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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. (U) DESIGNATION

1st Military Police Battalion

COMMANDERLtCol N. T. DONAHOO
1-30 September 1970SUBORDINATE UNITSH&S Company
Company A
Company B1-30 September 1970
1-30 September 1970
1-30 September 1970
10-22 September 1970
23-30 September 1970
1-30 September 1970
1-30 September 1970Company C
Company D1stLt R. G. COOPER
Capt D. A. LUCERO
1stLt B. W. GOODRICH
1stLt M. A. GRACE
Capt C. C. CRANGLE
1stLt R. A. FRAZER
1stLt P. N. ELLISATTACHED UNITS

Detachment "B"/1/5/1st MarDiv, 1-28 September 1970

2. (U) Location. 1-30 September 1970, Danang RVN.3. (U) Staff OfficersExec Off
Adj
S-21-30 September 1970
1-30 September 1970
1-10 September 1970
11-12 September 1970
13-30 September 1970
1-8 September 1970
9 September 1970
10-30 September 1970
1-24 September 1970
25-30 September 1970
1-30 September 1970

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Major J. J. COLLINS
1stLt T. M. SAMPSON
1stLt K. J. WADAS
1stLt J. A. BRISKEY
1stLt K. M. KENNEDY
Capt J. H. EAGER
Capt R. BOZELLI
Capt R. A. STEWART
1stLt P. E. CONOVER
1stLt R. E. BETHEL
1stLt R. G. COOPER4. (C) Average Monthly StrengthUSMCOFF

35

ENL

646

USNOFF

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. (C) S-1 Personnel and Administration

a. Awards. During the reporting period the command issued
2 Purple Hearts.

b. Losses

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
10	128	0	0

c. Replacements

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
18	206	0	0

d. Discipline. Two Special Courts-Martial, four Summary Courts-Martial, three Battalion Commander's and thirteen Company Commander's Non-Judicial Punishments (Article 15 UCMJ).

e. Strength(1) Effectives

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&S Co	16	132	0	8
Co A	5	129	0	0
Co B	5	111	0	0
Co C	4	129	0	0
Co D	5	122	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>
H&S Co	1	2	0	0
Co A	2	3	0	0
Co B	0	4	0	0
Co C	2	5	0	0
Co D	0	4	0	0

2. (C) S-2 Intelligence

a. During the month of September, operations throughout the 1st Military Police Battalion TAOR included extensive patrolling and ambushes. These resulted in no significant, enemy contact. In addition, four operations were conducted with our Vietnamese allies, which resulted in the detection of 75 Vietnamese nationals and four U. S. personnel. Among those being detained were 15 VCI, 18 VCS, 13 with illegal papers, 9 VN draft evaders, 11 VN military personnel without legal papers, 7 illegal residents, 2 ARVN deserters, 2 USMC and one USA:UA and one USA:UA and possessing Marijuana.

b. Intelligence reports indicated only one "high threat" period, which materialized with a 122mm rocket attack on the DAB on the night of 1 September. The Danang Airfield received 8 rockets which caused two minor WIA (one USA and one USAF), major damage to one building and minor damage to six trucks, one electric generator, one C-130 aircraft and a POL line.

c. There was some terrorist activity, notable of which was an incident in which a M-26 fragmentation grenade was thrown into a house in Danang City. The incident resulted in one US Civilian KIA, 1 VN Civilian KIA, and 2 VN Civilians WIA.

d. Current intelligence reports indicate that enemy activity within the Danang area will continue to be moderate, concentrated in action of a terrorist or harassing nature. The enemy is expected to place emphasis on attacking installations and personnel of the GVN in anticipation of gaining a propaganda advantage.

e. The rocket threat will continue. The period of greatest danger will be the early days of the month, when lunar illumination is the lowest and prior to the full effect of the monsoon season.

