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- (1) Commanding General, Force Logistic Command
- (2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
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- (a) MOO 5750.18
- (b) PMF Paco 5750.88

(1) 1st Military Police Battalion Command Chronology (0)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 October 1970 to 31 October 1970

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# PART I

# ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (	(U)	DESIGNATION

lst Military Police Battalion

# COMMANDER

LtCol N. T. DONAHOO 1-31 October 1970

# SUDORDINATE UNITS

F&S Company	1-13 October 1970 14-31 October 1970	lstLt R. G. COOPER lstLt D. J. KELLY
Company A Company B	1-31 October 1970 1-31 October 1970	Capt D. A. LUCERO Capt C. C. CRANGLE
Company C	1-13 October 1970 14-31 October 1970	lstLt R. A. FRAZER lstLt L. A. FITCH
Company D	1-13 October 1970 14-31 October 1970	lstLt P. N. ELLIS Capt R. BOZELLI

# ATTACHED UNITS

## NONE

- 2. (U) Location. 1-31 October 1970, DaNang R N
- 3. (U) Staff Officers

Exec Off	1-31 October 1970	Major J. J. COLLINS
Adj	1-31 October 1970	lstlt T. M. SAMFSON
S-2	1-31 October 1970	lstLt K. M. KENNEDY
S-3	1-31 October 1970	Capt R. A. STEWART
S-L	1-11 October 1970	lstLt R. E. BETHEL
- 4	12-31 October 1970	Capt D. J. BROWN
<b>S-</b> 5	1-31 October 1970	2ndLt J. A. VANSTEENBERG

4. (C) Average Monthly Strength

	USMC				
OFF	ET			OFF	EML
37	671			<u> </u>	10

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#### PART II

#### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

# 1. (C) S-1 Personnel and Administration

a. Awards. Ouring the reporting period the command issued 37 Combat Action Rib ons.

# b. Losses

USMC				
OFF	ENL			
9	79			

c. Replacements

d. Discipline. ONE Special Courts-Martial, FIVE Summary Courts-Martial, NINE Bettalien Commander's and SINTEEN Company Commander's Non-Judicial Funishments (Article 15 UCMJ).

# e. Strength

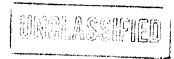
# (1) Effectives

	USMC		USM		
	OFF	ENL	OFF EN		
IMS Company	16	113	0 1	)	
Company A	6	183	0 6	)	
Company B	5	126	0 0	)	
Company C	5	120	0 6	•	
Company D	5	128	0 0	)	

\*"High rate of non-effectives shown on following page reflects period of TAD due to employment of  $dogs^{ij}$ .

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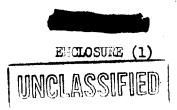


# (2) Non-effectives

·	· USMC		US	<u>M</u>
	OFF	ENL	OH'F	MIL
Ii&S Company	0	5	0	2
*Company A	1	34	0	0
Company B	1	9	0	0
Company C	0	12	. 0	0
Company D	0	7	0	9

# 2. (C) S-2 Intelligence

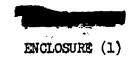
- a. During the month of October, enemy activity within the 1st Military Police Battalion's ThOR consisted of rocket attacks, terrorist activities and brief fire fights with VC elements.
- b. Two attacks by fire (rocket) occurred during the reporting period. At 120030M October 1970, nine lhown rockets impacted causing the death of 5 Vietnamese civilians, one Vietnamese civilian wounded, and no American casualties. The second rocket attack came on 210138M October 1970. Four 122mm rockets landed along the western side of the Dallang perimeter. In both of the above attacks only minor damage resulted.
- c. Terrorist activities were directed largely at personnel and installations of the Government of Viet Ham, resulting in the death of two Vietnamese Civilians. An intelligence spot report emanating from the Naval Advisory Group reported the possibility of a sapper attack on the American Consulate. Security personnel of 1st AP Bn at the Consulate were alerted and reinforced, however the attack failed to materialize.
- d. There were four contacts between elements of 1st Military Police Battalion and VC elements, resulting in 1 USMC WTA. Enemy casualties were unknown.
- e. The S-2 office of the 1st filitary Folice Battalion has initiated a Weekly Intelligence Summary with distribution himited to the 1st Military Folice Battalion. The purpose of this weekly summary is to keep personnel of 1st Military Folice Battalion informed of current enemy activities and abtempts to predict possible enemy courses of action.
- f. Current intelligence reports indicate that activity within the Dalang area will continue to be moderate with enemy efforts concentrated in rocket attacks against DAB and terrorist activities against CVN installations. VC/NVA forces are predicted to be concentrating their efforts in the areas of logistic/re-supply, in preparation for pessible future offensive operations.





