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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, Force Logistic Command
(Attn: Staff Secretary)
Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 Jan to 31 Jan 1968
Ref: (a) FLCO 5750.1A
Encl: (1) 1st Military Police Battalion Command Chronology
1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) FLCO 5750.1A

Encl: (1) 3rd Military Police Battalion Command Chronology

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

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Part I

Organizational Data1. DESIGNATION

1st Military Police Battalion

CommanderLtCol T. R. HILL
1-31 Jan 1968Subordinate Units

H&S Co	1-14Jan68	Capt E. GRAY
	15-31Jan68	Capt B. M. HUEY II
Co "A"	1-31Jan68	Capt D. W. JUDD
Co "B"	1-31Jan68	Capt B. J. MURPHY
Co "C"	1-31Jan68	Capt R. M. SHEA
Co "D"	1-31Jan68	Capt J. SABATER JR.

Attached Units

Co "G", 5th MPBn	1-31Jan68	Capt J. B. MORIARTY
Detachment, 7th CommBn	1-31Jan68	

2. LOCATION

1-31Jan68, Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Exec Off	1-31Jan68	Major J. F. BUGBEE
S-1/ADJ	1-31Jan68	1stLt O. L. BUMGARNER
S-2	1-31Jan68	1stLt R. GASKILL
S-3	1-31Jan68	Major W. M. FITTS
S-3A	1-3Jan68	Capt W. S. MACK JR.
	4-31Jan68	2ndLt S. C. JONES JR.
S-4	1-30Jan68	1stLt J. E. MANNING
	31Jan68	Capt B. M. HUEY II
S-5	1-4Jan68	Capt M. B. ABILHEIRA
	5-31Jan68	2ndLt T. W. JOHNSON

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
35		661	0		8

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. During the reporting period, the Battalion sustained two KIA's, six WIA's and one death not as a result of hostile action.

2. One Purple Heart was awarded by the Commanding General, FLC to a member of this command.

3. Losses:

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
<u>5</u>		<u>68</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>

4. Replacements:

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
<u>5</u>		<u>71</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5. Discipline. One Special Court-martial and no Summary Court-martial were convened during the reporting period. In addition, seven Battalion Commander NJP's and nine Company Commander NJP's were imposed.

6. Strength.

	<u>Effective</u>				<u>Non-effective</u>			
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&S Co	12	74	0	6	1	10	0	2
Co "A"	3	90	0	0	1	6	0	0
Co "B"	4	100	0	0	0	7	0	0
Co "C"	1	135	0	0	1	7	0	0
Co "D"	6	104	0	0	0	5	0	0
Co "C (-)"	4	99	0	0	0	5	0	0

Part II

Narrative SummaryS-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of January this organization killed 29 VC/NVA during attacks on the TAOR. Also during the month this organization captured/apprehended 31 Vietnamese of which twenty-nine were subsequently classified as VC/NVA POW's. In addition, during the month in combined actions with ARVN and/or PF units the battalion is credited with contributing to the death of 30 VC/NVA, the capture of 26 VC/NVA POW's, the capture of 40 VCS and the detention of 5 Vietnamese of questionable status. Throughout the month a total of 83 VC/NVA weapons were captured or recovered along with numerous articles of medical supplies, uniforms, equipment, diaries, SVN and NVN currency, wallets, and an estimated 200 pounds of a plastic type explosive.

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2. Intelligence reports during this period centered around the Viet Cong plans to attack vital U.S. and ARVN installations. There was an increase in Viet Cong terrorist activities in Da Nang City. Reports of infiltration into Hoa Vang District and areas in and around Da Nang City proved to be correct. There was a substantial increase in enemy activity in the rocket belt and areas surrounding Da Nang Air Base. Reports still indicate the VC/NVA plans to conduct coordinated ground and rocket attacks on installations in the Da Nang Vital Area.

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 Bridges and Cam Lo Bridge. These bridges maintain a high priority on the VC target list due to their importance in logistical support of the ICTZ.
- d. I Corps POW Compound. Numerous reports have placed the I Corps POW Compound on a high priority as a psychological and moral victory.
- e. Other targets mentioned are Marble Mountain Air Facility, Naval Docking Facilities, I Corps Headquarters, U.S. and ARVN installation in Hoa Vang District and Da Nang Special Sector.

S-3 OPERATIONS/TRAINING

- 1. During the reporting period this Command participated in two offensive operations against NVA/VC units and sustained major contact. At least 3 attempts by NVA/VC swimmer teams to destroy the I Corps Bridges were thwarted during the latter part of the month.
- 2. Four rocket attacks were conducted against the DaNang Air Base and/or Marble Mountain Air Facility during this reporting period.
- 3. The Battalion conducted 127 day and 141 night fire team patrols, 23 fire team night ambushes and established 138 fire team sized listening posts for a total of 429 small unit actions during the reporting period. In addition platoon sweep operations were conducted with the assistance of National Police, Popular Forces, CACO Marines and elements of Maintenance Bn, 1st FSR/FLC and 1st MAW.

