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To: Commanding General, Force Logistic Command (Attn: Staff Secretary)
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 31 December 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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1st Military Police Battalion

COMMANDER

LtCol J. D. BAILEY

1-31Dec68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co

1-31Dec68

1stLt C. G. BRYANT

Co "A"

1-31Dec68

Capt R. E. SCHWARTZ

Co "B"

1-31Dec68

Capt B. M. HUEY II

Co "C"

1-31Dec68

Capt R. H. FLAHERTY

Co "D"

1-31Dec68

Capt D. A. CARTER

ATTACHED UNITS

Co "C", 3rd MPBn

1-31Dec68

1st J. PINGUET

Detachment, 7th Comm Fr.

1-31Dec68

2. Location

1-31Dec68, DaNang, RVN

3. Staff Officers

ExecOff

1-18Dec68

Maj J. E. DECOURSEY

19-31Dec68

Maj C. N. BIKAKIS

S-1/Adj

1-31Dec68

1stLt D. R. FARRINGTON

S-2

1-27Dec68

1stLt H. R. GELFAND

28-31Dec68

1stLt G. L. RANDALL

S-3

1-31Dec68

Maj C. N. BIKAKIS

S-4

1-31Dec68

Capt J. H. HANSON

S-5

1-31Dec68

1stLt S. O. DELAIR

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
31	659

USN	
OFF	ENL
1	12

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. One (1) Navy Commendation Medal (w/combat "V"), three (3) Purple Heart Medals and four (4) Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Medals were awarded to members of this organization during the reporting period.

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2. LOSSES

USMC	
OFF	ENL
3	45

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	0

3. REPLACEMENTS

USMC	
OFF	ENL
6	50

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	1

4. DISCIPLINE. One (1) Special Courts-Martial and two (2) Summary Courts-Martial were convened during the reporting period. Nineteen (19) Battalion Commander NJP's and twenty-eight (28) Company Commander NJP's were imposed during the month.

5. STRENGTH

	Effectives				Non-Effectives			
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&SCo	10	108	1	13	1	11	0	0
Co "A"	4	88	0	0	1	4	0	0
Co "B"	4	117	0	0	1	14	0	0
Co "C"	5	131	0	0	1	14	0	0
Co "D"	6	113	0	0	1	13	0	0
Co "C", 3rdMPBn	4	104	0	0	0	27	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARYS-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of December, one (1) confirmed VC was captured in Ap Ha Trung (AT994787), and was turned over to Danang Special Sector for interrogation. In addition thirty (30) individuals were apprehended by Battalion operations and patrols. Of these, five (5) were classified as confirmed VC and twenty-five (25) were classified 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. All personnel apprehended were turned over to Danang Special Sector, Hoa Vang Sub-Sector, or 5th CIT for interrogation and appropriate civil action.

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2. The following arms/equipment were discovered by combined search/sweep/probing operations within the Battalion TAOR.

- a. (5) AK-50's
- b. (37) Lbs C-4
- c. (2) B-40 Rocket Launchers
- d. (1) B-40 Rocket Round
- e. (6) Anti-Personnel Mines
- f. (5) Chi-Com Grenades
- g. (13) AK-47 Magazines (loaded)
- h. (5) AK-47 Magazines (empty)
- i. (2) M-1 Carbines
- j. (1) 9mm Pistol
- k. (2) 9mm Pistol Magazines
- l. (25) Electric Blasting Caps
- m. (700) Round 7.62mm Ammunition

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

a. Danang Airbase remains a priority target due to availability of tactical air support and vulnerability to rocket attack.

b. Marble Mountain Air Facility remains a prime objective due to its capability of logistical support and movement of troops.

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

S.3 OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. During the reporting period this command participated in numerous small unit operations, but sustained no major contact.

2. The Battalion conducted 325 day and night fireteam size patrols; 23 day and night squad size patrols; 343 fireteam size night ambushes; 306 squad size night ambushes and 23 platoon size operations for a total of 1020 small unit operations during the reporting period.

3. In addition to the small unit activities, the Battalion also conducted 14 company or multi-company size operations.

4. Battalion Officer's and SNCO's attended classes conducted on the following subjects: Protective Mask Drill and Gas Chamber Exercise and Article 31/Search and Seizure.

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

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6. One (1) enemy rocket attack was conducted against Danang during this reporting period.

S.4 LOGISTICS

1. Significant Events

- a. The BAS and theatre bunkers have been completed.
- b. A new closed storage area is being constructed by Battalion Supply.

