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(Attn: Staff Secretary)

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 March to 31 March 1968

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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 IOrganizational Data

1. DESIGNATION Commander  
 1st Military Police Battalion LtCol B. G. BROWN  
 1-31Mar68

Subordinate Units

H&S Co	1-31Mar68	Capt B. M. HUEY II
Co "A"	1-31Mar68	Capt D. W. JUDD
Co "B"	1-31Mar68	Capt B. J. MURPHY
Co "C"	1-31Mar68	Capt R. M. SHEA
Co "D"	1-20Mar68	Capt J. SABATER JR.
	21-31Mar68	1stLt D. M. TENNANT

Attached Units

Co "C", 3rd MEBn	1-31Mar68	Capt J. B. MORIARTY
Detachment, 7thCommBn	1-31Mar68	

2. LOCATION  
 1-31Mar68, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Exec Off	1-31Mar68	Major J. F. BUGBEE
S-1/ADJ	1-31Mar68	1stLt O. L. BUMGARNER
S-2	1-31Mar68	1stLt R. GASKILL
S-3	1-31Mar68	Major W. M. FITTS
S-4	1-31Mar68	Capt B. M. HUEY II
S-5	1-31Mar68	1stLt T. W. JOHNSON

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
54		647	0	8

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. During the reporting period, the Battalion sustained two injuries not result of hostile action.

2. One Bronze Star and one Purple Heart were awarded by the Commanding General, FLC to members of this command.

1. ENCLOSURE (1)

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3. Losses:

	USMC	
OFF		ENL
2		18

	USN	
OFF		ENL
0		1

4. Replacements:

	USMC	
OFF		ENL
3		58

	USN	
OFF		ENL
0		1

5. Discipline. Three Special Courts-martial and two Summary Courts-martial were convened during the reporting period. Two Battalion Commander NJP's and 13 Company Commander NJP's were imposed during the month.

6. Strength.

	<u>Effective</u>				<u>Non-effective</u>			
	USMC				USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S Co	12	94	0	8	2	3	0	0
Co "A"	4	87	0	0	0	5	0	0
Co "B"	4	101	0	0	0	7	0	0
Co "C"	5	124	0	0	0	14	0	0
Co "D"	4	105	0	0	0	6	0	0
Co "C", 3dMPBn	2	90	0	0	2	10	0	0

## Part II

Narrative SummaryS-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of March, ten Vietnamese personnel were apprehended. Two were turned over to the III MAF PW Compound and classified as VCS. The others were found to be civil defendants with improper or no I.D. card. Two NVA shirts, two armbands, one map case, one transistor radio, two wallets containing pictures and documents were recovered during March.

2. Intelligence reports during this period centered around enemy plans to conduct coordinated attacks against vital U.S. and ARVN installations. Reports indicate the enemy's intentions of infiltrating into Hoa Vang District and DaNang City. There were no indications of an increase in propaganda activities in and around DaNang City. An increase in terrorist activities was noted. Reports still indicate the VC/NVA plan to conduct coordinated ground and rocket attacks on installations in the DaNang Vital Area.

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

- a. DaNang Air Base. This remains the number one target.
- b. DaNang City. This is to be the focal point of terrorist activity.
- c. I Corps Bridges and Cam Le Bridge. These bridges maintain a high priority on the enemy's target list due to their importance in logistical support of the ICTZ.
- d. I Corps POW Compound. Reports have placed this compound on a high priority as a psychological and morale victory.
- e. Other targets mentioned are Marble Mountain Air Facility, Naval Docking Facilities, NSA, U.S. and ARVN installations in Hoa Vang District.

#### S-3 OPERATIONS/TRAINING

1. During the reporting period this Command participated in numerous small unit operations but sustained no major contact. Throughout the month there were reports of sniper/harrassment fire in all portions of the TAOR.
2. A rocket attack was conducted against the Marble Mountain Air Facility and the NSA Station Hospital Complex during the reporting period.
3. M-16 Instruction was given to Company "F", 2nd Bn, 27th Marines (OpCon to 1st MPBn) 1-2 March 1968.
4. The Battalion conducted 371 day and night fire team size patrols, 175 fire team size listening posts, 15 fire team size night ambushes and 9 squad size patrols for a total of 570 small unit actions during the reporting period. In addition, three platoon size island search operations were conducted on the Song Cau Do/Song Ham River Complex.
5. Company "A", 1st Battalion 27th Marines (OpCon to 1stMPBn) conducted a search of the peninsula area in the vicinity of Nai Nam Hamlet (coordinate BT 038745) and were assisted by National Police, Popular Forces and a Counterintelligence Team from III MAF.
6. 1st MPBn (-) assisted by Company "A" 1st Bn, 27th Marines (attached) and in conjunction with PF/RF Forces from DaNang Special Sector conducted a sweep of portions of Monkey Mountain from 120715 to 121700H.

