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20 December 1965

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1st Medical Battalion (-), 1st Marine Division (Rein)(Rear) FMF

H&S Company (-) (4 Cooks attached to deployed units)

Co. B (-)(Rein)

Deployed with BMT 1/5

1 Clearing Platoon (3 Navy Off, 17 Enl), (Rein)

1 Collecting Section (7 Navy Enl)

Bet CoHq (6 Marine Enl, 1 Navy Enl)

Reinforcement: 1 Cook

Co. D (Rein)

Reinforcement: 2 Cooks

Co. A Deployed with RMT-1

Co. G Deployed with RMT-7

a. <u>Location</u>	Camp Pendleton, California
b. <u>Period Covered</u>	1 July 1965 through 31 December 1965
c. <u>Commanding Officer</u>	CDR Russell H. MITCHELL MC USN
<u>Executive Officer</u>	LT Charles A. ROPER MSC USN
<u>Ass't to Bn Cmdr</u>	
<u>CO, H&amp;S Co.</u>	
<u>Bn S-3</u>	CAPT Herbert L. SEAY USMC
<u>Admin Officer</u>	
<u>Bn Adjutant</u>	
<u>Bn S-1</u>	LTJG Richard A. CUSICK MSC USN
<u>Supply Officer</u>	
<u>Bn S-4</u>	2ND LT Dan C. PETTICREW USMC
<u>Motor Trans Off</u>	2ND LT James V. CAYO USMC
<u>CO, Company B</u>	LT George S. HARRIS MSC USN
<u>CO, Company D</u>	CWO-4 Jack E. MITTNER USN
<u>Bn Sgt Major</u>	Robert E. HARRIS USMC
<u>Bn Chief</u>	EMCM Alan N. TIMMERMAN USN

Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events

These six months have found the battalion somewhat in a state of continual turmoil. This has been caused primarily by the extremely low number of deployable personnel. The detachment of Company A left less than twenty deployable enlisted Navy personnel in the battalion (-) with a T/O of 131. Although we have often had our T/O strength, or more, it was the result of personnel returning from duty in WestPac, some assigned to us from deploying units to await PCS transfer dates, and others resulting from the fact that this battalion serves as separation center for all Navy personnel in the 1st Marine Division.

Four factors have precluded our conducting a field exercise apropos of a Collecting and Clearing Company:

1. Lack of infantry units to support;
2. Quasi alert status;

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3. High attrition rate of medical supplies and equipment;
4. Lack of personnel who, when trained could remain with the unit upon deployment.

As a result our training has been directed primarily to general military subjects and MCS or technical specialties. The maximum number of personnel consistent with our needs have been assigned on a TAD basis to base activities.

The deployment of Company A with RLTL-1 was significant in that it was the first occasion since Korea, to the best knowledge of this officer, that a Collecting and Clearing Company reached the full T/O strength. This included all categories of personnel from the drivers to the surgeons.

#### Detailed Description of Significant Events

##### (a) Administration

- 3 Aug Information copy of reference (a) received. (See appendix A to enclosure (1)). Personnel ordered in (with the exception of Medical Officers and 4 or 5 HM's) have prior FMF experience. Main problems are the extremely short time between reporting to the division and the date of embarkation. Classes held on: Organization of a Marine Division, RLTL and C&C Company; Personal Affairs; Familiarization Firing; and Individual Equipment. Two biggest problems were delays at Division Reception Center and uniforms. Uniform delay resulted partly from mis-interpretation of applicable portions of reference (a) by some commands. Some personnel were instructed not to bring Marine Corps uniforms because they would be issued new ones. Reference (b), however, requires a minimum of 3 years absence from FMF before re-issue on "In Kind" basis is permissible. Recommended changes to U. S. Navy Uniform Regulations will be initiated to correct this problem.
- 8 Aug Company A chopped to RLTL-1; embarkation commenced.

