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FPO San Francisco, 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. (U) DESIGNATION

1st Military Police Battalion

COMMANDERLtCol S. D. THOMASIDES
1-31 May 1970SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company H&S	1-10 May 1970	1stLt F. D. BALAZS
	11-31 May 1970	Major J. J. COLLINS
Company A	1-31 May 1970	1stLt G. C. WOOTEN
Company B	1-31 May 1970	Capt G. C. CASEN
Company C	1-29 May 1970	1stLt F. J. DRACH
	30-31 May 1970	1stLt T. A. PRICE
Company D	1-31 May 1970	1stLt R. C. HASKETT

ATTACHED UNITS

Detachment 5th Comm Bn 1-31 May 1970

2. (U) LOCATION. 1-31 May 1970 Danang, RVN3. (U) STAFF OFFICERS

Exec Off	1-31 May 1970	Major J. P. MARADA
Adj	1-20 May 1970	2ndLt J. E. MAYO
	21-31 May 1970	1stLt T. M. SAMPSON
S-1	1-31 May 1970	1stLt B. W. GOODRICH
S-2	1-31 May 1970	2ndLt D. M. CLEMENTZ
S-3	1-10 May 1970	Major J. J. COLLINS
	11-31 May 1970	Capt J. H. EAGER
S-4	1-21 May 1970	Capt W. G. MCCLURE
	22-31 May 1970	1stLt T. S. PATTON
S-5	1-31 May 1970	1stLt J. F. JOHNSON

4. (C) AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
7	513	0	17

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. (C) S-1 Personnel and Administration.a. Awards. Noneb. Losses

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
7	31	0	2

c. Replacements

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
6	32	0	1

d. Discipline. One Special Court-Martial, two Summary Courts-Martial, six Battalion Commander's and sixteen 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	15	94	0	15
Co A	3	75	0	0
Co B	5	129	0	0
Co C	4	97	0	0
Co D	4	92	0	0

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(2) Non-Effectives

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Co H'S	0	3	0	1
Co A	1	3	0	0
Co B	0	3	0	0
Co C	0	8	0	0
Co D	1	7	0	0

2. (C) S-2 Intelligence

a. During the month of May, operations throughout the 1st Military Police Battalion TAOR included extensive patrolling and ambushes. These resulted in one significant enemy contact with 2 VCS, 1xAK-47, and 1 VC flag being captured. In addition, five operations were conducted in conjunction with our Vietnamese Allies, which resulted in the detention of 142 Vietnamese Nationals, two American UA's, and the capture of one VC flag. Among those being detained were 6 VCS, 3 VN deserters, and 30 illegal residents.

b. Intelligence reports from the previous month indicated that two "high threat" periods would be forth coming. These periods did materialize to a small degree in the 1st M. P. Bn. TAOR. Enemy activities included 15 terrorist activities, which resulted in the wounding of 3 National Police, 9 National Police Field Force, 22 VN civilians, and 2 USMC. Killed were 2 A WH's and 3 VN civilians. Major damage was sustained to 3 jeeps, and 50% damage to the American Cultural Center. In addition, there were four separate attacks by fire, including 10x110mm rockets and 8x122mm rockets for a total of 18 incoming rounds. These resulted in the wounding of 3 A WH's and 19 VN civilians, and the killing of 1 A WH and 11 VN civilians. Minor damage was also sustained to two helicopters.

c. Reports for the future indicate that the enemy may attempt to extend his offensive into June during the low lunar illumination period by directing his attacks against the surrounding GVN units and concentrating on attacks by fire in the 1st M. P. Bn. TAOR.

3. (C) S-3 Operations and Training

a. (U) The 1st Military Police Battalion participated in numerous company, platoon and smaller unit size operations during the reporting period with one significant contact made.

b. (C) The battalion conducted 267 fireteam size day patrols, 341 fireteam size ambushes, 41 squad size day patrols, 145 squad size ambushes, 31 river patrols and 62 squad-size combat outposts for a total

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of 887 small unit operations. In addition 3 company-size and 2 battalion-size operations were conducted.

c. (C) Battalion and Vietnamese military forces conducted 682 small unit operations within our area of operation.

d. (U) Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers of the Battalion attended classes on the following subjects.

