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Force Logistic Command
FPO San Francisco 96602

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 to 28 February 1969

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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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1Feb69 to 28Feb69

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| 1. <u>DESIGNATION</u> | <u>COMMANDER</u> |
| 1st Military Police Battalion | LtCol J. D. BAILEY |
| | 1-28Feb69 |

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	1-28Feb69	Capt C. C. BRYANT
Co "A"	1-28Feb69	Capt R. E. SCHWARTZ
Co "B"	1-28Feb69	Capt J. H. HANSON
Co "C"	1-28Feb69	1stLt R. C. HADDIX
Co "D"	1-28Feb69	1stLt D. M. TENNANT

ATTACHED UNITS

Co "C", 3rdMPBn	1-28Feb69	1stLt S. T. MIKULA
Detachment, 7thCommBn	1-28Feb69	

2. LOCATION
1-28Feb69, Danang, RVN
3. STAFF OFFICERS
- | | | |
|---------|-----------|------------------------|
| ExecOff | 1-28Feb69 | Maj C. N. BIKAKIS |
| S-1/Adj | 1-28Feb69 | 1stLt D. R. FARRINGTON |
| S-2 | 1-28Feb69 | 1stLt W. S. DAVID |
| S-3 | 1-28Feb69 | Maj R. A. FLAHERTY |
| S-4 | 1-28Feb69 | 1stLt M. J. KELLY |
| S-5 | 1-28Feb69 | 1stLt S. O. DELAIR |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
34	700	0	12

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Two (2) Bronze Star Medals, twelve (12) Purple Heart Medals and one (1) Navy Commendation Medal were awarded to members of this command during the reporting period.

2. LOSSES

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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3. REPLACEMENTS

USMC	
OFF	ENL
5	110

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	0

4. DISCIPLINE. Four (4) Special Courts-Martial were convened during this reporting period. Fifteen (15) Battalion Commander's NJP's and twenty-four (24) 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	13	93	0	12	0	5	0	0
Co"A"	4	98	0	0	0	2	0	0
Co"B"	6	130	0	0	0	5	0	0
Co"C"	4	145	0	0	0	17	0	0
Co"D"	5	122	0	0	1	12	0	0
Co"C", 3rdMPBn	3	113	0	0	1	3	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARYS-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of February, six (6) confirmed VC were captured and submitted to Hoa Vang Sub-Sector for intensive interrogation. In addition eleven (11) VCS were apprehended by battalion operations and patrols. Of these five (5) 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 six (6) VCS were turned over to 5th CIT where interrogation still continues at this date. In addition the following arms/equipment were captured:

- a. (1) RPG-7
- b. (3) RPG-2
- c. (12) B-40 Rockets
- d. (3) B-41 Rockets
- e. (4) AK-47 Assault Rifles

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- f. (6) pounds Plastic Explosive
- g. (24) Grenades (Chi-Com and M-26)
- h. (1) 9mm Pistol
- i. (13) NFL Flags
- j. (1,300) AK-47 Rounds
- k. (1) Chi-Com Radio
- l. (21) Demolition Charges
- m. (2) Entrenching Tools
- n. Assorted Medical Supplies
- o. Assorted Rations
- p. Assorted Clothing
- q. Assorted VC/NVA Gear
- r. Assorted Documents

2. Intelligence reports during February formed a solid base of information pointing to future attacks by VC/NVA units against allied installations during the latter part of February and the month of March. These reports were substantiated by the rocket/ground attacks of 22-23 February. There remains an increasingly related body of intelligence which indicates heavier attacks against the Vital Danang Area will take place in the near future.

3. The following areas were reported as probable targets during the period.

a. Marble Mountain Air Facility.

b. Danang Air Base. On 23 February a squad of VC/NVA took cover in the Slocovina Textile Factory, approximately 700 meters from the south end of the airbase. Indications suggest that the mission of the squad was to establish a forward CP for directing a ground assault at the airbase.

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c. Danang City. Reports stressed an increase of infiltration by sappers and an increase of terrorist activities during February with a primary mission of establishing internal disorder within the city when the main ground attacks take place.

d. I Corps Bridge. This target remains a perennial high priority target by virtue of its role in the flow of logistics for allied forces in ICTZ.

e. Other priority targets mentioned were GVN offices and installations in Danang City, the Cam Le Bridge, Hoa Vang Headquarters and I Corps Headquarters.

