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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CO, 3d CAG ltr 3/JSS/sag 5700
of 19May69

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 Mar to 31 Mar 1969

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

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 3d CAG ltr 3/JSS/sag 5700 of 19 May 1969

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 March to 31 March 1969 (U)

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 3d Combined Action Group
 III Marine Amphibious Force
 FPO, San Francisco 96602

3/JSS/sag
 5700
 19 May 1969

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
 Via: (1) Commanding General; III Marine Amphibious Force
 (2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 Mar to 31 Mar 1969

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A
 (b) FMFPACO 5750.8A

Encl: (1) 3d Combined Action Group Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

2. Downgraded at 3 year intervals. Declassified after 12 years.
 DOD Directive 5200.10.

R. E. Andrews
 R. E. ANDREWS

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Mar -- 31 Mar 69

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1 March to 31 March 1969

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

3d Combined Action Group, III MAF 1 Mar - 31 Mar
LtCol Roi E. ANDREWS USMC

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 3-1 1 Mar - 31 Mar
Capt. Edwin R. GOEDDE JR. USMC

Combined Action Company 3-2 1 Mar - 31 Mar
Capt. George A. KIESEL USMC

Combined Action Company 3-3 1 Mar - 12 Mar
Capt. Alan W. HITCHENS USMC

13 Mar - 31 Mar
Capt. Joel D. WARD USMC

Combined Action Company 3-4 1 Mar - 31 Mar
Capt. James F. DAVIS USMC

Combined Action Company 3-5 1 Mar - 31 Mar
Lt. Fenton L. DRAKE USMC

2. Location

Headquarters, 3d Combined Action Group Phu Bai Combat Base, Huong Thuy District Thua Thien (P)

Combined Action Company 3-1 Huong Thuy District Headquarters Thua Thien (P)

Combined Action Company 3-2 Phu Loc District Headquarters Thua Thien (P)

Combined Action Company 3-3 Phu Vang District Headquarters Thua Thien (P)

Combined Action Company 3-4 Huong Tra District Headquarters Thua Thien (P)

Combined Action Company 3-5 Thon Bach Thach Village Phu Loc District Thua Thien (P)

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3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

1 Mar - 31 Mar
Major Beryl T. CHRISTLIES USMCR

S-1

1 Mar - 31 Mar
1st Lt. Walter E. SWITZER USMC

S-2/3

1 Mar - 31 Mar
Major John S. SIROPNIAX USMC

S-4

1 Mar - 31 Mar
Capt. Robert L. SPENCER USMCR

1st Sgt. Law

1 Mar - 31 Mar
1st Sgt. Lawrence W. WILSON USMC

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>ARVN (Attached)</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
10	472	0	32	1	4

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. COMMAND. There were no peculiar personnel problems encountered during this period. Unit strengths maintained a C-1 or near C-1 category. The overall personnel and administration picture is shown as follows.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

PROMOTIONS The following promotions were effected

To LCpl	15	
To Cpl	1	(Meritorious)
To Sgt	13	
To SSgt	2	

<u>OFFICERS JOINED</u>		<u>MOS</u>
Captain	2	0302

<u>OFFICERS DROPPED</u>		<u>MOS</u>
Maj	1	0302
Capt	2	0302

ENLISTED JOINED

<u>MOS</u>	E-8	E-7	E-6	E-5	E-4	E-3	E-2/1
0141							
0311				3	1	13	31
0331					1	1	
0341						2	5
0351						1	1
1316				1			
3041						1	
3051							1
3516						2	

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ENLISTED DROPPED/TRANSFERRED

<u>MOS</u>	<u>E-8</u>	<u>E-7</u>	<u>E-6</u>	<u>E-5</u>	<u>E-4</u>	<u>E-3</u>	<u>E-2/1</u>
0141					1		
0311				3	15	6	11
0331					1	1	3
0341					2		5
0351				1	5		3
0353					1		
2533					1		
3041		1					

AVERAGE NON-EFFECTIVE FOR MARCH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>EHL</u>	<u>USN</u>
0	44	2

<u>LEGAL</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Pending</u>
<u>Office Hours</u>	15	0
<u>Investigations</u>	12	3
<u>Courts</u>	3	0

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2. OPERATIONS. During this reporting period 3d CAG continued offensive activities against Viet Cong/NVA forces, in the form of aggressive day and night patrolling and well established ambushes; resulting in six VC KIA, two NVA KIA, five POWs and 25 VCS. The enemy increased terrorism and sabotage, concentrating the majority in CAP 3-1-3 in HUONG THUY District. During the period the Training/Inspection S-3 section relocated and a new COC bunker was completed. Additionally a duplicate, back-up, Group Communications System was established in a bunker within close proximity to the existing COC.