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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 September with no significant contact made.

b. (C) During the reporting period, 60 fireteam size day patrols, 60 fireteam size ambushes, 120 squad-size day patrols, 150 squad-size ambushes, 30 river patrols and 30 squad-size combat out posts for a total of 450 small unit operations. In addition, 1 Battalion size and 5 company size operations were conducted.

c. (C) Mine/Booby Trap doghandler teams from "A" Company 1st M.P. Bn. participated in 27 patrols. The results of their employment was the finding of: one booby trapped M-26-A1 grenade, two 60mm mortar rounds, and arms cache including 14-60mm mortar rounds, and one booby trapped Chi Com fragmentation grenade. The teams were employed with the following units: 5th Marines, 2d CAG, "B" Co. 1st M.P. Bn, 1st Marines and 7th Marines.

d. (C) Joint Marine and Vietnamese Military Forces conducted 412 small unit operations within our area of operation.

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

- (1) Geneva Convention
- (2) Drug Abuse
- (3) Command Information/S-2 Briefing
- (4) History of RVN
- (5) United States Agency for International Development

f. (U) The Battalion Initial Indoctrination was held 5 September for newly joined personnel.

g. (U) GMS training was conducted in accordance with current directives to include NCO Leadership training. In addition, instruction in the area of Race Relations was initiated within the Battalion. Training canceled due to operational commitments was rescheduled during the month.

4. (C) S-4 Logistics

a. Significant Events

- (1) Five new bunkers were constructed on "C" Company lines
- (2) Construction has begun on a Battalion Chapel.
- (3) A S-4 office was renovated. .

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(4) A portion of the Battalion handball court has been repaired.

(5) Extensive preparation has been conducted for the upcoming monsoon season. This included area road fill, and grading; painting and weatherizing of buildings.

5. (U) S-5 Civil Affairs

a. General

(1) S-5 personnel presented one 6x6 load of scrap wood to the 523rd ARVN unit, to be used as firewood.

(2) S-5 distributed 200 Vietnamese newspapers in the hamlet of Xuan Hoa I.

b. Education

(1) S-5 personnel continue to teach English to personnel at the National Police Headquarters.

c. Public Health

(1) During the MEDCAPS in the month of September 308 people were treated.

d. Welfare

(1) Hoa Khanh Orphanage and Childrens Hospital was given 100 dollars by Company D.

e. Civic Action Training

(1) A total of three hours of Personal Response instruction was conducted.

f. Psychological Operations

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

<u>THEME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Chieu Hoi	2250
Rockets	150
MEDCAPS	300
Weapons Reward	300

(2) Total leaflets handed out: 3,000.

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6. (U) Battalion Aid Stationa. Significant Events

(1) The Preventive Medicine Section from FLC conducted their monthly inspection of this Battalion and found only minor discrepancies.

b. On the 15th and 18th of the month, the annual influenza injections were given by the FLC Preventive Medicine Section.

c. Three men, in separate instances, suffered fragmentation injuries due to hostile action.

d. The total strength of the Battalion Aid Station is 8 Hospital Corpsmen and one Marine driver.

e. New Developments

(1) Due to the lack of a medical officer, the Command Surgeon's Office has arranged for the Battalion Aid Station's utilization of MAG-11's Medical Officer for medical complaints which are not of a routine nature.

f. Problems Encountered

(1) No problems were encountered this reporting period.

2. Military Patient Statistical Data

a. Average number of patients seen: 12.

b. Average number of patients referred to other treating facilities for consultation, dental, X-ray, and laboratory work: 02.

c. Routine medical complaint: Rashes.

d. Significant disease peculiar to area: none.

e. Number of emergencies:

- (1) Combat: 00
- (2) Lacerations: 09
- (3) Burns: 00
- (4) Traumas: 00

f. Innoculations and prophylactic medications:

- (1) Innoculations: 279
- (2) Prophylactic medications: 3048

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g. Patients admitted to BAS ward: 00.

h. Patients admitted to other facilities:

