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

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November 1969 to 30 November 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force

COMMANDER

LtCol. John B MICHAUD, USMC
1 Nov - 30 Nov 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 3-1	Capt. Edwin R. GOEDDE Jr., USMCR 1 Nov - 30 Nov 1969
Combined Action Company 3-2	Capt. Pat BURNS, USMC 1 Nov - 30 Nov 1969
Combined Action Company 3-3	Capt. Gary CARLSON, USMC 1 Nov - 30 Nov 1969
Combined Action Company 3-4	Capt. James F. DAVIS, USMC 1 Nov - 30 Nov 1969
Combined Action Company 3-5	Capt. John F. PALCHAK, USMC 1 Nov - 30 Nov 1969

2. LOCATION

Headquarters	1-30 Nov	Phu Bai Combat Base, Huong Thuy District, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-1	1-30 Nov	Huong Thuy District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-2	1-30 Nov	Phu Loc District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-3	1-30 Nov	Phu Thu District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-4	1-30 Nov	Huong Tra District Headquarters, Thua Thien Province
CACO 3-5	1-23 Nov 24-30 Nov	Thon Bach Thach Village, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Province Troui Bridge Headquarters, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Province

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARYI. COMMAND, OPERATIONS, AND TRAINING

A. During the period covered enemy activity showed a slight decrease. In Phu Thu, however, CACO 3-3 continued to discover numerous small caches and bunkers. Three CAPs were relocated during this period and the Company Headquarters for CACO 3-5 was relocated to Truci Bridge. Liaison was established with the Thua Thien Popular Force Training Center. Arrangements were made to utilize the PF firing range and maneuver areas in the 1st and 3rd week of December. An additional Sergeant, ex-CAP Leader, was assigned to the S-3 training section to assist in this training program. The training to be accomplished will be refresher training for CAP personnel and will be primarily aimed at improving the night firing capability of the CAP. Ten Marines and ten Popular Force soldiers will attend each two and a half day training session. Results of this program will be discussed in the next reporting period.

B. Another effort to improve the effectiveness of the CAP during this reporting period was the introduction of an after-action check list. The primary aim of this program is to insure a good critique of significant enemy contact and to compile a file that can be utilized as a "Lessons Learned" folder for new personnel.

C. Weather was a problem although this month had none of the heavy rains that occurred in October. Over cast days and light rain was typical during this reporting period. Road conditions continued to be bad in Phu Thu however operation was not greatly hindered by weather.

D. Activity during this period by CACO was as follows:

1. CACO 3-1

a. During this period CACO 3-1 continued to emphasize company training. Primarily utilizing Sgt. BARBOUR and the CACO 3-1 interpreter, Sgt. PHOUC, classes emphasizing patrol and ambush techniques and employment and care of individual weapons were given to selected PFs and Marines.

b. CAPs of 3-1 accounted for 1 NVA/KIA during this period.

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2. CACO 3-2

a. On 12 November, District personnel and CACO Headquarters held a PF-Marine meeting which was very beneficial. In particular, some of the problems associated with having RDs in the area were resolved.

b. On 14 November 1969, CAP 3-2-4 relocated to vicinity ZD 190010. The Marines joined PF Platoon #163. PF Platoon #141, with which the CAP was formally associated, remained in its old TAOC. The old area was visited by 3d CAG representatives and the new CAP was addressed by both the District Chief and the Commanding Officer of 3d CAG.

3. CACO 3-3

a. During this period, CAPs within this Company continued to uncover small caches and bunkers. The 2/327 remained in Phu Thu during this period requiring close coordination of day and night activities. CACO 3-3 also held a Trung Si/Squad Leader meeting at the District which proved fruitful. Small problems within the units have been significantly reduced.

b. CACO 3-3 continued a Company training program to include patrol techniques, immediate action drills and med evac procedures. A special training program for CAP 3-3-6 using the CACO interpreter, some local Army troops and Marines as instructors and demonstrators was initiated. This training was on a one-time basis but was beneficial.

