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1st Medical Battalion (Rein)  
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
(Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology; forwarding of  
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 (-) (Rein), 1st Marine Division

Det, H&S Company

Company "A" (-)

Company "C" (Rein), 3rd Medical Battalion

a. Location

Chu Lai, RVN until 24 December 1966

Danang, RVN from 24-31 December 1966

1-31 December 1966

b. Period Covered

CDR Russell H. MITCHELL, MC, USN

c. Commanding Officer

LT Charles A. ROPER, MSC, USN

Executive Officer

LTJG Richard A. CORLEY, MSC, USN

Battalion Adjutant

CDR J. L. ROBINS, MC, USN

Director of Professional Services

CAPT Leon P. EISMAN, MSC, USN

Preventive Medicine Officer

The 1st Medical Battalion Command Post moved to Da Nang on 24 December 1966 to assume the operation of the medical facility formerly operated by 3rd Medical Battalion. The organization at Da Nang is indicated above. Remaining at Chu Lai:

Det, 1st Medical Battalion (Rein)

Company "B" (-)

Company "C"

Company "D" (Rein)

For administrative simplicity and in the interest of manpower conservation all personnel at Chu Lai will be assigned to Company "D", which is occupying the same cantonement as that in which the Battalion CP was formerly located. This company will be commanded by Commander C.R. ASHWORTH, MC, USNR

COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF EVENTS

Under the self help program, the battalion is still working on a beautification program (at Chu Lai) that is progressing satisfactorily. At Da Nang one will be commenced at the earliest possible date. There were 13 cases of malaria diagnosed, a decrease of 70% over the previous month. There were 23 cases of Fever of Undetermined Origin diagnosed, a decrease of 5% over the previous month. In the very near future H&S Company (-) will complete its move to Da Nang. The process is controlled by the phased departure of 3rd Medical Battalion elements. It is anticipated that the move will be completed by 31 January 1967. The commitment to operate two field hospital facilities with a battalion organized and equipped for relatively mobile operations and medical support of a much less definite type is posing personnel problems which may be surmountable. This is particularly true in the non-professional areas, i.e., communications, mess, motor transport, and security.

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The patient load for the reporting period was as follows:

Admissions

	Battle Casualty	Non-Battle Casualty	Disease	Total
Chu Lai	211	120	292	623
Da Nang	99	34	120	<u>253</u> 876

Out-Patient Treatments

	U.S. Military	Vietnamese	ROK Marine ARVN	U.S. Civilians	Other	Total
Chu Lai	885	75	76	21	•	1057
Da Nang	509	•	•	2	•	<u>511</u> 1558

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

12 December 1966 - Medical Support Team departed.

21 December 1966 - Medical Support Team returned.

23 December 1966 - Nguyen Huu Co, Minister of Defense, Republic of Vietnam and Major General Hoang Yuan Lan, Acting Commanding General I Corps, ARVN and Party visited 1st Medical Battalion, Chu Lai.

24 December 1966 - Moved Command Post to 3rd Medical Battalion, Danang, RVN.

26 December 1966 - Medical Support Team departed.

31 December 1966 - Medical Support Team returned.

(ENCLOSURE 1)