# 3. (C) S-3 Operations and Training

- a. (U) The let Military Police Battalion participated in numerous company, plateon and smaller unit size operations during the month of October. Significant contacts were made on four occasions by "B" Co let Military Police Battalion in the East DaNang area. All the contacts were broken as the enemy retreated into 2/1's AO. The enemy's evenue of approach into the East DaNang area were through the Hamlets of Da Me 1 (vic MI 055730) and Da Me 2 (vic BT-005715).
- b. (C) During the reporting period 62 fireteam size day patrols, 68 fireteam size ambushes, 12h squad-size day patrols, 155 squad-size ambushes, 31 river patrols and 31 squad-size combat outposts, for a total of 471 small unit operations. Of the total small unit operations, 431 were joint USMC/CVN operations. In addition, 1 battalion size, 1 company size, and 4 strike team operations were conducted.
- c. (C) The dog handler teams of "A" Co, 1st Military Police Battalion are trained and utilized in three separate roles. Dogs trained for sentry work have a rigorous job of maintaining security for allied cantonment areas and installations. Sentry dog handler teams were employed in security for 11th Motors, 5th Marines, FLC (Provisional Rifle Company), and of specific importance in a combined security role with "B" Co, 1st Military Police Battalion in the protection of the American Consulate DaNang City. Scout dogs are trained essentially to alert combat patrols of imminent enemy contact. Scout dog handler teams were integrated into patrols of the 1st Marines, 5th Marines, and 2nd CAC. Mine and booby trap dogs, as their name implies, are trained specifically in the detection of mine and booby traps. The teams were employed with the following units: 1st Engineers, 5th Marines, 2nd CAG, and 1st Marines.
- d. (U) Officers and Staff Non-commissioned Officers of the Battalian attended classes on the following subjects:
  - (1) Introduction to Leadership/Leadership Traits
  - (2) JAG Manual Investigations
  - (3) Combat Leadership
  - (h) Vietnamese Orientation (Vietnamese Military Structure) and Promotions System
- e. (6) The Battalion Troop Orientation class was held on 2 October for newly joined personnel. The purpose of this day-long class is to inform the personnel of the Battalion's mission, in order to make them aware of problems they may encounter while serving in MVN. Topics covered in the orientation are:
  - (1) Introduction and welcome by the Commanding Officer including the broad picture of our mission.







- (2) Briefs by the S-1, S-2, S-3, and S-5 officers
- (3) Responsibilities in Press and other News Media Relationships
- (4) Personal Responsibilities
- (5) Legal Matters
- (6) Code of Conduct, Geneva Convention, Rules of Engagement, and Jeapons Safety
- (7) Hoalth and Hygiene
- (8) Gas Chamber exercise
- (9) Vehicle Safety
- 6. GMS training was conducted in accordance with current directives. Special efforts were initiated to obtain technical training for MOS's not organic to the Battalion units contacted included FLC G-2 (Training), other Marine units in the area, and school trained individuals within the Battalion in an effort to train those MOS's not included in the Battalion's T/O. Some training was cancelled due to operational commitments and severe weather conditions; this training was re-schoduled to be held at a later date.

# 4. (C) S-4 Logistics

#### a. Significant Events

- (1) Copt. D. J. BROWN assigned as S-4, relieving 1stLt. R. E. BETHEL.
- (2) 1stLt. R. F. BETHEL assigned duties as assistant S-4 and Bottalion Embarkation Officer.

#### b. Construction Events

- (1) Approximately 145 lights were installed on the DaNang Air Base perimeter road by S-4 on a self-help basis.
- (2) Approximately 750 yards of gravel were laid on the DaNang Air Base perimeter road on a self-help basis.
- (3) Two electric eyes for automatic perimeter lighting were dismantled and replaced by two manual syitches.
- (4) Repair and rebuilding of Battalion Aid Station facilities was begun. Approximately one half of project completed.
- (5) Demage wrought by October typhochrepaired on a self-help basis.
  - (a) Roof on Mess Hall repaired
  - (b) Roof on water tower repaired
  - (c) Electrical lines and power restored throughout camp.
- (6) Staff NCO hot water heater replaced on a self-help basis.
- (7) Auxiliary power lines from generator to mess hall repaired and replaced.
- (8) Auxiliary lights on Company C's lines rewired. Additional lighting in process of being installed.
- (9) Electrical wiring at Motor Transport repaired.
- (10) Breaker Box and electrical wiring repaired at battalian water coint.