- (1) 1st Med Bn.: 08
- (2) USS Sanctuary: 04
- (3) 95th Evac: 02
- (4) 366th Disp: 02

i. Patients medevaced: 07.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. At 01005H Sep 70, "C" Co reported 3 rounds SAF were fired between bunkers 19 & 20 (BT 005777). Negative damages or casualties.
2. At 010455H Sep 70, 8 122mm rockets impacted on Danang Airfield. Hits were confirmed at BT 006749, AT 996745, BT 015744, BT 001755, BT 001759, BT 003759, AT 999737, and BT 017736. There were 2 WIA's, 1 USAF and 1 USA, both minor injuries. One building received major damage, also there was minor damage to 6 trucks, 1 electrical generator, 1 C-130 aircraft and one POL line.
3. At 030200H Sep 70, "B" Co reported that BA 1-2 received a burst of SAF from BT 065711. Rounds impacted about 25 meters from patrol. Patrol illuminated and swept area with negative results.
4. At 032005H Sep 70, "C" Co reported an explosion along QL-1 (AT 991762). Incident was investigated by 1st Division MP's and 1st M.P. Bn. with negative results.
5. At 042155H Sep 70, "D" Co reported VN Civilians moving north between BT 018733 and BT 018740. One fragmentation grenade was thrown in "D" Company's wire, with negative casualties or damage. Quang Da was notified of the incident and reported later that the VN Civilians were fleeing from a VN Police Operation.
6. At 062200H Sep 70, 1st M.P. Bn. in conjunction with National Police cordoned and searched two specific locations in the village of An Khe (AT 995773 and AT 996772). "C" Co. and "D" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. provided two search teams and "B" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. provided Military Police for the cordon and search. Forces from National Police Headquarters and CID also took part in the operation.
7. At 071110H Sep 70, MAG-16 reported a confrontation at BT 058746 in which an American and Vietnamese National had an argument. A crowd immediately formed and blocked traffic. A convoy from MAG-16 attempted to pass on the shoulder of the road and a child (VN) was placed in front of the lead vehicle. The driver stopped in time to prevent injury. AFP's arrived and apprehended the two individuals (1 US, 1 VN), which were removed to AFP Headquarters. The crowd dispersed and no further problems were encountered.
8. From 081919H to 082120H Sep 70, 1st M.P. Bn. in conjunction with National Police cordoned and searched three locations in Hoa Vang District (center of mass BT 003723, AT 998737 and AT 994746). Units participating were "A" Co. "B" Co, "C" Co. and "D" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. and National Police. Results: 1 USMC turned over to 1st MarDiv MP's for being in unauthorized area.

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9. At 101445H Sep 70, "D" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. reported a parked ROK Marine truck at BT 001732 received major damage by an explosive device placed in the cab of the vehicle. A second ROK Marine truck at the same position had an explosive device (Pepsi Cola Can) filled with plastic explosive thrown into the cab by a person passing by riding a Honda motorcycle. This explosive was low order and second vehicle incurred minimal damage. Negative casualties. Division M.P.'s and EOD notified.
10. At 102005H Sep 70, 1st MAW reported that a UH1E observed approximately 10 rounds SAF in their flight path from AT 995747. Negative casualties or damages. Hoa Vang asked to investigate.
11. At 102220H Sep 70, drivers in vehicles traveling east on QL-1A reported receiving SAW at grid AT 995747. Division M.P.'s asked to investigate.
12. At 112230H Sep 70, Air Force Control Tower reported an aircraft had taken heavy tracer fire one mile south of the run way. Negative damage or casualties. Hoa Vang was notified and asked to investigate.
13. At 112315H Sep 70, "C" Co. Bunker 70, reported hearing 40 rounds of automatic fire from approximate grid BT 008781, Quang Da notified and asked to investigate.
14. At 121000H Sep 70, "C" Company reported 4 automatic bursts of 5-8 rounds of fire from BT 995764. "C" Company patrol checked area with negative results.
15. At 121945H Sep 70, "C" Company reported that 1 round SAF impacted on their lines at BT 003779. Round was fired from ville due North at approximately BT 003783. Negative damage or casualties.
16. Between 120455H and 120900H Sep 70, 1st M.P. Bn. with attachments held a company size joint cordon and search operation in the hamlet of My Da (center of mass BT 052746). Elements of H&S Co, "A" Co, "B" Co, "C" Co, "D" Co, 5th CIT, and National Police Field Forces participated in this operation. A Picket Boat from Naval Support Facility provided 60mm illumination and a blocking force on the Song Han River in support. Results: 8 VCS.
17. At 132240H Sep 70, MAG-11 reported that 2 rounds of SAF impacted at Post # 15 (AT 995749) on their lines at 132215H. Negative damage or casualties. Hoa Vang notified and asked to investigate.
18. AT 151810H Sep 70, "C" Co. reported receiving 30 rounds of SAF from BT 012783. Negative damage or casualties. Quang Da notified and asked to investigate.

