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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION.

1st Military Police Battalion

COMMANDERLtCol S.D. THOMAIDIS
1-31 Jan 1970SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company H	1-18 Jan 70	Maj J.J. COLLINS
	19-31 Jan 70	1stLt F.D. BALAZS
Company A	1-31 Jan 70	1stLt T.S. PATTON
Company B	1-31 Jan 70	Capt. G.C. CASEN
Company C	1-18 Jan 70	1stLt F.D. BALAZS
	19-23 Jan 70	1st Lt A.A. DESANTIS
	24-31 Jan 70	1stLt J.M. HORN
Company D	1-12 Jan 70	1stLt C.A. BEAGLES
	13-20 Jan 70	1stLt R.E. TREVINO
	21-31 Jan 70	1stLt C.A. BEAGLES

ATTACHED UNITS

Company C 3rd MP Bn	1-31 Jan 70	1stLt M.G. ROTH
Detachment 7th Comm Bn	1-31 Jan 70	

2. LOCATION. 1-31 Jan 70 Danang, RVN3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Exec Off	1-31 Jan 70	Maj J.P. MARADA
S-1/ADJ	1-31 Jan 70	2ndLt J.E. MAYO
S-2	1-31 Jan 70	1stLt D.T. KNAPP
S-3	1-13 Jan 70	Maj H. GONZALEZ
	14-31 Jan 70	Maj J.J. COLLINS
S-4	1-31 Jan 70	Capt W.G. MCCLURE
S-5	1-23 Jan 70	1st Lt J.M. HORN
	24-31 Jan 70	1stLt F.D. BALAZS

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A. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSN

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
35	576

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	16

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. Personnel and Administration.

a. Awards. A Purple Heart and a Certificate of Commendation were awarded to members of this Command during the reporting period.

b. Losses.USMCUSN

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
8	158

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	3

c. Replacement.USMCUSN

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	77

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	2

d. Discipline. Two Summary Courts-Martial, three Special Courts-Martial, eleven Battalion Commander's and twenty-five Company Commander's Non-Judicial Punishments were imposed during the reporting period.

e. Strength.(1) Effectives.USMCUSN

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Co H&S	10	106
Co A	4	61
Co B	4	81
Co C	4	76
Co D	4	94
Co C-	4	72

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
	0	16
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0
	0	0

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(2) Effectives.

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Co BCS	0	6	0	0
Co A	0	4	0	0
Co B	0	7	0	0
Co C	1	10	0	0
Co D	1	8	0	0
Co E	0	9	0	0

2. Intelligence.

a. During the month of January, elements of the 1st Military Police Battalion, working in conjunction with Vietnamese military forces and Vietnamese National Police, apprehended five VCS. Three of the VCS were interrogated by 5th CIT and were released as innocent civilians. The remaining two VCS were apprehended on 31 January 1970 and are being interrogated by Hoa Vang District Headquarters. During the reporting period, one M-60 machine gun and three M-26 grenades were captured.

b. Despite predictions of increased enemy activity with the initiation of Phase II of the Winter/Spring Offensive, the level of enemy activity in the Danang Vital Area showed no significant increase over that which was experienced in December 1969. Enemy contact and sightings within areas adjacent to 1st Military Police Battalion's TAOR increased during the latter part of January.

c. Current intelligence indicates an expected increase in the level of enemy activity in conjunction with the Lunar New Year. It is believed that the enemy does not possess the capability of mounting attacks similar to the intensity of those launched during TET of 1968 or 1969. He is capable of "stand-off" attacks accompanied by sapper and ground attacks on isolated outposts. Terrorist attacks are expected by local sapper units on the Danang Vital Area. The enemy has indicated a strong desire to attack pacification efforts and to disrupt the operations of the Phoenix Committee.

3. S-3 Operations and Training.

a. The 1st Military Police Battalion participated in numerous company, platoon and smaller unit size operations during the reporting period. No significant contact was made.

b. The battalion conducted 231 fireteam-size day patrols, 212 fireteam-size ambushes, 103 squad-size day patrols, 315 squad-size ambushes, 31 river patrols, and 5 platoon-size operations for a total of 897 small unit operations. Additionally, 2 company-size operations were conducted.

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c. Battalion and Vietnamese military forces conducted 177 combined small unit operations.

d. Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers of the battalion attended classes conducted on the following subjects.

- (1) Medical Problems in Vietnam.
- (2) Company Tactics.
- (3) NBC Lecture.
- (4) FOD Lecture/Display.

e. 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.

4. LOGISTICS.

a. Significant Events.

(1) 1stLt C.T. WESCOTT, Assistant S-4 Officer, rotated to CONUS for duty at Marine Barracks, Key West Florida.

(2) SSgt W.L. AISEL was transferred from Company D to duty as Assistant Logistics Chief.

(3) Construction on a new ammunition storage bunker was initiated and brought to 75% completion.

(4) The Battalion Mess Hall successfully converted to a tray system, eliminating the need for Marines to bring their own tray and utensils to the mess hall. The new system has been well received.

(5) Construction began on a chain-link fence on the north-western portion of the Danang Air Base perimeter. The anticipated completion date is sometime in March with the more vital sections to be finished in February.

b. Percentage of Combat Equipment on Hand.

