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

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 April to 30 April 1970

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.1A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8B
(c) CAFO 5750.1

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Encl: (1) 4th Combined Action Group Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Downgraded at 3-year intervals, declassified after 12 years, DOD Dir 5200.10.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

Organizational Data1. Designation

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

Commander

Major R. D. KING
1-30 April 1970

Subordinate Units

CACO 4-1
CACO 4-2
CACO 4-3

Capt J. T. LOFTUS
1stLt B. D. CAZOTT
Capt A. B. HINSON

1-30 April 1970
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2. Location

Headquarters
CACO 4-1
CACO 4-2
CACO 4-3

1-30 April 1970
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1-30 April 1970

Quang Tri Combat Base
Dong Ha District
Hai Lang District
Trieu Phong District

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer
S-1 Officer
S-3 Officer
S-4 Officer

Maj W. D. LEDEBOER
Capt J. E. RISER
Maj H. G. DUNCAN
1stLt G. R. BROWN

1-30 April 1970
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4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC
Off Enl
8 298

USN
Off Enl
2 19

Others
Off Enl
0 0

5. End-of-Month Unit Diary Strength

USMC
Off Enl
8 316

USN
Off Enl
2 19

Others
Off Enl
0 0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of April was devoted to normal operations in established Tactical Areas of Coordination and to training of Popular Force members in various military skills.

A need was foreseen to train Popular Force members in forward observer techniques in adjusting mortar and artillery fire, use, care and cleaning of the M-60 Machinegun, and medical evacuation procedures. During the month of April, classes were held on selected PFs in forward observer procedures for all PF Platoons operating with Combined Action Platoons. A satisfactory degree of success was attained, but the need for further training is evident and is being implemented. In addition to FO procedures, each PF Platoon selected a Machinegun Team which was trained in the use of the M-60 Machinegun. Results of this training were most satisfactory, and the training has resulted in each PF Platoon being issued an M-60 Machinegun for PF use. The medevac training was not completed in April due to a lack of availability of support from the 237th Medical Detachment. The support has been promised for May.

In addition to the above training, the training of PFs in marksmanship and weaponry as described in previous Command Chronologies continued in April. Two CAPs per week were brought to the CAG Headquarters for a day and a night of this training. The training has continued to be most effective.

Contact with the enemy showed some increase during April, resulting in seven enemy KIA. There were no CAP KIA. There were five CAP WIA(E)--three Marines and two PF.

Villagers continue to cooperate in turning in ordnance they find, and in pointing out surprise firing devices they encounter.

Villagers continue to respond to MedCaps offered by the CAPs. A total of seven civilians were medevaced during April.

April was a good month for the locating and destroying of bunkers. Twenty such enemy bunkers were destroyed during the month.

On 29 April 1970, CAPs 4-2-2 and 4-2-4 were deactivated. Personnel from those CAPs were reassigned to 2d Combined Action Group for duty.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operations Summary

a. Nighttime activities

- (1) 6 Apr 1970. At the night patrol base of CAP 4-1-3, an USEF detonated a trip flare at a range of about 50 meters. The CAP responded with a Claymore Mine detonation. A sweep of the area under illumination produced negative results.
- (2) 8 Apr 1970. CAP 4-1-5, while in night Patrol Base, was attacked by an USEF with SAF, B-40 rounds, and plastic charges thrown into the perimeter. The CAP, along with several RD cadremen in the common perimeter, returned SAF and M-79 HE fire. Contact was broken by the enemy who fled in an unknown direction. A sweep under illumination revealed 4 VC KIA, 2 AK-47 Assault Rifles, 2 B-40 rounds, 10 ChiCom Grenades, and 10 plastic charges. Friendly casualties were 2 RD KIA; 1 MC WIA(E); 2 PF WIA(E); 3 RD WIA(E). The wounded were taken by helicopter medevac to the 18th Surgical Hospital.
- (3) 10 Apr 1970. A CAP 4-2-1 Security Post observed 3 VC to the north of the night Patrol Base. The ambush, which was preparing to leave the Patrol Base, went to investigate. Ambush spotted the VC and initiated contact with SAF at a range of 200 meters. The VC fled to the northwest without returning fire. A further sweep under illumination produced negative results.
- (4) 10 Apr 1970. At 2230 a trip flare was detonated at a range of about 35 meters from the night Patrol Base of CAP 4-1-5. A PF on the perimeter opened up with 20 rounds of M-16 fire. A sweep was made under illumination with negative results.
- (5) 10 Apr 1970. At 2330 CAP 4-1-5 received one unknown type grenade which detonated inside the night Patrol Base. The CAP responded by detonating one Claymore mine in the suspected direction of the grenade source. A sweep was made of the area with negative results.
- (6) 14 Apr 1970. While placing Claymore mines on approaches to the night Patrol Base of CAP 4-1-5, a Marine found one 155mm round, an apparent dud. The following morning, EOD personnel destroyed the round.