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References

- (a) EPDOPAC msg 312010Z of July 1965
- (b) MCO 10120.28, Individual Clothing Regulations (Para's 225 and 240)

TAB (A)

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~~Appendix A to ENCLOSURE (1)~~

"C" COMPANY  
1ST MEDICAL BATTALION  
3RD MARINE DIVISION(REIN)FME

RRS:td  
5750  
6 October 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division

Subj: Command Chronology, August and September 1965; submission of

Ref: (a) BnO 5750-1

Encl: (1) People to People Program (Surgical)  
(2) People to People Program (X-ray)

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

- a. "C" Co., 1st Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, Qui Nhon, RVN
- b. Period covered: August, September 1965
- c. Commanding: CAPT H. S. ARNOLD, MC USN  
Staff: See attached Personnel Roster
- d. Average monthly strength: Officer (USN) - 5  
Enlisted(USN) - 45  
Enlisted(USMC) - 11

2. During the subject period of time this activity has been assigned to support the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. In addition to carrying out our assigned tasks, medical support has been given to army units under the overall command of the Army Area Coordinator(Qui Nhon, RVN).

3. Medical support has been given to the local populace and is explained in detail in enclosures (1) and (2).

  
R. R. SONNTAG  
By direction

Enclosure (5)

C. Co., 1st Med. Bn

Aug - Sep 65

## People to People Program, Qui Nhon, RVN

1. An active effort to aid in the medical care of the Vietnamese civilians is carried out through the Holy Name Family Hospital, Qui Nhon, RVN. The Holy Name Family Hospital has forty beds and is staffed by two physicians and nine nurses. They accept all patients that appear for care, irrespective of religious beliefs.
2. X-ray facilities, orthopedic, surgical and anesthetic consultations are not available locally for their patients.
3. The program that has evolved is that one trip(3 miles), is made each morning to the hospital to pick-up patients in need of x-ray examinations. On returning patients following examinations there is usually a request for one of the above consultations. The requested consultation is carried out and such cases that require surgery are scheduled. Most cases are done by their own staff members, however, when the problem is not straight forward, operations have been performed by the physicians of "C" Co., 1stMedBn, at this activities operating room, as well as at the operating room at the Holy Name Family Hospital.
4. Operations performed thus far have been: Hysterectomy, Biopsy of bone Tumor (leg), Tracheotomy, Thyroidectomy(two), Cholecystectomy, Costrotransversectomy with spinal fusion, Excision of lesion (neck) and Laryngoscopy.
5. On occasions when there has been a shortage of technicians at the Holy Name Family Hospital, Hospital Corpsmen of this command have filled their billets on a volunteer basis.
6. X-ray visits average 7-10 per day. These are mainly chest x-rays taken of patients with pulmonary tuberculosis.
7. There have been frequent requests for drugs that have been honored when possible, mainly for antibiotics and I.V. fluids.
8. Human blood that has been held over 30 days is passed on for their use.
9. Oxygen has been obtained for them through a local Engineering Battalion.
10. The overall effort has been well received and merits support and an increase in the commitment could easily be made if time, supplies and personnel were available.

Enclosure (1)

People to People Program, Qui Nhon, RVN  
(X-ray Program)

1. As a service to the community, this X-ray unit provides x-ray support to the Holy Name Family Hospital operated by the Medical Missionary Sisters from Philadelphia, Pa.
2. The average patient load is 7-10 per day. These are chest films, bone films, I.V.P.'s and barium enema films.
3. In the initial phase of this program the average patient load was 62 per month, but with each day the number increases. It is felt that this program is of high medical value to the civilian populace because of the high incidence of tuberculosis in the area.
4. A continuing effort in carrying out this program can lead only to a better relationship between the United States and the Republic of Vietnam.

