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Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1-31 December 1968

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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) FLCO 5750.1A

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

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 December 1968 - 31 December 1968  
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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>
3d Military Police Battalion	LtCol W. E. CHEATHAM (1-31 Dec)

## SUBORDINATE UNITS

H & S Company	Capt D. D. PIERCE (1-31 Dec)
Company A	Capt H. E. DEATER (1-31 Dec)
Company B	1stLt L. F. ANDERSON (1-31 Dec)
Company D	Capt W. A. HESSER (1-31 Dec)

## ATTACHED UNITS

2. 1st Scout and 1st Sentry Dog Platoons, attached from the 1st Military Police Battalion and located in DaNang RVN 1-31 December.

## 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major D. E. MILONE (1-31 Dec)
Personnel Officer	2ndLt L. P. DALE (1-31 Dec)
Adj/S-1	1stLt T. A. LUCAS (1-31 Dec)
S-2	1stLt A. S. BAUSCH (1-31 Dec)
S-3	Capt T. W. ARNOLD (1-31 Dec)
S-4	1stLt R. H. GRESHAM (1-31 Dec)
S-5	2ndLt W. T. LEONARD (1-31 Dec)
Supply Officer	1stLt J. F. HARTMAN (1-31 Dec)

## AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
32	767	3	30

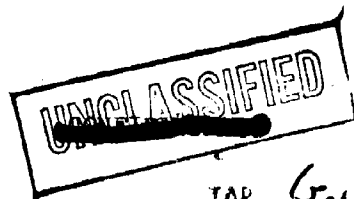
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COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

During the month of December the average monthly strength in the III MAF Brig was 237. The average monthly strength for the III MAF Detention Facility was 105 detainees. Med Caps were held in the hamlets of Thach Nham, Moa Khuong and Phuoc Thuan. The total attendance for the month was 143. Armed Forces Police, in coordination with the Vietnamese Police, conducted traffic control points, installed new traffic signs and assisted in rerouting traffic on new one way streets. These changes were effected through the Combined Police Coordinating Committee with excellent results. Escorts were provided for 4 C-46 helicopters from the Deep Water Pier to MAG 16. Escorts were also provided for Gen. WALT, Adm. OSBORNE and Gen. CUSHMAN. Cpl. Jerry R. WIGG, 1694359, WIA, Quang Nam Province, 16 December 1968. LCpl. Roger D. SUTTON, 1608470, WIA, Quang Nam Province, 27 December 1968. Sgt. MARTIN J. TELENCO, 1982956, WIA, Quang Nam Province, 28 December 1968. All of the above, at their time of injury, were serving in the capacity of either a Scout or Sentry Dog handler attached to Marine Units throughout I Corps.



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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 1 December 1968 - Escort was provided for Gen. WALT.
- b. 9 December 1968 - FSO-3 SHACHLETON from the American Embassy visited the III MAF Detention Facility along with Capt. TILSON and 1stLt. PERRY of MACV Hq.
- c. 15 December 1968 - Capt. AGRO from 1st MAW visited the III MAF Detention Facility.
- d. 16 December 1968 - Cpl. Jerry R. WIGG, 1694359, was wounded in Quang Nam Province, RVN.
- e. 18 December 1968 - A Christmas Party was held for the children of the Sacred Hearts Orphanage in DaNang.
- f. 20 December 1968 - An escort was provided for Adm. OSBORNE.
- g. 21 December 1968 - LCpl. Michael D. FROSTELL, 2355229, attempted suicide, DaNang, RVN.
- h. 22 December 1968 - A Christmas Party was held in the 3d MPBn Mess-hall for all the Vietnamese workers and their children. It was attended by about 300 Vietnamese, most of them children.
- i. 25 December 1968 - An escort was provided for Gen. CUSHMAN.
- j. 27 December 1968 - LCpl. Roger D. SUTTON, 1608470, was wounded in Quang Nam Province, RVN.
- k. 28 December 1968 - Brig. Gen. FEMLEY, Commanding General, FLC visited the III MAF Brig and Sgt. Martin J. TELENICIO, 1982956, was wounded in Quang Nam Province, RVN.

