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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February 1970 to 28 February 1970

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30 January 1970

A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 2 Chi Com grenades, and 1 cartridge belt. The grenades were destroyed. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 IVC and 1 cartridge belt captured; 2 Chi Com grenades destroyed.

CAP 1-3-5. A CAP 1-3-5 patrol received SAF from 3 VC at the edge of a rice paddy at BS 595947, 10 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, killing 1 VC. The other 2 VC fled NE. While sweeping the area, the patrol apprehended 3 VN female who had been working in the rice paddy and who were without ID cards. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF, the 3 VCS were taken to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA and 3 VCS.

CAP 1-3-9. A CAP 1-3-9 patrol received SAF from an USEF located at BS 514873, 10 km SW of Binh Son District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire and called for a reaction force from the CAP patrol base. As the reaction force approached the area of contact, it received SAF from an estimated 50 VC at BS 516878. The reaction force called an artillery fire mission on both groups of enemy, causing them to flee W and SE, respectively. While sweeping the area of contact, the CAP apprehended 13 VN civilians without ID cards. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF, the 13 VCS were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. Continuing on, the CAP received SAF from 3 VC at BS 516820. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee SE. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 13 VCS.

31 January 1970

CAP 1-2-5. Ambush engaged (20) VC moving W to E. VC returned fire with small arms, machine gun and M-79 fire and split into three elements, fleeing in several directions. Second ambush of CAP 1-2-5 engaged several of the fleeing enemy, as did an ambush from CAP 1-2-2. CAP 1-2-5 swept the area finding: (2) VC KIA and (1) AK-47. Results: (2) VC KIA; (1) AK-47 captured.

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
9	542

USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	32

OTHERS	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	0

5. END-OF-MONTH UNIT DELAY STRENGTH

USMC	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
9	537

USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	31

OTHERS	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

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

(1) <u>Joined</u>	USMC <u>OFF ENL</u>	
		0 24
(2) <u>Rotated CONUS</u>	USMC <u>OFF ENL</u>	
		0 12
(3) <u>Reassignment within WestPac</u>	USMC <u>OFF ENL</u>	
		0 1
(4) <u>Transferred by Service Records While Sick (out of country hospital)</u>	USMC <u>OFF ENL</u>	
		0 9

b. Promotions

To PFC - 2  
To LCpl - 90  
To Cpl - 26

7. Legal Matters

a. Courts held: SCM- 2  
b. Article 32 Investigations: None  
c. MJP: 19  
d. JAG-Type Investigations: 2

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8. Award Recommendations

BSM - 8  
 NCM - 7  
 NAM - 2  
 PH - 16

9. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREPS

The command has responded to: 15 WELREPS

10. Morale and Welfare

a. R&R. The command has utilized the following number of quotas to the R&R areas listed.

(1) Hong Kong	(8)	Japan	(2)
Taipei	(4)	Bangkok	(7)
Hawaii	(9)	Sydney	(7)

(2) In-Country

China Beach Recreation Center: 33

b. Mail. Daily average bags of mail processed:

Incoming

6

Outgoing

2

c. Hospital Visitations. Hospital visits are made daily by the Hospital Corpsman Representative, the Casualty NCO and the Mail Orderly, who also delivers mail to the patients located in hospitals at Chu Lai. Frequent visits are made by the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Adjutant, and First Sergeant.

11. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: None

Extensions: None

12. Medical

a. Report of Hospital Corpsmen

(1) Hospital Corpsmen (Total)	32
(2) Reported for Duty	4
(3) Transferred in-country	1
(4) Wounded in Action	2
(5) Recommended for NCM	2
(6) Awarded the Purple Heart	2

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## b. MEDCAPS

(1) Patients Treated	10,200
(2) Adults Evacuated	100
(3) Children Evacuated	23
(4) Dental Treatments	114

## c. Personnel treated at Group Aid Station

(1) Total visits (Military)	374
(2) Total Visits (Other)	12
(3) Selected Cases Treated:	
(a) Acute Diarrhea	11
(b) Gonorrhoea	9
(c) Pneumonia	2
(d) Strep/Sore Throats	3
(e) Upper Respiratory Inf.	16
(4) Hospitalized	
(a) Wounded in Action	25 (Includes two USN)
(b) Killed in Action	7
(c) Others (Disease/ Injury) Non-hostile	25 (Includes three USN)
(5) Limited Services	88
(6) Immunizations Administered	116
(7) Spectacles Ordered	17 pr

d. Summary of Monthly Activities

(1) During the month of February 1970, work on the Medical Storeroom was completed. Consolidation of Medical Storage should enhance the medical logistics of the 1st Combined Action Group.