4. CACO 3-4

a. Huong Tra District authorities continue to hold meetings with the Vietnamese and USMC personnel. Certain areas of mutual interest were discussed. Also an extensive class on the intelligence situation and VC tactics was conducted by the District Chief. This CACO also has one CAP (3-4-5) in Quang Dien District and a similar meeting was held there on 12 November 1969. There was one VC who Chieu Hoi'd to 3-4-2. Psyops was initiated through District Headquarters and a helicopter with speakers was utilized to broadcast an appeal to other members of the Hue Recon unit to Chieu Hoi.

b. CACO 3-4 continued its company training program emphasizing live firing of the M60 and M79. Lectures and demonstrations on claymores were also given.

c. CAPs of CACO 3-4 accounted for 3 NVA and 1 VC/KIAs during this period.

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CACO 3-5

a. During this period, CAP 3-5-2 relocated to vicinity YD 960050 and joined PF Platoon #162. PF Platoon #128 remained in the old TAOC. On 23 November 1969 CACO 3-5 Headquarters relocated to Truci Bridge (YD 966063). On 26 November CAP 3-5-5 relocated to vicinity YD 970050 and joined PF Platoon #133. PF Platoon #134 remained in the old TAOC. Each relocation was accomplished by ceremonies attended by the District Chief and CAG Commander.

b. During this period a small boy reported to the CACO Commander a 15 lb. charge on the railroad track. EOD removed the charge and the boy received a monetary reward.

c. CAPs of 3-5 accounted for 1 NVA and 1 VC/KIA during this period.

d. The totals for this month's activities are as follows:

DAY PATROLS
770

NIGHT PATROLS
1655

AMBUSHES
1191

ENEMY CASUALTIES

<u>VC/NVA/KIA</u>	<u>VC/NVA/POW</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>VCS</u>	<u>IWC</u>	<u>CWC</u>	<u>CHIEU HOI</u>
275	270	17	40	11	0	1

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

USMC: KIA WIAE WIA(M) MIA POW
1 1 2 0 0

PF: KIA WIAE WIA(M)
1 0 2

VIP PAYMENTS: 52,600\$VN for ordnance or information.

E. The program of night training on the starlite scope (Night Vision Sight, An/PVS-2) was continued this month. Marines from CACO 3-5 and CACO 3-2 received training in care and operation of the scope to include zeroing it on their weapons

F. Psyops activities resulted in the dissemination of 1,815 posters by 3d CAG.

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G. During this reporting period, 3d CAG was visited by Sir THOMPSON on 10 November and by General WALT on 22 November.

H. Marines of 3d CAG honored the Marine Corps Birthday by delivering a birthday cake to each CAP. CACO Commanders and 3d CAG Headquarters had appropriate ceremonies. Col. THAN, Province Chief, Thua Thien Province, was the guest of honor at the informal observance held at 3d CAG Headquarters. The observance was held in the 3d CAG Officer and SNCO Recreation Room which was completed on 7 November 1969.

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During this period, the number of Corporals on hand has not changed significantly although promotions have been adequate. Presently this unit has 33% of the Corporals which it rates. Also the number of E-7 on board has dropped to an unacceptable minimum due to rotation with no replacements scheduled for the near future. The continued lack of these critical personnel will significantly impair the efficiency of the Combined Action Program. Statistics for the month are as follows:

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH
520

PROMOTIONS

15 TO CPL
47 TO LCPL

OFFICERS JOINED

0

ENLISTED JOINED

40

ENLISTED DROPPED ROTATION

29

TRANSFERRED TO III MAF

0

USN ATTACHED

40

USN TAD TERMINATED

0

AVERAGE NON-EFFECTIVE FOR NOVEMBER

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OFFICE HOURS

14

COMPLETED

PENDING

13

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INVESTIGATIONS

8

COMPLETED

PENDING

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III. MEDICAL

During this period the Corpsman storage was eliminated and at present 3d Combined Action Group is over strength by seven HMs. This includes one HM now in CAP School and two HMs waiting for the next class to convene. These are replacements for four men transferring to CONUS the first of December and three during January.

Monthly totals are as follows: KIA-1; WIA-3; self inflicted wounds-1; FUO-13; Malaria-none; 13,892 Med Caps.

