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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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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 February 1968 to 29 February 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	1stLt R. D. BROWNE
S-3	Capt D. G. KRAVITZ
S-4	2ndLt M. E. MCCLUNG
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'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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PART II

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 DaNang to stand by in case of enemy activity within the city. The DaNang Airbase was rocketed on several nights. Our patrols made contact on three (3) different occasions. Small arms fire and grenades were exchanged, resulting in three (3) friendly WIA'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. General GUSTAFSON, 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 Thach Nham, Hoa Khuong, and Phuoc Thuan. Approximately 100 pounds of clothes were distributed to the hamlets of Hoa Khuong and Phuoc Thuan. Chaplain NICHOLS held Memorial Services for Sgt Edward A. MCKIN, 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 prisoner 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. Chaplain NICHOLS held services in the Catholic Church in Thach Nham every Sunday.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 1 February 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.
- e. 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 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.
- l. 18 February 1968 Chaplin NICHOLS 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 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 soap was delivered to the hamlets of Thach Nham, Hoa Khuong and Phuoc 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 The MEDCAP Program treated a total of 268 people. Of this number five (5) were hospitalized. Average weekly detainee strength in the III MAF Detention Facility was 219. The prisoner strength in the III MAF Brig was 190, a decrease of 16 from the month of January. Chaplin NICHOLS held services in the Catholic Church in Thach Nham every Sunday.

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