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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CO, CAF ltr 3/rwj dtd 15Mar70

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

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

1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Combined Action Force Command Chronology
(2) CG, III MAF ltr 14/gwh over 5400 of 11 Jan 70
(3) Combined Action Program Structure
(4) Combined Action Force Structure

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

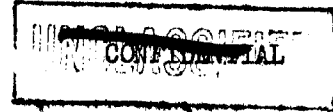
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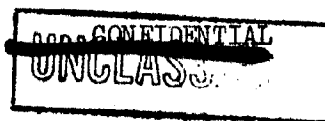
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 January to 31 January 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Combined Action Force

COMMANDERCol T. E. METZGER
(11 Jan - 31 Jan 1970)SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Combined Action Group

LtCol D. F. SEILER
(1 Jan - 31 Jan 1970)

2nd Combined Action Group

LtCol D. R. CHRISTENSEN
(1 Jan - 31 Jan 1970)

3rd Combined Action Group

Col J. B. MICHAUD
(1 Jan - 31 Jan 1970)

4th Combined Action Group

LtCol J. J. KEENAN
(1 Jan - 31 Jan 1970)ATTACHED UNITS

No units were attached during the reporting period.

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 January 1970: My Khe Compound, Danang East, RVN, BT 059778

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol W. D. ANDERSON
(11 Jan - 31 Jan 1970)

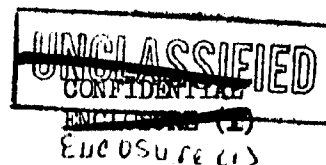
S-1 Officer

Capt N. J. NOWICKI
(11 Jan - 31 Jan 1970)

S-3 Officer

Maj R. D. KING
(11 Jan - 31 Jan 1970)

S-4 Officer

Capt W. T. MOORE
(11 Jan - 31 Jan 1970)

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC
Off Enl
42 2050

USN
Off Enl
2 126

OTHER
Off Enl
0 0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. On 11 January 1970, the Combined Action Force was activated. (See enclosure 2). Prior to that date, the four Combined Action Groups were under the cognizance of a III Marine Amphibious Force special staff officer, the Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Action Program. (See enclosures 3 and 4). Enclosure (2) redesignated this special staff officer as Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force with the collateral duty as Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Action Program. The Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company, III MAF, continues to provide administrative and logistical support. The Commanding Officer, Fifth Communications Battalion continues to provide communications support.
2. The Combined Action Force School graduated 217 personnel during the month of January. Among the graduates were 27 personnel from the First Marine Division and 3 US Army trainees for the Combined Unit Pacification Program.
3. The Combined Action Force Vietnamese Language School graduated 31 Marines, 2 US Navy, and 7 US Army, for a total of 57 personnel.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operations Summary. During the month, CAF Headquarters conducted 124 nighttime patrols in the vicinity of the My Khe, CAF Headquarters Compound. These patrols are composed of CAF School students and local PF. This integration of local Popular Force and US Armed Force personnel is the foundation for future CAF activities by the participants.
2. Command Relationships. Relationships with Vietnamese counterparts at ICTZ Headquarters and with the local Vietnamese District Chief have been cordial. In addition to the routine business conducted between this Headquarters and Vietnamese counterparts at ICTZ Headquarters, weekly meetings are held between the Commanding Officer, CAF and Deputy Commander, RF/PF ICTZ. Daily contact is made with the local Vietnamese District Chief.
3. Logistics
 - a. During the month of January, CAF Headquarters Staff Offices were relocated from two older buildings to one larger building recently remodeled.
 - b. Construction of a new sewer and water system for the compound was started.
4. Supply. During the month of January, a problem of insufficient CLASS V items B568 and A127 for CAF School training was corrected by an increase in the CAF Headquarters ordnance allocation by the III MAF Ordnance Officer.
5. Maintenance. During the month of January, the maintenance responsibility remained with H & S Company, III MAF.
6. Motor Transport. Support in this area was adequately provided by H & S Company, III MAF.
7. Miscellaneous. CAF Headquarters treated 1105 patients during medcaps held in My Khe Village.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~8. Personnel and Administration

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

(1) <u>Joined</u>	<u>USMC</u>
	<u>Off</u> <u>Enl</u>
	4 188

(2) <u>Rotated CONUS</u>	<u>USMC</u>
	<u>Off</u> <u>Enl</u>
	4 109

(3) Reassignment Within WestPac

	<u>USMC</u>
	<u>Off</u> <u>Enl</u>
	1 34

(4) Transferred by Service Records While Sick (out of country hospital)

	<u>USMC</u>
	<u>Off</u> <u>Enl</u>
	0 46

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

To PFC	8
To LCPL	133
To CPL	8
To SGT	1

9. Legal Matters

(a) Courts held	GCM	0
	SpCM	1
	SCM	8

(b) NJP	65
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(c) Article 32 Investigations	1
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BSM	8
NCM	6
NAM	1
PH	62

11. Hospital Visits. Hospital visitations are done daily to the nearest hospital by the CAGs. The CAF Headquarters has designated a Hospital Visitation NCO who makes a daily visit to the hospital in the Danang area, insuring that members of the CAF are in receipt of mail, health and comfort items and pay. The Commanding Officer CAF makes a hospital visitation each week.

12. Career Planning. The Career Planning Program is stressed at all levels of command. Whenever possible the enlisted personnel are kept informed of reenlistment options and the latest career planning information promulgated.

13. Morale and Welfare. The Troop Recreation Program is adequate to meet the requirements of personnel and continuous efforts are made to improve the program. The CAF Headquarters Compound established a Reading Room/Library for use of all personnel in My Khe Compound. A recreational center was established and equipped with a Table Tennis Table and accessories. A requisition for a Universal Gym Set was submitted for the center.

14. Combined Action Force School

a. During the month of January, 202 students were graduated from the school as follows:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>
CAF	169	11	0
1st MAR DIV	21	0	0
U S ARMY	0	0	1

b. In addition to the graduates, there were 5 1st MAR DIV, 2 U S ARMY and 1 CAF observers during the course.

c. Plans were initiated to update the curriculum by increasing the number of hours of instruction in Vietnamese subjects and adding certain general military subjects to include:

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- (1) Nomenclature and functioning of the Starlight Scope
- (2) Nomenclature and functioning of the P-SID
- (3) Nomenclature and functioning of the PRC-88 Radio

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The Command Chronologies for the Combined Action Force subordinate commands are submitted as follows:

TAB A: 1st Combined Action Group

TAB B: 2nd Combined Action Group

TAB C: 3rd Combined Action Group

TAB D: 4th Combined Action Group

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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11 JAN 1970

From: Commanding General
To: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force
Subj: Activation of the Combined Action Force (CAF)

Ref: (a) Conversation of 8 Jan 1970 between LtGen H. W. BUSE Jr.,
CG FMFPac and LtGen H. NICKERSON Jr., CG III MAF
(b) CG III MAF msg 190746Z Dec 69
(c) CG III MAF ltr 14/tai over 5320 of 19 Dec 1969
(d) JAG Manual

1. As authorized by reference (a), the Combined Action Force is hereby established as requested by reference (b).

2. The Director, Combined Action Program is hereby redesignated Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force with the collateral duty as Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Action Program on the staff of the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force.

3. The Combined Action Force will consist of Headquarters, Combined Action Force; 1st Combined Action Group; 2nd Combined Action Group; 3rd Combined Action Group; and 4th Combined Action Group.

4. The mission of the Combined Action Force is to provide command and control to assigned Marine elements and to participate with designated Republic of Vietnam counterparts in exercising combined operational control of the Combined Action Program.

5. The following instructions apply pending approval of the Table of Organization forwarded by reference (c):

a. Headquarters, Combined Action Force will be organized as stated in reference (c) from personnel resources presently assigned to the Combined Action Program Section, Headquarters III MAF. Manning level spaces will be provided from CAF Section billets and from OOCNE authorizations allocated to Headquarters III MAF.

b. By copy of this letter, the Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company, III MAF is directed to continue to provide administrative and logistical support to the Combined Action Force Headquarters.

c. By copy of this letter, the Commanding Officer, Fifth Communications Battalion is directed to continue to provide communications support to the Combined Action Force Headquarters.

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d. Headquarters, III MAF will maintain communications guard for Headquarters, Combined Action Force (CAF DNG RVN).

6. The Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force is designated as the officer exercising operational control of the CAF Headquarters, My Khe Compound (BT 058788). Commanding Officer, H&S Company, III MAF will continue to provide administrative and logistical support.

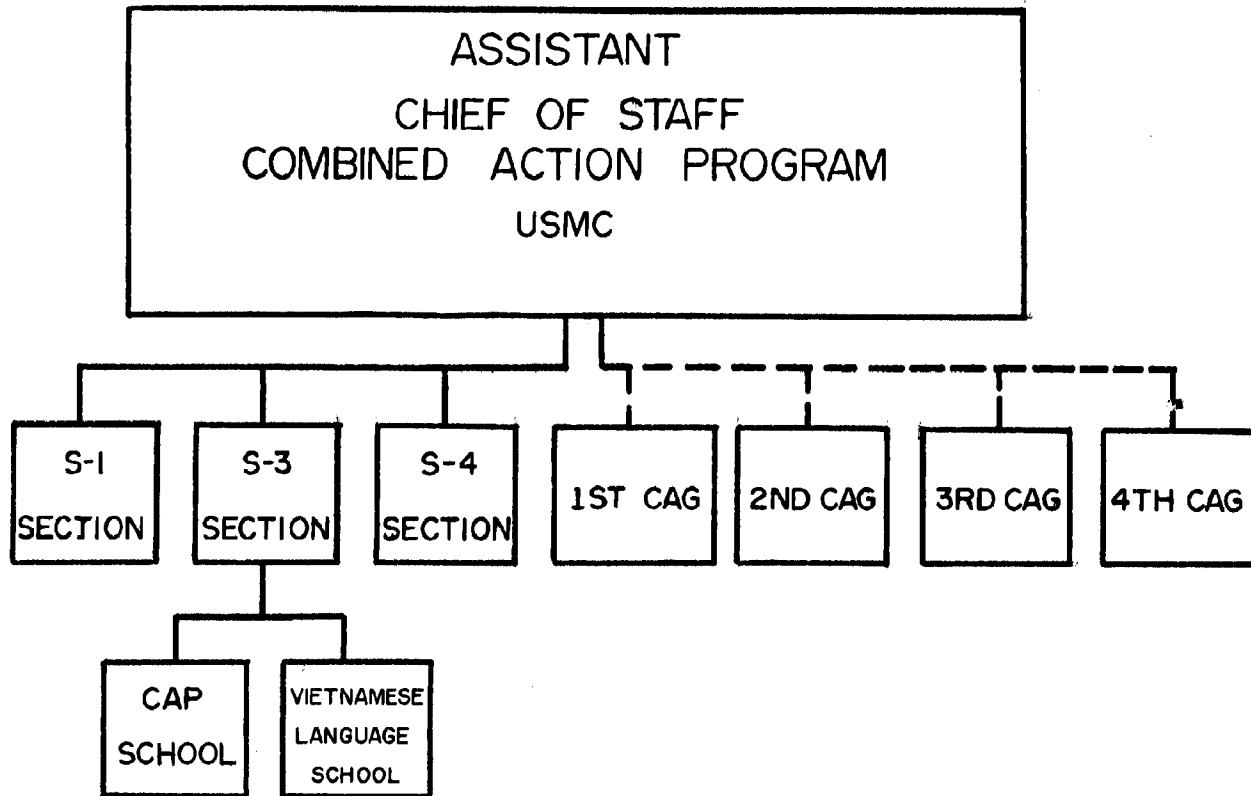
7. With the exception of personnel assigned to the personal staff of the Deputy Commanding General, III MAF, all personnel supporting the CAF Headquarters will be assigned TAD to Headquarters, Combined Action Force.

8. By authority of paragraph 0103b(2) of reference (d) and this letter, the Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force is authorized to convene Special Courts-Martial. This authority is in addition to the authorization granted the four Combined Action Groups. The Commanding General, Force Logistics Command will provide legal support as required by the Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force.

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CHIEF OF STAFF

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CG, FMFPac (2)
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CG, Camp Pendleton (2)
CG, 2nd ROKMC Brigade (2)
I Corps Advisory Group (10)
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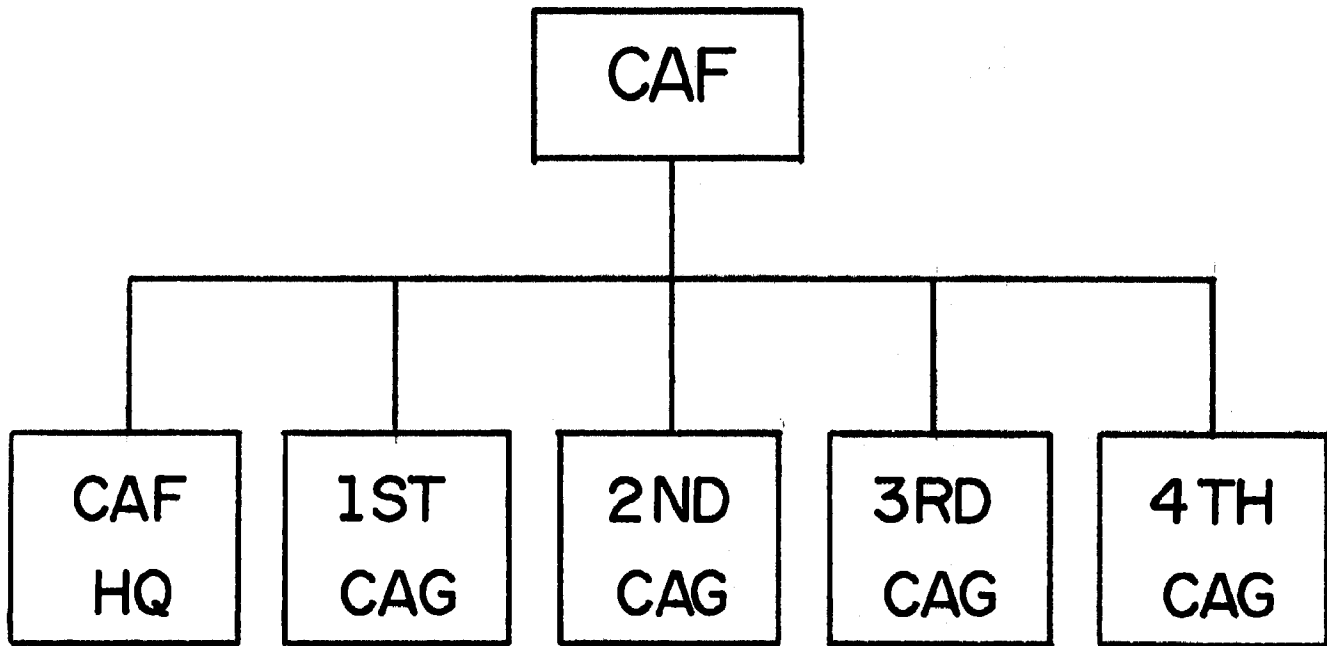
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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology, Combined Action Force, III Marine
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1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness and is forwarded herewith.

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From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 - 28 February 1970

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(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 February to 28 February 1970

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Combined Action Force Command Chronology
(2) Combined Action Force School Syllabus
(3) Combined Action Force School Training Schedule

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Combined Action Force

COMMANDER

Col T. E. METZGER
(1 Feb - 28 Feb 1970)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Combined Action Group

LtCol D. F. SELLER
(1 Feb - 28 Feb 1970)

2nd Combined Action Group

LtCol D. R. CHRISTENSEN
(1 Feb - 28 Feb 1970)

3rd Combined Action Group

Col J. B. MICHAUD
(1 Feb - 4 Feb 1970)

4th Combined Action Group

LtCol C. M. DANIELS
(5 Feb - 28 Feb 1970)

LtCol J. J. KEENAN
(1 Feb - 17 Feb 1970)

Maj R. D. KING
(18 Feb - 28 Feb 1970)

ATTACHED UNITS

No units were attached during the reporting period.

2. LOCATION

1 - 28 February 1970: My Khe Compound, Danang East, RVN, BF 059778

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol W. D. ANDERSON
(1 Feb - 28 Feb 1970)

S-1 Officer

Capt N. J. NOWICKI
(1 Feb - 28 Feb 1970)

S-3 Officer

Maj R. D. KING
(1 Feb - 17 Feb 1970)

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Maj J. J. KILDAY
(18 Feb - 28 Feb 1970)

S-4 Officer

Capt W. T. MOORE
(1 Feb - 28 Feb 1970)

4. CAF AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Plans initiated in January to update the curriculum of the CAF school were instituted with Class 4-70 on 9 February. The defensive posture of the CAF My Khe Compound was strengthened with the addition of tactical wire obstacles constructed around the compound north and east wall and the rebuilding of the Compound COC. Furthermore, the Compound internal communications systems was updated. The Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Service Company, 111 MAF, continues to provide administrative and logistical support. The Commanding Officer, Fifth Communications Battalion continues to provide communications support.
2. The CAF School graduated 239 personnel during the month of February. Among the graduates were 46 Marines from the First Marine Division and 16 US Army trainees for the Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP).
3. The Combined Action Force Vietnamese Language School graduated 31 Marines, 2 US Navy, and 2 US Army, for a total of 35 personnel.
4. The US KAC-288H wheel code was issued to the 4th CAG for a trial application period.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operations Summary. During the month, CAF Headquarters conducted 112 nighttime patrols in the vicinity of My Khe Compound, CAF Headquarters. These patrols are composed of CAF School students and local PF. This integration of local Popular Force and US Armed Force personnel is the foundation for future CAF activities by the participants.
2. Command Relationships. Relationships with Vietnamese counterparts at ICTZ Headquarters and with the local Vietnamese District Chief continue to be cordial. This Headquarters continues to benefit from weekly meetings of the Commanding Officer, CAF and Deputy Commander, RF/PF ICTZ. Daily contact is made with the local Vietnamese District Chief.
3. Logistics.
 - a. The CAF Headquarters CUC bunker was rebuilt.
 - b. Major construction on the new sewer and water system proceeded satisfactorily.
 - c. All crew served weapons on charge to CAF Headquarters, underwent an LFI with inoperative components repaired.
4. Supply.
 - a. Adequate quantities of Class IV material were received enabling compound defense posture to be strengthened.
 - b. Messing equipment on order for the general mess has not been received. Proper follow-up action has been initiated by this Command.
5. Maintenance. Maintenance responsibility remains with Headquarters and Service Company, 111 Marine Amphibious Force.
6. Motor Transport. Support in this area continued to be adequately provided by Headquarters and Service Company, 111 Marine Amphibious Force.
7. Miscellaneous.
 - a. An audit of AIF Funds was conducted. The balance vouchers and ledgers were found to be correct.
 - b. CAF Headquarters treated 236 patients during MEDCAPS held in My Khe Village.

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a. Personnel Transactions. During the month of February 1970, the following personnel transactions were completed.

