

HEADQUARTERS
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To: Commanding General, Force Logistic Command
(Attn: Staff Secretary)

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Encl: (1) 1st Military Police Battalion Command Chronology

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Part 1Organizational Data

1. DESIGNATION Commander
 1st Military Police Battalion LtCol B. G. BROWN
 1-30Apr68

Subordinate Units

H&S Co	1-16Apr68	Capt B. M. HUEY II
	17-30Apr68	1stLt L. B. BENZ
Co "A"	1-30Apr68	Capt D. W. JUDD
Co "B"	1-30Apr68	Capt B. J. MURPHY
Co "C"	1-30Apr68	Capt R. M. SHEA
Co "D"	1-30Apr68	1stLt D. M. TENNANT

Attached Units

Co "C", 3rd MPBn	1-30Apr68	Capt J. B. MORTIARTY
Detachment, 7th CommBn	1-30Apr68	

2. LOCATION
 1-30Apr68, DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Exec Off	1-8Apr68	Major J. F. BUGRE
	9-30Apr68	Major W. M. FITTS
S-1/ADJ	1-30Apr68	1stLt O. L. BUMGARDNER
S-2	1-30Apr68	1stLt R. GASKILL
S-3	1-8Apr68	Major W. M. FITTS
	9-30Apr68	Capt J. SABATER JR.
S-4	1-30Apr68	Capt B. M. HUEY II
S-5	1-30Apr68	1stLt T. W. JOHNSON

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
35		647	0		8

S-1 PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION1. Losses:

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3		40	0		1

2. Replacements:

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4		54	0		1

ENCLOSURE (1)

3. Discipline. One General Court-Martial was convened at FLC, two Special Courts-Martial and six Summary Courts-Martial were convened within the Command during the reporting period. Two Battalion Commander NJP's and two Company Commander NJP's were imposed during the month.

4. Strength.

	<u>Effective</u>				<u>Non-effective</u>			
	<u>USMC</u>		<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>			<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&S Co	13	89	0	8	0	5	0	0
Co "A"	3	89	0	0	1	7	0	0
Co "B"	4	102	0	0	1	5	0	0
Co "C"	5	138	0	0	0	9	0	0
Co "D"	5	107	0	0	0	5	0	0
Co "C", 3dMPEB	4	98	0	0	0	5	0	0

Part II

Narrative Summary

S-2 INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of April, four Vietnamese personnel were apprehended and turned over to the National Police. All were found to be civil defendants falling into one of the two categories listed below.

- a. Illegal resident
- b. "Draft dodger"

2. Intelligence reports during this period centered around the VC/NVA plans to conduct coordinated attacks against vital U.S. and ARVN installations. Reports and incidents indicated the enemy's intentions remain that of infiltrating into Hoa Vang District and DaNang City. There were no indications of an increase in propaganda activities in and around DaNang City. An increase in terrorist activities, enemy infiltration and reconnaissance teams was noted. Reports still indicate the VC/NVA plan to conduct coordinated, limited ground and rocket attacks against installations in the DaNang Vital area.

3. The following sites were reported as likely targets during the reporting period.

- a. DaNang Air Base. This remains the number one target.
- b. DaNang City. This is to be the focal point of terrorist activity.
- c. I Corps Bridges and Cam Le Bridge. These bridges maintain a high priority on the enemy's target list due to their importance in logistical support of the ICTZ.

d. I Corps POW Compound. Reports have placed this compound on a high priority as a psychological and morale victory.

e. Other targets mentioned are Marble Mountain Air Facility, Naval Docking Facilities, NSA, U.S. and ARVN installations in Hoa Vang District.

S-3 OPERATIONS/TRAINING

1. During the reporting period, this Command participated in numerous small unit operations but sustained no major contact. Throughout the month, there were reports of sniper/harrassment fire in all portions of the TAOR.
2. The Battalion conducted 359 day and night fire team size patrols, 159 fire team size listening posts, and 33 fire team size night ambushes for a total of 551 small unit actions during the reporting period.
3. A Base Defense Conference for DaNang West Tennant Units was held on 24 April 1968 and for DaNang East units on 29 April 1968.
4. Officers and SNCO's attended classes on the following subjects: Command Information/Leadership Refresher, Duties of the Defense Counsel (officers) and Career Advisory Program (SNCO's), 60mm Mortar, Embarkation Principles, Battalion Communication Principles, and RPG-2 and RPG-7 Rocket capabilities.
5. Battalion GMS training was conducted in accordance with current directives to include technical training by MOS and NCO training. Some training was cancelled due to operational commitments.
6. A troop orientation class for newly arrived personnel, was conducted on 8 April 1968.

S-4 LOGISTICS

1. Significant Events.

a. Secondary blocking positions are presently under construction throughout the DaNang Air Base Complex.

b. A new patio addition to the Enlisted Men's Club was completed and a "grand opening" was held on 14 April 1968.

2. Supply.

a. A customer Assistance Supply Team was aboard on 15 April 1968.

b. Ordnance equipment is 97% combat ready at the present time.

3. Communications.

- a. Two (2) radio sets AN/MRC-109 were received on 25 April 1968. The command now has a T/E shortage of six (6) radio sets AN/MRC-109.
- b. The condition of comm-~~elect~~ equipment is considered excellent.
- c. The percent of combat essential equipment available is 96%.

4. Motor Transport.

- a. An FMFPAC assistance team was aboard on 15-16 April 1968.
- b. A 55G.P.M. pump and a new M-12 type II decontamination unit have been added to the Motor Transport Maintenance Facility.
- 3. Combat essential equipment is rated at 90% effective.