3. TRAINING. Formal CAP-level training continued stressing night firing, ambush procedures and weapons safety. Group-level training consisted in an orientation course for two CAP school classes and the training of two Popular Force Platoons in Huong Tra by the Mobile Training Team. Evaluation of the 3d CAG orientation syllabus continued, establishing the basic guidelines and required subjects.

4. LOGISTICS. The availability of T/E items continued to maintain its C-1 status--from PRC-25s to 2½ ton trucks. Those items of a general supply nature continued to be adequately furnished from both 26th Support Group USA and Force Logistics Command, Danang.

A reorganization of 3d CAG warehouse was commenced as part of spring cleaning along with the supply lot and reorientation of the motor pool.

Put into planning was a new Logistics SOP and allowance lists for each Combined Action Company and the Group.

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5. MEDICAL. During this period there was a slight drop in 3d CAG MEDCAPs, totalling 23,229 patients among the 31 CAPs within the Group. There were two CAPs temporarily without corpsmen but the Marines in those CAPs were able to hold MEDCAPs due to prior training.

The Group sustained 35 casualties during the period, broken down as follows.

Combat	7
NonCombat	2
FUO	8
URI	2
Dermatology	1
Dysentary	3
Other	12

Of note was the absence of any malaria cases for this period.

Each CAGO was visited and inspected at least twice, and each CAP at least once by the Group Chief Corpsman. The results of these visits/inspections were generally satisfactory with discrepancies noted and remedied prior to the next inspection.

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HEADQUARTERS
 3d Combined Action Group
 III Marine Amphibious Force
 P.O. San Francisco 96602

3/JSS/sag
 5400
 8 March 69

From: S-3
 To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Combined Action Group

Subj: Weekly Summary of Training and Results of CAP Inspections by CACO Commanders.

1. The following summary of training is submitted for the week of 2 March to 8 March 1969.

a. Training

CACO 3-1

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Safety, M-16 and M-79	1	10	12	0	0
Hand and Arm Signals	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	20	112	5
Changing Formations	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	37	44	333	113
Ambushes and Patrols	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	32	355	14
Squad Tactics	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	32	35	114
IA Drills	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	12	40	16
Position of Individuals, Ambushes and Patrols	1	10	12	77	2
M-16, Care and Cleaning	3	25	30	17	7
Compass, Map Grids, and Symbols	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	7	5	2
Combat Formations	5	18	22	38	15

Total USMC Man Hours: 559 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Total PF Man Hours: 695 $\frac{1}{2}$

CACO 3-2

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Patrol Procedures	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32	60	43	44
Assaulting Positions	1	40	75	43	44
Importance of Intelligence	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	75	55	57
Ambush Movements	2	51	96	47	47
House Searching	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	51	96	47	47

Total USMC Man Hours: 358 $\frac{1}{2}$
 Total PF Man Hours: 397 $\frac{1}{2}$

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a. Training

CACO 3-3

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Negative Training Reported					

CACO 3-4

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
M-16	3	13	23	27	23
Patrols and Ambushes	1½	2	4	7	6
Claymore Mine	1	4	7	4	3
FO Class	2	8	13	8	7
Spot Reports	1	5	9	0	0
Radio Procedure	2	7	12	0	0
Mapping	1½	4	7	3	3

Total USMC Man Hours: 87
 Total PF Man Hours: 106

CACO 3-5

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Negative Training Reported					

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 1,005
 Grand Total PF Man Hours: 1,199

2. No significant problems were discovered as a result of CAP inspections by CACO Commanders.

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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5400
15 March 69

From: S-3
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Combined Action Group
Subj: Weekly Summary of Training and Results of CAP Inspections by
CACO Commanders.

