

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

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Encl: ✓ (1) 1st Medical Battalion Command Chronology

TAB A SUMMARY OF CASES

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


C.H. LOWERY

1st Med Bn

Cmd Chron

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
 1st Medical Battalion (Rein) CDR C.H. LOWERY, MC, USN
 1-31 October 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS
 H&S Company LCDR W.J. MULLINS, MC, USN
 1-31 October 1967

 "A" Company LCDR S.A. NEILL, MD, USN
 1-31 October 1967

 "B" Company LCDR R.C. HAMILTON, MC, USNR
 1-31 October 1967

 "C" Company LCDR G.A. VAN de WYNGAERDE, MC, USNR
 1-31 October 1967

 "D" Company LCDR D.H. RANDELS, MC, USN
 1-31 October 1967
2. LOCATION
 1st Medical Battalion (Rein) 1-31 October 1967 Danang, RVN
 "H&S" Company 1-31 October 1967 Danang, RVN
 "A" Company 1-31 October 1967 Danang, RVN
 "B" Company, 1st PLT 1-31 October 1967 Danang, RVN
 "B" Company, 2nd PLT 16-31 October 1967 Quang Tri, RVN
 "C" Company 1-31 October 1967 Danang, RVN
 "D" Company, 1st PLT 1-31 October 1967 Danang, RVN
 "D" Company, 2nd PLT 10-31 October 1967 Chu Lai, RVN
3. STAFF OFFICERS FIRST MEDICAL BATTALION DANANG
 Director of Clinical Services LCDR W.J. MULLINS, MC, USN
 1-31 October 1967

 Administrative Officer/Adjutant/S-1 LCDR G.R. FORD, MSC, USN
 1-31 October 1967

 S-2/S-3 Officer 1stLt D. RITUCCI, USMC
 1-31 October 1967

 Preventive Medicine Section;
 Officer in Charge CDR E.H. GLEASON, MSC, USN
 1-31 October 1967

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Motor Transport Officer

2ndLt R.J. REDICAN, USMC
1-31 October 1967

Patient Affairs Officer

LT R.L. GRICE, MSC, USN
1-31 October 1967

S-4 Officer

LCDR G.R. FORD, MSC, USN
1-31 October 1967

S-5 Officer

LT F.N. HENSON, MSC, USN
1-31 October 19674. AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR FIRST MEDICAL BATTALION

	<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>		
	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	
Total	<u>46</u>	<u>255</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>114</u>	418
	46	255	3	114	

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

HOSPITAL STATISTICS

ADMISSIONS

	<u>Battle Casualties</u>	<u>Non-Battle Injuries</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total</u>
Danang	125	96	203	424

OUT PATIENT VISITS

Danang 1784

1. During the period covered by this report, the command has been employed in support of U.S. forces in the Danang, Chu Lai, and Quang Tri TAOR's.

On 4 October 1967 "B" Company embarked on LST-649 at Chu Lai, RVN and on 5 October disembarked at Danang, RVN. Between 5 and 10 October 1967 the entire 1st Medical Battalion was assembled at the Danang cantonment. This is one of the few times in the history of the Battalion that all elements were together at one cantonment. On 15 October, 2nd Plt "B" Company departed Danang: by Rough Rider and on 16 October arrived at Quang Tri, RVN. On 24 October 1967, 2nd Plt "B" Company was operating as a 30 bed hospital at the First Marines CP and casualties were received. On 24 October Major General HOCKMUTH, Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division visited the 2nd Plt "B" Company 30 bed hospital.

On 10 October 1967, the personnel of 2nd Plt "D" Company departed Danang via fixed wing aircraft for Chu Lai. The personnel only of 2nd Plt "B" Company are a reinforcement of the 1st Hospital Company.

On 11 October 1967, CDR BROWN, MC, USN, Chief of NP Service of Naval Hospital, Philadelphia and representing the Surgeon General arrived at 1st Medical Battalion on a survey of psychiatric services in the Western Pacific. CDR BROWN spent a full week at the 1st Marine Division visited several

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battalions and spent many hours discussing problem areas and possible solutions with the 1st Medical Battalion Psychiatric Staff. CDR Brown's visits were stimulating and helpful. On 23 October 1967 the Battalion Clearing PLT minus set up at the 7th Marines LSA and remained in support of the 7th Marines for a week.

