms fire. When contact was broken artillery was fired on escape routes.  
Area was searched with no significant findings. Area was searched again  
at first light and no indication of the enemy was found.FOXTROT - Fr/KIA 0 GOLF - Fr/WIA 0 HOTEL - Fr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 0 (C) JULIET - En/Captred 0 KILO - En/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Reported to 4th CAG S-3OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-2BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 313476 COORD,  
6.0 KM SW OF Quang Tri City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 272130H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) A CAP 4-2-6 ambush patrol sighted one VC from their night position. The VC was brought under fire with small arms. No return fire was received. The VC was seen running into a house at above coordinates.ECHO - (Results) Search of the area was made and " VCS were apprehended.FOXTROT - Pr/KIA 0 GOLF - Pr/WIA 0 HOTEL- Pr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 0 (C) JULIET - En/Captrd 0 KILO - En/Sus 2LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) VCS were turned over to Mai LinhDistrict Headquarters.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-2BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE TD 435483 COORD,  
4.0 KM E OF Hai Lang City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 272205H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) An element of MTT 4-1 sighted 4 VG at above  
coordinates. The enemy was brought under fire with small arms, by MTT and  
the enemy returned fire.ECHO - (Results) After contact was broken, a search of the area was  
made under illumination, and the area searched again at first light.  
Nothing was found to report.FOXTROT - Pr/KIA 0 GOLF - Pr/MIA 0 HOTEL- Pr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 0 (C) JULIET - En/Captd 0 KILO - En/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Notified 4th CAG S-3.OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-3BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 344633 COORD,  
10 10N 090 090WCHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 282115H Feb 69DELTA - (Who, What, How) One ambush patrol from CAP 4-3-7 was taken  
under fire by the VC at coord YD 344633 with automatic weapons and two  
hand grenades. The patrol returned a heavy volume of small arms fire  
and contact was immediately broken.ECHO - (Results) Area of contact was swept under illumination by the  
patrol and a reaction force from CAP Headquarters. One enemy blood  
trail was found and one Vietnamese family which had been held hostage  
in a bunker by the VC.FOXTROT - FF/KIA 0 GOLF - Fr/MIA 1 USMC HOTEL - Fr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 0 (C) JULIET - En/Captrd <sup>minor</sup> 0 KILO - En/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) NoneMIKE - (Equipment/Documents) NoneNOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Notified 4th CAG S-3OSCAR - (Initial, Interim, or Final Report) Final

SPOT REPORTALPHA - (Unit sending report) CACO 4-1BRAVO - (Where) IN Quang Tri PROVINCE YD 284562 COORD,  
5.5 KM SE OF Dong Ha City.CHARLIE - (When, DTG INCIDENT OCCURED) 282240H Feb 69.DELTA - (Who, What, How) A small ambush from CAP 4-1-7 in position at YD 284562 fired upon one squad of VC. Three VC were observed to fall and not move during the fire fight and a fourth wearing a white undershirt was hit several times as he crawled into the brush. The ambush attempted to withdraw but received fire from three different directions.

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ECHO - (Results) A reaction force from CACO and CAG Headquarters, with 2 tanks, moved to ambush site but could not re-establish contact. A sweep of the area was made finding one VC KIA, numerous blood trails, bloody bandages, 1 AK-47 rifle, 1 60mm mortar base plate, 4 60mm mortar rounds, 3 AK-47 magazines, 2 cartridge belts, a womans bloody bra, 500 piasters and \$10 NVA money. Sweep was made of area at first light on 1 March with no additional findings. Results: 4VC KIA confirmed.

