

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

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1 May 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein),  
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30 April 1968.

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April 1968 through 30 April 1968

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Medical Battalion

COMMANDERCDR J. V. SHARP, MC, USNR  
1 - 30 April 1968SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&amp;S Company

LCDR T. L. SPURGEON, MSC, USN  
1 - 30 April 1968

Company A

LCDR P. H. RANDELS, MC, USNR  
1 - 30 April 1968

Company B

LCDR R. C. HAMILTON, MC, USNR  
1 - 20 April 1968

Company C

LCDR S. A. NEILL, MC, USNR  
21 - 30 April 1968

Company D

LCDR G. A. VAN De WYNGAERDE,  
MC, USN  
1 - 30 April 19682. LOCATION

1st Medical Battalion

1 - 7 April 1968 Danang, RVN

1st Medical Battalion

8 - 30 April 1968 Phu Bai, RVN

H&amp;S Company

1 - 2 April 1968 Danang, RVN

H&amp;S Company

3 - 30 April 1968 Phu Bai, RVN

Company A

1 - 2 April 1968 Danang, RVN

Company A

3 - 30 April 1968 Phu Bai, RVN

Company B

1 - 30 April 1968 Phu Bai, RVN

Company C

1 - 30 April 1968 Phu Bai, RVN

Company D, 1st Plt

1 - 30 April 1968 Danang, RVN

Company D, 2nd Plt

1 - 2 April 1968 Danang, RVN

Company D, 2nd Plt

3 - 30 April 1968 Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS, FIRST MEDICAL BATTALION, DANANG, RVNDirector of Professional Services      LCDR W. J. MULLINS, MC, USN  
1 - 30 April 1968

Executive Officer

LCDR T. L. SPURGEON, MSC,  
USN  
1 - 30 April 1968

S-1 Officer

LT J. D. QUICK, MSC, USN  
1 - 30 April 1968

S-2/S-3 Officer

1st LT W. F. RHATIGAN, USMC  
1 - 30 April 1968

Preventive Medicine Section, CDR L. R. KAUFMAN, MSC, USN  
 Officer in Charge 1 - 30 April 1968

S-4 Officer 1STLT C. W. PAGE, USMC  
 1 - 30 April 1968

S-5 Officer LCDR F. G. CONOVER, MSC, USN  
 1 - 22 April 1968

LT R. A. ROBINSON, MSC, USN  
 23 - 30 April 1968

Motor Transport Officer 1stLT R. J. REDICAN  
 1 - 30 April 1968

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR THE FIRST MEDICAL BATTALION

USN OFFICER	USN ENLISTED	USMC OFFICER	USMC ENLISTED	TOTAL
45	292	3	162	502

5. HOSPITAL STATISTICS

ADMISSIONS

Battle Casualties	Non-Battle Injuries	Disease	TOTAL
Danang 68	44	101	695
Phu Bai 273	72	137	

OUT-PATIENT VISITS

	TOTAL
Danang 908	1389
Phu Bai 481	

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of April the 1st Medical Battalion displaced by echelon to the new location at Phu Bai RVN. On 2 April H&S Co (-) and the 2nd Platoon of Delta joined Bravo Co. at Phu Bai to put in operation the new hospital complex. The hospital was operable with two Operating Rooms, a 30 bed intensive care unit plus auxillary services on 6 April. Charlie Co. continued to operate the Medical Unit Self Transportable (MUST) at Phu Bai during this time. The remainder of the Battalion operated the facility at Danang until relieved by First Hospital Company on 8 April.

The remainder of the Battalion displaced to Phu Bai on 8 April less 1st Platoon of Delta Company and 14 personnel of the Preventive Medicine Section of H&S Company which was OP CON to First Hospital Company. On 22 April Charlie Company plus the MUST rejoined the Battalion at the new location setting up the MUST for wards plus 2 operating rooms and a Dental Unit. At this time the Battalion has the capabilities of 6 operating rooms, a 25 bed Intensive Care Ward with total bed capacity of 185 beds.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 April 1968 - H&S Company (-) and the 2nd Platoon of Delta joined Bravo Company at Phu Bai to put in operation the new hospital complex.

8 April 1968 - The remainder of the Battalion at Danang was relieved by 1st Hospital Company.

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22 April 1968 - Charlie Company plus the MUST rejoined the Battalion at the new location