1. The following summary of training is submitted for the week of
9 March to 15 March 1969.

a. Training

CACO 3--1

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Hand and Arm Signals	2	11	14	6	2
Defensive and Offensive Combat	9	24	27	37	16
Squad Tactics	2	14	17	11	4
Safety of M-16 and M-79	4	14	17	12	5
Map and Compass	3	3	3	24	10
Battlesights	1	10	12	10	4
Combat Formation	3	12	15	10	4
Radio Procedure	1	9	11	0	0
First Aid	1	9	11	0	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 430

Total PF Man Hours: 535

CACO 3--2

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Squad Tactics	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	39	74	61	53
Combat Formation	2	46	85	58	51
Hand and Arm Signal	1	47	87	60	54
Fire Control	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	37	68	51	44
Flanking Movements	3	46	85	58	51

Total USMC Man Hours: 430

Total PF Man Hours: 579

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CACO 3-3

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Duties of Squad Leader	1	11	16	38	20
Offensive Combat	1	19	28	42	22
Defensive Combat	1	7	10	44	23

Total USMC Man Hours: 37

Total PF Man Hours: 124

CACO 3-4

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
M-16 Rifle	3	18	40	14	11
M-60 Machine Gun	1	3	6	10	7
Claymore Mine	1	7	15	4	3
M-79	1	2	4	15	4
Ambush	1	7	15	17	5
Duty of Squad Leader	2	8	17	0	0
Combat Defense	2	8	17	0	0

Total USMC Man Hours: 105

Total PF Man Hours: 61

CACO 3-5

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Ambushes and Patrols	3	15	28	31	22
Review of Search Operations	3	12	22	37	26
Mapping and Compass	3	14	20	33	24
Communication	3	16	30	46	33

Total USMC Man Hours: 171

Total PF Man Hours: 441

Headquarters

Negative Training Reported

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 1,153

Grand Total PF Man Hours: 1,740

2. No significant problems were discovered as a result of
Inspections by CACO Commanders.

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HEADQUARTERS
 3d Combined Action Group
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 5400
 23 March 69

From: S-3
 To: Commanding Officer, 3d Combined Action Group

Subj: Weekly Summary of Training and Results of CAP Inspections by
 CAGO Commanders.

1. The following summary of training is submitted for the week of 16
 to 22 March 69.

a. Training

CAGO 3-1

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Scouting and Patrolling	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	32	42	53	20
Troop Leading Steps	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	23	34	12
Estimate of the Situation	1	22	29	14	4
Operation Order	2	17	22	42	14
Reporting Enemy Situation	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	20	26	25	9
Handling of POWs	1	26	34	0	0
Calling Fire Mission	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14	18	11	4
Use of ERC-25	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	12	15	34	12
Care & Cleaning of M-60	2	15	19	32	11
Sanitation	2	28	36	44	15
Claymore Mine Safety	1	10	13	12	4
M-79 Safety	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	11	16	5
M-16 Care and Cleaning	1	9	11	14	4

Total USMC Man Hours: 398
 Total PF Man Hours: 615

CAGO 3-2

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Squad Formations	4	41	70	52	59
English Class	2	37	63	57	64
Defensive Combat	3	37	63	57	64
Camouflage	2	38	65	48	54

Total USMC Man Hours: 425
 Total PF Man Hours: 532

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CACO 3-3

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Scouting and Patrolling	1	22	25	40	18
Troop Leading Steps	1	21	24	32	14
Estimate of Situation	1	17	20	36	16
Operation Order	1	19	22	40	18
Reporting Enemy Information	1	14	16	33	15
Handling of POWs	1	23	27	61	27

Total USMC Man Hours: 116

Total PF Man Hours: 242

CACO 3-4

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
M-16	5	14	29	26	25
Claymore Mine	3	10	20	23	22
M-72 IAAW	2	7	14	19	18
M-60	2	2	4	5	4
First Aid	2	7	14	3	2
Trip Mines	1	7	14	8	7

Total USMC Man Hours: 139

Total PF Man Hours: 261

CACO 3-5

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Scouting and Patrolling	1	22	39	45	34
Troop Leading Steps	1	7	12	19	14
Estimate of Situation	1	18	32	38	29
Handling of POWs	1	12	21	32	24
Operation Order	1	15	25	35	26
Reporting Enemy Information	1	20	35	43	32

Total USMC Man Hours: 94

Total PF Man Hours: 212

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 3d Combined Action Group
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 5400
 29 March 1969

From: S-3
 To: Commanding Officer, 3d Combined Action Group

Subj: Weekly Summary of Training and Results of CAP Inspections by
 CACO Commanders.

