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PART IOrganizational Data1. DESIGNATION

1st Military Police Battalion

COMMANDERLtCol B. G. BROWN
1-31Aug68Subordinate Units

H&S Co 1-31Aug68
 Co "A" 1-19Aug68
 20-31Aug68
 Co "B" 1-31Aug68
 Co "C" 1-31Aug68
 Co "D" 1-31Aug68

1stLt A. B. BENZ
 Capt T. D. WILSON
 Capt R. E. SCHWARTZ
 Capt B. M. HUEY II
 Capt D. A. CARTER
 1stLt D. M. TENNANT

Attached Units

Co "C", 3rd MPBn 1-31Aug68
 Detachment, 7th Comm Bn 1-31Aug68

Capt J. B. MORIARTY

2. LOCATION

1-31Aug68, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecOff 1-31Aug68
 S-1/Adj 1-31Aug68
 S-2 1-11Aug68
 12-31Aug68
 S-3 1-31Aug68
 S-4 1-19Aug68
 20-31Aug68
 S-5 1-31Aug68

Maj J. E. DECOURSEY
 1stLt O. L. BUMGARNER
 1stLt R. C. RACHOW
 1stLt H. R. GELFAND
 Capt J. SABATER
 1stLt R. J. OYER
 Capt T. D. WILSON
 1stLt J. W. JUDGE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
36	693

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	8

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. During the reporting period the Battalion sustained four (4) KIA and twenty (20) WIA.

2. One (1) Bronze Star Medal, four (4) Purple Heart Medals and three (3) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Medals were awarded to members of this command during the month.

3. Losses:

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	102

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	0

4. Replacements:

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	146

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	1

5. Discipline. One (1) General Court-Martial which resulted in acquittal, one (1) Special Court-Martial and two (2) Summary Court-Martials were convened during the reporting period. Eleven (11) Battalion Commander NJP's and nine (9) Company Commander NJP's were imposed during the month.

6. 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>
H&S Co	14	99	0	9	0	12	0	0
Co "A"	4	93	0	0	0	4	0	0
Co "B"	5	104	0	0	0	12	0	0
Co "C"	4	138	0	0	1	9	0	0
Co "D"	2	102	0	0	2	12	0	0
Co "C", 3rd MP Bn	4	107	0	0	0	8	0	0

PART IINarrative SummaryS-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of August, ten (10) confirmed VC were captured and turned over to Danang Special Sector for intensive interrogation. In addition sixty-eight (68) VCS were apprehended by battalion operations and patrols. Of these, forty-nine (49) were reclassified as civil defendants or innocent civilians. Civil defendants fell into the categories of draft dodgers, illegal residents or were in possession of illegal or invalid ID cards. The remaining nineteen (19) have yet to be classified. All persons apprehended were turned over to Danang Special Sector or Hoa Vang Sub-Sector for interrogation and appropriate civil action. In addition, the following arms/equipment were discovered by combined search/sweep/probing operations within the Battalion TOAR.

- a. (8) AK-47 assault rifles
- b. (3) SKS rifles
- c. (8) Chi-Com pistols
- d. (1) 60mm mortar
- e. (2) 82mm mortars
- f. (400) Kilo's composition C-4

- g. (58) Chi-Com hand grenades
- h. (10) U.S. fragmentation grenades
- i. (6) bangalore torpedoes
- j. (163) 82mm mortar rounds
- k. (6) B-40 rocket launchers
- l. (50) B-40 rocket rounds
- m. (18) B-40 rocket propellant charges
- n. (50) feet detonating cord
- o. (950) assorted S/A ammunition
- p. (1) Chi-Com radio receiver
- q. (15) AK-47 assault rifle magazines
- r. (2) M-1 carbines
- s. (9) M-16 rifle magazines
- t. (3) M-14 rifle magazines
- u. (2) 9mm pistol magazines
- v. \$80,000 piasters
- w. Assorted documents

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

a. Danang Air Base still remains high on the target list due to the availability of aircraft for tactical air support.

b. Marble Mountain Air Facility remains a prime target due to its vulnerability to mortar attack.

c. I Corps Bridge has been mentioned in several reports due to its logistical support of ICTZ.

d. Other targets mentioned were the Cam Le Bridge, Hoa Vang Sub-Sector and I Corps Headquarters.

