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1st Marine Division (Rein) FME
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c),
enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Medical Battalion (-) (Rein)

1 COMMANDER

CDR C. H. LOWERY, MC, USN
 (Acting) 1-13 April 1967
 CDR P. D. COOPER, JR., MC, USN
 13-30 April 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company (-)

LT R. E. GRICE, MSC, USN
 1-13 April 1967
 CDR C. H. LOWERY, MC, USN
 13-30 April 1967

"A" Company

LTJG S. H. AYERS, MSC, USN
 1-24 April 1967
 LCDR D. W. PASQUALE, MC, USN
 24-30 April 1967

Det "B" Company

LT F. W. HENSON, MSC, USN
 1-24 April 1967
 LCDR HAUZENBLAS, MC, USN
 24-30 April 1967

"B" Company (-)

LCDR R. M. O'BRIEN, MC, USN
 1-6 April 1967 (Secured)

"C" Company

LT C. L. HENSLEY, MSC, USN
 1-24 April 1967
 LCDR T. A. TAFT, MC, USN
 24-30 April 1967

"D" Company

CDR P. D. COOPER Jr., MC, USN
 1-13 April 1967
 LCDR J. B. FENNING, MC, USN
 13-30 April 1967

1st Hospital Company
 ADCON/OPCON 1 April 1967

CDR P. D. COOPER Jr., MC, USN
 1-13 April 1967
 LCDR R. M. O'BRIEN, MC, USN
 13-30 April 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

"C" Company, 3rd Medical Battalion

LCDR J. C. P. COLLIER, MC, USN
 1-6 April 1967 (Detached)

2. LOCATION

1st Medical Battalion (-) (Rein)

H&S Company (-)

"A" Company

1-30 April 1967 Danang, RVN
 1-30 April 1967 Danang, RVN
 1-30 April 1967 Danang, RVN

Det "B" Company
"C" Company, 3rd Medical Battalion

"C" Company

"D" Company

"B" Company (-)

1st Hospital Company

1-30 April 1967 Danang, RVN
1-6 April 1967 Danang, RVN
Detached 6 April 1967
1-9 April 1967 Chu Lai, RVN
9-30 April 1967 Danang, RVN
1-9 April 1967 Chu Lai, RVN
9-30 April 1967 Danang, RVN
1-6 April 1967 Duc Pho, RVN
6-30 April 1967 Chu Lai, RVN
1-30 April 1967 Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS DANANG

Executive Officer/Dir. Professional
Services/CO, H&S Company
Administrative Assistant/Bn. Adjutant/
S-1 Officer
S-2/S-3 Officer
S-4/S-5 Officer
Preventive Medicine Section,
Officer in Charge
Motor Transport Officer
Patient Affairs Officer

CDR C. H. LOWERY, MC, USN

LT R. L. GRICE, MSC, USN

2ndLT R. C. OGG, USMC

LT F. W. HENSON, MSC, USN

CDR E. H. GIELSON, MSC, USN

1stLT J. F. SHEEHAN, USMC

LTJG S. H. AYERS, MSC, USN

CHU LAI

Commanding Officer, 1st Hospital Company
Administrative Assistant
Sanitation Officer

LCDR R. M. O'BRIEN, MC, USN

LTJG N. G. OGLESEY, MSC, USN

LT P. JIMENEZ, MSC, USN

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

	<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Danang	34	239	3	158
Chu Lai	21	69	0	37
Total	55	308	3	195

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period covered by this report, the command has been employed in support of U.S. and Allied Forces in the Danang and Chu Lai Task's.

a. In the Danang Cantonment, all personnel are assigned to H&S and "D" Companies for administrative simplicity and manpower conservation.

Work is continuing with the self-improvement program. The old orthopedic building has been moved to the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer berthing area. A request has been submitted to construct a new X-Ray

building on the vacant site. A request has also been submitted for the construction of one 20' x 64' structure to be able to bring the bed capacity to 180 which is the present authorized allowance, and two Quonsets to add to Operating Room and Intensive Care Unit space. An additional 10,000 gallon bladder type water tank has been added, increasing the reservoir capacity to 15,000 gallons. Additional plumbing is being accomplished to furnish the Hospital complex with a more adequate water supply.

b. In the Chu Lai Cantonment (1st Hospital Company) construction of three Butler buildings has been completed and these are occupied with Medical Supply, and Organic Marine Supply.

The surgical complex (including triage, X-ray, pre-op, operating rooms, laboratory, intensive care unit, and shock and debridement) was completed and occupied 8 April 1967. Some internal construction such as partitions, shelves, and sinks remains to be completed to afford optimal hospital efficiency.

Approval is obtained for construction of a central sterile supply quonset, three 20-bed wards, a patient shower and lavatory, and eight living huts. Construction on some of these is underway.

Water is now supplied from a nearby well, pumped into a 25,000 gallon tank on the hospital grounds and piped to the surgical complex, wards, galley, and showers.

1st Hospital Company is now OPCON - ADCON to 1st Medical Battalion. "B" Company, 1st Medical Battalion is now attached to 1st Hospital Company which provides augmented staff necessary to operate a four operating-room complex and 160 beds including the new intensive care unit. Augmentation of the T/O of 1st Hospital Company is still deemed necessary to provide adequate staffing of the three wards under construction.

The holding capacity has been established as 30 days as per III MAF letter 16/jew 6320 dtd 21 April 1967. This hopefully will reduce in-country evacuation of patients within limitations of space and personnel to provide patient care while maintaining adequate reserve for mass casualties.

The surgical capacity (operating room, and shock and debridement) now is sufficient to handle a group of up to 40 or 50 mass casualties provided there is not an unusual distribution of casualties. The surgical capacity is somewhat limited, however, by the admitting and sorting (triage) capacity.

c. The operation of two separate semi-permanent hospital facilities at Danang and Chu Lai respectively, the operation of a Medical Support Team, presently in the field, the demand for maintaining readiness for deployment of additional detachments, and the requirement for providing replacements within the First Marine Division causes a serious strain on the personnel resources of this Command.

d. The Civil Affairs program is still progressing in both TAO's.

2. The patient load for the reporting period is as follows:

Admissions (April 1967):

	Battle Casualties	Non-Battle Casualties	Disease	Total
Danang	361	87	173	621
Chu Lai	<u>130</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>358</u>
Total	491	129	359	979

Outpatient Visits

Danang	2002
Chu Lai	<u>1497</u>
Total	3499

3. Entries. Medical Support Team #1, deployed in support of the Fifth Marines at 1900, 30 April 1967. Ref: CG, 1st MarDiv Msg 300017Z Apr 67.

Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- 1 April 1967 - 1st Hospital Company became OpCon/AdCon to 1st Medical Battalion.
- 6 April 1967 - Delta Company notified to move to Danang from Chu Lai.
- 8 April 1967 - 1st Hospital Company became operational as a casualty receiving unit at 1300 this date. Delta Company area was deactivated.
- 9 April 1967 - Major General Robert E. CUSHMAN, Deputy III MAF visited the Danang Cantonment.
- 10 April 1967 - First units of Delta Company arrived in Danang.
- 19 April 1967 - Final units of Delta Company arrived in Danang.
- 30 April 1967 - Medical Support Team #1 deployed in support of Fifth Marines.