(2) There was no senior CAP Corpsmans' meeting for the month of February 1970.

(3) A continual program of water testing was in progress. Testing was being handled by the CAP Corpsmen. All tests for the month of February 1970 were normal.

(4) Due to a Hospitalman personnel shortage no Hospital Corpsman will be sent to language school until the situation improves.

(5) During the month of February 16 CAPS were visited. Sanitation inspections were conducted and MEDCAPS observed.

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Combined Action Group  
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LtCol D. F. SEILER  
 1-28Feb70

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 1-1

Captain N. H. GROSZ  
 1-28Feb70

Combined Action Company 1-2

Captain J. E. KNIGHT JR.  
 1-9Feb70

Captain J. E. TYLER  
 10-28Feb70

Combined Action Company 1-3

Captain J. W. MURPHY  
 1-28Feb70

Combined Action Company 1-4

Captain R. J. SEXTON  
 1-15Feb70

1stLt W. R. BLACK JR.  
 16-28Feb70

2. LOCATION

Hq 1st CAG

Chu Lai, Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CAGO 1-1

Tam Ky District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CAGO 1-2

Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN

CAGO 1-3

Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN

CAGO 1-4

Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major W. D. THOMPSON  
 1-28Feb70

S-1 Officer

Captain J. E. TYLER  
 1-28Feb70

S-2/S-3 /CommO

Major R. L. PADGETT  
 1-28Feb70

S-4 Officer

Captain L. P. WAHL  
 1-28Feb70

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Intelligence

a. General. Enemy activity in the 1st CAG AO dropped significantly for the month. This was due in part to the 24 hour TET cease fire period from 051800 to 061800 February. The presence of increased infiltration of enemy units in the Tam Ky and Ly Tin districts of Quang Tin Province was noted in two significant contacts in these areas, involving elements of the 21st NVA Regiment in Tam Ky and elements of the 409th RF Sapper Bn. in the Ly Tin area. The presence of large enemy units near these population centers lends credence to intelligence of an enemy offensive in the near future. Although the offensive that was supposed to coincide with the TET holiday never manifested during the month, the confirmed presence and close in activity may indicate that the enemy is positioning his forces for future offensive activity. Small and scattered contact was reported for the rest of the month, with no indication of any large scale enemy offensive materializing. VC/NVA counterintelligence related activities continued to focus primary emphasis on propaganda and proselyting efforts in an attempt to gain popular support and participation in the planned enemy political and military offensive. Propaganda in the 1st CAG AO was limited to the distribution of Pro-NLF/VC leaflets. In the past, loudspeaker broadcasts, VC/NLF flags and anti-US and GVN signs were the primary means of spreading the propaganda, but artillery fire missions and well executed night ambushes have all but completely subdued this activity in most areas.

b. Activities

(1) CAGO 1-1 continued to observe, by way of intelligence and sightings, that the 21st NVA Regiment remained in its AO. Continued harassment of this unit by artillery and other CAP directed ordnance may be producing favorable results, as elements of this NVA unit were drawn out of hiding and into contact with the CAP's.

(2) CAGO 1-2 made contact during the month with enemy units composed essentially of VC, but conjecture has it that the VC in this area are being advised and assisted by regular NVA soldiers. Increased night activity may point to midnight rendezvous between the VC and NVA in this area.

(3) CAGO 1-3 experienced a very light month as far as contact is concerned. Almost all of their contact occurred in the area of the coastal CAP's. The light contact must be due in part to the northern redeployment of the 21st NVA Regiment. The P-31st Infantry Co. and the K-51st Heavy Weapons Co. which are primarily VC, remained in their sanctuary between the inland and coastal CAP's.

(4) CAGO 1-4 experienced light and scattered contact over the month with most of the contact at CAP 1-4-6, probably with elements of the 48th Bn. Reports from a Hoi Chanh last month disclosed that a large number of enemy from the 48th Bn. were going to Chieu Hoi before the TET holiday did not manifest. One Hoi Chanh was received from the 48th Bn., however, but interrogation disclosed no further mention of any large number of Hoi Chanh.

(5) In retrospect, the Group received light contact over the month, and there was no TET offensive in the 1st CAG AO. The continued presence of large VC and NVA units in 1st CAG's portion of Quang Tin Province increases enemy capabilities of attacking the population centers in Tam Ky and Ly Tin. US and GVN forces in these areas remain on the alert.

### 3. Operations

#### a. General

(1) The 1st Combined Action Group continued to conduct operations that enhanced the accomplishment of its assigned mission of village and hamlet security and the goals of the GVN Accelerated Pacification Program (ACP) throughout the reporting period. In conjunction with the ACP, two CAP's were relocated in Tam Ky District and one CAP was relocated in Ly Tin District.

