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HEADQUARTERS

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Force Logistic Command
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, Force Logistic Command
(Attn: Staff Secretary)

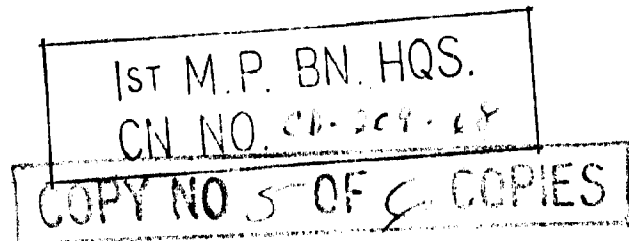
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 July to 31 July 1968

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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Part 1Organizational Data

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| 1. <u>DESIGNATION</u> | <u>Commander</u> |
| 1st Military Police Battalion | LtCol B. G. BROWN |
| | 1-31Jul68 |

Subordinate Units

M&S Co	1-31Jul68	1stLt A. B. HENZ
Co "A"	1-31Jul68	Capt T. D. WILSON
Co "B"	1-31Jul68	Capt B. H. HUEY II
Co "C"	1-31Jul68	Capt D. A. CARTER
Co "D"	1-31Jul68	1stLt D. H. TENNANT

Attached Units

Co "C", 3rdMPBn	1-31Jul68	Capt J. D. MORIARTY
Detachment, 7thCommBn	1-31Jul68	

2. LOCATION
1-31Jul68, DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecOff	1-31Jul68	Major W. L. FITTS
S-1/Adj	1-31Jul68	1stLt O. L. BUNGARNER
S-2	1-31Jul68	1stLt R. C. RACHOW
S-3	1-31Jul68	Capt. J. SABATER
S-4	1-31Jul68	1stLt R. J. OYER
S-5	1-17Jul68	1stLt T. W. JOHNSON
	18-31Jul68	1stLt J. W. JUDGE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
37	695	0	8

S-1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

- During the reporting period the Battalion sustained one KIA and 1 MIA.
- One Purple Heart was awarded by the Commanding General, FLC, to a member of this Command.
- The Battalion Contonement Area was officially dedicated as Camp Colben B. STOKES in honor of Private First Class Colben B. STOKES Jr. 2101657/3051 USMC who was killed in action 30 January 1968 while a member of a reaction force. PFC STOKES was recommended for a Silver Star posthumously.

4. Losses:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
6	57	0	0

5. Replacements:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
7	24	0	0

6. Discipline. Two Special Courts-martial and four Summary courts-martial were convened during the reporting period. Six Battalion Commander NJP's and four Company Commander NJP's were imposed during the month.

5. Strength.

	<u>Effectives</u>				<u>Non-Effectives</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>
USMC	16	103	0	8	0	9	0	0
Co "A"	4	81	0	0	0	7	0	0
Co "B"	4	103	0	0	0	11	0	0
Co "C"	5	124	0	0	0	8	0	0
Co "D"	4	98	0	0	0	5	0	0
Co "G", 3rd Pbn	4	105	0	0	1	4	0	0

Part IINarrative Summary.S-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of July, 49 Vietnamese detainees were apprehended by battalion operations and patrols. Three of the detainees were classified as VCS by DaNang Special Sector. The remaining 46 detainees were classified as either civil defendants or innocent civilians. Civil defendants fell into the categories of draft dodger, illegal resident, or possession of an illegal or invalid I.D. card. All detainees were turned over to DaNang Special Sector or Hoa Vang Sub-Sector for further interrogation and appropriate civil action.

In addition, the following ordnance and equipment were discovered by search/sweep operations in the battalion TAOR, with the exception of the 48, 105mm Artillery rounds which were turned in by 3 Vietnamese Nationals.

- a. (650) rds. of 7.62mm linked machine gun ammunition
- b. (5) Chi-Com hand grenades
- c. (2) Smoke grenades
- d. (10) M-26 Fragmentation grenades
- e. (6) pounds of C-4 explosive in two-pound packages.
- f. (48) 105mm M.E. artillery rounds
- g. (180) AK-47 rounds
- h. (3) AK-47 magazines
- i. (2) canteens of U.S. manufacture
- j. (3) ponchos of U.S. manufacture
- k. (1) SKS rifle
- l. (1) pair of wire cutters
- m. Assorted medical gear (battle dressings, penicillin tablets)
- n. Assorted documents and propaganda leaflets

The explosive ordnance was destroyed by EOD personnel. All equipment, weapons, and documents were turned over to III MAF G-2 for exploitation.

