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Combined Action Force
III Marine Amphibious Force
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1 July to 31 July 1970

Ref: (a) MGO 5750.1A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8B
(c) GAFO 5750.1

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

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

2. Downgraded at three year intervals. Declassified after 12 year interval in accordance with DOD Directive 5200.10

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 July 1970 to 31 July 1970

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

3D Combined Action Group
Combined Action Force
III Marine Amphibious Force

LtCol Claude M. DANIELS, USMC
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Combined Action Company 3-1

1stLt Dennis E. DIANOBY, USMC
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

Combined Action Company 3-2

Capt Phillip E. TUCKER, USMC
1 July 1970 - 30 July 1970

CySgt Raymond R. CARPENTER, USMC
31 July 1970

Combined Action Company 3-3

Capt Thomas M. CARPENTER, USMC
1 July 1970 - 11 July 1970

Combined Action Company 3-4

1stLt Dennis E. DIANCEY, USMC
1 July 1970 - 6 July 1970

Combined Action Company 3-5

Capt Frank M. MCCARTHY, USMC
1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

2. LOCATION

Headquarters 1-31July70

Phu Bai Combat Base, Huong Thuy
District, Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-1 1-31July70

Huong Thuy District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-2 1-31July70

Phu Loc District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-3 1-11July70

Phu Thu District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-4 1-6July70

Huong Tra District Headquarters,
Thua Thien Province

CACO 3-5 1-31July70

Truoi Bridge Headquarters, Phu Loc
District, Thua Thien Province

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major Walter N. COLLISON Jr. USMC 1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970
S-1	Captain James D. DEPIETRO, USMC 1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970
S-2/3	Captain John J. MCNAMARA, USMCR 1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970
S-4	Captain Roger D. ZORENS, USMC 1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970
Chaplain	Lt Alfred L. FIORINO, USN 16 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>ARVN (Attached)</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
8	118	1	16	1	5

5. END-OF-MONTH UNIT DIARY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
7	336	1	15	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

I. COMMAND, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

A. Enemy activity decreased significantly during this reporting period. Contact with enemy forces resulted in six VC/NVA KIA, and eight individual weapons captured.

B. Three Combined Action Companies were deactivated during the month of July, save CACO 3-1 Headquarters which was deactivated on 1 August. A ceremony was held in each village with the CAP Marines and the Popular Forces in attendance. When the last CAP of each company was deactivated, a formal ceremony was conducted at each District Headquarters. Both Vietnamese and Americans made appropriate remarks and gifts were exchanged.

C. CAP leaders seminars were held on the 6th and the 27th of July. The topics included forward observers duties, helicopter medevac procedures, explosive ordnance disposal, field sanitation and current postal regulations. Three guest lecturers contributed significantly to this month's seminars. After lunch the CAP leaders returned to the field.

D. Formal classes continued to be conducted in the field by the S-3 Mobile Training Team. Classes were held on 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29 and 31 July and were attended by 125 Marines and 127 Popular Forces soldiers from the CAPs.

E. A summary of activities by CACO is as follows:

1. CACO 3-1

a. There was only one contact in CACO 3-1 during this reporting period, resulting in one VC KIA.

b. The entire company was deactivated by 1 August. During the deactivation ceremony, a total of 12 Marines were individually decorated.

2. CACO 3-2

a. CAPs from CACO 3-2 continued long range patrols and combined CAP activities.

b. This company also had only one contact resulting in one VC/NVA KIA.

3. CACO 3-3

a. The deactivation of CACO 3-3 was completed on 11 July 1970. The deactivation ceremony included a meal and Vietnamese show provided by Phu Thu District officials.

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4. CACO 3-4

a. The deactivation of CACO 3-4 took place on 6 July. Gifts were exchanged and speeches were made by District Officials and the 3d CAG Commanding Officer.

5. CACO 3-5

a. This company continues to have a particularly significant number of contacts. A total of two VC/NVA were KIA during the month.

F. The 3d CAG armorer made 13 visits to the CAPs in the field to inspect and make minor repairs to weapons.

G. On 7 July, Colonel Metzger and the new Commanding Officer of CAP, Colonel Ralph Estey, visited 3d CAG. Colonel Estey returned to 3d CAG on 14 July and visited five CAP's and CACO 3-1 Headquarters.

H. During the month of July, LCmdr D. V. Page was relieved by Lieutenant A. L. Fiorino as 3d CAG Chaplain. A total of 75 services were attended by 763 persons.

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

<u>DAY PATROLS</u>	<u>NIGHT PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>
690	960	1050

ENEMY CASUALTIES

<u>VC/NVA KIA</u>	<u>VC/NVA POW</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>VCS</u>	<u>IWC</u>	<u>CSWC</u>	<u>CHIEU HOI</u>
3 3	1	2	1	8	0	0

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

<u>USMC:</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA(E)</u>	<u>WIA(M)</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>NHC</u>	<u>DOW</u>
	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
<u>PF:</u>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

VIP PAYMENTS

2,600 \$VN was paid to Vietnamese Nationals for ordnance or information.

PSYOPS

<u>Leaflets/Handouts Distributed</u>	<u>Posters Distributed</u>	<u>Newspapers Distributed</u>
305,000	0	0

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II. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

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

1. Joined

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

2. Rotated CONUS

	USMC	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
	1	17

3. Reassignment Within WestPac

	USMC	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
	0	18

4. Transferred by Service Records While Sick (out of country Hospital)

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

5. Extension of WestPac Tour Effected

	USMC	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
	0	0

b. PROMOTIONS: During the month of July the following promotions were effected.

- | | | | |
|---------|----|------------------|---|
| To PFC | 0 | To SSgt | 0 |
| To LCpl | 20 | To GySgt | 0 |
| To Cpl | 0 | To 1stSgt/MSgt | 0 |
| To Sgt | 0 | To SgtMaj/MGySgt | 0 |

c. LEGAL MATTERS

1. Courts held

GCM	0
SPOM	0
SCM	0

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- 2. Article 32 Investigations completed: 0
- 3. NJP: 13
- 4. JAG-Type Investigations: 2 Completed: 2

D. AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

- SSM 0
- BSM 2
- NCM 1
- NAM 2
- PH 1

E. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREPS

The Command has responded to:

- CONGRINTS 3
- SPLINTS 0
- WELREPS 2

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 | Japan | 3 |
| Taipei | 4 | Bangkok | 8 |
| Hawaii | 5 | Sydney | 5 |
| Okinawa | 0 | Manila | 0 |

b. In Country

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2. Mail. Daily average bags of mail processed

<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>
4	2

3. Hospital Visitations.

15 Visits

49 Patients

G. CAREER PLANNING

Re-enlistments: 1

Extensions: 1

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III. MEDICAL. Monthly totals are as follows: WIAE-1; NHC-3; FUC-5; Malaria-1; Med Caps-5, 136 as of 31 July 1970. The low Med Caps total for the month is due to the deactivation program.

IV. Logistics/Supply

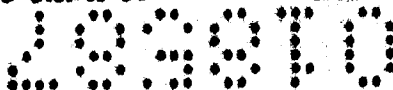
A. Significant Events.

(1) The most significant event that occurred during this month was the deactivation of Combined Action Companies 3-3 and 3-4 and the related equipment/supplies turned in to Force Logistics Command. The following represents approximately 48 percent of this Command's major T/E items turned in for the reporting period:

<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
190	Rifle M-16	10	Machine Gun Cal. .50
16	Machine Gun, M-60	12	Shotgun
40	Pistol, Cal. .45	40	Mortar 60mm
10	Grenade Launcher M-79	34	Rifle M-14
4	Truck, 3/4 Ton M37B1	3	Truck, 1/4 Ton M151A1
1	Truck, 2 1/2 Ton M35A2C	5	Trailer, 1/4 Ton M416B1
6	Trailer, 3/4 Ton M101A1	10	Telephone Set TA/312-PT
19	Telephone Set TA/1-PT	11	Radio Set AN/GRA-39A
63	Radio Set AN/PRC-25	52	Radio/Receiver AN/PRC-88
11	Detecting Set AN/PSR-1A	1	Channel Align Indicator
1	Crystal Set CK/35/PR	1	Crystal Set CK-32/PR
25	Starlight Scope AN /FVS-2	7	Food Containers
1	Tableware, Aluminum	9	Chest Fld Co Record
16	Barber Kits	16	Heater, Immersion
14	Tent, General Purpose	2	Tent, Command Post

(2) The below listed items represent a partial listing of supplies/ equipment invoiced to 2d OAG relative to the deactivation of Combined Action Companies 3-4 and 3-3.

<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
115	Machine Gun M-60	112	Rifle M-16



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<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
40	Shotguns	40	Pistols Cal. .45
15	Grenade Launcher M-79	2	Truck, 3/4 Ton M37B1
6	Barber Kits	7	Antenna RC-292
3	Starlight Scope AN/FVS-2	10	Food Containers
2	Mortar, 81mm	1	Degreaser, 20 Gal.

B. Damage to Weapons Due to Enemy Action

(1) Negative report is submitted on Combat Loss of Weapons for month of July.

