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

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

3d Military Police Battalion

Commander

LtCol J. GAMBARDELLA

## SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company  
Company A  
Company B  
Company D

Capt D.B. PIERCE (1-31Aug)  
1stLt D.P. MULLEN (1-31Aug)  
1stLt L.F. ANDERSON (1-31Aug)  
Capt W.A. HESSER (1-31Aug)

## ATTACHED UNITS

2. 1st Scout and 1st Sentry Dog Platoons, attached from the 1st Military Police Battalion and located in DaNang, RVN 1-31 August. K/3/7 OPCON from 1st Marine Division 5 -31 August 1968.

3.

## STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer  
Personnel Officer  
Adj/S-1  
S-2  
S-3  
S-4  
S-5  
Supply Officer

Maj D.E. MILONE (1-31Aug)  
2ndLt L.P. DALE (1-31Aug)  
1stLt T. A. LUCAS (1-31Aug)  
1stLt J.N. HOLLADAY (1-31Aug)  
Capt H.L. CURRIE (1-31Aug)  
1stLt C.D. MELTON (1-31Aug)  
2ndLt W.T. LEONARD (1-31Aug)  
1stLt J.F. HARTMAN (1-31Aug)

4.

## AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

OFF      ENL  
31      758

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## PART II

COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

During the month of August building materials and supplies were delivered to the hamlets of THACH NHAM, HOA KHUONG and PHUOC THUAN in the following quantities, food 250 lbs, clothing 475 obs, soap, 155 lbs, building materials, 2 tons, school kits, 150 kits. MedCap total attendance for the month was 302. One woman was taken to DaNang Hospital for surgery. Escorts were provided for General TOMPKINS, General CUSHMAN, General CHAPMAN, LtGen MILDREN, General ABRAMS, President THIEU, General OLSON and Major General YOUNG. Two meetings of the Combined Police Coordinating Committee were held during the month of August. The average monthly strength in the III MAF Brig was 275. A disturbance was experienced in the III MAF Brig from 16 to 18 August, order was restored without serious injury to personnel or prisoners. Average weekly strength of the III MAF Detention Facility for August was 127. Visits to the III MAF Detention Facility were made by Major General PEECHER USMC, Brigadier General OLSON USMC, Col POND USMC, Lieutenant Colonel IRWIN USA, Major CHERRY USA, Mr. HAUSER and Doctor HAN M.D. of ICRC. Sgt J. R. CONWAY 2078991, WIA DaNang RVN, Sgt A. T. ANDERSON 2249038, WIA, Con Thien RVN. On August 23, two (2) reaction forces from 3dMPBn were committed into action against NVA Forces at Cam Le Bridge, DaNang RVN, these platoon size reaction forces were combined with a company of ARVN Rangers, one Marine Company (K/3/7), a recon company (Company A 1st Recon Bn), one platoon of ontos and an ARVN company of armored personnel carriers. The entire force was commanded by the Commanding Officer of 3d MPBn, LtCol J. GAMBARDELLA. The allied force engaged an enemy force of estimated Battalion size and killed approximately one hundred (100) of the enemy. The following losses were incurred by this command. Cpl R. D. PURDIE 2239354 KIA, DaNang RVN, LCpl J. A. WEIMER 2287233 KIA DaNang RVN, LCpl H. J. KLUSENDORF 2404277 KIA, DaNang RVN, PFC C. L. CHAMBERS 2274514, KIA DaNang RVN, Sgt L. E. WILSON 2173496, WIA DaNang RVN, Sgt M. G. BRIGSON 2241816 WIA DaNang RVN, LCpl G. A. FISCHER 2295169 WIA DaNang RVN, LCpl E. P. MICHEL Jr. 2316973 WIA DaNang RVN, PFC G. A. HOWE 2404370, WIA DaNang RVN, PFC R. J. HART 2255178, WIA DaNang RVN, H. N. GARRISH R116456 WIA DaNang RVN, PFC R. BURTON 2237019, WIA DaNang RVN, PFC R. T. MENTON 2307315, WIA DaNang RVN, PFC J. F. MUSANTE 2418266, WIA DaNang RVN, LCpl T. R. ROCKHILL 2288648 WIA DaNang, RVN and Sgt H. E. STEINER 2161884 WIA, DaNang RVN.

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## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 1 August 1968 Capt D.D. PIERCE assumed command of H&S Company.
- b. 2 August 1968 An escort was provided for General TOMPKINS.
- c. 8 August 1968 An escort was provided for Generals CUSHMAN and CHAPMAN.
- d. 11 August 1968 An escort was provided for General CUSHMAN.
- e. 12 August 1968 Visit to III MAF DETENTION Facility by Major General PEECHER USMC, Brigadier General OLSON USMC and Colonel POND USMC.

FLC inspection of 3d MPBn commenced.

- f. 13 August 1968 Escort provided for Lieutenant General MILDREN.
  - g. 14 August 1968 FLC concludes inspection of 3d MPBn.
  - h. 15 August 1968 150 school kits delivered to hamlets of THACH NHAM, HOA KHUONG and PHUOC THUAN. Escort was provided for President THIEU of South Vietnam and General ABRAMS.
  - i. 16 August 1968 An escort was provided for General OLSON.
- Disturbance started in the III MAF Brig.
- j. 18 August 1968 Disturbance quelled in the III MAF Brig.
  - k. 19 August 1968 An escort was provided for Major General YOUNG.
  - l. 22 August 1968 250 lbs of food delivered to Hamlets of THACH NHAM, HOA KHUONG and PHUOC THUAN. Sgt J. R. CONWAY 2078991 WIA, DaNang RVN.
  - m. 23 August 1968 Reaction Forces of 3d MPBn engage enemy forces at Cam Le Bridge, DaNang RVN resulting in 12 WIA's and 4 KIA's.

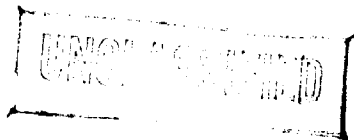
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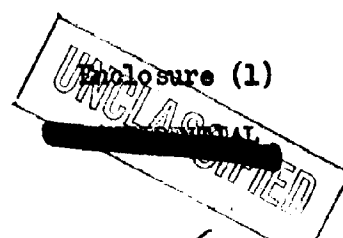
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Pfc R. T. MENTON 2307315 WIA  
Pfc J. F. MUSANTE 2418266 WIA  
LCpl T. R. ROCKHILL 2288648 WIA  
Sgt H. E. STEINER 2161884 WIA

- n. 25 August 1968 475 lbs of clothing and 155 lbs of soap delivered to Hamlets of THACH NHAM, HOA KHUONG and PHUOC THUAN
- o. 26 August 1968 Sgt A. T. ANDERSON 2249038 WIA, CON THIEN, RVN.
- p. 29 August 1968 Two (2) tons of lumber delivered to Hamlets of THACH NHAM, HOA KHUONG and PHUOC THUAN.
- q. 31 August 1968 - VISIT to III MAF Detention Facility by LtCol IRWIN USA, Major CHERFY USA, Mr. HAUSER and Dr. HAAN MD of ICRC.



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