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IV. LOGISTICS/SUPPLYA. Significant Events

(1) The most significant accomplishments noted this reporting period have been backorders received from source of supply for clothing, spare parts and DX items.

(2) A Logistics Conference was held 24 Novmeber 1969 at the CAP Headquarters. Primary purpose of the conference was to discuss/recommend realistic rates relative to all types of ammo utilized by the Combined Action Groups. As a result of the conference this Command has received additional quantities of certain types of ammo that were urgently required (B535 40mm ILLUM M-79 and L312 SIGNAL ILLUM wsp). Additionally, it was learned that Marine personnel would be assigned to the Army ASP at Phu Bai to account and control ammo drawn by Marine units in the Phu Bai area and to maintain a 30 day stock based on usage data/authorized allowance.

B. Damage to Weapons Due to Enemy Action

(1) No weapons were damaged or lost due to enemy actions.

C. Motor Transport

(1) Motor vehicles averaged 47,443 miles this period. One accident occurred involving a M37B1 3/4 ton truck.

(2) No vehicles were down for 2nd echelon repair that involved lack of repair parts.

(3) Three M37B1 trucks 3/4 ton, and one Trailer M416B1 1/4 ton, were deadlined for 3d echelon repairs. One M37B1 was returned. The M416B1 Trailer was Code H and a replacement has been requisitioned.

(4) An estimated total of 79.5 tons of supplies were transported to CACO's. The cargo consisted of the following tonnages:

Ammunition - 10 tons

Rations - 69,5 tons

D. Food Service

(1) The following quantities were furnished for the month:

"A" Rations - 2 1/4 Tons

Sundry Packs-101 Cases

"B" Rations - 3/4 Tons

Heat Tabs-25 Cases

"C" Rations - 2016 Cases

Long Rations-166 Cases

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E. Ordnance

(1) Weapons turned in for 3d echelon repair are listed below. Items coded are on requisition.

<u>Items</u>	<u>Turn-in</u>	<u>Code H</u>	<u>Returned</u>
M14	9		1
M16	28	14	8
M12	10		8
M79	1		1
Starlight	5		5
59 Cal Mach Gun	1		
.45 Cal Pistol	4		
M60 Mach Gun	4		

(2) One Sight M34A2, for 81mm Mortar was placed on order. GA report was submitted 9335.

(3) Weapons Contact Team

The Weapons Contact Team obtained from the Force Logistics Command inspected all organic weapons of this Command for serviceability and repair during the period of 7 October - 31 October 1969. Of the period spent with this Command, approximately five days were utilized to inspect weapons of PF soldiers, affiliated with the CAPs, which resulted in the repair of 135 M16A1 rifles. Spare parts for these PF weapons were provided by the ARVN A&DSL Company.

F. Miscellaneous Services

(1) Work request for 220 volt line for wiring Clothes Dryers is pending. Delay for completion of this request is the result of insufficient amount of electricity available.

G. Supply

(1) Noteworthy items of supplies received during the month are as follows:

<u>Items</u>	<u>Rec'd</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Surveyed</u>
Undershirt/Drawers	600	286	0
Sleeping Shirts	108	97	15
Poncho Liner	350	348	0
Rucksack	100	70	5
Body Armor	50	42	6
Poncho	0	43	16
Rainsuits	0	109	2
	100	83	3

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(2) There was one typewriter, one camera and five outboard motors turned into FLC for 3d echelon maintenance. All the above items, except the outboard motors, remain at FLC for repair. Two outboard motors have been received from the Exchange Float. Three others were coded out and requisitions have been submitted for replacements.

(3) Overall statistical information on requisitions submitted to MC100, FLC and the 148th S&S Company are listed below.

	<u>Reqn</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Canceled</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Status</u>
MC100	144	1	5	138	NONE
148th	37	20	12	5	NONE

(4) Starlite

On 2 November 1969 this Command was directed to transfer/invoice the quantity of 13 Night Vision Sight, AN/PVS-2 (Starlite) to 1st Combined Action Group and 17 Night Vision Sight, AN/PVS-2 (Starlites) to 2nd Combined Action Group. This Command was authorized 64 Starlites and had on hand the authorized allowance prior to the transfer taking place. Receipt of 30 Starlites on 3d CAG requisition 9218-0355 priority 2 is expected in the very near future which will correct the present deficiency.