1. The following summary of training is submitted for the week of
 23 to 29 March 1969

a. Training

(1) CACO 3-1

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Scouting and Patrolling	5	63	81	110	88
Patrol Planning Steps	2	30	38	44	43
Patrol Warning Order	1½	14	18	29	23
Patrol Leaders Order	3	19	24	37	34
Patrol Report	1	32	42	24	20
Patrol Tips	2	53	69	27	21
Care and Cleaning of 60mm Mortar	1½	3	11	16	17
Cleaning and Disassembly of M-16	1	42	54	79	63

Total USMC Man Hours: 560
 Total PF Man Hours: 559

(2) CACO 3-2

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Claymore Mine (Use Of)	2	37	70	27	33
VC/NVA Mining Tactic	1	35	67	34	42
Importance of Intelligence	1	35	67	34	42

Total USMC Man Hours: 144
 Total PF Man Hours: 150

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Weekly Summary of Training and Results of CAP Inspections
by CACO Commanders not received.

(4) CACO 3-4

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
M-60 Machine Gun	1	2	21	6	3
M-16 Rifle	1	2	21	100	3
First Aid	2	7	11	9	7
Patrol and Sweeping	8	10	17	33	25
Handling of Claymore	1	3	3	37	7
M-72, LAAW	2	8	16	111	9

Total USMC Man Hours; 117
Total PF Man Hours: 34

(5) CACO 3-5

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HRS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
Booby Traps	2	5	11	6	5
Safety of Claymore mine	5	25	50	100	37
Map Reading	22	4		9	3
Care, Cleaning, and Firing of M-79	3	13	23	33	30
Duties of M 60 "A" Gunner, Care of Amm.	3 1/2	14	24	37	34
Ambush Security	2	7	15	14	15
Patrolling	1	10	21	20	18
First Aid	1	10	21	20	18

Total USMC Man Hours: 265
Total PF Man Hours: 329

(6) HEADQUARTERS MTT

Negative Training Reported

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 1086
Grand Total PF Man Hours: 1072

2. No significant problems were discovered as a result of
CAP inspections by CACC Commanders.

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a. Training

Headquarters

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>%</u>
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Negative Training Reported

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 1,162

Grand Total PF Man Hours: 1,865

2. No significant problems were discovered as a result of CAP inspections by CACO Commanders.

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d. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

1. On 01 0200H (MACV Advisors Phu Loc District Headquarters) it has been reported to CACO 3-2 by the MACV Advisors at Phu Loc District Headquarters, the mother of Nguyen Thi Tran, Hamlet Chief of Phouc An Hamlet, was killed by a burst of an AK-47 from approximately 8 to 10 VC. Also, the VC removed all money and food stuff before fleeing in an unknown direction leaving a note stating that she had been assassinated because she was for the RVN government and her son was a Hamlet Chief.

RESULTS: One VN assassinated (female)

2. On 01 1500H March 69 at coordinates ZD005090 (8Km North of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-5-5 was informed by the 13th Coastal Group of a downed CH-46. The CAP went to aid the CH-46 by boat patrol and found it and the body of the co-pilot. The body, personal effects and radio were removed from the CH-46 and returned to 3-5-5's position. A MAG -3 helicopter retrieved the body, effects and radio from the CAP. The CAP maintained security at the downed CH-46 until it was removed on the morning of 2 March 69.

RESULTS: N/A

3. On 02 1030H March 69 at coordinates YD826219 (5Km East of Hue City) CAP 3-1-8 commenced on a patrol in the vicinity of the above coordinates, with permission of the District Chief, the patrol was conducted outside the CAP's AO. The patrol discovered and blew in place, two M-26 grenades and one M-79 round rigged as booby traps. Sixty wooden bunkers and 3,500 pounds of rice were also discovered. Seventeen of the bunkers were destroyed by the CAP. The other bunkers will be destroyed by the 54th ARVN Regt.

RESULTS: 3,500 pounds of rice, three booby traps blown, and seventeen bunkers were destroyed

4. On 02 2200H March 69 at coordinates YD907116 to TD911128 (2Km East of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 conducted a night sweep and patrol between these grids. Several suspects were questioned and two were held as VCS and taken to Houng Thuy District Headquarters for questioning.

