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

1 December 1970 - 31 December 1970

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PART I

Organizational Data

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Date</u>
2nd Combined Action Group	Lt Col J.J. TOLNAY	1 - 31 Dec 70

Subordinate Units

1st Combined Action Company	1stLt W.W. CHAPMAN	1 - 31 Dec 70
2nd Combined Action Company	Capt V.E. O'NEILL	1 - 31 Dec 70
3rd Combined Action Company	Capt L.H. WILLIAMS	1 - 31 Dec 70
4th Combined Action Company	Capt D.L. MCINTURFF	1 - 31 Dec 70
7th Combined Action Company	Capt R.M. MALLARD	1 - 31 Dec 70

Attached Units

DET, Kit Carson Scouts, 1st Mar Div G-2 (C-I)
 DET, ARVN Interpreters/Translators, III MAF
 DET, Medical Section, III MAF HQ
 DET, Scout Dogs, 1st MP Battalion, FLC
 DET, 7th Communication Battalion

2. Location

HQ, 2nd CAG	Hieu Nhon District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-1	Hieu Duc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-2	Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-3	Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-4	Hieu Nhon District, Quang Nam Province, RVN
CACO 2-7	Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam Province, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj C.L. RUSHING	1 - 20 Dec 70
	Maj H.V. LEE	21 - 31 Dec 70
S-1 Officer	Capt E. COCKRELL	1 - 31 Dec 70
S-3/S-5 Officer	Maj C.L. RUSHING	1 - 31 Dec 70
Asst S-3 Officer	1stLt S.E. RICHMOND	1 - 16 Dec 70
	1stLt T.R. SADDLER	17 - 26 Dec 70
	1stLt B.C. QUIST	29 - 31 Dec 70
S-4 Officer	Capt E.P. WAHL	1 - 29 Dec 70
	1stLt J.M. PIETRZAK	30 - 31 Dec 70
Chaplain	Lt. F. BIANCHINO	1 - 31 Dec 70
ARVN Liaison Officer	1stLt HA SAU HOA	1 - 31 Dec 70

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4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
16	600

USN	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
1	48

Others	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	7

5. End of Month Unit Diary Strength

USMC	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
16	616

USN	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
1	46

Others	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
0	6

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

December found 2nd CAG involved in personnel turnover, repair of flood damage and the Christmas and New Year Holidays as well as their usual mission. Personnel turnover involved the usual administrative requirements as the unit attempted to keep every man working in his MOS. New personnel included Major H.V. LEE who took over as Group Executive Officer and Lieutenant John M. PIETRZAK who took over as S-4 Officer. Also the CAG participated in the change of command ceremonies as Lieutenant General Donn J. ROBERTSON replaced Lieutenant General Keith B. McCUTCHEON as Commanding General III MAF.

Repair and replacement of flood damaged equipment and clothing occupied much of the month. The Combat Operations Center which had been flooded out was replaced with a spacious bunker constructed by 7th Engineer Battalion. The Engineers also constructed a seahut for CACO 2-7 to use as an armory and supply building. As always, support by the Engineers proved to be rapid and well-suited to the needs.

Contact for the month of December started heavily but tapered off toward the end of the month. Of note was the decline in the number of minings and an increase in the number of Hoi Chanh. The first day of the month saw CAP 2-4-3 bring in the first Hoi Chanh that the CAG had received in five months. During the remainder of the month, military pressure and friendly PsyOps brought in three more for a monthly total of four Hoi Chanh.

CAP School continued to train new personnel reporting aboard. The shortage of men to stand guard meant that students and troops from the various staff sections spent many hours on guard as well as performing their regular duties. Their behavior and willingness to work was noteworthy.

The First Marine Division provided troops from their CUPPs to be trained at 2nd CAG's CAP School. These students, while gaining the benefit of CAP training, participated fully and contributed greatly to the curriculum.

Another valuable contribution to CAP School was made by Lt. HA SAU HDA, the ARVN Liaison Officer. He and his staff of interpreters taught basic language to school members as well as providing valuable help in dealing with Vietnamese civilians and military personnel. At the end of the month Lt. HOA and his interpreters were commended for their work by the senior ARVN Officer at XXIV Corps.