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- (7) 16 Apr 1970. An all-PF ambush from CAP 4-3-1 observed five VC at a range of 100 meters. PFs initiated contact with SAF. The VC fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area under illumination resulted in finding one bag of rice, and one VN girl, age 10, who was wounded by gunfire in a house about 500 meters from the ambush site. The girl was medevaced to 18th Surgical Hospital.
- (8) 22 Apr 1970. A CAP 4-2-6 ambush initiated SAF on 1 VC at a range of 50 meters. The enemy fled in an unknown direction without returning fire. A sweep was organized, and as the sweep moved out of the night Patrol Base, one Marine was wounded by SAF from a PF who mistook him for an enemy. Sweep produced negative results. Wounded Marine was medevaced to 18th Surgical Hospital.
- (9) 25 Apr 1970. An ambush from CAP 4-2-3 observed three suspected VC at a range of 300 to 350 meters moving from southwest to north. They notified the Night Patrol Base which sent out the second ambush to intercept the VC on their route. There was negative contact.

b. Daytime activities

- (1) 2 Apr 1970. A day patrol from CAP 4-3-1 located a shallow grave containing the remains of a VN female, wrapped in light camouflaged netting and dressed in black trousers and green jacket. Cause of death could not be determined. The body was reinterred and the area swept with negative results.
- (2) 3 Apr 1970. A day patrol from CAP 4-3-1 located a shallow grave containing the badly decomposed remains of what appeared to be a VN Male. The remains had bandages around the neck, indicating death may have occurred from neck wounds. Body reinterred, and area swept with negative results.
- (3) 12 Apr 1970. A Vietnamese child led CAP 4-3-5 to a point where an SFD (C-4 filled brick with friction type blasting cap), one 82mm Mortar round (HE), 40 linked .30 calibre rounds, a few pots and one kerosene stove were well hidden in brush and appeared to have been there about one to two months. The SFD was destroyed in place. Other items were taken by the CAP. A further search of the area produced negative results.
- (4) 17 Apr 1970. CAP 4-1-4, while on a day patrol, located a total of ten bunkers reinforced with steel and bamboo logs. All appeared to be old. Bunkers were destroyed.

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- (5) 20 Apr 1970. CAP 4-3-4, while on day patrol, found one SFD consisting of a C-Ration can filled with C-4 and metal fragments. The SFD was set to explode by a trip wire device. The SFD was destroyed. A further sweep of the area produced negative results.
- (6) 20 Apr 1970. An element from CAP 4-3-6, and elements of four non-CAP PF Platoons in a combined operation encountered 2 NVA and 1 VC in a bunker. In the contact which followed, the enemy were killed, and one non-CAP PF killed, along with one non-CAP PF WIA(E). 3 AK-47 assault rifles, 5 bayonets, 1 ChiCom grenade, 10 kilos of rice, and assorted medical gear and clothing were taken from the bunker. Friendly WIA was medevaced to 18th Surgical Hospital. Captured weapons and equipment were turned over to the Trieu Phong District Headquarters.
- (7) 20 Apr 1970. CAP 4-2-1, while on day patrol, found one 250 pound bomb buried in the ground with only the fin assembly showing. EOD personnel were called, and the bomb was destroyed.
- (8) 21 Apr 1970. A day patrol from CAP 4-3-1 found a bunker reinforced with wood, measuring $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 6$ feet, and situated in heavy brush. The bunker was searched revealing one empty rice bag, one shovel, and one cigarette lighter. The bunker appeared to have been recently constructed and used. Bunker was destroyed, and equipment was evacuated to District Headquarters. Further search of the area was non-productive.
- (9) 22 Apr 1970. CAPs 4-3-3 and 4-3-6 on combined operation located one recently used bunker measuring $3 \times 6 \times 4$ feet and made of wood and brick reinforcement. The bunker appeared to have been used during the past two days. Bunker was destroyed. A further sweep of the area was negative.
- (10) 22 Apr 1970. District Headquarters in Hai Lang District reported that two children and a water buffalo detonated a mine on the road leading to CAPs 4-2-2 and 4-2-4. The children and the water buffalo were killed by the explosion. It was assumed that the mine was placed for the purpose of destroying the CAGO 4-2 resupply vehicle, which is the only vehicle which uses that particular road. PsyOps were requested and used in the area of the explosion.

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- (11) 24 Apr 1970. CAP 4-1-2, while on a day patrol, located one SFD made of bamboo and TNT and rigged with friction type blasting cap. SFD was destroyed. The patrol continued and encountered civilians who led the CAP to four bunkers, all measuring 8x5x4 feet, recently constructed.
- (12) 25 Apr 1970. CAP 4-1-2, while on day patrol, located two bunkers in tree line, measuring 6x7x4 feet, and constructed with bamboo and ammo box reinforcement. One bunker contained approximately 300 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, civilian clothing, one poncho, and assorted documents. The bunkers were destroyed, and the captured material was turned over to District Headquarters.
- (13) 27 Apr 1970. CAP 4-3-2, while providing security for Vietnamese civilians clearing brush, found four 105mm HE rounds and one 4.2 inch mortar round. The ordnance was not rigged as SFDs, and was destroyed in place. A further sweep of the area was negative.
- (14) 27 Apr 1970. CAP 4-1-5, while on day patrol, found one 60mm HE mortar round lying on a trail. The round was destroyed, and a further sweep produced negative results.
- (15) 29 Apr 1970. CAPs 4-2-2 and 4-2-4 were deactivated with an appropriate ceremony attended by local villagers, hamlet and village officials, PF soldiers, District and Province officials.

c. Multi-CAP Operations

- (1) See paragraph 1(b) (9) above.

d. Combined Operations

- (1) See paragraph 1(b) (6) above.

e. Significant operations conducted: None.

