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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Medical Battalion (Rein)

COMMANDERCDR P. D. COOPER, MC, USN
1-30 June 1967SUBORDINATE UNITS

"H&S" Company

LCDR R. M. O'BRIEN, MC USN
1-30 June 1967

"A" Company

LCDR D. N. PASQUALE, MC, USN
1-30 June 1967

"B" Company

LCDR J. W. HAUZENBLAS, MC USN
1-30 June 1967

"C" Company

LCDR D. A. TAFT, MC, USN
1-30 June 1967

"D" Company

LCDR J. B. FENNING, MC, USN
1-30 June 1967

1st Hospital Company

CDR C. H. LOWERY, MC, USN
1-30 June 19672. LOCATION

1st Medical Battalion (Rein)

1-30 June 1967 Danang, RVN

"H&S" Company

1-30 June 1967 Danang, RVN

"A" Company

1-30 June 1967 Danang, RVN

"B" Company

1-30 June 1967 Chu Lai, RVN

"C" Company

1-30 June 1967 Danang, RVN

"D" Company

1-30 June 1967 Danang, RVN

1st Hospital Company

1-30 June 1967 Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS1st MEDICAL BATTALIONDANANG

Director of Clinical Services

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

Administrative Officer/Adjutant/S-1

LCDR G. R. FORD, MSC, USN

S-2/S-3 Officer

1-30 June 1967

Preventive Medicine Section,
Officer in Charge

2ndLt R. C. OGG 1-16 June 67

2ndLt D. RITUCCI 16-30 June 67

Motor Transport

CDR E. H. GLEASON, MSC, USN

Patient Affairs Officer

1stLt J. F. SHEEHAN, USMC

1-25 June 1967

2ndLt R. J. REDICAN, USMC

25-30 June 1967

S-4/S-5 Officer

LTJG S. H. AYERS, MSC, USN

1-16 June 1967

LT R. L. GRICE, MSC, USN

16-30 June 1967

LT P. M. HENSON, MSC, USN

1-30 June 1967

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

	<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Danang	33	227	3	156
	24	83	0	42
Total	57	310	3	198

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 T.M.R.'s.

a. In the 1st Medical Battalion work is progressing in the self improvement program. The work on the (2) two quonset huts housing two Operating Rooms and additional Intensive Care Unit, was delayed because of lack of materials for the drainage system. The current estimated completion date of this work is 20 July 1967. The X-ray building was completed and in operation on 17 June 1967. The 20X72 ward was completed and operational on 1 June 1967. A clearing platoon C-7 was employed at the 2/5 C.P. in support of operation Arizona, during the period 14 to 23 June 1967. During the period of 7 to 15 June 1967 an exchange of one orthopedist and one anesthesiologist was made with the Naval Hospital Ship USS Repose (AH-16). This exchange has fostered a better understanding of the total medical care facilities in support of the Division by both this command and the hospital ship. Orthopedists LCDR MULLINS and LCDR GIBSON and ~~do~~ LCDR FENNING donated several hours of their off duty time to assist with the care of the patients at USAM Hospital. This assistance is expected to continue with increasing conditions. An overhead wire distribution system has been started. During the month 39 huts were wired. The remainder of the cantonment is expected to be rewired by 15 July 1967. A cement washrack has been built in the Battalion motor pool. The psychiatry department compiled monologue was distributed to all Battalion Surgeons within this division and to the medical officers of all other units from which we have received psychiatric consultations.

b. During the month of June three (3) Wards were completed and on 28 June 1967 1st Hospital Company (Rein) became a 160 bed facility. Additionally the CSR, Auto Clave building and eleven (11) living quarters were completed. The butler building for Motor Transport is nearing completion. Construction began on a new Chapel. The self help program continues. There is fresh water plumbing to all wards. The construction of a shower unit for company personnel has begun. The generator shed now has cement paving. The laboratory has the capability to perform blood chemistry, electrolyte and enzyme studies. On 5 June 1967 MUST-1 became attached to 1st Hospital Company with the mission to evaluate its capabilities to act as a C & C Company in the field.

2. Work Load for June 1967.

Battle Casualties	<u>ADMISSIONS</u>			Total
	Non-Battle	Injuries	Disease	
Danang	273	117	469	859
Chu Lai	161	27	139	327
Total	434	144	618	1186

OUT PATIENT VISITS

Danang	1946
Chu Lai	1664
	3610

PART III

8 June 1967 - Dr GIBSON and Dr KRUSE TAD to USS Repose in exchange with Dr BAILEY and Dr BRAINT.

14 June 1967 - Clearing platoon (-) departed for Operation Arizona.

15 June 1967 - TAD exchange with the USS Repose completed.

17 June 1967 - X-ray building operational.

23 June 1967 - Clearing platoon returned.

1 June 1967 - 20X72 ward operational.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

1. 1st Hospital Company.

PART V

1. A clearing platoon was sent out to support the 7th Mar Reg. 2/5 during operation Arizona. Upon termination of support the following letter of congratulations was received from Commanding Officer 7th Marines.

a. The professionalism demonstrated by Doctors, SACHS and LANDERS, and the men of their unit was in every respect of the highest order. Their efficiency in treating our casualties greatly contributed to the operation of the Logistic Support Area and thus to the overall success of Operation Arizona. Additionally, at least three Marines of this Command are alive today only because of the rapid and efficient treatment accorded them by the Medical Support Team.