Enclosure (2)

	NAME	RANK	SERNO	NEC	RTD	SAOS
	ARNOLD, Homer S.	CAPT	497 792	2100	JUN 66	
	CAVALLARO, Richard J.	LCDR	664 337	2100	JUN 66	
*	CROWELL, Bill N.	HN	605 67 64	8485/8404	JUL 66	JAN 67
	CLARK, Donald R.	HN	589 25 02	8404	NAV	NAV
	DAVIS, John R.	HN	597 19 28	8404/0000	JUL 66	MAY 66
	DOERR, Terry	HM1	468 68 15	8442/8404	MAY 66	JUL 70
	EAKHART, Charles W.	HN	696 15 57	8404/0000	APR 66	NOV 66
	EMICH, Charles H.	LCDR	556 835	2100	JUN 66	
	ERVIN, Merritt G.	HM3	458 58 03	8483/8404	JUL 66	DEC 68
*	GAKA AY, Eddie L.	HM3	683 40 95	8404/0000	NAV	NAV
*	GARRISON, Marshall L.	HM2	543 72 43	8404/0000	NAV	NAV
*	GOULD, Thomas	HA	693 26 79	8404/0000	NAV	NAV
*	GRIGSBY, George E.	HM3	691 64 97	8404/0000	NAV	NAV
	GROBLEREN, Jackie A.	HM4	287 98 59	8445/8404	SEP 66	AUG 68
	HAMBLETON, Jerry A.	HM3	596 92 86	8404/0000	MAR 66	NOV 66
	HAMILTON, Craig L.	HN	689 62 23	8404/0000	JUL 66	OCT 66
	HARGRAVE, Richard A.	HM2	429 62 32	8404/0000	JUL 66	SEP 70
*	HARRIS, John T.	HN	598 82 24	8404/0000	NAV	NAV
*	HATTON, Robert D.	HN	692 82 72	8404/0000	NAV	NAV
	JOMBET, Russell L.	HN	682 17 45	8404/0000	JUL 66	MAY 66
	KLINE, Roy W.	HM2	331 85 54	8483/8405	JAN 66	AUG 68
	KOHINKE, Edward G.	HN	661 35 34	8404/0000	MAR 65	JUN 67
	KOLTES, Gerald J.	HN	688 28 17	8404/0000	JUL 65	JAN 67
	LANSANG, Emilio S.	HM2	476 32 87	8452/8404	SEP 66	DEC 66
	MALEZIO, Michael D.	HN	773 10 49	8404/0000	JUL 65	NOV 67
*	MANFREDI, Eugene T.	HM3	682 06 82	8404/0000	NAV	NAV
	MC BRIDE, Maxemiliano	LT	666 952	2105	JUL 66	
	MC COLLUM, William J.	HN	599 38 85	8404/0000	JUL 66	MAR 66
	MC RIVERGAN, Timothy J.	HN	689 63 97	8483/8404	JUL 66	AUG 67
	MOORE, James E.	HN	692 52 87	8483/8404	JUL 66	JUN 67
	MYKA, Michael E.	HN	689 64 02	8483/8404	JUL 66	AUG 67
	PATTERSON, Roger L.	HN	599 10 13	8404/0000	JUL 66	MAY 66
	PELLICCIA, Rene V.	HM3	597 39 54	8404/0000	JUN 66	FEB 66
	PENN, James F.	HM3	597 50 65	8505/0000	JUN 66	FEB 66
	PURCE, Lenwood C.	HN	595 93 97	8404/0000	JAN 66	JAN 66
	RAFSKY, Leonard E.	HM3	519 60 05	8404/0000	JUL 66	SEP 69
*	RAST, Robert D.	HN	696 80 27	8404/0000	NAV	NAV
	RICCIOTTI, Joseph P.	HN	691 97 99	8404/0000	JUL 66	NOV 66
	RICHARDSON, Dan L.	HM3	584 75 36	8404/0000	JUL 66	SEP 67
	ROBERTS, David A.	HN	599 86 40	8404/0000	JUL 66	MAY 67
	ROBINSON, Larry E.	HN	904 20 18	8404/0000	AUG 66	MAY 67
	SHEPARD, James T.	HM3	599 60 40	8404/0000	JUN 66	FEB 66
⊙	SHEPHERD, Peter D.	HM3	517 10 41	8417/8404	APR 66	NOV 66
	SHIVERS, David H.	HN	699 62 77	8404/0000	JUL 66	JUN 67
	SINCLAIR, Forrest S.	HN	692 66 16	8483/8404	JUL 66	JUL 67
	SOMMAG, Robert R.	LTJG	676 645	2302	AUG 66	
*	STARR, Leroy	HN	695 97 58	8404/0000	NAV	NAV
	TAYLOR, Robert C.	HN	696 08 30	8404/0000	JUL 66	JUL 66
*	THORNTON, Kenneth	HN	661 27 83	8404/0000	NAV	NAV
	WILLOUGHBY, Robert F.	HN	689 62 84	8483/8404	JUL 66	JUL 67
*	TAD at "B" Med at Chu Lai					
⊙	Augmentee from "C" Med, 3rd Med					