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FOXTROT - Fr/KIA 0 GOLF - Fr/MIA 0 HOTEL - Fr/MIA 0INDIA - En/KIA 4 (C) JULIET - En/Captrd 0 KILO - En/Sus 0LIMA - (Weapons Captured) (1) AK-47, (1) 60mm base plate, (3) AK-47 magazines.MIKE - (Equipment/Documents) 500 piasters, \$10 NVA money.NOVEMBER - (Command Action Taken) Notified 4th CAG S-3

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

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SECT S-3 PHONE 4th CAG  
CWO

PRIORITY 021003 Z FEB 69

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

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CAP ACTIVATION

1. ON 1 FEBRUARY 1969 CAP 4-3-5 WAS ACTIVATED IN THE VILLAGE OF THAM TRIEU COORD YD 370552 IN TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT. CAP WILL WORK WITH PF PLATOON #53.

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FIRST BRIG, FIFTH MECHANIZED DIV, U.S. ARMY

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MTT TRAINING OF PF UNIT AND ACTIVATION OF NEW CAP

1. ON 2 FEBRUARY 1969 MTT 4-1 COMPLETED A TWO WEEK TRAINING CYCLES WITH PF PLATOON #8 AT COORD YD 425490 IN THE VILLAGE OF CU HOAN IN HAI LANG DISTRICT.

2. ON 2 FEBRUARY 1969 CAP 4-1-8 WAS ACTIVATED AS A MOBILE CAP. CAP WILL WORK WITH FF PLATOON #77 IN THE HAMLET OF AN BINH IN DONG HA DISTRICT, COORD YD 207627.

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DRAFTER W.M. WILLIAMSON  
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PRIORITY 040113 Z FEB 69

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ACTIVATION OF NEW CAPS

1. ON 3 FEBRUARY 1969 CAP 4-2-8 WAS ACTIVATED AS A MOBILE CAP. CAP WILL WORK WITH PF PLATOON #18 AT COORD YD 393475 IN MAI LINH DISTRICT.
2. ON 3 FEBRUARY 1969 CAP 4-3-7 WAS ACTIVATED AS A MOBILE CAP. CAP WILL WORK WITH PF PLATOON #26 AT COORD YD 340633 IN TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT.

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PRIORITY 060105 Z FEB 69

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ACTIVATION OF NEW CAP

1. ON 5 FEBRUARY 1969 CAP 4-3-8 WAS ACTIVATED AS A MOBILE CAP. CAP WILL WORK WITH PF PLATOON #52 IN THE HAMLET OF XOM DONG COORD YD 338667 IN TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT.

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DRAFTER W.M. WILLIAMSON  
SECT S-3 PHONE 4th CAG  
CWO

PRIORITY 100129 Z FEB 69

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

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FIRST BRIG, FIFTH MECHANIZED DIV U.S. ARMY

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NEW CAP ACTIVATION AND CHANGE OF PF PLATOON WITH CAP

1. ON 9 FEBRUARY 1969 CAP 4-1-7 WAS ACTIVATED AS A COMPOUND CAP.  
CAP WILL WORK WITH PF PLATOON #31 AT COORD YD 287497 IN TRIEU PHONG  
DISTRICT.

2. ON 9 FEBRUARY 1969 PF PLATOON #58 WAS ASSIGNED BY MAI LINH DISTRICT  
HEADQUARTERS TO WORK WITH CAP 4-2-1 AT COORD YD 371497. REASON OF  
CHANGE: OLD PF PLATOON #67 WHICH WAS WITH CAP 4-2-1 WAS REASSIGNED AS  
SECURITY PLT. FOR DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

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PRIORITY 110117 2 FEB 69

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DEACTIVATION OF CAP AND REPORT OF MTT 4-1

1. ON 9 FEBRUARY 1969 CAP 4-2-2 AT COORD YD 276576 WAS DEACTIVATED AS A COMPOUND CAP. CAP USMC PERSONNEL WERE REASSIGNED AS REPLACEMENTS WITH OTHER CAPS.
2. ON 10 FEBRUARY 1969 MTT 4-1 COMMENCED A TWO WEEK TRAINING CYCLE WITH PF PLT. #9 AT COORD YD 455475 IN HAI LANG DISTRICT.

