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Force Logistic Command
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1Apr69 to 30Apr69

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
 1st Military Police Battalion LtCol J. D. BAILEY
 1-30Apr69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	1-30Apr69	Capt C. C. BRYANT
Co "A"	1-30Apr69	Capt R. E. SCHWARTZ
Co "B"	1-30Apr69	Capt J. H. HANSON
Co "C"	1-30Apr69	1stLt R. C. HADDIX
Co "D"	1-30Apr69	1stLt D. M. TENNANT

ATTACHED UNITS

Co "C", 3rdMPBn	1-30Apr69	1stLt S. T. MIKULA
Detachment, 7th	1-30Apr69	
CommBn		

2. LOCATION
 1-30Apr69, Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecOff	1-30Apr69	Maj C. N. BIKARIS
S-1/Adj	1-30Apr69	1stLt D. R. FARRINGTON
S-2	1-30Apr69	1stLt G. E. KEETON
S-3	1-30Apr69	Maj R. A. FLAHERTY
S-4	1-30Apr69	1stLt M. J. KELLY
S-5	1-30Apr69	1stLt S. O. DELAIR

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC	
OFF	ENL	
35	690	

	USN	
OFF	ENL	
0	11	

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. One (1) Bronze Star Medal and one Gold Star in lieu of second Bronze Star Medal were awarded to a member of this command during the reporting period.

2. LOSSES

	USMC	
OFF	ENL	
2	74	

	USN	
OFF	ENL	
0	2	

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3. REPLACEMENTS

USMC	
OFF	ENL
1	17

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	0

4. DISCIPLINE. Three (3) Special Courts-Martials were convened during the reporting period. Ten (10) Battalion Commander's NJP's and twenty-three (23) Company Commander's 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>	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S Co	12	32	0	9	1	12	0	0
Co "A"	4	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
Co "B"	4	116	0	0	0	2	0	0
Co "C"	5	117	0	0	0	8	0	0
Co "D"	4	110	0	0	1	2	0	0
Co "C", 3rdMPBn	3	95	0	0	1	1	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARYS-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of April, one (1) confirmed VC was captured and subsequently turned over to 5th CIT for intensive interrogation. In addition 13 VCS were apprehended through Battalion operations and routine patrols. After interrogation they were reclassified as innocent civilians or civil defendants. The latter fell into categories of draft dodgers, deserters, illegal residents, and possessors of illegal or invalid identification materials. The following arms/equipment were captured:

- a. (7) B-40 Rockets
- b. (3) Chicom Grenados
- c. (1) M-26 Grenade
- d. (5) 60mm Mortar Rounds
- e. (2) 2.75 Rocket Motors
- f. (48) Blasting Caps

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g. (1) M60 Machinegun Barrel

h. (1) Pair Wirecutters

i. (1) VC Flag

J.- Assorted Propaganda Leaflets

2. Numerous intelligence reports during April, strongly indicate the enemy's intention to launch ground/rocket attacks on allied positions in the vicinity of Da Nang during May, some of which will take place in commemoration of the communist holidays. At this time, consensus is that the attacks will take place during the period of reduced visibility near Ho Chi Minh's birthday (19 May). These attacks are to be co-ordinated with infrastructure elements within the city so as to form the manifestation of a "general uprising".

3. The following areas are the reported targets for such attacks:

- a. Marble Mountain Air Facility/NSA Hospital/POW Compound
- b. Danang Air Base
- c. Sicovina Textile Factory
- d. I Corps Headquarters
- e. Danang City

As in previous months a volume of reports was received indicating that numerous sapper groups have infiltrated into the city for the purpose of assassination of officials, and the promotion of unrest among the various groups of people by terrorist methods.

4. As a result of the ASP # 1, fire of 27 April 1969, a great deal of ordnance was distributed around the adjacent areas. Since a large amount of that ordnance was found in friendly areas it is reasonable to assume that an equivalent amount is now in the hands of unfriendlies. It is therefore expected that increased "booby-trapping" activity will be seen in the Danang area.

