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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)

Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), EMF
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1 May to 31 May 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) EMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May 1968

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m. Communications. Continuing improvements are being made in the Quang Tri Vital Area in the implementation of a dial phone system. New heavy-duty cables are being laid to handle the high volume of phone traffic emanating from the Division Command Post.

n. Weather. Nothing Significant

o. Fire Support. Nothing Significant

p. Air Support. Nothing Significant

q. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation.

Communication section assigned to Task Force Robbie returned to OpCon of this Headquarters 29~~0800~~ May 68 in accordance with CG's msg of 290250H May 68.

r. Personnel Service.

(1) Postal. Approximately 9,000 pounds of mail were processed during the period covered by this.

(2) Medical. During May battalion medical personnel handled two separate incidents arising from accidental hand grenade explosions causing three casualties. An unidentified skin rash has affected a number of members of this Battalion for which the cause and cure still remain a problem.

(3) Special Services. In support of Operation SURE, the Battalion Special Services provided stationery and health and comfort items to the transient companies during their stay.

Mementoes were presented to the Vietnamese Cultural-Drama team during their visit to the Battalion.

(4) Chaplain. The Battalion Chaplain provided special Memorial Day services. Memorial services were held for a member of the Headquarters Battalion Security Platoon who was killed during the month of May. One baptism was conducted during the reporting period. One Protestant confirmation also was effected.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE UNITS

AND

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. Chronology of 3d Dental Company *Filed Sep*
- ✓2. Chronology of Military Police Company

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From: Commanding Officer
To: CG, FMF PAC
Via: (1) CG, 3d Marine Division
(2) CG, 3d MAF

Subj: Headquarters Battalion Command Chronology 1-31 May 1968, Serial
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1. There were no entries for the month of May 1968 in Part IV of the
subject document.

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 1 July 1968

STAFF MEMORANDUM 132

From: Provost Marshal
 To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: G-1)
 Subj: Command Chronology; submission of
 Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information is submitted.

(a) Personnel and Administration

(1) Five (5) officers and one hundred and seventy-four enlisted Marines are assigned to the Provost Marshal's Office and Military functions for the Quang Tri Area.

(2) Ten (10) Vietnamese National Policemen are assigned to the Provost Marshal's Office, Quang Tri, for apprehension and processing of Vietnamese Nationals.

(3) During the month a total of twenty-three trained Military Policemen were transferred. A total of sixty-eight (68) Marines joined the Military Police Company from various other units. Programmed losses include thirty-one (31) for the month of August.

(4) During the month an exchange of fifty (50) trained Military Policemen was made for fifty (50) untrained personnel. The input personnel came from Combat Support Units.

(b) Law Enforcement

(1) The usual Military Police functions were performed on a continuing basis throughout the month of June.

(2) Regulatory speed limit and stop signs were erected on ASP road, Highway #1, the Perimeter road, the secondary road that passes by 10th Surgical, and Highway #1.

(3) Quang Tri City, Off Limits signs, were placed at the North end of the Quang Tri Bridge and at the North and South entrances to Quang Tri City.

(b) Law Enforcement (Con'd)

(4) Road block check points in Quang Tri City were established, during the month, at the North and South entrance to the city and for the second half of the month they were jointly operated in conjunction with the 504th Army Military Police Company.

(5) A new Traffic Control Point was established at the junction of Highway #1 and the Perimeter road that passes 15th ITT.

(6) A program was started to standardize Traffic signs. To implement this program a request was made for a sufficient quantity of standard size NATO type Traffic Control Signs. This request now rests with MCB-11.

(7) The six (6) Military Police, for traffic control, assigned at Ca Lai remain in effect.

(8) A total of two hundred and fifty-four (254) traffic citations were issued by this office during June 1968. Two hundred and thirteen (213) were moving traffic violations.

(9) Sixty-one (61) vehicles were impounded for exceeding the posted speed limit by ten (10) miles or more.

