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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, Force Logistic Command (Attn: Staff Secretary)  
Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 Nov to 30 Nov 1967  
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Encl: (1) 1st Military Police Battalion Command Chronology  
1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted.

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## Part I

Organizational Data1. DESIGNATION

1st Military Police Battalion

CommanderLt. Col. T. R. HILL  
1-30 Nov 1967Subordinate Units

H&S Co.	1-30 Nov 1967
Co. "A"	1-30 Nov 1967
Co. "B"	1-30 Nov 1967
Co. "C"	1-30 Nov 1967
Co. "D"	1-30 Nov 1967

Capt. E. GRAY
Major W. M. FITTS
Capt. B. J. MURPHY
Capt. R. M. SHEA
Capt. J. SABATER, Jr.

Attached Units

Co. "C", 3rd MP Bn.	1-30 Nov 1967
Detachment, 7th Comm Bn.	1-30 Nov 1967

Capt. J. B. MORIARTY

2. LOCATION

1-30 Nov 1967, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Exec. Off.	1-30 Nov 1967
S-1/Adj.	1-30 Nov 1967
S-2	1-30 Nov 1967
S-3	1-30 Nov 1967
S-3A	24-30 Nov 1967
S-4	1-30 Nov 1967
S-5	1-30 Nov 1967

Major J. F. BUGBEE
1st Lt. O. BUMGARNER
2nd Lt. R. GASKILL
Capt. D. W. JUDD
Capt. W. S. MACK, Jr.
2nd Lt. J. E. MANNING
Capt. M. B. ABILHEIRA

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
34	583	0	8

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. During the reporting period, the Battalion sustained one killed not as a result of hostile action.

## 2. Losses:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	86	2	11

## 3. Replacements:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	74	1	4

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4. Discipline Five Special Courts-Martial and no Summary-Courts-Martial were convened during the reporting period. In addition, two Battalion Commander NJP's and 14 Company Commander NJP's were imposed.

	<u>Strength</u>		<u>Effective</u>		<u>Non-effective</u>			
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S Co.	13	79	0	8	0	5	0	0
Co. A	4	81	0	0	0	5	0	0
Co. B	5	86	0	0	0	5	0	0
Co. C	5	119	0	0	0	8	0	0
Co. D	4	90	0	0	0	5	0	0
Co. C 3rd MP	4	89	0	0	0	5	0	0

### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

#### S-2 INTELLIGENCE

During the month of November five Vietnamese personnel were apprehended and turned over to the National Police. All were found to be civil dependents falling into one of the two categories listed below.

a. Improper or no I. D. card

b. Draft dodgers/deserters

2. Intelligence reports during this period centered around the VC plans to attack vital U. S. and VN installations. There are indications the VC are launching a campaign against certain Refugee Camps in the Danang Vital Area. Reports continue to indicate that VC agents are active in Da Nang City. Infiltration into Hoa Vang District is considered a continuing event. A minor increase in VC activity in the rocket belt has been reported.

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

a. Da Nang Air Base. This remains the number one target.

b. Da Nang City. This is to be the focal point of terrorist activity.

c. I Corps Bridge and Cam Le Bridge. These bridges maintain a high priority on the VC target list due to their importance in logistical support of the ICTZ.

d. Other targets mentioned are Marble Mountain Air Facility, Refugee Camps, Naval Docking Facilities, U. S. and ARVN installations in Hoa Vang District.

S-3 OPERATIONS/TRAINING

1. During the month this Battalion conducted 133 day and 145 night fire team patrols, 48 fire team night ambushes and established 90 fire team listening posts for a total of 426 small unit actions.
2. Standard Readiness condition III was set two times during the month.
3. On 1 November, Company B provided a platoon sized honor guard at III MAF in connection with ceremonies for Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.
4. Officers and staff noncommissioned officers attended weekly classes on the following items: Psychological Operations, Battalion Operation Orders and Plans, Operations against Guerrilla Forces, Vietnamese Language, and Combat Leadership. Selected officers and staff noncommissioned officers also attended a 4 hour presentation by the Maintenance Battalion M16A1 Rifle Technical Contact Team.
5. Battalion GMS training was conducted in accordance with current directives to include technical training by MOS.
6. Orientation classes were conducted for newly joined personnel in accordance with current directives.
7. On 14 November, a conference was conducted with Danang Air Base Tenant activities and the units that provide combat support to the Air Base. The purpose of the conference was to coordinate the defense of the Air Base and to discuss mutual problem areas.

S-4 LOGISTICS1. Significant Events

- a. A 50 gallon hot water heater was installed in the Battalion Messhall.
- b. Water lines were installed in a portion of the Battalion area.
- c. Catwalk construction and lighting installation on the I Corps Bridges is 90% complete.

2. Communications

- a. An FLC Contact Team conducted an "in shop" equipment and records inspection with satisfactory results.
- b. Combat essential equipment readiness is rated at 93%.

3. Motor Transport

- a. Spare parts continue to remain a problem with regard to vehicle maintenance.
- b. The new Motor Transport maintenance facility is 85% complete.
- c. Combat essential equipment readiness is rated at 90%.

4. Supply/Ordinance M16A1 Rifles with associated equipment were received in sufficient quantity to finish outfitting the Battalion.

