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Force Logistic Command  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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

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

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART 1  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Military Police Battalion

COMMANDER

LtCol S.D. THOMAIDIS  
1-31 December 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	1-7	Dec 1969	Capt W.G. MCCLURE
	8-31	Dec 1969	Maj J.J. COLLINS
Co "A"	1-12	Dec 1969	1stLt J.V. STACY
	13-31	Dec 1969	1stLt T.S. PATTON
Co "B"	1-31	Dec 1969	Capt G.C. CASEN
Co "C"	1-31	Dec 1969	1stLt F.D. BALAZS
Co "D"	1-31	Dec 1969	1stLt C.A. BEAGLES

ATTACHED UNITS

Co "C", 3d MPBn 1-31 Dec 1969 1stLt M.G. ROTH  
Detachment, 7th  
Comm Bn

2. LOCATIONS

1-31 Dec 1969 Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Exec Off	1-31	Dec 1969	Maj J.P. MARADA
S-1/Adj	1-31	Dec 1969	2ndLt J.E. MAYO
S-2	1-31	Dec 1969	1stLt D.T. KNAPP
S-3	1-31	Dec 1969	Maj H. GONZALEZ
S-4	1-7	Dec 1969	1stLt C.T. WESTCOTT
	8-31	Dec 1969	Capt W. G. MCCLURE
S-5	1-31	Dec 1969	1stLt J. M. HORN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
39	614	0	16

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Three Navy Achievement Medals, three Purple Hearts, and one Navy Commendation Medal were awarded to members of this command during the reporting period.

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2. LOSSES

USMC	
OFF	ENL
6	31

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	1

3. REPLACEMENTS

USMC	
OFF	ENL
3	23

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	1

4. DISCIPLINE. Seven Summary Courts-Martial, four Special Courts-Martial, nine Battalion Commander's and thirty-seven Company Commander's Non-Judicial Punishments were imposed during the month.

5. STRENGTH

	<u>EFFECTIVES</u>				<u>NON-EFFECTIVES</u>			
	USMC		USN		USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
H&S Co	13	104	0	16	1	9	0	0
Co "A"	3	85	0	0	1	7	0	0
Co "B"	5	97	0	0	0	16	0	0
Co "C"	5	93	0	0	0	15	0	0
Co "D"	5	84	0	0	1	10	0	0
Co "C"								
3dMPBn	2	90	0	0	2	7	0	0
	30	353						

PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

S-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of December, operations conducted by elements of the 1st MP Battalion in conjunction with our Vietnamese allies resulted in the apprehension of 28 VCI, one VC cadre, 9 VCS, 2 draft dodgers, and 16 illegal residents. These persons were interrogated and released to Hoa Vang District Headquarters. During the month three AK-47's and one M-1 carbine were captured.

2. Although all intelligence sources indicated enemy intentions for country-wide attacks during the month of December in preparation for Phase II of the Winter/Spring Offensive and to commemorate several NLF and North Vietnamese holidays occurring just prior to Christmas, the attacks did not materialize in I Corps.

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3. Enemy activity during December increased slightly over the level experienced during each of the three previous months. This increase was reflected in one incident in which an explosive charge placed under a "D" Company bunker near the Cam Le Bridge resulted in one USMC KIA and three USMC WIA (minor). In addition MAG-16 received 18X82mm mortar rounds on 7 December and the Danang Air Base received 8X140mm rockets on 11 December. These two attacks resulted in no friendly casualties and only minor damage.

4. It is believed the enemy attacks predicted for December were prevented by FVMAF operations which denied his attempts to gather rice while inflicting heavy equipment and personnel losses upon the enemy. With the second phase of the Winter/Spring Offensive scheduled to begin on 1 January we can expect increased enemy activity during the early part of next month. However, the enemy will probably be unable to mount his attacks as originally scheduled.

#### S-3 OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. During this period, the battalion participated in numerous company, platoon and smaller unit size operations, but no significant contact was made.

2. The battalion conducted 206 fireteam-size day patrols, 241 fireteam-size ambushes, 138 squad-size patrols, 303 squad-size ambushes, 31 river patrols, and 8 platoon-size operations for a total of 927 small unit operations. In addition a total of 6 company-size operations were conducted during the month of December.

3. The battalion and Vietnamese military forces conducted 488 combined small unit operations during December.

4. Battalion Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers attended classes conducted on the following subjects: Battalion Communications; Command Information (a film on Khe Sanh); an Intelligence Briefing; and POW handling (including a tour of the III MAF POW compound).