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## MTT TRAINING: COMPLETION OF

1. ON 28 FEBRUARY 1969 MIT 4-1 COMPLETED A TWO WEEK TRAINING CYCLE WITH PF PLATOON #9 AT COORD YD 455475 IN HAI LANG DISTRICT.

CCN REL BY TIME

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

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 26 Feb 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
 (Attn: AC/S, CAP)

Subj: Expansion of the 4th Combined Action Group

Ref: (a) CO, 4th CAG ltr 1/JEH/wgh over 3121 of 23Nov68  
 (b) G-3 I Corps and ICTZ ltr 126/NDL/PPD dtd 6Jan69  
 (c) ForO 3121.4B

1. Reference (a) requested assignment of 12 new CAP's to 4th Combined Action Group to meet the needs of Quang Tri Province. This request was approved and, during January 1969, assets were made available for 6 of the 12 proposed sites. CG, ICTZ, however, asked in reference (b) that a decision on the relocation of other assets be delayed until after the TET period due to the tactical situation in the Danang area. Two recent developments in Quang Tri Province have now forced an overall reevaluation of the need for CAP resources.

a. On 18 February 1969, CG, 3d Marine Division directed that elements of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines begin phasing out of the Cam Lo and Huong Ha (Cua) areas where they have been supporting RF/PF elements since last November. As was anticipated in reference (a), this move leaves a void in the two Districts and makes necessary a realignment of CAPs throughout the Province.

b. The second development is the formulation of the new 1969 Pacification Plan. The present draft of this plan identified 62 hamlets that are to be given priority attention during the first five-month phase. Province has examined the resources available and has tentatively programmed a series of moves for RD, PF, RF and CAP elements to best support the new plan while maintaining the gains achieved by earlier pacification efforts.

2. This reevaluation has now been completed with CG, 3d Marine Division, the Quang Tri Province Chief, the Province Senior Advisor, and CO, 4th Combined Action Group concurring that CAPs are needed critically at the following sites:

<u>HAMLET</u>	<u>TENTATIVE PRIORITY</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
Tay Luong/Phu Huu Ly Nhon	7	YD 420545	Hai Lang
Phu Hai/Phuong Lang Tay	8	YD 430555	Hai Lang

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<u>HAMLET</u>	<u>TENTATIVE PRIORITY</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
La Duy	4	YD 407545	Hai Lang
Le Xuyen	5	YD 355615	Trieu Phong
Van Hoa (East)	6	YD 365600	Trieu Phong
Cam Vu	3	YD 190618	Dong Ha
An Thai/Bac Binh	1	YD 135608	Cam Lo
Lam Lang	2	YD 180605	Cam Lo
Dau Binh	9	YD 100605	Cam Lo
*Doc Kinh	10-11	YD 100525	Huong Hoa (Cua)
*Phuong An (Bru)	12-13	YD 080523	Huong Hoa (Cua)
Ha Thanh (1)	14	YD 218697	Gio Linh
Ha Thanh (2)	15	YD 228680	Gio Linh
Ha Thuong	16	YD 220725	Gio Linh

\* Two CAPs desired at each of these locations.

3. At present it appears that there are six CAPs in 4th CAG that can be moved within the next 30-45 days to meet these needs. It is considered that progress in the training of PF elements and in hamlet pacification will justify relocating the Marine elements from CAPs 4-1-4, 4-2-4, 4-2-7, 4-3-2, and 4-3-6. Additionally, because of proximity of other force, it is considered feasible to move 4-3-8. Obviously these adjustments would meet only a fraction of the total need outlined above, the remaining need cannot be met by assets now available to 4th CAG. An increase of 10 CAPs above the present manning level - for a total of 28 in 4th CAG - would be required to satisfy the existing requirement. This figure represents an increase of 4 CAPs beyond the level authorized in December 1968.

