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Encl: ✓ (1) 1st Military Police Battalion Command Chronology

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1. DESIGNATION

1st Military Police Battalion

COMMANDERLt. Col. P. G. STAVRIDIS
1-31 March 1967SUBORDINATE UNITS

H & S Company

A	"
B	"
C	"
D	"

1-31 March

"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"

Capt J. M. CARSON
Capt. P. A. YACCARINO
Capt J. B. WILLIAMSON
Capt M. W. WYDO
Capt J. F. PALCHAK

ATTACHED UNITS

Detachment 7th Communication Battalion (1-31 March 1967)

2. LOCATION

1-31 March 1967: Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

S-1/Adjutant

S-2

S-3

S-4

S-5

1-31 March

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Capt J. W. BEACH
2nd Lt. R. G. GARDNER
Capt V. E. O'NEILL
Capt H. L. BROBERG
2nd Lt. R. D. VANDRUFF
1st Lt. E. W. YOUNG

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
36	1140	1	24

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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9-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. On 1 March 1967 CAC "F" went under the administrative control of A Co. via H&S Co.

2. The Battalion sustained 1 KIA (USN) and 4 WIA during the month.

3. One Silver Star and four Purple Hearts were awarded to members of this Battalion this month.

4. One non-battle casualty occurred during the month.

5. Losses:

USMC		USN		
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	
0	1	0	0	Battle
0	6	0	0	Non-Battle
2	68	0	0	Administrative

6. Replacements: Two Marine Officers and one hundred eleven Marines Enlisted were joined this month.

7. Discipline: Three Summary Courts-Martial were convened during the month. Sixteen men received Battalion Commander's Non Judicial Punishment while twelve received Company Commander's Non Judicial Punishment.

8. Strength:

	Effective				Non-Effective			
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
H&S Company	25	272	1	21	0	4	0	1
*A	4	188	0	0	0	10	0	0
**B	4	175	0	0	0	2	0	0
***C	6	234	0	0	1	28	0	0
****D	7	271	0	0	0	3	0	0
	37	1140	1	21	1	47	0	1

* Includes CAC F (1 Off 72 Enl)

** Includes CAC G (1 Off 64 Enl)

*** Includes I Corps Security (2 Off 111 Enl)

**** Includes Provisional Rifle Co. (4 Off 148 Enl)

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S-2 INTELLIGENCENARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During March 1967, one hundred twenty eight (128) persons were detained by 1st MP Bn. The detainees have been classified as follows:

one (1) Draft Dodger
 three (3) innocent civilians
 one (1) military defendant
 eight (8) deserters
 one hundred ten (110) civilian defendants (illegal residents, prostitutes, improper I.D. cards, curfew violations)
 one (1) confirmed Viet Cong agent
 four (4) suspected enemy agents - still being questioned in Danang Special Sector

2. Liaison with Vietnamese intelligence sources in Danang Special Sector and Hoa Vang District revealed the following general opinions:

The Viet Cong are desperate and badly need morale boosters for their troops and for the people. In order to provide propaganda victories, it is expected that the Viet Cong will increase their harassing operations in the form of ambushes, booby traps, attacks by fire, and disrupting of the R.D. program. The need for propaganda victories is multiplied by the upcoming Village/Hamlet elections and the April Rice Harvest.

3. Noteworthy intelligence reports included two (2) reports of a 602nd Bn in Hieu Duc District vicinity of GS AT 8/68. Also, reports were received of a newly arrived Enemy Underwater Demolition Team with the mission of conducting operations in the Danang Harbor area.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. At 150201Z, approximately ten (10) rounds of 140mm rocket were fired at Danang Air Base. The mortar site was found at approximate coords. AT 965670. On 10, 11, and 14 March, intelligence reports were received from Danang Special Sector and Hoa Vang District Headquarters concerning the presence of a VC company in this immediate area.

S-3 OPERATIONS/TRAINING

1. During the month of March, 1967 the Battalion conducted 88 day and 139 night fire team patrols, 499 day and 864 night squad size patrols, 52 ambushes and set out 136 listening posts for a total of 1778 small unit actions during the month with no significant contact.

2. At 150400H March 1967, Danang Air Base was hit by approximately 10-15 rounds of 140mm rocket fire which caused no direct casualties and only minor damage. (See Section III for a more complete description of the attack).

