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From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)  
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1Nov68 to 30Nov68

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

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3rd Combined Action Group  
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FPO San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
(2) Commanding General, FMF Pac

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 Nov 68 to 30 Nov 68

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

Encl: (1) 3rd Combined Action Group Command Chronology for the  
period of 1 Nov - 30 Nov 68.

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

2. Downgraded at 3 year intervals  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Nov 68 - 30 Nov 68

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 3rd Combined Action Group, III MAF | Lt Col Robert D. Whitesell USMC<br>1 Nov - 30 Nov 68 |
|------------------------------------|--|

SUBORDINATE UNITS

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Combined Action Company 3-1 | Capt James O'Reilly USMC<br>1 Nov - 30 Nov 68  |
| Combined Action Company 3-2 | Capt Peter R. Lipe USMC<br>1 Nov - 21 Nov 68<br>Gy Sgt L. Russell USMC<br>22 Nov - 30 Nov 68 |
| Combined Action Company 3-3 | Capt Alan W. Hitchens USMC<br>1 Nov - 30 Nov 68  |
| Combined Action Company 3-4 | 1st Lt Robert D. Averill USMC<br>1 Nov - 30 Nov 68   |
| Combined Action Company 3-5 | 1st Lt Fenton L. Drake USMCR<br>10 Nov - 30 Nov 68   |

2. LOCATION

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Headquarters, 3rd Combined Action Group | Phu Bai Combat Base, Huong<br>Thuy District Thua Thien (P)  |
| Combined Action Company 3-1             | Huong Thuy District Headquarters<br>Thua Thien (P)          |
| Combined Action Company 3-2             | Phu Loc District Headquarters<br>Thua Thien (P)             |
| Combined Action Company 3-3             | Phu Vang District Headquarters<br>Thua Thien (P)            |
| Combined Action Company 3-4             | Huong Tra District Headquarters<br>Thua Thien (P)           |
| Combined Action Company 3-5             | Thon Back Thach Village, Phu<br>Loc District Thua Thien (P) |

3. STAFF OFFICERS

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Executive Officer | Maj Reginald E. Armstrong USMC<br>1 Nov - 30 Nov 68 |
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1st Lt Walter E. Switzer USMC  
1 Nov - 30 Nov 68

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Maj John F. Baxter Jr. USMC  
1 Nov - 30 Nov 68

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Capt Ronald R. Titus USMC  
1 Nov - 30 Nov 68

1st Sgt

1st Sgt Lawrence W. Wilson USMC  
1 Nov - 30 Nov 68

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH  
USMC

USN

ARVN (ATTACHED)

OFF  
10

ENL  
589

OFF  
0

ENL  
34

OFF  
1

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. OPERATIONS/TRAINING

a. During the period of this report the 3d Combined Action Group continued to participate in action against the Communist ~~A~~<sup>S</sup>gressors in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. In accordance with III Marine Amphibious Force Order 3121.4B a total of 4337 man hours of formal training was conducted for USMC elements of the CAPs and 5534 man hours of formal training was conducted for the Popular Force Soldiers. During the month of November the Group accounted for 13 VC/NVA KIA, 8 POW, 32 Detainees, 6 Infrastructure, 4 Hoi Chanh, and 18 weapons captured while suffering only 2 USMC WIA(N/E).

b. Combined Action Company 3-5 was activated by splitting Combined Action Company 3-2 in half. Combined Action Company 3-5 now occupies the northwestern half of Phu Loc District, to the Houg Thuy District line, along the major route of communication, Highway 1. Five additional platoons were activated. One in Huong Tra District, two in Phu Vang District, and two in Houg Thuy District. Platoons were activated from existing assets. It was not necessary to request additional personnel to fill these units.

2. LOGISTICS SECTION

a. The significant events during the month of November included the coordination of the construction of a bridge in CAP 3-1-6's area in Houg Thuy District, allowing adequate access to CAP 3-1-6 and 3-1-8 for a bridge was constructed for 3d CAG by the 3d Bridge Company, 3d Marine Division. Also during the month, logistical support was provided (coordination, transportation, and ammunition) in order for all CAPs, Marines and Popular Force Soldiers, to FAM fire their organic weapons at rifle ranges.

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b. The transition from Marine to Army logistical support continued.