2. Intelligence reports during July centered on an enemy force of at least 6 regiments, with support, launching an attack on either DaNang City or U.S. and allied installations in the southern portion of the DaNang TAOB located on a generally East to West line from Noi An in the East to Thong Duc on the west, including District Headquarters at Dien Ban and Dai Loc. These reports were based on two captured enemy documents in addition to P.W. and agent reports. Toward the end of July, reports indicated that the enemy would launch his main attack in the southern portions of the DaNang TAOB during mid August with the DaNang Vital Area coming under fire attack and the city of DaNang being attacked from within by elements of the T-39 Sapper Bn. In addition the V.25 Bn. would move up into the Hoa Da village area where they would be able to exploit any weaknesses which appeared in the Combined DaNang Defensive Plan.

3. The following areas were mentioned as enemy objectives within the DaNang Vital Area during this reporting period.

- a. U.S. and GVN compounds and installations within the City of DaNang.
- b. DaNang Air Base. This target was rocketed 5 times during the latter part of July.
- c. Marble Mountain Air Facility. This target was rocketed once and mortared once during July.
- d. I Corps Bridges. This target was mentioned because of its significance in logistical support of the I Corps Tactical Zone.
- e. Other targets mentioned were the Cam Le Bridge, Hoa Vang District Headquarters, and I Corps Headquarters.

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. The Battalion conducted 162 day and night fire team size patrols, 64 day and night squad size patrols, 279 fire team size night ambushes, 366 squad size ambushes and 62 platoon size operations for a total of 933 small unit activities during this reporting period.
3. A Base Defense Conference for DaNang West Tenant units was held on 22 July 1968 and for DaNang East Tenant units on 26 July 1968.
4. Officers and SMC's attended classes on the following subjects: Civic Action on the Company/Battalion level, Psychological Operations, Convoy Preparation and Counter Ambush Procedures, Proper Correspondence Procedures, and Intelligence Summary.
5. Battalion GIS training was conducted in accordance with current directives to include technical training by MOS and NCO Leadership Training. Some training was cancelled due to operational commitments.
6. A troop orientation class for 73 newly arrived personnel was conducted on 8 July 1968.
7. Twelve (12) rocket or mortar attacks were conducted against the DaNang Vital Area during this reporting period.

S-4 LOGISTICS

1. Significant Events.
 - a. A new alternate command bunker was started and is near completion.
 - b. Public Works has looked at probable shower sites in H&S, A, and D Company areas and work on new shower facilities will be started in the near future.
 - c. Two (2) 630 cubic foot reefers have been received and will soon be installed at the mess hall.
 - d. Sgt. L. D. ROGERS reported into the 1st LP Battalion and was assigned as chief cook.

2. Motor Transport.

- a. A new grease rack has been installed and is in operation.
- b. Three (3) M35A2C multi-fuel vehicles were received during the month.
- c. The motor pool is rated as 95% combat ready.

3. Communications.

- a. Lt C.C. DRYANT reported into the 1st Military Police Battalion and was assigned as Communications Officer.
- b. Comm-Elec equipment is rated as 95% combat ready.

4. Supply.

- a. Supply is rated as 95% combat ready.

S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. General.

- a. Five meetings were held with the leaders of Siccovina Textile Factory to discuss village and factory needs. The two leaders, Mr. Quen and Mr. Huns, spoke basically of construction needs.
- b. Nine hundred feet of board lumber was distributed to the 769th Regional Forces Company.
- c. Meetings concerning census were conducted with An Hai District, An Hai Village and Tan Hai Village Chiefs.

2. Education.

- a. Twenty-eight hours of English instruction were given to employees at The Siccovina Textile Factory.
- b. Fifteen hours of English instruction were given to students at the Xuen Hoa High School.
- c. Fourteen hours of English instruction were given to students at the III MAF School.
- d. Thirty-one hours of English instruction were given to students at the Sacred Hearts Orphanage.

e. Thirty-five hours of English instruction were given to students at Hoa Vang High School.

f. Chairs and desks were donated to Xuan Hoa High School.