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3. Normal Battalion training was conducted consisting of six (6) hours per week of GMS training and weekly weapons safety classes.

4. At 290900H an indoctrination/orientation lecture was given to 50 new members of the Battalion.

5. 235 personnel used the Hoa Cam Range for familiarization firing of the .45, M-14, M-79, M-60, and 50 Caliber MG.

6. Air Base Defense Plan Operation Order 102-67, Defense of Danang PW Compound was published. (See section IV, Supporting documents.)

S-4 LOGISTICS

1. LOGISTICS. During the month of March two (2) additional heavy laborers were hired, bringing the Bn total to ten (10).

2. SUPPLY. Shortage of parts for the M-109 and M-422 continues to be a problem. In addition, canteen covers, bayonets and knives, forks, and spoons for the mess gear is in short supply.

3. MOTOR TRANSPORT. Two (2) inspections of the motor pool and all vehicles were held during the month by the battalion commander. Existing discrepancies are being corrected.

S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. General.

a. During the month of March, civic action problems arose concerning Marines assigned to other units creating incidents within our TAOR.

(1) In the last 16 days of March, three separate incidents occurred within 1600 meters of each other on the south end of the air base.

(a) 15 March, 20 rounds were fired into a prominent VN home by a passing U.S. Military P.C.

(b) 23 March, a patrol from 2/1 killed a 16 year old VN boy.

(c) 31 March, a VN woman was shot by a Marine traveling through the area in a 6 x 6 truck.

(2) Upon receiving an urgent request from the village officials for help, the problem was taken to the Hoa Quang Civic Action Council. It was decided to recommend the posting of signs warning against action by personnel traveling through the area. The recommendation was approved by Lt. Col. P. G. STAYROLES (JAG, 1st MP Bn), Major FOSTER (MACV Advisor to Hoa Vang District), and Major HAN (District Chief of the Village). These signs are presently under construction and will be posted in early April.

b.

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b. On 5 March, the S-5 section was enlarged to include one NCO. This NCO assists the Civic Action Officer in all phases and is NCO in charge of Battalion Civil Affairs projects.

After receiving recommendations from companies and interviewing candidates, Sgt Young was selected and began work on 27 March.

This has relieved the S-5 officer of many extra duties and will enable him to perform his job much better and more efficiently.

c. The battalion Civic Action program continued to progress under the guidelines described in the December Command Chronology.

2. Education.

a. During March the emphasis of the battalion's Civic Action program was placed on "Aid to Education". Every company in the battalion has participated in this program.

b. This aid to education has included the distribution of some 2200 CAME school kits. In addition to school kits, assorted supplies, such as pencils, chalk, paper, crayons, etc. One project which was particularly successful was the preparation of and distribution of blackboards. Four different companies aided in the construction and some twenty-three were distributed to schools.

c. Battalion personnel are now teaching English at twenty-four (24) different locations. This brings battalion personnel on a person-to-person contact with practically 1500 Vietnamese.

3. Public Health.

a. Sick call is held at all CAC compounds. 12,000 patients were treated during the month for a variety of illnesses. Almost 5000 bars of soap were distributed.

b. The battalion evacuated twenty-eight Vietnamese nationals for a variety of reasons.

c. Health posters were distributed and health movies were shown at every PEYTON movie festival.

d. 4th Company continued to hold sick call at the Chieu Hoi Camp.

e. 4th Company aided the school teachers of Hoa Quang Village School to construct latrines. This was a particularly successful project.

f. A variety of urinals and latrines were built by 6th CAC.

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g. A haircut program was begun at Golf 5, whereby a PT cut hair of children.

h. "Rat War" was continued in Danang East.

i. Plague shots were given at an orphanage and compound.

j. Golf CAO began a "Saturday Bath" instructional program, bathing the nearby children. The CAO personnel bathes the boys and the VN mothers bathe the girls.

4. Public Works.

a. The battalion aided the VN in the construction of bridges, roads, culverts, schools, and public health facilities.

b. The materials (Paint & Cement) given to the Hoa Tien Refugee Camp for a self-help project were put to very good use and their dispensary is improved 100%.

c. The Hoa Vang District VIS Agency was painted.

d. Speed limit signs are being constructed for the TAOR.