(1) Joined

USMC	
Off	Enl
5	103

(2) Rotated COMUS

USMC	
Off	Enl
7	52

(3) Reassignment Within WestPac

USMC	
Off	Enl
1	19

(4) Transferred by Service Records While Sick (out of country hospital)

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	36

(5) Extension of WestPac Tour Effected

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	10

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

To PFC	2	To SSgt	0
To LCpl	231	To GySgt	0
To Cpl	154	To 1stSgt/MSgt	0
To Sgt	1	To SgtMaj/MGySgt	0

9. Legal Matters

a. Courts held:

GCM	1
SpCm	1
SCM	5

b. Article 32 Investigations: 1

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G. NJP 37

d. JAG-Type Investigations: 14

10. Award Recommendations

BSM 17

NOM 11

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PH 71

11. Hospital Visits. Daily hospital visitation continues at both CAF and CAG organizational levels and insures patients are in receipt of mail, health and comfort items and pay. The Commanding Officer or a representative of the CAGs is normally able to reach local hospitals to meet arrivals of troops wounded in contact with the enemy. The Commanding Officer CAF makes a hospital visitation each week.

12. Career Planning. This program is stressed at all levels of command. Officer and enlisted Marines are kept informed of the latest career planning information promulgated.

13. Morale and Welfare. The morale of the CAF continues to be excellent. The Universal Gym Set ordered last month was received and is a popular means of physical exercise for Headquarters troops. Mail is expeditiously processed and delivered to the field commensurate with operational requirements. Both In-Country and Out-of-Country R&R quotas are filled to the maximum and information about the R&R areas are promulgated to the CAF HQ and CAGs as they are received from higher headquarters.

14. Combined Action Force School

a. During the month of February, 239 students were graduated from the school as follows:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>
CAF	170	7	0
1st MAR DIV	46	0	0
US ARMY	0	0	16

b. In addition to the graduates, there were 3 1st MAR DIV, and 1 CAF observers during the course.

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c. Plans initiated in January to update the curriculum were instituted with Class 4-70 on 9 February. The revised Combined Action Force School Syllabus and Training Schedule are provided at enclosures (2) and (3).

15. Communications. The 4th CAG was issued the US KAC-283H wheel code for a trial application period. The wheel code was found to be ideal for the CAP enabling the unit leaders to shorten the encode and decode time for grid coordinates by two-thirds. The CAP Headquarters internal phone system was changed from the old GRC-1 to a SB-22 switchboard. This not only updated the internal phone complex but improved service and lessened maintenance time required to keep the system operative.

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CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
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1. The Command Chronologies for the Combined Action Force subordinate commands are submitted as follows:

TAB A: 1st Combined Action Group

TAB B: 2nd Combined Action Group

TAB C: 3rd Combined Action Group

TAB D: 4th Combined Action Group

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The figure consists of two separate line graphs, labeled (a) and (b). Both graphs have 'Rate of reaction' on the vertical y-axis and 'Temperature' on the horizontal x-axis. Graph (a) shows a curve that starts at a low rate at low temperatures and rises very steeply as temperature increases, indicating a high sensitivity to temperature changes. Graph (b) shows a similar trend but with a much more gradual slope, indicating a lower sensitivity to temperature changes.

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SUPPORTING ARMS	12.0	TOTAL 38.0
AIR REQUESTS	1.0	
MEDEVAC	2.0	
FIXED WING GUNSHIPS	1.0	
FO PROCEDURES	8.0	

Abstract

	HRS
MILITARY SUBJECTS	57.0
VIETNAMESE SUBJECTS	38.0
EXAMINATIONS, CRITIQUES AND REVIEWS	18.0
MILITARY EXAMS	8.0
MAP	2.0
GMC	5.0
RADIO	1.0
VIETNAMESE EXAMS	5.0
LANGUAGE	3.0
VN SUBJECTS	2.0
CRITIQUES	1.0
GMS	.5
VN LANGUAGE	.5
REVIEWS	4.0
GMS	2.0
MAP	2.0
INSPECTIONS	6.0
CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT	1.0
RIFLE	1.5
DAILY PERSONNEL	3.5
ADMINISTRATIVE TIME	13.0
TOTAL	128.0

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Training Schedule AT - 1MONDAY

Time	Subject	Instructor	Reference	Location	Uniform Equipment	Remarks
0600-0720	Reveille Police Call Breakfast	Class Leaders	MAP of CAF School Police Area	CAF School Police Area		
0730-0820	Clothing and Equipment Inspection	CAF School Staff	CAG FRAGS and CAF School orders	Barracks		
0830-1030	SOP and CAF School Regulations	"	CAF School Indoc-trination for newly arrived personnel	Classroom A	Notebooks & Pencils	Handouts
1030-1100	Breakdown into Platoons	"		Front of Barracks		
1100-1130	Foot Inspection	CAF and Class Corpsmen		Barracks		
1130-1220	Lunch			Messhall		
1220	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks	Notebooks & Pencils	
1230-1250	Introduction	CO CAF & CAF School Officer		Classroom A	"	
1300-1350	Organization, mission and Opns of CAF	CAF School Staff	FORO 3121.4	"	"	

1400-1450	PRC-25/88 nomenclature Opn & Maint	"	TM-11-5820-10 TM-11-5820-12	"	"	½ Class
1500-1550	Voice Radio Security	"	FMFM-10-1	"	"	"
1600-1700	Radio Procedure	"	"	"	"	"
1700-1750	Supper			Messhall		
1750	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks	Notebooks & Pencils	
1800-2000	Radio Procedure	CAF School Staff	FMFM 10-1	Classroom A	"	Practical App. ½ Class

From dotted line down pertains to ½ of CAF School Class. Schedule for other half is on following page. The utility uniform is prescribed for all classes unless otherwise specified.

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Training Schedule AT - 2TUE DAY

Time	Subject	Instructor	Reference	Location	Uniform Equipment	Remarks
0600	Reveille	Class Leaders		CAF Police Area		
0720	Breakfast					
0730	Personnel Inspection	CAF School Staff		Front of Barracks	Notebook & Pencils	
0750						
0800	Vietnamese Language	"	DLI Material	Classroom A	"	
0950						
1000	Govt., Hist., (GVN), Politics	"	Instructors Notes	"	"	
1050	Geography					
1100	First Aid	CAF Corpsmen	"	"	"	
1200						
1200	Lunch			Messhall		
1250						
1250	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks	"	
1300						
1300	Popular Forces	CAF School Staff	"	Classroom A	"	
1350						
1400	Margin Information, MAP	"	FM 21-26	Classroom B	"	1/2 Class
1450	Reading, GRID					
1500	Terrain Features	"	FM 21-26	Classroom B	"	"
1550	Contour Lines			outside		
1600	Compass Map Orientation	"	"	"	"	"
1650						
1700	Supper			Messhall		
1750						
1750	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks	"	
1800						
1800	Intersection and Resection	CAF School Staff	"	Classroom B	"	"
1850						
1900	Thrust Points	"	"	"	"	"
1950	Overlays					

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Training Schedule _____

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WEDNESDAY

Time	Subject	Instructor	Reference	Location	Uniform Equipment	Remarks
0600	Reveille	Class Leaders		CAF School		
0720	Police Call			Police Area		
0730	Breakfast					
0730	Inspection	CAF School Staff		Front of Barracks	Notebook & Pencils	
0750						
0800	Vietnamese Language	"	DLI Material	Classroom A	"	
0950						
1000	Map Practical Application/	"		"	"	
1150	Test					
1200	Lunch			Messhall		
1250						
1250	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks	Notebooks & Pencils	
1300	Fixed Wing Air Support	18th SOS	Instructors notes	Classroom A	"	Handouts
1350						
1400	Fixed Wing/ Rotary Air Support	III MAF G-3 Air Officer	"	"	"	"
1450						
1500	Medevac Procedures	MAG 16 Instructor	"	"	"	
1550						
1600	Practical Application	"	FMFM 6-3	Classroom A	"	
1700	Radio/Medevac			Outside		
1700	Supper			Messhall	"	
1750						
1750	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1800						
1800	Radio Practical Application/	CAF School Staff		Classroom A		
2000	Test					

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Training Schedule AT - 4THURSDAY

Time	Subject	Instructor	Reference	Location	Uniform Equipment	Remarks
0600	Reveille	Class Leaders		CAF School		
0720	Police Call			Police Area		
0730	Breakfast					
0750	Inspection	CAF School Staff		Front of Barracks	Notebook & Pencils	
0800	Vietnamese Language	"	DLI Material	Classroom A	"	
0950	Personal Response	III MAF Personal Response Off	ICCI 1560.1	"	"	
1200	Lunch			Messhall		
1250	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks	Notebook & Pencils	
1300	M-79	CAF School Staff	TM-1010-205-12 FM 23-35	Classroom A	"	1/2 Class
1330	M-19-60mm					
1330	M-72 LAAW	"	TM9-1340-214-10	"	"	"
1400	Demolitions	"	TM9-1910/T0118-1-34	"		"
1400	Marksmanship	"	FM 23-9	"		"
1450	Weapon Safety	"	FMF P5100.3 ICCI 5101.1	"		"
1500	M-60 MG	"	FM 23-69	Classroom B		"
1550	Nomenclature Functioning					
1600	Assembly and Disassembly	"		"		"
1650						
1700	Supper			Messhall		
1750	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1800	Make up targets	"		CAF School		1/2 Class
1850	Ammo & Ration Breakdown	"		Area S-4		Ammo & Ratio Targets
1900	Lubricate and	"		CAF School	Weapons	
1950	Clean weapons			Area		

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Training Schedule AT - 5&6FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Total Class				Rifle Range		
Time	Subject	Instructor	Reference	Location	Uniform Equipment	Remarks
0600	Reveille	Class Leaders		CAF School		
0720	Police Call			Police Area		
0730	Breakfast	CAF School Instructor		S-4		
0750	Load Ammo and C-Rations			Ammo Bunker		
0800	Travel to Hoa Cam Range	"		Hoa Cam Range	Flack Jackets, Weapons, Helmets, Notebook	
0850						
0900	Zero in M-16 Rifles	"	FM 23-9	"	"	
	Fire M-60	"	FM 23-67	"	"	
	Fire M-79	"	TM9-1010-2-5-12	"	"	
	Fire M-16 full Automatic	"		"	"	
1250						
1250	Lunch					
1330						
1400	Demolitions Demonstration	"	FM 5-25, FM 5-31 FM 20-32	"	"	
1430						
1450	60mm Mortar Demonstration	"	FM 23-35	"	"	
1500						
1530	Clean Weapons	Class Leaders		Barracks	Weapons	
1630						
1730	Inspection	Class Leaders and CAF School Staff		Front of Barracks	Weapons	
1800						
1800	Supper			Messhall		
1850						
1850	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1900						
2000	Vietnamese Language	CAF School Staff	DLI Material	Classroom A	Notebook & Pencils	

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Training Schedule BT - 5&6FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Class		Arty				
Time	Subject	Instructor	Reference	Location	Uniform Equipment	Remarks
0600	Reveille	Class Leaders				
0720	Police Call					
0730	Breakfast	CAF School Staff				
0820	Travel to 11th Marines C.P.					
0830	Artillery F.O. Procedures	11th Marines Artillery Officer	FMFM 7-4	11th Marine Location		
1020	Practical Application	"		"		
1030						
1500						
1030	Maps & Compass	CAF School Staff	FM 21-26	11th Marine Location		
1500	Practical Application					
1700	Travel to School	"				
1750	Supper			Messhall		
1800						
1850	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1900	Make up Targets	"		CAF School & S-4		
1930	Ammo & Ration Breakdown					
1930	Lubricate and Clean Weapons	"				
2000						
REMARKS: Class will be divided in half. Friday, half of the students will go to the Arty Range while the others go to the Rifle Range. The following day, the schedule is reversed.						

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Training Schedule AT - 8MONDAY

Time	Subject	Instructor	Reference	Location	Uniform Equipment	Remarks
0600	Reveille	Class Leaders		CAF School		
0720	Police Call			Police Area		
0730	Breakfast					
0750	Inspection	CAF School Staff		Front of Barracks	Notebook & Pencils	
0800	Vietnamese Language	"	DLI Material	Classroom A	"	
0950						
1000	Personal Response	III MAF Personal Response Off	ICCI 3410.1	Classroom A		
1150						
1200	Lunch			Messhall		
1245						
1245	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1300						
1300	Patrols, Prep & Conduct of	CAF School Staff	FMFM 6-5	Classroom A	Notebook & Pencils	
1400	Patrol Leaders Order	"	FMFM 6-5	"	"	
1430						
1500	Ambush types and Forms	"	"	"	"	
1530						
1600	Ambush Execution	"	"	"	"	
1630						
1700	Supper			Messhall		
1745						
1745	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks	Notebook & Pencils	
1800						
1800	Patrols, Ambush, Spot Reports	CAF School Staff	FMFM 6-5	Classroom A	"	
1900	Vietnamese Language	"	DLI Material	"	"	
2000						

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Training Schedule AT - 9TUESDAY

Time	Subject	Instructor	Reference	Location	Uniform Equipment	Remarks
0600 0720	Reveille Police Call Breakfast	Class Leaders		CAF School Police Area		
0730 0750	Inspection	CAF School Staff		Front of Barracks		
0800 0950	Vietnamese Language Test	"	DLI Material	Classroom "A"	Notebook & Pencil	
1000 1150	VC Infrastructure	5TH CIT	Instructor's Notes	"	"	
1200 1245	Lunch			Messhall		
1245	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1300 1345	VC Tactics	CAF School Staff		Classroom "A"	Notebook & Pencil	
1400 1450	PSYOPS	III MAF PSYOPS	ICCI 3410.1	"	"	
1500 1550	DIOCC	DIOCC Rep Danang Area		"	"	
1600 1650	Hoi Chanhs Quest & Ans	Interpreter VC & NVA		"	"	
1700 1750	Supper			Messhall		
1750	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1800 2000	Vietnamese Language	CAF School Staff	DLI Material	Classroom "A"	Notebook & Pencil	

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WEDNESDAY

Time	Subject	Instructor	Reference	Location	Uniform Equipment	Remarks
0600	Reveille	Class Leaders		CAF School		
0720	Police Call			Police Area		
0730	Breakfast					
0730	Personnel Inspection	CAF School Staff		Front of Barracks		
0750						
0800	Vietnamese Language	"	DLI Material	Classroom A	Notebook & Pencils	
0950						
1000	Personal Response	III MAF Personal Response Off		"	"	
1150						
1200	Lunch			Messhall		
1245						
1245	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1300	VC Mines and Booby Traps	CAF School Staff	MACV P3300/5	Classroom A	"	
1450						
1500	VC Weapons	"		"	"	
1550						
1600	Dogs, YCS, P310, Starlight	"		"	"	
1650	Snipers					
1700						
1745	Sniper			Messhall		
1745	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1800						
1800	Civic Action	CAF School Staff	ICCI 5030.4 ICCI 5410.2	Classroom A	Notebook & Pencils	
1830						
1900	Vietnamese Language	"	DLI Material	"	"	
2000						

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Training Schedule AT - 11THURSDAY

Time	Subject	Instructor	Reference	Location	Uniform Equipment	Remarks
0600	Reveille	Class Leaders		CAF School		
0720	Police Call			Police Area		
0730	Breakfast					
0730	Personnel Breakdown	CAF School Staff		Front of Barracks		
0750						
0800	Vietnamese Language	"	DLI Material	Classroom A	Notebook & Pencils	
0950						
1000	Personal Response	III MAF PER Resp Off		"	"	
1050						
1100	Dangerous Drugs	Chief Reed		"	"	
1150						
1200	Lunch			Messhall		
1245						
1245	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1300	Gen. Military Subj Review	CAF School Staff	All Material	Classroom A		1/2 Class
1450						
1500	Map Review	"	"	Classroom B		"
1700						
1700	Supper			Messhall		
1745						
1745	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1800	Vietnamese Subjects Exam	CAF School Staff	Exams	Classroom A		1/2 Class
2000						

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Training Schedule

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FRIDAY

Time	Subject	Instructor	Reference	Location	Uniform Equipment	Remarks
0600	Reveille	Class		CAF School		
	Police Call	Leaders		Police		
0720	Breakfast			Area		
0730	Breakdown into Groups	"		Front of Barracks		
0800						
0800	Practical Exam	CAF School Staff		P.A.T. Stations		
1200						
1200	Lunch			Messhall		
1245						
1245	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1300	Vietnamese Language Test	CAF School Staff		Classroom A		
1350						
1400	GMS Test	"		"		
1450						
1500	Admin Time	"				
1550						
1600	Class Critique	"		"		
1650						
1700	Supper			Messhall		
1745						
1745	Formation	Class Leaders		Front of Barracks		
1800	Field Day	"		Barracks		
1900						
1900	Barracks Inspection	CAF School Staff		"		

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15 May 1970

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 March to 31 March 70

1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness and is forwarded herewith.

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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology, Combined Action Force FMF;
period 1 - 31 March 1970

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III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO San Francisco 96602

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15 May 1970

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 March to 31 March 1970
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
Encl: (1) Combined Action Force Command Chronology
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force Message of
250248Z
(3) Commanding General, XXIV Corps, Letter of Instruction - Combined
Action Force (CAF) dtd 3 May 1970
(4) CMC MSG 271902Z of 7002

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

2. Downgraded at 3-year intervals, declassified after 12 years, DOD
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III Marine Amphibious Force
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 March to 31 March 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Combined Action Force

COMMANDERCol T. E. METZGER
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Combined Action Group

LtCol D. F. SEILER
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

2nd Combined Action Group

LtCol D. R. CHRISTENSEN
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

3rd Combined Action Group

LtCol C. M. DANIELS
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

4th Combined Action Group

Maj R. D. KING
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)ATTACHED UNITS

No units were attached during the reporting period.

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 March 1970: My Khe Compound, Danang East, RVN, BT 059778

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol W. D. ANDERSON
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

S-1 Officer

Capt N. J. NOWICKI
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

S-3 Officer

Maj J. J. KILDAY
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

S-4 Officer

Capt W. T. MOORE
(1 Mar - 31 Mar 1970)

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4. CAF AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
52	1885

USN

<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
2	124

OTHER

<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. On 9 March, Headquarters, Combined Action Force was assigned RUC 20260 by CMC and assumed personnel administrative functions formerly provided by Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Amphibious Force. On 9 March, Public Works, Naval Support Activity located at China Beach, Danang assumed maintenance support for the CAF My Khe Compound. On 26 March, the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force passed operational control of the Combined Action Force to Commanding General, XXIV Corps. Administrative control was retained by Commanding General, III MAF. The Commanding Officer, Fifth Communications Battalion continues to provide communications support.
2. The CAF School graduated 144 students during the month of March. Among the graduates were 23 Marines from the First Marine Division and 3 US Army trainees for the Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP).
3. The CAF Vietnamese Language School graduated 34 Marines, 3 US Navy, and 2 US Army for a total of 39 personnel.
4. A direct circuit from CAF Headquarters COC to the 4th CAG was installed. The KY-38 Cypher Unit was issued to the 1st CAG and 2nd CAG for a trial application period.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operations Summary. During the month, CAF Headquarters conducted 36 nighttime patrols in the vicinity of My Khe Compound, CAF Headquarters. These patrols are composed of CAF School students and local PF. This integration of local Popular Force and US Armed Force personnel is the foundation for future CAF activities by the participants.

