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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 Nov To 30 Nov 1968

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Headquarters Battalion  
3d Mar Div (Rein), FMP

COMMANDER

Col M. A. WEBB Jr.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company

Capt D. L. CELLOOTE

Communications Company

Maj F. C. MULLEN

Service Company

Capt R. G. SNYDER  
(1-9 Nov 1968)  
Capt D. C. RYDSTRUM  
(10-30 Nov 1968)

Military Police Company

Maj K. J. SKLPPER

2. LOCATION

1-30 Nov 1968 Quang Tri, Republic of Viet Nam, (less Communications Company, Dong Ha, RVN)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj R. D. WALTERS

S-1/Adjutant

Capt E. J. BRENNAN

Assistant Adjutant

CWO R. T. POWELL Jr.

Operations/Logistics Officer

Maj R. H. FRAGLER  
(1-25 Nov 1968)  
Capt R. R. CRONK  
(26-30 Nov 1968)

Motor Transport Officer

1st Lt M. P. McBRIDE

Supply Officer

Capt W. W. HOBBS Jr.

Surgeon

Lt D. A. DYKEMA (USN)

Chaplain

LtCmdr J. E. BELL

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
271		1686	8		27

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Headquarters Battalion continued to have elements positioned throughout the 3d Marine Division area of operation during this period. The locations of major elements are as follows:

Quang Tri	Headquarters Company (-)
	Service Company (-)
	Military Police Company(-)
Dong Ha	Communications Company (-)

2. Unit Activities/Events

On 1 Nov 14 men from various sections of Headquarters Battalion attended an awards ceremony at Hue where they each received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

During November Battalion personnel participated in three patrol operations. The operations were conducted on 2, 12 and 19 Nov by the Headquarters Company's Security Platoon and Service Company's Reaction Force, with one operation conducted jointly with a U.S. Army unit. Traces of enemy activity were found but in general results of the operations were negative.

An assistant supply officer was sent from Headquarters Battalion to Task Force Hotel to be the Liaison Officer for the Motor Pool and Supply Account there.

A six truck convoy returned from Danang on 5 Nov with assorted supplies and equipment. Most of the cargo consisted of office supplies.

On 6 Nov a 5 man working party reported to 3rd Engineer Battalion to assist in construction of a protective bunker at the Division Command Post at Dong Ha Combat Base.

The new Officers Mess and Club building was opened on 9 November and the Marine Corps Birthday was Celebrated. The new SNCO Club also celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday with a cake-cutting ceremony by the ADC, Brigadier General CARNEY. At the Enlisted Club the birthday cake was cut by the Battalion Commander.

The SNCO Club was host to four entertaining groups during the month. On 10, 11 and 16 November entertainment was provided by the "EXCITERS," the "RAINBOWS," and the "7-UP'S" respectively, and on 28 November by the "SURPRISEERS".

On 12 and 13 November the Division Embarkation Contact Team was at Quang Tri to discuss Headquarters Battalion embarkation problems, several recommendations were made to improve the battalion embarkation status.

The COATIP Program for the month of November totaled 87 personnel, including 4 men from 3d Dental Company and 17 men from 3d Medical Battalion. The COATIP class on 8 and 9 November was cancelled due to lack of troops available for the class.

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A USO Show performance at the Quang Tri Area Amphitheater on 17 November was attended by many personnel in the Quang Tri vicinity. The entertaining group was the "CASCALES."

An Awards and Promotion ceremony was held at the Military Police Company Compound on 24 November at 1300, with the Battalion Commander presenting the awards and certificates (Warrants). The Battalion SgtMajor accompanied the Battalion Commander. Following the ceremony at about 1430 an outdoor performance was provided by the "7-Up's" with the Battalion Commander and a few Vietnamese Officials from Quang Tri City as guests.

From 2100 24 November to 0600 25 November Headquarters Battalion area was in Alert Condition #1. A stage show at the Battalion Enlisted Club was secured due to the alert.

On 26 November Brigadier General CARNEY, Assistant Division Commander, toured the Headquarters Battalion area at Quang Tri Combat Base. At 1300 Headquarters Battalion's Texans visited with Senator YARBOROUGH who was at Dong Ha Combat Base visiting servicemen from Texas.

Six vietnamese National Police and two Quan Canh have been assigned to the Provost Marshal's Office for apprehension and processing of Vietnamese Nationals.

On 7 November ASP Road aboard Quang Tri Combat Base was closed due to heavy rains. Highway #1 between Quang Tri and Dong Ha Combat Bases were closed from 10 November to 23 November for repairs by the Seabees.

A total of 135 traffic citations were issued by the P.M.O., 75 being moving violations. A total of 94 vehicles were impounded for exceeding posted speed limits and 65 Military Police reports were initiated during November.

Fifteen vehicular accidents were investigated by the P.M.O. Consolidated property damage was \$17,575.00 with 3 deaths and 12 injuries.

Eighty-five persons were detained during November by the P.M.O. and processed as follows:

Prisoner of War	7
Civilian Defendants	3
Innocent Civilians	74
UA Classified	1

Five arrests were made by the National Police of an organized group of children stoning nurses, the Interpreter and patients at the Company "D" 3d Medical Battalion Hospital at Dong Ha. Subsequently the Dong Ha Military Police Platoon Commander, the District Chief, and Captain Thom, a National Policeman, agreed to close two shops across from the entrance of the hospital. Both shops were located on Highway #1.