7. A Base Defense Conference for DaNang West Tennant Units was held on 28 March 1968.

8. Officers and SNCO's attended classes on the following subjects: Postal Affairs, NEC Defense, Ambush Techniques and Conduct of the Defense.

9. Battalion GMS 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.

10. A troop orientation class was conducted on 1 March for newly arrived personnel.

#### S-4 LOGISTICS

##### 1. Significant Events.

a. SSgt R. J. MCCARRICK was assigned duty as the S-4 Chief.

b. The LARES Unit Equipment and Supply Reporting system was put into effect on 23 March 1968.

2. Supply. Supply at the present is 98% Combat Ready.

##### 3. Communications

a. The condition of Comm-Elect equipment is considered excellent.

b. The percent of Combat Essential Equipment available is 98%.

4. Motor Transport. Combat readiness of essential equipment is rated at 93%.

#### S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

##### 1. General

a. The platoon sergeants of Company "C", 3rd Military Police Battalion attended a promotion party for an ARVN 1stSgt.

b. The Company Commander and Civil Affairs Officer of Company "C", 3rd Military Police Battalion, met with officers of the ARVN counterpart unit to discuss betterment of Vietnamese living conditions.

c. Company "C", 3rd Military Police Battalion, towed a small sampan, caught in a storm and unable to make headway, to the owner's houseboat.

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2. Education

a. Company "D" has resumed English classes at the Binh Khue Cam Primary School in Hoa Cuong. The Company Civil Affairs NCO is teaching three classes to the students and one to the teachers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This month, twenty-seven hours of instruction were conducted.

b. Company "D" has made plans to begin an athletic program at the Bo De High School and Binh Khue Cam Primary School of Hoa Cuong.

c. 100 school kits were distributed by Company "D" to the students of the Binh Khue Cam Primary School.

3. Public Health

a. Company "D" has been treating minor injuries and infections of the Vietnamese populous in the vicinity of the Cam Le Bridge.

b. One Vietnamese child was evacuated from the Cam Le Bridge to the Hoa Vang Dispensary for the treatment of foot burns.

c. A thirteen year old Vietnamese girl, whose breathing and heartbeat had stopped, was evacuated to the USAAM Hospital. Due to the efforts of HN David A. MITSCHELEN, the girl's breathing and pulse had almost returned to normal upon arrival at the USAAM Hospital.

d. Company "C", 3rd Military Police Battalion, evacuated one sick Vietnamese baby and mother to the USAAM Hospital.

e. A drowning Vietnamese boy was picked up near Company "A", 1st Battalion, 27th Marines (OpCon to 1st Military Police Battalion). A slight pulse was noted and a request for a corpsman was generated. 1st Military Police Battalion corpsman administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and the boy was taken to the USAAM Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The body was returned to the parents.

f. The Civil Affairs Officer of Company "D" has made plans for an "Operation Bright Smile", a project designed to help the children of Hamlet 1, Hoa Cuong Village form proper dental habits. Correspondence has been made with the manufacturers of toothbrushes and toothpastes and word has been received that the Oral B Company is sending 864 toothbrushes for this program.

g. Company "D" has received word that 400 bars of soap are being sent by a private source for use in its TAOR.

4. Welfare

a. Company "D" delivered a load of scrap lumber to the children of the Binh Khue Cam Primary School. This scrap lumber will be used to heat milk for the students.

5. Civic Action Training

a. The Civil Affairs Officer gave Personal Response Orientation Classes to all newly arrived personnel.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. Eight thousand leaflets were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

MEDICAL/DENTAL

1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data

a. Significant Events:

1. HM3 FULGINITI attended Basic Organic Supply Accounting School at FLC from 18 March to 22 March 1968.

2. Logistical support, with regard to medical supplies, was given to Co "A", 1st Bn, 27th Marines for their MEDCAP program.

b. New Developments:

1. The addition of two rooms in the Battalion Aid Station have been completed: a Doctors office and an inoculation room. Additional improvements included a new ceiling, seven (7) fluorescent fixtures and three (3) overhead fans.

c. Problems Encountered: None

2. Military Patient Statistical Data:

a. Average daily number of patients seen: 22

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

c. Routing medical complaints: Sore throat, cough and headaches.