The receipt of Class IV supply support from the Army 1002 Supply and Service Co., 26th General Support Group commenced.

c. On 10 November, the Marine Corps Birthday, nine birthday parties were planned and accomplished, allowing all CAPs and Headquarters to participate in the ceremony and refreshments. Refreshments; cake, ice cream, ice, etc., were provided by MAG-36 and FLSG-A. All organic vehicles were utilized for a two day period, delivering refreshments and moving Marines to the ceremony sites on a coordinated schedule which allowed either the CO, XO, or S-3 to visit one of the parties.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 040210H Nov68 at coord ZD142012 CAP 3-2-2 ambushed approximately 12 V.C.

RESULTS: 1 B-40 Rocket and Launcher, 2 M-16 Magazines, 1 Chi Com Grenade.

2. On 4 Nov68 CAP 3-3-9 was activated at coord YD810250

3. On 7 Nov68 a church at Loc Dien, CAP 3-5-4 at coord YD974056 was repaired through continued efforts of villagers and CAP personnel.

4. On 071930H Nov68 at coord ZD141001 CAP 3-2-2 while on patrol made contact with 3 VC.

Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, miscellaneous equipment.

5. On 9 Nov68 the villagers of Duong Pham located at coord YD799194 constructed with the help of Marines from CAP 3-1-7 constructed a dispensary.

6. On 10 Nov68 at coord ZD041023 CACO 3-5 was activated.

7. On 11 Nov68 at coord YD190240 CAP 3-1-6 was activated.

8. On 112000H Nov68 at coord YD915106 CAP 3-1-5 while starting to set in ambush, sighted 40 to 50 VC. Small arms were exchanged.

Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47

9. On 112230H Nov68 at coord YD905110 CAP 3-1-3 ambushed 2 VC.

RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, Miscellaneous equipment.

10. On 111315H Nov68 at coord YD881188 CAP 3-1-1 found, destroyed several bunkers and mortar positions. One PF and 1 USMC were wounded by shrapnel

1 in the process of destroying the above mentioned emplacements.

RESULTS: 1 PF WIA(N/E), 1 USMC WIA(N/E)

11. On 112000H Nov68 at coord YD915106 CAP 3-2-1 ambushed an unknown number of VC.

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RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 PF WIA(N/E), 1 AK-47

12. On 112040H Nov68 at coord YD849309 CAP 3-3-4 spotted a boat which came to shore at 3-3-4's ambush site. Two persons were apprehended as detainees. Boat was searched.

RESULTS: 2 Detainees, later released.

13. On 120630H Nov68 at coord YD980053 CAP 3-5-4 picked up 1 Hoi Chanh.

RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh, 1 AK-47

14. On 120800H Nov68 at coord ZD087004 CAP 3-2-1 1 Hoi Chanh rallied to CAP 3-2-5.

RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh, 1 AK-47, 3 AK-47 magazines, 75rds 7.62MM.  
2 Demolition Kits.

15. On 121910H Nov68 CAP 3-3-5, ambush received 2 incoming grenades.

RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA(N/E)

16. On 13 Nov68 a landing zone was built for the dispensary at CAP 3-2-1 in the village of Cau Hai at coord ZD085008

17. On 130630H Nov68 at coord YD962109 CAP 3-5-2 received report of 3 VC bodies. Patrol picked up same and the mother of one of the dead VC.

RESULTS: 3 VC KIA, 1 Detainee, later released.

18. On 132025H Nov68 at coord YD785236 CAP 3-1-6 ambushed 1 VC.

RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 M-16, 3 satchel charges, 1 M-26 grenade.

19. On 140730H Nov68 at coord YD875182 CAP 3-1-1 picked up 1 Hoi Chanh.

After he refused to cooperate the District Chief classified him POW.

RESULTS: 1 VC POW

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20. On 151830H Nov68 at coord YD822311 CAP 3-3-3 picked up one person who allegedly stated that he had been in North Vietnam and would return there in six months.

RESULTS: 1 Detainee, later released.

21. On 152115H Nov68 at coord YD980060 CAP 3-5-4 1 PF and 1 Militiaman died when a claymore which they were standing in front of detonated. Interim report stated that a PF had knocked the firing device off a wall, causing detonation. The incident is being investigated by GVN Officials.

