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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 30 September 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 DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Military Police Battalion

COMMANDER

LtCol B. G. BROWN

1-30 Sep 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	1-30 Sep 68
Co "A"	1-30 Sep 68
Co "B"	1-30 Sep 68
Co "C"	1-28 Sep 68
	29-30 Sep 68
Co "D"	1-28 Sep 68
	29-30 Sep 68

1st Lt A. B. BENZ
Capt R. E. SCHWARTZ
Capt B. M. RUEY II
Capt D. A. CARTER
Capt R. H. FLAHERTY
1st Lt D. M. TENNANT
Capt D. A. CARTER

ATTACHED UNITS

Co "C", 3d MP Bn	1-3 Sep 68
	4-30 Sep 68
Detachment, 7th CommBn	

Capt J. B. MORIARTY
1st Lt J. PINGUET

2. Location

1-30 Sep 68, DaNang RVN

3. Staff Officers

ExecOff	1-30 Sep 68
S-1/Adj	1-30 Sep 68
S-2	1-30 Sep 68
S-3	1-30 Sep 68
S-4	1-30 Sep 68
S-5	1-30 Sep 68

Maj J. E. DECOURSEY
1st Lt O. L. BUMGARDNER
1st Lt H. R. GELFAND
Capt C. N. BIKAKIS
Capt T. D. WILSON
1st Lt 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>
35	711	0	9

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Eight (8) Purple Heart Medals and two (2) Vietnamese Cross of Galantry Medals were awarded to members of this command during the month.

2. LOSSES

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	80	0	0

3. REPLACEMENTS

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	84	0	0

4. DISCIPLINE. Nine (9) Special Courts-Martial and eleven (11) Summary Courts-Martial were convened during the reporting period. Twenty-four (24) Battalion Commander NJP's and twenty-seven (27) 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>
H&SCo	11	101	0	0	2	1	0	0
Co "A"	3	92	0	0	0	10	0	0
Co "B"	4	107	0	0	1	12	0	0
Co "C"	5	140	0	0	0	12	0	0
Co "D"	5	108	0	0	0	6	0	0
Co "C", 3rdMPBn	4	108	0	0	0	7	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARYS-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of September, three (3) confirmed VC were captured and turned over to Danang Special Sector for intensive interrogation. In addition, one hundred twenty five (125) individuals were apprehended by battalion operations and patrols. Of these, five (5) were classified as confirmed VC and one hundred four (104) 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 I.D. cards. The remaining sixteen (16) 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. The following arms/equipment were discovered by combined search/sweep/probing operations within the Battalion TAOR.

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- a. (1) 60mm mortar round
- b. (3) Chi-Com Grenades
- c. (1) Entrenching Tool
- d. (1) VC Uniform
- e. (2) AK-47 Assault Rifles

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 enemy objective list due to the availability of tactical air support and vulnerability to rocket attack.
- b. Marble Mountain Air Base continues to be a high priority target for the enemy due to its capability to helolift troops and supplies, as well as being vulnerable to mortar attack.
- c. I Corps Bridge has been mentioned in numerous reports due to its logistical importance to the ICTZ.
- d. Other targets listed were the Cam Le Bridge, Hoa Vang Sub-Sector 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. Noteworthy in this month's operations were the combined company sized operations which were conducted in East Danang in cooperation with Danang Special Sector and Third District Headquarters.
2. The battalion conducted 140 day and night fire team size patrols; 28 day and night squad size patrols; 296 fire team size night ambushes; 505 squad size night ambushes and 30 platoon size operations for a total of 999 small unit activities during this reporting period.
3. In addition to the small unit activities, the battalion also conducted 15 company or multi-company size operations.
4. Battalion Officers and SNCO's attended classes in the following subjects: Battalion Supply Procedures; Concept of Operations in East Danang; Information lecture on ARVN, RF, and PF Forces. Several hours of discussion have been devoted to the progress and future plans of the 1st MP Battalion.

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5. Battalion GMS training was conducted in accordance with current directives to include Technical Training by MOS and NOO Leadership training. Some training was cancelled due to operational commitments.