3. Public Health

a. Twelve hundred and fifty-five patients were treated during MEDCAP's within 1st Marine Air Wing's Civic Action TAOR this month.

b. Three hundred and ninety patients were treated during MEDCAP's within the Naval Support Activity's Civic Action TAOR this month.

c. Soap was distributed during all MEDCAP's.

d. One child was evacuated to Hoa Vang Hospital this month to be treated for infection.

e. One child was evacuated to 5th Comm. for treatment of a broken arm.

f. This Office has continued to provide transportation to and from the Force Logistic Command Children's Hospital for parents of patients referred there by this command.

4. Welfare.

a. Khue Trung I Hamlet began construction on the Village Meeting Hall.

b. Two sewing machines were donated to two needy widows for their own personal use.

5. Civic Action Training.

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

b. A total of eight hours of Personal Response instruction was given to five hundred and twelve members of this Battalion.

6. Psychological Operations.

a. Thirty-four thousand eight hundred and seventy Free South Newspapers were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

b. Four thousand four hundred leaflets were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

MEDICAL/DEFER1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data.

a. Significant Events: There were eight emergency hospital runs made for Vietnamese Nationals during the month. A total of one thousand six hundred and forty-five Vietnamese were treated through the battalion MEDCAP program. The BAS received a new ambulance and a permanent driver assigned from the Motor Pool.

b. New Developments: None

c. Problems Encountered: No significant problems were encountered.

2. Military Patient Statistical Data:

a. Average daily number of patients seen: 20

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

c. Routine medical complaints: Diarrhea, heat rash, head colds.

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

e. Number of emergency treatments: Combat injury: 0, Lacerations: 4, Burns: 1, Trauma: 1

f. Immunizations and prophylactic medications: Immunizations: 429, Malaria Prophylaxis: 1,000 tabs.

g. Patients admitted to BAS ward: 0

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. July 1966

a. At 010500H, Company "B", 1st LF Battalion participated in two (2) combined search/sweep operations with the 106th Regional Forces Company. The operational areas were the Hamlets of Da Ne (Coordinates BT 054730) and Ly Thi (Coordinates BT 051745). A total of six VCS were apprehended and turned over to Da Nang Special Sector.

2 July 1968

a. At 020430H, Company "A", 1st MP Battalion, participated in combined search/sweep operation with the 106th Regional Forces Company. The operational area was the Hamlet of Khue Trung (4), vicinity of coordinates BT 032738. Four (4) VCS were apprehended and turned over to DaNang Special Sector.

b. At 020900H, Company "D", 1st IP Battalion, participated in a combined search/sweep operation with Popular Forces and National Police. The operational area was the area south of the east west road, north of the Cau Do River and from coordinate BT 000715 to BT 015720. The operation resulted in negative contact.

3 July 1968

a. At 0830H, Company "A", 1st IP Battalion, conducted a combined search/sweep operation of the area within the following coordinates: BT 016729, BT 016725, BT 019729 and BT 020729. The operation resulted in negative contact.

b. At 032215H, Marble Mountain Air Facility received six (6) to eight (8) 122mm rockets resulting in five (5) WIA's and slight barracks damage. 5th Communications Battalion reported that they received two (2) 122mm rockets resulting in no casualties or damage.

5 July 1968

a. At 060900H, Company "C", 3rd IP Battalion Attached, conducted a search/sweep operation within the following area: BT 051756, BT 050759, BT 045759 and BT 046754. Five (5) VCS were apprehended and turned over to the National Police.

8 July 1968

a. At 082225H, an ambush from Company "C", 3rd IP Battalion Attached, ambushed a two (2) to three (3) man VC/LVA force, vicinity coordinates BT 049759, which resulted in no KIA's or WIA's on either side. Contact was broken after several minutes and reaction forces were sent to sweep the surrounding area. Negative results were reported from the sweep force.

11 July 1968

a. At 100510H, Company "B", 1st IP Battalion, participated in a combined search/sweep operation with elements of the 106th Regional Forces Company. The operational area was the Hamlet of Ly Thi (vicinity of coordinates BT 052743) and Ly Da (vicinity of coordinates BT 054748). Eighteen (18) Vietnamese personnel were apprehended and two (2) grenades were found. The Vietnamese personnel and grenades were turned over to DaNang Special Sector.