2. Neutralization of Enemy Forces

- a. NVA KIA - 5
- b. VC KIA - 2
- c. NVA POW - None
- d. VC POW - None

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- e. VCI POW - None
 - f. Hoi Chanhs - None
 - g. Weapons captured - 8
3. Battle Casualties Sustained
- a. USMC KIA - None
 - b. USMC WIA(E) - 3
 - c. USMC WIA(M) - None
 - d. USMC MIA - None
 - e. USMC KIA - None
 - f. USN WIA(E) - None
 - g. USN WIA(M) - None
 - h. USN MIA - None
 - i. CAP PF KIA - None
 - j. CAP PF WIA(E) - 2
 - k. CAP PF WIA(M) - None
 - l. CAP PF MIA - None
4. New Techniques Employed - None
5. Command Relationships
- a. CAPs continue to be under the operational control of the various District Chiefs. Administrative control of U.S. personnel and KCS is maintained by the 4th Combined Action Group.
 - b. 4th Combined Action Group is provided limited logistical support by the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) in areas of Class I supplies and in maintenance of motor transport and electronics. A close liaison with the Advisors on District and Province levels enhances CAP operations, planning and execution.
 - c. Significant Problem Areas - None
6. Significant Accomplishments of Attachments - None
7. Lessons Learned - None

Non-battle Casualties Sustained

- a. USMC - 1 NBCW(E)

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8. Logistics

a. Significant events - None

b. Supply - The redistribution of excesses from this Group to other Marine Corps units is 95% completed. An audit of the fiscal records was performed during the month of April. Postings were reviewed, and adjustments made accordingly. This audit is still in progress.

c. Maintenance - Nothing significant

d. Motor Transport - The vehicles of this Group logged 19,746 miles during the month of April. The deadline rate averaged 15% with the major portion of breakdown occurring in the drive train of the vehicles. These breakdowns are attributed to the extreme driving conditions that the rough roads, deep mud and dust present. All maintenance was performed without the benefit of a motor vehicle mechanic, MOS 3516, of which this organization rates two.

e. Miscellaneous - Embarkation data is still in the process of update. Mount out boxes have been fabricated, marked and staged.

9. Civic Action. During the month of April, 4th Combined Action Group was limited to the completion of current civic action projects and daily MEDCAP activities. During the month, 12,253 Vietnamese were treated by CAP Corpsmen, 5 adults and 2 children were evacuated for more intensive care to 18th Surgical and Quang Tri Provincial Hospitals. CAP Corpsmen held 13 health and sanitation classes for 88 Vietnamese and local nurses received 28 weeks OJT while assisting the Corpsmen during daily MEDCAP activities. CAP units also distributed approximately 1700 pounds of food to villagers and refugees in their TAOCs.

Specific civic action projects completed during the month of April were:

<u>CAP</u>	<u>UTM COORD</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
4-1-4	YD 234633	Distributed 100 lbs of soap and repainted the dispensary.
4-1-5	YD 223613	Completed construction of the new hamlet dispensary; the school received 1 new blackboard, and there was 60 lbs of soap distributed to the villagers.
4-3-1	YD 286575	Well repaired. 500 lbs of cement donated by CAP for its repair.
4-3-HQ	YD 335558	Distributed 60 lbs of soap.
CAG HQ	YD 303545	Donated 50 lbs of nails, 10 gallons of paint for repairs at the Chieu Hoi Center, Quang Tri City.

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YD 303545

Distributed 500 lbs of PsyOps material and leaflets, 300 lbs of nails, 800 English-Vietnamese Language Textbooks to the S-5, 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) for projects in Quang Tri Province.

MEDCAPs continue to be of major importance in the civic action program. CAP 4-1-5 built a new larger dispensary and the old one (pre-fab) will be relocated elsewhere. The improved health standards and aid facilities have received increased GVN support in every case. Present efforts are aimed at training local hamlet nurses to take over dispensaries left by CAPs upon relocation to a new area or upon deactivation.

10. Personnel Administration

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

(1) <u>Joined</u>	USMC	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
	0	15
(2) <u>Rotated CONUS</u>	USMC	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
	1	5
(3) <u>Reassignment within WestPac</u>	USMC	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
	0	23
(4) <u>Transferred by Service Records While Sick(Out of country hospital)</u>	USMC	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
	0	0
(5) <u>Extension of WestPac Tour Effected</u>	USMC	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
	0	1

b. Promotions: During the month of April the following promotions were effected:

To PFC	<u>3</u>	To SSgt	<u>1</u>
To LCpl	<u>21</u>	To GySgt	<u>0</u>
To Cpl	<u>2</u>	To 1stSgt/MSgt	<u>0</u>
To Sgt	<u>0</u>	To SgtMaj/MGySgt	<u>0</u>

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- (1) Courts held: GCM 0
 SpCM 5
 SCM 4
- (2) Article 32 Investigations: None
- (3) NJP: 15
- (4) JAG-Type Investigations Completed: None

d. Award Recommendations

SSM - 0
BSM - 0
NGM - 0
NAM - 0
PH - 4

e. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREPS

CONGRINTS - 2
SPLINTS - 0
WELREPS - 10

f. Morale and Welfare

(1) R&R. The command has utilized the following number of quotas to the R&R areas listed.

(a) Hong Kong (2)	Japan (1)
Taipei (3)	Bangkok (3)
Hawaii (9)	Sydney (6)
Okinawa (0)	Manila (1)
(b) <u>In Country</u> (2)	

(2) Mail. Daily average bags of mail processed:

<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>
1	1

(3) Hospital Visitations. Personnel of this Command listed as patients in the 18th Surgical Hospital are visited very frequently by officers and staff NCOs from the CAG. Upon evaluation to hospitals in the Danang area, visits are made to coincide with official visits and trips to the Danang area.

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Re-enlistment: None

Extensions: None

11. Intelligence

Although the number of contacts with the enemy by CAPs showed a slight increase, and the number of enemy KIAs by CAPs a significant increase, the general level of enemy activity was comparatively low. An increase in enemy rocket and mortar activity in Quang Tri Province was evident. Mining incidents decreased generally in the Province over the last month, with only one incident significant to the CAPs (See Part III, 1(b) (10) above).

With the rice harvest rapidly approaching, a step-up in enemy activities in rice-gathering operations is expected.

The degree of cooperation by the villagers in locating and reporting various types of ordnance continues to be satisfactory.

