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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. (U) DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Military Police Battalion

LtCol JOHN COLIA  
1-30 April 1971SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1-30 April 1971	1stLt J. MAGEE
Company A	1-30 April 1971	Capt D. T. PENMAN
Company B	1-30 April 1971	Capt C. G. CRANGLE
Company C	1-30 April 1971	1stLt D. M. BICKFORD
Company D	1-30 April 1971	Capt R. BOZELLI

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. (U) LOCATION. 1-30 April 1971, Danang, RVN.3. (U) STAFF OFFICERS

Exec Off	1-30 April 1971	Major W. R. BELCHER
Adj	1-30 April 1971	1stLt D. D. TALLENT
S-2	1-30 April 1971	1stLt G. J. GORTZ
S-3	1-30 April 1971	Major G. GIBBS
S-4	1-30 April 1971	1stLt R. M. MCCORMICK
S-5	1-30 April 1971	1stLt L. ADAMS

4. (C) AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
43	643

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	9

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. (C) S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

- a. Awards. None
- b. Losses

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USMC  
 $\frac{\text{OFF}}{6} \quad \frac{\text{ENL}}{88}$

USN  
 $\frac{\text{OFF}}{0} \quad \frac{\text{ENL}}{1}$

c. Replacements

USMC  
 $\frac{\text{OFF}}{6} \quad \frac{\text{ENL}}{74}$

USN  
 $\frac{\text{OFF}}{0} \quad \frac{\text{ENL}}{0}$

d. Discipline. During the month there were no Special Courts Martial, three Summary Courts Martial, 11 Battalion Commander Non-Judicial Punishments, and 29 Company Commander Non-Judicial Punishments, (Article 15).

e. Strength(1) Effectives

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Reg Co	19	135	0	9
Co "A"	5	117	0	0
Co "B"	5	108	0	0
Co "C"	4	120	0	0
Co "D"	5	112	0	0

(2) Non-Effectives

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Reg Co	0	3	0	0
*Co "A"	1	15	0	0
*Co "B"	0	17	0	0
Co "C"	1	2	0	0
Co "D"	0	8	0	0

\* High rate of Non-Effectives shown above reflects periods of END due to employment of dog handlers.

# High rate of Non-Effectives shown above reflect personnel END to Freedom Hill Security.

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2. (C) S-2 INTELLIGENCE

a. During the month of April there was a steady increase in enemy activity throughout the 1st M.P. Battalion TAOR.

b. An increasing number of reports emphasized the continued movement of enemy rocket and sapper units south and southwest of Danang Air Base. Reports also indicated enemy sapper units were sighted closer to the Danang Vital Area than the previous month, making ground probes by these units from without as well as terrorist activities by units from within a high possibility.

c. A high threat period was established from 24 April to 28 April, but was extended to 2 May.

d. The threat of stand-off attacks against the Danang Vital Area remains high. The enemy is also expected to concentrate their efforts in launching such attacks on the Danang Air Base, East Danang Heloport and ammo and fuel dumps within the area.

3. (C) S-3 OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

a. The 1st Military Police Battalion participated in numerous platoon and smaller unit size operations during the month of April with no significant contact made.

b. The Battalion accomplished: 183 fireteam-size night patrols/ambushes; 15 squad-size night patrols/ambushes, for a total of 198 small unit operations. Of the total small unit operations, 35 were combined OLC/CVN operations.

✓ c. Log operations during the month of April were downgraded as the result of the continued stand-down operations of 1st Marine Division Units.

d. Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers of the Battalion attended a class on the following subject: Personal Response.

e. Essential Subjects Training was conducted in accordance with current directives.

f. GED and OCT testing are continuing under the supervision of the Battalion Education Officer. April results: High School GED - 20; College GED - 0; OCT - 0.

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g. At the end of the reporting period, 50 personnel were enrolled in USAFI Courses and 115 personnel were enrolled in MCI Courses.

i. Communications

(1) A total of 145 pieces of Battalion communications equipment were repaired in the communication maintenance shop or routed for repair to the 1st FSR Electronics Maintenance.

(2) A total of 45 vehicle mounted radios were repaired.

(3) During the month of April twenty additional bunkers were wired into the Battalion land line system and plans were made to move Company "C" and "D"s switchboard for a smooth turnover to VNAF.