2. Command Relationships

a. Relationships with Vietnamese counterparts at ICTZ Headquarters and with local Vietnamese District Chief continue to be cordial. This Headquarters continues to benefit from weekly meetings of the Commanding Officer, CAF and Commander, RF/PF ICTZ. Daily contact is made with the local Vietnamese District Chief.

b. On 26 March, the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, passed operational control of the Combined Action Force to Commanding General, XXIV Corps, retaining administrative control. The message directing the new command relationship is provided at enclosure (2). A Letter of Instruction from Commanding General, XXIV Corps to Commanding Officer, CAF is provided at enclosure (3).

c. Headquarters, CAF was assigned RUC 20260 by CMC MSG 271902Z of 7002, a copy of which is provided as enclosure (4). The first Unit Diary was submitted for 9 March 1970.

3. Logisticsa. Significant Events

(1) Major construction on the new sewer and water system for the Headquarters, CAF Compound was completed. However, numerous difficulties were experienced with the water system.

(2) Overloading of the Headquarters, CAF Compound two 100 KW generators resulted in power failures and erratic power output. The problem was solved with the installation of a 150 KW generator replacing one of the 100 KW generators.

b. Supply

(1) Support continues to be adequately provided by Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Amphibious Force.

(2) Partial shipment of messing equipment for the general mess has been received and installed. Follow up action on outstanding requisitions has been initiated by this command.

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c. Maintenance. Due to the relocation of the maintenance section, Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Amphibious Force, Public Works, Naval Support Activity located at China Beach, Danang, assumed maintenance support for the CAF My Khe Compound.

d. Motor Transport

(1) Support continues to be adequately provided by Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Amphibious Force.

(2) The Headquarters, CAF received the following vehicles during March.

M-35	1
M-151	2

(3) Total vehicles on hand for Headquarters, CAF is as follows:

M-35	1
M-36	2
M-151	9

(4) Headquarters, CAF logged 8,293 accident free miles during March.

e. Miscellaneous

(1) An audit of AIC funds was conducted. The balance vouchers and ledgers were found to be correct.

(2) Headquarters, CAF treated 830 patients during MEDCAPS held in My Khe Village.

4. Personnel Administration

a. Personnel Transactions. During the month of March the following personnel transaction were completed.

(1) Joined

USMC	
Off	Enl
21	310

(2) Rotated CONUS

USMC	
Off	Enl
6	289

(3) Reassignment Within WestPac

USMC	
Off	Enl
2	170

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- (4) Transferred by Service Records While Sick (out of country hospital)

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	34

- (5) Extension of WestPac Tour Effected

USMC	
Off	Enl
1	3

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

To PFC	3	To SSgt	0
To LCpl	101	To GySgt	0
To Cpl	4	To 1stSgt/MSgt	0
To Sgt	27	To SgtMaj/MGySgt	0
To Capt	1		

c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts held: GCM 0
SpCM 7
SCM 8

(2) Article 32 Investigations: 1

(3) NJP 77

(4) JAG-Type Investigations:
Completed: 10

d. Award Recommendations

SSM 1
BSM 9
NCM 6
NAM 5
PH 88

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The command has responded to:

3 CONGRINTS

1 SPLINTS

21 WELREPS

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	21	Japan	8
Taipei	15	Bangkok	36
Hawaii	40	Sydney	36
Okinawa	3	Manila	5

(b) In Country 88

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

Incoming
44

Outgoing
82

(3) Hospital Visitations. Daily hospital visitation continues at both CAF and CAG organizational levels to insure patients are in receipt of mail, health and comfort items and pay. Patients admitted to hospitals in the Danang area are visited daily by a representative of the CAF Headquarters and each week by the Commanding Officer, CAF. The CAF Headquarters keeps the CAGs informed on status of CAG personnel hospitalized in the Danang area.

g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: 1 2 yrs
1 6 yrs

Extensions: 2 3 months
1 4 months
1 6 months

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5. Morale and Welfare. The morale of the CAF continues to be excellent. Mail is expeditiously processed and delivered to the field commensurate with operational requirements. Both In-Country and Out-of-Country R&R quotas continue to be filled to the maximum.

6. Combined Action Force School

a. During the month of March, 144 students were graduated from the school as follows:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>
CAF	105	13	0
1st MAR DIV	23	0	0
US ARMY	0	0	3

b. In addition to the graduates, there was 1 1st MAR DIV, and 1 CAF observer during the course.

7. Communications

a. A direct circuit from Headquarters, CAF COC to the 4th CAG COC was installed. This action eliminated the necessity of contacting two switchboards to conduct wire line communications with the 4th CAG.

b. The KY-38 Cypher Unit was issued to the 1st CAG and 2nd CAG for a trial application period. They proved to be invaluable instruments. The KY-38 Cypher Units are installed at CAG and subordinate CACO Headquarters. These units are now able to transmit, over covered circuits, messages which previously had to be manually encrypted.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
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1. The Command Chronologies for the Combined Action Force subordinate commands are submitted as follows:

TAB A: - 1st Combined Action Group

TAB B: - 2nd Combined Action Group

TAB C: - 3rd Combined Action Group

TAB D: - 4th Combined Action Group

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1. (C) CG III MAF PASSES OPCON OF THE COMBINED ACTION FORCE TO
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2. (C) CG III MAF RETAINS ADCON.

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SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction - Combined Action Force (CAF)

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1. Task Organization:

Combined Action Force

Headquarters, Combined Action Force

1st Combined Action Group

2d Combined Action Group

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4th Combined Action Group

2. SITUATION. Organization, deployment, training, administration and combat operations of the Combined Action Force continue as previously ordered by CG, III MAF, unless otherwise directed by this headquarters.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to reference (a).

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Other FMFPac forces, reference (b).

(2) Other MACV forces, in accordance with current directives of this headquarters and MACV directives.

(3) Naval forces, reference (c).

c. Attachments and detachments. None.

3. MISSION.

a. The Combined Action Force (CAF) under the command, less operational control, of the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (III MAF),

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and under the operational control of the Commanding General, XXIV Corps, provides command and control to the assigned Marine elements of the Combined Action Force and participates with designated Republic of Vietnam counterparts in exercising combined operational control of the Combined Action Force.

b. The US Marine element and the Popular Force element of the Combined Action Platoons share the following missions:

- (1) Neutralize the VC infrastructure within the village or hamlet area of responsibility.
- (2) Provide public security and help maintain law and order.
- (3) Protect the friendly political infrastructure.
- (4) Protect bases and lines of communication within the village and hamlet in which they are located by conducting day and night patrols and ambushes in the assigned area.
- (5) Participate in combined operations with PF, ARVN, FVMAF, US Forces, and other PF units in their area.
- (6) Participate in civic action and conduct psychological operations against the Viet Cong.
- (7) Participate and assist in RD activities to the maximum extent possible, consistent with the accomplishment of the foregoing missions.

c. The US Marine element is assigned the additional mission to provide military training to the PF soldiers in order to prepare them to effectively perform the missions cited above when the Marine element is relocated.

4. EXECUTION.

a. Concept

(1) Combined Action Platoons (CAP) will be located to provide village and hamlet security, to support the current pacification and development plan, and to provide training for Popular Forces. CAP operations function as a part of the overall pacification effort and as such will be conducted to contribute to this larger goal.

(2) By agreement between the Corps, and the senior US military commander, ICTZ, the CAP's are under the operational control of the subsector commander in whose subsector they are located.

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b. Tasks

(1) The CAF will:

(a) Conduct operations and activities in accordance with reference (d) or any subsequent revision thereto.

(b) Conduct combined/coordinated operations with ARVN, US and FVMAF units within the CAF Tactical Area of Coordination as approved by the sub-sector commander.

(c) Conduct combined/coordinated day and night patrols and ambushes in assigned areas.

(d) Motivate and instill pride, patriotism, and aggressiveness in the PF soldier.

(e) Conduct training in general military subjects, leadership, and language for all personnel of the CAF in order to increase the proficiency of PF elements so that Marine elements may ultimately be withdrawn, leaving behind PF elements which can continue to perform in an effective manner.

(f) Insure that intelligence information gathered is made available promptly and on a regular basis to the DIOCC as well as to US and FVMAF units.

(g) Participate in the Voluntary Informant Program for collection of enemy information and material.

(2) The proximate battalion commander will provide responsive reaction force and fire support for each CAF in his AO.

(3) Coordinating Instructions

(a) For the purpose of coordination, each CAF will be assigned a specific area within which to operate. This area, circumscribed by a well defined boundary, will be known as a TAOC. Subject to approval by the Commanding Generals of XXIV Corps and I Corps respectively, the TAOC will be established by mutual concurrence of the sector commander, the CAG commander and the commander of the proximate FVMAF or ARVN battalion in whose TAOC the CAF is located. Once the TAOC is established, elements of non-CAF organizations will not operate in it without prior coordination with and concurrence of the subsector commander and CAGO commander concerned.

(b) The CAGO commander will insure that the battalion commander of the proximate battalion is kept informed of all pre-planned CAF combat operations in the TAOC.

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(c) The CAF will not operate outside of its TAOC without prior coordination and concurrence of the subsector commander and the proximate battalion commander.

(d) Coordination between the CAF and RVN counterparts will be accomplished as delineated in Inclosure 1, Command Relationships.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS - As directed by CG, III MAF.

6. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal Communications will be in accordance with reference (e).

b. Command

(1) Command posts are located as follows:

(a) XXIV Corps: Camp Horn, Da Nang East, RVN.

(b) CAF: My Khe Compound (BT 058778), Da Nang East, RVN.

(2) Command Relationships. Annex, Command Relationships.

7. REFERENCES:

(a) III MAF OPCODE 201 - (Yr)

(b) CG, FMFPAC OPCODE 201 - (Yr)

(c) COM SEVENTH FLT OPCODE 201 - (Yr)

(d) ICCI 5401.2A

(e) III MAF FORO P02000.1

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

W. E. SHEDD
Brigadier General, USA
Chief of Staff

John D. Gard
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Colonel, AGC
Adjutant General

3 Incl

1. Command Relationships
2. Command Relationships Chart
3. Command and Coordination Diagram

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ANNEX A (Command Relationships) to LOI-CAP

1. Command and control of the US element of the Combined Action Program:

a. The Combined Action Force (CAF) is under the command, less operational control, of the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (III MAF), and under the operational control of the Commanding General, XXIV Corps.

b. The Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force will discharge this command responsibility through the commanding officers of Combined Action Groups, commanding officers of Combined Action Companies and the Marine squad leaders of the Combined Action Platoons.

c. Inclosure 2 (Command Relationships Chart) and Inclosure 3 (Command and Coordination Diagram) to this annex portray graphically these command relationships.

2. Command and control of the Vietnamese element of the Combined Action Program:

a. Command of the Combined Action Program's Vietnamese Popular Force element is retained by the Commanding General, I Corps.

b. This responsibility is discharged through the Deputy Commander for Territorial Forces, sector commanders, subsector commanders, and the Popular Force platoon leaders of the Combined Action Platoons.

c. Inclosure 3 (Command and Coordination Diagram) to this annex portrays graphically these command relationships.

3. Command and control of the Combined Action Platoons (CAP):

a. Operational control of the CAP's is vested in the subsector commander in whose subsector the CAP's are located.

b. Within the CAP, command relationships are on a coordination and cooperation basis between the PF platoon leader and the Marine squad leader. Neither commands the CAP.

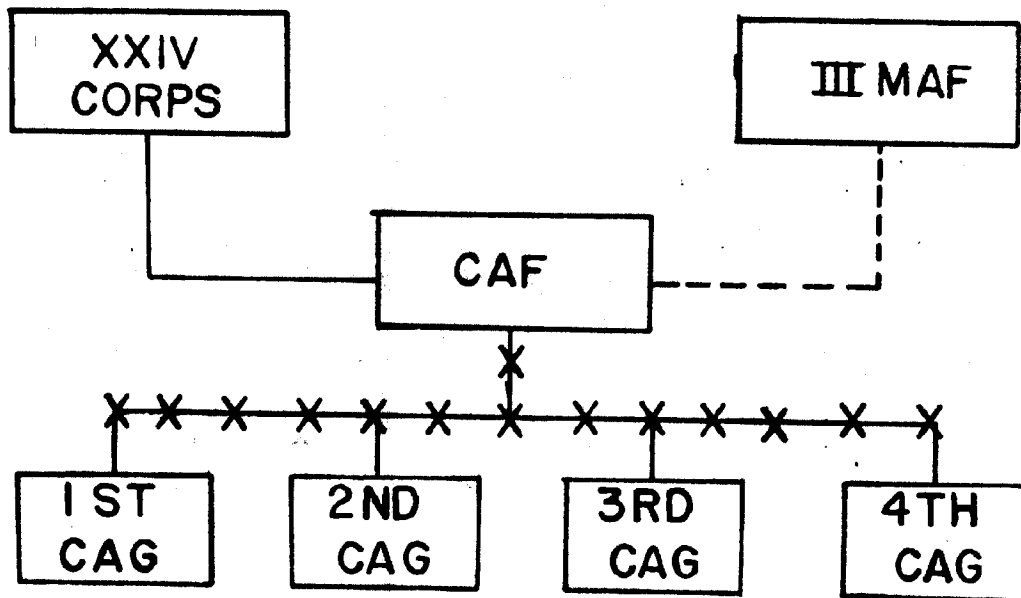
4. Liaison and coordination between U.S. and RVN counterparts is indicated in Inclosure 3, (Command and Coordination Diagram) to this annex.

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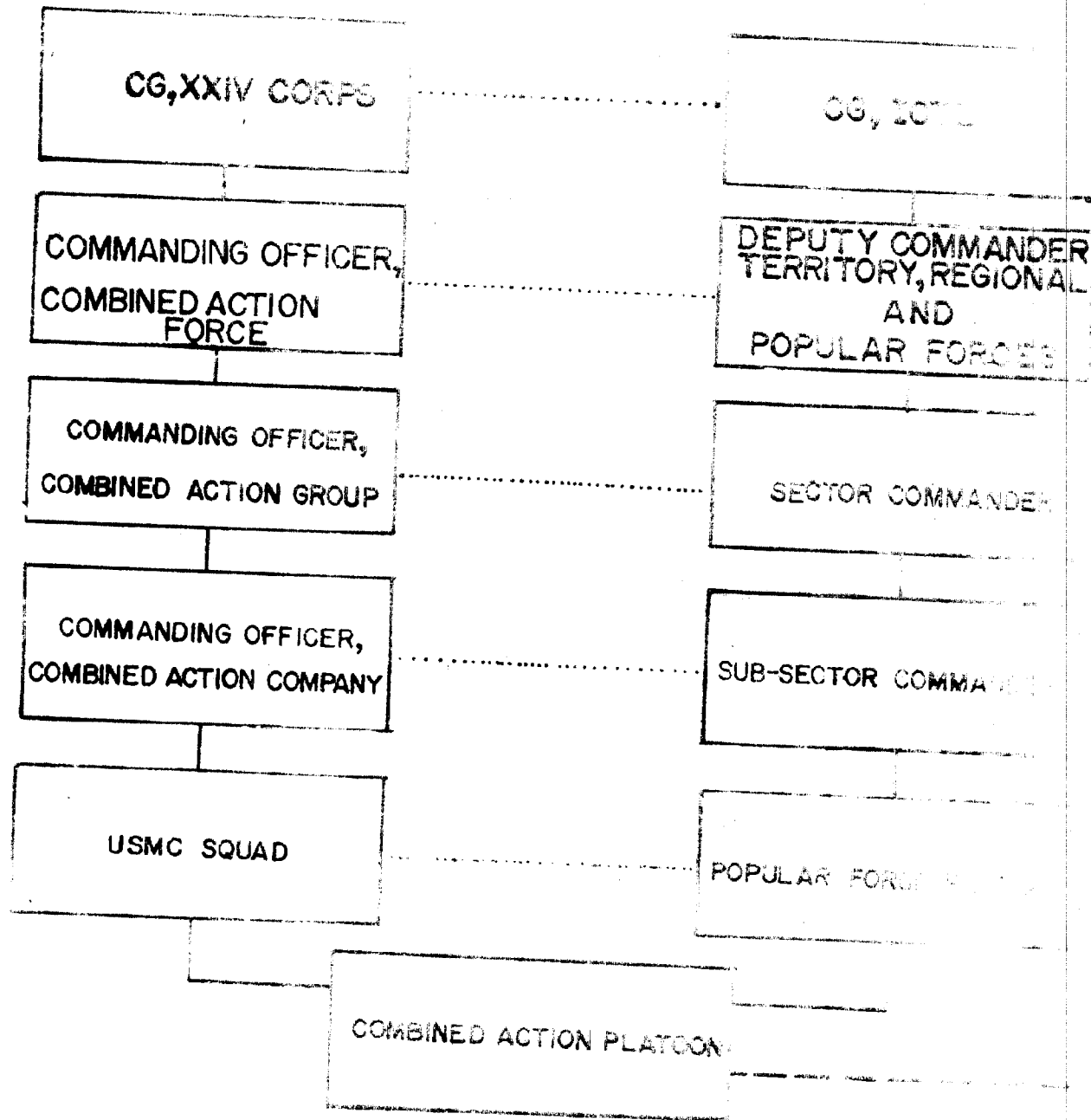
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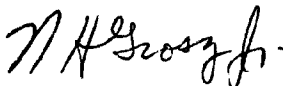
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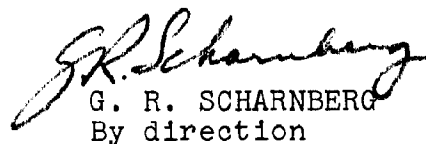
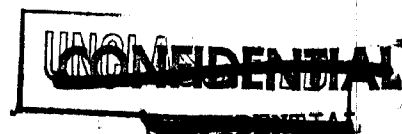
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5700 dtd 15 June 1970From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 April 1970

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

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

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Combined Action Force Command Chronology
(2) CO, CAF ltr 3/mad over 3460 of 20 April 1970
(3) CO, CAF memo 3/mad over 3000 of 29 April 1970 less enclosure (1)

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (3) are 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 DATA

1. Designation
Combined Action Force

COMMANDER
Col T. E. METZGER
(1 Apr - 30 Apr 1970)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Combined Action Group

LtCol D. F. SEILER
(1 Apr - 30 Apr 1970)

2nd Combined Action Group

LtCol D. R. CHRISTENSEN
(1 Apr - 30 Apr 1970)

3rd Combined Action Group

LtCol C. M. DANIELS
(1 Apr - 30 Apr 1970)

4th Combined Action Group

Maj R. D. KING
(1 Apr - 30 Apr 1970)

ATTACHED UNITS

No units were attached during the reporting period

2. Location

1 - 30 April 1970: My Khe Compound, Danang East, RVN, BT 059778

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

LtCol W. D. ANDERSON
(1 Apr - 30 Apr 1970)

S-1 Officer

Capt N. J. NOWICKI
(1 Apr - 30 Apr 1970)

S-3 Officer

Maj J. J. KILDAY
(1 Apr - 30 Apr 1970)

S-4 Officer

Capt W. T. MOORE
(1 Apr - 30 Apr 1970)

4. CAF Average Monthly Strength

USMC

USN

Others

OFF ENL
52 1929

OFF ENL
3 124

OFF ENL
0 0

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5. End-of-Month Unit Diary Strength

USMC	
Off	Enl
<u>52</u>	<u>1961</u>

USN	
Off	Enl
<u>3</u>	<u>124</u>

Others	
Off	Enl
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Supply support for Headquarters, Combined Action Force (CAF) passed from Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Amphibious Force to Supply Battalion, Force Logistics Command. Motor transport support for the CAF Headquarters passed from Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Amphibious Force, to Truck Company, Force Logistics Command. Public Works, Naval Support Activity, China Beach, Danang, continues to provide maintenance support for the HQ CAF Compound at My Khe. The Commanding Officer, Fifth Communications Battalion continues to provide communications support.
2. Combined Action Platoon (CAP) 2-7-2 captured the first known VC propaganda leaflet directed at CAF Marines.
3. The Commanding General, ICTZ and Commanding General, XXIV Corps agreed to the relocation of seven CAPs from Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces to Quang Nam Province in order to reinforce the pacification effort.
4. The CAF School graduated 198 students during the month of April. Among the graduates were 10 Marines from the First Marine Division and 6 US Army trainees for the Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP).
5. The CAF Vietnamese Language School graduated 26 Marines and 2 US Army for a total of 28 personnel.
6. Installation of KY-38 Cypher Units and distribution of the US KAC-288H Wheel Codes to all CAGs was completed.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Operations Summary

a. During the month, CAF Headquarters conducted 120 nighttime patrols and 2 daytime patrols in vicinity of My Khe Compound, CAF Headquarters. These patrols are composed of CAF School students and local PF. This integration of local Popular Force and US Armed Force personnel is a foundation for future CAF activities by the participants.

b. On 17 April, CAP 2-7-2 captured the first known VC propaganda leaflet directed at CAF Marines. The text of the leaflet is provided at enclosure (2).