12. Communications

During the month of April, the KY-38 Voice Cipher device was installed at CAG and CACO levels greatly enhancing the transmission of classified matter. Use of this device has proven most satisfactory.

There was a relatively long period of time during the month of April when the telephonic communications from CAG switchboard to CAF switchboard were inoperative due to a defect at the Quang Tri Army Base Tropospheric Scatter Multi-channel radio site. The difficulty was eventually found, and the correction reestablished this form of communications.

13. Fire Support

Fire support is available from several sources, both U.S. Army and ARVN. Response to request for fire, particularly illumination, has proven to be satisfactory.

14. Air Support

Other than helicopters used for medevacs and occasional resupply, there has been no request for air support initiated by this command during the month of April.

Medevacs are provided by DMZ Dustoff (237th Medical Detachment) with a most satisfactory speed of response.

A helicopter attached to Province Advisory Team 19 is available and is used on occasions for resupply of operating CAPs during periods when they are operating beyond the reach of vehicles or during inclement weather.

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15. Activations, Deactivations, Resignations, Relocations of CAPs

CAPs 4-2-2 and 4-2-4 were deactivated on 29 April 1970. Proper ceremonies were held with the various Province, District, and Village Chiefs present, as well as Province and District Advisors. A local band was present. Speeches were made and gifts presented, expressing the gratitude of the Vietnamese people for the security and assistance provided by the CAPs during their period of operations in their respective AOs. Regret that the CAPs would have to leave was expressed by the village officials.

16. Combined Action Force School

During the month of April, 23 Marines from this Group attended and completed the course of instruction for new CAP Marines. These Marines are presently serving with various CAPs of this Group.

17. Combined Action Force Vietnamese Language School

During April, 6 Marines from this Group completed the Vietnamese Language School operated by the Combined Action Force Headquarters. Lance Corporal D. H. LYNSE graduated first in the class with an academic average of 98.75%.

18. 1st Marine Division NCO Leadership School

During April, 2 Marines and 2 PFs from the CAPs of 4th CAG completed the 1st Marine Division NCO Leadership School.

19. Artillery Forward Observer's School

During April, 9 Marines from this Group attended and successfully completed the course of instruction in artillery forward observer techniques offered by the 4th Battalion, 5th Artillery Regiment at Quang Tri Combat Base.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Map of CAP TAOCs
2. -Group Order 1601.1A dated 10 Apr 1970. Subj: Interior Guard Orders for Headquarters Camp of 4th CAG
3. - Group Order 5420.1 dated 28 Apr 1970. Subj: Leadership Council

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GROUP ORDER 1601.1A

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Interior Guard Orders for the Headquarters Camp of 4th CAG

Ref: (a) LPM, Chapter 5, Section II

Encl: (1) Special Orders for the Staff Duty NCO
(2) Special Orders for the Sergeant of the Guard
(3) Special Orders for all Sentries
(4) Special Orders for Sentry Post #1
(5) Special Orders for Sentry Post #2
(6) Special Orders for Sentry Post #3

1. Purpose. To publish orders for the interior guard of the Group Headquarters Camp.
2. Cancellation. Group Order 1601.1
3. General. Staff cognizance over the function of Interior Guard for the Group Headquarters Camp will be the responsibility of the Executive Officer acting with the assistance of the Group First Sergeant and Group Gunnery Sergeant.
4. Action. All duty personnel will be guided in the performance of their duties by reference (a) and the Special Orders contained in enclosures (1) through (6):

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SPECIAL ORDERS FOR THE STAFF DUTY NCO

1. General. The Staff Duty Noncommissioned Officer (SDNCO) will be assigned by a watch list prepared by the Group S-1. The 24-hour tour of duty will commence at 0730 when the new and old SDNCO report to the Executive Officer for posting and relief. The uniform will be utilities and the SDNCO need not be armed unless the tactical situation so dictates. From 0745 until 1800 the SDNCO will be at his place of regular duty. From 1800 until 0745 he will be at the appropriate location to supervise the conduct of daily routine, discipline and security in the command post.

2. Duties. The SDNCO will:

a. Post, supervise, and relieve the Sergeant of the Guard at 0700 daily.

b. Supervise the following events:

(1) Reveille at 0600 Monday through Saturday and at 0900 on Sundays (R&R troops are exempt).

(2) Transient and headquarters personnel formation at 0730 Monday through Saturday and at 0910 on Sunday.

(3) Execution of morning routine to include police call, breakfast and clean-up.

(4) Movie call at the enlisted recreation area at 1800 daily.

(5) The posting of sentries at 2000 and their relief at 0600.

(6) The securing of beer sales at the EM Lounge at 2100 Sunday through Friday and at 2130 on Saturdays.

(7) The securing of the enlisted TV Lounge at the conclusion of broadcast hours.

c. Make the following inspection tours:

(1) At 2200, tour the entire Headquarters ensuring that lights are out in the enlisted billeting area and ensuring that there is no activity which might disturb those who wish to sleep.

(2) Inspect all members of the guard between 2300 and 2400.

(3) Inspect all members of the guard between 0100 and 0300.

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- d. Insure compound lights are turned off at first light and turned on at sunset.
- e. Secure the Officer/Staff NCO Lounge at 2400 daily.
- f. Report all suspected offenses to the Group Executive Officer immediately.
- g. Report all accidents or incidents involving injury to personnel or damage to property, to the Group Executive Officer immediately.
- h. Report any unusual event to the Group Executive Officer immediately.
- i. Maintain a log of all significant events occurring during the tour of duty.
- j. In the event of an attack by fire or a ground attack on Quang Tri Combat Base, the SDNCO will insure that the alarm is given within the Camp and will supervise the immediate movement of all personnel to covered bunkers. The alarm will be given by means of voice commands, "TROOPS IN THE BUNKERS!" supplemented by a continuous ringing of the metallic alarm located outside the S-3 Office. Personnel are required to wear helmets and flak jackets and to carry weapons and small arms ammunition when moving to the bunkers. When the movement is complete, the SDNCO will report to the S-3 Officer at the Camp 300 Bunker. Note: Orders for personnel to deploy to fighting holes on the Camp perimeter, or for the CAG Reaction Force to assemble, will be given by the Commanding Officer in appropriate cases, but only after the troops have assembled in the shelter bunkers.

