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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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1. This document is to be used for the purpose of the Chronology of the 1st Military Police Battalion for the period 1 to 31 March 1969. It is to be used in accordance with the instructions of the Commanding General, Force Logistic Command, San Francisco, California, dated 11 Feb 1969.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1Mar69 to 31Mar69

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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| 1. <u>DESIGNATION</u> | <u>COMMANDER</u> |
| 1st Military Police Battalion | LtCol J. D. BAILEY |
| | 1-31Mar69 |

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	1-31Mar69	Capt C. C. BRYANT
Co "A"	1-31Mar69	Capt R. E. SCHWARTZ
Co "B"	1-31Mar69	Capt J. H. HANSON
Co "C"	1-31Mar69	1stLt R. C. HADDIX
Co "D"	1-31Mar69	1stLt D. M. TENNANT

ATTACHED UNITS

Co "C", 3rdMPBn	1-31Mar69	1stLt S. T. MIKULA
Detachment, 7th	1-31Mar69	
CommBn		

2. LOCATION
1-31Mar69, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecOff	1-31Mar69	Maj C. N. BIKAKIS
S-1/Adj	1-31Mar69	1stLt D. R. FARRINGTON
S-2	1-25Mar69	1stLt W. S. DAVID
	26-31Mar69	1stLt G. E. KEETON
S-3	1-31Mar69	Maj R. A. FLAHERTY
S-4	1-31Mar69	1stLt M. J. KELLY
S-5	1-31Mar69	1stLt S. O. DELAIR

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
36	711

	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	12

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. One (1) Purple Heart Medal was awarded to a member of this command during the reporting period.

2. LOSSES

	<u>USMC</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	79

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

3. REPLACEMENTS

USMC	
OFF	ENL
2	65

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	0

4. DISCIPLINE. Three (3) Special Courts-Martials and three (3) Summary Courts-Martials were convened during this reporting period. Fifteen (15) Battalion Commander NJP's and twenty-seven (27) 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&S Co	10	92	0	11	1	6	0	0
Co "A"	4	88	0	0	0	7	0	0
Co "B"	6	127	0	0	0	4	0	0
Co "C"	5	129	0	0	0	8	0	0
Co "D"	3	120	0	0	2	5	0	0
Co "C", 3rd MPBn	3	103	0	0	1	4	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARYS-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of March, fifteen (15) VCS were apprehended and duly interrogated. Of these, two (2) at this time are considered confirmed VC and two (2) are considered VC sympathizer's. One VCS is still undergoing intensive interrogation at Quang Da Special Zone. The remaining ten (10) VCS were reclassified as civil defendants or innocent civilians. Civil defendants fell into the categories of draft dodgers, illegal residents and/or were in possession of illegal or invalid ID cards. The following arms/equipment were captured during the reporting period:

- a. (1) .45 caliber pistol w/magazine.
- b. (1) Chicom type 51 7.62mm pistol w/2 magazines.
- c. (1) 66mm LAAW rocket round.
- d. (1) Chicom fuse detonator.

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- e. (12) pounds plastic explosive.
 - f. (1) small fishcan containing plastic explosive.
 - g. (4) M-26 hand grenades w/• fuses.
 - h. (2) M-16 magazines.
 - i. (1) P-38 pistol.
 - j. (1) AK-47 magazine.
 - k. (1) RPG-2.
 - l. (6) B-40 rockets.
 - m. (1) pouch containing 11 bundles of leaflets and (1) grey uniform.
 - n. Assorted small arms ammunition.
2. Intelligence reports received during March strongly suggest that the enemy has temporarily postponed its proposed long-scale ground attack on the Danang area. He has chosen rather to resort to sporadic attacks by fire in order to promote a sense of lackadaisicality among those living on allied installations. Strong indications exist, however, that the enemy has not abandoned his quest for the control of Danang and that during early April as illumination diminishes the likelihood of ground attack and attack by fire will increase proportionally.
3. The following areas were again reported likely targets during the period:
- a. Marble Mountain Air Facility.
 - b. Danang Air Base. Although rocket attacks near this area have been highly unsuccessful, numerous prisoner interrogation reports have disclosed VC/NVA plans for attack here.
 - c. Danang City. Numerous reports have revealed NLF plans coordinate group uprisings in the city with large scale attacks from outside.
 - d. I Corps Bridge. Nearly all reports of attack plans contain some reference to the I Corps bridges.

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e. Other priority targets mentioned were GVN establishments throughout the Danang area, especially Hoa Vang Headquarters, I Corps Headquarters and the Cam Le Bridge.

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 369 day and night fireteam size patrols; 16 day and night squad size patrols; 185 fireteam size night ambushes; 465 squad size night ambushes and 48 platoon size operations for a total of 1083 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: "Spooky" Gunship Operations; Narcotics and Black Market Activities; Information Lecture on ARVN, RF and PF Forces and First and Self Aid Procedures to be followed during NBC Operations.
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 March 1969 for all newly joined Marines of this Battalion.
7. Six (6) enemy rocket attacks and one (1) enemy mortar attack were conducted against the Danang Vital Area Complex during this reporting period.

S-4 LOGISTICS

1. Significant Events

- a. SSgt H. P. BROWN reported to the 1st Military Police Battalion and was assigned as Mess Chief, relieving GySgt DELP, reassigned.
- b. An FLC Food Service Contact Team Representative, GySgt YORK, spent the week of 18-24 March with the battalion mess hall. The purpose of this visit was to insure that our mess facility was best utilizing those services available.

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c. 1stLt D. R. SHAW, Battalion Supply Officer, attended the FLC Battalion Organic Account Class at Camp Books, FLC.

2. Percentage of Combat Essential Equipment on Hand

- a. Supply 98%.
- b. Motor Transport 95%.
- c. Communications 93%.

S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. General

a. Four hundred and fifty (450) pieces of tile and two (2) bags of cement were procured to complete the new roof on Cam Bac Elementary School. The cement was used for filling the seams on the roof. Two new doors were also installed as part of the remodeling project there. Three tables, also given to the school, were made into desks for the children (BT014718).

b. Fifteen (15) sheets of tin were given to An Thuong School for repairing the roof. Painting is also being done on the building as part of the remodeling project (BT048762).

c. A total of forty five (45) sheets of tin, ninety (90) sheets of plywood, forty five (45) bags of cement, seven (7) gallons of paint and one and one half truck loads of lumber were involved in the remodeling of Bo De School, which was completed on 24 March 1969 (AT989780).

d. Screen, paint and tile were delivered to Xuam Hoa II in remodeling the medical aid station there (BT003784).

e. Fifteen (15) bags of cement were donated to Anh Khe Village for the repair of a religious shrine.

2. Education. Ninety seven (97) hours of English instruction was given to three thousand nine hundred and seventy three (3,973) students at Hoa Vang High School (BT013728).

3. Public Health

a. 851 patients were treated during Med-Caps within the 1st Marine Air Wing Civic Action Area of Responsibility this month.

b. 958 patients were treated during Med-Caps within Naval Support Activity's Civic Action Area of Responsibility this month

c. Soap was distributed at many of the Med-Caps during this reporting period.

d. One Med-Cap is now being held at the Xuam Hoa I dispensary with the assistance of a Vietnamese nurse. The Med-Aid station is now being utilized in Xuam Hoa II. A Vietnamese nurse is also assisting there.

4. Welfare. None.

5. Civic Action Training

a. A total of four hours of Personal Response instruction was given to 158 members of the Battalion during the month of March.

b. The Civil Affairs Officer gave Personal Response instruction in the Battalion Troop Orientation Class which is held for all newly joined personnel.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. The following numbers of leaflets were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

- a. 1,310 "Denounce the VC Cadre".
- b. 2,090 VC Reward.
- c. 30 VC Weapons Reward.
- d. 500 "Tell Us Who the VC Are".
- e. 1,150 Chieu Hoi.

2. 320 Safe Conduct Passes were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

3. 40 Historical Posters were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

4. One Armed Propoganda Team was utilized by Company "B", 1st MP Battalion in Da Me (2) Village (BT054728) on the 24th and 25th of the month. The "APT's" were supplied to the Battalion by the 10th Political Warfare Battalion located in Danang.

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

(1) During the month of March there were two (2) USMC casualties due to hostile fire.

(2) A total of 1,809 Vietnamese were treated through the Battalion Med-Cap Program this month.

(3) The Commanding Officer held a personnel inspection on 6 March 1969.

b. New Developments. Except for sandbagging, the Medical Bunker is now complete.

c. Problems Encountered

(1) Lack of ambulances for mass casualty handling.

(2) Lack of emergency electricity, causing Biological Medicinals to be of no value after 48 hours due to lack of refrigeration. Lack of emergency electricity also means that patients requiring suturing, or laboratory work of a routine nature must be sent to other facilities due to lack of lighting during power failures.

2. Military Patient Statistical Data

a. Average daily number of patients seen: 15.

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

c. Routine medical complaints: Diarrhea and sore throat.

d. Significant disease peculiar to area: None.

e. Number of emergency treatments: combat injury: 0; laceration: 14; burns: 5 and trauma: 0.

f. Innoculations and prophylactic medications: innoculations: 567; malaria prophylaxis: 4,500.

g. Patients admitted to BAS Ward: 1.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 March 1969: At 012235H bunker #12, (AT999767) received four (4) incoming sniper rounds resulting in one (1) USMC WIA (evac) from Company "C", 1st MP Battalion.

7 March 1969: At 070010H approximately eight (8) unknown size rockets impacted in East Danang as follows: (5) or (6) at MAG-16 causing major damage to (2) CH-46 Helicopters and minor damage to (2) CH-43 Helicopters. (2) at 5th Communications Battalion causing no casualties or damage.

14 March 1969: At 141430H a Company "B", 1st MP Battalion patrol apprehended one (1) 19 year old female VCS in Khue Bac (BT068720) wearing a red string on her collar. Suspect was turned over to 5th CIT for interrogation.

16 March 1969: At 160344H a Company "B", 1st MP Battalion ambush took an USEF under fire and killed one (1) VC at coordinates (BT051732). The following gear was found in the vicinity of the ambush site: (1) P-38 pistol, (1) AK-47 magazine, (1) RPG-2, (6) B-40 rockets and One (1) pouch containing eleven (11) bundles of leaflets and one (1) grey uniform.

19 March 1969: At 190430H seven (7) 122mm rockets impacted in Danang City at the following coordinates: (4) rounds at (BT032762), one (1) round at (BT034774), one (1) round at (BT031776) and one (1) round at (BT032772). Nine (9) Vietnamese houses were destroyed and the following casualties reported: (6-14) Vietnamese civilians KIA, (12-23) Vietnamese civilians WIA, (1) US WIA and (1) Korean WIA.

20 March 1969: At 200205H approximately five (5) 122mm rockets and twelve (12) 82mm mortars impacted in East Danang as follows: MAG-16: five (5) 82mm mortars causing three (3) USMC WIA's and minor damage; NSA Hospital: one (1) 82mm mortar round causing no casualties or damage; MCB-12: six (6) 82mm mortar rounds causing no casualties or damage; Camp Tien Sha: approximately five (5) 122mm rockets causing two (2) Vietnamese civilians KIA, six (6) Vietnamese civilians WIA, four (4) USN WIA (evac) and minor damage to two (2) barracks.

At 200920H a Company "B", 1st MP Battalion patrol apprehended two (2) VCS in Khue Bac Village (BT058720). Suspects were turned over to 5th CIT for interrogation.

At 202255H MAG-16 reported that approximately five (5) unknown caliber rounds impacted at the following coordinates: (BT070733) and (BT073734). Negative casualties or damage.

21 March 1969: At 210155H six (6) 140mm rockets impacted in West Danang as follows: One (1) at (AT995757), one (1) at (AT999756), one at (BT005755), two (2) at (BT000755) and one (1) at (AT994754) causing no casualties or damage.

At 211400H one (1) squad from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with two (2) squads from the 106th RF Company conducted a combined search/sweep operation in the hamlets of My Thi (BT054743) and Khue Bac (BT058720) using information gained from previously captured suspects. Seven (7) VCS were apprehended and turned over to the 106th RF Company for further interrogation.

22 March 1969: At approximately 221830H a grenade exploded in the village of Da Me (2) (BT065715) causing five (5) Vietnamese civilian KIA's and fifteen (15) Vietnamese civilian WIA's. A combined search/sweep operation was initiated by one (1) platoon from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with one (1) platoon from the 106th RF Company with the following results: One (1) male VC captured and two (2) female VCS apprehended. The captured VC was directly involved in the terrorist incident and led the sweep elements to the following arms cache: (1) .45 caliber pistol, (12) pounds of plastic explosive, (15) bottles of penicillin, (4) defused M-26 hand grenades and (2) full M-16 magazines.

23 March 1969: At 230640H Company "B", 1st MP Battalion conducted a search/sweep operation in the village of Da Me (2) (BT065715) and found the following arms/equipment: (1) Chi-Com pistol with magazine, (1) M-72 LAAW rocket and (3) rounds of 7.62mm ammunition.

The two (2) female VCS apprehended on 22 March 1969 were confirmed as VC.

24 March 1969: At 240539H fourteen (14) 140mm rockets impacted on Danang Air Base as follows: VMGR-152: (3) rounds at (BT007741), (BT006744) and (BT007745) causing no casualties and major damage to a JP-4 fuel line and one (1) fuel bladder; Company "D", 1st MP Battalion: (1) round causing no casualties and minor damage to one (1) jeep; Air Force Area: (10) rounds at (BT006735), (BT016748), (BT016746), (BT013747), (BT012743), (BT015742), (BT016742), (BT011744), (BT014743) and (BT011737) causing one (1) USAF WIA (evac) and moderate damage to one (1) building (paraloft).

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27 March 1969: At 270607H seven (7) 122mm rockets impacted in East Danang as follows: (2) at CCN (BT067742), (1) at Company "B", 1st MP Battalion (BT057757), (2) at MAG-16 (BT067735), (1) in the water at (BT067744) and (1) at NSA POL Dump at (BT077720). No casualties were reported and thirty-six (36) lube oil drums received slight damage at the POL Dump.

At 270630H Company "C", 1st MP Battalion with the 1st MAW Reserve Company and NPFF conducted a combined search/sweep operation in the hamlet of Thon Hoa Phu (AT975785). Three (3) VCS were apprehended and turned over to Hoa Vang Sub-Sector for interrogation.

31 March 1969: At 310720H one (1) platoon from Company "B", 1st MP Battalion with twenty (20) 106th RF Company personnel and 5th CIT conducted a combined search/sweep operation in the hamlet of My Thi (BT054743). One (1) female VCS was apprehended and turned over to 5th CIT for interrogation.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.