

HEADQUARTERS
1st Medical Battalion
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology; forwarding of
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology
1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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

H&S Company

*Co. "A"

Co. "B" (-)

Detached: 1 collecting section 3/5

*Co. "C"

*Co. "D"

*All personnel present at 1stMedBn Cantonment assigned to H&S Co. except 1/Co. for record purposes, to maintain active unit diary.

a. Location	Chu Lai, RVN
b. Period Covered	1 thru 31 May 1966
c. Commanding Officer	CDR Russell H. MITCHELL, MC USN
Executive Officer	LT Charles A. ROPER, MSC USN
Battalion Adjutant	LTJG Richard A. CORLEY, MSC USN
Marine Advisor	Capt Herbert L. SEAY, USMC
Preventive Medicine Officer	CDR Leon P. EISMAN, MSC USN
Director of Professional Services	CDR Thomas S. MARKS, MC USN

COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF EVENTS

On 27 May Co. "B" arrived, placing the full Battalion in operation in this area for the first time.

Shock and Resuscitation Team #1 was again deployed, this time for operation "Montgomery". While they again did not have a heavy casualty load, the benefits accruing were the same as in last month's report. It seems apparent that the mission, location and support requirements can be established, though they would probably require modification once experience with heavy casualty loads has occurred. A total of 119 patients were seen, including 56 who were returned directly to full or light duty by the S&R Team.

The cantonment building project is nearing completion with Officer and SNCO billeting, Mess Halls, Graves Registration, Roads, Autoclave, Laundry and water storage and distribution systems remaining to be completed.

The patient load for the reporting period was as follows:

*Battle Casualty	Non-battle casualty	Disease	Total
185	93	268	564

*Included in the above figures are 83 Vietnamese and 13 ARVN.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

2 May 66 - Visit by Premier Nguyen Cao Ky

9 to 14 May 66 - S&R Team #1 to operation "Montgomery"

13 May 66 - Visit by Gen. KRULAK

27 May 66 - Arrival of Co. "B" (-), 1st Medical Battalion

"B" COMPANY
1st Medical Battalion (-)
(ADCON) 5th Marine Regiment
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade FMF
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Regimental Landing Team - Five

Subj: Unit Chronology; submission of (U)

Ref: (a) RLT Five msg 132250Z May66 (S)
(b) CG 9thMAB msg 070155Z May66 NOTAL

Encl: (1) Unit Chronology (C)

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 March 1966 to 27 May 1966.

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Unit Chronology

1. Organizational Data.

a. Designation and Location of Unit: Company "B" (-), 1st Medical Battalion, FMF, Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

b. Period Covered: 1 March 1966 to 27 May 1966

c. Command and Staff Assignments:

- (1) Commanding Officer: Cdr John G. ROBINS, MC, USN
- (2) Executive Officer: LCdr Jephtha T. BOONE, MC, USN
- (3) Administrative Officer: Lt George S. HARRIS, MSC, USN

d. Average Monthly Strength: Officers - 4; Enlisted - 38

2. Narrative Summary.

a. 1 March 1966 redesignated ADCON, RLT-5, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF authority CG, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF msg 240510Z Feb66. OPCON passed RLT-5 by earlier directive and reported in previous report. Unit mission to support RLT-5 during training phase to achieve operational readiness and tactical operation assigned by higher authority.

b. Support. Unit provided medical support for Headquarters, 5th Marine Regiment and attached units located at Camp Hansen, Okinawa by operating the Camp Dispensary. On 6 March 1966 the Second Collecting Section plus a Detachment of Headquarters Platoon, total of eleven (11) men assigned to the Camp Dispensary, Camp Schwab, Okinawa to provide medical support for units located at Camp Schwab. On 30 March 1966 the 3rd Collecting Section plus a Detachment of Headquarters Platoon, total of eight (8) men, assigned to relieve Second Collecting Section and Detachment of Headquarters Platoon deploying with BLT 2/5. On 17 May 1966 operation of the Camp Schwab Dispensary was turned over to Camp Smedley D. Butler and on 20 May 1966 operation of the Camp Hansen Dispensary was turned over to the same unit.

3. Chronology of Events.

a. 1 March 1966 - ADCON passed from 1stMedBn(-) FMF to RLT-5, 5th Marines, 1stMarDiv(Rein) FMF, authority CG, 1stMarDiv msg 240510Z Feb66

b. 6 March 1966 - 2nd Collecting Section (7) plus Detachment, Headquarters Platoon (4) assigned TAD to operate Camp Dispensary, Camp Schwab, Okinawa.

c. 18 March 1966 - 2nd Collecting Section (7) plus Detachment, Headquarters Platoon (1) dropped 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, while TAD Camp Schwab, Okinawa authority CG, 1st Marine Division msg 180524Z of Mar66 (S).

d. 26 March 1966 - 3rd Collecting Section (7) plus Detachment, Headquarters Platoon (1) joined from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

e. 30 March 1966 - Company "B" (-), 1st MedBn, FMF, as a task unit to RLT-5 placed under ADCON and OPCON Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF, authority CG, 1stMarDiv FMF msg 220741Z Mar66.

f. 30 March 1966 - 3rd Collecting Section (7) plus Detachment, Headquarters Platoon (1) assigned Camp Dispensary, Camp Schwab, Okinawa to relieve Second Collecting Section and Detachment Headquarters Platoon deploying with BLT 2/5.

g. 31 March 1966 - Cdr John C. ROBINS, MC, USN, joined for duty. Assumed command Company "B" (-), 1stMedBn(-), (ADCON) 5th Marine Regiment, 1stMarDiv (Rein) FMF vice Lt George S. HARRIS, MSC, USN, relieved. Lt HARRIS assigned duties as Company Administrative Officer.

h. 19 April 1966 - Dropped 3rd Collecting Section (7) plus Detachment Headquarters Platoon (1) to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines authority CG, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade FMF msg 180629Z of Apr66 (S).

i. 22 April 1966 - Unit participated in Jungle Lanes Training, Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

j. 5 May 1966 - Unit FAM fired T/O weapons assigned to individual personnel.

k. 9 May 1966 - Received Warning Order for Deployment CO, RLT-5 msg 070243Z of May66 (S)

l. 10 May 1966 - Received Administrative Instructions for Deployment CO, RLT-5 msg 092350Z of May66 (c).

m. 16 May 1966 - Received Embarkation Order 2-66 of 15 May 1966. Assigned Embarkation Team CHARLIE-1.

n. 22 May 1966 - Embarked aboard USS RENVILLE, APA 227 and sailed for RVN on 23 May 1966.

o. 27 May 1966 - Arrived and disembarked at Chu Lai, RVN. ADCON passed from RLT-5 to 1st Medical Battalion, FMF.

ENCLOSURE (1)