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Force Logistic Command
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Military Police Battalion

COMMANDERLtCol S.D. THOMASIDIS
1-28 FEB 1970SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company H&S

1-28 FEB 1970

1stLt F.D. BALAZS

Company A

1-28 FEB 1970

1stLt T.S. PATTON

Company B

1-28 FEB 1970

Capt G.C. CASEN

Company C

1-5 FEB 1970

1stLt J.M. HORN

6-28 FEB 1970

1stLt R.L. SCHMIDT

Company D

1-28 FEB 1970

1stLt C.A. BEAGLES

ATTACHED UNITS

Company C, 3rd MPBn

1-17 FEB 1970

1stLt M.G. ROTH

18-28 FEB 1970

1stLt R.C. HASKETT

Detachment 7th Comm Bn

1-28 FEB 1970

2. LOCATION. 1-28 FEB 1970 Danang, RVN3. STAFF OFFICERS

Exec Off

1-28 FEB 1970

Maj J.P. MARADA

S-1/Adj

1-17 FEB 1970

2ndLt J.E. MAYO

18-28 FEB 1970

1stLt M.G. ROTH

S-2

1-5 FEB 1970

1stLt D.T. KNAPP

6-28 FEB 1970

1stLt B.W. GOODRICH

S-3

1-28 FEB 1970

Maj J.J. COLLINS

S-4

1-28 FEB 1970

Capt W.G. MCCLURE

S-5

1-5 FEB 1970

1stLt F.D. BALAZS

6-9 FEB 1970

1stLt J.M. HORN

10-28 FEB 1970

1stLt R.A. BASS

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. S-1 Personnel and Administration

a. Awards. One Navy Achievement Medal was awarded to a member of this Command during the reporting period.

b. Losses

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	52	0	0

c. Replacements

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
6	83	0	2

d. Discipline. Four Special Courts-Martial, four Summary Courts-Martial, six Battalion Commander's and thirteen Company Commander's Non-Judicial Punishments were imposed during the reporting period.

e. Strength(1) Effectives

		<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
		<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Co	H&S	12	115	0	16
Co	A	4	69	0	0
Co	B	4	92	0	0
Co	C	4	82	0	0
Co	D	4	94	0	0
Co	C-	3	76	0	0

~~SECRET~~(2) Non-Effectives

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	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Co H&S	1	10	0	1
Co A	1	5	0	0
Co B	0	3	0	0
Co C	0	12	0	0
Co D	1	6	0	0
Co C-	0	7	0	0

2. S-2 Intelligence

a. During the month of February, elements of the 1st Military Police Battalion, working in conjunction with Vietnamese military forces and Vietnamese National Police, apprehended nineteen VCS. All were turned over to the 521st RF Company. During the reporting period, one AK-47 rifle, one M-16 rifle, and six M-26 grenades were captured.

b. Enemy activity has remained at a low level with no significant sightings and no in-coming. However, activity by isolated enemy cells in hamlets surrounding the 1st Military Police Battalion's TAOR (specifically, the village of Hoa Long) has increased. Cadre activities have been primarily concerned with distributing leaflets and flags and proselytizing the populous.

c. Interrogator's reports indicate the enemy has been kept off balance by operations of the 521st RF Company in conjunction with friendly forces forcing small groups or cells to spread out to hamlets and conceal themselves by day. The enemy lacks the effective strength to launch large scale attacks on key objectives such as the Marble Mountain or Danang Air Facilities.

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 261 fireteam-size day patrols, 220 fireteam-size ambushes, 72 squad-size day patrols, 250 squad-size ambushes, 31 river patrols, and 3 platoon-size operations for a total of 837 small unit operations. Additionally, 2 company-size operations were conducted.

c. Battalion and Vietnamese military forces conducted 185 combined small unit operations.

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

- (1) Career Planning Information
- (2) Search and Seizure Lecture
- (3) Leadership Lecture
- (4) S-2 Intelligence Briefing

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. S-4 Logistics

a. Significant Events

(1) 2ndLt R.G. COOPER reported to the battalion and assumed the duties of Assistant S-4 Officer.

(2) SSgt W.L. AISEL was reassigned from Assistant Logistics Chief to H&S Company Gunnery Sergeant.

(3) ICPL W.E. MUELLER successfully completed Ammunition Technicians School, giving the battalion two trained Ammo Techs in the S-4 office.

(4) The new ammunition storage bunker was completed early in February and has provided improved storage for the battalion's Class V supplies.