2. Command Relationships

a. Relationships with Vietnamese counterparts at ICTZ Headquarters and with the local Vietnamese District Chief continue to be cordial. This Headquarters continues to benefit from the weekly meeting of Commanding Officer, CAF and Commander, RF/PF ICTZ. Daily contact is made with the local Vietnamese District Chief. The assignment of a CAF ARVN Liaison Officer from the ARVN Liaison Office, Headquarters, XXIV Corps on 8 April 1970, has benefited this Command's relationships with Vietnamese military commands and Vietnamese Government Officials.

b. During the course of the Commanding General, ICTZ Conference of 28 April 1970, the Commanding General, ICTZ and Commanding General, XXIV Corps agreed to the relocation of seven CAPs from Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces to Quang Nam Province in order to reinforce the pacification effort. The CAPs involved in the relocation and their new TAOC geographic locations are provided at enclosure (3).

3. Logisticsa. Significant events

(1) Although construction was completed on the new sewer and water system for the CAF Headquarters Compound, numerous mechanical difficulties with the water system have continued requiring six trouble calls to Public Works, Naval Support Activity.

(2) On 3 April, a test was conducted to determine the cause of numerous power failures in the two CAF Compound generators. Based on test results, work requests were submitted to correct the operating deficiencies.

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b. Supply. Supply support passed from Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Amphibious Force to Supply Battalion, Force Logistics Command on 4 April 1970. A reconciliation of outstanding supply requisitions was conducted with Supply Battalion, Force Logistics Command.

c. Maintenance. Maintenance support continued to be adequately provided by Public Works, Naval Support Activity, China Beach, Danang.

d. Motor Transport

(1) Motor transport support passed from Headquarters and Service Company, III Marine Amphibious Force to Truck Company, Force Logistics Command on 4 April 1970.

(2) Total vehicles on hand for CAF Headquarters is as follows:

M-151	9
M-36	3

(3) CAF Headquarters logged 12,000 accident free miles during April.

e. Miscellaneous

(1) CAF Headquarters treated 667 patients during MEDCAPS held in My Khe Village.

(2) A reconciliation of AIK funds was conducted during April. CAF Headquarters ledger, vouchers and cash on hand balanced with records maintained by the Comptroller, Force Logistics Command.

4. Personnel Administration

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

(1) <u>Joined</u>	USMC
	Off Enl
	<u>1</u> 158

(2) <u>Rotated CONUS</u>	USMC
	Off Enl
	<u>1</u> 30

(3) Reassignment Within WestPac

	USMC
	Off Enl
	<u>0</u> 57

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(4) Transferred by Service Records While Sick (out of country hospital)

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	39

(5) Extension of WestPac Tour Effected

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	2

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

To PFC	2	To SSGT	3
To LCPL	181	To GYSGT	0
To CPL	11	To FSGT/MSGT	0
To SGT	5	To SGTMAJ/MGYSGT	0

c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts held: GCM 0
 SpCM 7
 SCM 7

(2) Article 32 Investigations: 0

(3) NJP 50

(4) JAG-Type Investigations:

Completed: 10

d. Award Recommendations

SSM 1

BSM 8

NCM 11

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The command has responded to:

6 CONGRINTS

0 SPLINTS

29 WELREPS

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	19	Japan	9
Taipei	13	Bangkok	27
Hawaii	35	Sydney	33
Okinawa	2	Manila	4

(b) In Country 27

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

<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>
41	9

(3) Hospital Visitations: Patients are visited by the unit commanders and/or their representatives on a frequent basis. Personnel confined to the hospitals in the Danang Area are visited daily by the CAF Hospitalization NCO and the CO, CAF each Sunday.

g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: 2 2 yrs

Extensions: 0

5. Combined Action Force School. During the month of April, the number of students graduated from CAF School were:

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	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>
CAF	169	13	0
1st MAR DIV	10	0	0
US ARMY	0	0	6

6. Communications. On 12 April, the installation of KY-38 Cypher Units and distribution of the US KAC-288H Wheel Codes to all CAGs were completed. They have proved to be invaluable instruments. User acceptability is excellent.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The Command Chronologies for the Combined Action Force subordinate commands are submitted as follows:

TAB A: - 1st Combined Action Group

TAB B: - 2nd Combined Action Group

TAB C: - 3rd Combined Action Group

TAB D: - 4th Combined Action Group

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: VC Propaganda Leaflet Directed at CAF Marines

Ref: (a) Spot Report Item #9 of CAF OPSUM 161600H - 171600H April 1970

Encl: (1) Text of VC Propaganda Leaflet

1. Reference (a) describes the circumstances of the capture of the first known VC propaganda leaflet directed at CAF Marines.

2. The content of subject leaflet is provided at enclosure (1) for your information and action as you deem appropriate.

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Text of VC Propaganda Leaflet Directed at CAF Marines Captured by CAP
2-7-2 at 171230H in Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province.

C.A.G. UNITS' SERVICEMEN :

The policy of Americanization of the Vietnam war has met with complete failure. This military adventure has cost the US tens of thousands of American lives and brought dislocation to the American economy and blemish to the honour of the United States.

Under the so-called Civic actions, the US rulers are pushing you into the same path of death...

C.A.G.'s activities serve the US odious program of Vietnamizing the war which would prolong it in another form. They go countering the interests of the US people and trample on the sovereignty of the Vietnamese nation.

Be aware that the Vietnamese people don't need the presence of C.A.G units on their soil! Even if you are assigned to work in those units, it is very wise for you to keep a neutral attitude. Don't risk your lives to make yourselves a shield to protect the traitorous Thieu-Ky clique despised and hated by all the Vietnamese people.

Refrain from patrolling and setting ambushes to massacre the Vietnamese people. Remain in place and let the people go freely to farm and earn their livelihood.

If you keep such an attitude you will be welcomed and safe until you return home with your beloved ones.

Otherwise, if you keep on doing harm to the Vietnamese people, you will be severely punished by the People Liberation Armed forces and even by the puppet troops who are working at your side, since they are also Vietnamese.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
Subj: Relocation of CAPs from Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces to Quang Nam Province
Ref: (a) CG, ICTZ Conference of 28 Apr 70
Encl: (1) Overlay of CAP Relocations

1. During the course of reference (a), Lieutenant General IAM and Lieutenant General ZAIS agreed to the relocation of seven CAPs from Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces to Quang Nam Province in order to reinforce the pacification effort.

2. Two CAPs will be relocated to Hoa Vang District, three to Dien Ban District, and two to Hieu Nhon District. The new TAOCs are depicted in enclosure (1) and are tabulated as follows:

Old CAP Designation	New CAP Designation	Center of New TAOC	New District
CAP 3-1-7	CAP 2-3-8	BT 050619	Dien Ban
CAP 3-1-8	CAP 2-3-9	BT 093560	Dien Ban
CAP 4-2-2	CAP 2-4-6	BT 116584	Hieu Nhon
CAP 4-2-4	CAP 2-4-7	BT 179585	Hieu Nhon
CAP 2-4-1	CAP 2-7-8	BT 055603	Hoa Vang
	CAP 2-7-9	BT 053619	Hoa Vang
	CAP 2-7-19	BT 053619	Hoa Vang

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3. The transfer of CAP personnel and equipment to the 2nd CAS will commence on 1 May 1970.

Very respectfully,

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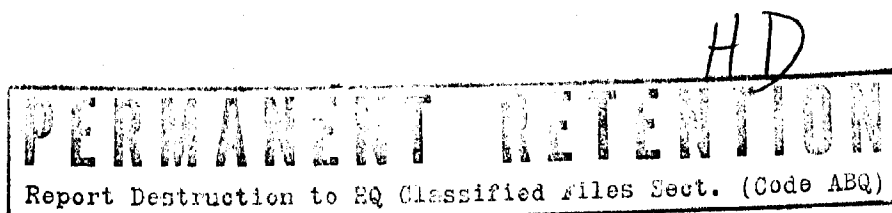
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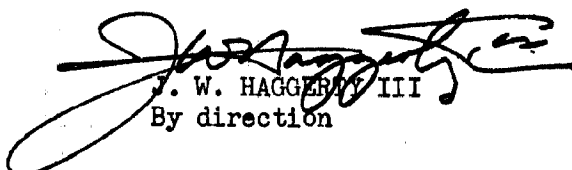
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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

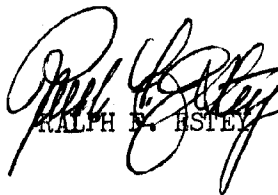
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(c) CAF Command Chronology for Period 1 Apr to 30 Apr 70

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(2) CO, 1st CAG ltr of 19 Apr 70
(3) CO, 1st CAG ltr 6/DFS/kar over 3000 of 4 May 1970
(4) CO, CAF ltr 3/mad over 3000/3 serial OOS30312970 of 10 May 1970
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(5) CG, XXIV Corps 1st End on CO, CAF ltr of 10 May 1970

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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Combined Action Force

COMMANDER
Col T. E. METZGER
(1 May - 31 May 1970)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Combined Action Group

LtCol D. F. SEILER
(1 May - 31 May 1970)

2nd Combined Action Group

LtCol D. R. CHRISTENSEN
(1 May - 31 May 1970)

3rd Combined Action Group

LtCol C. M. DANIELS
(1 May - 31 May 1970)

4th Combined Action Group

Maj R. D. KING
(1 May - 31 May 1970)

ATTACHED UNITS

No units were attached during the reporting period

2. Location

1-31 May 1970: My Khe Compound, Danang East, RVN, BT 059778

3. Staff Officers
Executive Officer

LtCol W. D. ANDERSON
(1 May - 31 May 1970)

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(1 May - 31 May 1970)

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USMC
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OFF ENL
2 120

Others
OFF ENL
0 0

5. End-of-Month Unit Diary Strength

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. In accordance with the provisions of enclosure (3) of reference (c), the relocation of seven Combined Action Platoons (CAPs) from Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces to Quang Nam Province in order to reinforce the pacification effort was completed.
2. Three CAPs in Combined Action Company (CACO) 1-1 and one CAP in CACO 1-2 were deactivated.
3. The CAF School graduated 178 students during the month of May. Among the graduates were 16 Marines and 1 Navy Corpsman from First Marine Division Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP) units.
4. A field training exercise to train and test students in conducting fire missions was instituted in the CAF School syllabus.
5. The CAF Vietnamese Language School graduated 24 Marines and 6 US Army for a total of 30 personnel.
6. A direct circuit from CAF Headquarters COC to the 2nd Combined Action Group (CAG) COC was installed. Telephone poles were erected at selected CACO Headquarters in the 1st CAG and 2nd CAG to improve the communications between the CACO and CAG Headquarters.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Operations Summary

a. The relocation of seven CAPs from Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces to Quang Nam Province in order to reinforce the pacification effort was completed on 5 May. The relocation dates for each CAP and new locations are as follows:

<u>Old CAP Designation</u>	<u>New CAP Designation</u>	<u>Center of New TAOC</u>	<u>New District</u>	<u>Date Relocated</u>
CAP 3-1-7	CAP 2-3-8	BT 050619	Dien Ban	4 May
CAP 3-1-8	CAP 2-3-9	BT 093560	Dien Ban	4 May
CAP 4-2-2	CAP 2-4-6	BT 116584	Hieu Nhon	5 May
CAP 4-2-4	CAP 2-4-7	BT 179555	Hieu Nhon	5 May
CAP 3-4-1	CAP 2-7-8	BT 058663	Hoa Vang	5 May
CAP 3-4-5	CAP 2-7-9	BT 013648	Hoa Vang	3 May
CAP 3-1-2	CAP 2-7-10	BT 039641	Dien Ban	4 May

b. As a result of the continuing influx, aggressiveness, and tactical successes of Territorial Forces in Tam Ky and Ly Tin Districts of Quang Tin Province, authority was granted to deactivate CAPs 1-1-2, 1-1-4, 1-1-6 and 1-2-7 on 28 May. The correspondence supporting the request to deactivate these CAPs and final approval to execute the deactivations is provided at enclosures (2) through (5).

c. During the month, CAF Headquarters conducted 124 nighttime patrols in vicinity of My Khe Compound, CAF Headquarters. These patrols are composed of CAF School students and local PF. This integration of local PF and US Armed Force personnel is a foundation for future CAF activities by the participants.

2. Command Relationships. Relationships with Vietnamese counterparts at ICTZ Headquarters and with the local Vietnamese District Chief continue to be cordial. This Headquarters continues to benefit from the weekly meeting of Commanding Officer, CAF and Commander, RF/PF ICTZ. Daily contact is maintained with the local Vietnamese District Chief.

3. Logistics

a. Significant Events. In order to properly equip the seven CAPs transferred to the 2nd CAG, the following equipment was invoiced to the 2nd CAG from the 3rd CAG and 4th CAG.

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Nomenclature</u>
12	Night Vision Scope, AN/PVS-2
15	Radio, AN/PRC-25
10	Grenade Launcher, M-79
10	Strobe Light
9	Compass
20	Water Can, 5 Gal.
10	Machinegun, M-60
51	Rifle, M-16
35	Pistol, Cal .45
8	Crimper, Blasting Cap
5	Barber Kit
5	Food Container

b. Supply. A reconciliation of all fiscal obligations was conducted. Corrected reconciliations were returned to the Comptroller Section, Force Logistics Command to update their records.

c. Maintenance

(1) Repairs on deadlined communications and ordnance items were completed within reasonable time frames.

(2) The water distribution system at the CAF Headquarters, My Khe Compound was improved by the addition of a natural well and regular water deliveries by tank truck from Navy Support Command, Danang.

d. Motor transport. The CAF logged a total of 140,000 miles during May. Among the cargo transported were 68 tons of Class I and Class V.

4. Personnel Administration

a. Personnel transactions. During May the following personnel transactions were completed.

(1) Joined

USMC	
Off	Enl
3	287

(2) Rotated CONUS

USMC	
Off	Enl
1	112

(3) Reassignment Within WestPac

USMC	
Off	Enl
1	91

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(4) Transferred by Service Records While Sick (out of country hospital)

USMC	
Off	Enl
<u>1</u>	<u>57</u>

(5) Extension of WestPac Tour Effected

USMC	
Off	Enl
<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

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

To PFC	10	To SSGT	5
To LCPL	121	To GYSGT	0
To CPL	338	To FSGT/MSGT	0
To SGT	4	To SGTMAJ/MGYSGT	0

c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts held:	GCM	0
	SpCM	0
	SCM	2
(2) Article 32 Investigations:		0
(3) NJP		40
(4) JAG-Type Investigations:		
Completed:		8

d. Award Recommendations

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NCM 18
NAM 3
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The command has responded to:

2 CONGRINTS

1 SPLINTS

6 WELREPS

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	17	Japan	10
Taipei	12	Bangkok	34
Hawaii	30	Sydney	30
Okinawa	3	Manila	5

(b) In Country 13

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

Incoming
42

Outgoing
7

(3) Hospital Visitations: Patients are visited daily by unit commanders or their representatives. All patients of the CAF hospitalized in the Danang Area are visited daily by the CAF Hospital Visitation NCO and by the CO, CAF each Sunday.

g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: 0

Extensions: 2

5. Combined Action Force School

a. During the month of May, the number of students graduated from CAF School were:

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	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>
CAF	159	2	0
1ST MAR DIV	16	1	0

b. Commencing with CAF School Class 8-70 on 4 May, a practical application field training exercise was instituted in the School syllabus to train and test students in the conduct of artillery and mortar fire missions. Each student is provided the opportunity to call a selected target followed by a critique of his performance. The training exercise is conducted at Hill 41 (AT 934663, Dai Loc Sheet, 1:50,000) within the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division TAOR. The exercise is conducted entirely with organic assets of the CAF.