Truces for the Christmas and New Year Holidays found 2nd CAG Marines quiet but alert and watchful. Many parties given by the Vietnamese demonstrated the goodwill of the season. This spirit of the season was further demonstrated on Christmas Day when a new chapel, again constructed by 7th Engineers--was dedicated in a service held by the Chief of Naval Chaplains, Rear Admiral F.L. GARRETT.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Operation Summary

- 1 December 70 A local force guerrilla carrying (1) AK-47 rifle and (2) M-26 grenades rallied to CAP 2-4-3's patrol base at grid BT 164586, 1 km north of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The Hoi Chanh was delivered to District Headquarters along with the rifle and M-26 grenades. RESULTS: (1) Hoi Chanh; (1) IWC; (2) M-26 grenades captured.
- 3 December 70 CAP 2-2-4 ambush initiated OWF on (3) VC with weapons at grid AT 860570, 5.7 km west of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The VC returned B-40, M-79 and SAF then fled west. One CAP PF was KIA in the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA, (1) AK-47, (1) cartridge belt and (4) Chi Com grenades. The grenades were destroyed in place. Rifle and cartridge belt were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: (1) PF KIA; (1) VC KIA; (1) IWC; (4) Chi Com grenades destroyed, and (1) cartridge belt captured.
- 4 December 70 CAP 2-4-6 patrol apprehended (1) VN male, age 16, obviously attempting to evade the patrol at grid BT 113574, 4.2 km west of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. Upon apprehension the CAP discovered the VN was carrying an M-26 and was therefore classified as VCS and delivered to District Headquarters. Upon interrogation the VCS was classified as VC. RESULTS: (1) VC POW.
- 5 December 70 CAP 2-4-6 ambush initiated OWF on (12) VC with weapons at grid BT 117583, 4 km west of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled north. A sweep of the area disclosed (2) VC KIA, (1) AK-47 rifle, (6) Chi Com grenades, (1) M-33 grenade and (1) cartridge belt. The weapon and cartridge belt were turned over to District Headquarters. The grenades were destroyed. RESULTS: (2) VC KIA; (1) IWC; (1) M-33 and (6) Chi Com grenades destroyed; (1) cartridge belt captured.
- 6 December 70 CAP 2-4-3 patrol discovered (1) VN male civilian body at grid BT 169579, 1 km east of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. Local villagers reported the male was assassinated by VC. A sweep of the area disclosed assorted VC propaganda leaflets and banners. The propaganda leaflets and banners were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: (1) VN civilian KIA; assorted VC propaganda leaflets captured.

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7 December 70

- A combined operation of CAPs 2-7-1, 2-7-2 and elements of the 59th RF Company apprehended (3) VN civilians at grid BT 025635, 6 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. An identification check revealed that the (3) VN were listed on the District Blacklist as VC. The (3) VC were turned over to district headquarters. RESULTS: (3) VC POW.
- 7 December 70 CAP 2-7-1 patrol received SAF from an unknown size enemy force at grid BT 023635, 6.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The CAP returned OWF causing the enemy to flee in an unknown direction. Two CAP RFs were WIA minor during the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA and (1) AK-47 rifle. RESULTS: (2) RFs WIA(M); (1) VC KIA; (1) AK-47 captured.
- 7 December 70 CAP 2-7-8 ambush initiated OWF on (4) VC with weapons at grid BT 050657, 8 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA and (1) AK-47 rifle. RESULTS: (1) VC KIA; (1) AK-47 captured.
- 10 December 70 CAP 2-7-5 ambush initiated OWF on an USEF with weapons at grid BT 050703, 4.6 km SE of Hoa Vang District Headquarters. The enemy fled north without returning fire. A sweep of the area revealed (1) M-16 rifle, (1) Chi Com grenade and one heavy blood trail. The Chi Com was destroyed in place. RESULTS: (1) IWC.
- 12 December 70 CAP 2-2-3 patrol initiated SAF on (3) VC with weapons at grid AT 937606, 3.9 km NE of Dai Loc District Headquarters. The enemy fled across the river and did not return fire. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) M-16 rifle with magazine. RESULTS: (1) IWC.
- 12 December 70 Two local force guerrillas rallied to CAP 2-4-2 patrol base at grid BT 130560, 3 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The two Hoi Chanhs were delivered to district headquarters for processing. RESULTS; (2) Hoi Chanhs.
- 13 December 70 One PF from CAP 2-3-4 while on patrol detonated (1) anti-personnel type booby trap at grid BT 090571, 3 km E of Dien Ban District Headquarters. CAP 2-3-4 rendered medical assistance and requested a medevac. RESULTS: (1) PF WIA(E).
- 14 December 70 While enroute to their night site a CAP 2-7-1 RF tripped an unknown type surprise firing device at grid BT 032640, 6.2 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. One RF and one USMC were medevaced by helicopter with multiple shrapnel wounds from the exploding device. A first light sweep of the area revealed (1) M-14 anti-personnel mine which was destroyed in place. RESULTS: (1) USMC WIA(E); (1) RF WIA(E); (1) SFD destroyed.

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- 15 December 70 A CAP 2-3-3 patrol participating in a multi-CAP operation initiated OWF on (2) VC with weapons at grid AT 998564, 7.2 km SW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. VC returned fire before fleeing in an unknown direction. A sweep of the area disclosed (2) VC KIA. RESULTS: (2) VC KIA.
- 16 December 70 A local force guerrilla rallied to CAP 2-4-2 patrol base at grid BT 130561, 4 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The Hoi Chanh was delivered to district headquarters. RESULTS: (1) Hoi Chanh.
- 18 December 70 While traveling east on route #4, the assistant District Chief to Dai Loc District was KIA and (1) VN was WIA when (2) VN children threw a grenade into the jeep in which they were traveling at grid AT 945582, 3.2 km E of Dai Loc District Headquarters. CAP 2-2-1 rendered medical aid and called an emergency medevac. The two VN children were not apprehended. RESULTS: (1) VN soldier KIA; (1) VN WIA(E).
- 18 December 70 CAP 2-3-4 initiated OWF on (5) VC with weapons at grid BT 095576, 3.2 km E of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled north. One PF was WIA minor during the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA, (2) Chi Com grenades and assorted documents. The Chi Coms were blown in place and the documents were delivered to district headquarters. RESULTS: (1) PF WIA(M); (1) VC KIA; (2) grenades destroyed and assorted documents captured.
- 20 December 70 CAP 2-7-10 patrol initiated OWF on (2) VC with weapons at grid BT 045645, 6.2 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The VC fled without returning fire. CAP 2-7-10 pursued and captured (1) VC female who admitted being a VC squad leader. The VC lead the CAP to (1) bunker which contained assorted documents. The bunker was blown and the VC and documents were delivered to district headquarters. RESULTS: (1) VC POW; assorted documents captured.
- 20 December 70 During a routine identification card check, CAP 2-7-10 detained (24) VN with improper identification in the vicinity of grid BT 049635, 6.4 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. Two of the VN were listed on the District Blacklist as VC. The (24) VN were delivered to district headquarters for interrogation. RESULTS: (24) VN detained; (2) VC POW.

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21 December 70

- An Anglico M-37 type vehicle while traveling on route #4 struck and detonated (1) unknown size and type mine at grid BT 042578, 2.2 km W of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The vehicle was trying to avoid the position where CAP 2-3-3 had just previously blown another unknown size and type mine. Two USMC that were traveling in the Anglico PC were WIA and (1) CAP 2-3-3 USMC who was near the explosion was also WIA. CAP 2-3-3 rendered medical aid and called a medevac for the three USMC. The vehicle was destroyed. RESULTS: (2) non-CAP USMC WIA(E) and (1) CAP USMC WIA(E).
- 21 December 70 Acting on information received from a local VN child, CAP 2-3-10 patrol discovered (96) 60mm HE rounds at grid BT 066546, 4 km S of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The CAP recorded the Lot number and blew the rounds in place. A VIP payment was made. RESULTS: (96) 60mm HE rounds destroyed.
- 21 December 70 CAP 2-4-3 while enroute to ambush site received SAF from (20-25) VC at grid BT 168578, .7 km NE of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters. The CAP returned OWF causing the enemy to flee NE and SE. One USMC and one CAP PF were WIA(E) and four USMC and four CAP PF were WIA(M). A sweep of the area was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 USMC and 1 CAP PF WIA(E); 4 USMC and 4 CAP PF WIA(M).
- 22 December 70 CAP 2-7-10 patrol initiated OWF on (4) VC with weapons at grid BT 051635, 5.2 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned SAF and fled east. One CAP RF was WIA minor during the contact. A sweep of the area disclosed (1) VC KIA, (2) M-16 magazines, (2) AK-47 magazines, assorted documents and (2) VN civilians detained as they were unresponsive to CAP RF questioning. The magazines, documents and VCS were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 1 CAP RF WIA(M); 1 VC KIA; (4) magazines and assorted documents captured; 2 VN detained.
- 25 December 70 Acting on information received from local villagers that (6) VC were located in a village at grid BT 038640, 6.7 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters, a CAP 2-7-10 patrol and a RF patrol were dispatched to investigate. As the RF patrol approached the village they received (5) rounds of AK-47 fire. The RFs did not return fire and searched area apprehending four VCS females. One VCS was carrying antiwar propaganda papers written in English. VCS and documents were turned over to District Headquarters. Two VCS were confirmed as VC. The others are still undergoing interrogation. RESULTS: (2) VC POW; (2) VCS.

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- 27 December 70 CAP 2-3-3 ambush initiated OWF on an USEF at grid BT 044581, 2.1 km W of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The enemy returned M-79, B-40 and SAF before fleeing NW. A sweep of the area revealed (3) VC KIA, (2) AK-47, (1) B-40 rocket launcher, and numerous documents. Documents and weapons were turned over to district headquarters. RESULTS: (3) VC KIA; (2) IWC; (1) CSWC; and numerous documents captured.
- 27 December 70 Acting on information from local villagers of VC at grid BT 138555, 4.2 km SW of Hieu Nhon District Headquarters, a CAP PF patrol was dispatched to investigate. Arriving on the scene the CAP observed one VC with weapon. The CAP initiated contact with OWF. VC did not return fire and fled in unknown direction. A sweep of the area revealed (1) VC KIA, documents and a notebook. Documents and notebook were turned over to district headquarters for analysis. RESULTS: (1) VC KIA; documents and notebook captured.
- 29 December 70 PF member of CAP 2-2-3 detonated an 82mm booby trap rigged as a trip wire firing device at grid AT 938595, 2.8 km NW of Dai Loc District Headquarters. One PF was KIA and (2) PFs were WIA from exploding device. Two PF WIA were evacuated by helicopter. RESULTS: 1 PF KIA; 2 PF WIA(E).
- 30 December 70 Acting on information received from local VN child CAP 2-7-10 discovered (2) M-79 HE booby traps rigged with pressure type firing devices and (1) 60mm booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device at grid BT 034641, 6.5 km NW of Dien Ban District Headquarters. A check of identification of civilians in the area revealed (1) VN female and (1) VN male were classified on the District Blacklist as VC. The SFDs were blown in place and the VC POWs were delivered to District Headquarters. RESULTS: 2 VC POW; 3 SFDs destroyed.
- 30 December 70 CAP 2-7-10 patrol discovered (1) M-16 anti-personnel mine at grid BT 048642, 6.5 km N of Dien Ban District Headquarters. The SFD was blown in place. A sweep of the area for further SFDs was nonproductive. RESULTS: 1 SFD destroyed.

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a. NVA KIA	0
b. VC KIA	13
c. NVA POW	0
d. VC POW	11
e. Hoi Chanh	
(1) NVA	0
(2) VC	4
(3) VCI	0

3. Casualties Sustained

a. USMC KIA	0
b. USMC WIA(E)	3
c. USMC WIA(M)	4
d. USMC MIA	0
e. USN KIA	0
f. USN WIA(E)	0
g. USN WIA(M)	0
h. USN MIA	0
i. CAP PF KIA	2
j. CAP PF WIA(E)	3
k. CAP PF WIA(M)	8
l. CAP PF MIA	0

4. New Techniques Employed

Negative

5. Command Relationships

2nd CAG experienced no problem areas with Vietnamese or local FWMAF units during December.

6. Significant Accomplishments of Attachments

a. Kit Carson Scouts: During the reporting period 2nd CAG employed 6 KCS. The KCS accounted for (1) VC KIA, (3) VCS detained, and (1) booby trap discovered while participating on 185 patrols. The KCS also assisted the Marines in conducting 15 classes.

b. ARVN Interpreters: During the month of December, 2nd CAG had seven ARVN interpreters and one ARVN OIC assigned to its units. The interpreters continue to provide valuable services in the translation of documents and providing daily liaison with the Vietnamese.

c. Scout Dogs: During December, 2d CAG employed 5 Scout Dog Teams and 4 Mine and Booby Trap Teams. The use of these dog teams has been a decisive factor in the reduction of deaths and injuries to the CAP members. As always the dog handlers were fully cooperative often asking for additional duties with the CAP Program.