4. (C) S-4 LOGISTICS

a. Significant Events. None.

b. Construction Events

- (1) Repaired power lines at Motor Transport tire shop.
- (2) Installed alarm system at Company "B".
- (3) Removed fuse box from Supply.
- (4) Restored power line at Company "D".
- (5) Rewired special service hut.
- (6) Repaired lube unit at Motor Transport.
- (7) Repaired drain in Messhall.
- (8) All request for Mount-Out boxes have been completed.
- (9) The grass in the Battalion CP area has been cut.
- (10) Constructed four signs for S-5.
- (11) Graded the road at Gates 6 and 19.
- (12) Put crushed rock on the road behind BAS.

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(13) Put gravel on road at Battalion Storage Bin area.

c. Embarkation

(1) All Companies have been inspected for Embarkation/Agriculture readiness.

(2) All requests for mount-out boxes have been completed.

(3) New Unit Cargo Manifests have been received. New NEDS Cards will be made from the new UCM's.

(4) Companies "A", "C", "D" and Battalion NBC have their gear staged at the Battalion Storage Area.

d. Motor Transport (Monthly Total)

(1) M-35 miles traveled: 10,000.

(2) M-37 miles traveled: 12,000.

(3) All  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton jeep miles traveled: 47,491.

(4) Total mileage of all vehicles: 69,491.

(5) Accidents: 2.

(a) M151A1 - 335081 - \$314.00.

(b) M151A1 - 350913 - \$25.00.

e. Supply

(1) Combat essential equipment and supplies on hand: 96.2%.

(2) Combat essential equipment readiness: 96.7%.

f. Messhall. Total meals served: 38,250.

g. Battalion Aid Station

(1) Significant Events

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(a) The preventive medicine inspection for the month was held by HM2 LILLENES, of 1st M.P. Bn., BAS due to the preventive medicine unit at ELC closing down.

(b) The Medcap program in conjunction with S-5 and the Companies within the Battalion treated 695 Vietnamese.

(2) New Developments: None.

(3) Problems Encountered: None.

(4) Military Patient Statistical Data

(a) Average number of patients seen daily: 9.

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

(c) Routine medical complaint: Sore throats, coughs due to colds.

(d) Significant disease peculiar to the area: None.

(e) Number of emergencies for the reporting period: 12.

1 Combat: 0.

2 Lacerations: 6.

3 Burns: 2.

4 Trauma: 4.

5 Puncture: 0.

(f) Inneculations and Prophylactic Medications:

1 Innoculations: 385.

2 Prophylactic Medications: 876.

(g) Patients Admitted to Other Facilities:

1 1st Med Bn: 13.

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2 USS BRUNTON: 3.

3 95th Evac: 1.

4 366th Dispensary: 0.

(h) Patients redevaced: 8.

5. (c) S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

a. General

(1) Civil Affairs personnel passed out soap and leaflets in conjunction with medcaps and Cordon and Search Operations.

(2) One solatium payment in the amount of \$6,000 (VN) made this month.

(3) One-half ton of paper and 200 English books were donated to Hoa Vang High School.

(4) Approximately 25 sets of children's clothing were distributed during Medcaps.

b. Education

(1) One personal response class was conducted by S-5 personnel.

(2) Four (4) man-hours were expended for education.

c. Public Health

(1) During the month of April, 895 Vietnamese civilians were treated during medcaps, 173 males, 235 females, and 407 children under the age of 13.

(2) Medcaps were conducted in Phong Bac, Khue Trung 1, Son Thuy, Ha Trung, and Cam Bac Hamlets.

(3) Medcaps were discontinued as of 1 April due to the nonavailability of a dentist.

(4) 40 pounds of soap were expended in support of

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public health in the Danang Vital Area.

(5) 950 man-hours were expended in support of public health in the Danang Vital Area.

- d. Welfare. Negative report.
- e. Civic Action Training. Negative report.
- f. Psychological Operations

(1) Four (4) PSYOP films were shown in Phong Bac and Khanh Son. The total consisted of four (4) hours of films shown to 2,000 Vietnamese.

(2) A total of 3,700 leaflets were distributed and 5½ hours of ground loudspeaker broadcasts were given in conjunction with the films, Medcaps and Cordon and Search Operations.

(3) The following leaflets were distributed within the 1st A.P. Battalion TAOR:

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Number</u>
Chieu Hoi	450
Observe Curfew	350
Health and Sanitation	650
Pro-GVN	450
Weapons Reward	350
Anti-VC	350
Rice Denial	400
Newspapers	300
Magazines	400

(4) 450 man-hours were expended in support of PSYOP activities.

g. Foreign Claims Investigation Office

(1) FCI Teams investigated 15 accidents/incidents during the month. Two (2) of these accidents/incidents resulted in Vietnamese fatalities.

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(2) 15 accident/incident investigations were completed and submitted to Foreign Claims Commission 413.

(3) The average length of time for an investigation from notification to completion is seven (7) days.

(4) A total of 2,700 man-hours were expended in support of Foreign Claims Investigation activities.

6. (C) WAR DOG OPERATIONS

a. There are currently 54 dogs employed by 1st M.P. Battalion including:

18 Sentry dogs	19 Mine and booby trap dogs
15 Scout dogs	2 Marijuana dogs

b. Deployments

31 Sentry	8 Mine and booby trap
10 Scout	0 Marijuana

c. Results of Dog Deployments. Negative report.

7. (C) MILITARY POLICE OPERATIONS

a. Armed Forces Police Detachment

(1) Apprehended 17 individuals for miscellaneous violations.

(2) Investigated 7 vehicular accidents.

(3) Conducted 21 commodity control investigations.

(4) Conducted 11 raids.

b. Stockade Detachment

(1) There was an average of 30 USMC and 4 USN prisoners in the stockade this month.

(2) There was an average of 25 USMC correction personnel assigned to the stockade.

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(3) As a result of the continuing stand-down operations of Marine Units, the brig population has continued to draw down reflecting the transfer of confinees to correctional facilities in CONUS.

c. Military Police Detachment

(1) Seven convoy/security escorts were provided to units in the Danang Area.

(2) A speed deterrent operation from 21-28 April 1971 resulted in the issuance of 23 speeding citations.

(3) Roadblocks/checkpoints were manned throughout the Danang Vital Area employing two (2) M.P.'s, one (1) National Policeman and one (1) Interpreter. 20 U.S. servicemen were apprehended attempting to enter off limits areas.

(4) Day and night patrols were run in the area to the west of Gate 12 (vic AT 995747).

(5) Security was provided at all air base gates open to traffic.

(6) Traffic control points were manned along the main arteries and at the major intersections around the Danang Air Base to insure the orderly flow of military traffic during retrograde operations.

8. (C) SECURITY OPERATIONS

a. United States Consulate Detachment

(1) Throughout the reporting period 12 personnel from 1st Military Police Battalion provided continuous security for the American Consulate Compound.

(2) The Security Force was augmented during the hours of darkness and in high threat periods with the use of two sentry dog teams and additional personnel as needed.

b. III MAF Security Detachment. During the reporting period a provisional rifle platoon from 1st Military Police Battalion provided security for Headquarters III MAF, Camp Haskins (center of mass AT 953812).

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (C) At 012030H Apr 71, received a call from Division CCC that U.S. Helicopters were taking S&F (vic AT 999708) near Cau Do Bridge. Notified Co "D", 1st M.P. Bn, III MAF, and Hoa Vang District.
2. (C) At 012130H Apr 71, 366th SP reported ASP-1 (vic AT 993735) received S&F. Negative damage, negative casualties. Notified III MAF.
3. (C) At 012130H Apr 71, Co "C" reported bunker 69 (vic BT 009774) received (3) rds S&F. No impacts, no casualties. Notified III MAF.
4. (C) At 012140H Apr 71, Co "D" reported bunker 29 (vic BT 005733) received 8-10 rds S&F from the village across from the bunker. Negative damage, negative casualties. Notified III MAF, Hoa Vang.
5. (U) At 021200H Apr 71, Sgt PARKER, Hq Co, 2/1 operating an M151A1 Jeep swerved to avoid a VN female on a bicycle and struck a Honda head on (vic BT 035774) resulting in minor injuries to the VN driver and moderate damage to the Honda. A III MAF Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st M.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.
6. (C) From 030400H Apr 71, to 030930H Apr 71, elements of Co "B", MWG-1, and P.F.s from Hoa Vang District Hq conducted a Cordon and Search operation in the vicinity of Binh Thai Hamlet (center of mass vic BT 012725). Negative results. Notified III MAF.
7. (C) At 030445H Apr 71, bunker 72 (vic BT 012772) received 8-10 rds S&F from an unidentified individual (vic BT 014773) after the bunker guard challenged. Negative casualties, negative damage. Notified III MAF, 366th Security Squadron.
8. (C) 031130H Apr 71, SSgt TAYLOR from 7th Comm Bn, III MAF hit VN civilian (vic AT 953801). VN taken to Hoa Chanh Hospital. A III MAF Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st M.P. Bn, was dispatched to the scene.
9. (C) At 032100H Apr 71, ASP-1 received 3-4 rds S&F from (vic AT 968725). No rounds impacted. Negative casualties, negative damage. Notified III MAF, 366th Security Squadron.
10. (C) At 040215H Apr 71, a patrol from Co "C", found 10 Vietnamese dressed in black and carrying carbines in area

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of bunker 71. Personnel were believed to have been firing at Co "C" bunkers. Vietnamese were turned over to the 504th I.P.'s and Q.C.'s for questioning. Notified III MAF and Hoa Vang District.

11. (C) At 042322H Apr 71, a dog team from 366th Security reported they received 2 rds SNF 50 meters south of bunker 73 (vic BT 017767). Negative damage, negative casualties. Notified III MAF and Hoa Vang District.

12. (C) At 050205H Apr 71, seven (7) 122mm rockets impacted on and around the Danang Air Base at (1) BT 001769 (back azimuth-2800 mils), negative damage, negative casualties; (2) BT 008771 (back azimuth-3000 mils), negative casualties, minor damage to Air Force F4 aircraft; (3) BT 004773 (back azimuth-2900 mils) negative casualties, negative damage; (4) AT 995752 (back azimuth-2700 mils), negative casualties, negative damage; (5) AT 993774, negative casualties, negative damage; (6) AT 993765, destroyed two VN houses, damaged one VN house and wounded 2 VN; (7) AT 999776, negative casualties, negative damage. Confirmed launch site located at BT 035667. Notified III MAF, Div PSOC, Div CCC, FLC CCC, wing G-2, NAF, Hoa Vang, Danang Special Sector, 366th SPS.

13. (U) From 051300H Apr 71 to 051600H Apr 71, personnel from 1st I.P. Bn. (Co "D", S-5, BAS) conducted a medcap at the Phong Bac Hamlet school (vic AT 999713). 125 Vietnamese civilians were treated. A 4 year old Vietnamese girl was taken to the childrens hospital at FLC, was treated for a gun infection and released. Health and Sanitation leaflets were distributed.

14. (U) At 071000H Apr 71, PFC THOMSON, Hq, III MAF was operating a 5 ton truck on QL 1 and was struck by a VN on a Honda resulting in minor injury to the VN and major damage to the Honda, (vic AT 985778). A III MAF Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st I.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

15. (U) From 071330H Apr 71 to 071530H Apr 71, personnel from Co "C" conducted a medcap in the hamlet of Phu Loc (vic AT 983793). A total of 56 VN were treated.

16. (C) At 072115H Apr 71, U.S. VMAF advisors reported possible two (2) plastic explosive devices detonated near the VMAF compound, (vic BT 015764 & BT 013763). Follow-up reports indicated only (1) one confirmed explosion, just out-side perimeter wire in ARVN Hospital, (vic BT 015764).

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Latest report indicates one dead and 15 wounded. Negative enemy results. Investigation pending by VNAF. Notified 111 MAF, Hoa Vang, 1st Marine Air Wing and FLC.

17. (U) From 081545H Apr 71 to 082130H Apr 71, personnel from Co "D" conducted a PSYOPS in the hamlet of Rai Ham. PSYOPS films were shown to approximately 1000 Vietnamese and 1400 leaflets were distributed.

18. (C) At 090055H Apr 71, five (5) 122mm rockets impacted on and around the Danang Air Base at (1) BT 007763 (back azimuth-3400 mils), negative damage, negative casualties; (2) BT 027776 (back azimuth-3600 mils), 2 houses damaged (1 moderate, 1 heavy), 1 M slightly wounded; (3) BT 032769 1 bldg heavy damage, 2 bld s minor damage, 1 car, 2 trucks (civ) minor damage, 4 VN slightly wounded; (4) BT 027773 (back azimuth-3500 mils), 1 bldg heavy damage, 1 truck (civ) moderate damage, negative casualties; (5) BT 007779, negative damage, negative casualties. Suspected launch site located at AT 985887. Notified 111 MAF CCO, 1st Mardiv PCCO, CCO, FLC CCO, 1st MAF G-2, Danang Special Sector, Naval Support Facility, Hoa Vang, 366th SPS, VNAF CCO, Army Support Command.

19. (U) At 091000H Apr 71, PFC MARTIN, Hq Btry 1/11 was operating a 5 ton truck on QL 1 when a VN ambulance attempted to pass and swerved in front of the truck causing the ambulance to turn over resulting in unknown injuries to the M/VN driver and major damage to the ambulance, (vic AT 985790). A 111 MAF Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st L.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

20. (U) At 091235H Apr 71, 1stSgt JOHNSON, 111 MAF, was operating an M51A1 on QL 1 when he struck the rear of a VN bus resulting in minor damage to the rear of the bus, (vic AT 985775). A 111 MAF Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st L.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

21. (U) At 091300H Apr 71, LCpl CUMINGS, Supply Bn., FLC was operating a 2 1/2 ton truck on Highway 540 when his brakes failed resulting in a head-on collision with a VN truck resulting in minor damage to VN truck.

22. (C) From 091300H Apr 71 to 091615 Apr 71, elements of Co "B", 1st L.P. Battalion, Danang Special Sector and 5th CTF conducted a combined Cordon and Search Operation in the hamlet of Nam Tho (center of mass BT 066814). 570 individuals were screened and twenty-seven were detained,

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including: 4 CIT (confirmed), 20 VCS, and 3 individuals with false documents. Further interrogation of detainees is being conducted by 5th CIT.

23. (U) At 120715H Apr 71, LCpl KLEINERTZ, Maint Bn., FLC was operating a 2½ ton truck on Highway QL 1 when he was sideswiped by an unidentified ARVN truck forcing his vehicle to strike a VN bus resulting in minor damages to the bus and three civilians with minor injuries, (vic BT 004779). A III MAF Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st M.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

24. (U) From 121300H Apr 71 to 121630H Apr 71, elements of Co "C", 1st M.P. Battalion conducted a Medcap in the hamlet of Phu Loc (center of mass AT 986790). 75 Vietnamese were treated for minor illnesses.

25. (C) At 131905H Apr 71, 366th Security Police Squadron reported loud explosion, vicinity bunker 19. Subsequent report from Co "D", 1st M.P. Bn. revealed VN had detonated mine in French mine field (vic BT 025735). VN evacuated by other VN. Injuries unknown at this time. US Air Force investigating. Notified III MAF, Hoa Vang.

26. (C) At 141200H Apr 71, III MAF stood-down and the Third MAF took over as the senior Marine command in VN.

27. (U) At 151100H Apr 71, Cpl HECTOR, HAS Co, 2/1 was operating an M151A1 jeep on Highway QL 1 passing a VN truck when the VN truck swerved left and struck his jeep causing it to roll over resulting in major damage to jeep and minor damage to the two Marine occupants, (vic BT 008715). A Third MAF Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st M.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

28. (U) From 151330H Apr 71 to 151500H Apr 71, personnel from 1st M.P. Battalion, (Co "D", S-5, Bn) conducted a Medcap in the hamlet of Khue Trung 1 (vic BT 019723). 80 VN civilians were treated. Clothes were distributed to about 35 VN children. Health and sanitation leaflets, Chieu Hoi, Pro-GVN, and Anti-VC leaflets were distributed.

29. (C) At 151630H Apr 71, received a report of an explosion 350 meters south of post 9, near ASP-1, (vic AT 9 2726), believed to be two (2) cluster bombs. Results: 2 VN/Civ KIA, 1 VN/Civ WIA. 1st Med notified to pick up bodies. MOD found one (1) 3.5 W.P. round at explosion site and removed it from the area. Notified III MAF and Hoa Vang.

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30. (U) At 160745H Apr 71, LCpl LARAINS, 1st Med Bn., was operating a 5 ton truck when an ARVN on a Honda attempted to pass, cut in too sharply and was struck by the front bumper of the truck resulting in minor damage to the Honda and negative injuries, (vic BT 015779). A Third MAB Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st M.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

31. (U) At 161430H Apr 71, LCpl SCOTT, Maint Bn., FLC, was operating a 3/4 ton truck on Highway QL 1B when a VN civilian on a Honda attempted to pass on the right. SCOTT swerved right to avoid on coming traffic and struck the Honda resulting in minor damage to the Honda and minor injuries to the VN driver, (vic BT 006776). A Third MAB Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st M.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

32. (U) At 170920H Apr 71, Cpl MMLTZ, Maint Bn., FLC, was operating a 2 1/2 ton truck on Highway QL 1B when a VN civilian parked his Lambro on the shoulder of the road. When Cpl MMLTZ attempted to pass the vehicle he struck the left side with his bumper resulting in minor damage to the Lambro and negative injuries, (vic AT 995779). A Third MAB Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st M.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

33. (U) At 181515H Apr 71, Sgt KIMPLE, Co "A", 1st M.T. Bn., was operating a 5 ton truck on Highway 13 and swerved to avoid a suddenly stopping Army semi-trailer and struck the Army vehicle and a VN Lambro resulting in minor damage to the USMC truck and the Army vehicle, and major damage to the Lambro and minor injuries to two VN civilians, (vic BT 058809). A Third MAB Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st M.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

34. (C) At 182245H Apr 71, PFC CRUZ, Co "C", 1st M.P. Bn., was struck on the head by an unknown individual while walking rear point on a patrol, (vic AT 194778). Marine Medevaced to 1st Med Bn. and held for overnight observation. Notified Third MAB.

35. (C) At 191835H Apr 71, received a call from MAG-16 indicating that one (1) CH-46 marine helicopter crashed into the ocean after take off from Marble Mountain Air Facility. Crash was not due to enemy action. Chopper

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was pulled from ocean by 8th Eng Group. Results: 2 KIA (non-hostile), 3 WIA (non-hostile). Notified Third MAB.

35. (U) At 201100H Apr 71, Sgt OSTERHOUT, H&S Co, 1st M.P. Bn., was operating an M-38 jeep on Freedom Hill Road when an elderly VN male ran into the side of his jeep resulting in minor injuries to the VN civilian, (vic AT 992747). A Third MAB Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st M.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

36. (U) At 230930H Apr 71, NGUYEN BAN was hit by a short round of 81mm illumination at AT 980690, minor injuries, negative damage. A Third MAB Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st M.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

37. (C) At 260240H Apr 71, an unknown size enemy force attacked the Cau Do Bridge, (vic AT 998708) with B-40 and B-40's. A water pump at the water point was destroyed. Two (2) VC KIA, one (1) AA-47 and two (2) B-40 rounds captured. Negative friendly casualties. Notified Third MAB COC.

38. (C) At 260304H Apr 71, one (1) 122mm rocket impacted on the Banang Air Base at BT 017761 (back azimuth-3400 mils), negative casualties, negative damage; Two (2) 122mm rockets impacted on and around the Marble Mountain Air Facility at (1) BT 064734, damaged a bunker and hooch, 3 WIA (M), USA and; (2) BT 072734 (back azimuth-3700 mils), negative damage, negative casualties. Notified Third MAB COC, PCCC, Hoa Vang, Naval Support Facility, Army Support Command.

39. (U) From 261300H Apr 71 to 261530H Apr 71, elements of Co "C", 1st M.P. Battalion conducted a Redcap in Nui Cung hamlet (center of mass BT 006785). Thirty-two civilians were treated for minor illnesses.

40. (C) At 270206H Apr 71, six (6) 122mm rockets impacted on and around the Banang Air Base at (1) BT 015769, destroying four (4) fuel tanks, negative casualties; (2) BT 010765, destroyed abutment, negative casualties; (3) BT 013751, (back azimuth-4000 mils), negative damage, negative casualties; (4) BT 015765, (back azimuth-3400 mils), negative damage, negative casualties; (5) BT 017776, negative damage, negative casualties; (6) AT 995729, negative damage, negative casualties. Notified Third MAB COC, Hoa Vang, Naval Support Facility, Army Support Command. Possible launch sites at AT 9467, AT 9370.

41. (U) At 301515H Apr 71, on Duy Tan Hospital Road, LCpl BOWMAN, Truck Co, H&S Bn., FLC, hit ARVN jeep, negative damage USMC vehicle, totaled ARVN jeep, negative injuries.

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A Third MAB Foreign Claims Investigation Team from 1st M.P. Battalion was dispatched to the scene.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Operation Order VII - 71 2 April 1971 - see order attached.

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PART IV  
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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## OPERATION ALPHA VII - 71

2 April 71

1. Situation. Hoa Vang District reports approximately 8 enemy sappers in the area shown on enclosure (1). It is believed that his mission is to create terrorist tactics around the DNA & ARVN Units; and to possibly penetrate DNA complex in near future. Hoa Vang has inaugurated a Cordon & Search Operation to curtail their activity.

## a. Enemy forces

(1) Suspected enemy forces: Approximately 8 sappers in the vicinity of area shown; Encl (1).

(2) Past enemy intelligence: (S-2).

b. Friendly forces: One platoon of R.F.'s located at AT 998706 (Cau Do Bridge). One platoon of P.F.'s located at BT 008722. Friendly forces have been alerted by Hoa Vang.

cc. Attachments: 70 Marines from Zulu Company MWHG1.

2. Mission. At 030400H April 71, 1st M.P. Bn will assist in cordoning the area shown on enclosure (1), in preparation of a search being conducted by Hoa Vang personnel.

## 3. Execution

a. Co "B". At 030330, one platoon from Co "B", 1st M.P. Bn will depart the area to Gate 12. At Gate 12, they will meet and lead a reinforced platoon from Zulu Company, MWHG1 south along QL 1 to a road intersection located at BT 002723. At that point, Bravo Company Plt will cordon off road running east from intersection for approximately 200 meters to be in place by 030400H.

b. Zulu Company. Zulu Company will simultaneously cordon QL 1 south from intersection to small bridge (BT 000715) to be in place by 030400H.

c. Both Co "B"(-) and Zulu Co (-) will be under the overall command of CO, Co "B". In addition to their Cordon activities, they will (on call) assist and protect S-5 section in conducting Medcap operations.

d. Reserve - Co "B" Reaction Force will be on-call to deploy at the request of CO, 1st M.P. Battalion.

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e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Zulu Co (1) will initially stage in their respective area, and arrive at Gate 12 no later than 030330H.

(2) Company "B" (-) will stage in 1st M.P. Bn. area and depart at 030330H for Gate 12.

(3) Company "B" (-) will depart from Gate 12 at 030330H, with Zulu Co (-) following.

(4) CO, Co "B" (-) will:

- (a) Confirm departure with COC.
- (b) Report upon arrival at intersection.
- (c) Report when Cordon is complete.
- (d) Periodic reports every 20 minutes.
- (e) Report when search operation is completed.

f. No magazines will be inserted in weapons until debarking from trucks at Cordon site, and then only on order.

- (a) No fixed bayonets.
- (b) No gas.
- (c) No round in chamber.

g. Cordon units return jointly and report to COC.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Uniform: Standard jungle utilities, including TO weapon, one (1) bandolier of ammunition, flak-jacket, helmet, gas mask.

b. One ambulance and 2 corpsmen report to CO, Co "B" at 0315 and be prepared to move out at 0330.

c. S-5 will follow convoy and move to detainee point separately.

d. S-4 will provide 2 6x6's to carry Co "B" (-) personnel. These vehicles will report to CO, Co "B", C.P. at 030300H.

e. S-4 will provide coffee and donuts at Cordon site by 030430H, and will provide appropriate breakfast rations.

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by 030700H. Rations should be sufficient to feed 125 Marines.

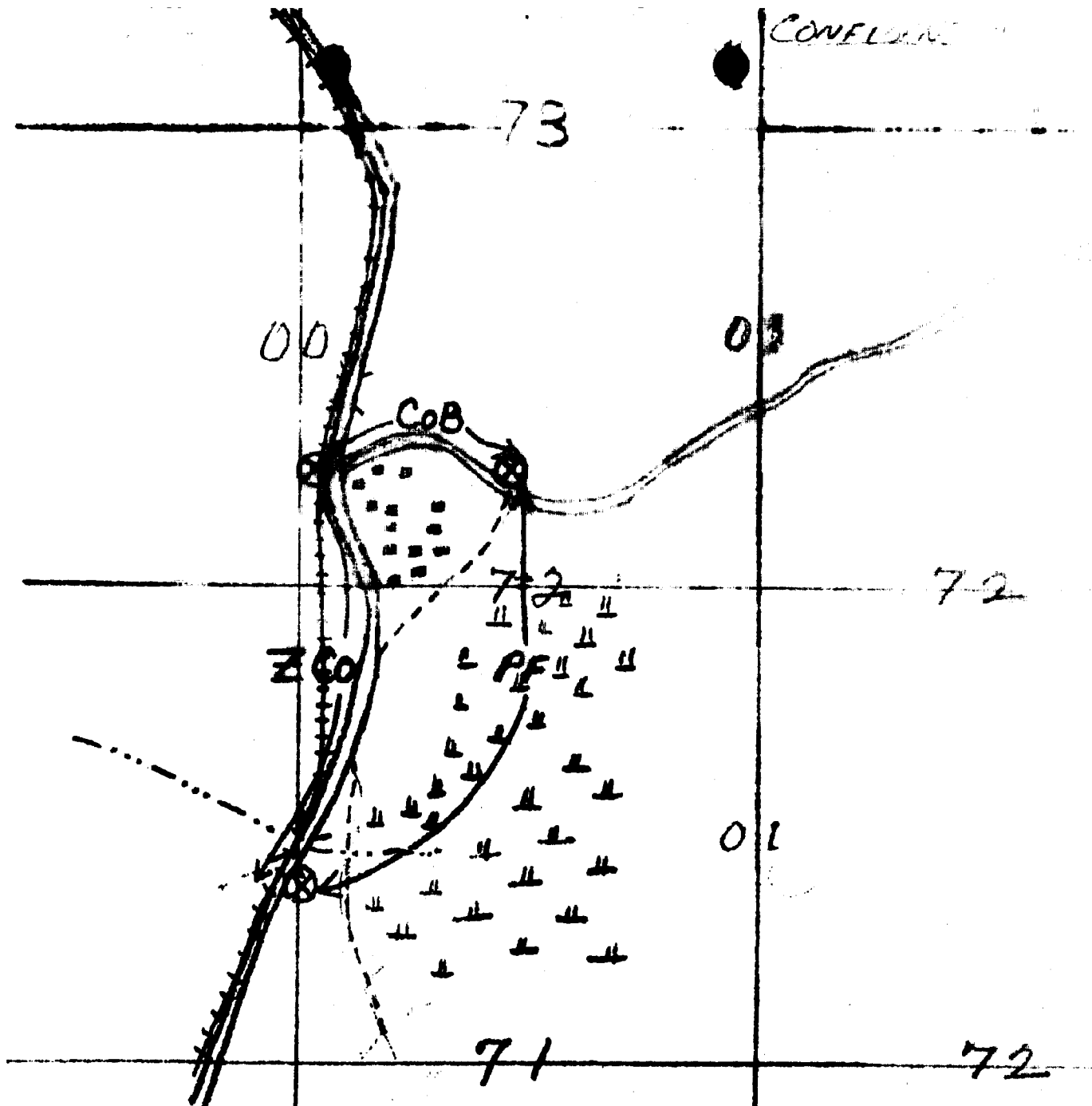
5. Command & Signal

- a. Zulu Co (-) and Bravo Co (-) will use guard 60.80 (Bn Tac Net #1) (Slaveborn B) (Zulu).
- b. Search team will use guard 61.75. Call sign - Convex Lizard India.
- c. W.C. BARKER (liaison) will have call sign India 91.
- d. Net control call sign is Slaveborn 3.
- e. One (1) interpreter and one (1) horn with CO Co "B".
- f. All units check out of net upon return to respective C.P.'s.

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*Tab 1*



CONVOY FORMS: 0300  
 MOVES OUT: 0330  
 CORDON SET: 0400  
 SWEEP TEAM: 0700  
 CORDON BREAKS: 0930

ORDER OF MOVEMENT:

10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 →

FREQ: 66.80  
 CALL SIGNS:  
 ZULU  
 BRAVO  
 SLAVEORNE

PF:  
 CONVEY LIZARD IND  
 FREQ 61.75  
 Tab 1