6. A troop orientation class for 100 newly joined personnel was conducted on 16 September 1968.

7. Eight (8) enemy rocket attacks were conducted against Basing during this reporting period.

3.4 LOGISTICS

1. Significant Events

a. Company "G" completed the move into their new combat area on 10 September 1968.

b. Heavy rains this month resulted in considerable damage to thirty-two (32) bunkers and broken power lines.

c. The electric power was off in the battalion containment area from 140930 September 1968 until a 60 KW generator was connected to the main power switch on 152000 September 1968. Normal electric power was restored on 161500 September 1968.

2. Motor Transport

a. The battalion received six (6) trucks utility M-151 as replacement for the trucks utility M-38A1.

b. The battalion received eleven (11) trucks cargo M-35A20 as replacement for truck cargo M-35.

3. Percentage of Combat Essential Equipment on Hand

a. Supply	95%
b. Motor Transport	99%
c. Communications	86%

3.5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. General

a. One-hundred and seventy (170) piasters were paid to a boy from My Thi hamlet (BT052794) for finding and turning in two (2) M-79 rounds. Also one-hundred and seventy (170) piasters were paid to another young boy from the same hamlet for finding and turning in two-hundred and fifty (250) rounds of M-16 ammunition.

b. One-hundred (100) bags of cement, five (5) truck loads of lumber, and one (1) load of dirt was delivered to the Slocovina Textile Factory (BT011728) during this reporting period for the construction of a meeting hall that is now nearing completion.

c. During this reporting period, three (3) truck loads of lumber, and eight (8) bags of cement were delivered to the Hoa Tho Village (BT010723) Headquarters Chief for the construction of homes that were destroyed during the last enemy offensive.

d. During this period, a reported twenty-four (24) hours was spent on census taking.

2. EDUCATION

a. Twenty-eight (28) hours of English instruction were given to students at the Slocovina Textile Factory (BT011728).

b. Twelve (12) hours of English instruction were given to seven (7) adults at Xaun Hoa High School (AT992778).

c. Hoa Vang High School began their school year during this period.

d. Educational and Psychological Operations films were presented to an attendance of approximately eight-hundred (800) people at the Slocovina Textile Factory (BT011728), and at Khue Trung (4) village (BT035737) where three-hundred (300) people were in attendance.

3. PUBLIC HEALTH

a. MEDCAP's treated 1,009 patients within the 1st Marine Air Wing's Civic Action TAOR this month.

b. MEDCAP's treated 635 patients within the Naval Support Activity's Civic Action TAOR this month.

c. Soap was distributed during all MEDCAP's.

d. Dental MEDCAP's distributed 200 bars of soap, 155 toothbrushes, and 110 tubes of toothpaste during the month.

e. Transportation is continuing to be provided to and from the Force Logistic Command Children's Hospital for parents of patients referred there by this office.

5. CIVIC ACTION TRAINING

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

b. A total of four hours of Personal Response instruction was given to 187 members of the battalion.

6. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. During the month the battalion civic action program effected the following distribution within the TAOR:

a. 3,000 Free South Newspapers.

b. 5,000 information leaflets.

c. 1,000 Safe Conduct Passes.

d. 850 Chieu Hoi Leaflets.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data

a. Significant Events: The Commanding Officer held a personnel inspection on 23 September 1968 and a material inspection on 24 September 1968. BAS section rated satisfactory in all respects. A total of 1,472 Vietnamese were treated through the Battalion MEDCAP program, exclusive of operations in Delta Companies AOR. A large number of Flu shots were given this month. PMU from FLC held sanitation inspections during the month.

b. New Developments: None

c. Problems Encountered: Lack of ventilation and lighting fixtures in the BAS bunker.

2. Military Patient Statistical Data:

a. Average daily number of patients seen: 21

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

c. Routine Medical Complaints: Gastroenteritis, Diarrhea

d. Significant disease peculiar to the area: None observed

e. Number of emergency treatments: Combat injury: 0; Innoculations: 6; Burns: 3; Trauma: 1

f. Innoculations and Prophylactic Medications: Innoculations: 285; Malaria Prophylaxis: 3,000 tabs

g. Patients admitted to BAS Ward: 0

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 September 1968

Company "B", 1st MP Battalion apprehended (4) VCS in the hamlet of Da Me (2) (BT064715) during a daylight probing operation. The VCS were turned over to the 106th RF Company for interrogation.