(2) Enemy activity continued to decline resulting in fewer contacts, fewer sightings and fewer kills than the previous month. The lack of enemy activity may be due to the lack of sufficient forces in the 1st CAG area of operations to mount any major attacks. If the present level of activity continues the level of pacification in many of the CAP's TAOC's will undoubtedly be upgraded.

(3) The Americal Division USA continued to experience moderate contact during the month. The four major operations being conducted continued to produce favorable results, as a total of 400 VC and 199 NVA were reported killed. This was a total increase of 59 kills over last month. Operation Fredrick Hill, being conducted west and south of 1st Company's CAP's, had the best results with 252 of the total kills. Operations Geneva Park and Nantucket Beach, operating around the third and fourth Companies respectively, were moderately successful, combining for a total of 183 of the total. The Iron Mountain Operation being conducted outside the Group's operational area, accounted for the remainder of the kills. Plans remain underway to relocate one company of the Combined Unit Pacification Program to a new area. The 198th and 196th Infantry Brigades continued to provide logistical and tactical support, as required, throughout the month.

#### b. Activities

(1) The CAP's continued to conduct combined operations with the Regional Forces and Popular Forces during the month. On several occasions two CAP's combined forces for one day operations in or near their TAOC's. During the high threat period of TET the 198th Infantry Brigade positioned rifle platoons near the coastal CAP's and located a reinforced company near CAP 1-3-9 in the village of An Phong. The Americal Division continued to maintain the bulk of its forces to the west of National Highway #1, with occasional small unit operations in the coastal areas to the east. During the periods that US Army units were positioned in or near CAP TAOC's, the CAP's frequently conducted joint operations with the Army units.

(2) CACO 1-1 experienced fewer contacts and sightings than the previous month and ended the month with only eleven (11) enemy kills as compared to twenty seven (27) for the month of January. The company captured two (2) POW's but failed to receive any Hoi Chanhs during the month. CAP's 1-1-4 and 1-1-5 were installed in their new TAOC's which brought the company up to its original strength of seven (7) platoons.

(3) CACO 1-2 had fewer contacts than the previous month (three (3) as opposed to twelve (12) for January) but the number of enemy kills remained the same, a total of eight. The company had the highest ratio of captured weapons per kill, accounting for six weapons. Ly Tin District continues to be the least active of the four districts, evidencing a high degree of pacification. The PF's are numerous and capable in CACO 1-2's area.

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(4) CAGO 1-3 finished the month with the smallest number of kills in many months with a total of five (5). The number of contacts and sightings also decreased. Such a complete lack of activity is unusual since the Third Company is the largest in the Group, having ten (10) platoons, covering a large portion of Binh Son District.

(5) CAGO 1-4 had fewer contacts during the period but an increase in the number of sightings which may tie in to the lack of activity in the Third Company's area. The company experienced a slight increase in the number of kills from fifteen (15) to eighteen (18). Mines and SFD's still harass the CAP's of CAGO 1-4 and on 15 February the Company Commander, Captain R. J. SEXTON II, was killed by a pressure detonated mine in CAP 1-4-6's TAOC.

(6) The following statistics are the results of 1st CAG's operations and activities for the month of February:

(a) Friendly Activities

Night Patrols 897  
Day Patrols 727  
Ambushes 1404

(b) Enemy Casualties/Losses

<u>KIA</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>DETAINEES</u>	<u>HOI CHANH</u>
42	9	27	11

(c) Weapons Captured

<u>IWC</u>	<u>CSWC</u>
14	1

c. Training

(1) General. Formal training for the month included; General Military Subjects, Leadership, Small Unit Tactics, Infantry Weapons and Supporting Arms. The individual CAP's averaged thirty three (33) hours of instruction for the month. The PF soldiers continued to demonstrate little interest in attending classes, however, attempts are being made to stimulate their interest by sending some of their leaders to the 1st Marine Division NCO school and by encouraging joint classes at the District Headquarters.

(2) Other Training

(a) Six (6) Marines and two (2) Navy corpsman graduated from the Vietnamese Language Course in DaNang.

(b) Ten (10) Marines attended the FO course conducted by Division Artillery, Americal Division, USA.

(c) All new personnel received indoctrination prior to being assigned to the field.

(d) Special instruction was given to new personnel joining the Group on the Patrol Seismic Intrusion Device (PSID) and Starlight Scope.

(e) Ten (10) Marines and two (2) PF's attended 1st Marine Division NCO school. The PF's did commendable work and were enthusiastic about the experience. This may help in motivating the CAP PF soldier in general. Also during this period four (4) Marines attended the Americal Division NCO school in Chu Lai for the first time and L/Cpl ROMANCZUK graduated as the class Honorman.

