

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

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From: Commanding Officer  
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31 May 1968.

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(b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

J. V. SHARP

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Medical Battalion

## COMMANDER

CDR J. V. SHARP, MC, USNR  
1 - 31 May 1968SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&amp;S Company

LCDR T. L. SPURGEON, MSC, USN  
1 - 31 May 1968

Company A

LCDR P. H. RANDELS, MC, USNR  
1 - 31 May 1968

Company B

LCDR S. A. NEILL, MC, USNR  
1 - 31 May 1968

Company C

LCDR G. A. VAN De WYNGAERDE,  
MC, USN  
1 - 31 May 1968

Company D

LCDR H. E. SMITH MC, USNR  
1 - 31 May 19682. LOCATION1st Medical Battalion  
H&S Company  
Company A  
Company B  
Company C  
Company D, 1st Plt  
Company D, 2nd Plt1 - 31 May 1968 Phu Bai, RVN  
1 - 31 May 1968 Danang, RVN  
1 - 31 May 1968 Phu Bai, RVN3. STAFF OFFICERS, FIRST MEDICAL BATTALION, DANANG, RVNDirector of Professional Services LCDR R.B.M. DELISSE, MC, USN  
1 - 31 May 1968Executive Officer LCDR T. L. SPURGEON, MSC, USN  
1 - 31 May 1968S-1 Officer LT J. D. QUICK, MSC, USN  
1 - 31 May 1968S-2/S-3 Officer 1stLT W. F. RHATIGAN, USMC  
1 - 31 May 1968

Preventive Medicine Section, CDR L. R. KAUFMAN, MSC, USN  
 Officer in Charge 1 - 31 May 1968

S-4 Officer LT R. A. PAYTON, MSC, USN  
 1 - 31 May 1968

S-5 Officer LT R. A. ROBINSON, MSC, USN  
 1 - 31 May 1968

Motor Transport Officer 1stLT R. J. REDIGAN, USMC  
 1 - 19 May 1968

1stLT W. F. RHATIGAN, USMC  
 20 - 31 May 1968

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR THE FIRST MEDICAL BATTALION

<u>USN</u> <u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
44	271	2	156	473

5. HOSPITAL STATISTICS

ADMISSIONS

<u>Battle Casualties</u>	<u>Non-Battle Injuries</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Phu Bai 414	113	418	945

OUT-PATIENT VISITS

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Phu Bai 1493	1493

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of May all elements of the 1st Medical Battalion with the exception of the 1st platoon of Delta Company remained intact at Phu Bai RVN. 1st Platoon of Delta Company and 14 personnel from the Preventative Medicine Section remained OPCON to 1st Hospital Company at Danang RVN.

It is interesting to note that the average patient census for May was 129. The average census in January was 84; February was 82; March was 83; April was 79. The patient admission was the 3rd highest since January 1967 at 945.

The 1st Medical Battalion was fraught with 3 major problems during the month; several electrical power outages, difficulties in procuring sufficient amounts of potable water and severe drainage problems. In each case assistance from the supporting elements of Task Force X-Ray was provided as soon as feasible allowing the Battalion to continue to function at its assigned mission. Particulary noteworthy was the assistance from the Public Works Detachment from NSA, Danang with regard to generator replacement repairs and maintenance. A letter of appreciation was forwarded to the Officer in Charge of the detachment.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 4 May 1968 - Division Surgeon, Captain Jones, and ComMarCorps Staff Medical Officer Visited First Medical Battalion
- 21 May 1968 - Captain Barton, MC, USN, MACV Staff Surgeon, and LCDR Kessler, MSC, USN, MACV Staff Medical Administrative Officer visited First Medical Battalion
- 27 May 1968 - Captain Jones, MC, USN and Captain Pope, DC, USN visited First Medical Battalion
- 30 May 1968 - Major General Robertson and Captain Jones visited First Medical Battalion