- (1) N B C Operations
- (2) Command Information/S-2 Briefing
- (3) Recon Operations

e. (U) The Battalion Initial Indoctrination Instruction was conducted for all newly joined personnel. Included in this instruction was NBC training with a tear gas chamber exercise.

f. (U) Battalion GIS training was conducted in accordance with current directives to include training by MOS and NCO Leadership training. In addition, a special course was conducted on Quick Fire-Quick Kill on the Battalion level. Some training was cancelled due to operational commitments.

4. (C) S-4 Logistics

a. Significant Events

- (1) 1stLt T. S. PATTON was reassigned as S-4 Officer.
- (2) Capt W. G. MCCLURE and 2ndLt S. F. LAWHUN were transferred from the 1st M. P. Bn.
- (3) Electricity, paneling and revetting were installed in the new COC bunker.
- (4) Removal of the old S-3, COC bunker
- (5) The emergency power capability was established with the installation of a 100 KW back-up generator. This generator, accompanied by a 30 KW Po 482 generator, enables the battalion rear to sustain all operations during the frequent power failures.

b. Percentage of Combat Essential Equipment on Hand

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|---------------------|------|
| (1) Supply | 100% |
| (2) Motor Transport | 100% |
| (3) Communications | 100% |

5. (U) S-5 Civil Affairs

a. General

(1) Company "A" distributed one shovel, one rake and three saws.

(2) Company "B" distributed 10 balls of twine, three pick heads, two shovels, five saws, and 250 small bars of soap.

b. Education

(1) S-5 Officer distributed fourteen boxes of paper and carbon paper to the Hoa Vang High School in Khue Trung I. Fifteen students were presented \$50.00 scholarships through the General Walt Scholarship Fund.

(2) Company "A" distributed three boxes of paper and carbon paper and one large box of chalk to the Hoa Vang High School.

(3) Company "C" passed out 10 English books in the village of Xuan Hoa.

c. Public Health

(1) One thousand, nine hundred and nineteen persons were treated during MEDCAPS in May.

(2) There were no DENTCAPS held during the reporting month of May.

(3) There were two hundred and fifty bars of soap distributed during the reporting month.

d. Welfare. Eighteen hundred packets of assorted vegetable seed were presented to Thanh Kho II's hamlet chief. These are refugees living in card board homes.

e. Civic Action Training

(1) S-5 gave all newly arrived personnel in the Battalion a Personal Response Class.

(2) A total of six hours of Personal Response classes was given to the members of this Battalion during the month of May.

f. Psychological Operations

(1) The following leaflets, passes and posters were handed out within the Battalion TAOR.

<u>THEME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Chieu Hoi	1700
Sanitation	1445
Weapons Reward	2900
Anti-VC	245

(2) Total leaflets handed out: 6290

6. (U) Battalion Aid Station

a. Significant Events

(1) The Preventative Medicine Unit from FLC conducted their monthly sanitation inspection; there were no major discrepancies.

(2) A total of 1919 Vietnamese were treated by the Battalion MEDCAP Program.

(3) One man, L/Cpl Michael P. SEGICH, Bravo Company, was killed as a result of a fatal wound due to an accidental discharge of an M16 while on patrol.

(4) One person has joined this Battalion Aid Station since 01 May, D. P. MOYER, HM3 and is now attached to "Bravo Company". MOYER replaced J. W. WATSON, HM3 who rotated to CONUS.

b. New Developments: None.

c. Problems Encountered: None.

d. Military Patient Statistical Data:

(1) Average number of patients seen: 17

(2) Average number of patients referred to other treating facilities for consultation, dental, x-ray, and laboratory work: 03

(3) Routine Medical Complaint: Derm problems and GI disorders.

(4) Significant disease peculiar to area: None.

