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PART 1
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Military Police Battalion

COMMANDERLtCol T. R. HILL
1-30 Sept 1967SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1-7 Sept 1967

8-30 Sept 1967

Company A

1-30 Sept 1967

Company B

1-7 Sept 1967

8-30 Sept 1967

Company C (Reinf)

1-30 Sept 1967

Company D

1-30 Sept 1967

1st Lt. E. V. ARMENTO

Capt. J. SABATER Jr.

Capt. E. GRAY

Capt. B. J. MURPHY

Capt. T. J. SMYTH

Capt. R. M. SHEA

Capt. J. T. TERRY III

ATTACHED UNITS

Company G, 3rd MP Bn 1-2 Sept 1967

3-30 Sept 1967

Detachment, 7th Comm Bn 1-30 Sept 1967

1st Lt. W. S. MACE III

Capt. J. B. MORIARTY

2. LOCATION

1-30 Sept 1967, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

1-30 Sept 1967

S-1/ Adjutant

1-30 Sept 1967

S-2

1-30 Sept 1967

S-3

1-30 Sept 1967

S-4

1-30 Sept 1967

S-5

1-30 Sept 1967

Maj. J. F. BUGBEE

2nd Lt. R. G. GARDNER

2nd Lt. R. GASKILL

Capt. D. W. JUDD

Capt. W. FITTS

2nd Lt. J. E. PECK

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
34	840

USN	
OFF	ENL
1	23

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. During the month the Battalion sustained 2 WIA's.

2. One Purple Heart Medal was awarded during this month.

3. Losses:

USMC	
OFF	ENL
3	63

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	4

4. Replacements:

USMC	
OFF	ENL
4	98

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	5

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5. Discipline 6 Special Court Martials were convened during the month. Five Battalion Commander NJP's & nine Company Commander's NJP were imposed during the month.

6. Strength:

	USMC		Effective USN		Non-effective USMC		Non-effective USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HAS Co.	12	103	1	22	0	1	0	0
* Co. A	3	190	0	0	0	1	0	0
**Co. B	5	160	0	0	0	3	0	0
Co. C (Rein)	4	110	0	0	0	7	0	0
***Co. D	4	137	0	0	0	3	0	0
Co. C 3rd MP4		99	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Includes CACO F ADCON

** Includes CACO G ADCON

*** Includes CACO E ADCON

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

S-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of September thirty two Vietnamese personnel were apprehended. They were turned over to the National Police and found to be civil defendants falling into one of three categories as follows:

- a. Improper or no I.D. card
- b. Illegal resident
- c. Draft dodgers/deserters

2. Intelligence reports during this period centered around VC plans to attack vital U.S. military installations. No increase of enemy activity in the rocket belt has been reported. Reports still indicate the enemy is infiltrating into Hoa Vang District and Da Nang City. The VC reportedly have formed an intelligence network to operate in vital U.S. military installations.

The following were reported as likely targets during the reporting period.

- a. Da Nang Air Base. This remains the number one target in the area.
- b. Da Nang City. This is to be the focal point for terrorist activities.
- c. I Corps Bridge and Cam Le Bridge. Those bridges are very important links in logistic support of the ICTZ.
- d. Other targets mentioned are Marble Mountain Air Facility, Refugee Camps, U.S. and ARVN installations in Hoa Vang District.

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S-3 OPERATIONS/TRAINING

1. During the month this battalion conducted 526 day and 806 night fire team patrols, 15 night squad patrols, 73 ambushes and set out 113 listening posts for a total of 1533 small unit actions.
2. Drills were conducted on a weekly basis, including the deployment of one reaction platoon to the I Corps Bridge on 12 September, and one reaction platoon to CAP F-6 on 28 September, to improve reaction force capabilities.
3. On 14 September, orientation classes were conducted for all newly joined personnel of the battalion. Classes included operations, legal, personal affairs, personal response, medical, current intelligence summaries, Code of Conduct, rules of engagement and weapons safety.
4. Twelve personnel attended student drivers training at FLC during the month.
5. Officers and Staff Noncommissioned Officers attended weekly classes, including personnel administration, communications, motor transport, and leadership principles.
6. On 21 September, Company B provided a 67 man honor guard at III MAF for Brigadier General Koster, USA, the Commanding General of Task Force Oregon.
7. On 12 September, a conference was conducted to coordinate base defense. All tenant units of West Danang and support units attended.

S-4 LOGISTICS1. Significant Events

- a. Rewiring of the Battalion Area was completed on 30 September 1967.
- b. Construction was initiated on a new, enlarged Motor Transport Maintenance Building as a "self-help project".
- c. Messhall renovations continued as materials became available.
- d. Three new showers and one new head were constructed during the reporting period.