C. Motor Transport

(1) Motor transport vehicles operated a total of 35,200 miles during the month. Cargo transported consisted of 63 tons of Classes I, II and V in support of CAPs in the field and redistribution of supplies/equipment to Force Logistics Command.

(2) The following vehicles required 2d echelon maintenance:

<u>QTY</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>
21	Truck, 1/2 Ton M151A1	20	Truck, 3/4 Ton M37B1
22	Truck, 2 1/2 Ton M35A2C	6	Trailer, 1/2 Ton M416
1	Trailer, 1/2 Ton M100	7	Trailer, 3/4 Ton M101
1	Trailer, 1 1/2 Ton M105	1	Trailer, Water, M107
1	Steam Cleaner		

D. Food Service

(1) The Food Service Department, 26th General Support Group, Phu Bai, has provided adequate support to this Command during the reporting period.

E. Ordnance

(1) Class V support received from ASP, Phu Bai was satisfactory during the reporting period.

(2) The following weapons/ordnance items required 2d echelon maintenance:

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<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
20	Rifle M-16	3	Pistol, Cal. .45
12	Machine Gun, M-60	3	Starlight Scope, AN/PVS-2
8	Grenade Launcher, M-79		

F. Miscellaneous Service

(1) Special flights were coordinated with the 15th Aerial Port transporting personnel from this Command to Danang relative to the deactivation.

G. Supply

(1) Inventory was conducted on all personal effects and Class II supplies held in storage, armory and issue point. Action has been initiated for the cancellation of all pending requisitions.

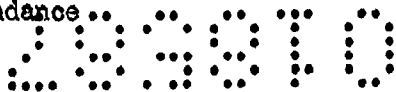
H. Communications

Support received from 2d Maintenance Battalion has been satisfactory for the reporting period.

V. Civic Action

A. The following statistics represent Civic Action accomplishments of this Command for the month of July 1970.

<u>1. Medical Treatment</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Med-Caps	5040
<u>2. Distribution of Commodities</u>	
Soap	150 Bars
Candy	125 Lbs
Cigarettes	75 Packs
Tin roofing	9 Sheets
<u>3. Health and Sanitation</u>	
Immunizations	96
Penicillin	823 Tablets
Aspirin	2600 Tablets
Bandages	350
<u>4. Educational Efforts</u>	
English Classes	60
Attendance	540



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Construction Completed

Totals

Road Repairs	4
Wells	4
Bridges (foot)	1
Dispensary	1

B. Narrative As a result of the deactivation of CACO's 3-3 and 3-4 and the projected deactivation schedual, the Marines concentrated on completing projects already underway. Any new projects started during the month of July were of the type that could be completed by the villagers by their own efforts.

C. Religious Activities for Reporting Period July 1970

1. Protestant Services with Holy Communion - by Chaplain Iace

<u>Number of Services</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
22	260

2. Catholic Mass - by Chaplain Fiorino

<u>Number of Services</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
25	235

3. General Religious Services

<u>Attendance</u>
273

4. Chaplains Beck (III MAF) and Fiorino (3d CAG) visited eight CAPS of 3d CAG and held informal dialogue with the Marines.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 4 July 1970 while set in an ambush site, CAP 3-3-2 observed one VC approximately 100 meters east of the ambush site. CAP 3-3-2 initiated contact with eight rounds of M-16 fire and one M-79 HE round. There was negative incoming fire received. A sweep of the area produced one VC KIA and one AK-47 rifle.
2. On 5 July 1970 while set in an ambush site, CAP 3-4-3 initiated contact with SAF against two VC. There was negative incoming fire and the VC fled to the north. A sweep of the area produced one VC KIA, one 9mm pistol and two loaded magazines.
3. On 5 July 1970 CAP 3-5-2 found 600 pounds of rice while on a day patrol. The rice was hidden under a false floor in a house. The rice and all occupants of the house were turned over to District Headquarters.
4. On 6 July 1970 Combined Action Company 3-4 was deactivated.
5. On 8 July 1970 CAP 3-3-1 and CAP 3-3-5 were deactivated.
6. On 10 July 1970 CAP 3-3-2 and CAP 3-3-3 were deactivated.
7. On 11 July 1970 CAP 3-3-4, CAP 3-3-6 and CACO 3-3 Headquarters were deactivated.
8. On 12 July 1970 while set in an ambush site, CAP 3-5-2 observed six NVA carrying weapons. At a distance of approximately 10 meters, CAP 3-5-2 initiated contact with claymores and SAF. The enemy returned fire with AK-47s and approximately three B-40 rockets, slightly wounding one Marine who was redeployed the following morning. A sweep of the area produced one NVA KIA and one AK-47 rifle.
9. On 22 July 1970 while set in an ambush site, CAP 3-5-5 observed one VC carrying a weapon approximately 15 meters away. CAP 3-5-5 initiated contact at approximately five meters with SAF. Negative incoming fire was received. A sweep of the area produced one VC KIA and one AK-47 rifle.
10. On 22 July 1970 while set in an ambush site, CAP 3-5-5 observed five VC carrying weapons approximately 50 meters to the north. CAP 3-5-5 initiated contact at approximately 50 meters with claymores and SAF. The enemy returned fire with AK-47s and fled to the south. A sweep of the area produced one VC WIA POW and one AK-47 rifle.
11. On 23 July 1970 while set in an ambush site, CAP 3-1-3 observed 10 VC with weapons. CAP 3-1-3 initiated contact at approximately 30 meters with SAF. The VC returned fire with AK-47s and fled to the south. A sweep of the area produced one VC KIA and one AK-47 rifle.