22. On 160700H Nov68 at coord YD915102 CAP 3-5-1 picked up 6 VCI. Turned them over to the National Police at Truoi Bridge.

RESULTS: 6 VCI

23. On 160800H Nov68 at coord YD934084 CAP 3-5-2 picked up 2 VCS.

RESULTS: 2 VCS still detained.

24. On 160800H Nov68 at coord ZD195013 CAP 3-2-2 1 Hoi Chanh rallied with weapon

RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh, 1 SKS, 100 Rds 7.62, and miscellaneous equipment.

25. On 160900H Nov68 at coord ZD182003 CAP 3-2-3 1 Hoi Chanh rallied with a weapon.

RESULTS: 1 Hoi Chanh, 1 SKS

26. On 161230H Nov68 at coord YD806204 CAP 3-1-7 Hoi Chanh rallied.

He would not cooperate and was reclassified.

RESULTS: 1 VC POW

27. On 161300H Nov68 at coord YD977075 CAP 3-5-3 was led by a village Official to 10 VCS.

RESULTS: 10 VCS, later reclassified innocent civilians.

28. On 17 Nov68 through the combined efforts of villagers and Marines of CAP 3-2-2 at coord ZD139009 a market place was reclassified of Nuoc Ngot

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29. On 181200H Nov68 at coord YD804245 CAP 3-1-6 found 1000lb of rice in two bunkers. The rice and the bunkers were destroyed.

RESULTS: 1000lbs of rice, 2 bunkers destroyed.

30. On 192045H Nov68 at coord ZD145005 CAP 3-2-2 ambushed approximately 10 VC. Fired at the VC who were dragging 3 bodies away. Swept area.

RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 AK-47 Magazines and miscellaneous equip.

31. On 20 Nov68 in the village of Pho Tay at coord YD783265 CAP 3-3-1 with the joint efforts of the villagers constructed a dispensary.

32. On 221030H Nov68 at coord YD809227 CAP 3-1-6 received sniper fire, searched and destroyed 2 bunkers, further search uncovered another bunker, with 4 VC.

RESULTS: 4 VC POW, 1 AK-47, 1 45 Cal Grease Gun, 1 B-40 Rocket Launcher, 3 B-40Rds.

33. On 221000H Nov68 at coord YD916100 CAP 3-5-1 picked up 4 VCI and the following items: 28 cans of liquid milk, 25 cans of sardines, 2 cans of salad oil, 20 packs of noodles, 20 lb of sugar, 2 rolls of water proof cloth, 100lb of rice.

RESULTS: 4 VCI

34. On 231030H Nov68 at coord YD805235 CAP 3-1-6 found 2500lb of rice.

RESULTS: 2500lb of rice sent to Huong Thuy District Headquarters.

35. On 24 Nov68 a village office in La Chu at coord YD686255 was repaired by villagers and Marines of CAP 3-4-2.

36. On 24 Nov68 at coord YD820250 CAP 3-3-8 was activated.

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37. On Nov68 in the village of Loc Son at coord YD933085 CAP 3-5-2, a market place was repaired with efforts of the villagers and Marines.
38. On 25Nov68 construction of a school was completed by CAP 3-2-2 at coord ZD139009 and the villagers of Nuoc Ngot.
39. On 251150H Nov68 at coord YD795233 CAP 3-1-6 was led to 1 US Carbine by a Hoi Chanh.

RESULTS: 1 US Carbine

40. On 27 Nov68 through combined efforts of Marines of CAP 3-5-2 at coord YD933085 and villagers of Loc Son construction of a school was completed.
41. On 271330H Nov68 at coord YD833237 CAP 3-1-8 made contact with 2 VC. Contact was broken and the area swept.

RESULTS: 2 VC POW, 1 US Carbine

42. On 291100H Nov68 at coord AT886967 CAP 3-2-5 in coordination with USA swept a new life hamlet. Seven persons<sup>N</sup> fled in boats and were apprehended.

RESULTS: 7 Detainees, later released.

43. On 291530H Nov68 at coord YD885970 CAP 3-2-5 was given information by children which led to the discovery of 8 90mm rounds, and 2 booby traps.

RESULTS: 8 90mm Rds, 1 Claymore booby trap, 1 M-79 booby trap.