H. Communications

(1) Communication's equipment on hand is considered satisfactory. Components for the PRC-25 Radio placed on requisition are still on back-order by FLC. GA format was furnished 19 Nov 69 on these components. Components consisted of handsets, earphone and microphone elements, cable assembly, and push switches that are for repair of the H-109 handset.

However the authorized T/E communication equipment is considered inadequate. The CACOs require RT-524 and some CACOs require directional antennas. These items are presently not authorized. A change in T/E has been requested.

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V. CIVIC ACTION

A. The following statistics represent Civic Action accomplishments of this Command for the month of November 1969.

1. Medical Treatment

Med-Caps: 13,892 people treated
Med-Evacs: 2 adults

2. Distribution fo Commoditites

Food: 210 lbs.
Soap: 570 lbs.
School Kits: 890
Sewing Kits: 10
Candy: 244 lbs.
Tobacco or Cigarettes: 92 packs
Lumber and plywood: 5 truck loads
Cement: 880 lbs.
Tin roofing: 65 sheets

3. Health and Sanitation

Immunizations: 55
Toothbrushes and toothpaste: 73
Penicillin tablets: 400
Asprins: 660

4. Educational Efforts

English Classes: 160
Attendance: 1,389

5. Construction Projects Completed

Houses: 48
Libraries: 1
Wells: 3
Bridges: 2
Schools: 1
Sidewalks: 1
Chairs for schools : 15
Dispensaries: 1
Fences: 1
Sewing Shop: 1
Boat Dock: 1

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6. Narrative

The large number of houses completed this month is due to the fact that the hamlet of Ha Nam, in the village of Loc Son, was relocated to an area less likely to flood and which is nearer to the center of the village.

The number of Med-Caps was approximately 1,000 above the month of October. Construction projects completed numbered more than in previous months, but the commodities distributed were of a lesser quantity and variety than those of the month before.

The library built in Houng Tra with the aid of CACO 3-4 was dedicated on 1 November 1969. Gunnery Sgt. BAILEY was presented a certificate for civic action by the Vietnamese for his role in building the Library.

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SEBSEQUENTAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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SUBSEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 03 0945H NOV 69 at coord YD 793175 (4 KM SE HUE CITY) CAP 3-1-7 while conducting an area sweep discovered a bunker containing miscellaneous gear. CAP spotted 2 VC 250 meters away. VC fired 15 rounds of S/A fire and fled in easterly direction. CAP returned S/A fire and linked up with USA patrol. Sweep resulted in one AK47 w/3 magazines, 3 khaki shirts and 3 black trousers. Bunker was destroyed.
2. On 03 2035H NOV 69 at coord YD 785165 (4½ KM E HUE CITY), CAP 3-1-1 while in night position heard movement in NW direction. CAP initiated M79 fire with negative results. One M79 round impacted short resulting in one USMC receiving minor fragmentation wound to lower left leg. USMC was non med evaced. RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIA (M).
3. On 05 2250H NOV 69 at coord ZD 141004 (6 KM SE PHU LOC DIST HQ), CAP 3-2-6 PFs while in ambush site spotted 2 VC moving from south to north. PFs initiated fire with M89 and S/A fire. VC returned fire w/3 B40 rounds resulting in one USMC receiving minor fragmentation wound. Illum and sweep revealed negative results. RESULTS: 1 USMC/WIA (M), 1 PF/WIA (M)
4. On 06 1215H NOV 69 at coord YD 823171 (3½ KM NW PHU BAI BASE) CAP 3-1-4 while on day patrol checked house discovering one VN male without ID card and with small amount of AK47 rounds in his possession. VN male turned over to District Headquarters for further questioning. RESULTS: one detainee
5. On 09 1430H NOV 69 at coord YD 913221 (3¼ KM NW PHU THU DIST HQ) CAP 3-3-5 while in day position was informed by VN children of location of one booby trapped M26 gremade, one booby trapped bangalore torpedo, and one booby trapped pineapple grenade. CAP destroyed ordnance. VIP payment will be made.