5. Public Information.

a. Cooperation was strengthened between all VIS agencies in the Bn's TAOR. These people have proven to be hard workers and are greatly assisting both PSYOPS and Civic Action.

b. The battalion supported and coordinated the showing of PSYOPS movies at 17 different locations during March.

c. Thousands of magazines and pamphlets in both English and Vietnamese were distributed thru VIS and our English classes.

6. Welfare.

a. Assistance was given by the battalion at the sight of five fires within our TAOR. This includes building material assistance, clothes and food.

b. Two children are given allowance by Golf CAO on a monthly basis.

c. Food and clothing distribution was effected to particularly needy families as indicated by village officials.

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7. Civic Action Training.

a. An intense training program was effected concerning the III MAF Platoon Leader's Personal Response Notebook. These are being utilized by every company in the battalion and the classes are in the form of discussion periods.

b. The S-5 officer attended three weeks of Vietnamese Language Instruction at III MAF during the month of March.

c. The S-5 office is preparing a report on the III MAF Personal Response Notebook to be turned into III MAF. This is the result of a detailed study.

d. The S-5 clerk and the S-5 NCO both attended battalion driving school.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. CAC, assisted by the Audio/Visual section of the 244th Army Psy War Company, presented programs of movies and speeches by local officials and Qry Chans (returnees), and Psy Ops movies. Eight (8) of these programs were held in Danang West and Nine (9) in East Danang. There are always large crowds which vary from 350 up to 1300 depending upon the population of the area.

2. Marines and Popular Forces continue to hand out Tu Do Newspapers. Approximately twelve thousand (12,000) newspapers were handed out.

COMMUNICATION

1. New wire bunker constructed.

2. New terminal frame and cable systems installed in Battalion area.

3. Inoperative equipment.

a. RT-505 (3)

d. TA-312 (8)

b. RT-175 (4)

e. TA-1 (8)

c. AN/GRA-39 (3)

f. EE-8 (7)

4. Percentage of Combat Essential Equipment available is 93%.

5. Overall status of equipment is excellent.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data:

a. Significant Events: A division sanitation inspection was held on 29 Mar 1967. There were no major problems encountered.

b. New Developments: A dental hygiene program was inaugurated with the assistance of the 1st Marine Air Wing. Under this program the Bn is sending a certain number of personnel each week to the dental clinic at MSG-17 where they undergo dental prophylaxis.

c. Problem Areas: There are no significant problem areas at this time.

2. Military Patient Statistical Data:

a. Average daily number of patients seen: 32

b. Average daily number of patients referred to other treatment facilities for consultation, dental, x-ray, and laboratory: 5

c. Routine medical complaints: common cold, local infection, rash, gastroenteritis, and intestinal parasites.

d. Significant diseases peculiar to the area: None observed.

e. Number of emergency treatments and type: Combat injury: 1
Lacerations: 31 Burns: 8 Trauma: 23

f. Immunizations and prophylactic medicine administered: Immunizations: 897, Malaria Prophylaxis: 4540

g. Patients admitted to BAS Ward: None

SENTRY DOG PLATOONS

1. Number of dogs deployed - 43

2. Number of commitments filled - 16

3. Using Unit:

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| a. Commanding General's Quarters | f. 3rd AT Bn |
| b. "A" Battery 1st LAAM Bn | g. MAG - 13 |
| c. PX | h. MAG - 36 |
| d. Base Defense | i. "A" Battery 2nd LAAM Bn |
| e. WISG "A" | m. POW Compound (Chu Lai) |
| f. 1st LVT Bn | n. 1st LVT Bn (Chu Lai) |
| g. Local Security | o. Base Defense (Chu Lai) |
| h. 1st AT Bn | p. General's Quarters (Chu Lai) |

SCOUT DOGS

1. Number of dogs deployed - 73
2. Number of commitments filled - 51
3. Using Units:

- | | | |
|--------|---------|--------------------|
| a. 1-1 | f. 1-7 | k. 1st MP Bn |
| b. 2-1 | g. 2-7 | l. 1st MT Bn |
| c. 3-1 | h. 3-7 | m. 1st Tanks |
| d. 3-3 | i. 1-26 | n. 1st Force Recon |
| e. 2-4 | j. 2-26 | o. 1st Recon Bn |
| | | p. 3rd Force Recon |
| | | q. 3-5 |

4. Comments.

a. Total finds for the month include twelve (12) VC killed or wounded, two (2) ambushes detected, and one (1) booby-trap located.

b. Scout dogs had one (1) man WIA.

c. One (1) dog died from Leptosarosis.