(5) Considerable progress was made on the chainlink fence project on the northern perimeter. The completion date in mid-March looks realistic at the present time.

b. Percentage of Combat Essential Equipment on Hand

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|---------------------|-------|
| (1) Supply | 50% |
| (2) Motor Transport | 92.1% |
| (3) Communications | 93% |

5. S-5 Civil Affairs

a. General

(1) Company A distributed four shovels, two hand saws, and one axe to villagers in An Thong (BT 048760).

(2) Company B distributed one-hundred Dental Kits to villagers in My Lo (BT 052748) and My Thi (BT 054743).

b. Education

(1) Company D provided two hours of English instruction each week at Hoa Vang High School (BT 013728).

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

c. Public Health

(1) Four thousand, three hundred and forty-two persons were treated at MEDCAPS during the reporting period.

(2) Three hundred and thirty bars of soap, thirty-seven toothbrushes and forty-seven tubes of toothpaste were distributed during the reporting period.

d. Battalion Civic Action Training

(1) A Personal Response class was given to all newly arrived personnel 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. A total of 8,670 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.

(2) Two men were admitted to the hospital with GSW's due to the accidental discharge of weapons.

- (a) LCPL G.L. BROWN (Co H&S)
- (b) PFC C.D. SINGLETARY (Co C-)

(3) BAS received one new Corpsman-HMC WALTERS.

(4) The rat eradication effort resulted in 58 rats killed on camp.

b. New Developments. The BAS was repainted and screens were replaced.

c. Problems Encountered. FLC Preventive Medicine Unit failed to spray for mosquitoes due to the TET Holidays and an inoperable machine.

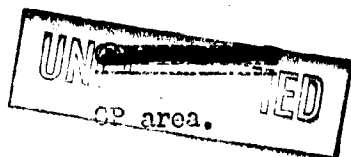
d. Military Patient Statistical Data

- (1) Average number of patients seen per day: 14.
- (2) Average number of patients per day referred to other treating facilities for consultation, dental, X-ray, or laboratory work: 03.
- (3) Routine medical complaints.
 - (a) Colds.
 - (b) Rashes.
 - (c) Diarrhea.
- (4) No significant diseases contacted which were peculiar to the area.
- (5) Number of emergency treatments.
 - (a) Combat injuries: 00.
 - (b) Lacerations: 03.
 - (c) Burns: 02.
 - (d) Trauma: 03.
- (6) Innoculations and prophylactic medications.
 - (a) Innoculations: 279.
 - (b) Malaria prophylaxis: 2380.
- (7) Patients admitted to BAS ward: 00.
- (8) Patients admitted to other facilities.
 - (a) NSA Hospital: 03.
 - (b) 1st Medical Battalion: 08.
 - (c) USS Sanctuary: 01.
- (9) Patients medevaced: 04.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. 021900H February 1970 Company C- apprehended one (1) VCS. Suspect was picked up by river patrol after attempting to run from



2. 092230H February 1970 MACG-18 Civic Action Team received two (2) rounds of small arms fire and spotted four (4) personnel with weapons at AT 988763.
3. 160950H February 1970 Company B on a combined sweep operation with the 521st RF Company captured one (1) CHICOM grenade in an abandoned hut (BT 057733) and one (1) male VCS at BT 056733. Both grenade and VCS were retained by the 521st RF Company.
4. 162030H February 1970 Company B in conjunction with the 521st RF Company picked up one (1) female VCS at BT 056728. The VCS was retained by the 521st RF Company.
5. 221010H February 1970 Company B in conjunction with the 521st RF Company conducted a cordon and search operation resulting in apprehension of thirteen (13) VCS (12 female and 1 male) at BT 064716. All VCS were retained by the 521st RF Company.
6. 250630H February 1970 Companies A and B in conjunction with elements of the 521st RF Company, 366th Tactical Fighter Wing Security, and 1st Engineer Battalion conducted a sweep operation of islands on the Song Cau Do (BT 008708, BT 038734, BT 023727, and BT 049733). Results were thirteen (13) 81mm illumination duds and two (2) booby traps made from 81mm HE rounds with trip wire. All rounds were destroyed in place.
7. 270100H February 1970 Company B reported two ambushes heard SAF and an explosion at BT 064717. Investigation by one of the ambushes resulted in finding two (2) Marines from 3rd MPBn and seven (7) Vietnamese wounded in a hut, All taken to NSA Hospital. Apparent VC terrorist act.
8. 280930H February 1970 Company B in conjunction with the 521st RF Company conducted a cordon and search operation at BT 054757 resulting in ten (10) VCS (female), and one (1) M-16 rifle, and two (2) M-26 grenades. The 521st RF Company confirmed two (2) of the VCS as VC and turned them over to Quang Da Special Zone.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