6. Communications

a. On 2 May, a direct circuit from CAF Headquarters COC to the 2nd CAG COC was installed.

b. During the month, forty foot telephone poles were erected at CACOs 2-2, 2-3, 2-4 and 2-7 Headquarters, two forty foot towers were erected at CACO 1-1 and one eighty foot tower at CACO 1-3 Headquarters by the 5th Communications Battalion and the 1st CAG respectively. By affixing radio antennae to the poles and tower, the quality of voice radio communications has improved considerably.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The Command Chronologies for the Combined Action Force subordinate commands are submitted as follows:

TAB A: ✓ 1st Combined Action Group

TAB B: ✓ 2nd Combined Action Group

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up* TAB C: ✓ 3rd Combined Action Group

TAB D: ✓ 4th Combined Action Group

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HEADQUARTERS
1st Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO, San Francisco, California 94602

19 April 1970

From: Commanding Officer, 1st Combined Action Group
To: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force

Subj: Vietnamization of CAP areas in the 1st CAG

1. The following is a report on Vietnamization in the 1st Combined Action Group.

2. Significant events have taken place in Quang Tin Province recently regarding a greater Vietnamese role in CAP operations. More Popular Forces Platoons and Regional Forces Companies have been stationed in CAP areas and more assignments are pending. Several Village Security Chiefs have begun to take a more dominant role in the operational employment of all military forces, including Combined Action Platoon's. U. S. Forces, both artillery and infantry, are being replaced by Vietnamese forces in the populated area of the Province. The Popular Forces Soldiers have shown an interest and ability in employing 60mm mortars and M-60 machine guns supplied by the CAPs. The major Vietnamese limitations are still the requesting and controlling of fire support and medevac, and resupply of PF units. However, improvement is being made.

3. All of the above trends are positive signs of progress although they complicate the traditional CAP role. The CAP is no longer the controlling force in their assigned AO. At some locations, the CAP responsibility has been reduced to two grid squares. Joint operations are conducted with the other Vietnamese forces in the area but normal day-to-day operations are confined to the restricted AO. This is not an effective employment of a CAP and severely limits the mobility that is necessary for it's self protection.

4. The District and Province Chief's recognize the limitation on CAP activities, but are rightfully more concerned about their overall pacification effort. The Vietnamese officials still desire the CAP's presence, even in these areas where the Popular Forces Platoons are assigned a primary job of protecting the Marines. In these locations, the Popular Forces Soldiers do not want the Marines to go on patrols and ambushes but rather want them to stay in the patrol base and in a defensive position as a react force or fire support and medevac coordinators. The Combined Action Program concept of employment does not envision this limitation on CAP activities and these differences of opinion have been the subject of much discussion between Vietnamese and U. S. officers.

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5. It is not desired to coerce the Province Chief into conforming to principles to the detriment of his overall effort. On the other hand, the continued presence of the Marines in a restricted role after their training mission is completed serves no long term purpose. Relocations have been considered but neither Tam Ky or Ly Tin District in Quang Tin Province have any satisfactory new CAP locations. Quang Ngai Province could use more CAP's but the Combined Action Companies in that area are already at their limit of the number of CAP's that can be effectively controlled.

6. Two CAP's have been withdrawn from the field because their restricted AO's and employment was felt to be a detriment to the security of the Marines.

a. The Marines from CAP 1-1-2 were withdrawn 14 1000 April 70. The stationing of a Regional Forces Company in the CAP AO had reduced the need for the Marines and severely restricted their movement and effectiveness. This move had the reluctant concurrence of the Province and District Chiefs who seemed interested in an amiable solution to the security problem that the Marines felt so strongly about.

b. The Marines from CAP 1-2-7 were withdrawn 15 1300 April 70. The CAP AO had four PF Platoons and very strong Vietnamese leaders. The Marines did not actively participate in activities but were regarded as a reserve force and fire support coordinator. Their training mission was complete in this area. The District Chief reluctantly agreed to this move rather than change the operation to fit the CAP "charter".

7. Other CAP areas are rapidly approaching the situation where Marines are no longer needed, at least by our standards.

a. The CAP 1-1-3 area is being considered for four additional Popular Forces Platoons. The Tam Ky District Chief is attempting to obtain a MAT Team that will solve the fire support coordination problem. A target date for this move is 1 May. The assignment of additional Vietnamese forces or a MAT Team will remove the requirement for the Marines.

b. Another Regional Force Compound is being built in the CAP 1-1-4 area. This will strengthen the defenses of the area but will reduce the need for the Marines and also their operating area.

c. CAP 1-1-5 has four Popular Forces Platoons under a very capable Village Security Chief. The Marines have aided in Popular Forces training and operations but there is only slight room for future improvement.

d. To a somewhat lesser extent all CAP's in Quang Tin Province are developing a go-it alone capability. The Marine squad leaders have been taking a less dominant role in operations and have been emphasizing Vietnamese capabilities.

e. The major problem area occurs when the CAP passes the line of equal participation in a joint venture and it becomes a predominantly Vietnamese operation. We are faced with a paradox of encouraging Vietnamese participation and control but still requiring Marines to follow certain operating principles such as mobility, active patrolling over a wide area, a specific number of activities, and a minimum

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size of forces. These are all sound procedures and must be adhered to. U. S. Units but are considered less important in the overall scheme of operations for Vietnamese Units.

9. It is not desirable to attempt to have Vietnamese forces conform to our operating principles after they have demonstrated their ability to handle their own security problems. Rather, it is recommended that the Marine component of the CAP continue to be withdrawn when the need for its services has diminished to the point that the Vietnamese forces can satisfactorily do the job on their own. It should not be a CAP mission, however, to remain in the AO to serve primarily as a fire support coordinator.

10. Quang Ngai Province is not as far advanced as Quang Tin in these Vietnamization efforts. Binh Son and Son Tinh Districts are still quite dependant on CAP Teams. There are fewer Vietnamese Forces assigned to these Districts and some of the CAP AO's are entirely resettlement areas and resemble combat outposts. A few PF Soldiers here have displayed an interest and ability in employing M-60 machine guns and 60mm mortars supplied by the CAP Marines but it is unknown if the Vietnamese sources can provide these weapons. An effort is being made to encourage less dependance on CAP Teams but the progress is expected to be slower in some of the isolated and more contested area.

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HEADQUARTERS
1st Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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4 May 1970

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force

Subj: Deactivation of Combined Action Platoon's in Quang Tin Province;
request for

Ref: (a) My ltr of 19 April, subj, Vietnamization of CAP areas in 1st
CAI

1. It is requested that CAP teams 1-1-2, 1-1-4, 1-1-6 and 1-2-7 be deactivated in that the requirement for their presence no longer exists.
2. As reported in reference (a) Quang Tin Province has been making significant strides in Vietnamizing CAP areas. CAP 1-1-2 was withdrawn on 14 April and CAP 1-2-7 on 15 April. Both areas are progressing very well under exclusive Vietnamese control.
3. Because of the additional influx of Vietnamese forces into CAP AO's, and the emergence of strong leaders, there is a decreasing requirement for CAP's. This has been especially true in Tam Ky District where the CAP concept of employment has been retarding the effective use of Vietnamese forces. The use of Marines limits the flexibility and responsiveness of the Vietnamese leaders and has caused considerable coordination problems. The officials in Tam Ky District are to be commended for bringing their forces to the level where they can now adequately provide for their security and pacification missions with organic resources.
4. As a result of several discussions, the Assistant Province Chief, Major CU, on 2 May 1970, requested that CAP teams 1-1-4 and 1-1-6 be withdrawn and that the Vietnamese forces take over total responsibility for these areas. This was agreed to and the two CAP's were withdrawn on 3 May. Nearby CAP's have the capability to expand their AO's and assist in operations in the vacated areas if specifically requested.
5. The remaining CAP's in Quang Tin are also rapidly approaching the end of their mission. They all could be withdrawn at any time. However, they are still being effectively utilized and do contribute to the security of the areas and to the continued training of the PF's.

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request for

6. There are no additional locations in either Tam Ky or Ly Tin Districts that would be appropriate CAP locations. Several areas could use an American force as a fire support coordinator but this is not a proper CAP mission.

7. The personnel and equipment from these four CAP's to be deactivated would be distributed to reinforce other CAP's. They could be reactivated on short notice if a suitable location was found for their employment.

D. F. SMILER

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Province Chief Quang Ngai
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 P.O. San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, XXIV Corps

Subj: Deactivation of Combined Action Platoons (CAPs) in Quang Tin Province

Ref: (a) CG, 1st CAG ltr of 19 Apr 70

Encl: (1) Proposed letter to CG, IOTZ

1. Reference (a), and endorsements thereto, described the encouraging developments in Quang Tin Province concerning increased self-sufficiency of Territorial Forces and recommends that CAP units be withdrawn and deactivated as Province Forces progress to the point of non-dependency.

2. The Commanding Officer, 1st CAG reported on 4 May 1970 that the emergence of strong leadership and the increase of Vietnamese forces in the area has decreased requirements for CAPs in Quang Tin Province. Furthermore, the presence of Marines in certain areas of Tam Ky District has actually retarded the effective use of Vietnamese forces by limiting flexibility of their employment.

3. The Combined Action Force has been informed by Sector that Marine elements of four CAPs are no longer required. The Marine elements of CAPs 1-1-2 and 1-2-7 were temporarily withdrawn at the request of the respective District Chiefs and with the concurrence of the Quang Tin Province Chief on 14 April and 15 April. Both areas have progressed well under exclusive Vietnamese control. On 3 May, at the request of Major CU, Assistance Province Chief, Marine elements of CAPs 1-1-4 and 1-1-6 were also temporarily withdrawn, again demonstrating the effectiveness of Vietnamese control.

4. In view of these recent developments, it is requested that authority be granted to deactivate CAPs 1-1-2, 1-1-4, 1-1-6, and 1-2-7 as recommended by reference (a).

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It is recommended that the Commanding General, 10TH, be informed upon
the completion of the action. A proposed letter of notification is attached

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T. E. METZGER

Very truly,
Yours,

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20 MAY 1970

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SUBJECT: Deactivation of Combined Action Platoons (CAPs) in Quang Tin
Province

DA, HQ, XXIV Corps, APO SF 96349

TO: Commanding Officer, Headquarters, III Marine Amphibious Force,
Combined Action Force, FPO San Francisco 96602

1. (S) Authority to deactivate CAP Teams 1-1-2, 1-1-4, 1-1-6, and
1-2-7, is hereby granted.
2. (S) Effective date of deactivation is 28 May 1970.
3. (C) This headquarters will notify Commanding General, ICTZ of
im ending action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



PAUL W. TRAXLER
CPT AGC
ASST AQ

CAP SAC NO. 89-70 1/2
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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 June 1970

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Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Combined Action Force Command Chronology
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1. Designation
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(1 June - 30 June 1970)

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(1 June - 26 June 1970)
Maj W. D. LEDEBOER
(27 June - 30 June 1970)

ATTACHED UNITS

No units were attached during the reporting period

2. Location

1 - 30 June 1970: My Khe Compound, Danang East, RVN, BT 058778

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Enclosure (2) authorized the deactivation of Combined Action Companies 1-1 and 1-2. The deactivation involved a total of four Combined Action Platoons and constituted a reallocation of personnel within the Combined Action Force.
2. The Combined Action Force School (CAF) graduated 220 students during the month of June. Among the graduates were 10 Marines from the First Marine Division Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP) units. Also included were 10 students from US Army units within ICTZ.
3. The CAF Vietnamese Language School graduated 32 Marines, 3 US Army and 1 civilian from the Civil Operations and Rural Development Support (CORDS) element of the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. The total number of students graduated for the month was 36.
4. Initial liaison was established with the Fifth Communications Battalion in order to secure an AN/TRC 97 link with 2nd CAG in an effort to upgrade circuit quality and reliability.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Operations Summary

a. Two Combined Action Companies and nine Combined Action Platoons were deactivated during the month. The location and deactivation dates are as follows:

<u>Unit</u> <u>Designation</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Deactivated</u>
CACO 1-1	Tam Ky	BT 315219	25 June 70
CAP 1-1-1	Tam Ky	BT 270190	25 June 70
CAP 1-1-3	Tam Ky	BT 350170	25 June 70
CAP 1-1-5	Tam Ky	BT 221281	25 June 70
CAP 1-1-7	Tam Ky	BT 240250	25 June 70
CACO 1-2	Iy Tin	BT 479078	29 June 70
CAP 1-2-1	Iy Tin	BT 530115	24 June 70
CAP 1-2-2	Iy Tin	BT 530115	27 June 70
CAP 1-2-3	Iy Tin	BT 444103	29 June 70
CAP 1-2-4	Iy Tin	BT 464072	29 June 70
CAP 1-2-5	Iy Tin	BT 410110	25 June 70

b. During the month, CAF Headquarters conducted 120 nighttime patrols in the vicinity of My Khe Compound, CAF Headquarters. These patrols are composed of CAF School students and local PF. This integration of local PF and US Armed Force personnel is a foundation for future CAF small unit operations by the participants.

2. Command Relationships. Relationships with Vietnamese counterparts at ICTZ Headquarters and with the local Vietnamese District Chief continue to be cordial. This Headquarters continues to benefit from the weekly meeting of Commanding Officer, CAF and Commander, RF/PF, ICTZ. Daily contact is maintained with the local Vietnamese District Chief.

3. Logistics

a. Supply. A reconciliation of AIK Funds was conducted during the reporting period. CAF Headquarters ledger, vouchers and cash on hand balanced with records held by Comptroller, FLC.

b. Maintenance

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(1) All repairs on deadlined communications equipment and ordnance items were completed within reasonable time frames.

(2) Navy Support Command, Danang continued to provide potable water by tank truck supplementing the organic water distribution system at CAF Headquarters.

c. Motor Transport. CAF Headquarters has a total of eight M-151, 3/4T trucks and three M-35, 6X6, 2 1/2T trucks. These vehicles logged in 12,965 accident free miles during the month of June.

d. Miscellaneous. CAF Headquarters treated 786 patients during MEDCAPS conducted in My Khe Village.

4. Personnel Administration

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

(1) Joined

USMC	
Off	Enl
4	170

(2) Rotated CONUS

USMC	
Off	Enl
6	203

(3) Reassignment Within WestPac

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	105

(4) Transferred by Service Records While Sick (out of country hospitals)

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	48

(5) Extensions of WestPac Tour Effected

USMC	
Off	Enl
0	5

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

To PFC	6
To LCPL	135
To CPL	6
To SGT	53

To SSGT	4
To GYSGT	2
To FSGT/MSGT	1
To SGTMAJ/MGYSGT	0

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(1) Courts held: GCM 0
 SpCM 2
 SCM 3

(2) Article 32 Investigations: 1

(3) NJP: 37

(4) JAG-Type Investigations:
 Completed: 9

d. Award Recommendations

SSM 1

BSM 15

NCM 23

NAM 6

PH 71

e. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREPS

The command has responded to:

7 CONGRINTS

0 SPLINTS

29 WELREPS

f. Moral and Welfare

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

(a) Hong Kong	10	Japan	10
Taipei	12	Bangkok	24
Hawaii	30	Sydney	23
Okinawa	4	Manila	3

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(b) In Country 14

(2) Mail. The daily average bags of mail processed:

Incoming
14

Outgoing
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(3) Hospital Visitations. Patients are visited daily by unit commanders or their representatives. All patients of the CAF hospitalized in the Danang Area are visited daily by the CAF Hospital Visitation NCO and by the CO, CAF each Sunday.

g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: 2

Extensions: 2

5. Combined Action Force School. During the month of June, the number of students graduated from CAF School were:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>
CAF	194	5	-
1st MAR DIV	10	1	-
USA	-	-	10

6. Communications

a. Communication support from 5th Communications Battalion continues to be satisfactory.

b. The KAL 54 and 55 were replaced by the KAL 55b. New key lists were issued, AKAC 801-A replaced USKAC 288J.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The Command Chronologies for the Combined Action Force subordinate commands are submitted as follows:

TAB A: - 1st Combined Action Group

TAB B: - 2nd Combined Action Group

TAB C: - 3rd Combined Action Group

TAB D: - 4th Combined Action Group

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FOURTH ENDORSEMENT on CO, 1st MAG 1st 6/1972/JM over 3000 of 27 May 70

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
 To: Commanding Officer, First Combined Action Group
 Via: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force

Subj: Deactivation of MAG 1-1 and MAG 1-2; request for (8)

1. Returned for action.

T. H. MILLER
 CHIEF OF STAFF

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FORN ENDORSEMENT on CO, 1st CAG ltr 6/DFS/jlw over 3000 of 27 May 70

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

To: Commanding Officer, First Combined Action Group

Via: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force

Subj: Deactivation of CAGO 1-1 and CAGO 1-2; request for (S)

1. Returned for action.

T. H. Miller
T. H. MILLER

CHIEF OF STAFF

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DO NOT DESTROY
RETURN TO CAP S-1

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 SUBJECT: Deactivation of CACO 1-1 & 1-2 (S)

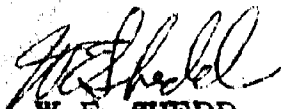
DA, HQ, XXIV Corps, APO SF 96349 23 Jun 70

THRU: CG, III MAF, FPO SF 96602
 CO, CAF, FPO SF 96602

TO: CO, 1st CAG, FPO SF 96602

1. (S) Request to deactivate CACO 1-1 and CACO 1-2 is approved.
2. (S) CACO 1-1 will be deactivated on 25 Jun 70 and CACO 1-2 on 29 Jun 70.
3. (C) Insure compliance with the provisions of Psychological Operations Order 5-70, HQ, XXIV Corps, 10 Jun 70.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



W.E. SHEDD
 Brigadier General, USA
 Chief of Staff

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CO, 1st CAG ltr 6/DFS/jlw over 3000 of 27 May 1970

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

Subj: Deactivation of CACO 1-1 and CACO 1-2; request for

1. Forwarded concurring in the recommendation that CACOs 1-1 and 1-2 be deactivated as soon as possible.

2. In addition to the rationale provided for these deactivations in the basic correspondence and the first endorsement thereon, these deactivations will be compatible and consistent with current force redeployment plans predicated on force levels established by COMUSMACV and employing available shipping.

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CO, CAF

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO 1st CAG ltr 6/DFS/rjg over 3000 dtd 27 May 1970

From: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force
To: Commanding General, XXIV Corps (Attn: AVII-GCP)
Via: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: AC/S G-3)

Subj: Deactivation of CACO 1-1 and CACO 1-2; request for

Ref: (a) CO, CAF ltr 3/mad over 3000/3 of May 10 00530312970 with two endorsements (NOTAL)

(b) CG, XXIV Corps Endorsement AVII-GCP (19 Apr 70) on CO 1st CAG ltr dtd 19 Apr 70 Subj: Vietnamization of CAF Areas in the 1st CAG

1. Forwarded.

2. Reference (a) described the emergence of strong leadership and the increased number of Vietnamese forces in Quang Tin Province with a corresponding decrease in requirements for CAPs in this province. Further, reference (a) stated the presence of CAPs in certain areas of Quang Tin Province has actually retarded the effective use of Vietnamese forces in the area by limiting flexibility of their employment.

3. The increased deployment and improved effectiveness of Territorial Forces in the Tam Ky District and Ly Tin District, as evidenced by the basic letter, has progressed to a point where further beneficial efforts can no longer be obtained by the continued presence of CACO 1-1 and CACO 1-2 in the area.

4. It is therefore recommended, as requested by reference (b), that CACO 1-1 and CACO 1-2 be deactivated in accordance with the proposed schedule contained in paragraph 6 of the basic letter.