9-3 OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

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

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2. The Battalion conducted 358 fireteam size day and night patrols, 20 day and night squad size patrols, 163 night fireteam size ambushes, 408 night squad size ambushes, and 4 platoon size operations for a total of 953 small unit operations during the reporting period.

3. In addition to the small unit activities the Battalion also conducted three (3) company or multi-company size operations.

4. Battalion Officers and Staff non Commissioned Officers attended classes conducted on the following subjects or areas of interest: Sentry/Scout Dog Demonstration; Briefing on 5th CIT; Air Force CAS; Education/Motor Transport Operations and an Intelligence Briefing.

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 11 April 1969, for all newly joined Marines of this Battalion.

7. Four (4) enemy rocket attacks were conducted against Danang Vital Area Complex during this reporting period.

S-4 LOGISTICS

1. Significant Events

a. SSgt T. STEPHENS, reported to 1st Military Police Battalion Headquarters for duty as S-4 Chief, replacing SSgt R. E. NELSON, reassigned.

b. SSgt L. DICKSON, completed Embarkation School at Camp Butler, Okinawa, and was assigned as Embarkation NCO, 1st Military Police Battalion.

c. On 27-28 April 1969, the Battalion area received considerable damage when ASP # 1, on the west edge of Danang Air Base, caught fire and burned. Especially damaged were the Messhall, three supply buildings, one living quarters near the Messhall and the heavy vehicle repair shop in the motor pool. Most of the buildings were repaired by the Battalion except for the living quarters and the heavy vehicle repair shop which required engineer assistance. Most buildings in the area suffered blown out screens and other minor damage.

d. Three (3) new SEA huts were constructed in the Battalion area. One hut is serving as the Battalion Chapel, one as office space and one as living quarters.

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- a. Supply 96%
- b. Motor Transport 94%
- c. Communications 93%

S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS1. General

a. Ten (10) sheets of tin were delivered to Hoa Tho Village aiding in the construction of the new Headquarters Building (BT-004727).

b. Four hundred (400) sandbags and three (3) rolls of concertina wire were given to the National Police Headquarters in Xaun Hoa I (AT999779).

c. Fifteen (15) beams of lumber were delivered to the Sico-vina Textile Factory for the repair of a building (BT014725).

d. Fifteen (15) sheets of tin were given for the repair of An Thuong Village School House (BT018762).

e. Five (5) bags of cement were delivered to Cam Bac Grammar School in the completion of the roof being repaired (BT048-762).

2. Education

a. One (1) blackboard, thirty-six (36) notebooks, and thirty-six (36) pencils were given to the "Head Start" School in Da Mo (BT044729).

b. "C" Company, is continuing work in conjunction with NSA VAT # 11 teaching English five (5) afternoons a week at National Police Headquarters (AT992779).

c. One hundred and fourteen (114) hours of English instruction were given to three thousand five hundred six (3,506) students at Hoa Vang High School (BT013728).

3. Public Health

a. One thousand two hundred seventy eight (1,278) patients were treated during Med-Caps within 1st Marine Air Wing Civic Action Area of Responsibility this reporting period.

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b. One thousand two hundred twenty (1,220) patients were treated during Med-Caps within NSA's Civic Action Area of Responsibility this reporting period.

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

4. Welfare. None

5. Civic Action Training

a. A total of six (6) hours of Personal Response Instruction was given to three hundred eighty four (384) members of the Battalion during the month of April.

b. The Civil Affairs Officer gave Personal Response Instruction in the Battalion which was held for all newly arrived personnel.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. 5,596 VC Forward Leaflets distributed throughout the TAOR this reporting period.

2. 2,695 VC Weapons Forward Leaflets distributed throughout the TAOR this reporting period.

3. 3000 Chieu Hoi Leaflets distributed throughout the TAOR this reporting period.

4. 1,640 "Denounce the VC Cadre" Leaflets distributed throughout the TAOR this reporting period.

5. 635 "Tell Us Who the VC Are" leaflets distributed throughout the TAOR this reporting period.

6. 20 Historical Posters distributed throughout the TAOR this reporting period.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data

a. Significant Events

(1) During the month of April, there were no Marine casualties due to hostile fire.

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(2) A total of 2,698 Vietnamese were treated thru the Battalion Med-Cap Program.

(3) The explosion of ASP # 1, caused damage to all buildings and bunker.

b. New Developments

(1) Except for sandbagging, including blast walls, the medical bunker is complete.

c. Problems Encountered

(1) Extensive repairs of inside of sick bay buildings and bunker were necessary due to the explosion of ASP # 1.

(2) Lack of ambulances for mass casualties still exists as a problem

(3) Emergent electrical repairs causes deterioration of vaccines and inadequate electrical lighting for bunker.

2. Military Patient Statistical Data

a. Average daily number of patients seen: 15.

b. Average daily number of patients referred to other facilities for consultations, dental, x-ray and laboratory work: 4.

c. Routine medical complaints: Diarrhea and sore throat.

d. Significant disease peculiar to area: None.

e. Number of emergency treatments: combat injury: 0; lacerations: 0; burns: 2; and trauma: 0.

f. Innoculations and prophylactic medications: innoculations: 425; Malaria prophylaxis: 3,500.

g. Patients admitted to BAS Ward: 0.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 April 1969: At 020600H, Company "A", 1st MP Battalion with one (1) platoon from the 106th RF Company, 5th CIT, and National Police from Hoa Vang Sub-Sector, conducted a combined search/sweep in the hamlet of Chua Ong (BT022732). Two (2) VCS (female) were apprehended and after interrogation by 5th CIT, were turned over to Hoa Vang Sub-Sector for further interrogation.

At 022345H, Company 1st MP Battalion, reported that about ten (10) to fifteen (15) rounds of friendly artillery impacted in the vicinity of BT 024731.

6 April 1969: At 061200H, Company B of the 3rd MP Battalion attached to 1st MP Battalion commenced a platoon size sweep of An Thuong village (BT 024732). At 061500 the sweep secured with negative results.

9 April 1969: At 061300H sentries at Camp #6 (BT 012734) apprehended three (3) Vietnamese (two ARVN, 1 civilian) trying to enter the base without proper identification. They were interrogated by the Battalion S-2 and then turned over to Vietnamese authorities for further action.

10 April 1969: At 100450H, two members of NSA security at Camp Cartier tripped a lobby trap at BT 065710 resulting in one (1) friendly WIA (EVA-C).

11 April 1969: At 110630H, one (1) platoon from Company A 1st MP Battalion with 106th RF Company personnel conducted a combined search/sweep operation in An Son (2) hamlet (BT 035737). One VCS was apprehended and turned over to the 106th RF Company for interrogation.

At 111705H, Company 1st MP Battalion reported that an M-24 grenade was thrown into the bed of an army 6x6 truck at BT 057743 resulting in three (3) Army WIA (two minor, one serious).

13 April 1969: At 130535H, Company B 1st MP Battalion with six (6) companies of Vietnamese Forces, one platoon from Company C 3rd MP Battalion, one platoon from 5th Comm Battalion, one platoon from Maintenance Battalion, and one platoon from K&S Company 1st MP Battalion conducted a combined search/sweep operation in Da Nang East in the vicinity of III R&A. One hundred (100) Vietnamese were apprehended and detained by the Vietnamese forces. Three (3) carbines, one (1) SKS, and one (1) .38 Cal. S & W were captured and retained by the Vietnamese forces. Also found were nineteen (19) draft dodgers, thirteen (13) illegal residents, twenty four (24) UA ARVN's, and thirteen (13) forged papers. Secured at 130930H.

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16 April 1969: At 162324H, three (3) rocket rounds impacted at BT 043757, BT 035767, and BT 037773. No damage or casualties reported.

17 April 1969: At 170015H, two (2) rocket rounds impacted at BT 012771 and BT 017758. The first landed on the North perimeter of the Air Base exploding on an empty POL tank. The second impacted in the VNAF Housing Area resulting in six (6) WIA's.

At 171030H, one (1) platoon of Company B 1st MP Battalion conducted a combined search sweep operation at BT 065711 checking caves in the area and resodding them with CS agent. One (1) M-26 grenade booby trap was uncovered and destroyed.

At 171400H, One (1) squad of Company B 1st MP Battalion searched 200 m. of Song Han river bank bordering My Thi hamlet (BT 049745) and uncovered 48 blasting caps in the water's edge.

20 April 1969: At 201945H, twenty (20) rocket rounds impacted in East Da Nang at the following coordinates: BT 058737, BT 056753, BT 065735, BT 059747, BT 064755.

Four rounds impacted at AB-12 with five (5) USN WIA
Two rounds impacted at 4th Group with negative results
Twelve rounds impacted at HAG-16 with two (2) USMC KIA's
thirty four WIA's (evacuated)
twelve WIA's (minor)

One round impacted at Camp Carter with negative results
One round impacted at 5th Comm Battalion with negative results.
At 202305H, three (3) rocket rounds impacted at the following coordinates: AT 995746, AT 990738, BT 005736.
One round impacted at HUSC-17 destroying one (1) aircraft engine
One round impacted at ASP #1 with damage to a revetment
One round impacted at 1st FAW ammo dump with negative results.

23 April 1969: At 230900H, Company D 1st MP Battalion conducted a platoon size search/sweep operation at BT 014714. Four (4) VCS were apprehended and turned over to 5th CIP.

24 April 1969: At 240115H, two (2) rocket rounds impacted at BT 005735 and AT 999739. One round impacted at the Air Force bomb dump and one round impacted on the Perimeter Road to the rear of Post #9, both with negative results.

27 April 1969: At 271450H, ASP #1 (AT 988733) caught fire causing the explosion of an undetermined amount of ordnance. One platoon from Company C 1st MP Battalion was dispatched to the scene to evacuate the Vietnamese civilians of Hoa Phat village (AT 995736) to Sinh Thai village (BT 002722).
At 271450H, the ARVN bomb dump (BT 003735) was reported to be on fire.
At 271520H, the napalm bomb dump (BT 002744) was reported to be on fire.
At 271810H, Hoa Phat village (AT 994746) was reported to be on fire.

At 271815H, fire was reported at the Southeast corner of the Air Base in the vicinity of BT 015738. Fire units from HMSC-17 brought all fires under control. Results: Almost complete destruction of hamlets Thon Dong Phuoc (AT 009832), Cong Ty Nghe (AT 999729) and Bong Vai Viet Nam (BT 002728) slight damage to hamlet of Thon Phuoc Tuong (AT 992746) slight to moderate damage to MAG-11, Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSA, 1st AF Battalion, and USAF con- tonement areas on west side of Air Base. Complete destruction of Freedom Hill Exchange, library, bowling alley, USO and Red Cross Centers, MCB-5 con- tonement area, 70% destruction to R & R transient center, and heavy damage to the R&M compound. The only casualty reported were 1 civilian WIA (concussion) evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion and 1 USMC WIA (concussion) evacuated to NSA Hospital.

30 April 1969: At 300500H a Platoon of Company B conducted a combined search/sweep operation on My Thi (BT 053743) resulting in 3 VCS (1 contained), 7 B-40 rockets, 1 pair of wire cutters, 3 Chicom grenades, 1 VC flag, 1 M-60 barrel, and propaganda leaflets. At 300800H Company D conducted a search/sweep operation on Thon Binh Thai (BT 0022719). Five (5) 60mm duds and two (2) 2.75 rocket motors were captured.

Part IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMBATS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. NONE

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