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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (U) DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st Military Police Battalion

LtCol N. T. DONAHOO
1-31 August 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

IA&E Company
Company A

1-31 August 1970
1-9 August 1970
10-31 August 1970

1stLt W. J. CLINE
1stLt T. P. RYAN
1stLt W. H. TOPPING

Company B

1-9 August 1970
10-31 August 1970

Capt G. C. CASEN
1stLt B. W. GOODRICH

Company C

1-31 August 1970

1stLt R. A. FRAZER

Company D

1-31 August 1970

1stLt P. N. ELLIS

ATTACHED UNITS

Detachment 5th/7th Comm Bn, "B"/1/5/1st MarDiv 1-31 August 1970

2. (U) Location. 1-31 August 1970, Danang, RVN

3. (U) Staff Officers

Exec Off
Adj
S-2
S-3
S-4
S-5

1-31 August 1970
1-18 August 1970
19-31 August 1970

Major J. J. COLLINS
1stLt T. M. SAMPSON
1stLt K. J. WADAS
Capt J. H. EAGER
1stLt P. E. CONOVER
1stLt J. F. JOHNSON
1stLt R. G. COOPER

4. (C) Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
30	583	0	8

5. On 10 August 1970, 1st Military Police Battalion assumed the responsibilities of the 3rd Military Police Battalion, which included the III MAF Correctional Custody Center, providing personnel and vehicles for Armed Forces Police in Danang City and War Dog support for the 1st Marine Division. 7 Officers and 228 enlisted personnel were joined from the 3rd Military Police Battalion.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) S-1 Personnel and Administration

a. Awards. During the reporting period the command issued 4 Purple Hearts and 1 Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

b. Losses

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	108	0	1

c. Replacements

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
4	38	0	0

d. Discipline. Two Special Courts-Martial, seven Summary Courts-Martial, five Battalion Commander's and twelve Company Commander's Non-Judicial Punishments were imposed during the reporting period.

e. Strength

(1) Effectives

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
EMS Co.	13	96	0	8
Co A	6	150	0	0
Co B	4	105	0	0
Co C	4	95	0	0
Co D	4	89	0	0

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(2) Non-effectives

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&S Co.	0	1	0	0
Co A	1	67	0	0
Co B	0	9	0	0
Co C	0	6	0	0
Co D	0	8	0	0

2. (C) S-2 Intelligence

a. During the month of August, operations throughout the 1st Military Police Battalion TAOR included extensive patrolling and ambushes. These resulted in no significant, enemy contact. In addition, ten operations were conducted with our Vietnamese allies, which resulted in the detention of 119 Vietnamese Nationals and 4 US personnel. Among those being detained were 16 VCI, 48 Illegal Residents, 35 ARVN Deserters, 17 Illegal Papers, 3 VN curfew violators, 2 Army and 1 USMC UA and 1 US Naval personnel in off limits area carrying a private weapon.

b. Intelligence reports indicated two "high threat" periods which did materialize to some extent in the form of terrorist activities resulting in killing of 2 VN civilians, the wounding of 3 VN civilians and the wounding of 4 US Army personnel. There were no attacks by fire during the reporting period.

c. Current Intelligence Summaries indicate that the enemy will continue with terrorist activities, attacks against surrounding GVN units and concentrate on attacks by fire in the 1st M.P. Bn. TAOR, especially during the early part of September, when the lunar illumination is lowest and 2 North Vietnamese Holidays occur on the 2nd and 4th.

3. (C) S-3 Operations and Training

a. (U) The 1st Military Police Battalion participated in numerous company, platoon and smaller unit size operations during the month of August with no significant contact made.

b. (C) During the reporting period, 133 fireteam size day patrols, 178 fireteam size ambushes, 74 squad-size day patrols, 85 squad-size ambushes, 31 river patrols and 31 squad-size combat outposts for a total of 532 small unit operations were conducted. In addition, 4 battalion size and 6 company size operations were conducted.

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c. (C) Joint Marine and Vietnamese Military Forces conducted 409 small unit operations within our area of operation.

d. (U) Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers of the Battalion attended classes on the following subjects.

- (1) Opportunities through Education
- (2) Command Information/S-2 Brief
- (3) The Economy and You
- (4) Religious Based Customs in Vietnam

e. (U) The Battalion Initial Indoctrination was cancelled for August due to the low amount of incoming personnel. This will be rescheduled for September.

f. (U) GMS training was conducted in accordance with current directives to include training by MOS and NCO Leadership training. In addition, special Familiarization Firing and Gas Chamber Exercises were conducted for all Officers and SNCO's of the Battalion. Some training was cancelled due to operational commitments and preparation for the CG's inspection on the 1st of September.