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- (5) Number of emergency treatments: 06
- (6) Innoculations and prophylactic medications:
 - (a) Innoculations: 228
 - (b) Prophylactic Medications: 2256
- (7) Patients admitted to BAS ward: 00
- (8) Patients admitted to other facilities:
 - (a) NSA Hospital: 02
 - (b) 1st Med Bn.: 05
 - (c) 95th Evac: 01
 - (d) USS Sanctuary: 03
- (9) Patients Medivaced: 05

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (C) 010400H May 1970, a combined cordon and sweep operation by elements of the 1st M.P. Bn. and the Danang Special Sector was held in the hamlets of Ap Ha Ten and Ap Ha Trung; center of mass AT 992782. The USMC cordon force consisted of two companies and one platoon from the 1st M. P. Bn. The sweep force from the Danang Special Sector consisted of two PF platoons and two National Police platoons. Results: 97 VN civilians apprehended and one U. S. rifle Cal. .30 M-1 confiscated.
2. (C) 020156H May 1970, 140mm rockets impacted at Danang Air Base. Hits confirmed by crater analysis at BT 001778, BT 002761, BT 003774, and BT 006775. Probable hit at BT 008775, couldn't be confirmed due to ~~smoke~~. Damage assessment: No casualties, minor damage to a MACG-18 1st MAW warehouse.
3. (C) 020400H May 1970, a combined cordon and sweep operation by elements of the 1st M. P. Bn. and Hoa Vang District was held along road, from BT 001723, to BT 014726 South to the river. USMC force consisted of two companies of the 1st M. P. Bn. and one company from 1st MAW attached. Sweep forces from Hoa Vang consisted of four platoons of PFs and two platoons of National Police. Results: 14 VN civilians apprehended and one VC flag captured.
4. (C) 041300H May 1970, a VN restaurant, at coordinates BT 014723 was heavily damaged by an explosive device. Casualties included two VN women and one VN child wounded.
5. (C) 041850H May 1970 a water buffalo was believed to have detonated an SFD at BT 052734 injuring one 60 year old VN civilian. Another VN civilian male in the area stated that there was another SFD located nearby.
6. (C) 051030H May 1970, "B" Company patrol apprehended an 11 year old VN boy. The individual had informed the patrol that the SFD in #5 above had actually been the boy throwing an M-26 hand grenade. Boy was apprehended in Thue Bac (BT 057732) and turned over to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.
7. (C) 052100H May 1970, an explosive device was detonated in the USDF guard house for District #3, located at BT 045775. The guard house was 40% destroyed with no casualties.
8. (C) 052115H May 1970, a grenade was thrown into District No. 1 Police Station on Thanh Thai St., resulting in 3 National Policemen and 8 National Police Field Force being wounded.

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9. (C) 052300H May 1970, a grenade was thrown into a jeep in front of the Danang Hotel but failed to detonate.
10. (C) 071552H May 1970, an explosive device exploded at the VN/American Cultural Center, 35 Doc Lop St. Danang. Casualty results: One VN Civ. WIA and building 50% destroyed.
11. (C) 071745H May 1970, a VN jeep was 80% destroyed and 2 ARVN and 1 Civilian WIA by an explosive device at the Cho Con Market, Danang.
12. (C) 072200H May 1970, an explosive device destroyed one USMC jeep at BT 046780 and wounded two USMC.
13. (C) 080005H May 1970, a patrol from "D" Company received approximately 12 rds. SAF at BT 005713. Patrol fired illumination and spotted PF patrol at BT 005710. Patrol fired green star cluster and PF's answered with 3 shots fired in the air.
14. (C) 080122H May 1970, incoming rocket fire resulted in impacts at BT 023783, BT 035760, BT 017773, and BT 018773. Casualty report: 1 ARVN and 11 VN Civ. KIA, 3 ARVN and 19 Civ. WIA.
15. (C) 081625H May 1970, an explosive device exploded at 2041 Ly Thai To St. (BT 027781). Casualty report: 9 VN civilians wounded.
16. (C) 112201H May 1970, two unidentified VN soldiers on a Honda threw an M-26 grenade at Field Policeman at BT 030789. One Field Policeman WIA; the 2 soldiers on the Honda escaped.
17. (C) 120015H May 1970, "B" Co ambush reported 1 USMC KIA due to gunshot wound in back BT 064717. Investigation revealed it was an accidental discharge from the man behind him.
18. (C) 122000H May 1970, a TNT blast at BT 035782 resulted in one VN house 50% destroyed and negative casualties.
19. (C) 151700H May 1970, "B" Co 1st M. P. Bn. held a joint cordon and sweep of My Thi Hamlet (BT 055746) with the 106 RF Co and attached National Police and QC's. Results: 5 VN civilians apprehended as illegal residents, and 1 USMC turned over to AFP.
20. (C) 160400H May 1970, a combined cordon and sweep by 1st M. P. Bn. and Danang Special Sector was held in the hamlet of An Thung, center of mass BT 049758. USMC cordon force consisted of one company and one platoon from 1st M. P. Bn. Sweep force from Danang Special Sector consisted of one R.F. Co., 10 National Police, and 2 QC's. Results: 25 VN Civ. apprehended and 1 USMC turnover to AFP.