44. On 301205H Nov68 at coord AU856022 CAP 3-2-4 patrol discovered 19 one gallon cans of napalm, 1 Rd HE 82mm dud, 1 M-14 AP Mine, 2 90mm Rds.

RESULTS: All items taken to 3-2-4 for further disposition.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Weekly Activity Reports 4 Nov68 - 30 Nov68 (Tab A)
2. Extracts from Monthly Activity Report for the period (Tab B)  
1-30 November 1968

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

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5400  
10 Nov 1968

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

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

1. The following summary of training is submitted for the week  
of 3-8 November 1968.

a. Training

(1) CACO 3-1

| <u>SUBJECT</u>                               | <u>HRS</u>      | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|--|-----------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| *Military Map Symbols                        | 1               | 17          | 16       | 27        | 17       |
| Military Grids                               | 1               | 16          | 15       | 27        | 17       |
| *Elevation of Relief                         | 1               | 0           | 0        | 27        | 17       |
| *Terrain Features                            | 1               | 4           | 4        | 15        | 9        |
| Calling Fire Missions                        | 3               | 8           | 8        | 23        | 15       |
| Defensive Combat                             | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9           | 9        | 0         | 0        |
| Application and Review                       | 3               | 11          | 10       | 23        | 15       |
| Radio and How to Use It                      | 1               | 8           | 8        | 23        | 15       |
| Patrol Order                                 | 1               | 8           | 8        | 0         | 0        |
| Preparing and submitting<br>a Morning Report | 1               | 12          | 12       | 0         | 0        |

Total USMC Man Hours: 135  
Total PF Man Hours: 260

(2) CACO 3-2

| <u>SUBJECT</u>        | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| *Map Symbols          | 1          | 46          | 40       | 103       | 59       |
| *Military Symbols     | 1          | 50          | 44       | 98        | 56       |
| *Military Grids       | 1          | 52          | 46       | 100       | 57       |
| *Elevation and Relief | 1          | 46          | 40       | 106       | 60       |

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CACO 3-2 (Cont)

| <u>SUBJECT</u>    | <u>IRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>Σ</u> |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| *Terrain Features | 1½         | 57          | 50       | 84        | 47       |

Total USMC Man Hours: 222½  
Total PF Man Hours: 449

(3) CACO 3-3

| <u>SUBJECT</u>            | <u>IRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>Σ</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Defensive Combat          | 6          | 22          | 19       | 8         | 6        |
| *Map Symbols              | 2          | 13          | 11       | 10        | 8        |
| Movement to Contact       |            |             |          |           |          |
| Phase of Defensive Combat | 3½         | 13          | 11       | 10        | 8        |

Total USMC Man Hours: 213½  
Total PF Man Hours: 103

(4) CACØ 3-4

| <u>SUBJECT</u>                 | <u>IRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>Σ</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| *Map Symbols                   | 1          | 21          | 36       | 41        | 41       |
| *Military Symbols              | 1=         | 22          | 37       | 25        | 25       |
| *Military Grids                | 1          | 21          | 36       | 30        | 30       |
| *Terrain Evaluation and Relief | 2          | 22          | 37       | 25        | 25       |
| Scale and Direction            | 1          | 16          | 29       | 32        | 32       |

Total USMC Man Hours: 124  
Total PF Man Hours: 156

(5) Headquarters

| <u>SUBJECT</u>                           | <u>IRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Radio Procedure & Preventive Maintenance | 8          | 46          |

Total USMC Man Hours: 368

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 1,063  
Grand Total PF Man Hours: 1,018

\* Required Training

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2. CAP Inspections

a. No significant problems were discovered as a result of the inspections.

b. CAP's not inspected by an officer: None.