5. The proposed deactivation of CACO 1-1 and CACO 1-2 has prompted a recommendation that CAPs be located in Tien Phouc District. However, the logistics and administrative problems associated with such a plan as well as the uncertainty of the future status of the CAF makes this proposal infeasible at this time.

T.E. Metzger
T. E. METZGER

HEADQUARTERS
1st Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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27 May 1970

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, IXIV Corps
Via: (1) Province Chief, Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam
(2) Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force
(3) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: Deactivation of CACO 1-1 and CACO 1-2; request for

Ref: (a) CO, CAF ltr 3/mad over 3000/3 of 10 May 00530312970 with two endorsements (NOTAL)

1. It is requested that CACO 1-1 in Tam Ky District and CACO 1-2 in Ly Tin District be deactivated in that both the training and combat missions of the Combined Action Platoons in these areas are essentially completed and a requirement for their presence no longer exists.

2. Quang Tin Province has made considerable progress in Vietnamization which has been especially evident in the past few months. Reference (a) approved the deactivation of four Combined Action Platoons in Quang Tin Province. It is now considered to be advantageous to both the Vietnamese and U. S. Forces that the remaining Combined Action Platoons, four in Tam Ky District, and five in Ly Tin District, also be deactivated.

3. With an increase in not only the number of Vietnamese forces in Combined Action Platoon TAC's but also their effectiveness, the need for the U. S. Marine Corps portions of the Combined Action Platoon has correspondingly been decreased. No difficulties have been encountered in the four areas where the Combined Action Platoons have been deactivated and none are anticipated as a result of the proposed deactivations. With the increased capability of the Vietnamese forces, they have been taking the lead in not only the planning and control but also in the execution of most tactical activities. No further beneficial effects can be obtained by continued U. S. Marine Corps presence. On the contrary, deactivation of the CACO's will facilitate coordination and control of the total Vietnamese effort.

4. The proximate U. S. Battalions have been contacted and are capable and willing to increase their operations with PF and RF Units for specific operations or as the need arises.

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Subj: Deactivation of CACG 1-1 and CACG 1-2; request for

5. Although there are no other suitable CAP locations in either Tam Ky or Ly Tin Districts, the Province Chief has requested the possible establishment of several Combined Action Platoons in Tien Phouc District. This would require extensive liaison with Tien Phouc District Officials and on site inspections if it is decided that a new project should be undertaken in this Province. However, approval of these deactivations should not be dependent on the Tien Phouc proposal.

6. The recommended dates for these deactivations are 10 June for CACG 1-1 and 15 June for CACG 1-2. The Combined Action Platoons in CACG 1-1 would be removed from the field on or before 8 June. Combined Action Platoons 1-2-1, 1-2-2 and 1-2-5 from Ky Thanh Village would be removed by 11 June and Combined Action Platoons 1-2-3 and 1-2-4 from Ky Khong Village by 13 June. If appropriate, this schedule can be accelerated to take effect five days after the deactivation is approved. A five day period allows sufficient time to program friendly psyops activities and deactivation ceremonies. No special preparations are required by the Vietnamese to assume full tactical responsibility for these areas. A lengthy delay or protracted schedule of withdrawal should be avoided to preclude enemy disruptive or terrorist activities which could have an adverse psychological effect.

7. This deactivation request is fully supported by the Quang Tin Province Chief and is in keeping with the province pacification and Vietnamization efforts.

D. F. Seiler
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Quang Tin Province
Republic of Vietnam

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Ser: 256-70 dtd 4Sep70

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 July 1970

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G. R. SCHARNBERG
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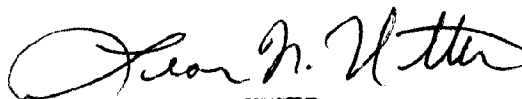
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of 4 Sep 1970

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 - 31 July 1970

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

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 July to 31 July 1970

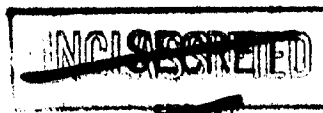
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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Combined Action Force Command Chronology
(2) CG III MAF ltr KBM/tai over 3000 serial 0040970 dtd 23 Jun 70 w/two End (S)

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b) enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.
2. Downgraded at 3-year intervals, declassified after 12 years, not automatically declassified.

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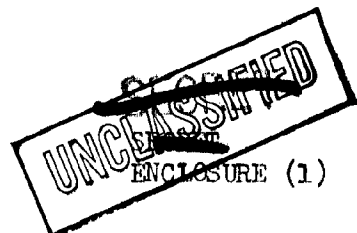
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation
Combined Action Force

COMMANDER
Col T. E. METZGER
(1 July - 8 July 1970)
Col F. F. ESTEY
(9 July - 31 July 1970)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Combined Action Group

Maj G. N. ROBILIARD, Jr.
(1 July - 31 July 1970)

2nd Combined Action Group

ItCol D. R. CHRISTENSEN
(1 July - 31 July 1970)

3rd Combined Action Group

ItCol C. M. DANIELS
(1 July - 31 July 1970)

4th Combined Action Group

Maj W. D. IEDEBOER
(1 July - 25 July 1970)

ATTACHED UNITS

No units were attached during the reporting period

2. Location

1-31 July 1970: My Khe Compound, Danang East, RVN, BT 058778

3. Staff Officers
Executive Officer

ItCol W. D. ANDERSON
(1 July - 31 July 1970)

S-1 Officer

Capt N. J. NOWICKI
(1 July - 31 July 1970)

S-3 Officer

Maj J. J. KILDAY
(1 July - 31 July 1970)

S-4 Officer

Capt W. T. MOORE
(1 July - 31 July 1970)

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4. CAF Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		Others	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
47	1803	2	101	0	0

5. End-of-Month Unit Diary Strength

USMC		USN		Others	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
44	1652	2	98	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Enclosure (2) authorized the deactivation of 4th Combined Action Group and Combined Action Companies 3-3 and 3-4 of the 3rd Combined Action Group. The deactivation involved a total of 35 Combined Action Platoons. Personnel of 4th CAG and CACO 3-3 and 3-4 were transferred to other units of the Combined Action Force.
2. The Combined Action Force School (CAF) graduated 138 students during the month of July. Students consisted of 113 CAF Marines, 16 Navy and 9 Army personnel.
3. The CAF Vietnamese Language School graduated 37 Marines during the month of July.
4. An AN/TRC-97 link was established between CAF Headquarters and 2nd CAG on 23 July 1970. This link replaced the AN/MRC-62 formerly used between these two organizations.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operations Summary

a. One Combined Action Group, five Combined Action Companies and thirty-five Combined Actions Platoons were deactivated during the month. The location and deactivation dates are as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>DEACTIVATION</u>
CAP 1-3-2	Binh Son	BS 565899	30 July 70
CAP 1-3-4	Binh Son	BT 650002	29 July 70
CAP 1-3-5	Binh Son	BS 710955	29 July 70
CAP 1-3-9	Binh Son	BS 501871	29 July 70
CAP 1-4-2	Son Tinh	BS 778854	30 July 70
CAP 3-1-1	Huong Thuy	YD 773175	30 July 70
CAP 3-1-4	Huong Thuy	YD 843176	30 July 70
CAP 3-1-5	Huong Thuy	YD 820184	28 July 70
CAP 3-1-6	Huong Thuy	YD 800238	28 July 70
CACO 3-3	Phu Thu	YD 896188	11 July 70
CAP 3-3-1	Phu Thu	YD 945193	08 July 70
CAP 3-3-2	Phu Thu	YD 861229	10 July 70
CAP 3-3-3	Phu Thu	YD 895238	10 July 70
CAP 3-3-4	Phu Thu	YD 889224	11 July 70
CAP 3-3-5	Phu Thu	YD 926206	08 July 70
CAP 3-3-6	Phu Thu	YD 926185	11 July 70
CACO 3-4	Huong Tra	YD 754252	06 July 70
CAP 3-4-2	Huong Tra	YD 689235	06 July 70
CAP 3-4-3	Huong Tra	YD 690190	06 July 70
CAP 3-4-4	Huong Tra	YD 680270	06 July 70
CAP 3-4-6	Huong Tra	YD 615265	06 July 70
4th CAG HQ	Quang Tri Province	YD 300542	25 July 70
CACO 4-1	Dong Ha	YD 241606	16 July 70
CAP 4-1-1	Dong Ha	YD 310475	13 July 70
CAP 4-1-2	Dong Ha	YD 370513	14 July 70
CAP 4-1-3	Dong Ha	YD 277592	16 July 70
CAP 4-1-4	Dong Ha	YD 230635	15 July 70
CAP 4-1-5	Dong Ha	YD 216612	16 July 70
CACO 4-2	Hai Lang	YD 416479	11 July 70
CAP 4-2-1	Hai Lang	YD 470426	06 July 70
CAP 4-2-3	Hai Lang	YD 430450	11 July 70
CAP 4-2-5	Hai Lang	YD 440435	11 July 70
CAP 4-2-6	Hai Lang	YD 453415	11 July 70
CACO 4-3	Trieu Phong	YD 335558	11 July 70
CAP 4-3-1	Trieu Phong	YD 281571	08 July 70
CAP 4-3-2	Trieu Phong	YD 375605	10 July 70

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b. During the month, CAF Headquarters conducted 53 nighttime patrols in vicinity of My Khe Compound, CAF Headquarters. These patrols are composed of CAF School students and local PF. This integration of local PF and US Armed Forces personnel is a foundation for future CAF small unit operations by the participants.

2. Command Relationships. Relationships with Vietnamese counterparts at Military Region I Headquarters (formerly called ICTZ Headquarters) and with the local Vietnamese District Chief continue to be cordial. Only one meeting of the Commanding Officer, CAF and Assistant Chief Staff, Military Region I (formerly called Commander RF/PF, ICTZ) occurred during the month. Daily contact is maintained with the local Vietnamese District Chief.

a. Supply.

(1) During the period 6 July to 25 July 1970, the deactivation of 4th CAG made available to the CAF various classes of supply and miscellaneous items of equipment. To replace T/E shortages those assets not transferred within CAF were invoiced to MC 114, Retrograde or MC 100, FLC.

(2) A reconciliation of AIF Funds was conducted during the reporting period. CAF Headquarters ledgers, vouchers and cash on hand balanced with records held by the Comptroller, FLC.

b. Maintenance.

(1) All repairs on deadlined communications equipment and ordnance items were completed on a timely basis.

(2) Navy Support Command, Danang continued to provide potable water by tank truck supplementing the organic water distribution system at CAF Headquarters.

c. Motor Transport. CAF Headquarters has a total of eight M-151, 3/4T trucks and three M-35, 6X6, 2 1/2T trucks. These vehicles logged 16,740 accident free miles during the month of July.

d. Miscellaneous. CAF Headquarters treated 402 patients during MEDCAPS conducted in My Khe Village. ~~SECRET~~

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4. Personnel Administration

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

(1) Joined USMC
OFF ENL
8 329

(2) Rotated CONUS USMC
OFF ENL
7 200

(3) Reassignment Within WestPac USMC
OFF ENL
7 113

(4) Transferred by Service Records While Sick (Out-of-Country Hospitals)

USMC
OFF ENL
0 33

(5) Extensions of WestPac Tour Effected

USMC
OFF ENL
0 1

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

To PFC	11	To SSGT	2
To LCPL	115	To GYSGT	0
To CPL	8	To FSGT/MSGT	0
To SGT	6	To SGTMAJ/MGYSGT	0

c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts held:	GCM	1
	SpCM	0
	SCM	1

(2) Article 32 Investigations: 0

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AFTER 10 YEARS

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(3) NJP: 39

(4) JAG-Type Investigations
Completed: 7d. Award Recommendations

SSM	4
BSM	26
NCM	37
NAM	10
PH	39

e. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WEIREPS

The command has responded to:

6 CONGRINTS

0 SPLINTS

13 WEIREPS

f. Moral and Welfare(1) R&R. The command has utilized the following quotas to the R&R areas listed.

(a) Hong Kong	(10)	Japan	(8)
Taipei	(19)	Bangkok	(25)
Hawaii	(25)	Sydney	(23)
Okinawa	(1)	Manila	(0)

(b) In Country (8)

(2) Mail. The daily average bags of mail processed:

<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>
32	9

(3) Hospital Visitations. Patients are visited daily by unit commanders or their representatives. All patients of the CAF hospitalized in the Danang Area are visited daily by the CAF Hospital Visitation NCO and by the CO, CAF each Sunday.GROUP 4. DOWNGRADED AT THREE YEAR
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Re-enlistments: 6

Extensions: 2

5. Combined Action Force School. During the month of July the number of students graduated from CAF School were:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>
CAF	113	16	-
1st MAR DIV	-	-	-
USA	-	-	9

6. Communications. Communications support from 5th Communications Battalion continues to be satisfactory.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

1. The Command Chronologies for the Combined Action Force subordinate command are submitted as follows:

TAB A: 1st Combined Action Group

TAB B: 2nd Combined Action Group

TAB C: 3rd Combined Action Group

TAB D: 4th Combined Action Group

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AFTER 12 YEARS.

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From: Commanding General
To: Commanding General, XXIV Corps

Subj: Deactivation of 4th Combined Action Group and Combined Action Companies 3-3 and 3-4 in the 3rd Combined Action Group; proposal concerning

Ref: (a) CO, 1st CAG ltr 6/DPS/jlw over 3000 of 27 May 1970
(b) Second Endorsement on CO, CAF ltr 6/tai over 5300, Ser #0810308770 of 27 Mar 1970

1. Recent information received from CG, FMFPac indicates a serious short fall of infantry personnel input for the Combined Action Force during the remainder of June and the month of July. This situation is compounded by the fact that, at present, Combined Action Platoons' average personnel strengths are considerably below authorized levels due to normal attrition and an above normal casualty rate.

2. In view of the projected personnel situation described above and impending developments regarding redeployment, it is proposed that the following deactivations be initiated, effective 1 July 1970:

- a. 4th Combined Action Group
 - Group Headquarters
 - Combined Action Company 4-1
 - CACO Headquarters
 - 5 Combined Action Platoons
 - Combined Action Company 4-2
 - CACO Headquarters
 - 4 Combined Action Platoons
 - Combined Action Company 4-3
 - CACO Headquarters
 - 7 Combined Action Platoons
- b. Combined Action Company 3-3
 - CACO Headquarters
 - 6 Combined Action Platoons
- c. Combined Action Company 3-4
 - CACO Headquarters
 - 4 Combined Action Platoons

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3. Personnel made available by deactivations previously requested by reference (a) and by this proposal would ensure adequate infantry strengths until the COMUS pipeline is reestablished.
4. While authority to deactivate up to 16 CAPs was previously granted by reference (b), this deactivation would not provide timely solution to the attendant problem of providing more senior personnel to fill anticipated key billet vacancies caused by summer rotations. However, approval of the proposal contained herein would nearly eliminate CAF officer and staff NCO input requirements.
5. It should be noted that the proposed deactivations of 3rd and 4th CAG units will be effected in areas which have achieved as high a pacification status as is realized anywhere in ICTZ.
6. Since it is recognized that these deactivations will not be readily received by CG, ICTZ, it is recommended that if you concur in the basic proposal, Lieutenant General LAM be personally informed of your decision. I will be happy to participate in such notification if you so desire.

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SUBJECT: Deactivation of 4th Combined Action Group and Combined Action Companies 3-3 and 3-4 in the 3rd Combined Action Group; proposal concerning

DA, Headquarters, XXIV Corps, APO San Francisco 96049 4 JUL 1970

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, III Marine Amphibious Force, FPO San Francisco 96602

1. (S) Request to deactivate 4th CAG and CAG 3-3 and 3-4 is approved. Commanding General, I Corps has been informed and has concurred in this action.
2. (S) 4th CAG will be deactivated by 25 Jul 70 and CAG 3-3 and 3-4 by 15 Jul 70.
3. (C) Insure compliance with the provisions of Psychological Operations Order 5-70, Headquarters, XXIV Corps, 10 June 1970.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

W. W. Hinson

W. W. HINSON
COL, USMC
Deputy Chief of Staff

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CO, CAF ltr 3/fri over 5750
Ser: 275-70 dtd 17Sept70

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 August 1970

1. Forwarded.

G. R. Scharnberg
G. R. SCHARNBERG
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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, CAF ltr 3/fr1 over 5750 Ser: 275-70 of 17 Sep 1970


From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 - 31 August 1970

1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness and is forwarded herewith.