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(11) Automatic shut off broaker on Water tower replaced.

(12) Constructed battalion track lick-up point.

(13) Drainage ditches dug and culverting accomplished on Company C's lines.

(14) Roads throughout battalion area were graded and repaired.

(15) Battalian COC Bunker renovated and repaired. Major construction of desk tops, shelves, doors and repainting completed.

(16) Battalion S-4 Electricians repaired power lines to Company D's COC.

(17) Emergency lights installed at Motor Transport area.

(18) Battalian Chapel wired for air conditioners. Construction on Chapel completed.

(19) New light fixtures and switches installed in Company B's C.P.

(20) Briefings were presented to Brigadier Generals Padeline and Jones. Major area of S-4 briefing described the difficulty encountered in obtaining any support from the Army Engineering Command, China Beach. Several outstanding and critical work requests have been in the "Planning and Estimating" phase, with no results envisioned in the near future. All work accomplished in the battalion is presently being deno on a self-help basis.

# 5. (U) S-5 Civil Affairs

# a. Guneral

(1) Foreign Claims Invostigation section activated 20 outsidealt in 6 incidents; of USNC vehicles with Vietnamese civilian and/or military personnel.

## b. Education

(1) Emplish was taught to personnel at the National Police Headquarters (Xuan Hoa) on & continued basis.

#### c. Public Hoalth

- (1) During the MEDCAFS 475 people were tracted.
- d. Welfare Negative Report

# e. Chale Action Training

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

## f. Psychological Operations

(1) The following leaflets, passes, and plasters were handed out within the lst Military Folice Battalian TAOF.



THIME NUMBER
Chicu Hoi 2280
Schitation 2875
Rewards 300

(2) Total leaflets handed out: 5,455

# 6. (U) Battalion Aid Station

# c. Significant Events

- (1) The Preventive Medicine Section from FLC conducted monthly inspection. (minor disorepancies)
- (2) During this month one man suffered fragmentation injuries due to hostile action.
- (3) There were no diseases peculiar to the area, but there were two confined cases of Falciperum Melaria.
- (4) Four corpsmen joined. Total strength-ton corpsmen, one Marine driver.
- b. New Developments none
- c. Problems Encountered none

# d. Military Patient Statistical Data

- 1. Average number patients seen daily: 05
- 2. Average number patients referred to other treating facilities for consultation dental, X-ray, and laboratory work daily: 02
- 3. Rutine medical complaint: upper Respiratory Infection.
- 4. Significant disease peculiar to area: none
- Mumber of emergencies for reporting period:
  - a. Combat: 00
  - b. Incoration: 07
  - c. Burns: 00
  - d. Trauma: 00
- 6. Innoculations and prophrlactic Medications:
  - . Innoculations: 468
  - b. Prophylactic Medications: 2684
- 7. Patients admitted to other facilities:
  - a. 1st Med Bn: 07
  - b. USS Senctuary: 01
  - c. 95th Evac: 02
  - d. 366th Dispensery: 01
- 8. Patients Medevaced: 06

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#### PART III

# SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1. (C) At 012254H Oct 70, a "C" Co. patrol from 1st M.P. Bn. reported receiving approximately 30 rounds automatic fire at grid AT 998767. Search was conducted with negative results. Negative damage or casualties.
- 2. (C) At 042115% Oct 70, "C" Co. reported bearing 3 rounds of SAF (from vicinity BT 003783) fired at approaching aircraft. Negative damage or casualties. Notified Quang Da.
- 3. (C) At 052330% Oct 70, "C" Co. 1st M.F. Bn. reported receiving approximately 10 rounds SAF from BT 012777. Impacts were received on Bunkers No. 00 and 67 with negative damage or casualties. Notified Quang Da and asked them to investigate.
- 4. (C) At 070955% Oct 70, "C" Co. 1st M.F. Bn. reported receiving 5 rounds SAF from vicinity of AT 999768 at Bunker No. 52, negative damage or casualties Patrol from "C" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. was sent into the area where SAF originated. Vietnamese PSDF were questioned and (1) (WN) FSDF and 5 other (WM) civilian names were given to District Chief, District II, Danang. Notified III MAF and Danang Special Sector.
- 5. (C) Between 082030H Oct 70 and 082115H Oct 70, two squads from 1st M.P. Bn. in conjunction with rersonnel from Danang Special Sector, Northern Surveillance Group and National Police Field Force conducted a cordon and search of two specific locations at grid BT 055822. Results: Negative.
- 6. (C) Between 091300% Oct 70 and 091600% Oct 70, 1 team from "B" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. augmented by an interpreter from 1st M.P. Bn. conducted Psy-Ops in the Hamlets of Phuoc Tuong and An Whe 2 (vic AT 992749 and AT 995759) in an effort to gain popular support to stem the indiscriminate firing of small arms in areas adjacent to DAB directed towards the perimeter bunkers and aircraft.
- 7. (C) Between 100900H Oct 70 and 101200H Oct 70, 1 team with an interpreter from 1st M.P. Bn. conducted Psy-Ops in the Hamlets of An Abe 1 (AT 999775), Thanh Ne 3(AT 997778), and Nui Cung (BT 005775) in an effort to stop indiscriminate firing of small arms from areas adjacent to DAB, directed towards the perimeter bunkers and aircraft.
- 8. (C) At 111300% Oct 70, 366th Tactical Fighter ling reported 5 rounds SAF (Tracer) were directed at incoming aircraft from grid BT 004785. Notified Danzug Special Sector.
- 9. (C) At 120030H Oct 70, 9-140mm rockets impacted Danang Air Base and vicinity thereof. hits confirmed at BT 014742 (minor damage to revetment B-19), BT 018746 (damaged power lines, resulting in small electrical fires-