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

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e. Number of emergency treatments: Combat injury: 0;  
Lacerations: 6; Burns: 1; Trauma: 16

f. Innoculations and prophylactic medications:  
Innoculations: 984 Malaria Prophylaxies: 3,000

g. Patients admitted to BAS Ward: 0

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

4 Mar 1968

a. At 040220H the Marble Mountain Air Facility and NSA Station Hospital Complex received approximately 36 rocket rounds (122mm). Casualties as follows: 2 USN WIA, 2 USMC WIA, 1 ROK Marine WIA, 1 ROK Civilian WIA and 1 US Civilian WIA. All casualties occurred in the NSA Hospital Area. Damage as follows: 1 CH53 destroyed, 6 CH53 damaged, 8 CH46 damaged, 11 UH1E damaged, 2 OEI damaged, 1 small tractor destroyed, S-4 Building damaged, 1 hanger heavy damage and 2 Wards at NSA Hospital damaged.

b. At 040250H a listening post of Company "F", 2nd Bn, 27th Marines, (OpCon to 1stMPBn), received approximately 5 small arms rounds sniper fire in the vicinity of Coordinate BT 044744. Listening post returned fire and a reaction force was dispatched; a detailed search of the area was conducted at first light and resulted in negative results.

6 Mar 1968 At 0315 a grenade was thrown into the headquarters compound of Co. "F", 2nd Bn, 27th Marines (OpCon to 1stMPBn) vicinity of Coordinate BT 035738. No casualties or damage resulted. Small arms fire was directed towards one VC/NVA seen running away from the explosion. Reaction patrol was dispatched, but found no evidence of enemy casualties.

10 Mar 1968 Company "A", 1st Bn, 27th Marines replaced Company "F", 2nd Bn, 27th Marines as Company under operational control of the 1stMPBn.

11 Mar 1968

a. At 1700 personnel from Co. "C", 1stMPBn apprehended 2 detainees who were attempting to enter Gate #16 of the Danang Air Base. Detainees had no identification and were taken to the III MAF POW Compound for interrogation.

b. One platoon of Co. "H", 2nd Bn, 27th Marines relieved one platoon of Co. "G", 2nd Bn 27th Marines as additional security for I Corps POW Compound.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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12 Mar 1968 1stMPBn (-) assisted by Company "A", 1stBn, 27th Marines (Attached) and in conjunction with RF/PF Forces from DaNang Special Sector conducted a sweep of portions of Monkey Mountain resulting in negative contact.

14 Mar 1968 At 0930 Company "G", 1stMPBn checkpoint personnel, vicinity of Coordinate BT 058742, apprehended one male Vietnamese with a M26 Grenade. Detainee was taken to the III MAF POW Compound for interrogation.

19 Mar 1968 At 1000, a patrol from Co "A", 1st Bn, 27th Marines, (OpCon to 1stMPBn) found at Coordinates BT 044739 (1) NVA shirt, (1) transistor radio with SW capability, (1) map case with assorted pens, (2) NVA armbands and (2) wallots containing pictures and documents. All items will be forwarded to G-2 III MAF.

22 Mar 1968 Company "D", 1stMPBn, conducted a search of Con Co Island located at Coordinate 009708. An extensive search for caches, tunnels and unauthorized personnel produced negative results.

25 Mar 1968 At 2120, Company "B" reported that a grenade was thrown into the north side of the 5th Communication Battalions Compound. No casualties or damage resulted. A search of the area at first light proved negative.

26 Mar 1968

a. Company "A", 1stMPBn, conducted a search operation for tunnels, caches and unauthorized personnel on Con Noi Island, Coordinate BT 023720. One detainee was apprehended and taken to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for interrogation. Numerous duds were found and destroyed in place.

b. One platoon from Company "A", 1stBn, 27th Marines, relieved the platoon from Company H, 2ndBn, 27th Marines as security platoon for I Corps POW Compound.

28 Mar 1968 Company "B", 1stMPBn, conducted a search of the island located at Coordinate BT 055725. An extensive and detailed search for caches, tunnels and unauthorized personnel produced negative results.

30 Mar 1968 Company "I", 3rdBn, 27th Marines replaced Company "A", 1stBn, 27th Marines as Op-Con unit to the 1st MP Bn.