2. Percentage of Combat Essential Equipment on Hand

- a. Supply 96%
- b. Motor Transport 91%
- c. Communications 94%

S.5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. General. The repair/remodeling project at Bo 1b Elementary School (AT989780) was started by Company "C" on 11 December 1968. This project will be finished in about one (1) month. We are supplying the building materials and about twenty-five (25) percent of the labor. Thus far we have delivered thirty (30) sheets of tin, forty-six (46) sheets of plywood, fifty-eight (58) bags of cement, ten (10) 4x4 beams and ten (10) 1x4's.

2. Education

- a. Twelve (12) hours of English instruction was given to twelve (12) adults at the National Police Headquarters (AT993778).
- b. Eighty-four (84) hours of English instruction was given to three thousand two hundred and eighty (3280) students at Hoa Vang High School (BT013728).
- c. Company "B" recruited some Naval Personnel from MCB-12 for the purpose of teaching English classes in My Thi hamlet (BT052745). They now have a regular program at the school.
- d. Two hundred and seventeen (217) school kits and fifty (50) English-Vietnamese text books were distributed during the month of December as follows:
 - (1) Fifty (50) school kits and fifty (50) English-Vietnamese books were given to Hoa Vang High School (BT013728).

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(2) Fifty (50) school kits were given to the elementary school adjacent to the Cam Le Bridge (BTO15718).

(3) Sixty-seven (67) school kits were given to the elementary school in An Thuong hamlet (BTO49760).

(4) Fifty (50) school kits were given to Bo De Elementary School (AT989780).

3. Public Health

a. 3,449 patients were treated during Med-Caps within the 1st Marine Air Wing's Civic Action TAOR this month.

b. 423 patients were treated during Med-Caps within Naval Support Activity's Civic Action TAOR this month.

c. Sixty-seven (67) tooth brushes and tubes of tooth paste were distributed during the Med-Cap in An Thuong hamlet (BTO49760).

d. Soap was distributed at all Med-Caps during the past month.

e. An anemic child was evacuated from Hoa Phu Village (AT977785) and taken to Hoa Khanh Childrens Hospital during the past month.

4. Welfare

a. During the reporting period a Vietnamese civilian was accidentally killed by a Company "D" Marine near the Cam Le Bridge (BTO15718). Besides the gratuity payment, Company "D" donated 11,500 piasters and six (6) boxes of clothing to the family of the victim. In addition this Battalion is supplying building materials to the family in order that they may build a new house.

5. Civic Action Training. A total of five (5) hours of Personal Response Instruction was given to 365 members of the Battalion during the month of December.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. 1,750 VC Reward and Pay Scale; 450 "Tell us Where the VC Are"; 500 "Denounce the VC Cadre" and 300 "Tell us who the VC Are" leaflets were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

2. 800 Chien Hoi/Safe Conduct Passes were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

3. 135 Historical Posters were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

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

(1) The Commanding Officer held Personnel and Material inspections during the month of December. BAS Section was found to be satisfactory.

(2) A total of 2251 Vietnamese were treated during the Battalion Med-Cap program during December.

(3) One (1) new Corpsman joined the Battalion from CONUS this month.

(4) One (1) Marine was killed in action and one (1) wounded in action during the past month.

(5) One Marine was killed by an accidental discharge and one (1) wounded during the past month.

(6) EMU from FIC held a sanitary inspection this month and discrepancies were light.

2. Problems Encountered: Lack of emergency electrical power causing Biological Medicinals to be of no value after 48 hours in the event of a power failure, and all patients requiring suturing or routine lab work have to be sent to other facilities due to lack of lighting.

3. Military Patient Statistical Data:

a. Average daily number of patients seen: 17

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

c. Routine medical complaints: Diarrhea and Sore Throat

d. Significant disease peculiar to the area: Amebiasis

e. Number of emergency treatments: Combat injury 2; Lacerations 16; Burns 3; Trauma 0

f. Immunizations and prophylactic medications: Immunizations 542; Malaria prophylaxis 3000 tabs

g. Patients admitted to BAS Ward: 0

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2Dec68: At 021320H (1) platoon from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with (1) platoon of the 106th RF Company conducted a combined search/sweep operation in the vicinity of (BT056745). Six (6) female VCS were apprehended and turned over to the 106th RF Company for interrogation.

5Dec68: At 051230H a Company "B", 1st MP Battalion daylight patrol apprehended one (1) VCS in the hamlet of My Thi (BT054743). Upon interrogation by 5th CIT, it was determined that suspect was a draft dodger. Suspect was turned over to Danang Special Sector for further interrogation.

10Dec68: At 100530H one (1) platoon from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with one (1) platoon of the 106th RF Company personnel, 5th CIT, 11th ITT, a 1st Engineer Battalion Civic Action team and mine detection personnel conducted a combined search/sweep operation in Da Me (2) (BT065715). One (1) VCS was apprehended and turned over to the 106th RF Company for appropriate action.