S-3 OPERATIONS/TRAINING

1. On 23 August Company "D", 1st IG Battalion had significant contact with the enemy in defense of the Cam Le Bridge. This activity in conjunction with the activity of other combined forces, succeeded in defeating VC efforts to reach objectives within the Danang TAOR. (Refer to PART III). Throughout the month Company "B" repeatedly reported positive results while conducting operations designed to identify and destroy VC infrastructure within their AOR.
2. The battalion conducted 358 day and night fire-team size patrols; 60 day and night squad size patrols; 386 fire-team size night ambushes; 503 squad size night ambushes and 31 platoon size operations for a total of 1,338 small unit activities during this reporting period.
3. In addition to the small unit activities, the battalion also conducted 27 company size operations.
4. A Base Defense Conference for Danang West tenant units was held on 20 August 1968 and for Danang East tenant units on 27 August 1968.
5. Battalion Officer's and SNCO's attended classes in the following subjects: Mines, Booby Traps and Weapons; Battalion Supply Procedures; Proper Use of Supporting Arms; and an Intelligence Summary/Operations Recap.
6. Battalion GMS 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.
7. A troop orientation class for 96 newly arrived personnel was conducted on 13 August 1968.
8. Three rocket attacks were conducted against Danang Air Base and one mortar attack was conducted against the Marble Mountain Air Facility during the reporting period.

S-4 LOGISTICS1. Significant Events:

a. S-4 Logistics

- (1) Captain T. D. WILSON reported into H&S Company and assumed duties as the Battalion S-4 Officer on 20 August 1968.
- (2) Hot water heaters were installed in the SNCO Club and Motor Pool.
- (3) The alternate command bunker was completed during the month.

(4) Work requests were submitted on all discrepancies noted on the CG inspection that this battalion is unable to correct itself.

b. Mosshall. Gyggt P. J. DELL reported into H&S Company and assumed duties as the Battalion Mess Sergeant.

c. Motor Pool

(1) 2ndLt W. L. BLOUNT assumed duties as the Battalion Motor Transport Officer.

(2) Gravel has been spread throughout the motor pool parking area.

(3) The Battalion Motor Pool is rated as 95% combat ready.

d. Supply

(1) On 17 and 18 August 1968 the Supply Assistance Team from FLC assisted Battalion Supply for their upcoming CG reinspection.

(2) 1stLt P. E. RAINES, Battalion Supply Officer attended FLC Battalion Organic Account Class 2-68 at Camp Books, FLC.

e. Communications

(1) Six (6) PPS-6 radar sets were received during the reporting period.

(2) Battalion Communications Section is rated as 97% combat ready.

S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. General.

a. More meetings were held with the leaders of Sioovina Textile Factory to discuss the village and factory needs. Again, the two leaders, Mr. QUAN and Mr. MURS, spoke basically of construction supplies.

b. Meetings were held with the Village Chief of Xaum Hoa for the construction of desks and chairs for Xaum Hoa I, and for cement for the foundation of fence posts.

c. One-thousand (1,000) piasters was the reward paid to a fisherman in the Company "B" AOR after finding and turning in two (2) Chi-Com grenades. Also in the Company "B" AOR, one-thousand piasters were rewarded to two boys for turning in two (2) AK-47 assault rifles that they had found.

d. Twenty (20) truck loads of lumber, ninety-five (95) bags of cement, and one load of rebar was distributed by the battalion for civic action projects.

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e. During this period, ninety-six (96) man-hours were spent on census taking.

2. Education.

a. Twenty-eight (28) hours of English instruction were given to students at the Slocovina Textile Factory.

b. Ten and one-half (10½) hours of English instruction were given to ten adults at Xaun Hoa High School.

c. Chairs and desks were donated to Xaun Hoa High School.

d. An educational Psychological Operations film was presented to an attendance of two-hundred (200) people at Ap Bon II, (BT035737).

3. Public Health.

a. During this reporting period 1,387 patients were treated by MEDCAPS within the 1st Marine Air Wing's Civic Action TOAR.

b. During this reporting period 117 patients were treated by MEDCAPS within Naval Support Activity's Civic Action TOAR.

c. Soap was distributed during all MEDCAP's.

d. In preparation for future MEDCAP's, 879 toothbrushes, 393 tubes of toothpaste, and 606 bars of soap have been obtained.

e. Continued transportation has been provided to and from the FLC Children's Hospital for parents of patients referred there by this office.