III MAJ MP Co.

1. On 4 March 1967, a sixteen (16) man special detail was provided for the Vietnamese peaceful demonstration.
2. On 4 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, three (3) man special escort was provided Gen. TYLER.
3. On 4 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided Gen. TAMI.

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4. On 5 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided Gen. WALT.
5. On 5, 5, 7, and 8 March 1967, a one (1) man special escort was provided Mrs. CORWELL, USO Board of Directors.
6. On 5 March thru 9 March 1967, three (3) traffic control points were provided RMK-BRJ for road surfacing detail.
7. On 13, 14, 15, and 16 March 1967, special speed traps were set up from 0700-0830 and 0930-1100 hours.
- 13 March 1967: Speed trap, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile East of III MAF complex - 13 traffic citations issued.
- 14 March 1967: Speed traps, North and South perimeter roads, Da-nang Air Base - 67 traffic citations issued.
- 15 March 1967: Speed traps, Danang East between triangle garage and CTS-9 traffic citations issued.
- 16 March 1967: Speed traps, Bach Dang street, Danang - 17 traffic citations issued.
Speed traps, Doc Lap street, Danang - 17 traffic citations issued.
8. On 9 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided Gen. KRULAK.
9. On 10 March 1967 thru 16 March 1967, a one (1) man special escort was provided Mrs. CALDWELL, USO Board of Directors.
10. On 14 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, three (3) man special escort was provided Gen. HERBOLD.
11. On 14 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided Gen. WALT.
12. On 13 March thru 15 March 1967, four (4) Armed Forces Patrolman were provided the Quan-Canh, city of Danang, to set up inspection stations to spot check ARVN Advisory vehicles.
13. On 14 and 15 March 1967, a 2 man special traffic control point, was provided RMK-BRJ for road surfacing detail.
14. On 15 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided Gen. ELWOOD.

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15. On 17 March 1967, a one (1) man special escort was provided Mrs. CALDWELL, USO Board of Directors.

16. On 18 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided Gen. WALT.

17. On 19 March 1967, a four (4) man special security detail was provided the USO No. 1, city of Danang, for a USO show.

18. On 19 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided Gen. WALT.

19. On 23 March 1967, special speed traps were established at Bach Dang street, city of Danang, Highway 541 South, Danang East, and the North perimeter road of Danang Air Base, between the hours of 0700-1400.

Speed traps - Bach Dang street, (5) traffic citations issued.

Speed traps - Highway 541 South, eighty eight (88) traffic citations issued.

Speed traps - North Perimeter road, thirty one (31) traffic citations issued.

20. On 23 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided Gen. MILWOOD.

21. On 24 March 1967, a special speed control point was established on Highway 13, Danang East between the hours of 1000-1100 and 1300-1500. There were thirty-seven (37) traffic citations issued.

22. On 24 March 1967, one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided two (2) Naval Admirals.

23. On 25 March 1967, a two (2) vehicle, eight (8) man special escort was provided a Navy Admiral.

24. On 26 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided Gen. WALT.

25. On 28 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided Gen. OWENS.

26. On 29 March 1967, a one (1) vehicle, four (4) man special escort was provided Gen. MILWOOD.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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1 MARCH 1967

a. From 012200-012300H a sweep was conducted by PF's, Nat. Police, and Mar's of the Dang Giang Sector (BT 041805-BT 041788). Apprehended were six Vietnamese deserters and twenty-six (26) illegal residents who were taken to District Headquarters for further questioning. Thirty-two (32) dtnees.

2 MARCH 1967

a. At 021905H "B" Co picked up a dtnee at checkpoint at coord. BT 058742. Dtnee had no ID card. Taken to Hoa Vang Dist. HQ's.

b. At 022130 three (3) Vietnamese females were brought into Golf 2 CP by NSA security. The detainees were apprehended inside the LARC Compound (BT 059322). One (1) other accomplice escaped toward the water line where further search produced negative results. The dtnees were taken to the Dong Giang Nat. Police Station for questioning. Three (3) dtnees.

