

HEADQUARTERS
1st Medical Battalion (-)
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: G-3)
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Ref: (a) DivO 5720.2
Encl: (1) Command Chronology
1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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

H&S Company (-) (1 cook attached to Co. "B"(-))

Co. "A" (-)

DETACHED:

1 collecting section 1/1

1 collecting section 1/3

Co. "B"(-) (Rein)

Co. B(-)(Rein) attached to RMT-5

DETACHED:

1 clearing platoon 1/5

1 collecting section 1/5

Det. Co. Hq

Co. "C"

Co. "D"

a. Location	Chu Lai, RVN
b. Period covered	1Mar66 - 31Mar66
c. Commanding Officer	CDR Russell H. MITCHELL MC USN
Executive Officer	LT Charles A. ROPER MSC USN
Battalion Adjutant	ENS Richard A. CORLEY MSC USN
Marine Advisor	Capt Herbert L. SEAY USMC
Preventive Medicine Officer	CDR Leon P. EISMAN MSC USN
CO, "A" Company	LT Richard A. CUSICK MSC USN
CO, "B" Company	LT George S. HARRIS MSC USN
CO, "C" Company	LT Richard A. CUSICK MSC USN
CO, "D" Company	LTJG Bob L. OZMENT MSC USN

COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF EVENTS

The first half of March was spent in preparation for deployment to RVN. The largest problem was in the procurement of needed supplies and equipment. Most needs were met, but at the last possible moment, causing embarkation to be more difficult than desired.

The battalion sailed from Okinawa on 16 March aboard the USS TALLADEGA (APA-208) with the Medical Battalion Commander as CO of troops. Arrived off Chu Lai, RVN on 20 March. Debarkation was rapid and without significant events.

On 21 March casualties began arriving from Operation TEXAS. The number was significant, (100) ^{more than} but the newly arrived personnel joined with those already here to effect a smooth and skillful processing.

On 22 March, Lieutenant General WALF visited the Medical Battalion and promised more support to enable the hospital to increase it's bed space to 180. This was done temporarily thru the erection of General Purpose tents. Holding policy was simultaneously increased to 15 days.

Enclosure (1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 3Mar66 - Reference (a) directed movement to ChuLai, RVN
- 15Mar66 - Commence loading USS TALLADEGA (APA-208) (Vehicles loaded aboard USS SEMINOLE)
It is noted that this was the first unit to embark from TENGAN Pier.
- 16Mar66 - Loading completed in record time (for APA's, according to USS TALLADEGA). Loading time: ^{less than} 12 hours.
Sailed from Buckner Bay.
- 20Mar66 - Smooth voyage. Ship's crew was most cooperative and helpful. Arrived off Chu Lai and commenced unloading.
- 21Mar66 - Unloading completed.
Joined with Company "B", 3rd Medical Battalion, in support of Operation TEXAS.
- 22Mar66 - Visited by Lieutenant General WALT, Commanding General, III MAF. Battalion Commander to DaNang to discuss cantonment requirements for Medical Battalion with III MAF Surgeon.
- 23Mar66 - Battalion Commander returned from DaNang.
- 27Mar66 - In accordance with reference (b), Company "D" embarked aboard USS SNOHOMISH COUNTY (LST-836) for movement to DaNang. Upon arrival redesignated as Company "B", 3rd Medical Battalion. Company "B", 3rd Medical Battalion (at ChuLai) simultaneously redesignated Company "D", 1st Medical Battalion
- 28Mar66 - In support of Operation INDIANA.
- 29Mar66 - OpCon chopped to 1st Marine Division at 1500 (reference (c)).
- 30Mar66 - Type of mission assigned necessitated transferring all personnel (with a few exceptions) into H&S Company. (reference (d)).

Appendix A.

References: (a) 1stMarDivMsg 030555Z (S) Mar.
(b) 1stMarDivMsg 190205Z (S) Mar.
(c) FORLOGCMD III MAF 260820Z (C) Mar.
(d) MedBnSO No. 21-66

Appendix A