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|---------------------|-------|
| (1) Supply | 50% |
| (2) Motor Transport | 84.2% |
| (3) Communications | 87.7% |

5. S-5 Civil Affairs.

a. General.

(1) Building material was given to the Hamlet Chief of An Thuong (BT048760) to repair a PF guard post.

(2) One IR-8 Rice Kit was given to a farmer in Than Khue (AT986779).

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(3) Company B distributed one hundred and thirty-five Dental Kits, one hundred bags, thirty-eight sheets of tin, thirty-five pounds of carrots, fifty pounds of onions, fifty pounds of cookies, fifty pounds of candy, and twelve bottles of aspirin.

(4) Company A distributed seventeen Dental Kits.

b. EDUCATION.

(1) Company D conducted a class on Personal Hygiene.

(2) Company C worked in conjunction with VAT 11 to teach English three times per week at the National Police Headquarters, Danang.

(3) Company D conducted English classes three times per week at the Huong Son High School.

(4) Company H&S conducted English classes two times per week at the Huong Son High School.

c. PUBLIC HEALTH.

(1) One thousand, four hundred and sixty patients were treated at MEDCAPS during the reporting period.

(2) Sixty-eight patients were treated at DENTCAPS during the reporting period.

(3) One hundred and sixty-five pounds of soap were distributed.

d. BATTALION CIVIC ACTION TRAINING.

(1) A Personal Response class was given to all newly arrived Marines by the S-5.

(2) A total of six hours of Personal Response classes was given to members of the battalion during the reporting period.

e. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS.

(1) A total of 23,740 leaflets, passes, and posters was distributed throughout the Battalion TAOR.

6. BATTALION AID STATION.

a. Significant Events.

(1) The Preventive Medicine Unit from FLC conducted their monthly sanitation inspection. There were no major discrepancies.

(C) BAS received three new Corpse men.

- (A) HM2 KACHUR.
- (B) HM3 AIU.
- (C) HM MCEVOY.

II. MEDICAL PATIENT STATISTICAL DATA.

(1) Average number of patients seen per day: 13.

(2) Average number of patients per day referred to other treating facilities for consultation, dental, X-ray, or laboratory work: 01.

(3) Routine medical complaints.

- (A) Colds.
- (B) Rashes.
- (C) Back strains.

(4) No significant diseases contacted which were peculiar to area.

(5) Number of emergency treatments.

- (A) Combat injuries: 00.
- (B) Lacerations: 03.
- (C) Burns: 05.
- (D) Trauma: 00.

(6) Innoculations and prophylactic medications.

- (A) Innoculations: 267.
- (B) Malaria prophylaxis: 3396.

(7) Patients admitted to BAS ward: 00.

(8) Patients admitted to other facilities.

- (A) NSA Hospital: 04.
- (B) 1st Medical Battalion: 05.
- (C) USS Sanctuary: 02.
- (D) USS Respose: 01.

(9) Patients Medevaced: 05.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

210050H January 1970 MAG-16 received five 122mm rockets. Two impacted at BT064774 and three impacted at BT066740. Moderate damage to Enlisted Quarters and one revetment. Two Marine WIA (M); possible lift-off explosion.

3. 220100H January 1970 5th Comm Bn received two 122mm rockets. Impacts at BT067710 and BT062755. Negative damage or casualties. 80th Support Company received one 122mm rocket impacting at BT063751. Minor damage to one building and one building. The AMK Compound received one 122mm rocket impacting at BT055754. Minor damage to one Butler Building.

4. 075900H January 1970 Company B, 1st MP Battalion reported ambush detected movement in the vicinity of BT067711. Ambush called for illumination and was received two M-79 rounds and a burst of M60 machine gun fire. Two Marines WIA (E) taken to NSA Hospital. Firing was initiated by ambush of CAP 047.

4. 060100H January 1970 two rockets (unknown size) impacted in West Danang at AT995767 and AT992773. Results, two Vietnamese WIA (M).

5. 132005H January 1970 Company C, 1st MP Battalion accompanied by Vietnamese National Police captured an M60 machine gun at AT997767. One VCS (female) was apprehended and turned over to 5th CIT for interrogation.

6. 130545H January 1970 Company B, 1st MP Battalion apprehended one VCS (male) at BT056735. VCS was turned over to 5th CIT for interrogation.

7. 142030H January 1970 Company C, 1st MP Battalion accompanied by Vietnamese National Police apprehended one VCS (female) at AT997767. VCS turned over to 5th CIT for interrogation.

8. 200900H January 1970 Company A, 1st MP Battalion in conjunction with the 521st RF Company swept a hamlet in the vicinity of BT0375. Ten Vietnamese were detained for possession of faulty ID cards. Detainees were turned over to the 521st RF Company for interrogation.

9. 290015H January 1970 Company C-, 3rd MP Battalion (attached) reported one of their patrols spotted three VN at BT049757. VN were moving south to north carrying weapons. Patrol challenged twice and then opened fire. Negative results.

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311710Z January 1970 Company A, 1st MP Battalion apprehended two VCS (female) at 8000733. VCS appeared to be pacing off distances along the perimeter wire. VCS turned over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters for interrogation.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None.