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Force Logistic Command  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, Force Logistic Command  
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 July 1969 to  
31 July 1969

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A

Encl: (1) 1st Military Police Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a)  
and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

2. Downgraded at 3 year intervals. Declassified after  
12 years.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

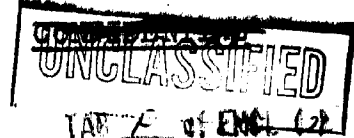
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Military Police Battalion

LtCol J.D. Bailey  
1-31 July 1969SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	1-16 July 1969	Capt C.C. BRYANT
	17-31 July 1969	Capt H. GONZALES
Co "A"	1-31 July 1969	Capt R.E. SCHWARTZ
Co "B"	1-31 July 1969	Capt J.H. HANSON
Co "C"	1-31 July 1969	Capt W.D. ISENHOUR
Co "D"	1-31 July 1969	1stLt D.M. TENNANT

ATTACHED UNITSCo "C", 3d MPBn 1-31 July 1969  
Detachment, 7th  
Comm Bn

1stLt S.T. MIKULA

2. LOCATION

1-31 July 1969 DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Exec Off	1-16 July 1969	Maj C.N. BIKAKIS
	17-31 July 1969	Maj J.P. MARADA
S-1/Adj	1-31 July 1969	1stLt D.R. FARRINGTON
S-2	1-31 July 1969	2ndLt R.W. JOHNSON
S-3	1-31 July 1969	Maj R.A. FLAHERTY
S-4	1-31 July 1969	1stLt T.S. PATTON
S-5	1-31 July 1969	2ndLt R.E. TREVINO

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
42	579

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	11

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. One Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" was awarded to a member of this command during the reporting period.

2. LOSSES

USMC	
OFF	ENL
2	63

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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USMC	
OFF	ENL
4	70

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	2

4. DISCIPLINE Six Special and Two Summary Courts-Martial were convened during the reporting period. 13 Battalion Commander's and 26 Company Commanders' NJPs 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	14	94	0	11	3	9	0	1
Co "A"	4	68	0	0	0	7	0	0
Co "B"	5	91	0	0	0	7	0	0
Co "C"	6	108	0	0	1	6	0	0
Co "D"	5	88	0	0	0	7	0	0
Co "C", 3d MP Bn	4	84	0	0	1	5	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARYS-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of July One confirmed VC was apprehended and turned over to 5th CIT for interrogation. He is currently being held at Quang Da Special Zone Headquarters undergoing intensive interrogation. Five more VCS were apprehended but later reclassified by Quang Da Special Zone as innocent civilians.

Of the twenty VCS apprehended in June and taken to the Vietnamese Police Special Branch, two are being held for trial as VC, nine are still undergoing interrogation, one has been reclassified as a draft dodger, and eight have been released for insufficient evidence. One of the eight released was the hamlet chief of Da Me II but a recommendation was made by the Police Special Branch that he be removed from his position as hamlet chief.

2. During the reporting period the following arms/equipment was captured:

- a. (65) 60mm mortar HE rounds
- b. (24) 60mm mortar WP rounds
- c. (1) 20lb. shaped charge
- d. (3) NVA flags

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3. Many agent reports were received during the past month indicating increased enemy activity during the low lunar period of 20 July. Movement was reported in Rumor Valley, often used as a staging area for attacks in the Danang area, but no contact was made. This lack of contact and overt enemy activity suggests that he is increasing his clandestine operations, particularly political and propaganda activities, in preparation for a US troop withdrawal and/or the formation of a coalition government. His goal appears to be the consolidation of his resources and the neutralization of the GVN pacification program through propaganda and terrorism.

4. The following have been reported as likely targets during this period:

- a. National Police Headquarters
- b. GVN Administrative Offices, particularly Hoa Vang District Headquarters
- c. Pacification Teams; RD Cadre.

#### S-3 OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. During this period the Battalion participated in numerous company, platoon, and smaller unit sized operations but no significant contact was made.
2. The Battalion conducted 246 fireteam sized day and night patrols, 19 squad sized day and night patrols, 225 fireteam sized ambushes, and 368 squad sized ambushes. Additionally, 14 platoon sized operations were conducted for a total of 872 small unit operations during the reporting. Five company sized operations were also conducted.
3. Battalion Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers attended classes on the following subjects: Personal Response; POW Handling; Psychological Operations; and Intelligence.
4. Battalion GMS training was conducted in accordance with current directives to include training by MOS as well as Leadership training. Some training was cancelled due to operational commitments.

#### S-4 LOGISTICS

##### 1. Significant Events

a. The battalion is currently operating with only one generator. The other PU 239 generator has been sent to Japan on the R&E program.

b. H&S Company is presently being supplied with water trucked in by Truck Company, H&S Bn, FLC while our water pump is being repaired.

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## 2. Percentage of Combat Essential Equipment on Hand

- a. Supply 97%
- b. Motor Transport 90%
- c. Communications 93%

## S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

### 1. General

a. A requisition was submitted for well rings to construct six wells in six separate hamlets in the Xuan Hoa area. The requisition is currently awaiting the approval of the Mayor of Danang.