A total of 6070\$VN were paid to Vietnamese Nationals as rewards for information of enemy activity and/or enemy equipment during the month of November 1968.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Combat Missions Assigned

- (1) Maintain two vital area reaction companies for employment as required.
- (2) Perform Military Police functions as required throughout the 3d Marine Division area of operation.
- (3) Maintain Sector "H" of the perimeter defense of Quang Tri Combat Base.
- (4) Provide personnel for convoy security as required.

b. Significant Operations Conducted

- (1) Continued Operation Small Unit Rehabilitation Exercise in accordance with Division Order 10120.2.
- (2) On 2 Nov Headquarters Company's Security Platoon made a patrol with 37 men and returned on 3 Nov about 1220 in the afternoon. The patrol was conducted as a result of intelligence report of suspected enemy tunnels and activity in the Quang Tri Combat Base area. Results of the patrol's operation was negative.
- (3) On 12 Nov 1968 about 1450 Headquarters Company's Security Platoon and the Reactionary Force of Service Company was called upon to check intelligence report of suspected enemy unit of unknown size within the perimeter of Quang Tri Combat Base. Results of the operation were negative.
- (4) Headquarters Company's Security Platoon with Service Company's Reactionary Force were called upon to supplement in making a combined USMC and USA Reinforced Company. Their purpose to patrol the river west of Quang Tri Combat Base. The results of the patrol showed nothing significant.

c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. None

d. Casualties Sustained

KIA			WIA		Injury, Non-battle		Death, Non-battle		MIA	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl	
0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	

e. New Techniques Employed. None

f. Command Relations. Satisfactory

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g. Equipment. Due to the high rate of deadline on combat equipment and shortage of spare parts to repair defective equipment this Command's equipment readiness is at a C-3 rating. Headquarters Battalion's equipment readiness has been critical during the entire period of this report.

h. Logistics. This Command continues to support Task Force Hotel with officers and men and logistics materials such as garrison property and office supplies. Clothing shortage and article of 782 gear issue has been a problem periodically during the month of November. Steps are being taken to rectify.

i. Civic Action. Local National Civilians continue to be employed by Headquarters Battalion. They are utilized for various jobs under the supervision of Battalion personnel. Some of the jobs are carpentry work, cashier at the Exchange, policing of the Battalion area, and helping in constructing protective bunkers within the Battalion area.

j. Administration. No significant occurrences.

k. Personnel

1. No significant occurrences.

2. Casualties

(a) Injury non-battle - L/Cpl Sheldon C. MOODY 2365882/1371 USMC, Military Police Company, 18 Nov 1968 1530, vicinity of Dong Ha Combat Base, received a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Projectile entered palm of right hand caused by accidental discharge of caliber .45 Pistol. Condition listed as good and prognosis good also. Treated at "D" Company, 3d Medical Battalion.

(b) Injury non-battle - Pvt George C. CHAMITAL 2282368/2542 USMC, Communications Company, 25 Nov 1968 1730, vicinity of the Mess Hall at Dong Ha Combat Base, received a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Projectile entered palm of right hand in between forefinger and index finger caused by accidental discharge of M-16 Rifle. Condition and prognosis listed as good. Treated at "D" Company, 3d Medical Battalion.

1. Intelligence. On 2, 12 and 19 November, intelligence reports of enemy activity near the Quang Tri Combat Base area resulted in patrol operations. The Headquarters Battalion Security Platoon of Headquarters Company and Service Company's Reactionary Force.

m. Communications

1. The Dial Telephone Exchange (DTE) AN/TTC-28 service was extended to the MCB-7 and CBMU-301 area of Dong Ha Combat Base. In addition, preparations were made to institute a four digit dial system to make the system compatible with the South East Asia tandem switch. The tactical generator situation remains critical. To alleviate this the DTD was placed on base power and a non-tactical generator was installed as a standby power source.

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2. The Division Communications Center was also placed on base power with standby power being provided by tactical generators.

3. The following radio Relay shots were activated:

- (a) AN/TRC-97E                      Dong Ha to DaNang
- (b) AN/MRC-62                      Vandegrift to LZ Dick
- (c) AN/PCC-1                      Calu to FSB Cates

4. The following Radio Relay shots were de-activated:

- (a) AN/MRC-62                      Dong Ha to Con Thien
- (b) AN/MRC-62                      Camp Carroll to Vandegrift
- (c) AN/PCC-1                      FSB Sheppard to FSB Cates

n. Weather. No significant weather changes occurred during November to disrupt Headquarters Battalion functions.

o. Fire Support. Nothing significant.

p. Air Support. Nothing significant.

q. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation. None.

r. Personnel Service

1. Postal. During the period of this report approximately 18,900 pounds of mail were processed.

2. Medical. Nothing significant occurred during the period of this report. Written reports are now required from all sections confirming the ingestion of Malaria Prophylactics. Recent medical checks have indicated that many personnel with Malaria had neglected to take the Malaria prevention pill.

3. Special Services. The Battalion Special Services continues to distribute athletic equipment on hand, provides writing stationary and other Special Service items such as soft drinks and beer for section parties, make pre-recorded tapes available on order, and various indoor games such as cards, darts and cribbage sets.

4. Chaplain. During November, the Headquarters Battalion's Chaplain was transferred to 3/3. His duties were assumed by the Division Chaplain until such time as a new Chaplain is assigned to the Battalion.

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PART IV  
CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE UNITS  
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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