4. Welfare. Four (4) physical education kits, two (2) mason kits, two (2) carpenter kits, and two (2) metal-working kits were provided for the people at Xaun Hoa Village and An Thuong Hamlet.

5. Civic Action Training.

a. Psychological Operation films were presented at Hoa Toa (BT007723), and Ap Bon II (BT035736), Ap Bon I (BT034740), and at the Slocovina Textile Factory (BT011728).

b. The Civil Affairs Officer gave Personal Response instruction in the Battalion Orientation Classes which are held for all newly arrived personnel.

c. A total of five hours and thirty minutes of Personal Response instruction was given to 414 members of this battalion.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. There was a total of 17,200 Free South Newspapers, 2,600 Leaflets and 4,400 Safe Conduct Passes distributed throughout the TOAR this month.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data

a. Significant Events.

(1) A Commanding Officer's personnel inspection was held this month and the Battalion Aid Station Section was satisfactory. PMU from FLC held a Battalion Sanitation inspection this month and 1st MP Battalion was found to be in a satisfactory condition.

(2) An unestimated number of emergency hospital runs were made for Vietnamese Nationals during the month, and a total of 1,505 Vietnamese were treated through the Battalion MEDCAP program.

(3) There were eighteen (18) casualties reported during this period. During 24-25 August additional ambulance and crew support and additional Commanders were received from MAG-17, Maintenance Battalion and FLC.

(4) HMC G. W. WILLIAMS reported aboard for duty.

b. New Developments. A partial amount of lumber for the Battalion Aid Station bunker was received.

c. Problem Areas. Lack of ventilation and lighting for patients in the Battalion Aid Station bunker.

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-ray, and laboratory work: 4

c. Routine medical complaints: Diarrhea, heat rash, and viral syndrome.

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

e. Number of emergency treatments: Combat injury: 18; Lacerations: 5; Burns: 2; Trauma: 4.

f. Innoculations and prophylactic treatments: Innoculations: 457; Malaria prophylaxis: 4,000 tabs.

g. Patients admitted to Battalion Aid Station Ward: 0

1st MPB (Aug 68)

PART IIISIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Aug 68: A combined search/sweep operation with elements of the 106th RF Company and Company "B" in the hamlet of Lo Giang (BT022715) was conducted at 011300H and resulted in the apprehension of one (1) VCS.

2 Aug 68: At 020640H, Company "B" with elements of the 106th RF Company conducted a combined operation in the hamlet of Da Me (2) (BT064717) resulting in the apprehension of three (3) VCS. At 021300H Company "B" personnel apprehended a female VC at a check point located at coordinates (BT058741).

3 Aug 68: At 031000H a combined operation with Company "B" personnel, elements of the 106th RF Company, and Intelligence personnel from I Corps Headquarters located a large weapons/ammunition cache near the hamlet of Da Me (BT053732).

4 Aug 68: Company "B" with elements of the 106th RF Company apprehended thirteen (13) VCS in the hamlet of My Da (BT051744) at 040610H.

6 Aug 68: At 061700H a patrol from Company "B" discovered a weapons/ammunition/equipment cache in the hamlet of Da Me (BT055727).

7 Aug 68: Company "B" with elements of the 106th RF Company participated in a combined search/sweep operation at 070600H in the hamlet of Da Me (2) (BT068718) resulting in the apprehension of two (2) VCS.

9 Aug 68: While on a routine patrol near the hamlet of My Thi (BT054743), Company "B" personnel apprehended one (1) VCS. Further investigation of the house that the VCS was captured in revealed an arms/ammunition cache in an underground bunker.

14 Aug 68: At 140600H Company "B" with elements of the 106th RF Company conducted a combined search/sweep operation in the hamlet of My Thi (BT052742) resulting in the apprehension of three (3) VCS.

16 Aug 68: At 161930H a U. S. NAVY pick-up detonated an unknown type explosive device as it was passing a group of Vietnamese civilians inside the NSA garbage dump, coordinates (BT071712). The explosion resulted in two (2) USN KIA and fifteen (15) Vietnamese civilians WIA.