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6. On 09 2130H NOV 69 at coord YD 832252 CAP 3-3-3 while enroute to ambush site spotted light at above coord. CAP team called in artillery, illum, and discovered a bunker and fired M79 at bunker. While approaching bunker spotted one VC running in NW direction, one VC running in SW direction. Employed grenades and S/A fire with negative results. Grenade was thrown in bunker resulting in a secondary explosion causing minor fragmentation wound to back of one USMC. USMC/WIA was non med evaced. Day sweep revealed negative results.

7. On 11 1400H NOV 69 at coord YD 899237 CAP 3-3-5's Kit Carson Scout while on day patrol discovered a bunker made of bamboo matting with tree covering bunker for concealment. CAP opened bunker discovering 2 VC inside with 2 AK47's, one ML6 and miscellaneous personal gear. VC turned over to District Headquarters for further questioning.
RESULTS: 2 VC/POW, 2 AK47, 1 ML6

8. On 14 1500H NOV 69 at coord ZD 155015 CAP 3-2-5 and 3-2-6 participated in cordon operations in conjunction with USA, RF, PF elements and National Police National Police initially held personnel in search for draft dodgers and VCS. CAP's acted as blocking force. RESULTS: Four VN personnel now being held at District Headquarters as VCS.

9. On 15 1660H NOV 69 at coord ZD 145005 CAP's 3-2-2, 3-2-5, and 3-2-6 participated in cordon operations which is a continuation of Operation reported in spot report of 14 1500H NOV 69. National Police processed an additional 465 villagers holding 2 as VCS and one as a draft dodger.
RESULTS: 2 VCS detainees

10. On 15 2130H NOV 69 at coord YD 676266 CAP 3-4-4 while in ambush site observed 7 NVA approaching from SW. CAP initiated contact with organic weapons. VC returned fire with B-40's and S/A fire. Sweep revealed 1 NVA/KIA, and 1 AK47 w/2 magazines.

11. On 16 0400H NOV 69 at coord YD 691231 CAP 3-4-2 while in ambush site spotted 3 VC approaching from the south moving in a northerly direction. CAP initiated contact with claymores and S/A fire at approx 15 meters away. VC returned fire with M79 and S/A fire. VC fled in a westerly direction. Sweep of area revealed 1 VC/KIA, 1 AK47 w/3 magazines and miscellaneous gear.

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12. On 16 2320H NOV 69 at coord YD 919107 CAP 3-5-1 while in ambush site spotted 2 VC approaching from the SW moving to NE. CAP initiated contact with claymores, M79, M60, and S/A fire at approx 25 meters away. Negative return fire. Illum and sweep revealed 1 VC/KIA, 1 AK47 and 1 blood trail leading to SW. Daylight sweep revealed negative results. RESULTS: 1 VC/KIA, 1 AK47 w/3 magazines.
13. On 17 1100H NOV 69 at coord YD 932085 CAP 3-5-2 relocated to coord YD 955055 (6 KM SE PHU BAI BASE) joining PF Platoon 162. PF Platoon 128 formerly associated with CAP 3-5-2 remained in former TAOC.
14. On 14 0900H NOV 69 CAP 3-2-4 relocated from coord AU 884973 to coord AU 800009 (14 KM E PHU LOC DIST HQ) joining PF Platoon 163. PF Platoon 141 formerly associated with CAP remained in former TAOC.
15. On 18 1630H NOV 69 at coord YD 883248 4 VN children brought 3 155mm rounds, 1 105mm round, and 1 M26 grenade to CAP 3-3-3's day position. CAP destroyed ordnance and VIP payment will be made.
16. On 19 1245H NOV 69 at coord YD 609264 CAP 3-4-6 while on day patrol discovered a box containing 6 60mm mortar rounds and one can which contained 6 primers and warheads. CAP destroyed ordnance.
17. On 04 2300H NOV 69 at coord YD 713182 CAP 3-4-3 while in ambush site spotted 15-16 NVA approaching from the south. CAP initiated contact with organic weapons. NVA returned S/A fire and fled to south. Night sweep revealed 2 NVA/KIA, 1 PF/KIA, and 2 AK47s.
RESULTS: 2 NVA/KIA, 1 PF/KIA, 2 AK47s
18. On 17 2140H NOV 69 at coord YD 957046 CAP 3-5-2 while in ambush site spotted 3 VC approaching from the north moving in southerly direction. CAP initiated contact with claymores, M79, LAAs, and S/A fire at approx 60 meters away. VC returned fire with one B40 round resulting in minor fragmentation wounds to the face of one USMC. USMC/WIA med evacuated to 85th Evac Hospital. VC fled in westerly direction. Illum and sweep revealed negative results. Day sweep revealed negative results.
RESULTS: one USMC/WIA (M) (E)
19. On 21 0700H NOV 69 at coord YD 694242 one VC chieu Hoai to CAP 3-4-2. Chieu Hoai stated he was a member of HUE Armed Forces Recon Bn. Chieu Hoai was turned over to Dist Hqs for further questioning and for PSYOPS operations to appeal to his comrades to rally. RESULTS: one VC Chieu Hoai