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CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following amplifying information to assist in understanding the events described in this report is as follows:

a. N/A

✓ b. Operation Holly (Bob Hope Show), a fragmentary order was issued by Commanding Officer, 3d MPBn to include our responsibility as security for the Operation.

c. N/A

d. N/A

e. N/A

f. N/A

g. Maps: (1) Vietnam 1:25,000 sheet 6641 III S  
(2) Vietnam 1:50,000 sheet 6641 III

h. N/A

i. N/A

j. N/A

k. N/A

l. N/A

m. N/A

n. N/A

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3d Military Police Battalion

21 December 1968

## FRAGMENTARY ORDER OPERATION HOLLY

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization3d Military Police Battalion

Company D (Armed Forces Police)  
 Company A  
 Company B  
 H&S Company

Military Police Platoon Freedom Hill

1. MISSION. As directed 3d Military Police Battalion provide security and Military Police in support of the Bob Hope Christmas Presentation located at Freedom Hill Amphitheatre on 24 December 1968. See Operation Schematic.

2. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. 3d Military Police Battalion will cordon off the entire theatre complex controlling access to and from the area as well as provide protection for cast and technicians from interference or unwarranted guests and to ensure their safety in the event of enemy activity.

b. Company B

- (1) Security Platoon will on order at 1800 23 December 1968 proceed to the Freedom Hill Amphitheatre for the purpose of ensuring that the theatre is clear of personnel and that no one enters the theatre until 0300. At 0800 24 Dec 1968 assemble at site on overlay to function as a reaction force in case of riot etc.
- (2) Provide 50 men force to be deployed in two platoons with one (1) platoon leader and officer each and assume positions along fence as indicated in overlay. Be in position by 0700 24 Dec 1968.

c. Company A

- (1) Same as paragraph 2b(2).

d. H&S Company

- (1) Provide 80 man force with four (4) officers and four (4) staff NCOs deployed as directed in overlay.

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e. Company D

- (1) Provide guards to act as gate sentrys to check tickets and ensure those personnel entering the theatre have proper authority to be there and that no alcoholic beverages are taken inside.
- (2) Provide four (4) patrolman (experience) to control access to and from the stage area with one (1) sentry posted at Mr. Hope's door to dressing room back stage.
- (3) Provide two (2) patrolmen to control access to and from the back stage door to indoor theatre.
- (4) Provide one patrolman to control access to and to direct visiting personnel within the indoor theatre and buffet area.

f. Military Police Platoon Freedom Hill

- (1) With available Military Policemen control main gate to Freedom Hill complex.
- (2) Allow only VIP vehicles to enter compound and any vehicles connected with the show.
- (3) Insure that weapons are clear and grenades deposited at barrels at entrances prior to entering the compound.

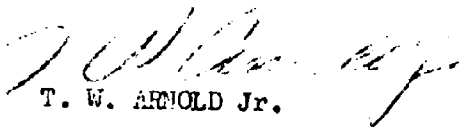
g. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Cordon platoons will ensure that no individual enters the site except through gate.
- (2) Platoons in bleacher areas will ensure that reserved seats are filled only by authorized personnel.
- (3) No alcoholic beverages will be consumed in the theatre area.
- (4) Uniform: Military Policeman
  - (a) White helmet liners
  - (b) Duty belt
  - (c) Night Stick
  - (d) No weapons
  - (e) Reaction Platoons will wear helmets, body armor and normal arms with gas masks.