"C" COMPANY  
 1st Medical Battalion  
 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
 FPO San Francisco, California 96601

RRS:jts  
 5750  
 3 November 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division  
 (Rein) FMF, FPO San Francisco, California 96601

Subj: Command Chronology for the month ending 31 October 1965;  
 submission of

Ref: (a) Battalion Order 5750.1

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

a. Organizational Data:

- (1) "C" COMPANY, 1st Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division  
 (Rein) FMF, Qui Nhon, RVN
- (2) 1 October 1965 through 31 October 1965
- (3) LCDR C. H. EMICH 556835/2100, MC, USN, Commanding Officer  
 LTJG R. R. SONNTAG 676645/2302, MSC, USN, Administrative Officer
- (4) Average monthly strength during reporting period: Officer 4  
 Enlisted 69

b. Sequential events related to:

(1) Personnel:

Joined during October:

HMCA A. J. WEBB (TAD)

Dropped during October:

HM2 G. F. LUBESKI

HN L. C. PURCE

CAPT H. S. ARNOLD, MC, USN

LCDR R. J. CAVALLARO, MC, USN

c. Administration: Administration and related operations of this activity were in the process of transfer to the 152nd Medical Dispensary U. S. Army, who will assume full responsibility 1 November 1965.

d. Training: On-the-job training is being conducted at the present time. Rotation of personnel to various departments assures the availability of replacements. It is expected that upon departure from the Qui Nhon area a formal in-service training program will be instituted, and that USAFI and Navy Correspondence Course enrollees will be increased.

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e. Command and Control: Commanding Officer meets daily with Medical Officers for discussion of professional operation. CO and AO meet daily.

f. Logistics: Resupply is through Task Force Alpha, U. S. Army. 10 day resupply block is 90% complete. 30 day resupply block is 85% complete. Both blocks lack some key items.

g. GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES:

	TOTAL	NAVY	MARINE	ARMY	AIR FORCE	OTHER
Outpatients	1501	1	17	1453	5	2
Inpatients	150	4	64	75	2	2
Adm. Referrals	90	1	46	42	0	1
Other Comp. Physicals	10	0	0	10	0	0
Immunizations	504					

ADJUNCT SERVICE:


	TOTAL	OUTPATIENTS	INPATIENTS
Prescriptions	3237	1937	1300
Laboratory	370	270	100
X-ray	835	689	146

EVACUATED TO OTHER-MEDICAL FACILITIES:

NAVY/MARINE-----47  
 ARMY-----42  
 OTHER----- 1

h. Civil Affairs: MEDCAP program has been curtailed in anticipation of departure from the Qui Nhon area. It is expected that the 152nd Medical Dispensary will continue the program promulgated by this command.

i. Morale: The morale of the Company is good even though no R&R quotas have been assigned. Since liberty will not be available upon our departure from the Qui Nhon area, it is hoped that this Company will be included in 3rd Medical Battalion R&R programs in the future.