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20. On 22 1400H NOV 69 at coord YD 928104 CAPs 3-5-1 and 3-5-2 participated in cordon operations in conjunction with RF, PF, and Pistol Pete Elements. CAPs acted as blocking force intercepting 35 suspected VCS and one draft dodger. Personnel held at Dist Hq for further questioning.
RESULTS: 35 VCS, 1 Detainee

21. On 23 0630H NOV 69 ~~ONEQ 3-5~~ redeployed its CP to Truoi Bridge Compound coord YD 966063.

22. On 22 2230H NOV 69 at coord YD 904108 one NVA stepped out of thicket into 3-1-3's ambush site. CAP and NVA opened fire simultaneously resulting in one USMC being hit with S/A fire. Reactionary force with corpsman to check wounded man was called in and while enroute to ambush site received 150 to 200 rounds S/A fire from approx 4 NVA in treeline. Illum and sweep revealed 1 NVA/KIA, 1 AK47 with 3 magazines and miscellaneous 782 gear. USMC was DOA when med evac arrived.
RESULTS: 1 USMC/KIA, 1 NVA/KIA, 1 AK47 w/3 magazines, and miscellaneous gear.

23. On 23 2200H NOV 69 at coord YD 975048 CAP 3-5-4 while in ambush site observed 5 NVA approaching from the west moving in an easterly direction. CAP initiated contact with M79, M60, and S/A fire at approx 50 meters away. NVA returned fire fleeing in east and west direction. Illum and sweep revealed one NVA/KIA and one AK47 with 3 magazines.
RESULTS: 1 NVA/KIA, 1 AK47 w/3 Magazines

24. On 25 0910H NOV 69 CAP 3-5-5 relocated to coord YD 975050 (7 KM W Phu Loc Dist Hq) joining ~~PF~~ Platoon 133. PF Platoon 134, formerly associated with CAP 3-5-5 remained in former TAOC.

25. On 26 0530H NOV 69 at coord ZD 203012 CAP 3-2-4 left ambush site enroute to day position. After moving approx 100 meters, a claymore was blown resulting in five PF/WIA. Initial investigation revealed PFs left their ambush site and independently returned to day position at above coord approx 0300H. Claymore had been detonated by RF's. PF/WIA med evacuated to HUE Citadel.

26. On 29 2130H NOV 69 at coord YD 958047 CAP 3-5-2 while in ambush site observed 6 VC moving east to west. CAP initiated contact with claymores, M79, M60, ~~M47s~~, and S/A fire at approx 75 meters away. VC returned fire resulting in one PF/WIA(M). VC fled in unknown direction. Illum and sweep revealed negative results.
RESULTS: 1 PF/WIA(M)

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- a. "Monthly Operation Report" dtd 1 Dec 1969
- b. "Control, Turn in and disposal of Captured enemy weapons" dtd 1 Dec 1969
- c. "Casualties from Friendly Firepower" dated 1 Dec 1969