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19. At 151840H Sep 70, "C" Co. reported 2 rounds SAF had impacted in front of bunker # 73. Rounds were fired from BT 018773. Negative damage or casualties, Quang Da notified and asked to investigate.
20. At 151915H Sep 70, "D" Co. reported a charge exploded in the village 100 meters from post # 28. Quang Da notified and asked to investigate.
21. At 162120H Sep 70, Wing G-2 reported that an F-4B received light small arms fire, including 2 tracers, from North of Danang Air Base. Negative damage or casualties, Quang Da notified and asked to investigate.
22. At 172152H Sep 70, "D" Company reported an explosion at AT 998734. Informed Hoa Vang and Division M.P.'s.
23. At 182140H Sep 70, at BT 025715 PF's from Hoa Vang District made contact with an unknown size VC force. Results: 1 Enemy KIA, 2 PF's WIA.
24. At 191840H Sep 70, "C" Co reported 1 round SAF had impacted into Bunker # 72 (BT 013773). Round was fired from BT 010783. Negative casualties or damage. Quang Da notified and asked to investigate.
25. At 211735H Sep 70, MAG-16 reported that a vehicle containing a courier from H&MS-16 received 4-5 rounds SAF at AT 966775. Negative damage or casualties. Notified Hoa Vang and Division M.P.'s.
26. At 212025H Sep 70, "C" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. reported that 10 rounds SAF were fired from BT 005783 at a C-121 departing from Danang Airfield. Negative damage or casualties. Notified Quang Da.
27. At 212310H Sep 70, "C" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. reported receiving 20 rounds SAF from BT 015784 towards Bunker # 70. Negative damage or casualties. Quang Da notified and asked to investigate.
28. At 221045H Sep 70, Army Support Command, Quang COG reported that tower # 119 at Camp Benton received 3-5 rounds SAF. Sentry on tower 119 saw 10 VN in civilian clothes carrying what appeared to be a mortar. VN last seen heading west from BT 061727. Negative damage or casualties. Patrol from "B" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. was sent to investigate with negative contact.
29. Between 221545H and 221800H Sep 70, 1st M.P. Bn. held a company size cordon and search operation in the hamlet of Cong Ly Ky (center of mass BT 004728). Elements of "A" Co, "B" Co, "C" Co, and "D" Co. of 1st M.P. Bn. Popular Forces, and National Police Field Forces participated in the operation. Results: Negative.

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30. Denang Special Sector reported an M-26 fragmentation grenade was detonated at 5 Le Lia Street at 222040H Sep 70. Results: 1 American KIA, 1 Vietnamese KIA, and 2 Vietnamese WIA.

31. At 232135H Sep 70, Air Force reported one round fired at a jet from BT 006765. Negative damages or casualties.

32. At 242325H Sep 70, "C" Co reported 12 rounds were fired at three vehicles at BT 009779. Quang Da notified and asked to investigate.

33. At 242345H Sep 70, "C" reported CA-1 had apprehended one Vietnamese Military crawling through the brush near their ambush site at AT 984789. VN had one M-26 grenade and was turned over to 5th CIT.