S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS1. General

a. Information was disseminated concerning Tet, the Vietnamese New Year. Plans are being formulated for Christmas and Tet parties for children in the area.

b. The S-5 in conjunction with the District Chief, and the Naval Support Activity Civil Affairs Officer discussed future projects within TAOR.

c. A young Marine from Company C, 3rd MP Bn. (Attached) was instrumental in obtaining 350 pounds of clothing for needy children in the Sacred Heart Nursery, by effecting some favorable civic action publicity in his home town.

2. Education

a. "H&S" Company conducted two English classes per week at the Nai Nam Elementary School.

b. Company "D" conducted eighteen hours of instruction in English at the Binh Khue Cam Primary School. Twenty students attended each class. Kool-Aid was donated to the school for refreshments.

c. The Civil Affairs Officer of Company "C" met with the principal of the Xuan Hoa Elementary School to discuss plans and assistance that might be given.

3. PUBLIC HEALTH

a. MedCap supplies arrived for use at the Xuan Hoa Elementary School.

b. Vitamin pills, kool-aid and protein powder were distributed to the Vietnamese in the TAOR.

4. PUBLIC WORKS

a. A load of lumber and twenty-five bags of cement were given to Hamlet #1 of the Xuan Hoa Village to complete construction of an office. This project is now 95% complete.

b. A load of dunnage was given to two Vietnamese Army personnel to help in the construction of their houses.

c. Plans have been instituted to build a classroom at the Xuan Hoa Elementary School.

5. WELFARE

a. Six cases of condensed milk and 250 pounds of rice were given to needy families in the Battalion TAOR.

b. Ten gallons of paint were distributed to several families to improve their homes.

6. CIVIC ACTION TRAINING

a. A Personal Response class was given by the Civil Affairs Officer to the Marines of Company "C" on 27 November 1967.

b. Weekly Civic Action Training was conducted on the Company and Platoon level.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. TuDo newspapers were distributed by all companies at checkpoints or on patrols to the Vietnamese populace.
2. Magazines and leaflets were also distributed throughout the TAOR.
3. One PsyOps movie was shown in the Ap Nai Elementary School.

### MEDICAL/DENTAL

#### 1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data

a. Significant Events: 1. The FLC, PMU (Preventive Medicine Unit) conducted a sanitation inspection of the Battalion area. There were no major discrepancies noted.

2. There was one (1) death in the Battalion. 2 Nov 67, MILLER, Heber Joseph, Sgt/1957744/USMC. Cause of death: Massive Brain Damage due to gunshot wound, non hostile.

b. New Developments: The venereal disease rate for the Battalion was considerably lower for this reporting period.

c. Problems Encountered There was difficulty noted in obtaining supplies i.e. blank forms and routine medications.

#### 2. MILITARY PATIENT STATISTICAL DATA

a. Average daily number of patients seen: 23

b. Average daily number of patients referred to other treating facilities for consultations, dental, x-rays and laboratory work: 5

c. Routine medical complaints: Sore throat, gastrcenteritis, and local infections.

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

e. Number of emergency treatments: Combat injury: 0; Lacerations: 14; Burns: 4; Trauma: 20.

f. Innoculations and prophylactic medications:  
Innoculations: 253                      Malaria Prophylaxis: 2,432

g. Patients admitted to BAS Ward: 0

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Nov 1967 Standard Readiness Condition III set from 011800 Nov '67 to 020600 Nov 67.

7 Nov 1967 Between 072000 Nov 67 - 072010 Nov 67 four small arms rounds were received by Company "C". Patrol was dispatched to investigate with negative results.

15 Nov 1967 Alpha Company reported a fire in the vicinity of BT 024743 at approximately 152155 Nov 67. Patrol was dispatched to investigate with a subsequent report of Vietnamese house having burned down through accidental causes.

16 Nov 1967 A sweep of the Nai Nam Peninsula was conducted from 160500 - 160800 Nov 67 by Foxtrot Combined Action Company, assisted by elements of H&S and Alpha Companies and by one platoon from MWSG-17. No unauthorized activity was observed and no detainees were apprehended.

23 Nov 1967 A Regional Force Platoon of the 768th Company moved to the vicinity of BT 033735 - BT 030734 to begin a security and surveillance operation for an undetermined period of time. Alpha Company patrol routes were altered during hours of darkness to avoid accidental clashes.

24 Nov 1967 Alpha Company patrol apprehended one male Vietnamese with no ID card at BT 024746. Individual was taken to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for interrogation.

Bravo Company patrol apprehended one male Vietnamese in a restricted area, BT 063731. Individual had a valid ID card but was taken to III MAF ITT Section for interrogation and released.

27 Nov 1967 Bravo Company Reaction Force was dispatched to the Camp Tien Sha area to investigate some small arms fire. Search of the area produced negative results.

River Patrol reported taking small arms fire (approximately 2-4 rounds) 1000 meters north of the Cam Le Bridge from the south bank of the river, BT 030725. Illumination was requested and fired by 1st MarDiv FSCC. Close observation and surveillance produced negative results.

28 Nov 1967 Standard Readiness Condition III set from 282300 - 290600 Nov 1967.