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

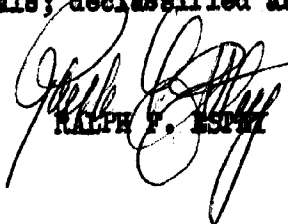
Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 August to 31 August 1970

Ref: (a) MCO F5750.1
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) - Combined Action Force Command Chronology
(2) - CG III MAF msg 260340Z Jun 70 (S)

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

2. Downgraded at 3-year intervals; declassified after 12 years.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 August to 31 August 1970

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation
Combined Action Force

COMMANDER
Col R. F. ESTEY
(1 August - 31 August 1970)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Combined Action Group

Maj G. N. ROBILIARD, Jr.
(1 August - 31 August 1970)

2nd Combined Action Group

LtCol D. R. CHRISTENSEN
(1 August - 31 August 1970)

3rd Combined Action Group

LtCol C. M. DANIELS
(1 August - 31 August 1970)

ATTACHED UNITS

No units were attached during the reporting period

2. Location

1-31 August 1970: My Khe Compound, Danang East, RVN, BT 058778

3. Staff Officers
Executive Officer

LtCol W. D. ANDERSON
(1 August - 4 August 1970)

LtCol J. J. TOLNAY
(5 August - 31 August 1970)

S-1 Officer

Capt N. J. NOWICKI
(1 August - 31 August 1970)

S-3 Officer

Maj J. J. KILDAY
(1 August - 31 August 1970)

S-4 Officer

Capt W. T. MOORE
(1 August - 31 August 1970)

4. CAF Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
39	1308

USN	
OFF	ENL
3	78

Others	
OFF	ENL
1	13

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5. End-of-Month Unit Diary Strength

USMC		USN		Others	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>35</u>	<u>945</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Enclosure (2) directed a reduction of the Combined Action Force. Upon completion of this reduction in forces by 1 October 1970, the Combined Action Force will consist of 600 Marines. This residual force will continue operations in Quang Nam Province as the 2nd Combined Action Group comprised of a CAG Headquarters, five Combined Action Companies and thirty-four Combined Action Platoons.
2. In support of the Redeployment of Forces - Increment IV and in executing III MAF OPLAN 183-69, CAF deactivated 6 CACOs and 29 CAPs during August.
3. The Combined Action Force School graduated 33 students during August. Students consisted of 23 CAF Marines, 5 Navy Corpsmen assigned to CAF and 5 Marines from the 1st Marine Division.
4. The CAF Vietnamese Language School graduated 34 Marines during August.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operations Summary

a. Six Combined Action Companies and twenty-nine Combined Action Platoons were deactivated during the month. The location and deactivation dates are as follows:

<u>UNIT DESIGNATION</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE DEACTIVATED</u>
CACO 1-3	Binh Son	BS 602992	24 August 70
CAP 1-3-1	Binh Son	BS 680985	02 August 70
CAP 1-3-3	Binh Son	BS 668975	02 August 70
CAP 1-3-6	Binh Son	BS 569936	11 August 70
CAP 1-3-7	Binh Son	BS 616918	21 August 70
CAP 1-3-8	Binh Son	BS 565915	04 August 70
CAP 1-3-12	Binh Son	BS 682865	21 August 70
CACO 1-4	Son Tinh	BS 642765	19 August 70
CAP 1-4-1	Son Tinh	BS 622799	11 August 70
CAP 1-4-3	Son Tinh	BS 781837	04 August 70
CAP 1-4-4	Son Tinh	BS 757823	04 August 70
CAP 1-4-5	Son Tinh	BS 700770	17 August 70
CAP 1-4-6	Son Tinh	BS 718708	17 August 70
CAP 2-1-7	Hieu Duc	AT 935725	12 August 70
CAP 2-4-4	Hieu Nhon	BT 163560	10 August 70
CAP 2-7-9	Dien Ban	BT 013648	11 August 70
CAP 2-8-4	Hoa Vang	AT 931830	12 August 70
CACO 2-9	Duc Duc	AT 875476	14 August 70
CAP 2-9-1	Duc Duc	AT 890580	14 August 70
CAP 2-9-2	Duc Duc	AT 871492	14 August 70
CACO 3-1	Huong Thuy	YD 847172	01 August 70
CAP 3-1-3	Huong Thuy	YD 921330	01 August 70
CACO 3-2	Phu Loc	ZD 097008	14 August 70
CAP 3-2-1	Phu Loc	ZD 084001	14 August 70
CAP 3-2-2	Phu Loc	ZD 144024	08 August 70
CAP 3-2-3	Phu Loc	ZD 185015	12 August 70
CAP 3-2-4	Phu Loc	AU 815020	12 August 70
CAP 3-2-5	Phu Loc	ZD 163015	08 August 70
CAP 3-2-6	Phu Loc	ZC 140995	08 August 70
CACO 3-5	Phu Loc	YD 967063	28 August 70
CAP 3-5-1	Phu Loc	YD 930105	28 August 70
CAP 3-5-2	Phu Loc	YD 955055	19 August 70
CAP 3-5-3	Phu Loc	YD 963089	19 August 70
CAP 3-5-4	Phu Loc	YD 983062	26 August 70
CAP 3-5-5	Phu Loc	YD 979055	26 August 70

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b. During the month, CAF Headquarters conducted 31 nighttime patrols in vicinity of My Khe Compound, CAF Headquarters. These patrols are composed of CAF School students and local PF. This integration of local PF and US Armed Forces personnel is a foundation for future CAF small unit operations by the participants.

2. Command Relationships. Relationships with the Vietnamese counterparts at Military Region I Headquarters and with the local Vietnamese District Chief continue to be cordial. Daily contact is maintained with the local Vietnamese District Chief.

3. Logistics

a. Supply

(1) During this reporting period, 1st CAG and 3rd CAG made available to the CAF various classes of supply and miscellaneous items of equipment. Those assets not transferred within CAF, to replace T/E shortages, were invoiced to MC 114, Retrograde or MC 100, FIC.

(2) A reconciliation of AIK Funds was conducted during the reporting period. CAF Headquarters ledgers, vouchers and cash on hand balanced with records held by the Comptroller, FIC.

b. Maintenance

(1) All repairs on deadlined communications equipment were completed on a timely basis.

(2) T/E equipment repairs were satisfactory and completed in a timely manner with the exception of Night Vision Sights, AN/PVS-3, Repair time on this particular item is usually in excess of three months.

(3) Navy Support Command, Danang continued to provide potable water by tank truck supplementing the organic water distribution system.

(4) The majority of camp maintenance support is now being provided by the Philco Ford Corporation under Army contract administered by the US Army Support Command.

c. Motor Transport. CAF Headquarters has a total of eight M-151, 3/4T trucks and three M-35, 6X6, 2 1/2T trucks. These vehicles logged 15,930 accident free miles during August.

d. Miscellaneous. CAF Headquarters treated 890 patients during MEDCAPs conducted in My Khe Village.

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a. Personnel Transactions. During August the following CAF personnel transactions were completed.

(1) Joined

USMC	
OFF	ENL
<u>1</u>	<u>114</u>

(2) Rotated CONUS

USMC	
OFF	ENL
<u>5</u>	<u>415</u>

(3) Reassigned Within West Pac

USMC	
OFF	ENL
<u>0</u>	<u>251</u>

(4) Transferred by Service Records while Sick (Out-of-Country Hospitals)

USMC	
OFF	ENL
<u>0</u>	<u>22</u>

(5) Extensions of West Pac Tour Effected

USMC	
OFF	ENL
<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

b. Promotions. During August the following were effected:

To PFC	3	To SSGT	1
To LCPL	107	To GYSGT	0
To CPL	284	To FSGT/MGYSGT	1
To SGT	0	To SGTMAJ/MGYSGT	0

c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts held: GCM 0

SpCM 0

SCM 2

(2) Article 32 Investigations: 0

(3) NWP: 13

(4) JAG-Type Investigation Completed: 8

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d. Award Recommendations

SSM	0
BSM	9
NCM	25
NAM	30
PH	24

e. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WEIREPS

The command has responded to:

4 CONGRINTS

0 SPLINTS

8 WEIREPS

f. Morale and Welfare

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

(a) Hong Kong	6	Japan	3
Taipei	14	Bangkok	15
Hawaii	24	Sydney	9
Okinawa	2	Manila	0

(b) In country 8

(2) Mail. The daily average bags of mail processed:

<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>
24	7

(3) Hospital Visitations. Patients are visited daily by unit commanders or their representatives. All patients of the CAF hospitalized in the Danang area are visited daily by the CAF Hospital Visitation NCO and by the CO, CAF each Sunday.

g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments:	0
Extensions:	2

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5. Combined Action Force School. During August the number of students graduated from CAF School were:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>
CAF	23	5	-
1st MAR DIV	5	-	-
USA	-	-	-

6. Communications. Communications support from 5th Communications Battalion continues to be satisfactory.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

1. The Command Chronologies for the Combined Action Force Subordinate command are submitted as follows:

TAB A: 1st Combined Action Group

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TAB C: 3rd Combined Action Group

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RHHMA/CG FMFPAC

RHHQA/CG I MEF

RHHGKD/COM NAVFORV

RHHSPA/COM SEVENTH FLT

RHHMFA/CG XXIV CORPS

RHHMVA/CG USARV

RHHMUA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RHHMHA/CG FIRST MAW

RHHMUA/CG FIRST MAW REAR

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RHHMIA/CG AMERICAL DIV

RHHMHT/CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV

RHHMHTA/USA SPT CMD DNG

RHHMUBA/THREE SIX SIX TFW

RHHMSPA/FORTY FIFTH ENGR GROUP

RHHMFGA/FIFTH SFGA

RHHMUNA/SEVENTH PSYOPS BN

RHHMGB/CG TF ALPHA

RHHMUNA/DEP CORDS

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REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES - INCREMENT FOUR (U)

1. III MAF OPLAN 183-69 (S)

2. COMUSMACV 231415Z JUN 70 (S) (NOTAL)

3. (S) REF A IS A GENERAL PLAN FOR THE REDUCTION OF U, S, FORCES IN ICTZ PRIOR TO CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES, REF

4. ESTABLISHED D-DAY FOR INCREMENT FOUR AS 1 JUL 70 AND

5. DEDUCED A TROOP LIST FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF U, S, FORCES

6. TO RVN, C-DAY WAS 3 JUNE 1970, EXECUTE III MAF OPLAN

7. 183-69 FOR INCREMENT FOUR REDEPLOYMENT EFFECTIVE 25 JUN 70,

8. THE FOLLOWING TROOP LIST CONSTITUTES APPENDIX 1

9. (TROOP LIST) TO ANNEX A (REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES) TO III MAF

10. OPLAN 183-69. ALL PREVIOUS TROOP LISTS ISSUED IN

11. CONNECTION WITH REF A ARE CANCELLED,

12. TROOP LIST:

LINE	UIC	FRN	UNIT	STR	LOC	TYPE
1	M00102	99K051	DET, 1ST MAW HQ	1561	DNG	CSS
2	M00107	05J037	DET, WCS-1	1251	DNG	CSS
3	M01030	05J044	H&MS-17(-)	3821	DNG	CSS
4	M00132	99K055	WERS-17(-)	233	DNG	CSS
5	M00981	05J042	MASS-3(-)	1391	ICTZ	CSS

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1	M01013	99K059	H&MS-13(-)	3731	CHL	CSS
2	M01015	99K062	MABS-13	502	CHL	CSS
3	M01020	99K076	DET, H&MS-11	211	DNG	CSS
4	M01027	05J056	DET, H&MS-1	271	DNG	CSS
5	M01037	99K056	VMCJ-1	463	DNG	CSS
6	M01065	99K057	DET, H&MS-11	1271	DNG	CSS
7	M01122	99K054	VMFA-122	317	CHL	CSS
8	M01143	05J040	H&MS-18	217	DNG	CSS
9	M01161	99K086	HMM-161	249	DNG	CSS
10	M01167	99K063	MATCU-67	68	CHL	CSS
11	M01242	99K074	VMA(A)-242	304	DNG	CSS
12	M11001	99K002A	HQBNC(-) 1ST MARDIV	9671	DNG	CSS
13	M11020	99K002W	CD C 1ST MFD BN	301	DNG	CSS
14	M11210	99K002K	1ST BN 7TH MAR	1151	OS	CSS
15	M11220	99K002L	2ND BN 7TH MAR	1151	OS	CSS
16	M11230	99K002M	3RD BN 7TH MAR	1151	OS	CSS
17	M11400	99K002N	HQ BTRY(-) 11TH MAR	1251	DNG	CSS
18	M11401	99K002R	3RD BN 11TH MAR	651	BLDY	CSS
19	M11402	99K002S	4TH BN 11TH MAR	2721	DNG	CSS
20	M11403	99K002U	1ST ENGR BN(-)	4771	DNG	CSS

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1	M11002	99K002X	1ST MT BN(-)	1251	DNG	CSS
2	M11003	99K002Y	2ND RECON BN(-)	3761	DNG	CSS
3	M11004	99K002Z	1ST DENT CO(-)	21	DNG	CSS
4	M11005	99K003A	DET, III MAF	3071	DNG	CSS
5	M21006	99K002	1ST MP BN(-)	3021	DNG	CSS

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M21248	99K005	3RD 175MM GUN BTRY158	AHOA	CS
M21270	99K006	1ST 8 INCH HOW BTRY222	BALDY	CS
M21300	99K011	7TH ENGR BN(-)	781	DNG CSS
M21325	99K024	1ST BRIDGE CO(-)	135	DNG CSS
M21370	99K013	9TH ENGR BN(-)	877	DNG CSS
M21655	99K014	DET, 5TH COMMBN(-)	250	DNG CSS
M23050	99K023	3RD MP BN(-)	478	DNG CS
M28350	99K020	1ST F RCE RECONCO(-)	124	DNG CS
M28352	99K021	3RD F RCE RECON CO154		DNG CS
M95946	99K037A	1ST CIT	16	DNG CS
M95952	99K037D	7TH CIT	16	DNG CS
M95965	99K035C	9TH ITT	11	BLDY CS
M95986	99K035F	15TH ITT	11	DNG CS
M96300	99K033	FLC	1367	DNG CSS
M11204	99K002J	HQCO 7THMAR	220	BLDY CSS

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NONE	99K034C	COMB ACT GP HQ	104	ICTZ	C
NONE	99J055	ROK AUG	8	HOAN	CSS
NONE	05J056	CAP HQ	45	DNG	C
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MENT OF FORCES) TO III MAF OPLAN 183-69 WILL BE ISSUED

FOLLOWING FORTHCOMING MOVEMENT AND SHIPPING CONFERENCES,

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APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF THE PLAN CAN BE RELEASED TO

APPROPRIATE ALLIED FORCES ON A STRICT NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS.

SUBSEQUENT TO UNIT STANDDOWN COMPONENT COMMANDERS ARE

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REMOVAL OF US FORCES AND TURNOVER OF FACILITIES

EQUIPMENT, HOWEVER, CONSOLIDATED TROOP LISTING REMAINS

UNTIL COMPLETION OF INCIDENT FOUR, AT WHICH TIME

MESSAGE WILL BE DOWNGRADED TO UNCLASSIFIED.

NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE OF THE REDEPLOY-

MENT OF INDIVIDUAL UNITS WITHOUT AUTHORITY OF THIS MESSAGE.

ADVISORS, ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMBAT UNIT REDEPLOYMENTS

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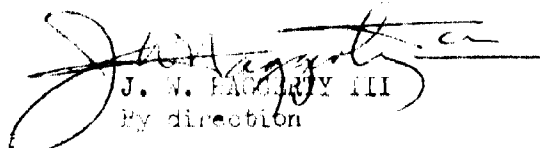
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From: Commanding General
To: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force

Subj: Deactivation of the 4th Combined Action Group and Combined Action
Companies 3-3 and 3-4.

Encl: CG, III MAF ltr KBM/tai over 3000 of 23 Jan 70 with endorsement.

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for action.


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Ser: 281-70 dtd 21Sept70

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-21 September 1970

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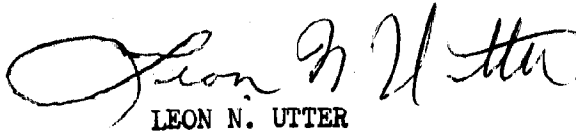
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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, CAF ltr 3/fri over 5750 Ser: 281-70 of 21 Sep 1970

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 - 21 Sep 1970

1. The subject chronology has been reviewed for completeness and is forwarded herewith.



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

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 September to 21 September 1970;
Final Report

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Combined Action Force Command Chronology
(2) CG, III MAF msg 260340Z Jun 70 (S)
(3) CO, CAF ltr 3/mad, Ser No 189-70 dated 15 July 1970 with
endorsements (S)
(4) CG, XXIV Corps msg 080930Z Sept 70
(5) CO, CAF ltr 3/fri 3000/3, Ser No 237-70 dated 19 August 1970,
with endorsement (S)
(6) Combined Action Force Deactivation Ceremony Program

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted.

2. Because the CAF Headquarters is deactivating prior to the last day of September the Command Chronology for the 2nd Combined Action Group, normally included as a tab to enclosure (1), is not submitted as a part of this final report. The Command Chronology for 2nd Combined Action Group will be submitted as a separate document by that Headquarters.

3. Downgraded at 3-year intervals, declassified after 12 years, not automatically declassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCOMMANDER

Combined Action Force

Col R. F. ESTEY
(1 September - 21 September 1970)SUBORDINATE UNITS

1st Combined Action Group

Maj G. N. ROBILIARD, Jr.
(1 September - 13 September 1970)

2nd Combined Action Group

LtCol D. R. CHRISTENSEN
(1 September - 21 September 1970)

3rd Combined Action Group

LtCol C. M. DANIELS
(1 September - 7 September 1970)ATTACHED UNITS

No units were attached during the reporting period.

2. Location

1 - 21 September 1970: My Khe Compound, Danang East, BT 058778

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

LtCol J. J. TOLNAY
(1 September - 21 September 1970)...

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Capt N. J. NOWICKI
(1 September - 8 September 1970)...Capt J. D. DEPIETRO
(9 September - 21 September 1970)...

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Maj J. J. KILDAY
(1 September - 21 September 1970)...

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Capt W. T. MOORE
(1 September - 21 September 1970)~~SECRET~~
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SECRET**PART II****NARRATIVE SUMMARY**

1. Enclosure (2) directed the reduction of the Combined Action Force in accordance with Increment IV redeployment plans. On 1 September 1970, as authorized in enclosure (3), the Combined Action Force came under the operational control of Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force vice Commanding General, XXIV Corps. This shift of operational control facilitated the execution of III MAF OPLAN 183-70.
2. With the transfer of the operational control and the planned deactivation of the Combined Action Force Headquarters, the Commanding General, XXIV Corps sent a congratulatory message to the Command. This message, dated 8 September 1970, appears as enclosure (4) to this report.
3. In support of the Redeployment of Forces - Increment IV and in executing III MAF OPLAN 183-70, during September, the headquarters of 1st Combined Action Group and the 3rd Combined Action Group were deactivated. The authority for these deactivations is contained in enclosure (5).
4. The Combined Action Force Headquarters stood down 21 September 1970 as authorized by enclosure (5). Deactivation will occur on 26 September 1970.
5. A Deactivation Ceremony will be conducted on 23 September at My Khe Compound, Danang East, BT 058778. The program, appears as enclosure (6) to this report. Included in the ceremony will be appropriate honors, and an award presentation for nine members of the Combined Action Force. Among the many guests invited will be, LtGen Hoang Xuan LAM, Commanding General, Military Region I/I Corps; LtGen James W. SUTHERLAND, Commanding General, XXIV Corps; LtGen Keith B. MCCUTCHEON, Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, who will attend as Honored Guests.
6. The Combined Action Force graduated 52 students during September. Students consisted of 47 CAF Marines, 3 Navy Corpsmen assigned to CAF and 2 Marines from the 1st Marine Division. The Combined Action Force School personnel and equipment were moved from My Khe Compound, Danang to the 2nd CAG Headquarters, Hoi An, BT 108577 on 14 September 1970 and control of the school shifted to the Commanding Officer, 2nd Combined Action Group.
7. The Combined Action Force Vietnamese Language School graduated 12 Marines during the month of September. The Combined Action Force Language School was closed on 7 September 1970.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Operations Summary

a. Two Combined Action Group Headquarters were deactivated during the month. The location and deactivation dates are as follows:

<u>UNIT</u> <u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>DEACTIVATED</u>
1st CAG	Quang Tin	BT 530115	13 September 1970
3rd CAG	Thua Thien	YD 882133	7 September 1970

b. During the month, CAF Headquarters conducted 25 nighttime patrols in vicinity of My Khe Compound, CAF Headquarters. These patrols were composed of Headquarters personnel and local PF and provided additional security for the compound.

c. Operational Control of the Combined Action Force shifted from CG, XXIV Corps to CG, III MAF at 1700H on 1 September 1970.

d. The Combined Action Force Headquarters, located at My Khe Compound, Danang East at BT 058778 will be deactivated on 26 September 1970.

2. Command Relationships. Relationships with the Vietnamese counterparts at Military Region I Headquarters and with the local Vietnamese District Chief remained cordial. Daily contact was maintained with the local Vietnamese District Chief.

3. Logisticsa. Supply

(1) During this reporting period CAF Headquarters made available to 2nd CAG various classes of supply and miscellaneous items of equipment. Those assets not transferred to 2nd CAG to replace T/E shortages were invoiced to MC 114, Retrograde or MC 100, FLC.