At 011130H Company "C", 3rd MP Battalion Attached with elements of the 789th RF Company conducted a combined search/sweep operation in An Thuong hamlet (BT047760) resulting in the apprehension of (1) VCS. Custody of the VCS was turned over to the 106th RF Company for interrogation.

2 September 1968

At 020130H the city of Danang and surrounding areas received 15-20 122mm rockets. Target areas were NSA Covered Storage area, China Beach PX, Danang Olympic Stadium, railroad station, NE perimeter of Danang Air Base and several locations in Danang City. Casualties were (14) KIA (13 civilians and 1 ARVN) 56 WIA (55 civilians, 1 USMC). Damage included (1) 6X6 truck 25% destroyed; (1) reefer destroyed, (2) houses destroyed, and (2) houses damaged.

At 021515H Company "D", 1st MP Battalion reported finding (2) AK-47 Assault Rifles southwest of the Cam Le Bridge (BT016714).

4 September 1968

At 040530H (2) 122mm rockets impacted on Danang Air Base in Grid Squares (BT0074 and 0075). No casualties were reported. Damage reported was (1) USAF building destroyed and (3) buildings with light damage.

5 September 1968

At 050015H a Company "B", 1st MP Battalion ambush apprehended (5) VCS, one (1) admitting to having been a former VC. Suspects were turned over to Danang Special Sector for interrogation.

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7 September 1968

At 070945H Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with elements of the 106th RF Company conducted a combined search/sweep operation in the hamlet of My Thi (BT054744) resulting in the apprehension of (2) VCS. The suspects were turned over to Danang Special Sector for interrogation.

10 September 1968

At 101008H Company "D", 1st MP Battalion with elements of the 111th RF Company and National Police from Hoa Vang District conducted a combined search/sweep operation in Bong Vai Viet Nam Village (BT005725). One (1) VCS was apprehended and turned over to the National Police for interrogation.

12 September 1968

At 120807H Company "C", 1st MP Battalion with elements of the 106th RF Company conducted a combined search/sweep operation in Dogpatch (BT993748). Six (6) VCS were apprehended and turned over to Hoa Vang Subsector for interrogation.

At 121915H a Company "B", 1st MP Battalion patrol apprehended (3) VCS in the hamlet of Khue Bac (BT057733). Fifth (5th) CIT identified one (1) VC who was turned over to Danang Special Sector for further interrogation. The remaining two (2) were released.

13 September 1968

At 130945H Company "D", 1st MP Battalion reported that while conducting a sweep operation on the island west of the Cam Le Bridge (BT008707), one (1) cave was located and destroyed.

14 September 1968

At 140400H Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with one (1) platoon Company "C", 1st MP Battalion, one (1) platoon H&S Company, 1st MP Battalion, one (1) platoon III MAF Security Forces and a Combined force of PF, PFF, and Police provided by Danang Special Sector and 3rd District Headquarters conducted a combined search/sweep operation in Grid Square (BT0578). Fourteen (14) VCS were apprehended, of which four (4) were on the Black List. All were turned over to Danang Special Sector for interrogation.

15 September 1968

At 152100H, three (3) 122mm rockets impacted near NSA covered storage area and I Corps Headquarters. No property damage was reported, but two (2) civilian WIA's near I Corps Headquarters were reported as rocket casualties.

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16 September 1968

At 160330H Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with one (1) platoon Company "A", one (1) platoon H&S Company, 1st MP Battalion, one (1) platoon III MAF Security Forces, 5th CIT personnel and a Combined Force of PF, PFF and Police furnished by Danang Special Sector and 3rd District Headquarters conducted a combined search/sweep operation in Grid Square (BT0577). Nineteen (19) VCS were apprehended and turned over to Danang Special Sector for interrogation.

At 160835H Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with elements of the 106th RF Company conducted a combined search/sweep operation in the hamlet of My Thi (BT053743). Three (3) VCS were apprehended (One (1) was found to be on the Black List) and turned over to Danang Special Sector for interrogation.

At 160950H Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with elements of the 106th RF Company conducted a combined search/sweep operation in the hamlet of Khue Bao (BT056735). Five (5) VCS were apprehended and turned over to Danang Special Sector.

17 September 1968

At 171610H a Company "B", 1st MP Battalion patrol apprehended one (1) female VCS in the hamlet of My Thi (BT053743). Subject was on the Black List and taken to Danang Special Sector for immediate interrogation.