4. Approval of all, or any part, of the proposed expansion outlined above would increase the burden on the command and control facilities presently assigned 4th CAG. Thirteen of the proposed sites lie in Districts which lack parallel CACO Headquarters. CACO 4-2 at the Mai Linh District Headquarters already has CAPs in Hai Lang and Mai Linh Districts. While it has coordinated with both Districts satisfactorily thus far, such dual responsibilities are not desirable over the long term. It is envisioned that at an absolute minimum, a new CACO Headquarters should be assigned to Cam Lo such a Headquarters could then be assigned responsibility for the Cam Lo and Huong Hoa (Cua) Districts. Hai Lang/Mai Linh, and Dong Ha/Gio Linh would also hold joint coordination responsibilities. Ideally, however, four additional Headquarters are required to meet the full need and promote efficient operations.

5. The sites listed in paragraph 2 above meet the criteria set forth in paragraph (10) of reference(c). Movement into Cam Lo and Huong Hoa (Cua) Districts will provide minimum U. S. presence in support of territorial forces; enable them to meet 1969 pacification goals; and, in the case of Cam Lo, permit undertaking

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of the resettlement project in the Dau Binh area. The Lam Dang and Cam Vu CAPs would enhance the Cam Vu resettlement plan scheduled to begin in March 1969. The Hai Lang sites are in hamlets targeted for Phase 1 of the 1969 Pacification Plan. In addition their location near Route 555 and Gia Dang road will enhance security and further the major resettlement project in the coastal area. As noted in reference (a) Gio Linh faces a major refugee problem with the bulk of its population dislocated from their homes. Aid in this area is considered long overdue.

6. In view of the above, it is requested that available Combined Action Program assets be reexamined and priorities reconsidered with a view toward transferring up to 10 CAPs and 4 CACO Headquarters to 4th CAG to meet present needs.

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
 (Attn: AC/S Combined Action Program)  
 Subj: Revolutionary Development Teams

1. During February 1969, the Quang Tri Province 1969 Pacification Plan was revised in accordance with the directives of Saigon. The original four phase program was changed to two phases and the number of target hamlets greatly increased. RD Team assignments were then reevaluated to conform with the revised plan. The teams remained at their pre-TET locations through the lunar new year celebration but have now moved into the targeted hamlets.

2. The following CAPs are presently working with RD Teams:

<u>CAP</u>	<u>RD TEAM #</u>
4-1-5	QT 30, 32
4-1-7	QT 39, 40
4-1-8	QT 9, 6, 33, 13
4-2-3	QT 25
4-2-1	QT 26
4-2-6	QT 10
4-2-7	QT 7, 29
4-2-8	QT 15, 35
4-3-8	QT 23, 42

3. In coordination with the Province RD Advisor, the CACO commanders are serving as overseers for the RD effort in CAP hamlets. The goal of integrated military and Civic Action programs within each AOC is a reality at this time in some CAPs. Specifically, we are striving for mutual planning, integrated patrolling and security efforts, a complete and timely exchange of intelligence, joint psychological warfare campaigns, and coordinated civic action projects. To date we have encountered no serious problems. While we cannot claim that anything like full and effective integration is yet a reality, we are moving toward this goal and expect significant progress by mid-March.

4. An additional consideration in this effort is the role played by the village/hamlet leaders. In one or two areas we have sensed that RD Team leaders and village/hamlet officials are not in full agreement, nor are they making any effort toward cooperation. This complicates the task.

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It appears that we will have to draw these officials as well into the joint effort to ensure that all are pulling toward common goals.

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ALL CAP LEADERS AND PF PLATOON LEADERS

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REMARKS OF LTCOL. J. E. GREENWOOD AT CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY 27 FEB 1969

No Marine likes to give up his command -- be it a squad or a division -- for command of a Marine unit is something special. Least of all does he relish it if it has been his privilege to activate the command, to form it from scratch. He invariably feels it contains a part of himself and he is reluctant to say, "Goodbye". That is precisely the position I am in today. And as I saluted LtCol. FORD a moment ago and passed the reins of the 4th Combined Action Group to him, I felt all the pangs that come with departing from someone that is loved -- for something that has occupied all one's time, attention, and energy for several months.

But I leave with many warm and satisfying memories. I am intensely proud of the 4th Combined Action Group and of all that you have done during the past seven months.

I am intensely proud of your performance in combat. Our fights have been small ones, of short duration; but they have always been sudden, intense, and heated. You have met every challenge the enemy has offered, and you have acquitted yourself with abundant skill.

I am equally proud of the less dramatic, less newsworthy things that you have done. I am proud of your training effort, of what you have done to increase your own professionalism, and ensure that you leave behind you more capable defensive forces.

Most of all, I am proud of the quite, slow, often tedious work you have done in the field of pacification. It is work that makes few headlines, but it is work that is absolutely indispensable in this type of warfare. I will remember always some of the chapters you have written in this field. There is the story of Thuong Xa -- a hamlet in which our enemy enjoyed much freedom through most of 1968. During an eight month period, we killed over 40 of them. Progress was slow -- almost imperceptible. But you stuck with it; you whittled away at a tough problem. Then in November, on the day before Thanksgiving, following a major cordon and search operation by the 3d Marine Division, we closed the 4-2-1 compound and moved from the fringes across the river into Thuong Xa proper. Since that date exactly three months ago, there have been no enemy in Thuong Xa. Dozens of families have returned to their homes. A bridge has been built and the people have ready access to their markets in Quang Tri. Government officials have returned. Elections are scheduled for early next month. Nearly 4000 people are feeling the benefits of this pacification progress. This is an indispensable story; one that must be written in every hamlet and village in Vietnam before we win final victory. And it is being written right today in dozens of other hamlets throughout Quang Tri. I am intensely proud of these achievements and proud that I have been a small part of them.

The 4th Combined Action Group stands indebted to many people, and many of those to whom our debt is greatest are with us today:

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- Colonel AM, his staff, and his District Chiefs bear equal responsibility for whatever successes we have achieved.

- General DAVIS and the entire 3d Marine Division have treated us as one of their own since the 20th of July. I fear we are guilty of some shameful freeloading, but there has never been a word of complaint -- nothing but splendid understanding and support.

- From Colonel DANOWITZ and the III MAF staff we have invariably received clear guidance and sound policy. It has been a beacon to follow and a crutch to support us in time of need.

- And last but not least, Colonel MOONEY and Advisory Team 19 with its staff and fine group of District Senior Advisors. They have kept our efforts integrated with the overall Province effort; they have helped us solve our problems; they have sung our praises.

To all of you my sincerest and warmest thanks.

And now to the officers and men of the 4th Combined Action Group, let me say, "Goodbye, best wishes, and Godspeed".

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APPENDIX C (Report Format) to PSYOPS Order 1-69

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 4th Combined Action Group

Subj: Weekly PSYOPS Report

1. A new PSYOPS report is required by higher headquarters and additional information is required. Also the reporting period has changed to 0001 Friday through 2400 Thursday to be submitted by 1600 on Friday.

2. The following PSYOPS information is submitted for the period \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_:

- a. Number of total operations \_\_\_\_\_ (Example: number of times papers are distributed, number of times leaflets are distributed, number of broadcasts conducted by AITs - a total of operations)
- b. Number of hours devoted to all PSYOPS operations \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Number of leaflets distributed and themes \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Number of posters distributed and themes \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Number of MEDEVACs conducted \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. Total hours devoted to MEDEVACs \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Number of MEDEVAC patients treated \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. Number of civilians attending movies \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. Number of hours movies were shown \_\_\_\_\_.
- j. Special operations: Narrative - (Use back side if necessary.)

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