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5400  
19 Nov 1968

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

1. The following Summary of Training is submitted for the week  
of 11-16 November 1968.

a. Training

(1) CACØ 3-1

| <u>SUBJECT</u>                               | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|--|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| *Use of Maps in the Field                    | 1          | 6           | 5        | 36        | 20       |
| *Application, Review &<br>Evaluation         | 3          | 6           | 5        | 19        | 10       |
| Map Symbols                                  | 1          | 6           | 5        | 14        | 2        |
| M-60 Machine Gun                             | 1          | 19          | 16       | 24        | 13       |
| Field Hygiene                                | 1          | 6           | 5        | 6         | 3        |
| 50 Caliber Machine Gun                       | 1          | 2           | 2        | 6         | 3        |
| M-16 Rifle                                   | 1          | 7           | 6        | 13        | 7        |
| Night Movement                               | 2          | 2           | 2        | 4         | 2        |
| Calling Fire Mission                         | 1          | 14          | 12       | 0         | 0        |
| Preparing and Submitting<br>a Morning Report | 2          | 14          | 12       | 0         | 0        |

Total USMC Man Hours: 110  
Total PF Man Hours: 188

(2) CACO 3-2

| <u>SUBJECT</u>                       | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| *Use of Maps in the Field            | 1          | 32          | 58       | 74        | 77       |
| *Application, Review &<br>Evaluation | 4          | 32          | 58       | 74        | 77       |

Total USMC Man Hours: 160  
Total PF Man Hours: 370

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CAGO 3-3

| <u>SUBJECT</u>            | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| *Military Symbols         | 8          | 55          | 62       | 66        | 24       |
| Military Grids            | 1          | 4           | 89       | 7         | 2        |
| Patrolling & Ambushes     | 7          | 31          | 35       | 67        | 24       |
| Demolition of Booby Traps | 1½         | 3           | 3        | 24        | 9        |
| Weapons Function          | 10½        | 5           | 6        | 24        | 9        |
| *Review & Evaluation      | 4          | 9           | 10       | 8         | 3        |

Total USMC Man Hours: 501

Total PF Man Hours: 1120

(14) CAGO 3-4

| <u>SUBJECT</u>             | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Use of Lenzatic Compass    | 1          | 18          | 32       | 39        | 39       |
| Application of the Compass | 1          | 12          | 20       | 23        | 23       |
| Mapping                    | 2          | 12          | 20       | 22        | 22       |
| Patrol Order               | 1          | 20          | 39       | 32        | 32       |

Total USMC Man Hours: 74

Total PF Man Hours: 138

(5) CAGO 3-5

| <u>SUBJECT</u>                   | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Use of the Lenzatic Compass      | 1½         | 6           | 9        | 12        | 12       |
| Application of the Compass       | 1½         | 7           | 10       | 14        | 14       |
| Radio Equipment                  | 2          | 16          | 25       | 52        | 53       |
| Phonetic Equipment in Pro. Words | 2          | 16          | 25       | 52        | 53       |
| *Mapping                         | 1½         | 5           | 3        | 16        | 16       |
| Use of the Map in the Field      | 5          | 20          | 31       | 26        | 27       |
| *Review & Evaluation             | 4          | 5           | 8        | 15        | 15       |
| Search Operations                | 3          | 9           | 16       | 11        | 11       |
| Terrain Features                 | 1          | 6           | 9        | 7         | 7        |
| Duties of Squad Members          | 4          | 11          | 17       | 21        | 21       |
| Psychological Warfare            | 2          | 16          | 25       | 52        | 52       |
| Leadership                       | 1½         | 12          | 19       | 39        | 39       |

Total USMC Man Hours: 560

Total PF Man Hours: 640

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5400  
25 Nov 1968

From: S-3 Officer  
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  
18 - 24 November 1968:

a. Training

(1) 3-1

| <u>SUBJECT</u>   | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|--|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| M-79   | 1          | 57          | 57       | 0         | 0        |
| Application, Review, Evaluation<br>Compass & Map Reading | 3          | 18          | 18       | 44        | 19       |
| M-60 Machine Gun   | 2          | 10          | 10       | 0         | 0        |
| Claymore Mine  | 1          | 7           | 7        | 8         | 3        |
| First Aid  | 2          | 8           | 8        | 8         | 3        |
| Military Symbols   | 1          | 17          | 17       | 24        | 10       |
| Map Reading  | 1          | 10          | 10       | 0         | 0        |
| Use of the Compass                                       | 5          | 25          | 25       | 47        | 20       |
| Combat Intelligence                                      | 1          | 0           | 0        | 23        | 10       |