RESULTS: Two detainees

5. On 03 0620H March 69 at coordinates YDE32230 (5Km East of Hue City) CAP 3-1-8 was returning to their day position when they heard noises ahead of them on the trail which proved to be four VC who opened fire on them with a heavy volume of AK-47 fire. The VC then broke contact as the patrol returned fire. A sweep was conducted, but the enemy results undetermined.

RESULTS: One PF.KIA, one USMC/WIA (M), one USMC/WIA

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6. On 03 1400H March 69 at coordinates YD693287 (7Km Northwest of Hue City) CAP 3-4-5 while on patrol found and destroyed 20 old bunkers. Before destroying, the bunkers were searched.

RESULTS: 20 bunkers destroyed, several metal religious artifacts (given to the village elders), one (1) VC canteen, forty (40) AK-47 rounds, and two (2) B-40 rounds, all destroyed.

7. On 03 2030H March 69 at coordinates YD921023 (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Km Southeast of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-1 sprung its ambush on two (2) VC. The returned fire with AK-47 and then fled. A sweep of area was made.

RESULTS: Two (2) detainees (female), one (1) AK-47 magazine.

8. On 03 2135H March 69 at coordinates YD988052 (12Km Northwest of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-5-4 sprung an ambush on about ten (10) VC with claymores and small arms. Illumination was received and swept area.

RESULTS: Two (2) VC/KIA, two (2) AK-47s and magazines, one (1) satchel charge, and a small amount of "C" rations.

9. On 03 2130H March 69 at coordinates ZD149004 (5Km Northeast of Phu Loc District Headquarters), CAP 3-2-2 had about eight (8) VC/WVA walk into their ambush. The ambush was sprung and the enemy fled in a westerly direction. A sweep was made.

RESULTS: Two (2) NVA/KIA, one (1) AK-47, three (3) AK-47 magazines, one SKS, one (1) M-26 grenade, 20 lbs. of rice, 70 rounds of AK-47 rounds.

10. On 04 1400H March 69 at coordinates YD943045 (5Km Southeast of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-2 acting on information went to the above grid and found an NVA flag flying from a pole that was booby trapped. After removing the flag a Marine tripped another booby trap, receiving shrapnel in the arms and legs, EOD team was called on 4 March 69 and went out and checked the area out for any further booby traps.

RESULTS: One (1) NVA flag, one (1) USMC/WIA

11. On 08 0800 March 69 at coordinates YD10270 (9Km Northeast of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-4 while on a sweep through Khe Sune Village spotted one (1) VC with a M-72 LAAW. The VC was taken under fire by a PF and a sweep was made of the area. One (1) small VN child was hit by a stray round when the PF fired. The child was Med-Evaced by the river patrol.

RESULTS: One (1) M-72 LAAW

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12. On 09 1400H March 69 at coordinates YD819267 (4Km Southeast of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-3 while looking for a Civic Action Project spotted a homemade type radio antenna on a pagoda. The antenna was taken to the CAP's day position and destroyed.

RESULTS: One (1) Homemade antenna (VC type) destroyed.

13. On 10 1650H March 69 at coordinates YD899118 (2Km East of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 while on patrol found two (2) bunkers (10 feet long, 24-30 inches wide, four feet high) made of dirt and bamboo.

RESULTS: Two (2) bunkers destroyed

14. On 10 2050H March 69 at coordinates YD815182 (5Km Southeast of Hue City) CAP 3-1-5 was proceeding southeast from CP 1 to CP 2 when they spotted two (2) VC around a house calling out the names, Men and Hom. Immediately after calling out these names the VC opened fire on the patrol. The patrol returned fire and the VC fled. Camp Eagle was informed, and a sweep was made.

RESULTS: One (1) VC/KIA, one (1) AK-47, one (1) USMC/WIA (M), two (2) PF/WIA (M), three (3) AK-47 magazines, one (1) US grenade pouch one (1) US cartridge belt, one (1) M-26 grenade, one (1) folder with various papers.

15. On 10 2315H March 69 at coordinates YD917400 (2Km Southeast of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-1 sprung an ambush on two (2) VC wearing gray trousers and a small amount of fire was received by the Marines.

RESULTS: One VC/KIA, one (1) AK-47, one (1) AK-47 magazine, one (1) USMC/WIA (M), 1-15 lbs. of rice, three (3) boxes of penicillin, and five (5) boxes vitamin B-12.

