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1st CAG

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

Organizational Data1. Designation

1st Combined Action Group
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Commander

Major G.N. ROBILLARD JR
1 August 1970 - 31 August 1970

Subordinate Units

Combined Action Company 1-3

Captain R.J. DALTON
1 August 1970 - 24 August 1970

Combined Action Company 1-4

1stLT W.R. BLACK JR
1 August 1970 - 19 August 1970

2. Location

Hq 1st CAG
CACO 1-3
CACO 1-4

Chu Lai, Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, RVN
Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN

Attached Units

NONE

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Major J.M. MATTIACE
1 August 1970 - 31 August 1970

Adjutant/S-1/HqComdt

Captain J.E. TYLER
1 August 1970 - 31 August 1970

S-2/S-3/ComdC

Captain J.E. KNIGHT
1 August 1970 - 22 August 1970

MSGT G.F. PONTSLER
23 August 1970 - 31 August 1970

S-4/Supply

Captain E.P. WAHL
1 August 1970 - 31 August 1970

S-5/Special Services

Major J.M. MATTIACE
1 August 1970 - 31 August 1970

Medical

HMC J.D. WOODS
1 August 1970 - 31 August 1970

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC
 $\frac{\text{Off}}{7}$ $\frac{\text{Enl}}{206}$

USN
 $\frac{\text{Off}}{0}$ $\frac{\text{Enl}}{10}$

Others
 $\frac{\text{Off}}{0}$ $\frac{\text{Enl}}{0}$

5. End-of-Month Unit Diary Strength

USMC
 $\frac{\text{Off}}{6}$ $\frac{\text{Enl}}{86}$

USN
 $\frac{\text{Off}}{0}$ $\frac{\text{Enl}}{2}$

Others
 $\frac{\text{Off}}{0}$ $\frac{\text{Enl}}{0}$

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of August the 1st Combined Action Group continued deactivation in accordance with CAF OPPLAN 1-70. Maximum emphasis was placed on Psyops using posters, loud speaker, ceremonies, and aerial broadcasts. The Psyops themes stressed confidence in the Government of VN and the ability of the Vietnamese forces to carry on without U. S. help.
2. Enemy activity showed a marked decrease since the last reporting period. The Group had fewer sightings, less contacts and no kills for the reporting period. The reason for this, being the deactivation of all the CAP's by 21 August 1970.
3. During the reporting period, the Americal Division has continued its support operations. The Americal Division has partially extended its areas of operation into the areas left vacant by the deactivation of 1st CAG.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Operations Summary

- a. Nighttime activities - Patrols - 152; Ambushes - 170
- b. Daytime activities - 170
- c. Multi-CAP operations - 0
- d. Combined operations - 0
- e. Significant operations conducted - None

2. Neutralization of Enemy Forces

- a. NVA KIA - 0
- b. VC KIA - 0
- c. NVA POW - 0
- d. VC POW - 0
- e. VCI POW - 0
- f. Hoi Chanhs - 1

- (1) NVA - 0
- (2) VC - 1
- (3) VCI - 0

3. Casualties Sustained

- a. USMC MIA - 0
- b. USMC WIA(E) - 0
- c. USMC WIA(M) - 0
- d. USMC MIA - 0
- e. USN MIA - 0
- f. USN WIA(E) - 0
- g. USN WIA(M) - 0
- h. USN MIA - 0
- i. CAP PF MIA - 0
- j. CAP PF WIA(E) - 0
- k. CAP PF WIA(M) - 0
- l. CAP PF MIA - 0

4. New Techniques Employed - None

5. Command Relationships

a. VN: Daily contact between the CACO CO's and the District Chiefs was maintained. The Group CO and S-3 made frequent visits to District and Province, coordinating with the District Chiefs, District Senior Advisors, Province Chiefs, Province Senior Advisors and their respective staffs.

b. Local FMAF Units: Constant liaison was maintained throughout the reporting period between the CACO CO's and their proximate USA battalions and between the Group and the 198th Brigade and the Americal Division.

c. Significant Problem Areas - None

6. Significant Accomplishments of Attachments - None

7. Lessons Learned - None

8. Logistics

a. Significant Events

1. Combat losses for the month were one (1) binoculars 6 x 30 and five (5) compasses magnetic lensatic.

2. All CAP's and CACO's have been withdrawn from the field and deactivated. The Responsible Officer's Accounts have been closed with insignificant loss of government property. From a supply stand point the withdrawal was orderly and well scheduled.

b. Supply - As a result of the deactivation of CACO's with in the Group, supply has turned in the following percents of property to FLC Da Nang:

T/E 4912	90%	Garrison Property	65%
T/E 4960	100%		

Cancellations have been submitted to the appropriate source of supply for all outstanding requisitions.

c. Maintenance - This category is non-existent with the exception of the following items that are in repair at FLC Da Nang. They will be picked up from Maintenance the first week in September for turn in to retrograde thereby closing maintenance.

