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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1968 - 31 January 1968

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA OF 3rd MILITARY POLICE BATTALION

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- a. Located at DaNang, South Vietnam.
- b. Period covered by this report is 1 January 1968 to 31 January 1968.
- c. Staff:

(1) Commanding Officer LTCOL J. GAMBARDELLA

(2) Staff:

Executive Officer	Major D. E. MILONE
Adjutant	WO J. G. PONTISSO
S-1	Capt R. B. LIESEGANG
S-2	2ndLt P. J. MCDONALD, JR.
S-3	Capt D. G. KRAVITZ
S-4	1stLt T. G. FIRTH
S-5	2ndLt L. F. ANDERSON
Supply Officer	Capt E. M. HAMILTON
SgtMaj	SgtMaj W. T. TRAIN

(3) Company Commanders:

H&S Company	Capt M. G. MCTIERNAN
"A" Company	1stLt S. S. SAXTON
"B" Company	Capt R. L. PETERSON
"D" Company	Capt M. H. O'CONNER, JR.

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 January Special Escorts were provided for General CUSHMAN, General CHAPMAN, General MURRAY, General OLSEN and Admiral LACY. A Special Escort was also provided for Senator KENNEDY. A Special Escort was provided for Mrs. CALDWELL throughout the month.

Cement was delivered by Chaplin NICHOLS to the Catholic Church in Thach Nham. Major D. E. MILONE, USMC, attended the TET celebration at Thach Nham. Due to the increase in enemy activity, the Battalion went on 100% alert several times this month. The Airfield was rocketed on four (4) different nights. Reaction Forces were dispatched to downtown DaNang to counter any and all terrorist activities.

The MEDCAP Program treated a total of 498 people, only one (1) was hospitalized. Chaplin NICHOLS held services every Sunday at Thach Nham. The prisoner strength at III MAF Brig was 206, an increase of twenty-one (21) over the month of December. The average weekly detainee strength in III MAF Detention Facility was 109.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 2 January 1968 Air Field hit with rockets, Battalion went on 100% alert.
- b. 3 January 1968 A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man Special Escort was provided for General CUSHMAN.
- c. 3 January 1968 Cement was delivered by Chaplin NICHOLS to the Catholic Church in Thach Nham.
- d. 5 January 1968 A two (2) vehicle, six (6) man Special Security Detail was provided for Senator KENNEDY.
- e. 5 January 1968 SSgt KOHLER relieved SSgt PAYNE as the H&S Company Gunney Sergeant. SSgt PAYNE assumed duties as Platoon Sergeant of Security Platoon.
- f. 6 January 1968 A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man Special Escort was provided for the Finance Manager, Hill 327 PX. 1stLt CRANE was detached from "D" Company.
- g. 9 January 1968 A Special Security Detail consisting of nineteen (19) Armed Forces Policemen provided Escort and Security for General CHAPMAN.
- h. 10 January 1968 A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man Special Escort was provided for the China Beach Finance Officer.
- i. 11 January 1968 A one (1) vehicle, three (3) man Special Escort was provided for one (1) Aircraft from 15th Aerial Port to Bridge ramp.
- j. 11 January 1968 Mr. JONES visited the III MAF Detention Facility.

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- k. 12 January 1968 A twelve (12) man, three (3) vehicle Special Security Detail was provided for General CHAPMAN.
- l. 12 January 1968 A one (1) man Special Escort was provided for Mrs. CALDWELL, USO Board of Directors from III MAF Complex to NSA Hospital and return.
- m. 13 January 1968 A two (2) vehicle, four (4) man Special Security Escort was provided for the Camp Tien Sha Disbursing Officer.
- n. 16 January 1968 Due to increased enemy activity the Battalion went on 25% alert.
- o. 17 January 1968 A two (2) man, one (1) vehicle Special Escort was provided for General CUSHMAN.
- p. 17 January 1968 The Battalion Reaction Force was dispatched to downtown DaNang due to increased terrorist activity.
- q. 18 January 1968 2ndLt MULLEN joined "D" Company and was assigned primary duties as Platoon Commander.
- r. 19 January 1968 Captain DANIEL went TAD in connection with emergency leave.
- s. 20 January 1968 Captain O'CONNOR Jr. joined "D" Company and assumes duties as Commanding Officer.
- t. 20 January 1968 A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man Special Escort was provided for General MURRAY.

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- u. 21 January 1968 Cement was given to HOA KHUONG for the construction of a well.
- v. 23 January 1968 2ndLt MULLEN was detached from "D" Company. A two (2) vehicle, five (5) man Special Escort was provided for General CUSHMAN.
- w. 24 January 1968 Due to the increased enemy activity in the area the Battalion went on 50% alert.
- x. 25 January 1968 Due to increased enemy activity in the area the Battalion went on 50% alert.
- y. 26 January 1968 A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man Special Escort was provided for General OLSEN.
- z. 26 January 1968 Due to increased enemy activity the Battalion went on 50% alert.
- aa. 26 January 1968 Mr. BRINTON and Mr. JOHNSON, AFSC, visited the III MAF Detention Facility.
- bb. 27 January 1968 Major MILONE, USMC attended the TET Celebration at Thach Nham.
- cc. 27 January 1968 Due to increased enemy activity the Battalion went on 50% alert.
- dd. 27 January 1968 Major EVANS, U.S. Army, visited the III MAF Detention Facility.
- ee. 27 January 1968 Mr. REIN, Mr. JENNY, Mr. SLRASSER and Mr. NGUYEN KHAI, ICRC, visited the III MAF Detention Facility.

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- ff. 27 January 1968 A two (2) vehicle, four (4) man Special Escort was provided to escort the First Air Cavalry convoy.
- gg. 28 January 1968 Major HARRIS and Major GOFF, U.S. Army, visited the III MAF Detention Facility.
- hh. 28 January 1968 Due to increased enemy activity the Battalion went on 50% alert.
- ii. 29 January 1968 Rocket attack on DaNang Airfield, Battalion went on 100% alert.
- jj. 30 January 1968 A one (1) vehicle, four (4) man Special Escort was provided for Admiral LACY and General OLSEN from FLC to General LUNG's quarters.
- kk. 30 January 1968 Rocket attack on DaNang Airfield, Battalion went on 100% alert.
- ll. 31 January 1968 Major SULLIVAN and Major PIFER, USMC, inspected the III MAF Detention Facility.
- mm. 31 January 1968 Rocket attack on DaNang Airfield, Battalion went on 100% alert.
- nn. 31 January 1968 The MEDCAP Program treated a total of 498 people, only one (1) was hospitalized.
- oo. 31 January 1968 Chaplin NICHOLS held services every Sunday at Thach Nham.
- pp. 31 January 1968 The prisoner strength at III MAF Brig was 206, an increase of 21 over the month of December.
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