Total USMC Man Hours: 307  
Total PF Man Hours: 438

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| <u>SUBJECT</u>  | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| M-79 Safety   | 1          | 68          | 100      | 0         | 0        |
| Use of the Lenzatic Compass                                   | 3          | 25          | 36       | 55        | 66       |
| Application, Review, & Evaluation<br>of Compass & Map Reading | 3          | 30          | 66       | 68        | 80       |
| Communications  | 1          | 11          | 16       | 0         | 0        |
| Total USMC Man Hours:   | 198        |             |          |           |          |
| Total PF Man Hours:   | 369        |             |          |           |          |

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| <u>SUBJECT</u>  | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| M-79 Safety   | 1          | 82          | 78       | 25        | 13       |
| Use of the Lenzatic Compass                             | 3          | 65          | 62       | 94        | 53       |
| Application, Review, Evaluation<br>of the Map & Compass | 3          | 56          | 53       | 81        | 44       |
| Patrolling & Ambushes                                   | 1          | 26          | 25       | 23        | 13       |
| Terrain Features  | 1          | 31          | 28       | 56        | 30       |
| Total USMC Man Hours:                                   | 594        |             |          |           |          |
| Total PF Man Hours:                                     | 778        |             |          |           |          |

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| <u>SUBJECT</u>                                      | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| M-79  | 1          | 55          | 100      | 0         | 0        |
| Application, Review, Evaluation<br>of Map & Compass | 6          | 21          | 39       | 38        | 38       |
| M-60 Machine Gun                                    | 3          | 2           | 3        | 10        | 10       |
| Patrols Practice & Application                      | 2          | 9           | 16       | 8         | 8        |
| I.A. Drills   | 1          | 7           | 11       | 11        | 11       |
| Search & Cordon of Villages                         | 4          | 24          | 43       | 48        | 48       |
| Total USMC Man Hours:                               | 267        |             |          |           |          |
| Total PF Man Hours:                                 | 289        |             |          |           |          |

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| <u>SUBJECT</u>                                      | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| M-79  | 1          | 20          | 28       | 27        | 23       |
| Lenzatic Compass                                    | 3          | 18          | 27       | 50        | 43       |
| Application, Review, Evaluation<br>of Map & Compass | 3          | 28          | 41       | 38        | 33       |
| Claymore Mine Safety                                | 2          | 8           | 12       | 24        | 21       |
| I.A. Drills   | 2          | 8           | 12       | 23        | 20       |
| Communications                                      | 1          | 9           | 13       | 16        | 14       |

Total USMC Man Hours: 199

Total PF Man Hours: 401

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 1556

Grand Total PF Man Hours: 2275

## (6) CAG Hq

1. Orientation classes were given to 48 Marines who returned from CAP School on 21 and 22 November 1968.
2. No significant problems were encountered as a result of CAP inspections during the reporting period.

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

3/JFB/rgl  
5400  
30 Nov 1968

From: S-3 Officer  
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  
25 Nov - 1 Dec 1968.

a. Training

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| <u>SUBJECT</u>              | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Search & Destroy Operations | 9          | 11          | 14       | 38        | 19       |
| Ambushes                    | 5          | 24          | 22       | 25        | 12       |
| Patrol Order                | 1          | 10          | 9        | 0         | 0        |
| M-79 Safety                 | 3          | 24          | 22       | 16        | 8        |
| M-72 IAAW                   | 3          | 18          | 17       | 18        | 9        |
| Compass Reading             | 1          | 8           | 8        | 6         | 3        |
| English----Vietnamese       | 2          | 8           | 8        | 8         | 4        |
| Claymore Mine               | 1          | 10          | 9        | 8         | 4        |
| Fire Mission Request        | 1          | 8           | 8        | 0         | 0        |
| FAM Fire M-16               | 2          | 75          | 71       | 50        | 25       |

Total USMC Man Hours: 547  
Total PF Man Hours: 622

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| <u>SUBJECT</u>        | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Search Operations     | 2          | 40          | 67       | 54        | 56       |
| Ambushes              | 3          | 39          | 65       | 57        | 59       |
| Weapons Safety        | 2          | 60          | 92       | 0         | 0        |
| Total USMC Man Hours: | 317        |             |          |           |          |
| Total PF Man Hours:   | 279        |             |          |           |          |