4. (C) S-4 Logistics

a. Significant Events

- (1) Extensive preparation was conducted for the Commanding General's Inspection and for the upcoming monsoon. This includes area road fill and grading, painting buildings and barrels, etc...
- (2) Completed; passageway between S-1 and Bn. Legal.
- (3) Ceilings installed in nearly all huts.

b. Percentage of Combat Essential Equipment on Hand.

(1) Supply	100%
(2) Motor Transport	100%
(3) Communications	100%

5. (U) S-5 Civil Affairs

a. General

(1) S-5 presented two-five gallon cans of disinfectant, ten saws and one CARE package containing volleyball gear to Hoa Vang High School.

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b. Education

(1) S-5 personnel teach English to the police at the National Police Headquarters.

(2) Sgt. WALKER of "C" Company teaches English weekly at the Bode Buddhist Elementary School.

c. Public Health

(1) 844 people were treated during MEDCAPS in the month of August.

(2) There were no DENTCAPS held during the month of August.

(3) S-5 presented two five gallon cans of disinfectant to Hoa Vang High School in the hamlet of Khue Trung I.

d. Welfare - None

e. Civic Action Training

(1) The S-5 Officer gave all newly arrived personnel in the Battalion a Vietnamese Orientation Lecture.

(2) A total of three hours of Personal Response classes were given to the members of this battalion during the month of August.

f. Psychological Operations

(1) The following leaflets, passes and posters were handed out within the Battalion TAOR.

<u>THEME</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Chieu Hoi	1850
Sanitation	700
Weapons Reward	250
Mine Detection	100

(2) Total leaflets handed out: 2900

6. (U) Battalion Aid Station

a. Significant Events

(1) The Preventive Medicine Section from FLC conducted their monthly inspection of this battalion and found only minor discrepancies.

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(2) A total of 844 people were treated by the Battalion MEDCAP program.

(3) One Marine died as a result of suffocation due to drowning in a tributary of the Song Han River.

(4) As a result of hostile action, 1st Military Police Battalion sustained the following casualties during August: 1 USMC KIA and 7 USMC WIA.

(5) The Medical Officer of the Battalion, D. J. HANSSMANN, LT/MC/USNR, completed his tour and returned to CONUS.

b. New Developments

(1) Since the last reporting period H&S Company has built a new shower/shaving complex.

(2) With the help of Korean workers "B" Company built a new shower.

c. Problems Encountered: None.

2. Military Patient Statistical Data

(1) Average number of patients seen: 07

(2) Average number of patients referred to other treating facilities for consultation, dental, x-ray, and laboratory work daily: 01

(3) Routine medical complaints: Rashes and sprained joints.

(4) Significant disease peculiar to area: None.

(5) Number of emergencies:

Combat: 02

Lacerations: 06

Burns: 00

Trauma: 00

(6) Innoculations and prophylactic medications:

(a) Innoculations: 272

(b) Prophylactic Medications: 2816

(7) Patients admitted to BAS ward: 00

(8) Patients admitted to other facilities:

a. 1st Med. Bn. 07

b. 95th Evac: 00

c. USS Sanctuary: 00

(9) Patients Medevaced: 08

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. At 010845H Aug 70, III MAF CID/Quang Da reported that a pack of explosives had exploded at #4 Dong Kinh Nghia Thuo Street (BT 030790) killing 2 VN civilians and wounding 2 VN civilians.
2. At 012015H Aug 70, "C" Co. reported that bunker 19 (BT 004776) received one round SAF from an Army 6x6 traveling along QL-1. Round impacted east of bunker 17 with negative damage or casualties.
3. At 042030H Aug 70, "D" Co. reported that SAF was seen fired at aircraft while taking off from DAB, (BT 013725). Hoa Vang notified of incident and asked to investigate.
4. At 082015H Aug 70, 366th Security reported that a jeep from 37th Signal Company, at BT 032760, had an explosive device thrown at it but missed. As vehicle speeded up to get away it took 11 incoming rds. of M-16 fire. One man seriously injured and one man slightly injured, the third man received no injuries.
5. At 082155H Aug 70, Armed Forces Police reported that a unit responding to a call by C.C.'s at 28 Hung Vuong St. received small arms fire. One AFP wounded and one Army serviceman driving an Army 6x6 was also wounded when an explosive device was thrown at his vehicle.
6. At 082330H Aug 70, "C" Company reported Bunkers 24 & 25 (BT 013773) took 3 rds. incoming SAF from BT 017774. No one was injured.
7. At 091801H Aug 70, "C" Co. reported bunkers 3 and 4 AT 993765 received SAF from tree line. "C" Co. swept area with a platoon with negative results.
8. "B" Co. 1st M.P. Bn. held a joint cordon and sweep of My Thi Hamlet (BT 055746) with 1 platoon and 10 National Police from Hoa Vang District Headquarters. "B" Co. was reinforced by a 20 man platoon from Army Support Command Denang. Results: 11 VN Civilians apprehended as illegal residents and 3 military personnel (1 USMC & 2 Army) turned over to AFP's as being UA.
9. At 101630H Aug 70, "B" Co. reported that patrol BP 1-1 had one Marine missing and presumed drowned in the Song Han River (BT 061723) at approximately 1405. Immediate steps were taken by 1st Eng. Bn. to try and recover missing Marine with negative results. Helicopters and diving teams utilized, and a skimmer boat operating in area during the hours of darkness to try and recover Marine. Search will be resumed at first light with boats dredging and units searching river banks.