16 July 1968

a. At 160730H, Company "B", 1st LP Battalion participated in a combined search/sweep with elements of the 106th Regional Forces Company. The operational area was the Hamlet of Da Me vicinity of BT 055726. Seven (7) VCS were apprehended and turned over to DaNang Special Sector. At 160730H, a hidden cave was found in the vicinity of the same area and produced the following arms & equipment:

- 187-AK 47 rounds
- 3-AK 47 Magazines
- 350-7.62mm linked rounds
- 2-Smoke grenades
- 3-Chi Con grenades
- 13-2 1lb blocks of C-4 explosive
- 8-Grenades (for use as booby traps)
- 1-Pair wire cutters
- Assorted documents & propaganda leaflets

Seven (7) VCS were apprehended in the vicinity of the above cache and were turned over to the Hoa Vang Sub-Sector.

b. At 161300H, the same force uncovered a tunnel at coordinates BT 056727. Some clothing and medical gear was found. All of the above explosives were turned over to EOD personnel while the equipment and documents were turned over to III MAF G-2.

18 July 1968

a. At 181615H, Company "B", 1st LP Battalion, apprehended three (3) Vietnamese civilians in the vicinity of coordinates BT 056727. These Vietnamese live in the vicinity of a tunnel that was uncovered on 16 July, (Reference 16 July entry). The three (3) detainees were turned over to Hoa Vang Sub-Sector for further interrogations and investigation concerning the above mentioned tunnel.

19 July 1968

a. At 190715H, Company "C", 1st LP Battalion and elements of M&S Company, 1st LP Battalion, participated in a combined search/sweep operation assisted by Popular Forces. The operational area was the Hamlet of Thon Khu Dong, vicinity coordinates BT 032712. The operation resulted in negative contact.

b. At 191800H, Company "C", (3rd LP Bn Attached) conducted a combined search/sweep operation assisted by Regional Forces. The operational area was the area immediately North East of the I Corps Bridges. One (1) VCS was apprehended and turned over to National Police Officials.

21 July 1968

a. At 210640H, Company "A" and Company "D", 1st LP Battalion, participated in a combined search/sweep operation assisted by elements of the 106 Regional Forces Company. The operational area was the Hamlet

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of Thon Trung Luong, vicinity coordinates BT 041722. The operation resulted in negative contact.

22 July 1968

a. At 220656H, Company "B", 1st LP Battalion, participated in a combined search/sweep operation assisted by elements of the 106 Regional Forces Company. The operational area was the Hamlet of Ly Thi, vicinity coordinates BT 052743. The operation resulted in negative contact.

23 July 1968

a. At 230005H, NSA Open Storage reported it received five (5) 122mm rocket rounds. No casualties or damage resulted.

b. At 230005H, Company "C", 5th Special Forces Compound received thirty (30) to forty (40) 82mm mortar rounds resulting in five (5) U. S. and nine (9) ARVN WIA's, two (2) vehicles damaged, three (3) barracks with minor damage and 1,000 gallons of oil burned.

c. At 230005H, Marble Mountain Air Facility received fifty-three (53) 82mm mortar rounds resulting in the following A/C damage: three (3) OH-53 with one (1) moderate and two (2) minor, one (1) OH-46 minor damage, three (3) UH-1E minor and one (1) OV-10 minor. One (1) hanger received minor damage.

d. At 230100H, support units at Red Beach reported rocket attacks as follows: FLC received thirteen (13) 122mm rocket rounds resulting in six (6) KIA's and thirty-nine (39) WIA's; MCB-58 received two (2) 122mm rocket rounds resulting in one (1) KIA and two (2) WIA's and the 15th Transportation Company received thirty (30) to forty (40) rocket rounds resulting in one (1) KIA and twenty-seven (27) WIA's.

e. At 230200H, the DaNang Air Base received twelve (12) to fifteen (15) 122mm rocket rounds resulting in damage to one (1) C-47 and one (1) C-123 A/C.

f. At 230605H, the DaNang Air Base received two (2) 122mm rocket rounds resulting in damage to a portion of the southeast perimeter fence.

g. At 230820H, Company "B", 1st LP Battalion conducted a search of the Hamlet Ly Thi, vicinity coordinates BT 052743. The operation resulted in negative contact.

h. At 230920H, Company "C", (3rd LP Bn Attached) and elements of H&S Company, 1st LP Battalion, conducted a search in East DaNang of the area from North of the New China Beach Road to the CAG-2 road. Three (3) VCS were apprehended and turned over to District Three (3) Headquarters.