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12. On 27 July 1970 while set in an ambush site, CAP 3-2-5 observed approximately 30 NVA with weapons moving through a tree line approximately 50 meters to the north. CAP 3-2-5 initiated contact at approximately 50 meters with claymores and SLF. The NVA returned fire with approximately six B-40 rockets and approximately 150 rounds of AK-47 fire and fled to the northwest. CAP 3-2-5 commenced a sweep of the area and received three rounds of B-40 fire. Lacking a discernible target, the CAP did not return fire. The CAP continued the sweep and found one NVA KIA and one AK-47 rifle.

13. On 28 July 1970 CAP 3-1-5 and CAP 3-1-6 were deactivated.

14. On 30 July 1970 CAP 3-1-1 and CAP 3-1-4 were deactivated.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following is a list of the Supporting Documents contained in this report.

1117-21 a. Monthly Operations Report covering period of 1-31 July 1970.

1116J-2 b. Control, Turn in and Disposal of Captured Enemy Weapons Report for month of July 1970.

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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 3460.45

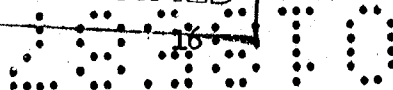
1. In accordance with reference (a) the following information is provided for the month of July 1970:

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|--|-------|-------|
| a. Captured | IW 8 | GS 2 |
| b. Destroyed | IW 9 | GS 3 |
| c. Turned in to sub-collection points | IW 10 | GS 4 |
| d. Received at Corps level collection points | IW 11 | GS 5 |
| e. Turned in to CMEC by Corps level collection points | IW 12 | GS 6 |
| f. Retained in Museums or Exhibits | IW 13 | GS 7 |
| g. Retained as War Trophies | IW 14 | GS 8 |
| h. Recaptured and Returned to USA, FF or RUMAF control | IW 15 | GS 9 |
| i. Other (with appropriate explanations) | IW 16 | GS 10 |

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 Via: Commanding Officer, Combined Action Force

Subj: Monthly Historical Summary

Ref: (a) FMFPacO 5750.10C
 (b) ForO 3121.4B

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the following report is submitted for the month of July 1970.

a. Location and Strength

Designation	PF Plt No	Strength				PF	Location
		USMC		USN			
		Off	Enl	Off	Enl		
3d CAG		5	84	1	3		Phu Bai Base
3-1 CACO		1	8				YD 847127
3-1-1	83		0		0	0	YD 7716 Deactivated 30 Jul
3-1-3	91		12		1	0	YD 9111
3-1-4	168		0		0	0	YD 8417 Deactivated 30 Jul
3-1-5	158		0		0	0	YD 8218 Deactivated 28 Jul
3-1-6	79		0		0	0	YD 7823 Deactivated 28 Jul
3-2 CACO		0	9				ZD 097008
3-2-1	135		12		1	24	ZD 0300
3-2-2	130		11		1	27	ZD 1402
3-2-3	140		12		1	23	ZD 1901
3-2-4	64		13		0	26	AU 8001
3-2-5	139		15		1	24	ZD 1601
3-2-6	138		12		1	23	ZD 1400
3-3 CACO		0	0				YD 896188 Deactivated 11 Jul
3-3-1	102		0		0	0	YD 9519 Deactivated 8 Jul 70
3-3-2	100		0		0	0	YD 8823 Deactivated 10 Jul
3-3-3	160		0		0	0	YD 8924 Deactivated 10 Jul
3-3-4	105		0		0	0	YD 8921 Deactivated 11 Jul
3-3-5	161		0		0	0	YD 9221 Deactivated 8 Jul 70
3-3-6	104		0		0	0	YD 9519 Deactivated 11 Jul

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