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Negative

8. Logistics

a. General: 2d CAG continues to be categorized in a C-1 status under the MARES/FORSTAT Reporting System.

b. Significant Events:

(1) During the reporting period an inspection of the organic supply account was conducted by the Field Supply Analysis Office, Headquarters Marine Corps. Discrepancies were pointed out and corrective action has been taken to rectify the discrepancies.

(2) During the month of December 2d CAG HQ had two sea huts, a COC bunker, and a Chapel constructed by the 7th Engineer Battalion.

c. Damage to Weapons due to enemy action: During the reporting period the Command armory received no weapons damaged due to enemy action.

d. Motor Transport: The Group Motor Transport drove a total of 21,090 miles during the reporting period. There were 13 vehicles deadlined for 2nd echelon maintenance and one vehicle deadlined for 3rd echelon maintenance. Breakdown is as follows:

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>ECHELON</u>	<u>QTY</u>
M35A2C Truck	2nd	4
M37B1 Truck	2nd	4
M151A1 Jeep	2nd	2
MRC-109	2nd	1
Forklift	2nd	1
Jeep Ambulance	3rd	1

e. Airlifts: During the month of December, logistical support was provided by the movement of 7,900lbs. of supplies to field units.

f. Messhall: Approximately 33,000 meals were prepared during the reporting period in the 2nd CAG Messhall. Of the above total an estimated 10,500 meals were distributed to the troops in the field.

g. Armory: The Group armory repaired a total of 175 weapons. In addition, 114 weapons were sent to be repaired at 1st FSR for 3rd echelon maintenance. A request for a contact team from ordnance maintenance was made due to the number of rifles turned in for 3rd echelon maintenance being classified as non-repairable because of excessive wear.

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h. Miscellaneous Service: None.

i. Supplies: Supply release from Force Logistics Command has been inordinately long. Normal completion time for combat essential items has been 3 to 5 weeks while routine supplies take 2 to 3 months to arrive after requisitions are submitted.

j. Problem Areas: Excessive delay periods for high priority requisitions is a continuous problem. This deficiency results in the use of higher priority requisitions than normally required in order to compensate for the delays. Due to these delays this Command has had to increase the use of priority walk-thru requisitions.

This Command continues to have problems with outboard motors. The average running time is three to five days before they are down for repairs. The breakdown of these motors stems not from lack of proper maintenance but from the age of the motors. Many man hours are being spent repairing these motors when the majority of the engines are beyond economical repair. This command is taking action to have these motors coded out and will reorder under a high priority document. This action should alleviate the problem.

9. Civic Action/Psychological Operations

a. During the month of December, Civic Action NCOs from 2d CAG continued their efforts to act as liaison between hamlet, village, and district officials in initiating Civic Action and community development.

b. Using the multitude of gifts that the 2nd CAG Civic Action Officer received from the people in the United States, clothes, candy, toys, and food were distributed to 34 villages via Village Chiefs. A sincere line of communication has been opened between the people and the CAP Marines.

c. Commodities distributed during the month of December were as follows: Food 7,400 lbs; Soap 625 lbs; Clothing 1,300 lbs; 25 pieces of plywood.

d. Medical assistance in support of Civic Action saw MedCaps resulting in the treatment of 20,896 Vietnamese civilians.

e. During December, CAP Marines assisted Vietnamese civilians in completing the following: 12 Schools; 4 Orphanages; and 5 Hospitals.

f. During the reporting period, numerous ceremonies were held by the Vietnamese people to show their appreciation for the concern that CAP Marines show through the Civic Action Program.

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10. Personnel and Administration

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

		USMC	
(1) Joined		Off	Enl
		<u>7</u>	<u>94</u>
		USMC	
(2) Rotated CONUS		Off	Enl
		<u>2</u>	<u>57</u>
		USMC	
(3) Reassignment within WestPac		Off	Enl
		<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>
(4) Transferred by Service Records while sick (out of country hospital)		USMC	
		Off	Enl
		<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>
(5) Extension of WestPac Tour effected		USMC	
		Off	Enl
		<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

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

To PFC	<u>12</u>	To SSGT	<u>0</u>
To LCPL	<u>35</u>	To GYSGT	<u>0</u>
To CPL	<u>7</u>	To 1stSGT/MSGT	<u>0</u>
To SGT	<u>1</u>	To SGTMAJ/MGYSGT	<u>0</u>

c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts held:	GCM	<u>0</u>	
	SpCM	<u>0</u>	
	SCM	<u>0</u>	
(2) Article 32 Investigations:		<u>0</u>	
(3) NJP:		<u>6</u>	<u>Completed</u>
			Yes
(4) JAG-Type Investigations:		<u>2</u>	

d. Award Recommendations

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 PHM 28

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e. Congrints/Splints/Welreps: The Command has responded to:

(0) CONGRINTS (0) SPLINTS (2) WELREPS

f. Morale and Welfare

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

(a) Hong Kong	(4)	Okinawa	(2)
Taipei	(10)	Bangkok	(7)
Hawaii	(11)	Sydney	(9)
(b) In Country	(0)		

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

Incoming (25) Outgoing (2)

(3) Hospital Visitations: All in country hospital patients are visited weekly by their respective CACO Commander.

g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: None

Extensions: None

11. Intelligence: During the month of December the amount of contact with and sighting of enemy troops increased. This coincided with both the end of the monsoon season and the planned enemy offensive for the month.

There was one terrorist activity that occurred in the CAP's TAOC during the reporting period. The Assistant District Chief of Dai Loc District, while traveling on Highway #4 was assassinated and his driver seriously injured when two VN male children threw two grenades in his jeep.

Four Chieu Hoi's were received during the month by 2d CAG's smaller units. This is the first time in over five months that a CAP unit has received Chieu Hoi's. All of the Hoi Chanhs were received by CAPs in the Hieu Nhon District.

The CAP's best source of intelligence still continues to come from not only the PF counterparts but also from the local villagers. Information from the people is highly reliable and accurate and has largely been responsible for the CAP's success in breaking down the Viet Cong Infrastructure within the CAP's TAOCs.

The CAPs have observed a significant decrease in the use of surprise firing devices during December. This is believed to result from the continuing success of the CAPs in locating and destroying enemy caches.

The inactivity of the enemy during the latter part of the month was believed to be an attempt to secure supplies and intelligence for an upcoming suspected TET offensive in January.

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13. Fire Support: 2nd CAG employed (7) artillery fire missions, (18) 81mm illumination missions, (10) 81mm fire missions and (7) 60mm fire missions during the reporting period.

14. Air Support: In addition to gunship missions, 2nd CAG utilized numerous helicopter missions for resupply and command control purposes. There were also (29) helicopter medical evacuations and (2) Basketball missions flown for the smaller units of this command.

15. Activations, Deactivations, Redesignations and Relocations of CAPs: There were no activations, deactivations, redesignations and relocations of CAG units during December.

16. Special Services

a. One Special Services trip was made to Hong Kong during the month of December for the purpose of purchasing guitar strings, playing cards, polaroid film and small games.

b. Weekly rations of beer and soda to Combined Action Companies continued with 366 cases of beer and soda distributed.

c. Two USO shows were provided during the month of December.

17. Medical Department

a. General: During the month of December, continued emphasis was placed on prevention of F.U.O.'s (Fevers of Undetermined Origin) among the troops in the field. Personnel were cautioned not to consume Vietnamese food or iced drinks.

An increase in animal bites to CAP Marines was noted and steps were taken for prevention.

Routine inspection for CAP's was carried out during this period. MedCaps at 2nd CAG level totaled 648 during December.

b. Personnel:

(1) Medical Department Representative:	A.L. GRANT, HMC, USN
(2) Supply/Sick Call Petty Officer:	G.J. DAGLEY, HM1, USN
(3) Admin/Sick Call Petty Officer:	D.G. YOUNG, HM2, USN
(4) Instructor/Driver/Sick Call P.O.:	G.A. ALEXANDER, HM2, USN
(5) MedCap/Sick Call Petty Officer:	D.F. OSBORNE, HM3, USN
(a) Detached	4
(b) Hospitalized (NBC)	2
(c) Hospitalized (WIA)	0
(d) Joined	3

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c. MedCaps: During the month of December, Combined Action Platoons treated 20,864 civilians in routine MedCaps, and a total of 32 civilians who were casualties resulting from hostile action. A decrease in number of Vietnamese treated was noted. This was due to a variety of reasons, none of which was considered overly significant.

d. Training: CAP Corpsmen held a total of 63 classes with a total attendance of 263 Health Workers, PF Corpsmen and civilians.

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