  
 R. R. SONNTAG  
 By direction

"C" Company  
 1st Medical Battalion  
 3rd Marine Division(Rein) FMF  
 FPO San Francisco, California 96601

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 5750  
 2 December 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division  
 (Rein) FMF, FPO San Francisco, California 96601

Subj: Command Chronology for the month ending 30 November 1965;  
 submission of

Ref: (a) Battalion Order 5750.1

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

a. Organizational Data:

(1) "C" Company, 1st Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division  
 (Rein) FMF, Qui Nhon, RVN, embarked aboard USS SEMINOLE (AKA-104) and  
 Chu Lai, RVN.

(2) LCDR C. H. EMICH, 556835/2100, MC USN, Commanding Officer  
 LTJG R. R. SONNTAG, 676645/2302, MSC USN, Administrative Officer through  
 25 November 1965.

(3) Average monthly strength during reporting period: Officer 2,  
 Enlisted 69.

b. Sequential events related to:

(1) Personnel:

Joined during November:

None

Dropped during November:

HM3 B. N. CROWELL  
 HN J. R. DAVIS  
 HN C. W. EINHART  
 HM3 J. A. HAMBLETON  
 HN C. L. HAMILTON  
 HM2 R. W. KLINE  
 HN E. G. KOHINKE  
 HN G. J. KOLTES  
 HN M. D. MALIZIO  
 HN W. J. MC COLLUM

Dropped during November Cont'd:

HN T. J. MC KIVERGAN  
 HM3 J. MICKLES  
 HN J. E. MOORE  
 HN M. E. MYCKA  
 HN R. L. PATTERSON  
 HM3 R. V. PELLICIA  
 HM3 J. F. PENN  
 HM3 L. E. RAFSKY  
 HN J. P. RICCIOTTI  
 HM3 D. L. RICHARDSON  
 HN D. A. ROBERTS  
 HN L. E. ROBINSON  
 HM3 J. T. SHEPARD  
 HN D. H. SHIVERS.

Dropped during November Cont'd:

HN F. S. SINCLEAR  
 HN R. F. WILLOUGHBY  
 PFC M. J. BUENO  
 LCPL J. D. BURTZ  
 PFC J. F. JAMES  
 LCPL J. S. RICHMAN  
 PFC C. A. SMITH  
 CPL L. W. SMITH  
 PFC C. J. THIELE  
 PFC B. S. WEISS  
 CPL J. D. WILLERTON  
 PFC W. H. ZEIG  
 HM2 R. A. HARGRAVE  
 1st Sgt W. H. MERRILL  
 HM3 E. L. GANAWAY  
 HM2 M. L. GARRISON  
 HA T. GOULD  
 HM3 G. E. GRIGSBY  
 HN J. T. HARRIS  
 HN R. D. HATTON  
 HM3 E. T. MANFREDI  
 HN R. D. RAST

HN L. STARR  
 HN K. THORNTON  
 LCPL E. N. ABBOTT  
 PFC R. S. BANKS  
 PFC J. F. CHAPMAN  
 PFC L. CRESPINO  
 LCPL A. B. DUNN  
 PFC B. A. FJELD  
 PFC T. L. KOHL  
 PFC C. J. MICHALAK  
 PFC R. W. SPRINGSTEAD  
 PFC D. O. WEDDLE  
 PFC P. J. WIATR  
 LTJG R. R. SONNTAG MSC USN  
 LT M. MC BRIDE MC USN

c. Troop Movements:

"C" Company, 1st Medical Battalion embarked aboard USS SEMINOLE (AKA-104) on 7 November 1965 and departed at Chu Lai, RVN 14 November 1965. At the present time the company area is within the confines of "B" Company, 3rd Medical Battalion.

d. Administration:

Minimum as required while company is in static status.

e. Training:

"B" Company, 3rd Medical Battalion will be utilized.

f. Command and Control:

Commanding Officer meets daily with senior personnel.

g. General Medical Services:

Suspended. Negative reports will not be submitted.

2. Personnel remaining, 1 officer, 6 enlisted will maintain administration and supply of company.

  
 C. H. SMITH  
 LCDR MC USN