

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

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5750  
1 July 1968

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To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein), FMF,  
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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30 June 1968.

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Encl: ✓ (1) First Medical Battalion Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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Enclosure (1)

## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION  
1st Medical Battalion

COMMANDER  
CDR J. V. SHARP, MC, USNR  
1 - 30 June 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS  
H&S Company

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

Company A

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

Company B

LCDR S. A. NEILL, MC, USNR  
1 - 30 June 1968

Company C

LCDR G. A. VAN De WYNGAERDE,  
MC, USN  
1 - 30 June 1968

Company D

LCDR K. E. SMITH MC, USNR  
1 - 30 June 1968

2. LOCATION  
1st Medical Battalion  
H&S Company  
Company A  
Company B  
Company C  
Company D, 1st Plt  
Company D, 2nd Plt

1 - 30 June 1968 Phu Bai, RVN  
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1 - 30 June 1968 Phu Bai, RVN  
1 - 30 June 1968 Danang, RVN  
1 - 30 June 1968 Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS, FIRST MEDICAL BATTALION, DANANG, RVN

Director of Professional Services LCDR R.B.M. DELISSER,  
MC, USN  
1 - 30 June 1968

Executive Officer LCDR T. L. SPURGEON, MSC,  
USN  
1 - 30 June 1968

S-1 Officer LT J. D. QUICK, MSC, USN  
1 - 30 June 1968

S-2/S-3 Officer 1stLT W. F. RHATIGAN,  
USMC  
1 - 30 June 1968

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

S-4 Officer LT R. A. PAYTON, MSC, USN  
1 - 30 June 1968

S-5 Officer LT R. A. ROBINSON, MSC, USN  
1 - 30 June 1968

Motor Transport Officer 1stLT W. F. REATIGAN, USMC  
1 - 7 June 1968

1stLT R. HILL III, USMC  
8 - 30 June 1968

#### 4. AVERAGE STRENGTH FOR THE FIRST MEDICAL BATTALION

<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	
45	256	3	148	452

#### 5. HOSPITAL STATISTICS

##### ADMISSIONS

	<u>Battle Casualties</u>	<u>Non-Battle Injuries</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Phu Bai	158	106	497	761

##### OUT-PATIENT VISITS

	<u>TOTAL</u>
Phu Bai	1352

#### PART II

##### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of June the 1st Medical Battalion continued to operate a 185 bed hospital at Phu Bai RVN. All elements were with the parent unit except the 1st Platoon of Delta Co. and 14 men of the Preventive Medicine section who are OP Con to First Hospital Co. at Danang.

Electrical and water problems encountered during the month of June have not recurred and the hospital is operating smoothly. The census has slackened somewhat from Mays average of 129 to 96.

Eight members of the Battalion were recommended for the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (3 with silver and 5 with bronze).

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 June 1968 - Brigadier General Webster arrived to award 19 Purple Hearts.
- 10 June 1968- Brigadier General Webster and Brigadier General Williams on board.
- 19 June 1968- Captain Jones and Captain Santiago Stevens on board.
- 26 June 1968- Administrative Inspecting Party arrived consisting of LCDR E.W. Riser, MSC, USN, HMC J. Lahti, USN, HMC L. Kirkover, USN, and HMC J. M. Harris, USN.