3 MARCH 1967

a. From 032200-032345H a sweep was made of Da My Hamlet in the Vil of An Hai (PT 043779) by PF's, Special Police, Nat. Police, and Mar's. Eleven (11) dtnees for illegal residence. Dtnees taken to Danang Garrison. Eleven (11) dtnees.

4 MARCH 1967

a. At 040655H F 2 (AT 989786) received incoming rds of SA fire. No. of rds not known. No casualties. Search of the area produced neg. results.

b. At 041635H at Hoa Phat (AT 992759) Vietnamese civilians and ARVN's playing cards had a fight involving first a knife and then a live grenade which exploded wounding nineteen (19) and killing two (2) civilians and ARVN. The suspect was taken to Hoa Vang District HQ's where the above information was obtained and then turned over to the QO's of Danang.

5 MARCH 1967

a. At 050400H the sentry on duty at the I Corps Bridge (BT 040761) received one (1) rd small arms fire. No casualties. Origin of rd. unknown. Search of the area produced neg. results.

b. At 051930H the Hoa Tho Village Chief apprehended one (1) Vietnamese civilian with the aid of PF's and Mar's from F-6 (CAC) at coord. BT 007737. The dtnee was turned over to Hoa Vang Dist. HQ's. One dtnee.

6 MARCH 1967

a. At 060235H a fire was observed in the village at Coord. BT 001731.

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6 MARCH 1967 Continued

A fire truck was dispatched and the fire extinguished. Several houses were destroyed. The fire was across the road from our defensive positions and personnel on the perimeter stated that it appeared to originate in one of the houses. There was no illumination in the area at the time. After the fire started it appeared that some pyrotechnics were set off in the houses and a number of small arms rds. were cooked off in the houses.

7 MARCH 1967

a. From 070830H - 071130H a sqd of Mar's from B Co. and 1 set dog team swept from BT 072711 - BT 079711 locating 5 caves. No other results.

9 MARCH 1967

a. At 090020 Mar 67 a sweep by six (6) Mar's from G CAC, PF's, QC, and Nat'l Police of Dong Giang sector was completed at coord. 05 7804 to 058613. Thirteen (13) VN dtnees were found (illegal residents) and taken to Danang Garrison for questioning. 13 dtnees.

12 MARCH 1967

a. At 822315H one (1) grenade received at F-3 coord. BT 008779. Area checked with neg. results. 1 US Mar WIA.

b. At 122320H 3 rds SA fire received by Prov. Co. at approx. coord. BT 010779. Area checked with neg. results. No casualties.

c. At 122330H one rd GA fire received by a F-1 patrol at coord. BT 003784. Area checked with neg. results. No casualties.

15 MARCH 1967

a. At 150201H the Danang Airbase was bombarded by eight (8) 140mm rockets. The distribution of the rds was approx. as shown in attached overlay as determined by coord. effort by 1st MP Bn and 366th Air Police Squadron. The damage was as follows:

1 B40 Moderate damage

1 C46 Light damage

1 C123 Light damage

1 Fuel line ruptured causing secondary explosion and fire which was quickly extinguished.

No casualties resulted from rocket shrapnel or concussion.

The origin of the rockets was determined as being near coordinates AT 957679.

16 MARCH 1967

a. At 161945H F-6 received 2 rds SA fire from coord. BT 026726 and BT 026725. Patrol from F-6 while checking area encountered sniper at

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16 MARCH 1967 Continued

coord. BT 025728 and probably wounded same. Patrol continued search of area with negative results. One (1) VC WIA (PROB).

19 MARCH 1967

a. At 190100H, coord. BT 064255, ten (10) rds SA fired at a patrol from CAO G-5. 20 rds SA fire were returned. The patrol checked area at first light with neg. results.

b. At 192050H, coords. BT 033750, a patrol from F-5 discovered a known VC playing cards with four (4) Vietnamese. The VC ran at their approach. A PF fired warning shots, but the VC lost himself in a crowd. Four (4) VN were detained and will be questioned by Hoa Vang Police chief.