10. At 102350H Aug 70, "C" Co. reported bunkers 24, 25 and 26 received two 30 rd. burst of M-60 fire from an Army 6x6 proceeding North along Duy Thon Hospital Road. Vehicle turned west onto QL-1 and proceeded in a westerly direction. Fire was not returned by bunkers.

11. At 111430H Aug 70, the body of missing Marine referred to in Number 9 was found in the Song Han River (BT 061723).

12. At 112155H Aug 70, "C" Co reported that bunker #25 (BT 014772) received 8-9 rounds SAF from BT 018772. A pop-up was fired from BT 018772 at the same time. No one was injured.

13. At 112245H Aug 70, "C" Co. reported that Bunker #25 received 1 rd. SAF from BT 018772. No one injured.

14. At 112345H Aug 70, "C" Co. reported that Bunkers # 22 and 23 (BT 012777) received 7 rounds SAF from BT 018772. No one was injured.

15. At 122055H Aug 70, "C" Co. reported that bunkers #17 and 18 (BT 004779). Received 15 rounds SAF from BT 001779. Negative damage or casualties.

16. At 120400H Aug 70, A combined cordon & sweep by elements of 1st MP Bn. and the 523rd RF Company in the hamlet of Ap Bon 2 (center of mass BT 034738). Cordon forces consisted of "D" Co, 1st MP Bn., H&S Co. 1st MP Bn. River Patrol Boat 1, and two boats from Coastal Surveillance Group. Sweep forces consisted of 1 squad from "D" Co. 1st MP Bn. and the 523rd RF Company. In addition, 1 patrol vehicle from Armed Forces Police and 6 MP's from 1st MP Bn. provided traffic control. Approximately 200 detainees were treated in a joint VN and 1st MP Bn MEDCAP.

17. "C" Co. in conjunction with National Police, QC's, M.P. Co. 1st MarDiv and Armed Forces Police established roadblocks at AT 987775 and AT 992778 between the hours of 122200H Aug 70 and 122400H Aug 70. Results of the roadblocks were 9 Military and 16 civilian personnel apprehended.

18. At 132045H Aug 70, "C" Company reported that 8-12 tracer rounds were fired at an aircraft taking off from DAB. The rounds were fired from the North end of the air strip but an approximate grid couldn't be established.

19. At 132230H Aug 70, MAG-11 reported that they apprehended 2 Q.C.'s for brocking into the 1st MAW Staff Judge Advocate's Office (AT 999759). The Vietnamese threw two rolls of money away totalling \$100.00 MPC and \$80.00 greenback. 41st VMAF Q.C.'s and MAG-11 is holding the money until the incident can be further investigated.

20. At 170430H Aug 70, a combined cordon and sweep by elements of 1st M.P. Bn. and Hoa Vang District Headquarters was held in the hamlets of Chua Ong and Nghia Hoa (center of mass BT 018730). Cordon forces consisted of "D" Co. 1st MP Bn. and sweep forces consisted of two squads from "D" Co. 1st MP Bn. and forces from Hoa Vang District Headquarters. Results: 3 VN Civilians apprehended and 1 VN Civilian detained with false papers.

21. At 172302H Aug 70, "C" Co reported SAF at aircraft from XT 999775. Negative damage or casualties.

22. "C" Co. in conjunction with National Police established roadblocks at BT 013779 and BT 014768 between the hours of 192200H Aug 70 and 192400H Aug 70. Results: 3 VN civilians apprehended as cufew violators.

23. At 210430H Aug 70, a combined cordon and sweep was held in the hamlets of Trung Lap/Trung Binh (center of mass BT 017774) by elements of 1st MP Bn. and Danang Special Sector. Cordon forces consisted of H&S Co. reaction platoon, "D" Co. and "C" Co. 1st MP Bn. and MWHG-1 reaction company (Zulu 1). Sweep forces consisted of 1 RF Co, 1 PF Platoon, 2 Platoons National Police Field Forces, 30 National Police and 10 QC. Results: 1,577 VN personnel apprehended and checked; with 3 VN civilians detained as VCI (2 local cadre 1 cadre of District Committee) 8 illegal residents, 2 illegal I.D., 32 ARVN deserters, for a total of 45 VN personnel detained at Danang Special Sector Headquarters.