On 15 October the 2000th surgical operation for the calendar year 1967 was done at the Danang facility. A summary of those cases is enclosed.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 4 October 1967 - "B" Company departed Chu Lai.
- 5 October 1967 - "B" Company arrived Danang.
- 10 October 1967 - 2nd Platoon "D" Company departed Danang arrived Chu Lai.
- 11 October 1967 - CDR BROWN, MC, USN arrived 1st Medical Battalion.
- 15 October 1967 - 2000th surgical operation for year 1967 at 1st Medical Danang facility.
- 15 October 1967 - 2nd Platoon "B" Company departed Danang by Rough Rider.
- 16 October 1967 - 2nd Platoon "B" Company arrived Quang Tri.
- 18 October 1967 - CDR BROWN departed 1st Medical Battalion.
- 23 October 1967 - Clearing platoon (-) in support of 7th Marines.
- 24 October 1967 - 2nd platoon "B" Company is an operational 30 bed hospital receiving casualties in support of the First Marines.
- 30 October 1967 - Clearing platoon (-) returned to 1st Medical Battalion.

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2000 consecutive surgical patients treated in the operating room 1967.
(January 1, 1967-October 15, 1967)

1st Medical Battalion

PROCEDURE	NUMBER OF CASES	PROCEDURE	NUMBER OF CASES
<u>ORTHOPEDIC:</u>		<u>GENERAL:</u>	
Amputations:		Laparotomy (post trauma)	106
fingers	28	(no pathology or not specified)	
toes	13	Appendectomy (acute)	42
hand	1	Sigmoidoscopy	33
foot	12	Small Bowel	
BK	27	closure of enterotomies	23
AK	16	resections	18
Tendon Repair	11	Large Bowel	
Dislocated Joint	7	left colon	
Open Fracture		colostomy	30
hand	22	closure enterotomy	2
forearm	19	right colon	
humerus	26	resection with	
femur	33	ileotransverse colostomy	9
leg	59	rectum	
Punji Stick Debridement	11	diverting colostomy	6
Arthrotomy of Knee	17	Liver Lacerations or Drainage	10
Dressing Change	123	Splenectomy	8
Secondary Closures	25	Total Kidney Injuries	7
Skin Graft	10	Nephrectomy	2
Skin Flap	8	Hemostasis Kidney	
Suture Lacerations		(no nephrectomy)	3
(all sites)	15	Nephrostomy	2
<u>VASCULAR:</u>	67	Bladder Wounds	5
Jugular Vein	1	Orchiectomy	1
Vena Cava	2	Cystostomy	4
Carotid Artery	1	Circumcisions	23
Subclavian Artery	1	Stomach Wounds	5
Axillary Artery	3	Whipple Procedure	1
Brachial Artery	15	Ectopic Pregnancy	1
Iliac Artery	3	Caesarian Hysterectomy	
Femoral Artery	26	(tramatic)	1
Popliteal Artery	12	Normal Delivery	1
Radial Artery	2	Thoracotomy	7
Tibial Artery	1	Tube Thoracotomy	27
Burn Debridement	10	Repair Diaphragm	3
I & D Abscess		Bronchoscopy	3
(all sites)	39	Tracheostomy	7
		Neck Explorations	33
		Esophageal Wounds	
		(in neck)	3
		Parotid Tumors	2

<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CASES</u>	<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CASES</u>
<u>DENTAL:</u>			
General Dental	12	Cases not Otherwise	
Mandibular Fracture	29	Listed (all sites)	
Zygomatic Fracture	7	multiple shrapnel	
Repair Cleft lip	24	wounds	702
		**gun shot wounds	299
<u>Mass Casualties Occurred:</u>			
April 22, 1967		<u>Hospitalization Statistics:</u>	
May 14, 1967		Average Patient Days in	
June 22, 1967		Hospital	3.8
July 15, 1967		Admissions (9 months)	6000
September 2, 4, 5, 1967		Discharged to Duty	2500
		Out of Country Evacuation	2300
		Deaths	13