(2) A reconciliation of AIK Funds was conducted during the reporting period. CAF Headquarters, vouchers and cash on hand balanced with records held by the Comptroller, FLC.

(3) On 21 September 1970, all AIK Funds were returned to Impress Fund casier, Hq, III MAF in order to dissolve this account.

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(4) On 24 September 1970 the CAF Headquarters property accounts will reflect a zero balance.

b. Maintenance

(1) On 24 September 1970, all T/E items of equipment undergoing repair will be invoiced to Supply Bn, 3rd FSR for final disposition,

(2) Army Support Command, Danang provided potable water by tank truck, supplementing the organic water distribution system.

(3) Camp Maintenance Support continued to be provided by the Philco Ford Corporation under Army contract administered by the U. S. Army Command.

c. Motor Transport

(1) CAF Headquarters, with a total of 8 M-151, 3/4T trucks and 3 M-35, 6X6, 2 1/2T trucks, logged 11,400 accident free miles during September.

(2) On 24 September 1970, the CAF's Motor Transport assets will be inspected and turned over to Supply Bn, 3rd FSR for final disposition.

d. Miscellaneous

(1) The 12th Signal Group, 1st Signal Brigade on 22 September 1970 will move into and assume responsibility for My Khe Compound.

(2) CAF Headquarters treated 673 patients during MEDCAPs conducted in My Khe Village.

4. Personnel Administration

a. Personnel Transactions. During September the following CAF personnel transactions were completed. (Less 2nd CAG)

(1) Joined

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(2) Rotated CONUS

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(3) Reassigned Within West Pac

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(4) Transferred by Service Records while Sick (Out-of-Country Hospitals)

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(5) Extensions of West Pac Tour Effected

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b. Promotions. During September the following were effected:

To PFC	0
To LCPL	2
To CPL	1
To SGT	9

To SSGT 0
To GYSOT 0
To FSOT/M SGT 0
To SGTMAJ/MGYSOT 0

c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts held:

GCM 0

SpCM 0

SCM 0

(2) **Article 32 Investigations:**

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(3) NJP:

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(4) JAG-Type Investigations completed:

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The CAF Headquarters has responded to:

CONGRINTS	0
SPLINTS	0
WELREPS	0

f. Morale and Welfare(1) R&R. The CAF Headquarters has utilized the following quotas to the R&R areas listed:

(a) Hong Kong	1	Japan	0
Taipei	2	Bangkok	4
Hawaii	1	Sydney	1
Okinawa	0	Manila	0

(b) In country 3

(2) Mail. The daily average bags of mail processed:

<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>
12	6

(3) Hospital Visitations. Patients are visited daily by the CAF Headquarters Visitation NCO and by the CO, CAF each Sunday.g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: 0

Extensions: 0

5. Combined Action Force School

a. During September the number of students graduated from CAF School were:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USA</u>
CAF	47	3	-
1st MarDiv	2	-	-
USA	-	-	-

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b. The Combined Action Force School personnel and equipment were moved from My Khe Compound, Danang, to the Headquarters of the 2nd Combined Action Group on 14 September 1970 and the Commanding Officer, 2nd Combined Action Group assumed responsibility for supervision of the school. The CAF School graduated 2455 students from 5 April 1969 to 14 September 1970.

6. Combined Action Force Language School

a. During September, the CAF Language School graduated 11 Marines and 1 Navy personnel.

b. Combined Action Force Language School closed on 7 September 1970. The CAF Language School graduated 719 students from 1 October 1968 to 7 September 1970.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

1. The Command Chronologies for the Combined Action Force subordinate commands are submitted as follows:

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TAB B: - 3rd Combined Action Group, 1-7 Sep 70

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HHHMA/CG FMFPAC

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RUMHFA/CG XXIV CORPS

MAAUA/CG USARV

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RUMHMA/CG FIRST MAW

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RUMLUUA/NINTH ENGR BN

RUMHFA/CAF

RUSJENA/COM SEVENTH AF

RUMHFA/CG AMERICAL DIV

RUMHFA/CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV

RUMHFA/USA SPT CMD DNG

RUMHFA/THREE SIX SIX TFW

RUMHFA/FORTY FIFTH ENGR GROUP

RUMHFA/FIFTH SFGA

RUMHFA/SEVENTH PSYOPS BN

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REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES - INCREMENT FOUR

A. III MAF OPLAN 183-69 (S)

1. COMUSMACV 231415Z JUN 70 (S) (NOTAL)

2. REF A IS A GENERAL PLAN OF THE USMC

3. IN 1967 PRIOR TO CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES

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5. ANNEX A TROOP LIST FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF

6. O-DAY WAS 3 JUNE 1970, EXECUTE

7. FOR INCREMENT FOUR REDEPLOYMENT EFFECTIVE 2

8. THE FOLLOWING TROOP LIST CONSTITUTES

9. TROOP LIST TO ANNEX A (REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES)

10. 183-69 ALL PREVIOUS TROOP LISTS ISSUED

11. IN CONNECTION WITH REF A ARE CANCELLED,

12. (A) TROOP LIST:

NAME	JOIC	FRN	UNIT	STRENGTH	LOC	ORG
1	M00102	99K051	DET, 1ST MAW HQ	100	100	100
2	M00107	05J037	DET, WCS-1	125	100	100
3	M01030	05J044	H&MS-17(-)	382	100	100
4	M00102	99K055	WERS-17(-)	201	100	100
5	M00102	05J042	MASS-3(-)	137	100	100

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6	M01010	99K057	H&MS-13(-)	373	100	100
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8	M01020	99K076	DET, H&MS-11	21	100	100
9	M01021	05J046	DET, H&MS-1	27	100	100
10	M01021	99K056	VHCU-1	40	100	100
11	M01065	99K057	DET, H&MS-11	127	100	100
12	M01127	99K054	VHFA-122	317	100	100
13	M01140	05J040	H&MS-18	217	100	100
14	M01161	99K050	H&MS-161	249	100	100
15	M01167	99K050	MATCU-67	68	100	100
16	M01202	99K074	VMA(A)-242	304	100	100
17	M11001	99K022	H&MS(-) 1ST M&BIV	907	100	100
18	M11001	99K022	CD C 1ST MID BN	100	100	100
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38	M28350	99K020	1ST F RCE RECON	ADDA	13
39	M28352	99K021	3RD F RCE RECON	ADDA	13
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C. (S) THE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF REF A IS CHANGED TO

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PERTINENT PORTIONS OF THE PLAN CAN BE RELEASED TO

APPROPRIATE ALLIED FORCES ON A STRICT NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS.

D. SUBSEQUENT TO UNIT STANDDOWN COMPONENT COMMANDERS ARE

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AUTHORIZED TO DOWNGRADE INDIVIDUAL UNIT REDEPLOYMENTS TO

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S ONLY: ON ORDER TO FACILITATE PLANNING

FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES AND TURNOVER OF FACILITIES

AND EQUIPMENT, HOWEVER, CONSOLIDATED TROOP LISTS REMAIN

SECRET UNTIL COMPLETION OF INCENT FOUR, AT WHICH TIME

THIS MESSAGE WILL BE DOWNGRADED TO UNCLASSIFIED.

E. (S) NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE OF THE REDEPLOYMENT

OF INDIVIDUAL UNITS WITHOUT AUTHORITY OF THIS HEADQUARTERS.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMBAT UNIT REDEPLOYMENTS

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WILL BE MADE ROUTINELY BY MACV ON STANDDOWN AND PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UNIT DEPARTURE, DEACTIVATION, AND
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From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commanding General, XXIV Corps

Subj: Redeployment of Forces Increment IV (U)

1. Forwarded recommending approval except for paragraph 5.
2. It is recommended that operational control of the Combined Action Force be returned to CG, III MAF effective 1 September 1970. By this date all CAFs outside of Quang Nam Province will have been deactivated and tactical operations of the 1st and 3rd CAG's ended. The deactivation of the CAF Headquarters and of the remaining CACO and CAG Headquarters outside Quang Nam will be an administrative task for which this Headquarters has responsibility.

/s/ T. H. MILLER

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ENCLOSURE (3)

HEADQUARTERS
Combined Action Force
III Marine Amphibious Force
PFO San Francisco 96602

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

Subj: Redeployment of Forces - Increment IV (U)

Ref: (a) CG, III MAF msg 260340Z Jun 70
(b) XXIV Corps PSYOP-OPORD 5-70

Encl: (1) CAF Deactivation Schedule

1. Reference (a) implemented Increment IV redeployment for the Combined Action Force which will result in a reduction to one Marine Combined Action Group of 600 spaces located in Quang Nam Province.

2. In order to achieve the directed 600 Marine ceiling, the Combined Action Force Headquarters, the 1st and 3rd Combined Action Groups, and selected Combined Action Companies and Platoons in the 2nd Combined Action Group will be deactivated in seven phases as indicated in enclosure (1). It is anticipated that the platoons and company headquarters will be deactivated by 10 September 1970; the 1st and 3rd Group Headquarters by 20 September 1970; and the Force Headquarters by 1 October 1970. Actual dates of deactivation for each platoon will be provided at least seven days in advance of the event and will be coordinated with Vietnamese counterparts at both the Province and District levels.

3. Psychological operations will be conducted in accordance with reference (b) and appropriate ceremonies will be held at the district, village, and hamlet levels.

4. Subsequent to completion of Increment IV, the 2nd Combined Action Group will be composed of the Group Headquarters, 5 Combined Action Companies, and 34 Combined Action Platoons.

5. It is proposed that, effective 1 October 1970, CG, III Marine Amphibious Force assume command of the 2nd Combined Action Group.

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GROUP 4 Downgraded at three year intervals.
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CAP DEACTIVATION SCHEDULE

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PHASE ONE (Tentatively 26 Jul - 1 Aug 70)

1ST CAG

CAP 1-3-4
CAP 1-3-5
CAP 1-3-9
CAP 1-3-2
CAP 1-4-2

2ND CAG

CAP 2-1-7
CAP 2-4-4
CAP 2-8-4

3RD CAG

CAP 3-1-6
CAP 3-1-5
CAP 3-1-1
CAP 3-1-4

PHASE TWO (Tentatively 2 Aug - 10 Aug 70)

1ST CAG

CAP 1-4-4
CAP 1-3-8
CAP 1-3-1
CAP 1-3-3
CAP 1-4-3

2ND CAG3RD CAG

CAP 3-1-3
CAP 3-2-2
CAP 3-2-4
CAP 3-2-5
CAGO 3-1

PHASE THREE (Tentatively 11 Aug - 20 Aug 70)

1ST CAG

CAP 1-3-6
CAP 1-4-6
CAP 1-4-5
CAP 1-4-1

2ND CAG

CAP 2-9-1
CAP 2-9-2
CAGO 2-9

3RD CAG

CAP 3-2-3
CAP 3-2-6
CAP 3-2-1
CAP 3-5-3
CAGO 3-2

PHASE FOUR (Tentatively 21 Aug - 30 Aug 70)

1ST CAG

CAP 1-3-12
CAP 1-3-7

2ND CAG3RD CAG

CAP 3-5-2
CAP 3-5-4
CAP 3-5-5
CAP 3-5-1

PHASE FIVE (Tentatively 31 Aug - 10 Sep 70)

1ST CAG

CAGO 1-3

2ND CAG

CAP 2-8-1
CAP 2-8-2
CAP 2-8-3
CAP 2-7-6
CAGO 2-8

3RD CAG

CAGO 3-5

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PHASE SIX (Tentatively 11 Sep - 20 Sep 70)

1ST CAG

2ND CAG

3RD CAG

CAG HQ

CAG HQ

PHASE SEVEN (Tentatively 21 Sep - 1 Oct 70)

1ST CAG

2ND CAG

3RD CAG

HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT, CAF

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Subj: Redeployment of Forces - Increment IV (U)

Ref: GAF letter subject: Redeployment of Forces - Increment
IV (U), dated 15 Jul 70, with III MAF first indorsement dated
27 Jul 70.

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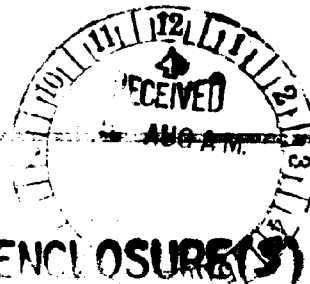
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JAMES M. LEE, COL, AVII-OCF, 3175

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1. Reference requested OPCON of CAF be passed from XXIV Corps to III MAF on 1 Sep 70.

2. Approved. Acknowledge. GP-4

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SUBJ: A SALUTE TO THE COMBINED ACTION FORCE

1. WITH THE TRANSFER OF THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE CAF FROM XXIV CORPS TO III MAF AND THE PLANNED DEACTIVATION OF CAF HQS AND CERTAIN CAG AND CAP ELEMENTS, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY.

2. FROM A MODEST BEGINNING OF ONE PLATOON AT PHU BAI IN AUGUST 1965, THE COMBINED ACTION FORCE GREW BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS TO A TOTAL OF 114 PLATOONS. THE PROGRAM EXHIBITED STRENGTH AND PROMISE FROM THE START AND THE PROGRAM'S GROWTH WAS THE DIRECT RESULT OF ITS TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. VILLAGES WITH A CAP HAVE MOVED RAPIDLY TOWARD A CONDITION OF PEACE AND STABILITY. CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM IS THE FACT THAT THE VIET CONG HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO REESTABLISH CONTROL OVER A VILLAGE PROTECTED BY A CAP.

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3. WITHIN THE CAF MISSION, THE POPULAR FORCE SOLDIER WAS TRAINED TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE FIGHTING MAN IN HIS OWN VILLAGE OR HAMLET AREA. HE WAS TAUGHT THE TECHNIQUES OF A MOBILE FORCE-KEEPING THE ENEMY ALWAYS ON HIS GUARD AND NEVER PERMITTING HIM TO GAIN THE OFFENSIVE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

4. THE CAF HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE INCREASED CAPABILITY OF THE VIETNAMESE FORCES. THE ABILITY OF THESE FORCES TO NOW TAKE THE LEAD NOT ONLY IN PLANNING AND CONTROL, BUT ALSO IN THE EXECUTION OF MOST TACTICAL ACTIVITIES, HAS ALLOWED A REDUCTION IN THE SUPPORT REQUIRED FROM THIS MARINE PROGRAM.

5. THE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS OF THE CAF IS WITNESS TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION OF EFFORT. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE CAP ELEMENTS REMAINING WITH III MAF. ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF XXIV CORPS, I SALUTE THEM FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

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ENCLOSURE(4)

HEADQUARTERS
Combined Action Force
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO San Francisco 96602

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Ser No: 237-70
19 August 1970

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

Subj: Redeployment of Forces - Increment IV (U)

Ref: (a) III MAF OP ORDER 183-70 (S)

1. This Headquarters has received a request from the Commanding Officer, 1st CAG to deactivate CAPs 1-3-7 and 1-3-12 on 21 August vice 24 August, CACO 1-3 on 24 August vice 31 August and CAG Headquarters on 13 September 1970. The request has been approved.

2. CAP 1-3-7 and CAP 1-3-12 have had no contact with the enemy since 14 July and 6 June respectively. The approved revised deactivation schedule for 1st CAG is commensurate with reference (a) and other current deactivation guidance issued by higher authority, and will allow the Marines and Navy personnel of the 1st CAG to be reassigned to other operational units at an earlier date.

3. The 1st CAG and the 3rd CAG will deactivate on 13 September and 12 September respectively; leaving the 2nd CAG in Quang Nam Province and CAF Headquarters in Danang operational. The CAF S-1, S-4, and Executive Officer will be transferred on 10 September, 26 September and 21 September respectively with only the S-1 receiving a replacement. It is therefore requested that the CAF Headquarters be authorized to stand down on 21 September 1970 and deactivate on 26 September 1970.

RALPH F. KESTY

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

Subj: Redeployment of Forces - Increment IV (U)

1. Returned.
2. You are authorized to standdown CAF Headquarters on 21 September 1970, or as early as 15 September 1970, and to deactivate it on 26 September 1970.

LEON N. WINTER

By direction

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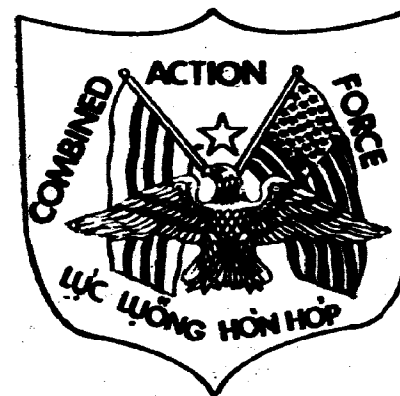
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*"For those who fight for it,
life has a special flavor
the protected never know."*

*Anonymous Marine
Khe Sanh, 1968*

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COMBINED ACTION FORCE
 III Marine Amphibious Force
 3 August 1965 - 23 September 1970

The U. S. Marines of the Combined Action Force and soldiers of the Vietnamese Popular Force and Regional Force units distinguished themselves by performing a unique and unparalleled role in combat operations supporting the pacification effort in the Republic of Vietnam. Combined Action Platoons, composed of a squad of U. S. Marines and a platoon of Vietnamese Popular Forces afforded protection to an estimated 550,000 Vietnamese civilians in the five provinces of Military Region I. The neutralization of 7,785 enemy demonstrated the aggressive, tenacious, and courageous character of this force which never numbered more than 2100 Marines and Navy personnel, and 3000 Popular Forces at any one time. The CAPs have provided security for more than 830 hamlets and, behind their protective shield, the local governments developed and the villagers prospered. Displaying imagination, initiative, and versatility, the CAPs participated in a multitude of tasks which strengthened the Government and enhanced the welfare of the people. Dynamic civic action activities included over 1,991,980 MEDCAPs, and construction of schools, bridges and market places. The Combined Action Force units' heroic performance and uncommon devotion to duty has been demonstrated by their combat effectiveness against both guerrilla and conventional enemy forces. These courageous and resourceful units made a contribution far beyond their size. Despite numerous hardships, the men of the Combined Action units, through unswerving dedication, sustained a relentless pressure against the enemy and compiled an enviable combat record of valor and dedication to duty.

The mission and tasks of the Combined Action Program will continue in Quang Nam Province by the 2nd Combined Action Group functioning under the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force.

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HONORED GUESTS

Lieutenant General Hoang Xuan LAM, ARVN
 Commanding General, I Corps/MR I

Lieutenant General James W. SUTHERLAND, USA
 Commanding General, XXIV Corps

Lieutenant General Keith B. MCCUTCHEON, USMC
 Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

PROGRAMME

Honored Guests Arrive

Marine Hymn and Vietnamese March
 (Guests remain standing)

Remarks by Colonel Ralph F. ESTEY, Commanding
 Officer, Combined Action Force

Personnel Formed to Receive Awards

US National Anthem and Vietnamese National Anthem

Presentation of Awards

Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force makes
 Presentations to Honored Guests

Remarks by Honored Guests

Benediction

Marine Hymn and Caissons Go Rolling Along

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