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

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To: Commanding General, First Marine Division (Rein) FMF,
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31 August 1968

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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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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

<p>1st Medical Battalion</p> <p><u>SUBORDINATE UNITS</u></p> <p>H&S Company</p> <p>Company A</p> <p>Company B</p> <p>Company C</p> <p>Company D</p>	<p><u>COMMANDER</u></p> <p>Capt J. V. SHARP, MC, USNR 1-31 August 1968</p> <p>LCDR T. L. SPURGEON, MSC, USN 1-31 August 1968</p> <p>LCDR P. H. RANDELS, MC, USNR 1-8 August 1968 LCDR J. C. O'BRIEN, MC, USNR 8-31 August 1968</p> <p>LCDR S. A. NEILL, MC, USNR 1-8 August 1968 LCDR F. E. GUTEIRREZ, MC, USNR 8-31 August 1968</p> <p>LCDR G. A. VANDEWYNGAERDE, MC, USN 1-8 August 1968 LCDR G. A. VOSS, MC, USN 8-31 August 1968</p> <p>LCDR J. B. POWELL, MC, USNR 1-31 August 1968</p>
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2. LOCATION

<p>1st Medical Battalion</p> <p>H&S Company</p> <p>Company A</p> <p>Company B</p> <p>Company C</p> <p>Company D, 2nd Plt</p> <p>Company D, 1st Plt</p>	<p>1-31 August 1968 Phu Bai, RVN</p> <p>1-31 August 1968 Phu Bai, RVN</p> <p>1-17 August 1968 Phu Bai, RVN</p> <p>17-31 August 1968 Danang, RVN</p> <p>1-31 August 1968 Phu Bai, RVN</p> <p>1-31 August 1968 Phu Bai, RVN</p> <p>1-31 August 1968 Phu Bai, RVN</p> <p>1-31 August 1968 Danang, RVN</p>
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3. STAFF OFFICERS

<p>Director of Professional Services</p> <p>Executive Officer</p> <p>Adjutant/S-1 Officer</p>	<p>LCDR R. B. DELISSER, MC, USN, 1-31 August 1968</p> <p>LCDR T. L. SPURGEON, MSC, USN, 1-31 August 1968</p> <p>LT J. D. QUICK, MSC, USN 1-20 August 1968 LT W. B. COMBS, MSC, USN 20-31 August 1968</p>
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S-2/3 Officer

1stLT W. F. RHATIGAN, USMCR
1-31 August 1968

OIC, Preventive Med Section

CDR L. R. KAUFMAN, MSC, USN
1-31 August 1968

S-4 Officer

LT R. A. PAYTON, MSC, USNR
1-31 August 1968

S-5 Officer

LT R. A. ROBINSON, MSC, USN
1-31 August 1968
LCDR F. G. CONOVER, MSC, USN
13-31 August 1968

MT Officer

1stLT R. HILL III, USMCR
1-31 August 19684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
41		273	3		130

5. HOSPITAL STATISTICS

<u>DA-CI</u>	<u>ADMISSIONS</u>		
<u>Battle Casualties</u>	<u>Non-Battle</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total</u>
125	110	291	526

OUTPATIENT VISITS
1130

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of August 1968 the 1st Medical Battalion remained in support of Task Force X-Ray forces at Phu Bai, RVN. The 1st Platoon of Delta Company remained at Danang, RVN augmenting 1st Hospital Company in support of 1st Marine Division Forces.

2. Plans were formulated for a phased movement of Alpha Company to 1st Hospital Company Danang, RVN to replace elements of Bravo Company, 5th Medical Battalion as they displace.

3. Four SEA Huts were constructed and merged into "H" shaped building to provide adequate ward space and to release SEA Huts, previously used for military ward space, back for use as troop living spaces. Two SEA Huts were retained for use as Vietnamese wards and Vietnamese spill-over ward. Additional air conditioners were received for installation in the

Admission and Sorting, and Shock and Debridement Sections of the Hospital. An addition to the laboratory was completed providing the necessary space to adequately perform clinical laboratory analysis and blood bank functions. Continued improvements in the drainage system and minor construction was accomplished. Construction of concrete walkways around the Hospital proper was started

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

2 August 1968 - Commander SHARP, Commanding Officer,
Promoted to rank of Captain

17 August 1968 - A Company commenced movement to Danang

28 August 1968 - Major General YOUNGDALE visited 1st
Medical Battalion along with the Division Surgeon, 1st
Marine Division (Rein) FMP