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SPECIAL ORDERS FOR THE SERGEANT OF THE GUARD

1. General. The Sergeant of the Guard will be assigned by a watch list prepared by the Group S-1. The 24-hour tour of duty will commence at 0700 when the new and old Sergeants of the Guard report to the SDNCO for posting and relief. The uniform will be utilities with a duty belt. During working hours, the Sergeant of the Guard will normally carry out his regularly assigned duties. From 1800 to 2100 Sunday through Friday, and from 1800 to 2130 on Saturdays, he will be in the EM Lounge to supervise activities therein when his duties do not require his presence elsewhere. From the time that the EM Lounge closes until 0700 the following morning, he will be in the Transient NCO's Office when his duties do not require his presence elsewhere. On the day he is relieved from duty, the Sergeant of the Guard will be exempt from all duties until 1300, emergencies excepted.

2. Duties. The Sergeant of the Guard will:

a. Muster all sentries after morning formation and again at 1730. The latter muster will be used to instruct the sentries on general orders, special orders and rules of engagement.

b. Remain awake throughout the period from 1800 to 0700 during his tour of duty.

c. Hold a muster of transient and Headquarters personnel at 0730 Monday through Saturday and at 0910 on Sunday.

d. Accompany and supervise the driver who picks up and brings the Vietnamese workers to work in the morning and takes them home in the evening. During these runs, the Sergeant of the Guard will be watchful to insure that the truck stops only at the authorized pick-up and drop-off places, and that there is no possibility of illicit contraband being brought into or government property being brought out of the Group Headquarters Camp by the Vietnamese workers, or being transmitted between the Vietnamese workers and U. S. personnel.

e. Report to the SDNCO at 1800 for any special instructions.

f. Inspect each sentry at least once every hour.

g. Post and relieve each sentry.

h. Ensure that beer is not taken out of the EM Lounge, and be vigilant to prevent the consumption of alcoholic beverages other than in the EM Lounge, Officer-SNCO Lounge, or in officers' or SNCOs' quarters.

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- i. Secure sales in the EM Lounge at 2100 Sundays through Fridays, and at 2130 on Saturdays.
- j. Turn on the Camp standing lights at sunset and turn them off at dawn.
- k. Report all suspected offenses to the SDNCO immediately.
- l. Report all accidents or incidents involving injury to personnel or damage to property, to the SDNCO immediately.
- m. Report any unusual event to the SDNCO immediately.
- n. In the event of a ground attack or an attack by fire on the Quang Tri Combat Base, alert the SDNCO, supervise the sentries in giving the alarm, and assist the SDNCO in the execution of his duties. See paragraph 2j of enclosure (1).
- o. Sound reveille at 0900 on Sundays.
- p. Supervise the execution of the following activities:
 - (1) Conduct of the sentries.
 - (2) Lights out at 2200. At this time all lights will be out in the living quarters of all Sergeants and below. The TV Room may remain open until the TV Station goes off the air.
 - (3) Sounding of reveille by sentries at 0600 Monday through Saturday.
 - (4) The conduct of morning routine to include police call and breakfast.

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SPECIAL ORDERS FOR ALL SENTRIES

1. General. Five reliefs will be assigned on a daily watch list prepared by the Group 1stSgt. Each sentry post will be manned at 2000 nightly with subsequent posting and relief of sentries every two hours until 0610, at which time all sentry posts will be secured.
2. Uniform. Sentries will wear utilities with a cartridge belt. They will be armed with an M-16 rifle, normally carried at sling arms, and will carry two loaded M-16 magazines.
3. Rules of engagement. The sentry will not insert a magazine in his weapon or a round in the chamber at any time unless he is ordered to do so by the SDNCO or higher authority, or unless it becomes necessary to fire his weapon in order to protect human life after all other means at the sentry's disposal have been exhausted. Sentries are not authorized to shoot at fleeing prisoners nor at fugitives who are suspected of having committed offenses.
4. General Orders. Sentries will carry out all of the General Orders for sentries as published in the Landing Party Manual, except the 11th General Order which pertains to challenging. Sentries may, however, challenge in accordance with the 11th General Order in the case of personnel spotted outside the perimeter wire or in the open fields on the south side of the Headquarters Camp.
5. Sounding the Alarm
 - a. Fire. In the event of a fire detected in the Headquarters Camp, the sentry will alert all endangered personnel by sounding a voice alarm, will take steps to immediately put out the fire if it is feasible and reasonably safe to attempt to do so, and will notify the Sergeant of the Guard as soon as possible.
 - b. Enemy action. In the event of an attack by fire or a ground attack on Quang Tri Combat Base, the sentry will alert all personnel billeted within the limits of his post by yelling "TROOPS IN THE BUNKERS!" Troops should then be told to wear flak jackets, helmets and to be armed with their T/O weapons and small arms ammunition.
6. Conducting Reveille. The sentry will sound reveille at 0600 on Monday through Saturday, and at the same time, will turn on all lights in enlisted billeting spaces within the limits of the post. The sentry will not sound reveille on Sundays.

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7. Checking vehicle locks. The sentry will check to insure that all vehicles parked within the limits of his post are locked. Unlocked vehicles will be reported to the Sergeant of the Guard.