12Dec68: At 120545H one (1) platoon from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with one (1) platoon of the 106th RF Company, a Civic Action team from 5th Communications Battalion, a 1st Engineer Battalion mine sweeping team, 5th CIT, 11th ITT and 7th PsyOps conducted a combined search/sweep/civic action operation in the hamlets of Khue Bac (BT058720) and Da Me (BT054728). Negative results were reported.

13Dec68: At 140750H one (1) platoon from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion conducted a search/sweep operation in Thom Binh Thai hamlet (BT002722). One (1) VCS was apprehended and turned over to Hoa Vang Sub-Sector for interrogation. Probing located two hundred (200) rounds of 50 caliber ammunition and four (4) electric blasting caps with wires attached (kind used for Claymore mine).

14Dec68: At 140130H one (1) platoon from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with twenty (20) 106th RF Company personnel, a mine sweep team from 1st Engineer Battalion, 5th CIT and 7th PsyOps conducted a combined search/sweep operation in the vicinity of (BT054743) and (BT056745). Fifteen (15) VCS were apprehended and turned over to the 106th RF Company for further interrogation.

At 140700H one (1) platoon from Company "A", 1st MP Battalion with one (1) platoon (rein) of the 106th RF Company and seven (7) National Police provided by Hoa Vang Sub-Sector conducted a combined search/sweep operation in Ap Bo hamlet (BT025745). One (1) small cave containing deteriorated clothing and one (1) ladder were found. The clothing was disposed of and the ladder given to local villagers.

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15Dec68: At 151940H an ambush patrol from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion encountered one (1) Vietnamese while moving into an ambush site, coordinates approximately (BT056733). The Vietnamese ran, ignoring all warnings. The Vietnamese was told to stop, a warning shot was fired, the Vietnamese was again told to stop. When the Vietnamese continued to flee, the person was shot and killed. The VC was a woman. Documents and identity are being checked.

19Dec68: At 191530H two (2) squads from Company "A", 1st MP Battalion accompanied two (2) Regional Forces Companies on a sweep of the village east of the East West Road from (BT032760) to (BT034743). Approximately thirty (30) Vietnamese were apprehended and are being investigated at this time.

21Dec68: At 210100H a patrol from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion captured one (1) VC at coordinates (BT053743). The VCS was turned over to 5th CIT for interrogation.

23Dec68: At 230130H approximately fourteen (14) 122mm rockets impacted in the vicinity of Da Nang Air Base as follows: 1st MAW Area received ten (10) rockets causing ten (10) USMC WIA's. Navy POL billeting area received one (1) rocket causing four (4) USN WIA's. The village at (AT995755) received approximately three (3) rockets causing eleven (11) KIA's and nineteen (19) WIA's, all Vietnamese civilians.

25Dec68: At 251630H a Company "B", 1st MP Battalion daylight patrol recovered the body of a 14-16 year old Vietnamese boy who was found floating in the river by a local fisherman at (BT055726). The boy had been shot in the back of the head and his hands were handcuffed behind his back. No identification papers were found on the body. Local villagers were questioned but did not recognize the boy. The Village Chief of Da Nang volunteered to bury the body. Pictures were taken by Company "B" personnel and were turned over to 5th CIT for further investigation.

26Dec68: At 261115H one (1) platoon from Company "C", 1st MP Battalion participated in a combined sweep of the village located at (AT993785). They were engaged in a fire fight, resulting in two (2) USMC KIA, one (1) PF KIA, two (2) RD Cadre KIA, one (1) Hamlet Chief KIA, one (1) USMC WIA and three (3) PF WIA's. Enemy losses were reported as follows: Two (2) VC KIA, one (1) VC captured and five (5) VCS apprehended. The VCS are being interrogated by Da Nang Special Sector. In addition, two (2) coffins, four (4) B-40 rockets, one (1) 9mm pistol, five (5) AK-47 rifles, twenty (20) kilo's of explosives, twenty (20) blasting caps, seven hundred (700) rounds of AK-47 ammunition, forty (40) ounces of suspected poison and several documents were captured.

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29Dec68: At 290600H one (1) platoon from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion participated with Kilo Task Force, 5th CIT and three (3) companies of the 1st Battalion, 51st Regiment in a combined search/sweep operation in the Marble Mountain/Nui Kim Son hamlet area vicinity Grid (BT0770). Thirty-five (35) suspects were detained and are being interrogated by Danang Special Sector.

30Dec68: At 300001H one (1) platoon from Company "C", 1st MP Battalion participated in a combined search/sweep operation conducted by 5th CIT with National Field Forces Police at Ho Ga Doa Island (AT928837). Four (4) VCS were apprehended and the following items found: three (3) Chi-Com grenades; one (1) M26 grenade; fifty (50) blasting caps; one (1) NVA cartridge belt and fifty (50) cans of milk.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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