S-3 OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. On 23 February 1969 1st MP Battalion had significant contact with the enemy in defense of the Cam Le Bridge, Slocovina Textile Factory and Zone VICTOR of the Danang Vital Area Complex. This battalion in conjunction with reserve forces from Maintenance Battalion 1st FSR/FLC, 1st MAW, Task Force Kilo (F/2/7) and Vietnamese units succeeded in defeating VC/NVA efforts to reach objectives within the Danang TAOR. (Refer to PART III).

2. The battalion conducted 315 day and night fireteam size patrols; 24 day and night squad size patrols; 265 fireteam size night ambushes; 323 squad size night ambushes and 42 platoon size operations for a total of 969 small unit operations during the reporting period.

3. In addition to the small unit activities, the battalion also conducted 5 company or multi-company size operations.

4. Battalion Officer's and SNCO's attended classes conducted on the following subjects or areas of interest: Briefing on 7th PsyOpsBn; Civil Affairs; Employment of Marine Air and a critique of Battalion operations on 23-24 February 1969.

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.

6. A Troop Indoctrination class was conducted on 7 February 1969 for 83 newly joined Marines.

7. Two (2) enemy mortar attacks and six (6) enemy rocket attacks were conducted against the Danang Vital Area Complex during this reporting period.

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a. Construction continues on the BAS bunker. Plumbing fixtures have been installed and soon will be hooked up. The interior of the bunker is finished except for the water.

b. Battalion Supply has moved its 782 Gear issue point to the larger warehouse in the rear of the old building. This building permits storage of large amounts of 782 gear and incorporates the storage and issuing facilities into one building.

2. Percentage of Combat Essential Equipment on Hand

- a. Supply 98%
- b. Motor Transport 94%
- c. Communications 93%

S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS1. General

a. Company "A" held a party for the children of Khue Trung (4) in celebration of the Vietnamese holiday of TET. The party was held at the hamlet Chief's house and was supervised in part by his brother. Toys, games, and refreshments were given to the children. Approximately 150 children were in attendance with many parents taking part in the activities. The Company Executive Officer and First Sergeant arranged this party several days ago with the hamlet chief Mr. Tung. The party was held on 14 February 1969 at (BT 036738).

b. Company "B" held their TET party in Da Me on 14 February 1969 at (BT 044729). At this time some forty gifts were passed out to pre-school children. The gifts consisted of soap and wash cloths with a toy or two. The party was well received by both the children and adults.

c. Company "C" gave a TET party at Bo De Elementary School (AT 989780). One hundred and thirty (130) toys and games, 330 party hats and horns, 52 items of clothing, 400 packages of candy and 71 general utility items were distributed.

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d. Company "D" distributed 60 assorted toys at Cam Bac School on 12 February 1969 located at (BT 014718). A total of 58 children were present.

e. Company "C" (-) gave TET presents to 70 school children in An Thuong village (BT 762048). The response was good.

f. Five gallons of paint and 30 bags of cement were delivered to Bo De Elementary School to aid in the completion of the remodeling of the building at (AT 989780).

g. Five gallons of paint were delivered to An Thuong market place for the completion of the project there (BT 049760).

2. Education

a. Forty (40) hours of English instruction was given to 2,512 students at Hoa Vang High School (BT 013728).

b. On 2 February 1969, at 1300, Company "B" had their Grand Opening of the Head Start Program. School supplies were distributed.

3. Public Health

a. 678 patients were treated during Med-Caps within the 1st Marine Air Wing Civic Action Area of Responsibility this month.

b. 232 patients were treated during Med-Caps within Naval Support Activity's Civic Action Area of Responsibility this month.

c. Soap was distributed at all Med-Caps in this reporting period.

4. Welfare. See "General" concerning TET parties (1.).

5. Civic Action Training

a. A total of five hours and thirty minutes of Personal Response Instruction was given to 261 members of the Battalion during the month of February. Included in the instruction was two hours spent on a tour of the Sicovina Textile Factory (BT 014725) in which 30 people attended.

b. The Civil Affairs Officer gave Personal Response instruction in the Battalion Troop Indoctrination class which was held for all newly joined Marines.

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1. The following numbers of leaflets were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.
 - a. 550 "Denounce the VC Cadre".
 - b. 3,620 VC Reward.
 - c. 1,250 VC Weapons Reward.
 - d. 480 "Tell Us Who the VC Are".
2. 300 Safe Conduct Passes were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.
3. 447 Historical Posters were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data
 - a. PMU from FLC held a sanitation inspection this month and discrepancies were submitted to the Commanding Officer for correction.
 - b. A total of 846 Vietnamese were treated through the Battalion Med-Cap Program this month.
 - c. There were 23 Marine and 5 NVA personnel treated as casualties at this facility this month.
 - d. On the 23rd and 24th this battalion received ambulance and crew support from Maintenance Battalion and FLC and ambulance support from MAG-11 but this support had to be returned each night.
2. New Developments. Except for sandbagging, the Medical Bunker is complete. For emergency lighting, there are Coleman Lanterns and battery powered lamps. The emergency water supply consists of 5-gallon water cans maintained in the bunker.
3. Problems Encountered. Lack of ambulances for mass casualty handling.
4. Military Patient Statistical Data
 - a. Average daily number of patients seen: 19.

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b. Average daily number of patients referred to other treating facilities for consultations, dental, X-ray, and laboratory work: 5.

c. Routine medical complaints: Cold and Sore Throat.

d. Significant disease peculiar to the area: None.

e. Number of emergency treatments: Combat injury: 28; Lacerations: 9; Burns: 0; Trauma: 1.

f. Innoculations and prophylactic medications: Innoculations: 452; Malaria prophylaxis: 3,500.

g. Patients admitted to BAS ward: 0.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

9 February 1969: At 091450H a Company "D" Check Point at the Cam Le Bridge (BT 018714) apprehended one (1) VCS carrying one (1) M-26 grenade. Suspect was turned over to the Hoa Vang Sub-Sector for interrogation.

20 February 1969: At 200700H three (3) platoons from Company "C", 1st MP Battalion, one (1) platoon from H&S Company, 1st MP Battalion, one (1) platoon from Maintenance Battalion, nine (9) National Police and one (1) interpreter commenced a combined search/sweep operation in the village of Ap Trung Binh (BT 018775). Four (4) VCS were apprehended during the operation and turned over to the National Police for further intensive interrogation.

23 February 1969: Throughout the day this battalion was engaged in many major enemy ground attacks and the Danang Vital Area Complex was subjected to numerous mortar/rocket attacks.

1. Rocket/Mortar Attacks

a. At 230208H approximately twenty-five (25) 122mm rockets impacted in the vicinity of Deep Water Pier (BT 030838) resulting in one (1) Korean KIA and one (1) USMC WIA.

b. At 230218H 10-15 82mm mortars impacted at MAG-16 and the 212th Aviation Company vicinity (BT 065735) causing the following damage: MAG-16: four (4) helo's slightly damaged, 212th Aviation Company: three (3) Ol damaged, one (1) OV-1 damaged, six (6) UH-1 damaged and five (5) vehicles damaged.

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c. At 230312H 6-8 122mm rockets impacted in the ARVN ammo dump (BT 047783) causing uncontrollable fires and many secondary explosions.

d. At 230530H three (3) 122mm rockets impacted on the Danang Air Base as follows: one (1) at NAVY POL Dump vicinity (AT 998765) destroying one (1) POL tank; one (1) at MAG-11 vicinity (BT 004772) causing one (1) USMC KIA and three (3) USMC WIA and minor damage to one (1) A-6 aircraft; and one (1) on Runway 17 Right causing temporary closing of the runway for repairs.

e. At 230605H approximately 20 82mm mortars impacted on the Danang Air Base as follows: approximately ten (10) vicinity of Gate #6 (BT 022734) causing no damage or casualties and approximately ten (10) in the 1st MAW bomb dump causing fires and many secondary explosions.