18 Aug 68: At 181225H a Company "B" patrol apprehended a 16 year old Vietnamese boy in the hamlet of Khue Bac (BT056728). After investigation it was determined that the boy was a point man for a 30 man VC platoon which was located approximately 300 meters from where the boy was picked up. Company "B" immediately cordoned off the area and reinforcements from the 106th RF Company, Company "C", 3rd MP Battalion Attached, 5th Communications Battalion and H&S Company, 1st MP Battalion were called in to assist.

19 Aug 68: As a result of the activity of 18 Aug 68 in Khue Bac, several weapons/ammunition/equipment caches were found and contact was made with the VC resulting in seven (7) VC KIA, five (5) VC captured, eighteen (18) VCS apprehended, two (2) USMC WIA and one (1) ARVN WIA.

20 Aug 68: At 200700H Company "B" personnel uncovered an equipment/arms cache in Khue Bac (BT056737). At 202130H a Company "B" ambush made contact with one (1) VC resulting in one (1) USMC WIA. A sweep/search of the area resulted in the apprehension of one (1) VCS.

21 Aug 68: Company "B" personnel uncovered an arms/equipment cache on a sweep through Khue Bac (BT058731) at 210600H.

23 Aug 68: At 230300H Danang Air Base received thirteen (13) incoming 122mm rockets resulting in one (1) USAF KIA, three (3) USAF WIA and one (1) USN WIA. Several buildings, aircraft and miscellaneous gear were also destroyed or damaged. At 230430H a platoon of Company "D" located at Cam Le Bridge (BT016715) came under attack from all sides from an undetermined number of VC. The firefight increased in intensity until 230711H when the VC over-ran and occupied the south end of the bridge. At 231505H a company from the 47th Marine, with tanks attached, engaged the VC on the south end of the bridge and regained control of the bridge. This action resulted in four (4) USMC KIA and ten (10) USMC WIA. There were five (5) confirmed VC KIA and an additional 10 to 15 VC were estimated to be KIA's.

24 Aug 68: At 240900H Company "D" (-), and one platoon from Company "C", 1st MP Battalion, two platoons from the 111th RF Company, Company "A" (-), 1st Recon Battalion, and TASK FORCE KILO participated in a combined search/sweep operation from the south end of the airbase on both sides of the north-south road to the Song Cau Do river. The operation resulted in six (6) USMC WIA's taken from enemy small arms fire. The capture of one (1) VC/NVA, the finding of approximately 30 VC/NVA bodies from the previous days battle. An unestimated amount of VC weapons/ammunition/equipment which was left in the area was also recovered.

25 Aug 68: The Battalion conducted combined search/sweep operations throughout the TAOR resulting in the apprehension of one (1) VCS in the hamlet of Khue Bac (BT056736) and an arms/equipment cache which was found on the island at (BT009708).

27 Aug 68: At 270450H the Danang Air Base received four (4) incoming 122mm rockets resulting in no casualties and light damage to the runway. At 270700H, Company "A" with elements of the 106th RF Company and 5th CIT personnel searched the area directly south of I Corps Headquarters resulting in the apprehension of two (2) VCS.

28 Aug 68: Company "B" with elements of the 106th RF Company located and destroyed a cave in the hamlet of Da Me (BT055729).

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29Aug68: Company "A" and elements of the 106th RF Company apprehended one (1) VCS in the vicinity of (BT025772) while on a search/sweep operation. Three USMC WIA's were sustained when members of the 1st Platoon, Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine, OPCON to the 1st MP Battalion were burning brush to clear fields of fire and apparently detonated some type of explosive device from the heat of the fire. At 290930H Company "B" with elements of the 106th RF Company apprehended thirteen (13) VCS while on a combined search/sweep operation in the vicinity of My Da (BT055746).

30Aug68: At 300200H a combined force from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion and 5th Communications Battalion apprehended two (2) VCS in an operation in the vicinity of the Catholic Orphanage at (BT059759). At 300800H Company "B" and elements of Company "C" conducted a sweep/probing operation in the hamlet of Da (BT055729) resulting in the location of an arms/equipment cache.

31Aug68: The Marble Mountain Air Facility received between 20-30 incoming fire mortar rounds resulting in no damage or casualties. At 310250H approx (9) mortar rockets impacted at the Daang Air Base resulting in three (3) J-4's and slight damage to one (1) aircraft and one (1) Metro-van destroyed. At 310900H Company "B" apprehended four (4) VCS while on a sweep of the hamlet of My Da (BT052746).

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