

HEADQUARTERS
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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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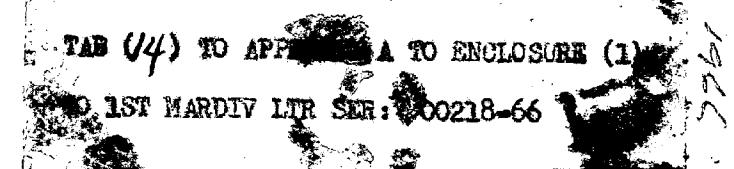
Ref: (a) 1stMarDiv Order 5750.1A

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

* Company "A"

* Company "B"

* Company "C"

* Company "D"

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

a. Location	Chu Lai, RVN
b. Period Covered	1 thru 31 July 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
Director of Professional Services	CDR Charles R. ASHWORTH, MC USN
Preventive Medicine Officer	CDR Leon P. EISMAN, MSC, USN

COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF EVENTS

No particular noteworthy events occurred this month. It is noted that under the self help program, the motor transport section has succeeded in getting all the maintenance and repair facilities off the ground and onto cement. There were 74 cases of malaria and 58 cases of Fever of Undetermined Origin seen at this command.

The patient load for the reporting period was as follows:

*Admissions

Battle Casualty	Non-Battle Casualty	Disease	Total
256	113	564	933

*Included in the above figures are 81 Vietnamese and 42 ARVN/ROK Marines.

Out-Patient Treatments

U. S. Military	Vietnamese	ROK Marines	U.S. Civilians	Total
		ARVN		
1964	149	26	81	2220

ENCLOSURE (1)

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

6 August 1966 - Medical Service Corps Birthday, Ceremony attended by Medical Service Corps Officers from USS REPOSE with Major General FIELDS as guest of honor.

6 August 1966 - S&R Team to Operation COLORADO

9 August 1966 - Visit by GENERAL GREENE, Commandant of the Marine Corps

20 August 1966 - S&R Team returned.

31 August 1966 - FMF PAC Inspection.

ENCLOSURE (1)

Report of S&R Team Operation Colorado

6 August to 22 August 1966

1. The basic S&R team of the First Medical Battalion for Operation Colorado consisted of two Medical Officers, one Medical Service Corps Officer, seventeen Hospital Corpsman and four enlisted Marines. The team departed Chu Lai by truck at 0715 on 6 August 1966 and arrived in Tam Ky at 1230. The team was ready to receive casualties at 1430.
2. At about 0230 on the 12th of August the logistic support area and the S&R team were hit by mortar, recoilless rifle and small arms fire. The team began receiving casualties while under fire and initiated treatment under blackout conditions.
3. A total of 533 patients were seen during the period covered by this report. These included:
396 Marines (21 KIA and two died of electrical shock caused by lightning)
13 Navy (2 KIA)
97 Vietnamese Military
15 Vietnamese Civilians
9 Army (1 KIA)
1 Air Force
1 U.S. Scout Dog
2 Viet Cong Suspects
1 Viet Cong
4. The breakdown by diagnosis is as follows:
282 Battle Casualties
39 Heat Exhaustion
28 Gastroenteritis
9 Electrical Shock
175 Others
5. Of the U.S. Military personnel not able to return to duty, the following were evacuated by helicopter.
194 1st Medical Battalion
12 NSA Hospital, DaNang
6 USS Repose
6. On the 22nd August, Operation Colorado was completed. At 1115, 20 August, the S&R team departed Tam KY by truck and arrived at First Medical Battalion at 1245.
7. Recommendation: In the future, Battalion aid station personnel, including Medical Officers, should be utilized by the S&R team, since the BAS is bypassed in the chain of evacuation.

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APPENDIX (A) to ENCLOSURE (1)