20 MARCH 1967

a. At 201230, BT 055743, "B" Co. apprehended one (1) Vn. detainee without ID. Forwarded to ARVN District HQ's.

b. From 202200H - 202345H, BT 049752, BT 051753, BT 04672, BT 049763, a sweep was conducted at An Trung Hamlet, Village of An Hai by Mar's, PF's, QG's and National Police of Dong Giang. The sweep went thru checking ID cards and searching homes for contraband.

Apprehended were sixteen (16) VN, nine (9) of which were males and seven (7) were females. (Eleven (11) illegal residents, five (5) prostitutes). All were taken to Dist HQ's, at Dong Giang, then to Danang Garrison for further interrogation.

21 MARCH 1967

a. At 210001H, BT 049765, three (3) VN males were apprehended as detainees by 1 Mar and 2 PF's in front of the new refugee camp, on the new china beach road. The above detainees had no ID cards and were taken to Lt. Lo, PF Plt. Cdr. at Dist. HQ's, Dong Giang.

22 MARCH 1967

a. At 220400H approx. 12 rds auto SA fire was heard near the CAO G-2 position at coord. BT 052779. A reaction force was sent out in vicinity of the firing and one rd of SA fire was fired at this reaction force. The area was checked out with neg. results, no casualties. At 220530H a villager reported a Vietnamese woman was found dead in her house. CAO G-2 investigated and found bullet holes in the walls of the house and 8 M-14 shells. PF's from the village said a Mar did the shooting. The case was turned over to the CID section Armed Forces Police, Danang. A Serious Incident report was made by AF Police.

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a. At 230345H, coord. BT 0273, an A-6 collided with a C-141. Ordnance from A-6 included five hundred (500) lb bombs several of which exploded. Two (2) USMC WIA and five (5) USAF KIA.

25 MARCH 1967

a. At 251100H, BT 058854, the point man, from B Co., on patrol stepped on a mine believed to be a U.S. mine missed when an old mine field was cleared. The Marine was Med-evaced and rest of patrol was helolifted out of the area. One (1) Marine WIA. Area will be swept again.

27 MARCH 1967

a. At 271000H B Co. checkpoint detained one (1) VN woman for an improper ID. Forwarded to Hoa Vang. (BT 057743)

b. At 272205H A Co. received 2 rds SA fire from BT 018729. A patrol in the area checked with negative results.

c. At 272200H a patrol from CAO F, at coord. BT 017726, received approx. 15 rds auto SA fire from approx. coord. BT 018725. Patrol searched area and apprehended two (2) detainees who were turned over to Hoa Vang Dist. HQ's. No casualties.

28 MARCH 1967

a. From 281500H to 281700H, 4 Mar's, Nat'l Police, PF's and QC's of Dong Giang Dist. held a sweep and road blk. 7 VN males and 13 females were detained at An Thung Hamlet, BT 046764, and An Hai Village, BT 049756. The road blk was at BT 045768. Dtnees taken to Dong Giang Dist. HQ's.

b. At 281400H a sweep was conducted by an H&S Co. plt. in grid sq. 0474 & 0475. 2 caves were located and destroyed.

c. At 281900H B Battery, 1st LAAM Bn observed 2 boats offloading undetermined equip. on beach at BT 091853. A Check of the area was conducted by swift boats with neg. results. Patrol to follow up initial action at daybreak.

d. At 282315H III MAF rec. two rds S/A fire in the south end of the compound, approx. coord 046790. 2 PF's and 2 Mar's were dispatched from Golf 2 and searched area with neg. results. No casualties.

29 MARCH 1967

a. At 290800 an indoctrination for 50 new Bn personnel was conducted by Bn staff.

b. At 292230H a sweep was completed in My The Village (BT 055788, 057787 to BT 056780, 059780) by 8 Mar's, PF's, Nat'l Police, and QC's. The sweep produced one draft dodger, two deserters, four VCS, and 11 illegal residents. Dtne s were taken to Dong Giang District HQ's for ques's.

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31 MARCH 1967

a. At 311605H at coord. BT 009723, two Mar's in a 6x6 shot a VN woman in the shoulder. A vehicle check was made at gate 6 and F-5, and patrols sent out from F-6 and F-7 to check all main roads for the suspects. Neg. results. VN woman med-evaced. SIR made to III MAF.

b. At 311918H Isherwood GOC reported that an aerial observer spotted 25 rocket pods at AT 994785. A patrol from F-2 was dispatched to investigate. Neg. results. F-2 says AO may have seen pipes which are being laid in this area.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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- Ref: (a) Maps: Indochina, 1:25,000, Plotomap Supplement to 1:50,000 map, Series 18020, Sheets 6640 IV N, 6641 II S, 6641 III S.
- (b) III MAF/NCC/SA I Corps Operation Order 308-66 (Base Defense).
- (c) CG III MAF 010258Z March 1967 (SECRET).
- (d) CG 1st MarDiv 130853Z March (SECRET).
- (e) III MAF Order P02000.1A (Complan two).
- (f) 1st MarDiv Order 02000.20 (CEO I).
- (g) Air Base Defense Bn Operation Order 101-67.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: See Annex A (Task Organization).

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current Intsums and Perintreps and Appendix 1 to Annex B of reference (g).
- b. Friendly Forces.
- (1) MACV MP advisor to I OTZ advises on PW matters.
 - (2) NAG provides ocean patrol craft.
 - (3) C.O. I Corps PW Camp, ARVN, maintains Danang PW camp and provides normal security.
 - (4) 1st Marines on order provides one rifle company as a quick reaction force responsive to enemy attack or mass breakout attempt at I/OTZ PW camp. (Reference d).
 - (5) C.O. 5th Special Forces Group Alpha provides illumination fires with organic mortars and a blocking force when requested.
 - (6) MCB-5 and MCB-133, provide supporting fires with organic mortars.
 - (7) 1st MarDiv provides combat support as required.

c. Assumptions.

- (1) The increasing number of PW's makes PW camps tempting targets for the enemy.
- (2) The enemy has the capability to attack the Danang PW camp and/or infiltrate PW's into the PW camp to initiate a mass breakout attempt.

2. MISSION.

- a. Coordinate the defense of the Danang PW camp to include the use of one rifle company provided by the 1st MarDiv.
- b. Prevent the escape of the PW's. Reference (c) and (d).

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operation.

- (1) The Air Base Defense Bn conducts aggressive patrol activity within its TAOR to provide early warning of enemy activity. This patrolling includes the area surrounding the PW camp. (Reference b).
 - (2) On receipt of information that a mass breakout attempt or attack on the Danang PW camp has commenced the Air Base Defense Bn provides coordination for the defense of the camp and prevention of escape of the PW's.
- b. MCB-5, MCB-133 and 5th SFGA. Provide immediate illumination of the area to the south of the PW camp using organic mortars (Annex B Fire Support).
 - c. 5th SFGA. On order block peninsula to the north of the PW camp.
 - d. MCB-5 and MCB-133. On order block area to west of PW camp.
 - e. Naval Advisory Group. Provides ocean craft to block the escape of the PW's by ocean.
 - f. Rifle company from 1st Marines. Upon entering the ABDB TAOR takes up blocking positions on the high ground just north of Marble Mountain to prevent escape of PW's and chops OPCON to ABDB. On order the rifle company sweeps north to recapture any escaping PW's.
 - g. C.O. "B" Company, 1st MP Bn. Provides for the coordination of the defense of the PW camp and controls fires of the above units (See Reference g). Provides squad blocking position at coord. BT 070715.

h. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) This order is effective upon receipt.
- (2) Fire Support. See Annex B
- (3) All barrier fires/concentrations will be fired in if possible.
- (4) Location of minefields will be coordinated by this Hq's.
- (5) When the infantry company is requested for defense of the PW camp preplanned barrier fires as shown in Annex B will be cleared by the Air Base Defense Bn.
- (6) When the infantry company is requested, the Fire Coordination Line as shown in Annex B will go into effect with the 1st Marines controlling all fire south of the line, which runs along the southern edge of the PW camp from the ocean to the main road, and the ABDB controlling all fire north of the line.
- (7) Upon chop of rifle company to ABDB all fire support will be coordinated through the rifle company F.O. team.
- (8) The code word for this operation when initiated is "jailbreak".

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Administrative and logistical support will be through normal channels.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

- a. Command. Rifle company from 1st Marines chops to C.O. Air Base Defense Bn upon arrival in Air Base Defense Bn TAOR. (Reference d).

b. Communications.