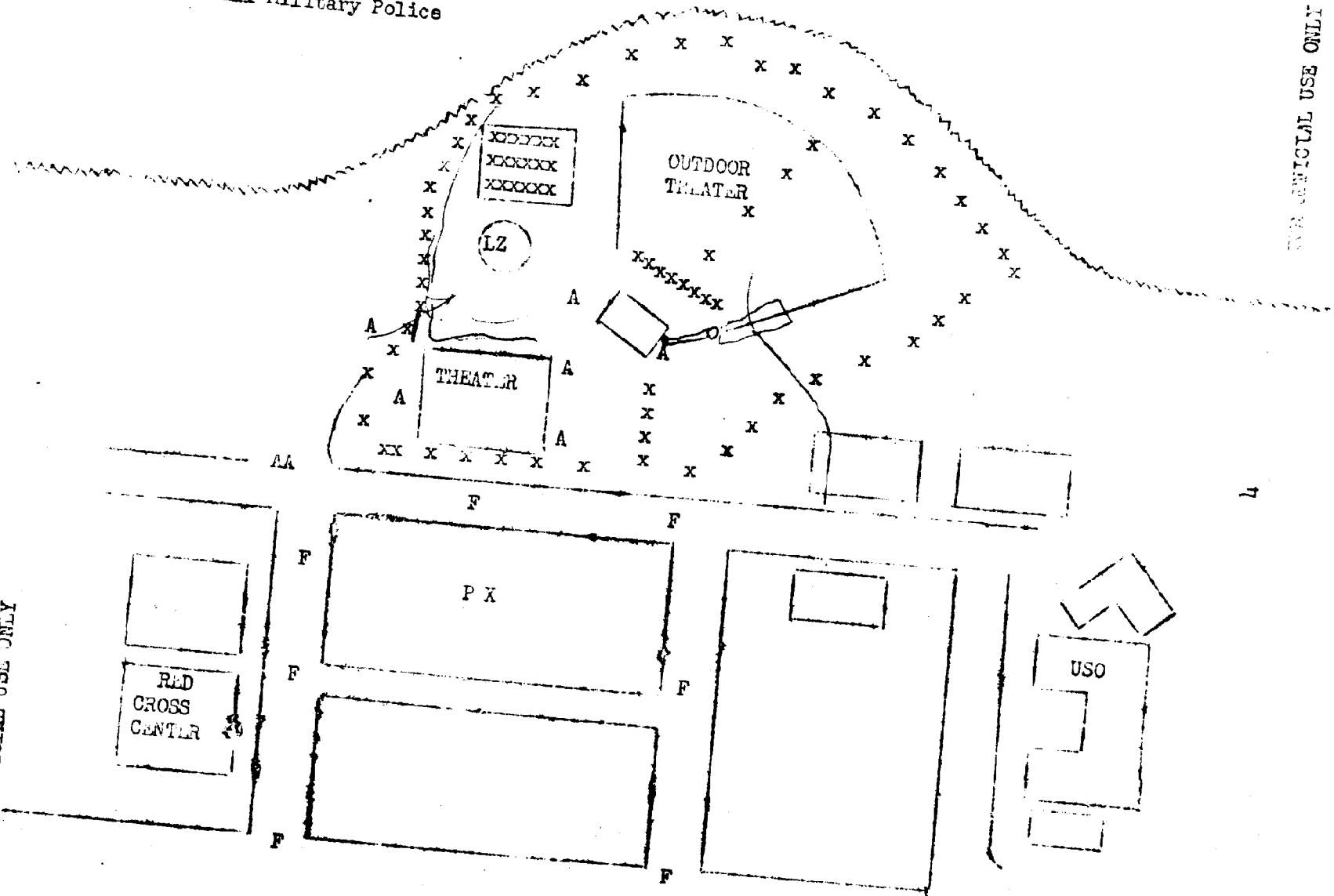
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- (5) Emergency evacuation plan will be announced prior to show time via loudspeaker system.
- (6) Ticket color code will be announced later.
- (7) Seats will be filled from front to back of bleacher area.
- (8) Front section of seating area is reserved for ambulatory patients only.
- (9) Only those indigenous personnel connected with the buffet will be in the vicinity of the show area and then restricted to the indoor theatre. Only authorized VIP FMMF will be allowed in show area.
- (10) Questions or queries will be answered by contacting Captain ARNOLD 3d Military Police Battalion, FLC. A complete brief will be held at the Battalion S-3 Office 23 December 1968 at 1630.

  
T. W. ARNOLD Jr.

By direction

A - Armed Forces Police  
 x - Military Police  
 F - Freedom Hill Military Police



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