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k. Volunteer Informant Program. The Group experienced another successful month for the VIP. 46,800\$VN were paid to Vietnamese Nationals for ordnance. The program is well received by the people and seems to be attracting even more interest in the Tam Ky area (CACO 1-1) than in the past as CACO 1-1 led the Group in the number of items received under the program.

l. Communications

(1) General. No major problems developed in the area of communications during the period. The new Group CAC code was used and after a few days all radio operators were able to encode and decode with no problem. The CAF Communications Officer, Lt. FLOWERS, visited the Group and assisted the CACO's in improving their communications.

(2) Maintenance Support

(a) The Group continued to utilize the facilities of MAG-73 and FISH-B for maintenance. The down time has been reduced considerably and equipment is out of the field for a minimum amount of time.

(b) Handsets still remain as the largest single problem item of communications equipment as they last only a short time in the field.

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4. S-4/SUPPLY

A. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat losses for the month were two Pistols, Caliber .45, one Radio Set AN/PRC-25, one Machine Gun, M-60, one Grenade Launcher, M-79 and five Rifles, 5.56mm, M-16.
2. Construction of a loading/unloading dock at Group Supply was started during the month. Completion is expected during March.
3. FAMREP report has been submitted on all items except single line report on classes II, VII and IX.

B. SUPPLY

1. The Group is short some T/E items but they do not effect the unit readiness to any significant degree. Most of the items are expected at Group Supply soon.
2. Certain items of organizational clothing and equipment are still deficient and are in a back-order status at the supply source.
3. 40mm Illumination (B535) is no longer a problem, with our monthly requirements being available at the Ammunition Supply Point, Chu Lai.

C. MAINTENANCE

1. No problem in this area during the month.

D. MOTOR TRANSPORT

1. During the month Group motor transport logged 16,029 miles.
2. Deadlined vehicles have been kept to a minimum, at present one (1) M37 3/4 ton truck is in a deadline status.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Nothing unusual or significant to report in this area.

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d. Inspections. The representatives from the S-3 section visited the CAPs and CAGOs to inspect weapons, radios and tactical operations being conducted by the CAP's. The weapons and radios continued to be well maintained with very few discrepancies.

e. Fire Support. Artillery support was used almost daily during the month in the form of H and I fires or contact missions. Information from Hoi Chanh and the civilian populace concerning enemy locations and intelligence type targets and requiring immediate fire missions was responded to rapidly with very few exceptions. Due to the isolated locations of many of the CAP's, the importance of rapid illumination and H and I missions is greatly amplified. The artillery units supporting the Group have exerted maximum efforts to ensure timely, accurate fire support.

f. Air Support.

(1) Tactical air support was used frequently during the month; this included fixed wing strikes, helicopter gunship strikes and visual reconnaissance missions. No major problems were encountered with close air support and the CAP's continue to utilize the Air Force FAC's to support their daylight operations. The FAC's not only observe for the CAP's but also call artillery missions and control air strikes.

(2) Air support is not limited to tactical requests, as logistical resupply of outlying CAP's requires daily attention. The time for these missions is allotted by the proximate battalion on a daily basis. These missions are neither requested nor controlled by the CAG. Weather restricted the resupply by helicopter on several occasions and at other times the availability of aircraft was reduced by the requirement for helicopters to support Combat Assaults (CA's) in the Americal Division.

g. Scout Dog Teams. Four (4) Scout/Sentry Dog Teams were assigned to the Group during the month. The dog teams work extremely well with the CAP's and the CAP's are eager to have the teams assigned.

h. Scout Sniper Teams. One scout sniper team was assigned to the Group during the month. It was utilized in the 4th Company and the team accounted for four (4) enemy KIA; one of the kills was at a distance of seven hundred (700) meters.

i. Psychological Operations.

(1) Friendly Operations. The Group continued to use the various Psyops media available to the maximum. The Americal Division provided excellent assistance and support during the month. 2,266,000 leaflets were distributed by air and 2 hours and 45 minutes of aerial broadcasts were flown, covering the VIP and Chieu Hoi programs, as well as pro GVN subjects. The CAP's distributed an additional 32,000 leaflets by hand for a total of 2,298,000.

(2) Enemy Operations. During the month the enemy distributed leaflets on two occasions. The leaflets were printed in English and propounded the racial oppression in the US and the alleged war crimes committed in Son My Village in 1968.

j. Kit Carson Scouts. Two additional scouts were assigned to the Group from the class that graduated from the Americal Division KCS School. Additional scouts will be assigned as future classes graduate. The Group lost one scout that was killed when he and a PF were ambushed in a village after securing from the night's activity.