18 September 1968

At 180405H Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with one (1) platoon Company "A", 1st MP Battalion, one (1) platoon Maintenance Battalion, one (1) platoon III MAF Security Forces and a Combined force of PF, PFF and Police provided by Danang Special Sector and 3rd District Headquarters conducted a combined search/sweep operation in Grid Square (BT0579). One (1) VCS was apprehended and taken to Danang Special Sector for interrogation.

At 180515H two (2) 122mm rockets impacted at Danang Air Base resulting in one (1) USMC KIA and one (1) USMC WIA.

At 180943H Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with elements of the 106th RF Company conducted a combined search/sweep operation in the hamlet of My Thi (BT051745). One (1) VCS was apprehended and turned over to Danang Special Sector.

19 September 1968

At 191000H Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with 3rd AmTrac Battalion and personnel from Danang Special Sector conducted a search/sweep operation in Hoa Long hamlet (BT083705). Six (6) VCS were apprehended and turned over to Danang Special Sector for interrogation.

22 September 1968

At 220201H, twenty-three (23) 122mm rockets and fifteen (15) 82mm mortar rounds impacted in the Danang Vital Area. MAC-46 received fifteen (15) 122mm rockets and fifteen (15) 82mm mortar rounds resulting in two (2) WIA and the following aircraft damage: Nine (9) CH-53, thirteen (13) CH-46, Nine (9) JH-34, and seven (7) F-4's, and one (1) hangar received minor damage. NSA Hospital received three (3) 122mm rockets causing minor damage to one (1) ambulance. I Corps Headquarters received five (5) 122mm rockets resulting in seven (7) WIA and slight damage to one (1) building.

At 222345H a combined ambush from Company "C", 1st MP Battalion and District 2 Headquarters, became involved in a fire fight at (AT999786) with an unknown size enemy force. There were two (2) Vietnamese WIA's. No report of enemy casualties.

23 September 1968

At 230330H Company "C", 1st MP Battalion and a PF platoon from Danang City District 2 Headquarters conducted a combined sweep operation in Grid Square (AT9978). Six (6) VCS were apprehended and turned over to Danang Special Sector for interrogation.

24 September 1968

At 240830H Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with one (1) platoon Company "A", 1st MP Battalion, one (1) platoon Maintenance Battalion, and one (1) platoon III MAF Security Forces and a Combined force of PF, PSP and Police provided by Danang Special Sector and 3rd District Headquarters conducted a search/sweep operation in the vicinity of Grid Square (BT0480). Six (6) VCS were picked up by the National Police and turned over to Danang Special Sector.

25 September 1968

At 251130H Company "C" and a reaction Platoon from H&S Company, 1st MP Battalion, the 1st MAW Reserve Company, a detachment from 5th GHT, two (2) platoons of District 2 PF's and a detachment of District 2 National Police concluded a combined "County Fair" operation in the village of Thanh Ke Ba and An Khe Mot (AT9977). The U. S. Army 7th PsyOps Bn and 1st MAW Civil Affairs Office provided Psychological and Civic Action support.

At 252117H and 252120H 1st MP Battalion set Tactical Alert Condition 1 due to rocket alert. One (1) 122mm rocket was reported to impact in the vicinity of Phuoc Thong (AT989749).

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28 September 1968

At 282150H a Company "B", 1st MP Battalion "Killer Team" composed of one (1) Marine and one (1) 106th RF Company Soldier apprehended one (1) 17 year old female VCS in the hamlet of My Thi (BT054743). The RF soldier pointed her out as being in the wrong house and upon investigation, it was found that she did not have a valid I.D. card. Suspect was questioned by Battalion S-2 personnel and taken to Danang Special Sector for further interrogation.

29 September 1968

At 290450H Danang Air Base received approximately four (4) unidentified caliber rocket rounds. Impact reports were received from the following organizations: VQ-1 reported one (1) rocket landed east of their containment area adjacent to the runway and one (1) landed inside their area. They reported three (3) WIA's and damage to one (1) A-3 aircraft. MACG-18 reported receiving one (1) round in their motor pool area. Negative casualties and minor damage to vehicles were reported. 1st MAW Security reported one (1) round landing in the hamlet immediately west of their perimeter fence. No casualty or damage reports received.