no resultant damage), BT 008739 (no damage), BT 005732 (damage power lines), BT 015747 (damage to barracks # 943, USAF, TFW 366 with minor damage), BT 006737 (negative damage), BT 011741 (runway hit with minor damage-repaired within 1 hour), BT 012745 (negative damage), BT 021739 (5 VN Civilians killed, 1 VN Civilian wounded). Note: Hit on BT 014742 caused shrapnel damage to building # 926, USAF, TFW 366. Notified Quang Da Special Zone, Danang Special Sector, III MAF, FLC, Div COC, Div G-2, Div FSCC/report "Back Azimuth - 3700 mils - possible launch site AT 962661".

- 10. (C) At 121640H Oct 70, "D" Co. reported 10 rds. SAF impact on bunker # 24 (BT 010736), negative casualties or damage. Notified Hoa Vang, III MAF.
- 11. (C) At 122030H Oct 70, elements of "B" Co. 1st M.P. s ran a joint operation with Danang Special Sector (DSS) against targets within DSS in a cordon/search operation. 5 targets (center of mass BT 030789). Results against specific targets: 10 US personnel in unauthorized area (8 USMC, 2 USA) plus dangerous drugs cache, detainees were taken to Combined AFP.
- 12. (C) At 132000H Oct 70, elements of "B" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. mounted a joint operation with Danang Special Sector (DSS) against 2 targets in Danang City. Two specific locations were hit (center of mass BT 027787). Results: Dangerous drug cache; (9 USMC in unauthorized area in possession of 2-M1911A). Cal. 45 pistols and 1-M6 · rifle) turned over to combined AFP's; 15 prostitutes turned over to National Police; 2 VCS turned over to Danang Special Sector.
- 13. (C) At 152100H Oct 70, elements of "B" Co, 1st M.P. Bn. conducted a joint operation with Danang Special Sector (DSS), against targets within DSS (center of mass BT 022782). Results: 7 US (3 USA, 4 USMC) in unauthorized area, turned over to AFP's; 12 prostitutes, detained by National Police.
- 14. (C) At approximately 160300H Oct 70 a patrol from "B" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. was taken under fire by an estimated five VC in the village of Da Me 2 (center of mass BT 063718) ensuing fire fight lasted approximately 30 seconds. Contact was broken when an ememy thrown M-26 grenade exploded. VC withdrew South towards 2/1 AO. Results: 1 USMC wounded (minor grenade frag) no enemy casualties. Notified FLC LOC, III MAF, Hoa Vang, 2/1. Two detainees (obtained later) turned over to 5th C.I.T.
- 15. (C) At 181630H Oct 70, bunker # 70 (BT 013779) reported SAF 150 meters to their front. Fatrol and interpreter sent to investigate. Wh civilians stated that it was two PSDF's firing into the air. Notified Quang Da, III MAF.
- 16. (C) At 202135H Oct 70, "C" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. reported 2 rds. SAF from direction of BT 006780. Negative damage, negative casualties. Notified III MAF, Quang Da, Danang Special Sector. Dispatched reaction team-negative results.

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- 17. (C) At 202135H Oct 70, "C" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. reported 3 rds tracer SAF fired at landing aircraft from direction of BT 005782, negative damage. Notified III MAF, Quang Da, Danang Special Sector. Dispatched reaction team-negative results.
- 18. (C) At 200145H Oct 70, elements of "B" Co. lst M.P. Bn. were confronted by an estimated 7 VC (vic BT 063710) received small arms fire and returned same. Megative results and negative damage or casualties. Contact broke and VC moved to the south into 2/1's AO. Notified Hoa Vang, 2/1, III MAF.
- 19. (C) At 210138H Oct 70, 4-122mm rockets impacted on Danang Air Base and vicinity thereof. Hits confirmed at AT 998762 (negative damage), AT 998743 (negative damage), back azimuth 3400 mil, AT 992762 (negative damage) AT 984745 (minor damage to fence). Notified Div FSCC, Quang Da Special Zone, Danang Special Sector, III MAF, FLC, Div COC, Div G-2, Hoa Vang.
- 20. (C) At 212105H Oct 70, elements of "B" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. conducted a 10 man search of Dog Patch against a specific target at AT 991749 in conjunction with National Police and Village Chief. Results: many items of U.S. make cameras, steree equipment, etc. discovered. No items confiscated.
- 21. (C) At 212230H Oct 70, bunker # 74 (AT 998762) received 2 rds. SAF from passing Honda. Negative damage, negative casualties, 2 vehicles dispatched to follow, negative results.
- 22. (C) At 242100H Oct 70, Helicopter from MAG-16 received 10 rds. SAF (Tracer) from direction of BT 053748. Negative damage, negative casualties. Notified III MAF, Hoa Vang.
- 23. (C) At 260840H Oct 70, III MAF COC reported a Huey Cobra being down near the Cau Bo bridge approximate grid BT 000710, due to missing rotor. MAG-16 recovered the helicopter, and elements of "D" Co. provided security. Notified local PSDF, Hoa Vang, MAG-16.
- 24. (C) At 261720H Oct 70, the S-3, 1st M.P. Bn. reported a CH-53 crashed and burned at BT 007736, with five (5) men aboard. Notified III MAF, FLC LOC, MAG-16, initial reports stated all men escaped.
- 25. (c) At 262350H Oct 75, 366th Soburity Police reported aircraft taking off received SAF from south end DAB. Notified "D" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. Hon Vang. Negative results.
- 26. (C) At 282025H Oct 70, 366th COC reported towers 10, 11, and 12 receiving SAF tracer (8-10) rounds fired from BT 021751. Negative damage, negative casualties. Notified III MAF and Hoa Vang asked to investigate.



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- 27. (C) Between 280230H Oct 70, and 281000H Oct 70, lst M.P. Bn. with attachments held a joint cordon and search o eration with elements of Danang Special Sector in fan Phai (center of mass DT 060805). Cordon Danang Special Sector in fan Phai (center of mass DT 060805). Cordon forces consisted of Elements of "A" Co, "B" Co, "C" Co, "D" Co, "B" Co,
- 28. (C) At 2821 FR Oct 70, US Army guards observed 1 VN attempting to board a MRNB at BT 037836 near Tien Sha Ramp. Vn was challenged, marning shet fired. VN attempted to evade capture in a sampan with 3 other persons after dumping some unknown objects in the water. 6 US Army and 2 VN Security quards took the sampan under fire resulting in 1 VN KIA, 2 WIA, 1 missing. Negative return fire. Nounded were taken to 95th Evac FOW ward. Naval Intelligence and 702nd MI interrogated wounded with negative results. Naval HOD swept area for unidentified objects. Negative results, Nothined US Army Support Command, III MAF, Naval Support Facility, and FLC LOC.
- 29 (C) At 3002150 Oct 70, 2nd Security Co. D.S.A. (Camp Baxter) received 8 rds. SAF from BT 053800. Negative casualties, negative damage. Leturned 3 rds. SAF, negative results.
- 30 (C) At 302250% Oct 70, traffic on % Corps Bridge restricted to 6x6 trucks with fording pear due to high water level on west end approach.
- 31 (C) At 31.0700% Oct 70, the I Corps Bridge was requened to all traffic.
- 32 (C) On 31 Oct 70, Waval Advisory Section reported an anticipated sabotage missio on the American Consulate (DaNang) on 1 Nov 1970 between the hours of 1700 and 1800. Themy unit involved reported as same cell 7-2 (composed of 1 female and two males). The Co, 1st Mar. But has doubled the guard around the Consulate. The Mar. Fig 100 and DaNang Special Sector notified of receipt of intelligence report, but due to security reasons were not given specific information.

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