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## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS

1 February 1970

CAP 1-1-3. Acting on information received from local villagers, a CAP 1-1-3 patrol base called an artillery fire mission on an USEF reportedly located at BT342167, 6 km SE of Tam Ky City. After the fire mission was ended, a patrol was dispatched to sweep the impact area. As the patrol approached the area, an estimated 30-40 VC/NVA located at BT343175 initiated a heavy volume of 60mm mortar, RPG, AW and SAF. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, requested a CAP 1-1-2 reaction force, and used helicopter gunships in support. While moving to the area of contact at 1100H, the CAP 1-1-2 reaction force received SAF and AWF from an estimated 15-20 VC at BT338168. The reaction force returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee SW. One USMC and 1 PF were KIA, and 1 USMC and 1 PF were WIA and medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital in the action. CAP 1-1-2 continued on, and upon reaching the CAP 1-1-3 patrol at 1120H discovered that the enemy had overrun the CAP 1-1-3 patrol and had then withdrawn in an unknown direction. Four USMC and 1 PF were found KIA, and 3 USMC, 1 USN, and 2 PF were found WIA. All casualties were medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. One PRC-25 radio, 1 M-60 MG, 1 M-79, 5 M-16s and 1 .45 cal pistol were lost to the enemy in the action. A sweep of the area disclosed 5 VC/NVA KIA, 3 AK-47's, 1 ChiCom MG, 10 ChiCom grenades, 1 NVA pack, 1 NVA cartridge bolt, and miscellaneous documents. A cursory examination of the documents indicated that the body from which they were taken was that of an NVA officer. The grenades were destroyed and the documents were taken to District Headquarters for analysis. A sweep of the area of CAP 1-1-2's contact was conducted while enroute back to the patrol base, disclosing 3 VC KIA and 2 AK-47's. Results: 5 USMC KIA, 2 PF KIA, 4 USMC WIA(E), 1 USN WIA(E), 3 PF WIA(E), 7 VC KIA, 1 NVA KIA, 5 IWB, 1 CSWC, 10 ChiCom grenades destroyed, 1 NVA pack, 1 NVA cartridge bolt and miscellaneous documents captured; and 1 PRC-25, 1 crew-served weapon, and 7 individual weapons lost to the enemy.

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CAP 1-2-2. A CAP 1-2-2 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 4 VC moving E at BT399125, 9.5 km NW of Ly Tin District Headquarters. Apparently the lead element of a VC company, the enemy fled W without returning fire. Immediately afterwards, a force of about 30 VC initiated SAF, RPG, and 81mm mortar fire on the CAP ambush. The CAP returned fire with organic weapons, used artillery illumination, and was joined by a non-CAP PF ambush patrol which had been located nearby. After a firefight of 30-40 minutes, the enemy withdrew NW. 3 non-CAP PF's were KIA, 1 non-CAP PF was WIA, and 2 CAP PF's were WIA in the action. A sweep of the area produced 1 unarmed VN male near the area of contact. Unresponsive to questioning by CAP PF's the suspect was delivered to District Headquarters for questioning. The wounded PF's were medevaced by helicopter. RESULTS: 3 non-CAP PF KIA, 2 CAP PF WIA(E), 1 non-CAP PF WIA(E), 1 VCS.

CAP 1-4-5. A CAP 1-4-5 patrol discovered 1 bouncing type AP mine rigged with a trip wire firing device in an abandoned house at BS701761, 6 km E of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The SFD was destroyed in place. RESULTS: 1 SFD destroyed.

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CAP 1-2-3. A CAP 1-2-3 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 30 VC moving SE at BT434096, 5 km NW of Ly Tin District Headquarters. The enemy returned RPG, mortar, and SA&F and fled NW. The ambush called an artillery fire mission on probable enemy routes of escape. Fifteen minutes later, a second CAP 1-2-3 ambush nearby initiated organic weapons fire on an estimated 15 VC moving NW at BT434107. The enemy returned mortar fire and SA&F and fled NW. Helicopter gunships were used to fire on the enemy routes of escape. One PF was wounded in the action and was medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A sweep of both contact areas disclosed 8 VC KIA, 6 AK-47 rifles, 10 ChiCom grenades, and miscellaneous documents. The grenades were destroyed and the documents were taken to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(3), 8 VC KIA, 6 IWC 10 ChiCom grenades destroyed, and miscellaneous documents captured.

CAP 1-3-4. The Thuan Phuoc Hamlet Chief apprehended 5 VC carrying a large quantity of ChiCom grenades at FT652016, 10 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The hamlet chief informed CAP 1-3-4 that the VC had intended to use the grenades in an attack against the CAP. He did not relate the circumstances surrounding the apprehension. The 5 VC POW were taken to District Headquarters for questioning. RESULTS: 5 VC POW (not credited to CAP) and a large quantity of ChiCom grenades captured (not credited to CAP).

5 February 1970

CAP 1-4-4. A CAP 1-4-4 patrol called an artillery fire mission on 3 VC observed across a river in a restricted area at a range of 700 meters at BS736824, 12 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The artillery impacted among the VC, killing all 3. Because of the intervening river, it was not practical for the patrol to conduct a sweep, but the 3 bodies were clearly visible laying in the open, motionless and obviously dead. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA.

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CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol apprehended 1 VN male attempting to flee from the patrol at BS712790, 7.5 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. Carrying a 20 lb bag of rice and 1000 \$VN, the VN admitted to being a VC supplier. He was taken to District Headquarters for further questioning. RESULTS: 1 VC POW (VCI), 20 lb bag of rice and 1000 \$VN captured.

9 February 1970

CAP 1-3-9. A CAP 1-3-9 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 1 VC who was wearing grenades on his belt and who was observed across a river at BS463884, 14 km SW of Binh Son District Headquarters. The enemy fell to the ground and was clearly visible at a distance of 100 meters, lying in the open, motionless and obviously dead. Because of the intervening river, a sweep of the area was impractical. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

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CAP 1-4-5. Three local force VC guerrillas, two of whom were corpsmen, rallied to a CAP 1-4-5 patrol base at BS702761, 6 km E of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The Hoi Chanhs were delivered to District Headquarters for processing. RESULTS: 3 Hoi Chanhs.

CAP 1-3-5. A CAP 1-3-5 patrol base and the surrounding hamlet received SAF from an USEF at BS 720955, 12 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The patrol base returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee W. One USMC was WIA in the action and medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A sweep of the area was non-productive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(E).

11 February 1970

CAP 1-4-4. A CAP 1-4-4 patrol base received 2 local force VC ralliers who reportedly lived in the vicinity of BS733822, 10.5 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The Hoi Chanhs rallied because of their fear of the artillery fired frequently in their area. They were delivered to District Headquarters for processing. RESULTS: 2 Hoi Chanhs.

CAP 1-3-5. A PF member of a CAP 1-3-5 patrol accidentally detonated an unknown type booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device in a hedgerow at BS693956, 10 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. One USN and 2 PF were WIA by the exploding SFD and were subsequently medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A search of the area for further SFD's was non-productive. RESULTS: 1 USN WIA(E), 2 PF WIA(E).

CAP 1-1-1. Local villagers informed a CAP 1-1-1 patrol base that a local force VC guerrilla wanted to rally, but was afraid to come to the patrol base. A patrol was dispatched to meet the rallier at BT289193, 3.5 km SW of Tam Ky City. As the patrol approached, the rallier fled SE, apparently frightened when he saw that the patrol was carrying weapons. The patrol followed in an attempt to locate the rallier and found his body in a nearby well. It appeared that he had attempted to hide in the well, fell, and broke his neck. Two documents were found on the body and were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA and 2 documents captured.

CAP 1-4-2. A local VCI rallied to a CAP 1-4-2 patrol base at BS776858, 16 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. Reportedly a VC hamlet chief, the rallier was delivered to District Headquarters for processing. RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh.

13 February 1970

CAP 1-3-12. A CAP 1-3-12 patrol received SAF from an estimated 30 VC who had just stolen 3 cows from a nearby hamlet at BS604876, 5 km S of Binh Son District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to abandon the cows and flee W. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. The cows were returned to their rightful owners. RESULTS: 3 cows stolen by the enemy returned to owners.

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CAP 1-1-7. Acting on information received from local villagers, a CAP 1-1-7 patrol apprehended 1 local force VC guerrilla in a house at BT268243, 4.5 km NW of Tam Ky City. The VC identified another VN who was immediately apprehended. Under questioning he admitted to being a VC supplier and intelligence agent. Both were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation and both were later confirmed as VC. RESULTS: 2 VC POW.

14 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol discovered 1 CAP PF KIA, 1 CAP PF WIA, and 1 VN civilian WIA at BS723789, 8 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The 2 PF had been fishing with the VN civilian during their off-duty hours and were ambushed by an USEF. The 2 WIA were medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A sweep of the area by the patrol was nonproductive. Psyops was notified. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 PF WIA(E), and 1 VN civilian WIA(E).

15 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. While on a combined operation with a non-CAP RF unit, 1 USMC member of a CAP 1-4-6 element accidentally detonated an unknown type mine with a pressure type firing device at BS731779, 8.5 km E of Son Tinh District Headquarters. One USMC was KIA by the exploding SFD and 3 USMC were WIA and were medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA(E).

18 February 1970

CAP 1-3-5. A CAP 1-3-5 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 4 VC at BS687984, 9 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The enemy fled NW without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. As the patrol terminated its sweep, it received heavy SAF from an USEF at BS680944. The patrol called an artillery fire mission on the enemy positions and used helicopter gunships in support, causing the enemy to flee NW. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

CAP 1-2-7. A CAP 1-2-7 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on an USEF at BT456052, 3 km SW of Ly Tin District Headquarters. The enemy returned RPG fire, M-79 fire, and SAF and fled W. One PF received minor wounds in the action. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(M).

19 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. Acting on information received from local villagers, a CAP 1-4-6 patrol called an artillery fire mission on the probable location of an USEF at BS733678, 9 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. While sweeping the patrol observed and initiated organic weapons fire on 3 VC at a range of 150m. One of the VC was wounded and captured. The other 2 fled N. The VC WIA was identified as a local force guerrilla and was medevaced by helicopter to the Quang Ngai Province Hospital. The POW was delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation after medical treatment. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA and 1 VC POW.

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CAP 1-3-4. While on a combined patrol with CAP 1-3-1, a USMC member of CAP 1-3-4 accidentally detonated a 155mm round booby trap, rigged with a trip wire firing device, at BS677025, 12.5 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. One USMC and 1 PF were KIA from the exploding SFD. A search of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA, 1 PF KIA.

20 February 1970

CAP 1-1-4. CAP 1-1-4 with PF Platoon 143 was inserted into a new TLOC with a geographical center at BT277170, 5 km SW of Tam Ky City.

CAP 1-3-5. A CAP 1-3-5 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC observed emplacing mines at BS695930, 9.5 km E of Binh Son District Headquarters. One VC was KIA and the other immediately captured. Both VC were identified as local force VC guerrillas. A search of the area disclosed 3 emplaced M-16 AP mines which were destroyed in place. The POW was taken to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 VC POW, 3 SFD's destroyed.

CAP 1-3-3. Hamlet officials from Phuoc Hoa Hamlet delivered 3 VN males, who they indicated were VCS, to a CAP 1-3-3 patrol base at BS665980, 8.5 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The circumstances of their capture were not related to the CAP. The VCS were delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 3 VCS.

21 February 1970

CAP 1-3-8. A CAP 1-3-8 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 2 VC moving NE at BS538895, 7 km SW of Binh Son District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled W. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 blood trail, 1 VC KIA, 1 M-16 rifle, 1 M-26 grenade, 1 hammock and 1 cartridge bolt. The grenade was destroyed. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 IWC, 1 hammock and 1 cartridge bolt captured, and 1 M-26 grenade destroyed.

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol initiated organic weapons fire and called an artillery fire mission on 3 VC at BS712805, 7.5 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The enemy fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area was not made because of an intervening mine field. Nearby 10 VN civilians were apprehended attempting to evade the patrol. One of the VN was discovered carrying several packages of rice and was identified as a local force VC by CAP PF. The remaining 9 VN were classified as VCS by CAP PF. The VC POW and the 9 VCS were delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: 1 VC POW and 9 VCS.

22 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol observed 1 VN female attempting to evade the patrol in a restricted area at BS723802, 8.5 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. CAP PF shouted orders to halt. When the orders were ignored, the PF initiated SAF, killing the fugitive, who was later identified as a VC by CAP PF. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

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CAP 1-4-5. A CAP 1-4-5 patrol received SAF from 4 VC at BS703808, 7 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee NW. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA.

24 February 1970

CAP 1-1-5. CAP 1-1-5 with PF Platoon 38 was inserted into a new TAOC with a geographical center at BT220280, 10 km NW of Tam Ky City.

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol initiated organic weapons fire and called an artillery fire mission on an estimated 25 VC at BS714794, 7.5 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and AWF and fled W. One secondary explosion was heard during the fire mission. A sweep of the area disclosed 30 empty bunkers destroyed by artillery and 1 blood trail. RESULTS: 30 bunkers destroyed.

CAP 1-4-6. A 1st MarDiv sniper team attached to a CAP 1-4-6 patrol initiated SAF on 2 VC at 700m at BS724809, 9 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The enemy fled in an unknown direction without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA.

25 February 1970

CAP 1-1-7. A PF Plt 151 ambush initiated organic weapons fire on 35 VC at BT269240, 4 km NW of Tam Ky City. The enemy returned SAF. The ambush requested assistance from CAP 1-1-7, which dispatched a reaction force and called an artillery fire mission on the enemy positions, causing the enemy to flee S and SW. A sweep of the area by the CAP reaction force and the PF Plt disclosed 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 M-26 grenade, cartridge belt, and 2 blood trails. The grenade was destroyed. PF Plt 151 is one of 2 PF plts assigned to CAP 1-1-7, but was on an independent ambush at the time of contact. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA, 1 IWC, 1 M-26 grenade destroyed, 1 cartridge belt captured.

CAP 1-3-3. A CAP 1-3-3 patrol received 2 M-26 grenades from an estimated 4 VC at ES673974, 8.5 km NE of Binh Son District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire, causing the enemy to flee W. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 cartridge belt, 2 magazine pouches, and 1 bamboo basket. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 cartridge belt, 2 magazine pouches, and 1 bamboo basket captured.

26 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol apprehended 8 VN females observed carrying 15 large baskets across a river at BS718806, 8 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The baskets contained crabs, shrimp, squid, and men's clothing. Questioning by CAP PF disclosed that the women were carrying the food for the enemy. The 8 VCS were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. The food and clothing was delivered to local GVN officials for redistribution. RESULTS: 8 VCS; 15 large baskets of food and clothing captured.

27 February 1970

CAP 1-1-7. Hearing SAF in the nearby hamlet of Hoa Thuong at BT265248, 5 km NW of Tam Ky City, a CAP 1-1-7 patrol base dispatched a patrol to investigate. The patrol discovered the bodies of 1 PF and 1 Kit Carson Scout from the CAP who had gone to the hamlet to eat and had been ambushed by an estimated 3 VC. One M-16 rifle was taken by the enemy. A sweep of the area by the patrol was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA, 1 KCS KIA, and 1 individual weapon captured by the enemy.

CAP 1-1-4. Three VC, 2 from the 324th Div and 1 from the 23rd Div, rallied to a CAP 1-1-4 patrol base at BT285179, 4 km SW of Tam Ky City. The 3 Hoi Chanhs brought 5 M-26 grenades with them. The grenades were destroyed and the 3 Hoi Chanhs were delivered to District Headquarters for processing. RESULTS: 3 Hoi Chanhs, 5 M-26 grenades destroyed.

CAP 1-4-2. A CAP 1-4-2 patrol received SAF from an estimated 15 VC at BS758860, 15 km NW of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The patrol returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery fire mission on the VC, causing the enemy to flee NW. The patrol pursued and captured 1 POW, later identified as a local force guerrilla. A sweep of the area disclosed 3 VC KIA, 4 packs containing numerous documents, and 2 ChiCom grenades. The POW was delivered to District Headquarters for further questioning. The grenades were destroyed and the documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 3 VC KIA, 1 VC POW, 4 packs and numerous documents captured, and 2 ChiCom grenades destroyed.

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 8 VC at BS739775, 9 km E of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The enemy fled SE without returning fire. A sweep of the area disclosed 4 VC KIA, one of which was credited to a 1st MarDiv sniper team attached to the CAP. As the patrol was completing its sweep, it received heavy SAF, AWF, and MG fire from an estimated 30 VC at BT736772. The patrol returned organic weapons fire and called an artillery fire mission on the enemy positions, causing the enemy to flee S. One USMC received minor wounds in the action. A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(M), 4 VC KIA.

CAP 1-4-2. A VN child accidentally dropped a dud M-79 round which he had brought to a CAP 1-4-2 patrol base at BS776958, 16 km NE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. One USMC and 11 VN civilians were wounded by the explosion and medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital. A VIP payment was made. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA(E), 11 VN civilians WIA(E).

28 February 1970

CAP 1-4-6. A CAP 1-4-6 ambush initiated organic weapons fire and called an artillery fire mission on an USMC at BS718804, 8 km SE of Son Tinh District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area disclosed 2 VC KIA and 1 wounded VC, identified as a local force guerrilla. The POW was medevaced by helicopter to the 91st Evac Hospital and was delivered to District Headquarters for interrogation after medical treatment. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA and 1 VC POW.

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CAP 1-3-7. A CAP 1-3-7 patrol initiated organic weapons fire on 4 VC at BS636956, 4 km E of Binh Son District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled E. A sweep of the area disclosed 1 VC KIA, 1 civilian broadcast radio, and numerous documents. The KIA was later identified as the District VC cadre secretary. The documents were delivered to District Headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 1 civilian broadcast radio and numerous documents captured.

CAP 1-4-1. A CAP 1-4-1 patrol apprehended 3 VN males at BS624801, 4.5 km NW of Son Tinh District Headquarters. CAP PF questioned the 3 men and classified 2 of them as local VC guerrillas. The third VN was classified as a VCS. All 3 were delivered to District Headquarters for further interrogation. RESULTS: 2 VC POW and 1 VCS.

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