8. Authority to issue orders. The sentry is empowered to issue lawful orders to personnel of any grade in enforcement of this directive or any other directive of the Group or higher authority.

9. Reporting failure of standing lights. The failure of any standing lights within the Group Headquarters Camp will be promptly reported to the Sergeant of the Guard or SDNCO.

10. Enforcement of good order and discipline. The sentry will carry out the following tasks in order to enforce good order and discipline with the Headquarters Camp:

a. Take immediate steps to stop any boisterous or disorderly conduct, and to ensure that quiet is maintained between taps and reveille.

b. After dark, take action to prevent personnel from loitering anywhere except in the quarters area, working spaces and recreation facilities. In particular, personnel will not be allowed near the perimeter wire in the Motor Pool area, in the open storage areas at the east end of the camp, near the Ammunition Bunkers, nor in the fields to the immediate south of the camp unless they are on official business expressly authorized by the SDNCO or higher authority. Any personnel seen in these areas will be immediately investigated by the sentry, and if such personnel are not on official business, the sentry will take the names of the person or persons concerned, will order them to return to an authorized area and will report the incident to the Sergeant of the Guard or SDNCO.

c. The sentry will investigate and report any suspicious activity observed taking place within the perimeter wire of the Camp. If suspicious activity is observed outside of the Camp perimeter wire, he will report such observations to the Sergeant of the Guard or SDNCO immediately.

d. Any offenses or suspected offense observed by the sentry will be immediately reported to the Sergeant of the Guard or SDNCO. The sentry is empowered to apprehend offenders in the grade of Sergeant or below. An apprehension may be made whenever the sentry is reasonably certain that an offense has been committed and that the person apprehended is the one who committed it. When apprehending an offender, the sentry will advise him as to the offense involved and will state that he is being apprehended. Offenders will be brought to the Sergeant of the Guard or SDNCO for disposition.

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e. The sentry will apprehend any person found in possession of or drinking alcoholic beverages in unauthorized places within the Group Headquarters Camp. The only places where possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted is in the EM Lounge, the Officer-SNCO Lounge, and in Officer or SNCO quarters. Evidence will be seized at the time of apprehension.

11. Protection of life and property. Should any dangerous or threatening situation arise that is not covered by these instructions, the sentry will immediately take whatever action is prudent and necessary to prevent injury, loss of life, or damage to property. The sentry will then as soon as practicable notify the Sergeant of the Guard of the circumstances.

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SPECIAL ORDERS FOR POST #1

1. General. This post is a walking post detailed to provide security for the supply buildings, dispensary, armory and headquarters personnel billets, and to enforce good order, discipline and safe practices within the assigned area. The sentry will walk his post in accordance with the diagram on page 2 of this enclosure, and will at least twice during his tour of duty, check to ensure that each of the following buildings is either secured or occupied by authorized personnel:

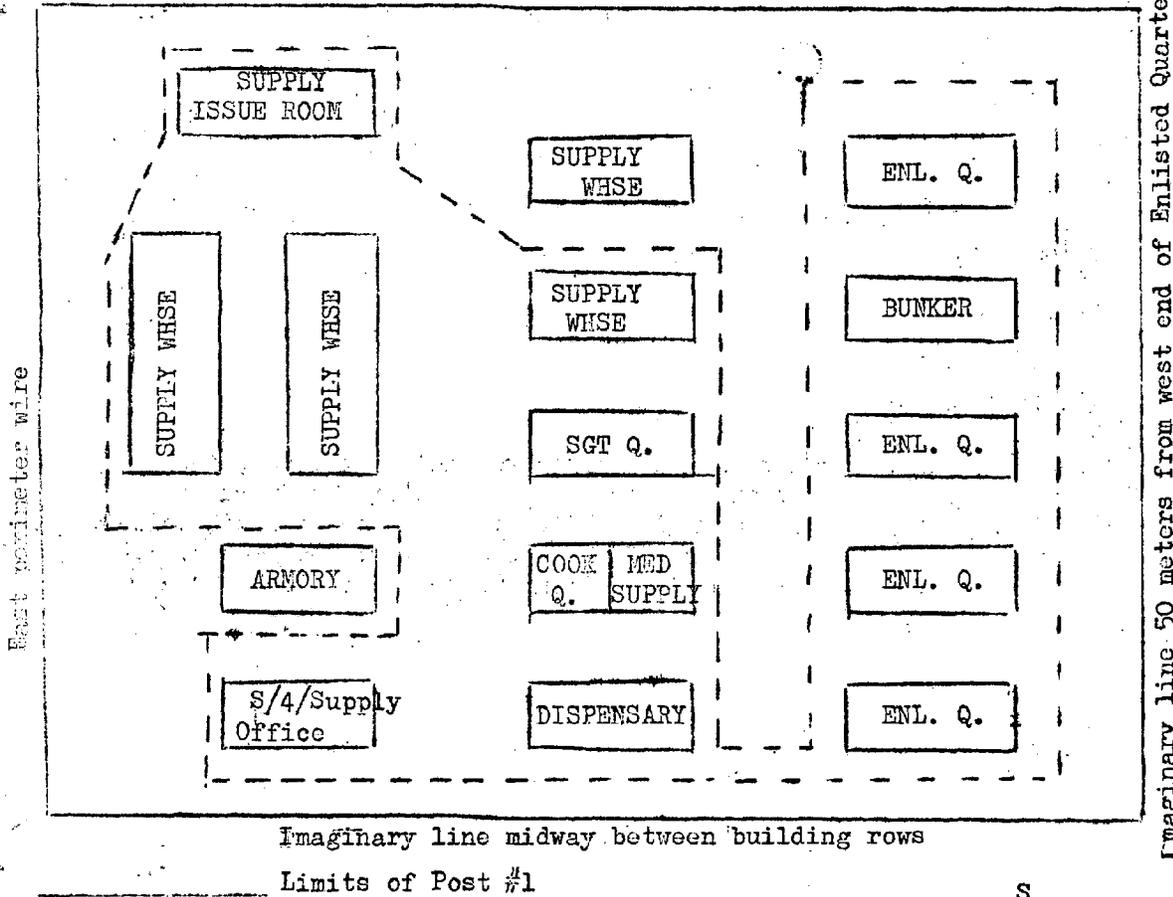
- a. Dispensary
- b. S-4/Supply Office
- c. Group Armory
- d. Supply Warehouses (4)
- e. Supply Issue Room
- f. Messhall Supply Warehouse
- g. Medical Supply Warehouse

Should any of the above buildings be found unsecured and unattended, the sentry will immediately report such fact to the Sergeant of the Guard and then immediately return to the unsecured building to stand guard until relieved. "Secured" is intended to mean that entry cannot be gained without force, i.e., that all windows and entrances are fastened from the inside or locked.

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DIAGRAM OF POST #1

Imaginary line, 10 meters south of supply issue room



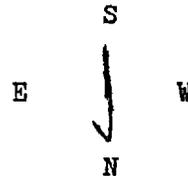
East perimeter wire

Imaginary line 50 meters from west end of Enlisted Quarters.

Imaginary line midway between building rows

Limits of Post #1

Route to be followed by sentry



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SPECIAL ORDERS FOR POST #2

1. General. This post is a walking post detailed to provide security for the Civic Action Warehouse, the Special Services hut and the Transient Billets. The sentry will walk his post in accordance with the diagram on page 2 of this enclosure, and will at least twice during his tour of duty, check to ensure that each of the following buildings is either secured or occupied by authorized personnel:

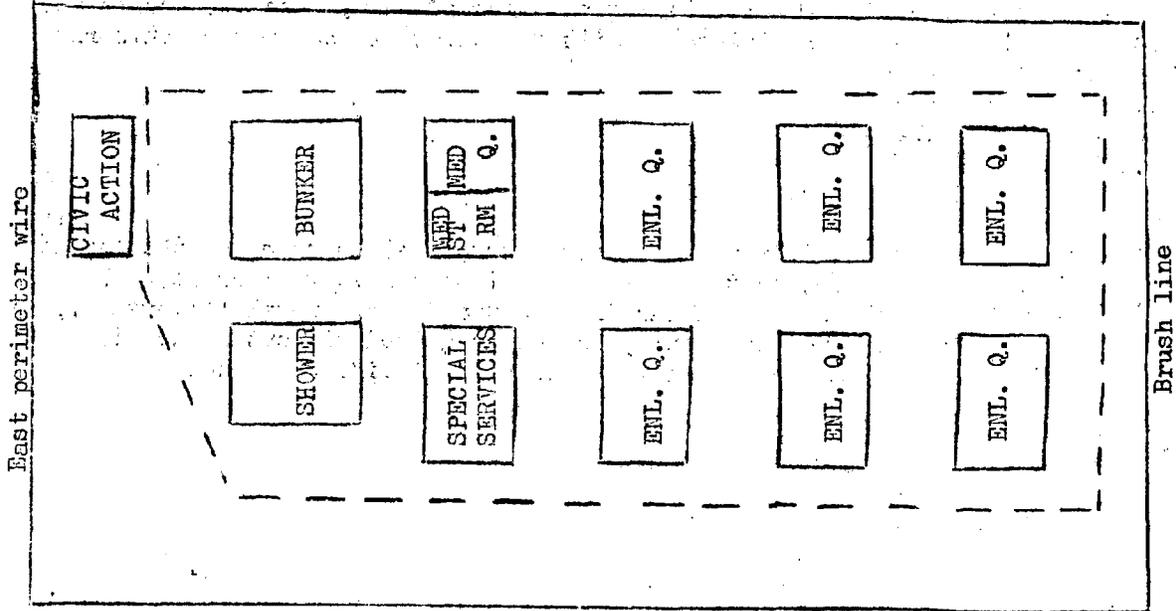
- a. Special Services Hut
- b. Civic Action Warehouse

Should any of the above buildings be found unsecured and unattended, the sentry will immediately report such fact to the Sergeant of the Guard and the immediately return to the unsecured building to stand guard until relieved. "Secured" is intended to mean that entry cannot be gained without force, i.e., that all windows and entrances are fastened from the inside or locked.

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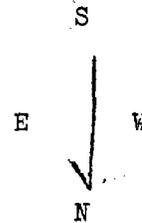
DIAGRAM OF POST #2

Imaginary line midway between rows of buildings



North perimeter wire

————— Limits of Post#2
 - - - - - Route to be followed by sentry



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SPECIAL ORDERS FOR POST #3

1. General. This post is a walking post detailed to provide security to the Motor Transport area, enlisted mess area and ammunition storage area. The sentry will walk his post in accordance with page 2 of this enclosure, and will at least twice during his tour of duty, check to insure that each of the following buildings or facilities are either secured or occupied by authorized personnel:

- a. Ammunition bunkers
- b. EM club
- c. Refrigerators/Freezers (2)
- d. Messhall
- e. Messhall Supply Hut
- f. Conex Box

Should any of the above buildings or facilities be found unsecured or unattended, the sentry will immediately report such fact to the Sergeant of the Guard and then immediately return to the unsecured building or facility to stand guard until relieved. "Secured" is intended to mean that entry cannot be gained without force, i.e., that all windows and entrances are fastened from the inside or locked.

2. Camp Entrance Gate. The sentry will insure that the Camp Entrance Gate is secured at 2000 and opened between 0600 and 0610 daily. During the period 2000 to 0600, the Gate will not be opened for any reason except by authority of the SDNCO or higher authority.

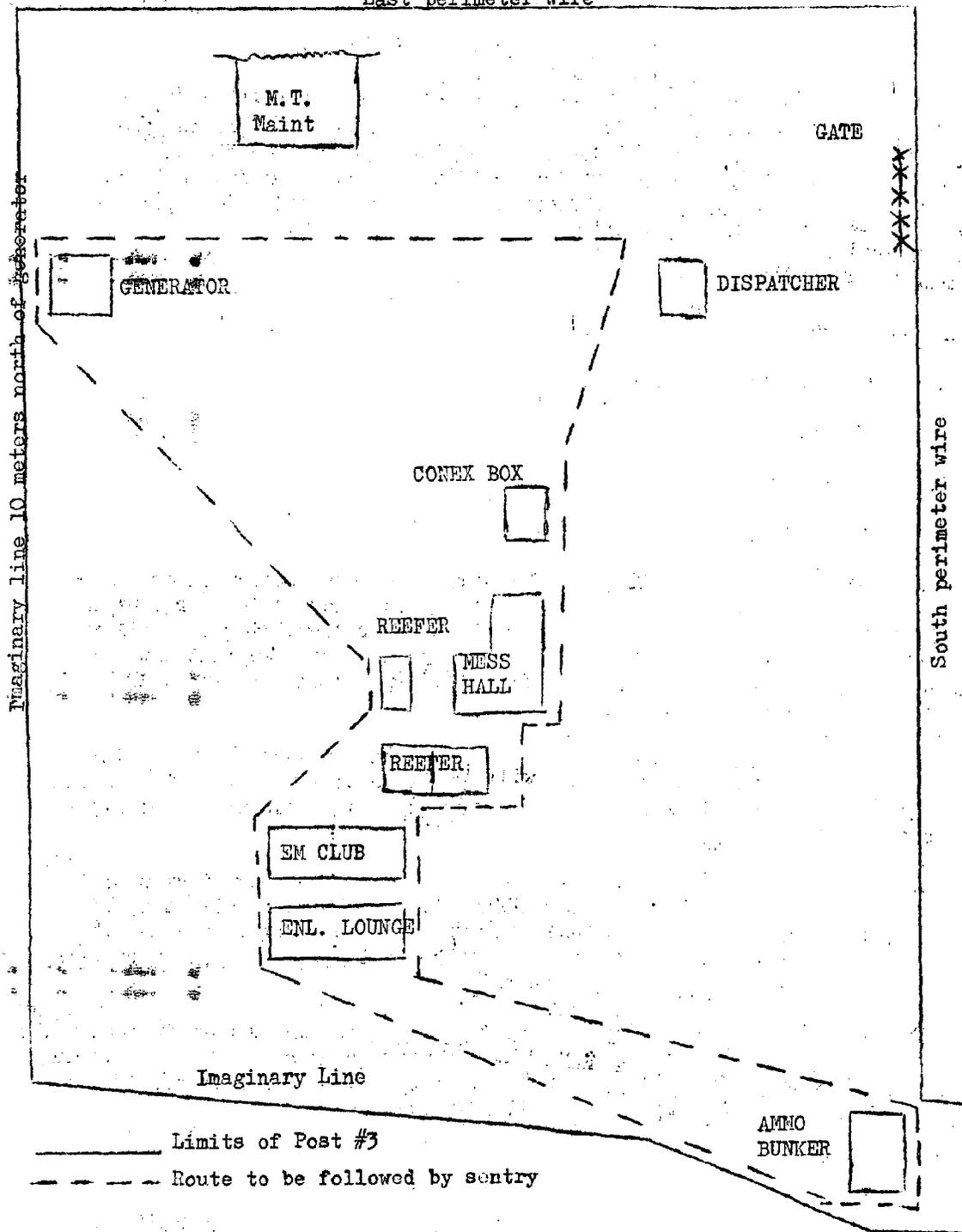
3. Loitering. The sentry will be especially watchful to prevent unauthorized personnel from being in the extensive uninhabited portions of his assigned area, particularly the Motor Transport Lot, Ammunition Storage Area and the open fields on the south side of the Camp. The sentry will prevent tampering with vehicles in the Motor Transport Lot.

4. Awakening/Alerting the Motor Transport Dispatcher. The sentry is responsible for sounding reveille for the Motor Transport Dispatcher at 0600 Monday through Saturday, and for alerting him in case of fire or enemy action in accordance with paragraph 5 of enclosure (3) to this directive.

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DIAGRAM OF POST #3

East perimeter wire



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GROUP ORDER 5420.1

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Leadership Council

Ref: (a) CAFO 5420.1
(b) ForO 5420.11

1. Purpose. To establish a Command Leadership Council with the mission of monitoring and recommending appropriate action on racial tensions and incidents.

2. Action

a. In accordance with references (a) and (b), a Command Leadership Council will be appointed by separate correspondence. It will be composed of junior officers and NCOs of varying grades and races and will advise the Commanding Officer on race relations, transmit reports of information and recommendations concerning race relations and serve as a focal point for the discussion and collection of information bearing on racial activities.

b. An inquiry into each racial incident occurring in 4th Combined Action Group will be conducted in accordance with paragraph 2b of reference (a). Correspondence relating to each such inquiry will be addressed to the Group Commander and subsequently forwarded by endorsement to the Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force.

c. By the 23d of each month, the Command Leadership Council will submit to the Group Commander a written Command Leadership Council Report with an appropriate forwarding endorsement addressed to the Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force. This report will be prepared in accordance with paragraph 3 of reference (a).

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