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| <u>SUBJECT</u>            | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Mapping                   | 2          | 10          | 9        | 8         | 3        |
| Patrolling                | 2          | 18          | 15       | 11        | 4        |
| Search Operations         | 2          | 25          | 21       | 20        | 8        |
| Ambushes                  | 2          | 5           | 4        | 20        | 8        |
| M-26 Grenade Safety       | 1½         | 22          | 19       | 40        | 17       |
| Claymore Mine             | ½          | 20          | 19       | 32        | 13       |
| Artillery                 | 6          | 4           | 3        | 15        | 6        |
| 60mm Mortar               | 1          | 12          | 11       | 15        | 6        |
| Fam Fire & Weapons Safety | 2          | 118         | 100      | 153       | 64       |
| Total USMC Man Hours:     | 426        |             |          |           |          |
| Total PF Man Hours:       | 595        |             |          |           |          |

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| <u>SUBJECT</u>                       | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Claymore Mine Emplacement and Safety | 1          | 31          | 51       | 43        | 44       |
| Fam Fire M-16, M-60, M-79, M-26      | 3          | 39          | 65       | 77        | 77       |
| Ambush Techniques                    | 2          | 34          | 65       | 75        | 75       |
| Care & Cleaning M-16, M-60, M-79     | 1½         | 39          | 65       | 53        | 53       |
| Total USMC Man Hours:                | 274        |             |          |           |          |
| Total PF Man Hours:                  | 503        |             |          |           |          |

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| <u>SUBJECT</u>                  | <u>HRS</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>%</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Use of Map In Field             | 1          | 10          | 24       | 19        | 22       |
| *Search Operations              | 2          | 19          | 45       | 45        | 52       |
| *Ambushes                       | 3          | 11          | 26       | 18        | 21       |
| Use of Lenzatic Compass         | 3          | 6           | 14       | 6         | 7        |
| Application, Review, Evaluation | 3          | 6           | 14       | 7         | 8        |
| Claymore                        | 1          | 7           | 17       | 10        | 11       |
| IAAW                            | 2          | 7           | 17       | 10        | 11       |
| M-79                            | 1          | 7           | 17       | 10        | 11       |

Total USMC Man Hours: 145

Total PF Man Hours: 242

Grand Total USMC Man Hours: 1709

Grand Total PF Man Hours: 2241

(6) Headquarters

2. No significant problems were encountered as a result of CAP inspections during the reporting period.

\* Required Subjects

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3rd Combined Action Group  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
PPO San Francisco, 96602

3/JFB/efr  
1000  
1 Dec 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
(Attn: DIRCAP)

Subj: Combined Action Monthly Activities Report

Ref: (a) ForO 3121.4B

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

| a. DESIGNATION                                 | STRENGTH-USMC |     | USN | PF | LOCATION |
|--|---------------|-----|-----|----|----------|
|  | OFF           | ENL |     |    |          |
| CAG HQ   | 5             | 72  | 4   | 0  | Phu Bai  |
| 3-1  | 1             | 10  | 1   | 0  | YD847172 |
| 3-1-1(TTHO78)                                  |               | 12  | 1   | 27 | YD890170 |
| 3-1-2(TTHO81)                                  |               | 12  | 1   | 26 | YD910150 |
| 3-1-3(TTHO79)                                  |               | 15  | 1   | 34 | YD920120 |
| 3-1-4(TTHO74)                                  |               | 14  | 1   | 31 | YD841168 |
| 3-1-5(TTHO73)                                  |               | 12  | 1   | 28 | YD820180 |
| 3-1-6(TTH120)                                  |               | 16  | 1   | 35 | YD790240 |
| 3-1-7(TTHO72)                                  |               | 11  | 1   | 21 | YD600190 |
| 3-1-8(TTHO70)                                  |               | 13  | 1   | 35 | YD810240 |
| 3-2  | 0             | 7   | 0   | 25 | ZD096007 |
| 3-2-1(TTHO88)                                  |               | 15  | 1   | 22 | ZD080010 |
| 3-2-2(TTHO89)                                  |               | 16  | 1   | 20 | ZD140010 |
| 3-2-3(TTHO92)                                  |               | 16  | 1   | 26 | ZD190010 |
| 3-2-4(TTHO93)                                  |               | 13  | 1   | 16 | AT873987 |
| 3-2-5(Village Militia)<br>(Village Controlled) |               | 14  | 1   | 0  | AT890960 |
| 3-3  | 1             | 8   | 1   | 0  | YD781270 |
| 3-3-1(TTH130)                                  |               | 12  | 1   | 29 | YD780260 |
| 3-3-2(TTHO55)                                  |               | 12  | 0   | 20 | YD780230 |
| 3-3-3(TTHO63)                                  |               | 11  | 1   | 35 | YD810300 |
| 3-3-4(TTH118)                                  |               | 14  | 1   | 31 | YD870300 |
| 3-3-5(TTHO62)                                  |               | 16  | 1   | 23 | YD800250 |
| 3-3-6(TTHO65)                                  |               | 12  | 1   | 30 | YD780300 |
| 3-3-7(TTHO61)                                  |               | 12  | 1   | 31 | YD760270 |
| 3-3-8(TTHO26)                                  |               | 11  | 1   | 41 | YD770310 |
| 3-3-9(TTHO67)                                  |               | 15  | 1   | 44 | YD810250 |