16. On 13 0100H March 69 at coordinates YD1041025 (5Km Southeast of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5 received 3 to 6 B-40 rounds. Returned fire with automatic weapon on the suspected enemy position.

RESULTS: One (1) USMC/KIA, four (4) USMC/WIA

17. On 11 1000H March 69 at coordinates YL794234 (2Km East of Hue City) CAP 3-1-6 searched an abandoned house while on patrol and found some medical gear. The medical gear was turned over to Huong Thuy District Headquarters.

RESULTS: Three (3) medical logs, ten (10) vials of serum, one (1) tube of VID, one (1) tube of vitamin B, one (1) thermometer, nine (9) tubes of unknown liquid, seven (7) hypodermic needles

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13. On 11 1030H March 69 at coordinates YD829241 (4 Km Southeast of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-6 while on patrol picked up an individual (male) whose name appeared on the "Black List".

RESULTS: One (1) detainee.

19. On 13 1300H March 69 at coordinates YD820182 (5 Km Southeast of Hue City) CAP 3-1-5 two Vietnamese Intelligence men working out of Sector in Hue City took one (1) incoming grenade thrown from a house located on the left side of the trail. The grenade did not detonate. Disposed of the grenade and made a search of the area while questioning the local people.

RESULTS: Five (5) detainees, 3 male and 2 female.

20. On 14 1430H March 69 at coordinates YD890170 (8 Km Southeast of Hue City) CAP 3-1-1 while on a day patrol observed a woman crossing a river at the above coordinates. The woman was then detained and taken to district headquarters when she could not produce an I.D. card.

RESULTS: One (1) female detainee.

21. On 15 2155H March 69 at coordinates YD870300 (9 Km Northeast of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-4 while on a night security patrol found two (2) females and seven (7) children in an isolated area within a house.

RESULTS: One (1) female detained.

22. On 18 1130H March 69 at coordinates YD910113 (2 Km East of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 found six bunkers, three of which had already been destroyed. The remaining bunkers were destroyed.

RESULTS: Three (3) bunkers destroyed.

23. On 18 0630H March 69 at coordinates ZD835012 (11 Km East of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-3 while returning from ambush site found propaganda leaflets consisting of 12 different messages. The 1000 leaflets were found approximately 100 meters from ambush site, and have been taken to Phu Loc District Headquarters. Then it was brought to 3d CAG Headquarters.

RESULTS: 1000 VC propaganda leaflets.

24. On 18 1130H March 69 at coordinates YD910113 (2 Km East of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 found six (6) bunkers, three (3) which had been destroyed already. The remaining bunkers were destroyed.

RESULTS: Three (3) bunkers destroyed.

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25. On 18 1300H March 69 at coordinates ZD085009 (1Km Southwest of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-1 apprehended five (5) VCS and found two (2) underground tunnels, approximately 18 inches below the ground. The VCS were taken to Phu Loc District Headquarters.

RESULTS: Five (5) VCS, and two (2) underground tunnels

26. On 19 2045H March 69 at coordinates YD831238 CAP 3-1-8 had one (1) Marine KIA and one Marine WIA resulting from an M-26 grenade. Incident involving RD forces. Incident now under investigation.

RESULTS: One (1) USMC/KIA, one (1) USMC/WIA

27. On 20 0130H March 69 at coordinates YD820245 CAP 3-3-3 observed a boat at approximately 200 meters from shoreline. Fires warning shots. PFs search boat and checked I.D. cards. Curfew violators turned over to village chief and PF Sgt.

RESULTS: Three (3) detainees

28. On 20 1045H March 69 at coordinates YD955005 (5Km Southeast of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-5-2 made distant contact with six (6) VC/NVA and gave chase. Upon reaching coordinates YD955105 villagers informed CAP unit that the VC fled. Called for arty, received 40 rounds of 105 and swept area of impact. Found lrkt. booster and misc. gear clothing.

RESULTS: One (1) NVA/POW, one (1) B-40 rkt. booster (Launcher), two (2) Chi Com grenades, one (1) VC pack, one (1) VC Belt and assorted clothing.

29. On 20 1325H March 69 at coordinates YD903113 (2Km East of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 while conducting search and sweep two (2) VC appeared from concealed position firing six (6) rounds of AK-47.