24. At 221010H Aug 70, BP 1-1 while on a daytime patrol detonated a SFD while moving up the Eastern tip of Razor Back (BT 065711). SFD was identified as an M-26 Frag Grenade. Two USMC WIA (emergency medevac).

25. At 221945H Aug 70, MAG-16 Main Gate received SAF from BT 055745. During this period of time Camp Adiner also received SAF. Movement was seen and illumination was utilized. 1st MP Bn. cordoned off area with H&S Co. reaction platoon, "B" Co. and Bn. CP Group. Area swept from BT 054745 to BT 062725 with negative results. Operation secured 230315H Aug 70.

26. At 222000H Aug 70, "B" Co. 1st MP Bn. held a joint cordon and sweep of Da Ma 2 (BT 064717) with 1 platoon and 4 National Police from Hoa Vang District Headquarters, and 2 mine sweep teams from 1st Eng. Bn. Results: 6 VN Civilians apprehended as illegal residents.

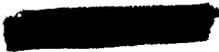
27. At 222030H Aug 70, MP-1 (river patrol) received 6 rounds SAF (BT 043739). Negative casualties or damage.

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28. At 222230H Aug 70, AFP's reported that two buildings in Danang City BT 038765 were 100% destroyed by satchel charges, planted in the buildings, with 1 PF WIA.
29. At 232120H Aug 70, one NSA Security Patrol while checking out a report of two American personnel in Nam Tho Village (BT 067823) recieved small arms fire, while checking out the area. 1 QC KIA, 1 Navy Personnel WIA, both members of security patrol. 9 American Military suspects were apprehended in a sweep of the area.
30. At 232055H Aug 70, Tongo Security reported 4 rds. SAF from AT 994740 fired at Bunker #2. Negative casualties or damage.
31. At 242100H Aug 70, "D" Co. reported that DA-2 had apprehended two VN civilians at (BT 021727) without any papers. Personnel taken to Hoa Vang District Headquarters and detained overnight for further questioning.
32. At 280615H Aug 70, 1st MAW reported that at 272000H Aug 70 a UH1E helicopter received approximately 30 rds 50 cal. tracer fire South of DAB. Negative damage or casualties.
33. Between 290330H Aug 70 and 291030H Aug 70, 1st MP Bn. with attachments held a joint cordon and search/raids with elements of Danang Special Sector and Northern Surveillance Group in the hamlet of Son Tra (center of mass BT 067818). Cordon Forces consisted of "D" Co. 1st MP Bn. MWHG-1 reaction company, MAH-31 reaction platoon, 5th Comm. Bn. reaction platoon, platoon from Army Support Command Danang and a platoon from Naval Support Facility. Search/Raid forces consisted of MP's from "B" Co. 1st MP Bn. 4 Sentry Dogs from NSF, 2 Scout Dogs from "A" Co. 1st MP Bn. and "C" Co. 1st MP Bn. Vietnamese Search/Raid forces consisted of National Police, National Police Field Forces, QC's, PF's and RF's from Danang Special Sector and VN Naval Personnel from Northern Surveillance Group. In addition representatives from 5th CIT were also present. Results: 759 VN personnel were questioned with 40 detainees. 16 VCI, 3 ARVN UA's, 23 Illegal Residents and 1 US Naval Personnel in off limits area carrying a private weapon.
34. At 292045H Aug 70, "C" Co. reported that approximately 40 rds. were sprayed in the air from PF Compound at BT 103779.
35. Between 292200H Aug 70 and 292400H Aug 70, "C" Co. 1st MP Bn. conducted roadblocks at AT 997742. Units participating, "C" Co, "B" Co, 1st MP Bn. 1st MarDiv MP's, AFP's, National Police and QC's. Results: 7 VN Civilians and 5 ARVN's detained for illegal papers, and 1 USMC turned over to 1st MarDiv MP's for improper trip ticket.

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36. At 308320H Aug 70, 1st Div. FBCC reported that a CH-46 medevac helicopter received heavy automatic weapons fire (BT 0669). Negative damage or casualties.

37. Between 302200H Aug 70 and 302400H Aug 70, "C" Co. conducted roadblocks at BT 011779 and BT 013768, units participating, "C" Co, "B" Co, 1st MP Bn, AFP's, National Police, and QO's. Results: 2 VN Civilian for illegal papers.

38. At 311905H Aug 70, Tango Security reported 1 rd. SAF fired at tower #2 from the vicinity of AT 996757. Negative casualties or damage.

39. At 312155H Aug 70, "C" Co reported a burst of automatic weapons fire from the approximate grid AT 993763. Negative casualties or damage.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE.