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To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: ACoFS, CAP)
Subj: Monthly Operation Report
Ref: (a) ForO 3121.4B w/ch 1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

a. LOCATION AND STRENGTH

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>PF PLT. NO.</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>		<u>PF</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		
3d CAG		0/E			
3-1		5/68	5		Phu Bai Base
3-1-1	158	1/8	0		YD 847172
3-1-2	159	11	1	33	YD 7716
3-1-3	91	11	1	26	YD 7922
3-1-4	85	11	1	32	YD 9111
3-1-5	83	9	1	28	YD 8416
3-1-6	98	9	1	28	YD 8117
3-1-7	94	9	1	32	YD 7832
3-1-8	84	9	0	29	YD 8019
		9	1	33	YD 8223
3-2		1/8	0		ZD 0900
3-2-1	135	12	1	32	ZD 0800
3-2-2	130	10	1	25	ZD 1401
3-2-3	140	12	1	21	ZD 1901
3-2-4	163	9	1	24	AU 8000
3-2-5	139	12	1	22	AU 1601
3-2-6	138	13	1	22	ZD 1400

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DESIGNATION	PF PLT. NO.	STR. ENGT. H			LOCATION
		USMC	USN	PF	
3-3		178	1		YD 898186
3-3-1	102	11	1	21	YD 8626
3-3-2	105	12	1	15	YD 8823
3-3-3	100	10	1	30	YD 8924
3-3-4	101	12	1	31	YD 8921
3-3-5	104	11	1	20	YD 9122
3-3-6	103	11	1	15	YD 9018
3-4		1/8	0		YD 754252
3-4-1	47	12	1	22	YD 7121
3-4-2	53	11	1	23	YD 6825
3-4-3	61	13	1	28	YD 7018
3-4-4	52	11	1	20	YD 6827
3-4-5	35	11	1	31	YD 7028
3-4-6	59	11	1	23	YD 6127
3-5		1/9	1		YD 9606
3-5-1	129	12	1	26	YD 9210
3-5-2	162	10	1	33	YD 9505
3-5-3	136	10	1	22	YD 9607
3-5-4	132	12	1	26	YD 9705
3-5-5	133	11	1	21	YD 9705

ACTIVITIES

DAY PATROLS
770

NIGHT PATROLS
1655

AMBUSHES
1491

ENEMY CASUALTIES

VC/NVA/KIA	VC/NVA/POW	DET	VCS	IWC	CWC	CHIEU HOI
2 5	2	17	40	11	0	1

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

USMC:	KIA	WIAE	WIA(M)	MIA	POW	PF:	KIA	WIAE	WIA(M)
	1	1	2	0	0		1	0	2

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III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO, San Francisco 96602

3/WJL/wjb
3460
1 Dec 1969

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (Attn: G-4)
Subj: Control, Turn in and disposal of Captured enemy weapons.
Ref: (a) ForO 3460.4C

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information is provided for the month of November 1969:

a. Captured	IW <u>11</u>	CS <u>0</u>
b. Destroyed by Capturing Unit	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
c. Turned into sub-collection points	IW <u>11</u>	CS <u>0</u>
d. Received at Corps level collection points	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
e. Turned into CMHC by Corps level collection points	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
f. Retained in museums of exhibits	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
g. Retained as war trophies	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
h. Recaptured and returned to US, PF, of RVNAF control	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>
i. Other (with appropriate explanations)	IW <u>0</u>	CS <u>0</u>

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 5830
 1 Dec 1969

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Action Group
 Subj: Casualties from Friendly Firepower
 Ref: (a) ICCI 5830.1B
 Encl: (1) Casualties from Friendly Firepower Report

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information is submitted for the period 1-30 November 1969.
2. There were three incidents and 10 casualties due to friendly fire. A summary of these incidents is shown in enclosure (1).
3. 3d CAG has no recommendations for action to be taken by III MAF.

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CASUALTIES FROM FRIENDLY FIREPOWER REPORT

	<u>SMALL ARMS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
KILLED	2	2
US		
MILITARY		
ARVN	1	1
CIVILIAN		
WOUNDED		
US	2	2
MILITARY		
RVN	5	5
CIVILIAN		
NO. OF INCIDENTS	10	10

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