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. Orientation classes for newly joined personnel were conducted on 4 December 1969.

#### S-4 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Capt W.G. MCCLURE assumed duties as S-4 Officer vice H&S Company Commander.
2. 1stLt C.T. WESTCOTT assumed duties as Assistant S-4 Officer vice S-4 Officer.
3. SSgt ESCALANTE transferred to Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor.
4. SSgt R.W. SHELTON returned from TAD in Okinawa and assumed duties as S-4 Chief and Battalion Embarkation NCO.
5. 1stLt T. PATTON returned from TAD in Manila and assumed duties as "A" Company Commander and Battalion Embarkation Officer.
6. 1stLt W.F. STACEY transferred to 1st Marine Division vice Assistant S-4 Officer.
7. 1stLt D.R. SHAW transferred to 2nd Marine Division vice Battalion Supply Officer.
8. 2ndLt R.W. HEVNER assumed duties as Battalion Supply Officer vice Assistant Supply Officer.

#### PERCENTAGE OF COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT ON HAND

1. Supply 50%
2. Motor Transport 80%
3. Communications 90.5%

#### S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

##### 1. GENERAL

a. Sixty IR-8 rice kits have been received from 1st MAW G-5. To date, forty of these have been distributed throughout the 1st MP Bn TAOR.

b. A donation was used to purchase a couch, two chairs, and a table for the Hoa Tho Dispensary. A medicine cabinet will soon be installed so that the medicine can be locked up in the cabinet, thus allowing the village headquarters to use the dispensary

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building as a supplementary office in the afternoon when MEDCAPS are not in progress.

c. Sixty-seven children attended a Christmas party given by Company "A" on 23 December. School kits, books, and toys were given to the children after party refreshments.

d. Sixty children were given a party at the battalion messhall on 23 December. Toys, school kits, and books were given to the children after a meal.

e. Company "D" is supplying material aid to Cam Bac Hamlet (BT 013718) in support of their project in building a hamlet meeting house.

f. Company "B" supplied materials to five different inhabitants of My Thi, Khue Bac and My Da for house improvement projects, as well as cement for a portal for the My Thi School.

g. Company "G" supplied tin to An Thuong for the repair of their school.

## 2. EDUCATION

a. Company "C" continues to work in conjunction with V.A.T. 11 in teaching English three times a week at the National Police Headquarters (AT 992779).

b. Company "D" provides English instruction at the Hoa Vang High School (BT 013737) twice a week.

c. H&S Company provides instruction for English classes at the Tinh Hoa High School in Danang twice a week.

## 3. PUBLIC HEALTH

a. Two thousand six hundred and seventy-two patients were treated during MEDCAPS in December.

b. Forty-seven patients were treated during DENTCAPS in December.

c. One hundred and thirty-five pounds of soap were distributed during December.

## 4. WELFARE. None

5. CIVIC ACTION TRAINING

a. The S-5 gave all newly arrived personnel in the battalion a personal response class.

b. A total of six hours of personal response classes was given to 173 members of the battalion during the month of December.

6. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. A total of 24,748 leaflets, passes, and posters were handed out within the battalion AO during the month of December.

BATTALION AID STATION

1. CHRONOLOGICAL DATA

a. Significant Events: Preventive Medicine Unit from FLC conducted their monthly sanitation inspection of this battalion, with no major discrepancies. A total of 2672 Vietnamese were treated in conjunction with the battalion MEDCAP program. One man, PFC DOLROY FRANCIES, USMC, "D" Company, was killed from a hostile explosive device. The following were wounded from the hostile explosive device: PFC R.F. STRODER, PFC M. FINUCANE, and PFC K. M. HUNT.

b. New Developments: A blast wall in the rear of the sick bay area and a new ambulance garage were constructed, and a new desk, file cabinets, lighting and insulation were installed in the health record office. In addition, the sick call area was remodeled.

c. Problems Encountered: None

2. MILITARY PATIENT STATISTICAL DATA:

a. Average number of patients seen daily: 17

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

c. Routine medical complaint: colds

d. Significant disease peculiar to the area: none

e. Number of emergency treatments

(1) Combat injuries: 04

(2) Lacerations: 05

(3) Trauma: 01

f. Innoculations and prophylactic medications:

(1) Innoculations: 476

(2) Malaria prophylaxis: 3264

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- f. Patients admitted to BAS ward: 00
- h. Patients admitted to other facilities:
  - (1) NSA Hospital: 24
  - (2) 1st Medical Battalion: 08
- i. Patients MEDEVAC: 07

PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. At 010220H December 1969, an ambush from "B" Company (vic BT 065712) detected a USFV approximately 100 meters to the southwest (vic BT 065711). The ambush fired S/A and M-79 rounds and received 6-10 rounds incoming A/W fire from 2-3 enemy. A reaction was called and a sweep of the area was conducted. One enemy was again seen moving south, but the sweep ended with negative results. Another sweep of the area at dawn also ended with negative results.