S-5 CIVIL AFFAIRS1. General

- a. In order to increase the Civil Affairs activities within this Command, the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer and Company Civil Affairs Officer met with local GVN officials within the Company TAORs at the beginning of this month.
- b. To familiarize himself with the political structure and procedure of East DaNang, the Civil Affairs Officer of Company C, 3rd Military Police Battalion, attended, upon request of the Mayor of East DaNang, a town meeting.
- c. The Civil Affairs Officer of Company B has had great success with the Youth for Freedom Group of Hoa Vang Village. They are a very able work force and are eager to assist in civic action projects. Their primary mission is as an armed defense force for hamlet security and as such they have been receiving instruction in military subjects and integrated on a limited basis into Company B patrols.
- d. A Vietnamese flag was presented to the PF platoon leader stationed at the Cam Le Bridge to aid relations between the Vietnamese and Americans defending the bridge.

2. Education

- a. Fourteen hours of instruction in English were given to the students of the Hoa Vang High School (BT 013728). Also fourteen hours of English were given to the students of Bo Do High School (BT 016726).
- b. Visual aid charts were given to Hoa Vang and Bo Do High Schools.

c. Two Hundred school kits were distributed to the students and an organized athletic program has been instituted at the Binh Khue Cam Primary School (BT 014725).

d. Two blackboards were given to the Xuan Hoa Primary School (BT 002779).

e. Twenty-five bags of cement were delivered to the Xuan Hoa Primary School for construction of a classroom. This project is approximately 50% completed.

3. Public Health

a. A total of three hundred and fifteen individuals were treated during MEDCAPs this month. Soap was also distributed during the MEDCAPs.

b. Seven children from Khue Trung I Hamlet were admitted to the Force Logistic Command Children's Hospital this month. As their homes are distant from the hospital, this office is providing transportation for visiting parents.

c. One hundred toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste were distributed to the children of Xuan Hoa Primary School (BT 002779) and a brief class was given on proper dental habits.

4. Public Works

a. With assistance from 1st Marine Air Wing Civil Affairs Office, construction of a road and assembly yard in front of the Hoa Tho Village Headquarters has begun. The project is about 5% complete at this time.

5. Welfare

a. Three hundred bars of soap were distributed to the inhabitants of Xuan Hoa.

b. Two loads of scrap lumber were given to Binh Khue Cam Primary School for use in their kitchen.

c. One box of assorted toys was distributed to the children of the Sacred Heart Orphanage.

d. A load of lumber, in the form of discarded rocket crates, was given to an underprivileged widow in Khue Trung I Hamlet (BT 016729).

6. Civil Affairs Training

a. The Civil Affairs Officer gave Personal Response Orientation Classes to all newly arrived personnel.

b. A total of seven hours of Personal Response instruction was given to four hundred and twenty-five members of this Battalion.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

1. Thirty one thousand Free South newspapers were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.
2. Forty four thousand propaganda leaflets were distributed throughout the TAOR this month.

MEDICAL/DENTAL

1. Battalion Aid Station Chronological Data

a. Significant Events:

1. BAS personnel assisted in three MEDCAPs conducted in Khue Trung I Hamlet this month.

b. New Developments: None

c. Problems Encountered: None

2. Military Patient Statistical Data:

a. Average daily number of patients seen: 13

b. Average daily number of patients referred to other treating facilities for consultations, dental, x-rays and laboratory work: 4

c. Routine medical complaints: Sore throat, cough and headaches.

d. Significant diseases peculiar to the area: None observed.

e. Number of emergency treatments: Combat injury: 0; Lacerations: 5; Burns: 2; Trauma: 2

f. Innoculations and prophylactic medications: Innoculations: 457
Malaria Prophylaxis: 1,000 tabs.

g. Patients admitted to BAS ward: 0

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 Apr 1968

a. "B" Company, 1st Military Police Battalion participated in a sweep with 3rd AmTrac Battalion in the area just south of Marble Mountain which resulted in the apprehension of six (6) VCS.

4 Apr 1968

a. Company "I", 3rd Battalion, 27th Marines (OpCon to 1st Military Police Battalion) assisted National Police and Popular Forces in conducting a search and census of the peninsula area and vicinity of Khue Trung IV Hamlet (Coordinate BT 038745).

20 Apr 1968

a. At 2250, "B" Company, 1st MP Battalion, reported there had been an explosion on the old China Beach Road, two hundred meters from the General's Beach House. Casualties were eight (8) Vietnamese KIA and thirteen (13) Vietnamese WIA. Armed Forces Police and RVN officials conducted the subsequent search and investigation.

21 Apr 1968

a. At 2115, "C" Company, 3rd MP Battalion attached, reported that approximately twenty-five rounds were fired north of the I Corps Bridge. A "B" Company, 1st MP Battalion patrol swept the area with negative results.

b. At 0245, a reaction force from "B" Company, 1st MP Battalion swept the area at the Camp Tien Sha ramp in response to reported sniper fire. Results were negative.

22 Apr 1968

a. Company "K", 3rd Battalion, 27th Marines replaced Company I, 3rd Battalion, 27th Marines, as company under operational control of the 1st MP Battalion.

29 Apr 1968

a. At 2235, Company "B", 1st MP Battalion reported that "C" Company, 5th Special Forces captured two (2) armed VC near their compound (Coordinate BT 075725).