(10) Inscope operations during the month resulted in twenty-nine (29) violations being cited.

(11) A total of four hundred and sixteen (416) Military Police Reports were initiated during June 1968.

(12) A total of eight (8) vehicular accidents were investigated by this office, resulting in one (1) death and six (6) injuries. The consolidated property damage was \$8,228.00.

(13) During the month of June 1968, forty-nine (49) persons were detained and finally processed as follows:

Prisoners of War	-	18
Civil Defendants	-	0
Innocent Civilians	-	30
Returns	-	0
Unclassified	-	1
TOTAL		49

(14) Two (2) U.S. personnel were detained pending legal processing during June 1968. Both prisoners were U.S. Marines.

c. Security Conditions

(1) Alerted Patrols to be on the lookout for any suspicious acting indigenous personnel either on foot or in a vehicle moving or apparently disable.

c. Security Conditions (Cont'd)

(2) The listening posts, at the Southeast portion of the Quang Tri Combat Base perimeter, manned by Military Police Company are still in effect.

(3) The Military Police Company is manning the Southeast portion of the Quang Tri Combat Base perimeter, in addition to conducting Military Police operations.

(4) A joint cordon and search operation was conducted on 10 June 1968, in the village of Ta Kien (located adjacent to the wire on the North boundary of Quang Tri Combat Base). Forty-five (45) Military Police, twenty (20) infantry from Security Platoon, Headquarters Battalion and thirteen (13) National Police were involved. The results of the operation were negative.

(5) This office provided eight (8) Prisoner Chasers to various units and locations during the month of June 1968.

(6) This office provided escort details on two occasions during the month of June 1968. They were: two (2) escorts details, one at Quang Tri Combat Base and one at Dong Ha Combat Base; for the visit of Lt. General, BUSE, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, on 14 June 1968, to the 3d Marine Division; and on 21 June 1968, an escort for the visit of Major General, THARIU, to the 3d Marine Division C.P. area Quang Tri Combat Base.

(7) On 10 June 1968, a security detail was provided for eighty-four (84) Prisoners of War, moving from Quang Tri Prison to the Quang Tri Combat Base Air Terminal for further processing southward.

d. Miscellaneous

(1) Made liason with MCB-11 about surfacing ASP road down to the dump. MCB-11 said first priority was Highway #1 and everything else would have to wait.

(2) The Provost Marshal met with Lt. Col., R. BERRY, Provost Marshal, Corps of Vietnam and Lt. Col., HARGONES, Provost Marshal, 1st Cav. Div., at Phu Bai, on 16 June 1968, to discuss jurisdiction in Provisional Corps Vietnam area.

(3) The Provost Marshal met with Lt. THOUNG, Officer in charge of the Quan Canh on 17 June 1968 and established a joint patrol consisting of U.S. Military Police and Quan Canh for the Cam Lo area.

(4) A meeting with Lt. Col., GANDERDELLA, III Marine Amphibious Force Provost Marshal's Office, Lt. Col., KOSSON, of the 504th Military Police Company, was conducted on 1 June 1968 in Quang Tri City. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss jurisdiction and combined police patrols.

(5) During the month, three (3) inspections visits were made, to the

d. ~~MISCELLANEOUS~~ (Cont'd)


Military Police detachment at Cu Lu, by officers of Military Police Company.

(6) A search was conducted in the Vietnamese Shopping Center for MPC in the possession of Vietnamese. MPC recovered amount to \$2.85. A report was submitted to 1st Lt. BRUCKNEW, IRO, who issued a warning letter to the establishment.

(7) A training program was instituted and implemented for newly arriving personnel to Military Police Company.

(8) Civil Affairs continued to be a major activity of the Provost Marshal's Office with over sixteen (16) hours work being devoted to it.

(9) During the month movement of the perimeter wire, in the Military Police Company area of responsibility, was completed.


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