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4. Standard Readiness Condition I was established 3 times throughout the TAOR and an additional time in East Da Nang; Condition II, one time; and Condition III four times.
5. A briefing on the mission of the 1st MPBn was conducted for Col. FRET, CO of MAG 11.
6. Officers & SNCO's attended classes on the following subjects: Technique of Military Instruction, Embarkation Procedures, Base Defense Battalion Operational Responsibilities and Vietnamese History/Culture/TST.
7. Battalion GTS training was conducted in accordance with current directives to include technical training by MOS and NCO training. Some training was cancelled due to operational commitments.
8. Orientation classes for newly joined personnel were conducted on 3 and 29 January 1968.
9. A new alert/alarm system was established during January 1968 to enable personnel to differentiate between a rocket/mortar attack and a reaction force muster.

S-4 LOGISTICS

1. Significant Events

a. A new roof and associated renovation of the COC Bunker was completed during this reporting period.

2. Supply/Ordnance. Combat Readiness of essential equipment is rated at 99%.

3. Communications

a. During the month the Battalion received 4 AN/PRC-25 radios and presently has on hand its T/E allowance of 90.

b. All T/A-1 Telephones in excess of T/E allowances have been returned to the supply system and the special allowance for the excess cancelled as a need for the phones no longer exists.

c. Condition of Comm-Elect equipment is excellent.

d. Combat Readiness of essential equipment is 92%

4. Motor Transport

a. Combat Readiness of essential equipment is rated at 98%

b. Although there has been a slight improvement, a problem in obtaining second echelon repair parts for the AN/MRC 109 still exists.

S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS1. General

a. A conference was conducted with 1st Marine Air Wing, Naval Support Activity, and Force Logistic Command Civil Affairs Officers to coordinate projects and receive definite area assignments.

b. The Civil Affairs Officer met with Revolutionary Development leaders Captain Tich and Lieutenant Tuong in An Khe Hai for an orientation on Revolutionary Development projects in that area.

c. A conference with the various unit civic action officers and RD workers working in the Xuan Hoa Hamlet was conducted to coordinate projects in that area.

d. Construction of a classroom in the Xuan Hoa Elementary School was discussed with the principal of the school.

e. Marines of Company "D" gave a party for 80 students of the Binh Khue Cam Elementary School whose fathers had been killed during the past year.

f. One Foreign Claim was processed during this reporting period.

2. Education

a. The Civil Affairs Officer conducted English classes totaling 18 hours for three teachers of An Khe Hai Elementary School.

b. Company "D" Marines presented six hours of instruction in English for 20 students of Binh Khue Cam Elementary School. Company "D" also commenced English classes at Bo De High School during the month for 60 students and totaled 2 hours of instruction.

3. Public Health

a. A MEDCAP at the Xuan Hoa Elementary School (BT002779), sponsored by Company "C" treated 165 children this month.

b. Thirty four children were treated during a MEDCAP sponsored by Company A at an Elementary School in Hoa Cueng.

c. Thirty six bars of soap were distributed during MEDCAP's in Xuan Hoa.

d. Two civilian emergency cases were evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station this month.

4. Public Work

a. Plywood was given to the Kuan Hoa Elementary School for bulletin boards along with lumber and paint to improve recreational facilities.

b. Company "A" Marines made repairs on the classrooms of an Elementary School in Hoa Cuong.

5. Welfare

a. Three bags of rice and a carton of salad oil were provided to Echo 4 CAP for distribution in a Hoa Cuong refugee village.

b. Two bags of rice were provided Golf 2 CAP for distribution in East Da Nang.

6. Civic Action Training

a. A Personal Response Class was presented to all newly joined Marines.

b. Vietnamese Language Classes for Company "A" commenced during the month and 3 hours of instruction was presented.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. Sixty thousand Tu Do newspapers were distributed by all companies at traffic control points and on patrols to the Vietnamese populous.

2. One hundred and fifty nine thousand leaflets utilizing the TET Theme were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

3. One hundred American History and Free World magazines were given to the students of the Binh Khue Cam Elementary School.

MEDICAL/DENTAL1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Dataa. Significant Events:

1. FLC Preventive Medicine Unit held a sanitation inspection and all areas were found to be in satisfactory condition.

2. Two (2) corpsman from this aid station were WIA during enemy contact on 30 January 1968.

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b. New Developments: Company "A" in conjunction with BAS is now undertaking a program to develop a Med CAP in Hoa Cuong.

c. Problems encountered: A definite increase is noted in venereal disease. A total of 21 cases were treated. Sixty-two percent of the cases diagnosed were sustained in the Da Nang TAOR.