(1) Three (3) M-14 Rifles	(3) Five (5) Starlight Scopes
(2) Two (2) Miniscopes	

d. Motor Transport

1. During the month of August 20,367 miles were logged by the Group
2. All Motor Vehicles have been transferred to FLC with the exception of the following:

4 Trk, M151 to 2nd CAG
 1 Trk, M37 to 2nd CAG
 2 Trk, 1 to 2nd CAG - 1 to FLC
 2 Trk, M416 to 2nd CAG

e. Miscellaneous - None

9. Medical

a. There were no significant medical problems encountered during the reporting period.

b. MEDCAP Report

(1) Patients treated - 1500
 (2) Adults evacuated - 3
 (3) Children evacuated - 5

c. Personnel treated at the Group Aid Station

(1) Total Visits - 92
 (2) Total Army Personnel treated - 15

d. Hospitalized

(1) Wounded in Action - 0
 (2) Killed in Action - 0
 (3) Other Non-hostile/diseases - 10

e. Limited Services - 550

f. Immunizations Administered - 875

g. Spectacles Ordered - 3

10. Civic Action

a. Civic Action, during this reporting period, was reduced proportionally to the number of CAP's that were deactivated and the reduced number of Marines. The following commodities were distributed throughout the 1st Combined Action Group's Area of Operation during August 1970.

(1) Foodstuffs - 35 pounds
 (2) Meals - 69 units
 (3) Soap - 7 pounds

b. Educational Assistance - None

c. Financial Aid - None

d. Other Projects

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- (1) Furnished following materials to Binh Son Orphanage.
 - (a) 29 bags cement
 - (b) 300 feet electrical wiring
 - (c) 5 gallons white paint
 - (d) 2 truckloads of sand

- (2) Furnished following materials to the Luc Ngyn Buddhist School in Tam Ky District
 - (a) 20 sheets plywood
 - (b) 40 pieces lumber
 - (c) 5 gallons tar
 - (d) 50 writing tablets
 - (e) 50 erasers
 - (f) 50 pencils

11. Personnel Administration

a. Personnel Transactions. During the month of August 1970 the following personnel transactions were completed:

(1) Joined USMC
Off Enl
0 1

(2) Rotated CONUS USMC
Off Enl
2 197

(3) Reassignment within WestPac USMC
Off Enl
0 70

(4) Transferred by Service Record While Sick (Out of Country Hospital)
USMC
Off Enl
0 5

(5) Extensions of WestPac Tour Effected USMC
Off Enl
0 1

b. Promotions: During the month of August 1970 the following promotions were effected:

To LCpl 3
 To Cpl 147

To SSgt 1
 To 1stSgt/MSGT 1

c. Legal Matters:

- (1) Courts Held - None
- (2) Article 32 Investigations: 1
- (3) NJP: 3
- (4) JAG-Type Investigations Completed: 4

d. Award Recommendations

BSA - 8
 NCL - 10
 MAI - 27

e. CONGRUITS/SPLINTS/WELREPS

The command has responded to:

- (2) CONGRUITS
- (0) SPLINTS
- (0) WELREPS

f. Morale and Welfare

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

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| (a) Hawaii (2) | Bangkok (1) |
| (b) In-Country - None | Sydney (1) |

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

<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>
2	1

(3) 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 the hospitals at Chu Lai. Frequent visits are made by the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Adjutant, First Sergeant, and Administrative Chief.

g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: 0

Extensions: (1) 3 Months

12. Intelligence

a. Both Third Company and Fourth Company experienced a quiet month due to the inactivity of enemy forces within their Areas of Operation.

13. Communications

a. No problems were encountered with communications during the reporting period.

14. Fire Support

a. Fire support during the reporting period was provided by Division Artillery, Americal Division (1/14th and 1/82nd Battalions). Division artillery was timely and effective.

15. Air Support

a. Tactical air support was used on a limited bases during the reporting period due to the lack of enemy activity.

b. The major use of air support during the reporting period was utilization of Helicopters to extract the inland and coastal CAP's for deactivation.

16. Activations, Deactivations, Redesignations, Relocation of CAP's

a. Activations - None

b. During the reporting period the following CAP's/CACO's were deactivated in accordance with CAF OP Order 1-70.

- (1) CAP 1-3-1, CAP 1-3-3 deactivated 2 Aug 70
- (2) CAP 1-4-4, CAP 1-4-3, CAP 1-3-3 deactivated 4 Aug 70
- (3) CAP 1-3-6, CAP 1-4-1 deactivated 11 Aug 70
- (4) CAP 1-4-5, CAP 1-4-6 deactivated 17 Aug 70
- (5) CACO 1-4 deactivated 19 Aug 70
- (6) CAP 1-3-12, CAP 1-3-7 deactivated 21 Aug 70
- (7) CACO 1-3 deactivated 24 Aug 70
- (8) Appropriate ceremonies were held during each CAP/CACO deactivation. Psyops posters and loudspeaker broadcasts were utilized to a maximum degree during predeactivation and post deactivation phases.

c. Redesignations - None

d. Relocations - None

17. Combined Action Force School

- a. Graduated: 0
- b. Attending: 0

18. Combined Action Force Language School

- a. Graduated: 0
- b. Attending: 0

19. Psychological Operations

a. Friendly Operations

(1) The Group's psychological operations for the month of August were directed towards the deactivation of the Group. Consisting of three separate phases (Predeactivation, deactivation, post deactivation). Aerial broadcasts, leaflets and posters were used for all three phases in which 82,000 leaflets and 12,000 posters were distributed to the Vietnamese people, urging the people to support the Government of Vietnam and stressing the proficiency of the Popular and Regular Forces.

20. Volunteer Information Program

a. During the month of August the Group paid 8,650\$VN to Vietnamese Nationals for ordnance under the VIP.