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21. (C) 170500H May 1970, a Buddhist Temple had an explosive plastic charge detonate at BT 001718. Resulted in light damage to temple with 2 KIA and 4 WIA VN civilians.

22. (C) 170400H May 1970, "B" Co 1st M.P.Bn. held a joint cordon and sweep of Da Me I (BT 064716) and Da Me II (BT 054729) hamlets with 5th CIT and National Police. One VCS was apprehended.

23. (C) 201945H May 1970, a plastic explosive charge detonated at BT 024788, resulting in 1 VN Civ. KIA and 3 VN Civ. WIA.

24. (C) 202017H May 1970, a grenade was thrown into 81st Ordnance Group (BT 023780) resulting in 2 ARVN KIA and 3 ARVN WIA.

25. (C) 202235H May 1970, incoming 122mm rocket fire resulted in one impact at BT 065737, and 3 impacts at BT 052738.

26. (C) 202355H May 1970, incoming 140mm rockets resulted in impacts at BT 006757, BT 011754, BT 011753, BT 012753, and BT 007756. Three helicopters sustained minor damage.

27. (C) 211940H May 1970, "C" Co reported 1 USMC WIA due to rifle fire (BT 001776). Quang Da watch officer reported that an American 6x6 truck had hit and killed a VN Airman riding on a Honda while traveling East on QL-1 vic. BT 010779. A QC at the site of incident gave chase on a motor bike when the vehicle failed to stop. QC took vehicle under fire and was fired upon by occupants of the truck. QC was wounded by rifle fire coming from truck and a Marine standing bunker watch on post 17 was wounded by a stray round coming from the direction of the truck. Vehicle and occupants escaped apprehension. Results: 1 USMC wounded, 1 QC wounded, and 1 VNAF killed by hit and run vehicle.

28. (C) 211045H May 1970, an explosive device was placed under the rail line at AT 990765. Results: 1 VN civilian WIA.


29. (C) 222200H May 1970, PF's made contact with a VC squad at AT 977787. 3 VC were captured, two WIA, along with AM-47 and LXB-40.

30. (C) 240020H May 1970, "C" Co reported that bunker 25 (BT 013772) received 10 rds. SAF from unidentified 6x6 and M-109 proceeding North. Bunkers 24 and 25 returned fire w/negative results.

31. (C) 282320H May 1970, 1st MAW security reported receiving SAF into compound from AT 992762.

32. (C) 302055H May 1970, "C" Co reported bunker 17 (BT 002777) received 7 rds. SAF from treeline at BT 001777. Negative casualties.

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33. (C) 312030H May 1970, two men on Honda threw explosives into an ARVN truck at the broadcast bldg. on Quan Trung St. The truck was 50% destroyed and 2 ARVN's from the 41st Wing were WIA. 3 civilians were seriously wounded also.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE