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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 June 1970 to 30 June 1970

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (U) DESIGNATION

1st Military Police Battalion

COMMANDER

LtCol S. D. TROMAIDIS

1 June 1970

LtCol M. T. DONAHOO

2-30 June 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company H&S

1-22 June 1970

Major J. J. COLLINS

23-30 June 1970

1stLt W. J. CLUNE

Company A

1-24 June 1970

1stLt G. C. WOOTEN

25-30 June 1970

1stLt T. P. RYAN

Company B

1-30 June 1970

Capt G. C. CASEN

Company C

1-30 June 1970

1stLt T. A. PRICE

Company D

1-30 June 1970

1stLt R. C. HASKETT

ATTACHED UNITS

Detachment 5th/7th Comm Bn 1-30 June 1970

2. (U) LOCATION. 1-30 June 1970, Danang, RVN3. (U) STAFF OFFICERS

Exec Off

1-23 June 1970

Major J. P. VARADA

24-30 June 1970

Major J. J. COLLINS

Adj

1-30 June 1970

1stLt T. M. SAMSON

S-2

1-25 June 1970

2ndLt D. M. CLEMENTZ

26-30 June 1970

1stLt K. J. WADAS

S-3

1-30 June 1970

Capt J. H. EAGER

S-4

1-30 June 1970

1stLt T. S. PATTON

S-5

1-30 June 1970

1stLt J. F. JOHNSON

4. (C) AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSICOFFENL

32

527

USNOFFENL

0

13

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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>
5	49	0	6

c. Replacements

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	53	0	0

d. Discipline. Five Summary Courts-Martial, eight Battalion Commander's and twenty-five 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	121	0	10
Co A	5	65	0	0
Co B	5	119	0	0
Co C	4	94	0	0
Co D	3	97	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 ² S	0	6	0	0
Co A	0	2	0	0
Co B	1	4	0	0
Co C	0	4	0	0
Co D	2	3	0	0

2. (C) S-2 Intelligence

a. During the month of June, operations throughout the 1st Military Police Battalion TAOR included extensive patrolling and ambushes. These resulted in no significant enemy contact. In addition, seven operations were conducted in conjunction with our Vietnamese allies, which resulted in the detention of 90 Vietnamese Nationals. Among those being detained were 1 VC, 3 VCS, 6 ARVN Deserters, 6 draft dodgers, 50 illegal residents and 24 without identification.

b. Intelligence reports indicated two "high" threat periods, which did materialize to some extent. Enemy activities included 8 terrorist activities, which resulted in the wounding of 28 Vietnamese Civilians, 7 ARVN and 1 National Police. Killed were 2 VN Civilians. In addition, there were 2 separate attacks by fire including 10x81/82 mortar rounds and 10x122mm rockets for a total of 20 incoming rounds. Those resulted in the killing of 7 VN Civilians, wounding of 20 VN Civilians, 8 houses damaged and 12 aircraft sustaining minor damage.

c. Current Intelligence summaries indicate that the enemy will continue with terrorist activities, attacks against surrounding GVN and CAP units and concentrate 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 month of June with no significant contact made.

b. (C) During the reporting period, 271 fireteam size day patrols, 278 fireteam size ambushes, 28 squad-size day patrols, 138 squad-size ambushes, 30 river patrols and 30 squad-size combat outposts for a total of 775 small unit operations were conducted. In addition, 1 platoon sweep, 4 company-size and 3 battalion-size operations were conducted.

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c. (C) Joint Marine and Vietnamese military forces conducted 583 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) Tactical Air
- (2) Personal Response
- (3) Command Information/S-2 Briefing
- (4) Drug Abuse

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) GMS training was conducted in accordance with current directives to include training by MOS and NCO Leadership training. In addition, a special Military Police Platoon is being developed to exclusively take over gate 12, as well as, work in conjunction with the U. S. Air Force & VNAF in patrolling Danang Air Base. These personnel underwent special instruction by the Air Force, as well as, fam firing of .45 Cal. pistols. All training cancelled due to operational commitments was rescheduled and made up.

4. (C) S-4 Logistics

a. Significant Events

- (1) Destruction of the old S-3, CCC was completed.
- (2) Construction was begun on shelters below the towers on "C" Company and "D" Company lines.
- (3) Construction was begun on a new shower and water storage facility for the MOS Company enlisted area.
- (4) The S-1 and Legal Offices were remodelod.
- (5) Camp Maintenance was turned over to the Camp Commandant.

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 - nothing to report.

b. Education

(1) Over 2100 new English books and maps were distributed to the Bode (Buddhist) Elementary School in Thanh Phong hamlet.

(2) Sgt WALKER of "C" Company is giving weekly English classes at the Bode Elementary School.

(3) \$VET 7500 was donated to the Hoa Vang High School to be used on their new library. The money was left over from the General WALT School Scholarships Fund.

c. Public Health

(1) 1814 people were treated during MEDCAPS in the month of June.

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

(3) Approximately 49 truck loads of garbage were removed near the hamlet of Nghi An.

d. Welfare - nothing to report.

e. Civic Action Training

(1) The S-5 Officer gave all newly arrived personnel in the Battalion a Personal Response Orientation class.

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

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	1563
Weapons Reward	759
Sanitation	1161
Medical	500
Curfew	50

(2) Total leaflets handed out: 4033

6. (U) Battalion Aid Station

a. Significant Events

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

(2) A total of 1814 people were treated by the Battalion MEDCAP Program.

(3) 150 Marines were given Stannous Floride treatment at 1st Med. Bn. Dental.

b. New Developments: None.

c. Problems Encountered: None.

d. Military Patient Statistical Data:

(1) Average number of patients seen: 16

(2) Average number of patients referred to other treating facilities for consultation, dental, X-ray and laboratory work daily: 02

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

(4) Significant disease peculiar to area: None

(5) Number of Emergencies: Combat: 00
Lacerations: 07
Burns: 00
Trauma: 02

(6) Innoculations and prophylactic medications:

(a) Innoculations: 387

(b) Prophylactic Medications: 2228

(7) Patients admitted to BAS ward: 00

(8) Patients admitted to other facilities:

(a) 1st Med Bn: 04

(b) 95th Evac: 02

(c) USG Sanctuary: 01

(9) Patients Medevaced: 01

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (C) 011542H June 1970, 1st M.P. Battalion courier reported receiving 3 rounds of SAF (probable carbine) from BT 025723. Negative casualties or damage, and fire not returned.
2. (U) 021000H June 1970, the Change of Command Ceremony took place at H&MS 17 - Hanger 2. Lieutenant Colonel S. D. THOMASIDIS relinquished command of 1st M.P. Battalion to Lieutenant Colonel N. T. DONAHOO. Music was provided by 1st MAW Band.
3. (C) 021915H June 1970, Quang Da Special Zone reported that an explosive device was detonated in a restaurant at 020800H June 1970 in Danang at BT 031779. One VN Civ. female, age 14 was KIA and 17 VN Civ. WIA.
4. (C) 030650H June 1970, "C" Co reported an explosion across from bunker 17 near the PF Compound. Further investigation revealed that an explosive device was placed at PF Checkpoint (BT 000729). Device was concealed in pipe with pressure type detonator. A Honda was leaned against pipe and resulting explosion wounded 3 VN Civ. and 1 National Police.
5. (C) 040140H June 1970, MAG-16 received approximately 10 rds of 81/82 mortars from BT 063707. Four impacts confirmed at BT 064737 with back azimuth of 185 degrees. Total of 12 aircraft minor damage; 1-U21, 3-U1, 6-H58, 1-6H1 and 1 unknown type.
6. (C) 060715H June 1970, "A" Co reported that at 060400H June 70, ambush AA-4 had found 3 containers with unknown type of explosive devices inside along trail at BT 033736. EOD identified them as PD fuzes, M-557, Lot 17-9 packed 6/69. 24 fuzes turned over to EOD.
7. (C) 061630H June 1970, Air Force intelligence reported that at 052000H June 70, an A1VW truck received a TNT charge at BT 023788. Unknown damage to vehicle and 5 VN WIA.
8. (C) 062155H June 1970, Air Force reported that a C-119 had a runaway prop, personnel aboard bailed out, and an Air Force jet shot C-119 down just west of MAG-16. Numerous fires started and were put out from explosion. 9 personnel recovered and 1 man missing.
9. (C) 071045H June 1970, "C" Co reported that 3 VN Civilians in Red Horse Area (BT 012773) were stealing wire. Warning shots fired VN fled, but one was apprehended. 1 VN Civilian turned over to QC's and wire returned.

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10. (C) 102305H June 1970, 1st MAW G-2 reported that at 101930H June 1970 a UH-1EHO helicopter was hit by SAF, fired from vicinity of BT 0472. Aircraft sustained 1 hit with negative casualties.

11. (C) 100400H June 1970, a combined cordon and sweep by elements of 1st M.P. Bn and Hoa Vang District Headquarters was held in the hamlet of Thon Binh Thai (center of mass BT 003719). USMC cordon force consisted of 3 companies and 1 platoon from 1st M. P. Bn. Sweep force from Hoa Vang consisted of 2 platoons of PF's, 10 National Police Field Forces and 2 squads from "A" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. Results: 3 VN Civ. apprehended, 2 no identification, and 1 illegal resident.

12. (C) 110400H June 1970, a combined cordon and sweep was held in portions of the villages of Phu Loc and Thanh The (center of mass AT 985787). Cordon Forces consisted of 2 companies and 1 platoon from 1st M.P. Bn. and 1 Company from 1st MAW. Sweep forces consisted of 1 Company from 1st M. P. Bn., 105 PF's, 15 National Police, 20 National Police Field Forces, and 4 personnel from Phung Hung Committee (Phoenix). Results: 16 VN apprehended, 4 deserters, 6 illegal residents, and 6 no identification.

13. (C) 121130H June 1970, Air Force Intelligence reported that at 102230H June 70 the Thanh Phong Village Chief's house in Danang City (BT 025788) received a plastic explosive resulting in 1 VN Civ. KIA and 5 VN Civ. WIA with 3 houses 70% destroyed.

14. (C) 120700H June 1970, "D" Co. 1st M. P. Bn held a platoon size sweep of Con Noi Island (BT 023719). Results: 2-105mm illumination canisters disposed of and 1-105 illumination round blown in place by EOD.

15. (C) 152200H June 1970, a combined cordon and sweep by "A" Co 1st M. P. Bn and 106 RF Company was held in Thue Trung IV Hamlet (center of mass BT 033737). Cordon forces consisted of "A" Co 1st M. P. Bn and sweep forces consisted of 40 RF's from 106 RF Company and 10 National Police. Illumination was provided by the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing. Results: 12 VN Civilians apprehended, 3 VCS, 9 with improper ID's or illegal residents, and 13 M-16 magazines.

16. (C) 162200H June 1970, a combined cordon and sweep by "A" Co. 1st M. P. Bn. and 106 RF Company was held in Thue Trung, II Hamlet (center of mass BT 033737). Cordon Forces consisted of "A" Co. 1st M. P. Bn. and sweep forces consisted of 40 RF's from 106 RF Company and 10 National Police. Results: 14 VN Civilians (illegal residents), 3 VN Civilians (draft dodgers), and 1 A VN deserter.

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17. (C) 172200H June 1970, a combined cordon and sweep by "D" Co 1st M. P. Bn. and 106 RF Company was held in Ap Bon I Hamlet (center of mass BT 029743). Cordon forces consisted of "D" Co 1st M.P. Bn. and H&S Co Reaction Platoon, 1st M. P. Bn. and sweep forces consisted of 30 RF's from 106 RF Company and 10 National Police. A platoon and Headquarters group from 1st MAW Reaction Company relieved "D" Co. on the perimeter of DAB during operation. Results: 6 VN civilians (illegal residents and 1 Civilian draft dodger).

18. (C) 182200H June 1970, a combined cordon and search by "D" Co. 1st M.P.Bn. and 106 RF Co. was held in Hoa Cuong Hamlet (center of mass BT 004748). Cordon forces consisted of "D" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. and H&S Co. Reaction Platoon, 1st M.P. Bn. and sweep forces consisted of 30 RF's from 106 RF Co. A platoon and Headquarters group from 1st MAW Reaction Company relieved "D" Co. on the perimeter of DAB during the operation. Results: 13 VN civilians apprehended, 1 VC and 12 illegal residents.

19. (C) 210105H June 1970, 122mm rockets impacted Danang Vital Area. Hits confirmed at BT 019763, BT 008755, BT 007772, BT 004779, BT 047771, BT 058769, BT 031778 and BT 038768. Probable hits at BT 048768 and BT 038768 could not be confirmed due to swamp and river. Quang Da reported 7 VN Civilians KIA, 20 VN Civilians WIA, 4 houses 100% destroyed, 3 houses 50% damage, and 1 house 10% damage.

20. 212110H June 70, River Patrol-1 (BT 041737) reported the VN River Patrol Boat (BT 048743) was being fired upon by CH-46 helicopter. 1st MAW TAGC stated helicopter reported receiving fire from boat. 1st MAW and Coastal Surveillance team investigating.

21. (C) 221105H June 1970, "C" Co reported that bunker # 24 received 1 round SA-7 from BT 037774; round went through side and roof of bunker. Negative casualties.

22. (C) 260400H June 1970, a combined cordon and sweep by elements of 1st M.P. Bn. and Danang Sectoral Sector was held in the hamlets of An Vinh and An Trung (center of mass BT 047772). Cordon forces consisted of "A" Co. and "B" Co. 1st M.P. Bn., and sweep forces consisted of 2 PF Platoons, 1 Company National Police Field Forces, 20 National Police and 1 QC. H&S Co. Reaction Platoon relieved "A" Co. on the perimeter of DAB during operation. Results: 21 VN apprehended, 12 illegal residents, 2 draft dodgers, 1 illegal papers, 3 no ID, 1 deserter and 2 for disobeying National Police.

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23. (C) 271530H June 1970, "C" Co reported that CP-2 had apprehended 2 Marines in Hamlet (AT 995771) who were suspected of being UA. Marines turned over to AFR's.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE