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Force Logistic Command, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
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31 December 1967

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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8  
(c) FLCO 5750.1A

Encl: (1) 3rd Military Police Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a),  
(b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1967 - 31 December 1967

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**PART I****ORGANIZATIONAL DATA OF 3RD MILITARY POLICE BATTALION**

- a. Located at DaNang, South Vietnam.
- b. Period covered by this report is 1 December to 31 December 1967.
- c. Staff:
- (1) Commanding Officer      LTCOL J. GAMBARDILLA
  - (2) Staff:
 

Executive Officer	Capt D. G. KRAVITZ
Adjutant	WO J. G. PONTISSO
S-1	Capt R. B. LIESEGANG
S-2	2ndLt P. J. MCDONALD, JR.
S-3	1stLt R. G. MORAN
S-4	1stLt. T. G. FIRTH
S-5	1stLt A. C. NELSON
Supply Officer	Capt E. M. HAMILTON
SgtMaj	SgtMaj W. T. TRAIN
  - (3) Company Commanders
 

H&S Company	Capt M. G. MCTIERNAN
"A" Company	Capt M. H. O'CONNER, JR.
"B" Company	Capt R. L. PETERSON
"D" Company	Capt C. E. DANIEL

**ATTACHED UNITS**

- A. 1st Scout and 1st Sentry Dog Platoons, attached from the 1st Military Police Battalion and located in DaNang, RVN.

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## PART II

COMMANDERS NARATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Throughout the month of December Special Escorts were provided for General CUSHMAN, General MURRAY, and General JOHNSON. A Special Escort was also provided for Mrs. CADWELL, USO Board of Directors. On December 1st Capt PETERSON and 1stSgt PALMER were promoted to their present rank. MajGen J. G. BOUKER and Colonel WOOD inspected the III MAF Detention Facility. Major WEBER and LtCol FRIEIMAN, US Army, visited the III MAF Detention Facility. The Battalion Civil Affairs Program continued to be active during December. Cement was delivered to Thach Nham, Hoa Khuong and Phuoc Thuan for the construction of wells. Building materials for a one room addition to the Buddhist School of Thach Nham were delivered. A Special Escort was provided for the BOB HOPE Show. LtCol J. GAMBARDILLA attended a Christmas party at the Buddhist School of Thach Nham. Approximately 600 school kits, 800 gift packs, 96 cartons of milk, and 60 pounds of clothing were distributed. The MEDCAP Program treated 480 Vietnamese during the month.

On the 18th, 19th, 21st, and 23rd, the Battalion went on 50% alert due to the increased threat of a rocket attack. On the 20th the Battalion went on 100% alert during Operation Claxon. Memorial Services were held by Chaplain NICHOLS for LCpl BECK and Cpl FRASER, dog handlers, who were killed while on patrol. Memorial Services were also held for PFC HAGEN who was killed while on patrol. During the month of December the prisoner strength, III MAF Brig, averaged 185, a decrease of 32 over the month of November. The average weekly detainee strength in the III MAF Detention Facility was 89.

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**UNCLASSIFIED****PART III****SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

- a. 1 December 1967 Capt PETERSON and 1stSgt PALMER were promoted to their present rank.
- b. 2 December 1967 Memorial Services were held for PFC HAGEN.
- c. 5 December 1967 MajGen J. G. BOUKER inspected the III MAF Detention Facility.
- d. 5 December 1967 Colonel WOOD inspected the III MAF Detention Facility.
- e. 6 December 1967 Cement was delivered to the hamlets of Thach Nham, Hoa Khuong, and Phuoc Thuan for the construction of wells.
- f. 7 December 1967 Major WEBER and LtCol FRIEIMAN, US Army, visited the III MAF Detention Facility.
- g. 8 December 1967 A one (1) vehicle, three (3) man Special Escort was provided Mrs. CADWELL, USO Board of Directors.
- h. 8 December 1967 A one (1) vehicle, three (3) man Special Escort was provided for General CUSHMAN.
- i. 9 December 1967 1stLt MULVEY, W. R. and 2ndLt SILEN, T. WERE detached from "D" Company.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (CONT.)

- j. 9 December 1967 1stLt GRAEFE, F. H. was assigned primary duties as Executive Officer of "D" Company.
- k. 9 December 1967 2ndLt HEINECKE, W. F. joined "D" Company and was assigned primary duties as a Platoon Commander.
- l. 9 December 1967 A one(1) vehicle, three (3) man Special Escort was provided for General MURRAY.
- m. 9 December 1967 Cpl W. BETEET returned from NCO Leadership School, FLC, finishing first in his class.
- n. 9 December 1967 A one (1) vehicle, three (3) man Special Escort was provided for General CUSHMAN.
- o. 9 December 1967 A two (2) vehicle, three (3) man Special Escort was provided for the NSA Disbursing Officer.
- p. 11 December 1967 A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man Special Escort was provided for General CUSHMAN.
- q. 12 December 1967 Building materials for a one room addition to the Buddhist School of Thach Nham were delivered.

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- r. 14 December 1967 A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man Special Escort was provided for General CUSHMAN.
- s. 15 December 1967 A one (1) man Special Escort was provided for Mrs. CADWELL, USO Board of Directors.
- t. 15 December 1967 2ndLt KELLEY, R. J. was detached from "D" Company.
- u. 18 December 1967 Battalion went on 50% alert.
- v. 19 December 1967 Battalion went on 50% alert.
- w. 20 December 1967 Battalion went on 100% alert during Operation Claxon.
- x. 21 December 1967 Battalion went on 50% alert.
- y. 22 December 1967 LtCol J. GAMBARDILLA attended a Christmas party at the Buddhist School of Thach Nham. Approximately 600 school kits, 800 gift packs, 96 cartons of milk, and 60 pounds of clothing were distributed.
- z. 22 December 1967 Capt MCTIERNAN took command of H&S Company, Capt LIESEGANG became Battalion S-1.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (CONT.)

- aa. 23 December 1967    Battalion went on 50% alert.
- bb. 23 December 1967    Memorial Services were held  
for LCpl BECK.
- cc. 23 December 1967    A one (1) vehicle, three (3) man  
Special Escort was provided for  
General JOHNSON.
- dd. 31 December 1967    The prisoner strength for the  
III MAF Brig was 185.
- ee. 31 December 1967    The average weekly detainee  
strength in III MAF Detention  
Facility was 89.
- ff. 31 December 1967    The MEDCAP Program treated 480  
Vietnamese, four (4) of which  
required hospitalization.
- gg. 31 December 1967    Chaplain NICHOLS holds Catholic  
Mass in the hamlet of Thach Nham  
every Sunday and on holidays.
- hh. 31 December 1967    Memorial Services were held  
for Cpl FRASER.

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