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| <u>DESIGNATION</u> | <u>STRENGTH-USMC</u> |            | <u>USN</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>    |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
|                    | <u>OFF</u>           | <u>ENL</u> |            |           |                    |
| 3-4                | 1                    | 10         | 1          | 0         | YD755252           |
| 3-4-1 (TTHO38)     |                      | 12         | 1          | 26        | YD720220           |
| 3-4-2 (TTHO41)     |                      | 13         | 1          | 22        | YD700230           |
| 3-4-3 (TTHO43)     |                      | 14         | 1          | 21        | YD690250           |
| 3-4-4 (TTHO42)     |                      | 13         | 1          | 30        | YD680280           |
| 3-5                | 1                    | 5          | 1          | 0         | ZD041023           |
| 3-5-1 (TTHO82)     |                      | 14         | 1          | 26        | YD925105           |
| 3-5-2 (TTHO83)     |                      | 13         | 1          | 29        | YD930080           |
| 3-5-3 (TTHO84)     |                      | 13         | 1          | 27        | YD960080           |
| 3-5-4 (TTHO85)     |                      | 15         | 1          | 24        | YD980050           |
| 3-5-5 (TTHO87)     |                      | 14         | 1          | 24        | ZD041023           |
| MTT-1              |                      | 6          | 0          | 0         | Huong Tra District |
| MTT-2              |                      | 8          | 0          | 0         | Huong Tra District |
| CAG School         |                      | 6          | 0          | 0         | Danang             |
| Totals             | 10                   | 542        | 34         | 809       |                    |

2. Type and number of operations conducted.

| <u>Night Patrols/Ambushes</u> | <u>Day Patrols</u> | <u>LP's</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 2,047                         | 810                | 75          |

3. Other Operations:

(a) Joint Operations

- (1) 14 Nov68 CAP 3-2-1 USA Phu Loc (D)
- (2) 28 Nov68 CAP 3-1-3 1st/54th ARVN Division

(b) Rice Collections:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-------------|---------------|
| 16 Nov68    | 10 pounds     |
| 21 Nov68    | 400 pounds    |
| 18 Nov68    | 1,000 pounds  |
| 23 Nov68    | 2,500 pounds  |

4. Enemy Casualties:

| <u>KIA</u> | <u>POW</u> | <u>DPN</u> | <u>INF</u> | <u>HC</u> | <u>WPNS CAPT'D</u> |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 13         | 8          | 32         | 6          | 4         | 18                 |

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5. Type and Number of Weapons:

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| 2 M-1 Carbines | 10 AK-47 Rifles         |
| 1 M-16 Rifle   | 2 B-40 Rocket Launchers |
| 2 SKS Rifle    | 1 45 Caliber Grease Gun |

Ordnance Turned In

Civilian Int. Repts

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 1 B-40 Rocket Round | 1 |
| 1 Flare Gun         |   |
| 8 90mm Rounds       |   |
| 1 US Claymore Mine  |   |
| 1 M-79 Round        |   |

6. Friendly Casualties:

|      | <u>KIA</u> | <u>WIA(E)</u> | <u>WIA(N/E)</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>POW</u> |
|------|------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| USMC | 0          | 0             | 2               | 0          | 0          |
| USN  | 0          | 0             | 0               | 0          | 0          |
| PF   | 0          | 0             | 0               | 0          | 0          |

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