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III Marine Amphibious Force
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9. Civic Action

a. Civic Action projects during the month of April 1970 proceeded at a normal pace. The following commodities were distributed throughout the 1st Combined Action Group Area of Operation during April 1970.

- (1) Foodstuffs - 624 pounds
- (2) Meals - 304
- (3) Clothing - 7 pounds
- (4) Soap - 180 pounds

b. Educational Assistance: Forty-one (41) English classes were taught by CAP personnel for one hundred and sixty-three (163) Vietnamese students.

c. Financial Aid: None

d. Other Projects:

(1) CAP 1-3-9 located BS473863, Tra Bong Village, Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province, blew one well due to the fact that the well was dry. In order to go deeper to attain more water a shaped charge was used which proved effective.

(2) CAP 1-2-3 located in Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, Ky Khoung Village completed a dispensary at BT472079. The medical supplies were furnished by Headquarters, 1st Combined Action Group.

(3) CAP 1-2-2 located in Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province has started a garden. The garden consists of corn and watermelons. The village is Ky Ghong at BT415125.

10. Personnel and Administration

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

(1) <u>Joined</u>	USMC
	Off Enl
	0 36

(2) <u>Rotated CONUS</u>	USMC
	Off Enl
	0 4

(3) <u>Reassignment Within WestPac</u>	USMC
	Off Enl
	0 1

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Off Enl
0 1

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19. Psychological Operations

a. Friendly operations

(1) The Group distributed 3,585,000 leaflets by aircraft and 28,000 by hand for a total of 3,613,000.

(2) Aerial broadcasts were used for a total of 6 hours and 55 minutes. The "Early Word" aerial broadcast was utilized several times during the month.

(3) The Combat Speaker Team, of the 198th Infantry Brigade was used by CAP 1-3-9 to exploit a rallier from that area.

20. Volunteer Informant Program

a. During the month of March the Group paid 35,850\$VN to Vietnamese nationals for ordnance under the VIP. CACO 1-1 in Tam Ky continues to lead the group in the number of pieces of ordnance received under the program.

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Hospital) (4) Transferred by Service Records While Sick (Out of Country

USMC
Off Enl
0 6

(5) Extension of WestPac Tour Effected

USMC
Off Enl
0 0

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

To PFC 1
To LCpl 50
To Cpl 78

c. Legal Matters

(1) Courts Held: GCM 0
SpCM 0
SCM 0

(2) Article 32 Investigations: 0

(3) NJP 3

(4) JAG-type Investigations Completed: 5

d. Award Recommendations *

10H 1
SSM 1
BSM 9
NCM 14
PHM 18

e. CONGRINTS/SPLINTS/WELREPS

The command has responded to:

(0) CONGRINTS

* Many of these were 1-3-2's
for their actions on 5/8/70.

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11. Intelligence

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a. The comparative lack of contact experienced in the Tam Ky area during the month is believed to be due in part to the large VC/NVA attack that took place in Hiep Duc. The area around Tam Ky and the CAP units, was believed to have been used by the enemy for supply and logistics during this period. Tam Ky was the target of a number of rocket attacks during this period, as well as terrorist's activity, but no large scale ground attacks followed. The Front Four element of the 409th Sappers and the 1st Inf. Bn. (NVA) elements of which were reported in 1st Company's area, are still present, but failed to put up any organized resistance against the CAP teams. Of note during the month was the capture of two NVA POW's, one of which was later identified as belonging to the 72nd LF Bn.

b. The situation remained quiet in the second company, as light contact was experienced in the Ly Tin area. The lack of contact but increase in sightings gives rise to speculation that the Ly Tin area was also being used to resupply and support the siege of Hiep Duc. A sighting of 15 to 20 NVA, possibly from the 78th MF Rocket Bn. resulted in one NVA KIA. There were no other important changes in the OB during this period.

c. The early portion of the month saw the beginning of a small offensive which sent the majority of 263 rockets into Chu Lai combat base. During this same time, two CAP's in third company came under heavy contact. A combined operation with CAP's 1-3-2 and 1-3-9 was attacked by a combined force of VC and NVA on the 5th, believed to be elements of the 95th B sappers. Four days later, CAP 1-3-2 came under heavy attack from a combined force of approximately 100 VC and NVA. This was the largest contact of the month and the CAP killed 16 NVA and 12 VC. Later, the people reported that the enemy carried away approximately 60 more killed and wounded. The enemy killed were positively identified as the 95th B sappers.

d. The Marines of the 4th company in Son Tin experienced sporadic contact during the month, with the most contact coming from the elements of the 48th LF Bn. which inhabit the area around Ly Lai. In two contacts during the month, the 4th company Marines killed 19 VC from the 48th LF Bn.

e. In retrospect, except for the small scale offensive at the beginning of the month, which coincided with Ho Chi Minh's birthday, contact was not unlike the previous months. For the majority of the month, contact was limited to harassing attacks and attacks by fire as well as terrorist activity. There were two noticeable changes in the OB during this period. The 95th B sappers moved into the third company's TAOR in the beginning of the month, and were subsequently driven back into the mountains in the area west of the company's TAOR. The fact that the kills contained VC as well as NVA confirmed earlier reports that there was going to be extensive reorganization of the NVA into VC units throughout I Corps. In the Ly Tin area, the 78th MF Rocket Bn. came out of

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Combat actions were
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did not mention specific CAGs.

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(2) Mail. Daily average bags of mail processed:Incoming
5Outgoing
2

(3) Hospital Visitations. Hospital visits are made daily by the Hospital Corpsman Representative, the Casualty NCO and the Mail Orderly, who also delivers mail to the patients located in the hospitals at Chu Lai. Frequent visits are made by the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Adjutant, First Sergeant, and Administrative Chief.

g. Career Planning

Re-enlistments: 0

Extensions: 0

12. Intelligence

a. The Third Company experienced the majority of enemy activity during the month of July. Both roadside and coastal CAP's accounted for a significant number of enemy KIA. Roadside CAP's 1-3-3 and 1-3-9 had a tally of 12 enemy KIA within a 48 hour span. Coastal CAP 1-3-5 engaged the enemy twice in a three day period resulting in 10 VC KIA. Recent intelligence indicates that enemy activities have increased in company and other large scale units. This movement seems to indicate that enemy units such as the 48th, 107th and 406th Battalions are dispatching companies that are moving from west to east in an attempt to link up with local force units such as the 95th Sapper Battalion. With their knowledge of the terrain, the enemy would be capable of carrying out a large scale attack.

b. The Fourth Company in the Son Tin District experienced a rather peaceful month. Much of this continued increase in security is due to the fact that the Army is conducting "Landclearing Operations" in the Fourth Company's AO. The known enemy units operating in the Fourth Company's AO are the 48th Main Force VC Battalion and the ever-present guerrillas who occupy the hamlets throughout the Son Tin District.

c. With only two companies left operating out of 1st CAG, the companies managed to kill 31 of the enemy without any Marines or Navy personnel being seriously wounded. Another significant fact during the month was the high number of VIP payments which tends to indicate increased cooperation on the part of the Vietnamese people.

13. Communications

a. During this reporting period, communication gear came in at a rapid and well coordinated pace. There were no problems encountered.

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

15. Air Support

a. Tactical air support was used frequently during this reporting period. This support included fixed wing strikes, helicopter gunship strikes, flareships and visual reconnaissance flights. No major problems were encountered with close air support. The GACO's and CAP's continue to utilize the Air Force FAC's to support their daylight operations.

b. Air support has not been limited to tactical requests. Logistical resupply of outlying CAP's required and received excellent support during this reporting period. The time for the resupply mission was allotted by the proximate battalion on a daily basis. The resupply missions were neither requested nor controlled by the GAG. Only on very few occasions was the availability of aircraft reduced to the point that the CAP's could not be supported on a daily basis.

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

a. Activations - None

b. During this reporting period the following CAP's were deactivated in accordance with CAF OP Order 1-70. CAP's 1-3-4, 1-3-5, and 1-3-9 were deactivated on 29 July 1970. CAP's 1-3-2 and 1-4-2 were deactivated on 30 July 1970. Appropriate ceremonies were held during each CAP deactivation. PsyOps posters and loudspeaker broadcasts were utilized to a maximum degree during predeactivation, and post deactivation.

c. Redesignations - None

d. Relocations - None

17. Combined Action Force School

a. Graduated: 10

b. Attending: 3

18. Combined Action Force Language School

a. Graduated: 10

b. Attendance: 0

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