2. Ground Attacks

a. At 230120H movement was reported approximately 150 meters south-west of the Cam Le Bridge (BT 018715) and shortly thereafter at 230150H an unknown number of enemy were taken under fire just outside of the perimeter wire. Throughout the morning until daylight movement was spotted on both the north and south ends of the bridge and S/A, A/W and RPG fire were received. All activity ceased at daylight and a sweep of the area revealed the following VC/NVA casualties: eleven (11) VC/NVA KIA and four (4) VC/NVA WIA/PW. USMC casualties were three (3) WIA one (1) evacuated. Company "D" 1st MP Battalion was supported in this action by reaction platoons from H&S Company, 1st MP Battalion and Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR/FLC.

b. At 230700H numerous VC/NVA were reported in the vicinity of the Sicovina Textile Factory (BT 010728) and a squad from Company "A", 1st MP Battalion was dispatched to the area. Upon arrival at the Sicovina gate, Company "A"'s squad began an immediate physical pursuit of an unknown number of VC/NVA which they eventually cornered inside the south end of the factory. The squad made numerous attempts to route the enemy from the factory but were unsuccessful. At this time the squad was reinforced by a platoon from Company "A", 1st MP Battalion, one (1) platoon from the 1st MAW Reserve Company and one (1) platoon from MWSG-17. Throughout the day a heavy volume of S/A, grenades, CS, M-79 and LAAW's were used to finally overcome the enemy at approximately 231900H. Casualties were as follows: one (1) USMC KIA and ten (10) USMC WIA (2 evacuated); six (6) VC/NVA KIA and two (2) VC/NVA WIA/PW.

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c. At 231100H approximately 100 VC/NVA were reported to be dug-in in ZONE VICTOR vicinity of (BT 003728). Company "C", 1st MP Battalion was relieved on it's perimeter lines by the 1st MAW Reserve Company and together with Task Force Kilo (F/2/7 and 501st PF Company); Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR/FLC Reserve Company and the Reaction platoon from H&S Company, 1st MP Battalion cordoned off the entire area south from the East-West road bounded by Hi-Ways 1 and 1A on the flanks south to the Song Cau Do River. During the day supporting fire was delivered into the area by tanks and oncos, artillery and OV-10 gunships. At approximately 231700H an ARVN Ranger Battalion provided by Danang Special Sector commenced a sweep of the area and another sweep was initiated at 240800H. Results of this combined USMC/Vietnamese operation are as follows: fifteen (15) USMC WIA (F/2/7), one (1) PF KIA and four (4) PF WIA (501st PF Company), four (4) ARVN WIA and two (2) ARVN KIA (ARVN Rangers) and seventy-three (73) VC/NVA KIA and four (4) VC/NVA WIA/PW.

24 February 1969: At 240030H a Company "B", 1st MP Battalion "Killer Team" with 106th RF Company personnel engaged and killed two (2) VC near My Thi village (BT 051741).

25 February 1969: At 250600H three (3) 140mm rockets impacted on the Danang Air Base as follows: vicinity of (BT 001755, AT 998759 and BT 004754) causing no damage and one (1) USMC WIA. At the same time three (3) 140mm rockets impacted in "Dogpatch" vicinity (AT 992748, AT 993749 and AT 992749) causing two (2) VN civilian KIA and seven (7) VN civilian WIA's. The roofs of two (2) Vietnamese houses were slightly damaged.

26 February 1969: At 260200H one (1) unknown size rocket impacted in the village of Thon Phuoc Tuong (AT 992756) causing no casualties and completely destroying one (1) house and minor damage to another.

27 February 1969: At 270650H one (1) platoon from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with one (1) squad from the 106th RF Company commenced a combined search/sweep operation in the hamlet of Da Me (BT 054728). Six (6) VCS were apprehended and turned over to 5th CIT for interrogation.

At 272230H two (2) ammunition craft located at the bridge ramp at (BT 033762) exploded due to possible rocket/mortar fire. Extensive damage which has yet to be announced was caused by the initial explosion and fires and secondary explosions thereafter. Casualties were numerous but have not been announced as of this time.

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28 February 1969: At 280230H a Company "C", 1st MP Battalion ambush engaged an estimated three (3) VC at (AT 998787) with negative results. Company "C" received one (1) USMC WIA.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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