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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

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From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 October to 31 October 1970
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.1A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8B

Encl: (1) 2nd Combined Action Group Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Downgrade at 3-year intervals, declassified after 12 years, DOD Dir 5200.10.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 October 1970 - 31 October 1970

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11. Intelligence: During the monsoon season enemy troop movement has traditionally been light. October saw this light movement cut down to a lower level than expected due to the frequent tropical storms which hit Quang Nam Province with high winds and severe flood conditions.

Most of the enemy sighted during October were moving in small groups of four or five men. It is probable that these small units were contacts between the larger units which have gone to higher ground, and local Viet Cong Infrastructure. In most cases these units tried to avoid detection and contact. Those Viet Cong units which did initiate contact with 2nd CAG units were usually eight men or stronger. There was a noticeable lack of contact with, or sightings of, NVA units, or NVA troops working in conjunction with local communist forces.

As the monsoons make resupply a problem the enemy units make extensive use of caches along the way of expected troop movement or way-stations. The CAPs of 2nd CAG have been highly successful in finding and destroying these caches, thereby disrupting enemy lines of supply. Towards the end of October, units from CAGO 2-4 discovered and destroyed a major cache complex. Approaching a wooded area, the units ran into a heavily mined and booby trapped trail. They destroyed these mines and traps, and moved forward finding 2 spider holes, a hospital tunnel complex reinforced with steel and wood capable of holding 12 people, a camouflaged well, camouflaged base camps, and a small quantity of miscellaneous medical supplies, black pajamas, and assorted documents. The entire hospital and base camp complex was destroyed and the material found was returned to Hieu Nhon District Headquarters to be analyzed. Two days later CAP 2-4-2 found 9 bunkers, 3 of which were mined with trip wire firing devices. The bunkers and protective mines were blown by the CAP.

The pattern of heavy mine emplacement established in previous wet weather experience in Vietnam held true in October. The majority of wounds received by CAP personnel were from enemy emplaced mines rather than contact with enemy troops. Trip wire firing devices were used in rice paddies submerged in the paddy water, command detonated mines were used along routes of resupply against vehicles and foot traffic.

On the 11th of the month the VC cut QL#1 2.2 kilometers northwest of Dien Ban District Headquarters. On the 12th, CAP 2-3-2 initiated organic weapons fire on an USMC attempting to mine QL#1. The VC returned fire and fled west. While sweeping the area, one PF accidentally detonated an unknown type booby trap rigged with a trip wire firing device. One PF was WIA(E) and 2 USMC received minor fragmentation wounds.

With the onslaught of the three tropical storms in the last three days of the month and the evacuation of the majority of the CAPs of the Group, it is expected that the VC units may have entered the TAOCs of 2nd CAG prior to their reinsertion of the pulled units. This may cause increased contact with the enemy during November.

a. Weapons and Ordnance captured:

(1) Individual Weapons Captured	
AK-47	2
K-54	1
9mm pistol	2

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(2) Ordnance Captured	
175mm round	1
105mm round	3
81mm round	3
25 lb. box mines	2
B-40 round	3
M-79 round	1
M-26 grenade	1
ChiCom grenade	1
SFD	6
(3) Gear Captured	
VC flag	1
VC banner	1
Propaganda leaflets	350
Tobacco	3 lbs
Rice	310 lbs
Haversack	1

12. Communications

- a. Battery usage (BA-386): 1452 batteries were used during the month.
- b. Combat Operation Centers: The following communications traffic was passed through the combat operations center over various nets:

Incoming Messages	278
Outgoing Messages	237
Spot Reports	112
Casualty Reports	6
Total Traffic	<u>633</u>

- c. Communications supply: For the month there was a total of 46 outstanding requests.

d. Maintenance

Work requests submitted	124
Work requests completed	123
Work requests outstanding	<u>1</u>
Total outstanding	<u>10</u>

13. Fire Support: During October 2nd CAG utilized (12) artillery fire missions, (4) 81mm illumination missions, and (10) 60mm fire missions

14. Air Support: In addition to gunship missions, 2nd CAG utilized 53 helicopter evacuation missions during October.

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15. Activations, Deactivation, Resignations and Relocations of CAPs:
There were no activations, deactivations, redesignations or relocations of CAG units during October.

16. Special Services

a. During the month of October, two Special Services trip to Hong Kong were made for the purchase of Poloroid film, tiger shorts, projector bulbs, and miscellaneous smaller items.

b. Weekly rations of beer and soda to Combined Action Companies continued with 416 cases of beer and soda distributed.

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

17. Medical Department

a. General: During the month of October, emphasis was placed on wet weather hygiene and prevention of immersion foot.

An increase in the number of cases of Hepatitis was noted and personnel were instructed not to eat or drink Vietnamese foods or beverages.

Hospital Corpsmen in the field were instructed to intensify the training program of PF Corpsmen.

Routine inspection of CAPs was carried out during this period.
Med Caps at 2nd CAG level totaled 1,042 during October.

b. Personnel:

(1) Medical Department Representative:	A.L. GRANT, HMC, USN
(2) Admin/Sick Call Petty Officer:	J.F. COMBS, HML, USN
(3) Supply/Sick Call Petty Officer:	G.J. DAGLEY, HML, USN
(a) Detached	05
(b) Hospitalized (NBC)	03
(c) Hospitalized (WIA)	02
(d) Joined	00

c. Med Caps: During the month of October, Combined Action Platoons treated 21,251 civilians in routine Med Caps and a total of 65 civilians who were casualties resulting from hostile action.

d. Training: CAP Corpsmen held a total of 91 classes with a total attendance of 463 Health Workers, PF Corpsmen and civilians.

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