2. Military Patient Statistical Data:

a. Average daily number of patients seen: 25

b. Average daily number of patients referred to other treating facilities for consultations, dental, x-rays and laboratory work: 3

c. Routine medical complaints: Sore throat and headaches

d. Significant diseases peculiar to the area: None observed

e. Number of emergency treatments: Combat injury: 4;
Lacerations: 15; Burns: 2; Trauma: 18

f. Innoculations and prophylactic medications:
Innoculations= 130; Malaria Prophylaxis= 2,660

g. Patients admitted to BAS Ward: 0

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

3 Jan 1968 Da Nang Air Base received approximately 44 Rocket rounds (122mm) resulting in aircraft and facility damage within USAF and USMC areas.

10 Jan 1968 A sweep of the Dogpatch area was conducted by the 1st MPBn assisted by elements from 1st MAW, Maintenance Bn, Foxtrot CACO, National Police and a detachment of 1st Mar Div MP Co. Two detainees were apprehended and turned over to the National Police.

12 Jan 1968 Two Revolutionary Development Teams relocated their positions within the 1st MPBn TAOR.

18 Jan 1968 Company "B" participated in a joint USMC and RVN sweep of the Marble Mountain area. Two VC and 40 VCS were apprehended and taken to the I Corps POW Compound.

19 Jan 1968 Foxtrot 3 CAP Marine detachment was withdrawn from the TAOR and displaced to an area in the 1st Mar Div TAOR.

23 Jan 1968 One squad from Company "A" participated in a sweep of the Nai Nam Fishing Village area (Coordinate BT 045737). This operation was coordinated and conducted by the Hoa Vang District Headquarters and resulted in 5 detainees and some intelligence items being apprehended.

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25 Jan 1968 Elements of H&S Co., Company "A", Company "D" and Company C (3rd MPBn attached) participated in "Operation Noah" conducted by National Police and coordinated by III MAF G-2.

27 Jan 1968 Two VC/NVA Swimmers were observed and fired on in the vicinity of the I Corps Bridges. No physical evidence of enemy casualties at the time; however, the bodies came to the surface two days later.

28 Jan 1968 An accidental explosion of a grenade at the Cam Le Bridge resulted in the non-hostile death of one Company "D", 1st MPBn, Marine.

30 Jan 1968

a. River patrol boat observed two swimmers south of I Corps Bridges. One was killed and the other escaped to the shore.

b. Company "C" (3rd MPBn attached) observed two VC/NVA Swimmers in the vicinity of the I Corps Bridges. Both swimmers were killed and several items of intelligence captured. Approximately 200 pounds of plastic explosive were recovered.

c. Company "B" captured one VC/NVA Swimmer South of the I Corps Bridges and recovered several intelligence items. Swimmer appeared to be same swimmer who escaped in (a) above.

d. Marble Mountain Air Facility received approximately 25 rounds (122mm) causing minor damage and no casualties.

e. Da Nang Air Base received approximately 25 rounds (122mm) causing moderate damage to aircraft and facilities. Casualties as follows: USMC: 1 KIA and 5 WIA USAF: 0 KIA 4 WIA

f. H&S Co. reaction platoons assisted by elements from Maintenance Bn while moving into blocking positions south of I Corps Headquarters made heavy contact with VC/NVA Units and the resulting fire fight lasted approximately 2½ hours. 1st MPBn casualties 2 KIA and 6 WIA, enemy casualties not officially known as bodies were taken to I Corps Headquarters by RVN Units operating in the same area; tentative results 30 VC/NVA KIA's, 24 VC/NVA POW's and several weapons and items of equipment seized..

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31 Jan 1968

a. Marble Mountain Air Facility and Camp Adenir (HCB 153) received approximately 15 rounds of 122mm rockets. Minor damage and 1 WIA resulted.

b. Company "B" assisted by Golf 5 CAP Marines conducted a sweep of the Da Mo and My Thi Hamlet area in East Da Nang with the following results: 22 VC/NVA KIA, 23 VC/NVA POW's and numerous weapons and equipment recovered. No friendly casualties resulted.

c. Companies "A", "C" and "D" assisted by elements from H&S Co and personnel from the 1st MAW conducted sweeps of their respective patrol areas with negative results.

d. Company C (-) 3rd MPBn (attached) captured 4 VC who were in a sampan at the "I" Corps Bridge. One was wounded.

e. Company C (-) 3rd MPBn (attached) captured 1 VC attempting to cross the "I" Corps Bridge with a package of plastic explosives.