2. Supply/Ordnance

- a. Authorization to utilize the Naval Support Activity Self Service Center was obtained.

b. Utilization of demolitions to support the Command's mission in the I Corps Bridge area was initiated during the reporting period.

3. Motor Transport

a. One truck, M37 was dropped from the records as "Code X". A replacement was placed on requisition.

1. Spare parts remain a problem with regard to vehicle maintenance.

3-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. General

a. The highlight of this month was the ~~Mid-Autumn~~ Festival, held each year in honor of the children. 1900 gifts were acquired by this unit and passed out in two areas: in Xuan Hoa 700 gifts were distributed in conjunction with a Vietnamese party. In the My Khe area 250 gifts were given to the PFs of CAP G-2 and 950 gifts were turned over to the three refugee camps. At the same time one sewing machine and 50 sewing kits were presented by this command. This gift with two other sewing machines from CARE, has made it possible to start sewing classes for the women of the three camps.

b. This month the 1st MP Bn. adopted Hamlet #1 of the Xuan Hoa Village. Lt.Col. Hill was introduced to the officials of the Hamlet and plans to support, advise and help the Hamlet were discussed. The first project to be undertaken was the rebuilding of the roof covering the Post Office, MedCap room, and Village and Hamlet Chiefs' office. Work on an additional room was also begun. The ceiling is now being put on and 1500 ft. of wire is being strung in order that the office may have electricity. Marines of this Battalion have been working side-by-side with the Vietnamese on these projects.

2. Education

a. Marines from this Battalion have started teaching classes at the Hoa Phat School, from 1930 to 2130 Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Three instructors will be teaching approximately fifty students until a new MCB unit becomes sufficiently organized to resume classes.

b. Company A is teaching school twice weekly at the Tieu Hoc elementary school.

c. H&S Company is conducting classes at Nai Nam elementary school twice weekly.

d. Company D conducted a total of twenty-one classes this month with approximately sixty-five students attending each class. Company D also held seven physical education classes this month with 35 students attending each class.

e. The S-5 office is conducting a Vietnamese Language Class Tuesday and Fridays from 1800 to 2000. This office is also teaching classes to Vietnamese at the Hoa Phat School on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights.

f. Plans for an Oral Hygiene class have been formulated for the Xuan Hoa school.

g. Extensive distribution of school kits to all students has been accomplished this month.

3. PUBLIC HEALTH

a. Sick Call was held at all CACO units daily. 7,538 patients were administered first aid this month.

b. A total of fourteen emergency cases were sent to USOM during the month of September.

4. PUBLIC WORKS

a. This Battalion has been working extensively in Hamlet #1 of the Xuan Hoa Village. A new roof has been built over the Post Office, MedCap room and Village and Hamlet Chiefs' office and work on an extension begun.

b. CAP F-6 repaired a roof in Hoa Tho damaged by illumination canisters.

c. Constant minor repairs are being made at all schools where this Battalion conducts classes.

d. Company C has built fifty chairs for the Xuan Hoa school.

e. Ten masonite blackboards with wooden frames have been constructed and distributed to various schools.

5. WELFARE

a. 2000 bars of soap were distributed this month.

b. Additional rice was distributed to individuals. 18 Vietnamese shared five bags of rice.

c. Welfare kits including soap, rice, clothes, hand brush, school supplies, blankets and mats were assembled. These were distributed to the Vietnamese who work for the Battalion.

d. Clothing and baby needs were given to one expectant mother and one mid-wife kit is on hand to used when needed.

e. Excess milk which would have spoiled was given to the Xuan Hoa school by Company C.

f. Four bags of rice were given to the PFs. of CAP G-2 this month.

6. CIVIC ACTION TRAINING

a. The 1st of each month has been set aside for training all civil affairs officers.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. During the month of September eight PsyOps movies were shown.

2. 2,000 special leaflets were printed for this Battalion by the 24th PsyWar Company and were distributed at the I Corps Bridge.

3. 16,000 pamphlets were distributed by Marines of this Battalion during the month of September.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Significant Events

a. All equipment was inventoried and LCR cards brought up to date.

b. On 13 September a class was given to all officers and SNCO's on this Command's organic communications equipment.

c. Wire system on I Corps Bridge was modified and new wire installed.

d. Delta (Forward) was completely rewired.

e. The overall condition of communication is excellent.

f. The percent of combat essential gear available is 90%.

MEDICAL/DENTAL

1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data

a. Significant Events: The Commanding Officer held a battalion inspection on 11 Sept 67. The BAS was found to be satisfactory.

b. New Developments: New indigenous head has been constructed.