24 July 1968

a. At 241925H, FLC received five (5) 122mm rocket rounds resulting in one (1) KIA and thirteen (13) WIA's.

b. At 242220H, DaNang Air Base received three (3) 122mm rocket rounds. No casualties or damage resulted.

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25 July 1968

a. At 250600H "B" Company, 1st IP Battalion participated in a combined search/sweep operation assisted by elements of the 106 Regional Forces Company. The operational area was the Hamlet of Da Ma, vicinity coordinates BT 054729. A hidden cave was found, vicinity coordinates BT 054732. (Note: cave was located in a tree line and was uncovered after probing through thick growth and roots) and produced the following arms and equipment:

300-linked M60 rounds

2-Chi-Com grenades

2-U. S. canteens

3-U. S. ponchos

BOD personnel destroyed the cave and confiscated the ammunition and grenades.

b. At 250605H, one (1) 122mm rocket round impacted at coordinates BT 029731. No casualties or damage resulted.

27 July 1968

a. At 270155H, Company "D", 1st IP Battalion, assisted an RD Team, who was in contact with an undetermined number of VC/NVA, vicinity coordinates BT 016707, by providing 50 Cal. machinegun and M-79 supporting fire. The VC/NVA broke contact after two (2) hours. A search of the area in the morning produced three (3) enemy KIA's.

b. At 270244H, DaNang Air Base received fifteen (15) 122mm rockets resulting in the following damage and casualties:

One (1) A6A A/C destroyed

One (1) A6A A/C heavy damage

Six (6) A6A A/C light to moderate damage

One (1) hanger burned

Seven (7) WIA's

c. At 270800H, Company "A", 1st IP Battalion, participated in a combined search/sweep operation with elements of the 106 Regional Forces Company. The operational area was the area south of the East-West road from coordinates BT 021728 to BT 027731. The operation resulted in negative contact.

d. At 271400H, Company "B", 1st IP Battalion, participated in a combined search/sweep operation with elements of the 106 Regional Forces Company. The operational area was the Hamlet of Da Me (2), vicinity coordinates BT 064715. The operation resulted in negative contact.

28 July 1968

a. At 281000H, Company "B", 1st IP Battalion, participated in a combined search/sweep operation. The operational area was the Hamlet of Da Me (2), vicinity of coordinates BT 065715. The operation resulted in negative contact.

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b. At 282130H, an ambush belonging to the platoon that is OPCON to this Command from the 1st Battalion, 27th Marines, made contact with an unknown size enemy force, vicinity of coordinates BT 068711. One (1) friendly KIA and six (6) friendly WIA's resulted from the contact. No enemy casualties were reported.

29 July 1968

a. At 290720H, a patrol from Company "A", 1st MP Battalion, detonated a mine vicinity coordinates BT 035733. One (1) KIA and one (1) WIA resulted from the explosion.

b. At 290900H, Company "C", 1st MP Battalion, participated in a combined search/sweep assisted by elements of the 106 Regional Forces Company. The operational area was the Hamlet of An Kho Mot, vicinity of coordinates BT 993773. The operation resulted in negative contact.

30 July 1968

a. At 300730H, Company "B", 1st MP Battalion participated in a combined operation with elements of the 106 Regional Forces Company and Police Field Forces. The operational area was the Hamlet of Ly Da and Ly Thi, vicinity coordinates BT 051748 and BT 054744. The operation resulted in negative contact.

31 July 1968

a. At 310530H, Company "C", (3rd MP Battalion Attached) participated in a combined search/sweep operation with elements of the 106 Regional Forces Company. The operational area was the area northeast of the I Corps Bridges, north to grid line 77. Two (2) VCS were apprehended and turned over to DaNang Special Sector.

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