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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a),

(b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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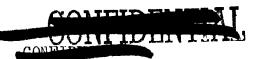
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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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COMPTERMENT

## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA OF 3rd MILITARY POLICE BATTALION

- a. Located at DaNang, South Vietnam.
- b. Period covered by this report is 1 February 1968 to 29 February 1968.
- c. Staff
  - (1) Commanding Officer

LTCOL J. GAMBARDELLA

(2) Staff:

Executive Officer
Adjutant
S-1
S-2
S-3
S-4
S-5
Supply Officer
SgtMaj

Major D. E. MILONE
WO J. G. PONTISSO
Capt R. B. LIESEGANG
1stLt R. D. BROWNE
Capt D. G. KRAVITZ
2ndLt M. E. MCCLUNG
2ndLt L. F. ANDERSON
Capt E. M. HAMILTON
SgtMaj W. T. TRAIN

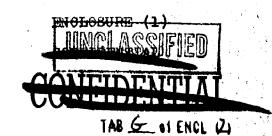
(3) Company Commanders:

H&S Company
"A" Company
"B" Company
"D" Company

Capt M. G. MCTIERNAN
lstLt S. S. SAXTON
Capt R. L. PETERSON
Capt M. H. O'CONNOR, 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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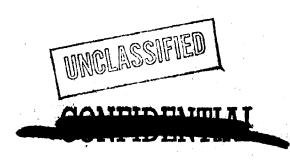


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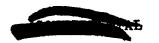
## COMMANDERS NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Due to the increased enemy activity within the DaNang TAOR, the Battalion was on 100% alert every night during the TET offensive. Reaction Forces were dispatched to Dallang to stand by in case of enemy activity within the city. Dallang Airbase was rocketed on several nights. Our patrols made contact on three (3) different occasions. Small arms fire and granades were exchanged, resulting in three (3) friendly WTA's, one (1) serious enough to be MEDEVACed. No known enemy casualties resulted from these encounters. Throughout the month Special Escorts were provided for General CUSHMAN, General OLSEN, and General LAM. GUSTARSON, Colonel SHANKLIN, LtCol LEWIS, LtCol DERRINGER, Major MACDONNEL, and Lt THOMAS, inspected the III MAF Detention Facility. The Civic Action Team delivered sixty (60) pounds of soap to the hamlets of Thack Nham, Hoa Khuong, end Phuoc Thuen. Approximately 100 pounds of clothes were distributed to the hamlets of Hoa Khuong and Phuoc Thuan. Chaolin NICHOLS held Memorial Services for Sgt Edward A. MCKIM, who was killed in action at Quang Tri. The average weekly detainee strength in the III MAF Detention Facility was 219, an increase of 100 over the previous month. The orisoner strength in the III MAF Brig was 190, a decrease of 16 over the previous month. The MEDCAP Program treated a total of 268 people. Of this number five (5) were hospitalized. Chaplin NICHOLS held services in the Catholic Church in Thach Nham every Sunday.



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## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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a.	1 Pebruary	1968	Due to increased enemy activity the Battalion went on 100% alert.	
b.	2 February	1968	DaNang Airbase was rocketed, Battalion went on 100% alert.	
c.	3 February	1968	Patrol made contact 500 meters from Battalion Perimeter. A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man Escort was provided for General OLSEN.	
d.	5 February	1968	DaNang Airbase was rocketed, Battalion went on 100% alert.	
6.	6 February	1968	Due to increased enemy activity, Battalion went on 100% alert from 6 February through 10 February 1968. A two (2) vehicle, six (6) man Special Escort was provided for VIP's.	
f.,	7 February	1968	A two (2) vehicle, four (4) man Special Escort was provided for General CUSHMAN and General LAM.	
g.	10 February	1968	Battalion Civic Action Team delivered nine (9) pounds of soap to the hamlets of Thach Nham, Hoa Khuong and Phuoc Thuan.	
h.	12 February	1968	General GUSTAFSON, Colonel SHANKLIN, LtCol LEWIS, LtCol DERRINGER, Major MACDONNEL, and Lt THOMAS, MACV, inspected the III MAF Detention Facility.	
i.	15 February	1968	Patrol made contact approximately 600 meters from the perimeter. Three (3) friendly WIALS, one (1)	

Patrol made contact approximately 600 meters from the perimeter. Three (3) friendly WIA's, one (1) MED-EVAC. A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man Escort was provided for an Ambulance from Airbase Hospital to NSA Hospital.

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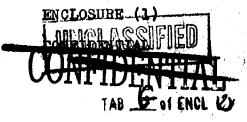
j.	16 February 1968	Due to the increased enemy activity Battalion went on 100% alert.
k.	17 February 1968	A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man Escort was provided for a fifty- four (54) vehicle convoy from the Deep Water Pier to Red Beach area.
1.	18 February 1968	Chaplin NICHOIS held Memorial Services for Sgt Edward A. MCKIM who was killed while a member of I Corps Security Detachment at Quang Tri.
m.	19 February 1968	Approximately 100 pounds of clothes

- m. 19 February 1968

  Approximately 100 pounds of clothes were distributed to the hamlets of Hoa Khuong and Phuoc Thuan.
- n. 20 February 1968 Sgt BRELLE, Robert C., Scout Dog Handler, was wounded while on patrol at Khe Sanh.
- o. 22 February 1968 Due to increased enemy activity, the Battalion went on 100% alert.
- p. 23 February 1968 A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man
  Special Escort was provided for
  General CUSHMAN.
  Approximately 50 pounds of scap
  was delivered to the hamlets of
  Thach Nham, Hoa Khuong and Phuco Thuan.
- q. 24 February 1968

  Due to increased enemy activity, the Battalion went on 100% alert. Cpl MORELLO, John F., Scout Dog Handler, was wounded in Quang Nam Province.
- r. 24 February 1968 DaNang Airbase was rocketed, Battalion went on 100% alert.

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s. 25 February 1968 A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man Special Escort was provided for VIP's from the Mayor of DaNang's office to the Ferry Landing.

t. 26 February 1968 Patrol made contact, no casualties. Captain DANIEL, C. E. was detached from \*D\*\* Company.

u. 27 February 1968

Sgt RAYMOND, Robert R., Scout Dog
Handler, was wounded at Dong Ha.
A one (1) vehicle, two (2) man
Special Escort was provided as
security for the China Beach PX
Finance Manager.

v. 29 February 1968

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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