2. MILITARY PATIENT STATISTICAL DATA

- a. Average daily number of patients seen: 25
- b. Average number of patients referred to other treating facilities for consultations, dental, x-rays and laboratory work: 3
- c. Routine medical complaints: Heat rash, gastroenteritis, and local infections.
- d. Significant diseases peculiar to the area: None observed.
- e. Number of emergency treatments: Combat injury: 0; Lacerations: 12; Burns: 5; Trauma 24.
- f. Innoculations and prophylactic medications:
Innoculations: 420 Malaria Prophylaxis 4,980
- g. Patients admitted to BAS Ward: 0

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**2. September 1967**

- a. At 020100, 6 rounds of 140mm rockets impacted near the 15th Aerial Port. 1 Air Force man was KIA.
- b. Standard Readiness Condition 2 was set throughout TAOR due to intelligence reports of increased enemy activity and the upcoming Vietnamese National Elections.
- c. At 022330, Company B reported S/A fire coming from vicinity of Marble Mountain. ARVN unit from the I Corps PW camp had a blocking force set in at BT 080710 and engaged unit from 1st MarDiv. 6 ARVN reported wounded by M-79 rounds.

7 September 1967

- a. At 072000, CAP F-1 patrol sighted suspicious personnel vicinity AT 003782. Suspects were challenged and subsequently fled. Suspects evaded pursuit. Patrol was dispatched with negative results.
- b. At 072310, Company D reported 1 incoming round of S/A from vicinity AT 998737. A patrol from CAP F-4 was dispatched with negative results.

8 September 1967

At 080140, Company D reported S/A fire vicinity AT 998737 with rounds impacting within the VNAF bomb dump. CAP F-6 patrol had negative results.

9 September 1967

a. At 090001, 3 rounds of 140mm rockets impacted in the area of the VNAF flight line and adjacent USAF facilities to the immediate south. 1 USAF man was KIA and several WIA. 1 F4C, 1 A1E, and 2 USAF building received shrapnel damage.

b. At 092145, an F4C crashed while attempting to takeoff due to a blown tire. Plane caught fire causing ordnance to explode. No injuries were reported.

11 September 1967

. At 112122, Company B reported 1 POW escaped from I Corps POW camp and headed south toward Marble Mountain. 3/1 notified.

12 September 1967

At 122115, Camp Tien Sha received 5 rounds of small arms fire.

14 September 1967

Between 142100 and 142245, Golf CACO, National and City Police, QC, and village officials conducted a sweep in Nai Hien Dong Village. (BT 041806). 8 detainees were taken to Danang Garrison.

16 September 1967

At 162145, CAP F-5 sighted 3 VN males armed with rifles approximately 50 meters outside their compound. A challenge was given and the VN fled. A patrol pursued. Another challenge was given about 100 meters from the F-5 compound and the patrol received about 5 rounds S/A fire vicinity BT 036750. No fire was returned. A special patrol was dispatched with negative results.

19 September 1967

CACO Golf conducted a sweep in An Hai (BT 045761) in conjunction with local police and village officials from 191900 to 192300. 19 detainees were taken to Danang Garrison.

20 September 1967

At 202040, a PF patrol received 2 grenades and AW fire from 4 VC dressed in ARVN uniforms near the crossroads vicinity BT 001723. Both patrols exchanged AW fire, then the VC withdrew in a SW direction. One man from 1st Tank Bn. was WIA by a stray round.

b. At 202240, a CAP F-5 patrol received a grenade vicinity BT 030735 from an unknown number of enemy. The patrol heard movement but could not observe the enemy. The patrol withdrew with 1 WIA (minor). Another patrol from F-5 was dispatched into the area with negative results.

c. At 202400, the Air Force reported aircraft were being fired upon while landing vicinity BT 015786. CAP F-3 patrol had negative results.

22 September 1967

From 222130 to 222230, CAGO Golf in conjunction with local police and village officials conducted a sweep in TanThai village. 9 VN detainees, 8 male and 1 female, were taken to Danang Garrison.

23 September 1967

At 230150, a Company D ambush observed 2 VN with weapons vicinity BT 018727. The VN were challenged but fled. One Marine pursued them but was knocked unconscious from behind, resulting in 1 WIA (minor). A reaction force swept the area with negative results.

24 September 1967

At 242320, Company C, 3rd MP Bn. reported that 3 Marines in a stolen MP vehicle tried to run the traffic control point on the east side of the I Corps Bridge. The vehicle did not stop after a warning shot. The sentry fired at the vehicle which eventually stopped. One of the Marines was wounded. Armed Forces Police investigated, along with CID.

28 September 1967

At 282300, a reaction force drill was conducted. Units were deployed to CAP F-6.

30 September 1967

At 301430, a patrol from Company A received 15 rounds of AW fire from vicinity BT 029745. Additional patrol sent into area with negative results.