RESULTS: Two (2) VC/POW, two (2) AK-47 with two (2) magazines

30. On 20 2300H March 69 at coordinates YD933251 (4Km Southeast of Hue City) CAP 3-3-7 observed two (2) VC moving parallel to ambush site at 150 meters and sprung ambush with small arms. VC fled to the north. After illumination, and area sweep was conducted.

RESULTS: One VC cover, one (1) bag of fish

31. On 21 1100H March 69 at coordinates YD961117 (2Km East of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 while out by river bank, by boat observed two (2) VC partially concealed by over overhanging grass. The VC were captured.

RESULTS: Two (2) VC/POW, one (1) AK-47 magazines, one (1) 9mm pistol, one (1) 9mm pistol magazine.

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32. On 22 0545H March 69 at coordinates YD668292 (7Km Northwest of Hue City) CAP 3-4-5 challenged 2 boats just before daylight. The boats failed to heed warning rounds to stop and were taken under fire with small arms and one (1) LAAW. A visual sweep of the water made at first light revealing one (1) boat destroyed. Later friendly forces discovered one (1) dead VCI.

RESULTS: One VCI/KIA, and one (1) boat destroyed.

33. On 22 0815H March 69 at coordinates YD311247, on 22 0800H at YD823258, on 23 020H March 23, 1969 at YD821241 (5Km East of Hue City) CAP 3-1-8 the following incidents took place. First incident: Three (3) USMC traveling to a Med-ops position received small arms fire from the southwest. Same direction and area RDs were located. Second incident: USMC men were moving from day time position to night time ambush site received small arms fire from northwest direction. RDs were located in this general area also. Third incident: USMC moving to a USA position while passing by a village received small arms fire kicking up dirt between the USMCs. RDs were known to be in this general area. Full report was made to 3-1 actual.

RESULTS: RD team was removed from AO

34. On 23 0900H March 69 at coordinates YD906274 (13Km East of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-1 had local children turn in ordnance

RESULTS: 11 M-79 HE rounds, three (3) 60mm HE rounds, 94 M-16 rounds
VIP payment made.

35. On 23 1930H March 69 at coordinates ZD145005 (5Km Northeast of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-2 while moving down a foot trail towards their ambush position, the point man observed figures moving in his direction. The point man opened fire wounding six (6) USA personnel. Medevac was called and completed at 2030H.

RESULTS: Six (6) USA/WIA

36. On 24 0100H March 69 at coordinates ZD086997 (1Km Southwest of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-1 and 3-2 Headquarters forwarded the following information concerning VC assassination. Between the hours of 2400 and 0100 a group of approximately 50 VC entered Loc Tri Village and separated into groups of approximately 25 each. One group entered Cao Dai Hamlet and removed one (1) female, Nguyen Thi Sa, age 28, from her house, taking her to coordinates ZD086997 and beat/stabbed her to death with a wooden club and AK-47 bayonet. The victim was the sister of the Hamlet Chief of Cao Dan. The second group of VC entered Hauman Hamlet and removed a VN male, Va Vinh, age 54, from his house to coordinates ZD094996, and was killed with a wooden club and AK-47 bayonet. The victim has two (2) daughters assigned with an RD team.

RESULTS: Assassination of two (2) VN civilians

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37. On 24 1045H March 69 at coordinates YD824214 (5 1/2 Km Northeast of Hue City) CAP 3-3-8 while returning from a resupply run, one (1) USMC received small arms fire from an unknown source.

RESULTS: One (1) USMC/WIAB

38. On 24 2130H March 69 at coordinates YD787228 (3Km East of Hue City) CAP 3-3-2 observed a light and proceeded to check area out. While doing so point man spotted one (1) individual moving around in house. Illumination was called, area was swept.

RESULTS: Two (2) dead water bulls and one (1) bunker.

39. On 25 0800H March 69 at coordinates YD918270 (13Km East Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-1 two (2) children turned in ordnance.

RESULTS: One 81mm HE round destroyed. VIP payment was made.

40. On 25 0900H March 69 at coordinates YD814243 (5Km East of Hue City) CAP 3-1-8 while checking out area between USA and USMC positions found one (1) M-16 rifle in spider hole/bunker.

RESULTS: One (1) spider hole/bunker destroyed, and one (1) M-16 rifle

41. On 25 0930H March 69 at coordinates ZD166022 (5Km Southeast of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-5 was informed by (Village Chief of dead VC at the above coordinates. Checking out the area, the CAP team found one (1) dead VC floating in river with weapon slung around his neck. VC had numerous shrapnel wounds, estimated time of death approximately four days age.

RESULTS: One (1) VC/KIA, one (1) AK-47 rifle.

42. On 25 1430H March 69 at coordinates YD897223 (13Km East of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-1 two (2) VN children turned in. Names and addresses were taken for a VIP payment.

RESULTS: One (1) claymore mine, one (1) M-79 HE round and one (1) smoke grenade.

43. On 26 0200H March 69 at coordinates YD206022 (13Km East of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-3 reported that an RD ambush observed approximately 10 to 15 VC moving north out of a village approximately 100 to 150 meters. Took VC under fire with small arms. VC returned small arms fire. A sweep of the general area revealed two (2) VN civilians fatally wounded and two (2) VN seriously wounded. A Med-Evac was called and completed.

RESULTS: Two (2) VN civilians killed, two (2) VN civilians wounded.

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44. On 27 1320H March 69 at coordinated YD913118 (2Km East of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-1-3 while on daylight patrol located an ordnance cache in river approximately 15 meters from road bridge. EOD team destroyed ordnance during PM hours.

RESULTS: Five (5) 105 HE rounds, three (3) 106 HE rounds, one (1) roll detonating cord.

45. On 27 1700H March 69 at coordinates YD899274 (9Km Northeast of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-4 Vietnamese children turned in ordnance and ammunition. VIP payments was made.

RESULTS: Three (3) M-79 HE rounds, 12 French AP Mines, one (1) B-40 rkt. and numerous small arms rounds.

46. On 28 0700H March 69 at coordinates ZD193012 (11Km East of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-3 reported that VC distributed propaganda leaflets during the hours of darkness at the above coordinates. A search of the general area was conducted and leaflets were turned over to 3-2 headquarters.

RESULTS: 50 propaganda leaflets.

47. On 29 1700H March 69 at coordinates YD893289 (9Km Northeast of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-4 had approximately 3 1/2 lbs. of TNT with blasting cap turned into their position by local VN boy. VIP payment was made.

results; 3 1/2 lbs. of TNT with blasting cap.

48. On 29 2015H March 69 at coordinates YD826227 (9Km Northeast of Hue City) CAP 3-1-8 while proceeding to ambush site, via check points, leading element point men observed movement at coordinates YD831229 moving towards enroute ambush unit and immediately set up a hasty ambush site at coordinates YD826227. Sprung ambush with small arms and M-79 fire the ambushed unit illuminated the area with M-79 illum and a green star cluster, while 3-1-8 called for artillery illum. During the waiting period, 3-1-8 received small arms fire but did not return small arms because their actual ordered a cease fire, possibility of ambushed unit being USA. After established identification with green star cluster, 3-1-8 moved in to assist USA with med-evac and LZ loading. 3-1-8 then returned to harbor site.

RESULTS: One (1) USA/KIA, two (2) USA/WIAE

49. On 29 2100H March 69 at coordinates YD904273 (13Km East of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-1 RDs reported the capture of two (2) VC cadre - VCI were making chow run. After interrogation of VC cadre by RDs 3-3-1 assisted in conducting search of area and checking out extracted information.

RESULTS: Two (2) VCI/POW

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51. On 30 0730H March 69 at coordinates YD16274 (13Km East of Phu Vang District Headquarters) CAP 3-3-1 while on daylight patrol apprehended VN female with sterilized water and penicillin. Female was taken to Phu Vang District Headquarters for questioning.

RESULTS: One (1) female detainee

52. On 30 1615H March 69 at coordinates ZD193011 (11Km East of Phu Loc District Headquarters) CAP 3-2-3 while on daylight patrol apprehended and arrested two (2) women selling marijuana and one (1) small bag of unrolled product.

RESULTS: Two (2) female detainees

53. On 31 1045H March 69 at coordinates ZD083004 (21Km Southeast of Phu Bai Base) CAP 3-2 headquarters reported "Rainbow" - known call sign of NVA/VC tried to contact 3-2 on 3-2's Tact Push. Immediately notified CREDITOR and 24th Corps. All efforts to establish communication with "Rainbow" proved negative.

RESULTS: Undetermined

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