34. Between 240345H Sep 70 and 241000H Sep 70, 1st M.P. Bn. with attachments, held a joint cordon and search operation with elements of Denang Special Sector in the hamlet of Nui Cung (center of mass BT 005783). Cordon forces consisted of elements of 1st M.P. Bn. MWHG-1 Reaction Co. and elements of Denang Special Sector. Search forces consisted of National Police, National Police Field Forces, QC's, PF's and RF's from Denang Special Sector. Results: 1500 VN personnel were questioned with 57 detainees, 3 VN with illegal papers, 2 ARVN deserters, 7 illegal residents, 11 VN Military personnel without legal papers, 9 VN draft evaders and 15 VCI.

35. At 252015H Sep 70, "C" Co. reported 3 rounds SAF fired over Bunker # 65 at aircraft from BT 012780. Negative damages or casualties. Quang Da notified and asked to investigate.

36. At 252115H Sep 70, "C" Co reported 2 rounds SAF fired at Bunker # 72 from BT 012780. Negative damage or casualties. Quang Da notified and asked to investigate.

37. At 252230H Sep 70, "C" Co reported 4 rounds SAF fired at aircraft from BT 001779. Negative damage or casualties. Quang Da notified and asked to investigate.

38. At 271200H Sep 70, "A" Co reported a working party from "A" Co at Camp Land detonated a dud M-79 round at grid AT 977731. Results: 5 Marines WIA, taken to 1st Med Bn. Men were not seriously injured.

39. At 272058H Sep 70, "C" Co. reported that 6 rounds SAF were seen fired from rear of non-military vehicle moving West on Highway 1 (BT 004777 to BT 012778). Negative damage or casualties, notified Quang Da and 1st M.P. Bn.

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40. At 272100H Sep 70, 365th TFW Control Tower reported that an O-2 aircraft observed 4 rounds SAF tracer fired from BT 008726. Negative damages or casualties.

41. At 272215H Sep 70, APT's reported Army vehicle accident at BT 048765. Shortly after accident a "rock throwing disturbance" occurred instigated by an ARVN Soldier. No casualties and minor civil property damage from vehicle accident. One U.S. Army and one ARVN casualty of minor lacerations from rock throwing disturbance.

42. At 291915H Sep 70, Wing G-2 reported a CH-46 helicopter had received light semi-automatic fire at grid BT 013783. "C" Co stated that no shots were seen or heard from that area. Negative damage or casualties reported.

43. Between 291230H Sep 70 and 291545H Sep 70, 1st M.P. Bn. with attachments held a company size cordon search/sweep operation in the hamlet of Khue Ben (southern of mass BT 059723). Elements of "A" Co, "B" Co, "C" Co, "D" Co, and "E" Co of the 1st M.P. Bn. 5th CIT, National Police and Regional Forces participated in the operation. Results: 10 VCS.

44. At 291615H Sep 70, two teams composed of personnel from 1st M.P. Bn. 5th CIT, and National Police conducted a cordon and search of specific houses at BT 056746. Results: One USA apprehended for possession of drugs and off limits, one USA and one USMC apprehended for being off limits.

45. At 300100H Sep 70, "E" Co, 1st M.P. Bn. reported that a "B" Co patrol received approximately 15 rounds SAF at grid BT 056736. One VN was apprehended and turned over to 5th CIT.

46. At 301255H Sep 70, "E" Co, 1st M.P. Bn. reported that a M-35 vehicle No. 352410 driven by a Corporal USMC from "E" Co struck a VN male at I Corps Bridge. A M-35 Vehicle No. 336074 driven by a Sgt. USMC from "A" Co struck rear of Vehicle No. 352410. One VN Civilian injured and removed by ambulance to 95th Evac Hospital.

47. At 302105H Sep 70, "C" Co 1st M.P. Bn. reported 6 rounds SAF received from grid BT 996765. Negative damage or casualties. Notified Danang Special Sector and Quang Da.

48. At 302200H Sep 70, "C" Co 1st M.P. Bn. reported 3 rounds SAF received from grid BT 015722. Negative damage or casualties. Notified Danang Special Sector and Quang Da.

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CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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