"C" Co, 3d MP Bn (Attached) continues to assist in the repair and repainting of the village school and market place in An Thuong Village (AT 741049).

c. A Vietnamese boy was paid a 40 piaster reward for turning in a magazine of M-16 ammunition at the Southern tip of "C" Company's perimeter (BT 004774).

d. Throughout the period the people of My Thi Hamlet (BT 052745) have been given assorted building materials consisting of wood, cement, and tin in return for filling sandbags for the battalion.

e. A 2½ ton truck was dispatched to the Cam Bac School (BT 003727) which was destroyed in the ASP-1 fire in April. The truck was used to haul sand needed in the reconstruction.

f. The Principal of the Hoa Vang High School (BT 013-728) has requested advisory assistance for building two additional rooms on the school. Project Submittal Forms have been sent by the school to the Ministry of Education while similar action will be taken by the Battalion through American Civic Action channels. Similar action is planned for the Binh Thai Elementary School (BT 009722).

### 2. Education

a. "C" Company continues to teach English five afternoons a week at the National Police Headquarters (AT 992779) in conjunction with the Naval Support Activity's VAF #11.

b. Three boxes of books, obtained by a Marine teacher from friends and family at home, were donated to Hoa Vang High School where he teaches English.

c. Hoa Vang High School is presently closed for summer recess.

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### 3. Public Health

a. Seven-hundred and six patients were treated during MEDCAPS within the Naval Support Activity's area of responsibility in July.

b. Eight-hundred and thirty four patients were treated at MEDCAPS during the month in the 1st Marine Air Wing's area of responsibility.

c. One-hundred and fifty bars of soap were distributed at MEDCAPS during the month of July.

4. Welfare None.

### 5. Civic Action Training

a. A total of seven hours of Personal Response Instruction were given to 331 members of the Battalion during the reporting period.

b. The Civil Affairs Officer gave a class on Personal Response during the orientation classes held for all newly joined personnel.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

The following numbers of leaflets were distributed throughout the TAOR during this period:

- a. 1,435 VC Reward Leaflets
- b. 1,450 Chieu Hoi Leaflets
- c. 335 Tell Us Who The VC Are Leaflets
- d. 1,000 VC Weapons Reward Leaflets
- e. 128 Denounce The VC Cadre Leaflets

### MEDICAL AND DENTAL

#### 1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data

##### a. Significant Events

(1) The Commanding General's Inspection was conducted on 14 July 1969 and resulted in a grade of satisfactory with minor discrepancies. All have since been corrected.

(2) A total of 1,540 Vietnamese were treated during MEDCAPS in July.

b. New Developments None.

c. Problems Encountered

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(1) With the relocation of Maintenance Battalion, 1st FSR, the lack of ambulance service for evacuation of mass casualties assumes more importance.

(2) There is still no emergency power supply for the BAS or Medical Bunker.

## 2. Military Patient Statistical Data

a. Average daily number of patients seen: 13

b. Average daily number of patients referred to other treatment facilities for consultation, X-ray, and laboratory work: 03

c. Routine medical complaints: Heat rash.

d. Significant disease peculiar to the area: None.

e. Number of emergency treatments:

(1) Combat injuries: 00

(2) Lacerations: 02

(3) Burns: 01

(4) Trauma: 00

f. Innoculations and prophylactic medications:

(1) Innoculations: 666

(2) Malaria Prophylaxis: 2736

g. Patients admitted to BAS ward: 00

## PART III

### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

8 July 1969 At 082120H July 1969 River Patrol #1 from "C" Company, 3d MP Bn (Attached), reported that the Vietnamese River Patrol Skimmer had received fire from the vicinity of My Thi Hamlet (BT 054743) resulting in one friendly WIA evacuated to NSA Hospital.

16 July 1969 At 160142H July 1969 seven to nine mortar rounds impacted at MAG 16 vic (BT 067736) resulting in minor damage to one truck, one CH-46, and one UH-1E. No personnel casualties were sustained.



17 July 1969 At 170835H July 1969 "B" Company conducted a sweep at Khue Bac (BT 057737) and apprehended three VCS on the 5th CIT blacklist. Of the three apprehended, one was determined to be a VC tax collector.

At 171430H July 1969 a Vietnamese youth approached elements of "D" Company at Cam Le Bridge and led them to an arms cache at coordinates (BT 021716). A total of 89 60mm mortar rounds (65 HE, 24 WP) and one M-26 hand grenade were recovered.

20 July 1969 At 200245H July 1969 an ambush from "B" Company took 3 VC under fire at coordinates (BT 051737). The VC dove into the river and escaped.

21 July 1969 At 211100H July 1969 a patrol from "C" Company apprehended one VCS who had been firing at defensive positions on the Danang Air Base. The suspect was turned over to 5th CIT for interrogation.

23 July 1969 At 231330H July 1969 "B" Company reported finding three VC flags at coordinates (BT 059729, 060727, and 052729). One flag was booby trapped with an M-26 hand grenade.

27 July 1969 At 270900H July 1969 "A" Company with elements from the 106th RF Company and 5th CIT conducted a sweep in the vicinity of (BT 015733) which resulted in the apprehension of three VC Cadre members who were forwarded to Quang Da Special Zone Headquarters for interrogation.

29 July 1969 At 290631H July 1969 "C" Company, 3d MP Bn (Attached) conducted a sweep and apprehended one VCS in the vicinity of (BT 035762). Suspect was forwarded to 5th CIT for interrogation.

31 July 1969 At 311645H July 1969 a patrol from "D" company found a 20lb shaped charge at coordinates (BT 012716). EOD was notified and removed the device.

#### PART IV.

#### CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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