- (1) The primary coordination frequency in support of this operation is 1st MP Bn Tac #2. (Freq. 51.1 Mike No. 717, net control call sign - Butterfat Bravo).
- (2) The secondary frequency is 1st MP Bn Tac #1 (Freq. 46.2 Mike No. 657, net control call sign - Butterfat).

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- A. Task Organization
- B. Fire Support Coordination
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 102-67

Ref: (a) III MAF Operation Order 308-66

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Commanding</u>
1st Military Police Battalion	Lt. Col. P. G. Stavridis
H & S Company	Capt. J. M. Carson
Detachment 7th Comm. Bn	
A Company	Capt. P. A. Yaccarino
B Company	Capt. J. B. Williamson
C Company	Capt. M. W. Wydo
D Company	Capt. J. F. Palohak
Provisional Company	Capt. D. W. Tompkins
CAC Foxtrot	Capt. P. E. Dawson
CAC Golf	2d Lt. S. Valent
Rifle Co. (To be desig. by 1st Marines)	

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Annex B (Fire Support Coordination)

Ref: (a) III MAF/NCC/SA I Corps OpO 308-66 (Base Defense)

(b) Map, Indochina 1:25,000, Pictomap supplement to 1:50,000 map, Series L8020, Sheets 6640 IV N, 6641 II S, 6641 III S.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: See Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See current Intsums and Perintreps.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1st Marine Division provides artillery support for defense of the Air Base Defense Battalion TAOR.

(2) MCB-5 and MCB-133 provide 81mm mortar illumination for I/OTZ PW camp.

2. MISSION.

a. Coordinate the fire support in defense of the Danang PW Camp.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept.

(1) The Air Base Defense Battalion S-3 will be responsible for all fires to the North of the Fire Coordination line (appendix 1).

(2) The 1st Marines will be responsible for all fires to the south of the Fire Coordination line (appendix 1).

(3) Upon Chop of rifle company to ABDB all fire support will be coordinated through the rifle company F.O. Team.

b. The 1st Marine Division is requested to provide on call defensive fires in accordance with appendix 1.

c. MCB-5 and MCB-133 will provide on call 81mm mortar fire in accordance with appendix 1.

d. ABDB will clear the barrier fire (appendix 1) immediately upon requesting the infantry company.

- e. The ABDB will request a flareship to provide continuous illumination upon notification of attack or breakout attempt. Upon arrival of the flareship mortar illumination will be stopped.

4. TARGET INFORMATION.

a. Target List.

- (1) Maintained by ABDB.

b. Restricted Targets.

- (1) Every effort will be made to protect civilians and their property.

5. AIR CRAFT SAFETY.

a. Air Sentries Lookout.

- (1) Forward observers will cease fire when it appears that the trajectories of artillery and mortars will endanger friendly aircraft.
- (2) Aircraft lookouts will be employed at the mortar position whenever mortars are fired.

b. Fire through Aircraft Traffic Pattern.

- (1) Fires through aircraft approach and take off routes are restricted to observed fire.

6. SAFETY OF GROUND FORCES.

- a. All fires will be closely controlled in order to prevent fires from falling on friendly and indigenous personnel.

7. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS.

- a. Coordination will be effected using ABDB Tac II 51.1 (Mike Desig 717).

b. Control Agencies.

- (1) Air Base Defense Battalion S-3, located within the Danang enclave in the vicinity of the Battalion Command post (BT 004746).

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Appendix 1 (Defensive Fires) to Annex D (Fire Support Coordination)

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1. Defensive Fires.

a. Artillery Defensive Fire.

<u>Concentration Number</u>	<u>Coordinate</u>	<u>Description</u>
RZ926Z (Illumination)	(BT 079713)	North of Marble Mountain
Barrier Fire (controlled by 1st Marines)	(BT 0871)	On beach west of Marble Mountain. (1st Marines target no. RC 999).

2. Mortar Defensive Fire.

<u>Concentration Number</u>	<u>Coordinate</u>	<u>Fired From</u>
40 (Illumination)	(BT 078718)	(BT 065724)

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Tab A: Defensive Fire Plan Overlay, Artillery.

Tab A (Defensive Fire Plan) to Appendix 1 (Defensive Fires)
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