2. At 011520H December 1969, an explosive device estimated to be 4-5 pounds of TNT was detonated inside a bunker manned by "D" Company, 1st MP Bn (vic BT 015-717). The explosion resulted in one KIA, three WIA's (minor), and major damage to the bunker. It is suspected that three Vietnamese youths seen in the area shortly before the explosion placed the charge inside the bunker.

3. At 070115H December 1969, MAC-16 and the 212th Aviation Bn received 18X82 mortar rounds (vic BT 065-740). The following damage was sustained at MAC-16 and 212th Aviation Bn: 6 UH-1E helicopters, minor damage; 2 CH-46 helicopters, minor damage; 1 MC/5 generator, destroyed; 1 3/4 ton truck, minor damage; 1 rocket pod, moderate damage; 1 administration building, light damage; 1 hangar, light damage; and 1 U-6, minor damage.

4. At 071045H December 1969, an "A" Company sweep of the BT0274 area was secured with the following results: two VCS and two draft dodgers were picked up and turned over to 5th C.I.T. for further interrogation.

5. At 081300H December 1969, a patrol from "B" Company apprehended a VCS at BT067716. He was turned over to 5th C.I.T. for interrogation.

6. At 110040H December 1969, 8X140mm rockets impacted on the Danang Air Base. The rockets landed at BT014746, BT017745, and BT006755. Damage was sustained by one A-6 (minor), a fuel bladder (destroyed) and a power line.

7. At 032125H December 1969, an ambush from "C" Company picked up three Marines UA from their unit (1/7). They were picked up at BT007784. The men were armed with two M-16's, one knife, and three magazines. They were turned over to AFP's for further interrogation and disposition.

8. At 141115H December 1969, "C" Company, 3rd MP Bn (Att) apprehended a Vietnamese attempting to set off trip flares (vic BT 044761). The VCS had a large quantity of plasters and was turned over to 5th C.I.T. for interrogation.

9. At 151825H December 1969, elements of "B" Company and 1/1 secured a two day sweep which resulted in the apprehension of 22 VCI, one VC tax collector, 16 illegal residents, and two VCS.

10. At 180850H December 1969, a patrol from "B" Company discovered the body of a Vietnamese male in the Song Han (vic BT 047734). The body was turned over to the Vietnamese National Police for disposition. The man had been shot through the head and wrist.

11. At 220015H December 1969, an explosion destroyed a U.S. Navy skimmer boat at BT037863. The explosion was caused by a short fuze in a concussion grenade. Two U.S. Navy personnel were wounded and thrown from the boat. One man was wounded critically, and the other had minor injuries. Personnel from "C" Company, 3rd MP Bn (Att), picked the injured personnel up and called NSA Hospital for an ambulance. The injured personnel were then taken to NSA Hospital for treatment.

12. At 221130H December 1969, "C" Company apprehended one UA Marine at AT992779. The Marine was turned over to AFP's for further interrogation and disposition.

13. At 222215H December 1969, approximately six enemy located on Alpha 6 Mountain (BT 058710) fired at a CAP patrol located south of the mountain. The enemy also fired approximately 30 rounds of A/W fire at a "B" Company ambush, located at BT069713. The ambush returned approximately 100 rounds of SAF and eight rounds of M-79 HE. A sweep of the area the following morning ended with negative results.

14. At 231200H Dec 1969, a combined force from "B" Company and the 521st RF Company discovered a weapons cache at BT057731. Three AK-47's were captured and

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six VCI were apprehended and turned over to the 521st RF Company.

15. At 272300H Dec 1969, a "B" Company ambush in position at BT052747 received a grenade thrown from in or near a house in My Da Hamlet. The ambush threw two grenades into the house and fired approximately 100 rounds of SAF. A search of the house was then conducted, and three Vietnamese women (two WIA) were apprehended. The two wounded Vietnamese and a Marine WIA (minor) were taken to NSA Hospital. The third woman was taken to the III MAF POW compound.

16. At 310600H December 1969, a combined "D" Company/Vietnamese sweep (vic BT 014725) resulted in the capture of one M-1 carbine.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE.

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