

ORIGINAL

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,
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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through 30 September 1968.

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Encl: ✓(1) First Medical Battalion Command Chronology

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


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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION
1st Medical Battalion

COMMANDER
Capt. J. V. SHARP, MC, USNR
1-30 September 1968

SUBORDINATE UNITS
H&S Company

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

Company A

LCDR J.C. O'BRIEN, MC, USNR
1-30 September 1968

Company B

LCDR J.E. GUTIERREZ
MC, USNR, 1-30 Sep 1968

Company C

LCDR G.A. VOSS, MC, USN
1-30 Sept 1968

Company D

LCDR J.B. POWELL MC, USNR
1-30 Sept 1968

2. LOCATION
1st Medical Battalion

1-23 Sep 1968 Phu Bai, RVN
24-30 Sep 1968 Danang, RVN

H&S Company, 1st Plt

1-18 Sep 1968 Phu Bai, RVN
19-30 Sep 1968 Danang, RVN

H&S Company, 2nd Plt

1-25 Sep 1968 Phu Bai, RVN
26-30 Sep 1968 Danang, RVN

Company A, 1st Plt

1-30 Sept 1968 Danang, RVN

Company A, 2nd Plt

1-9 Sep 1968 Phu Bai, RVN
10-30 Sep 1968 Danang, RVN

Company B

1-24 Sep 1968 Phu Bai, RVN
25-30 Sep 1968 Danang, RVN

Company C

1-15 Sep 1968 Phu Bai, RVN
16-30 Sep 1968 Danang, RVN

Company D

1-24 Sep 1968 Phu Bai, RVN
25-30 Sep 1968 Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Director of Professional Services	LCDR R.B. DELISSER, MC, USN 1-30 September 1968
Executive Officer	LCDR T.L. SPURGEON, MSC, USN, 1-30 Sep 1968
Adjutant/S-1	LT. W.B. COMBS, MSC, USN, 1-30 Sep 1968
S-2/S-3 Officer	1st Lt W.F. RHATIGAN, USMCR 1-30 Sept 1968
OIC, Preventive Med Section	CDR L.R. KAUFMAN MSC, USN 1-30 September 1968
S-4 Officer	LT R.A. PAYTON MSC, USNR 1-30 September 1968
S-5 Officer	LCDR F.G. CONOVER, MSC, USN 1-6 September 1968
	LT W.B. COMBS, MSC, USN 7-30 September 1968
MT Officer	1st LT R. HILL III, USMCR 1-19 September 1968 1st LT G.W. SUTHERLAND USMCR 20-30 September 1968
Medical Supply Officer	LT R.A. ROBINSON MSC, USN 1-3 September 1968
	LT W.B. COMBS MSC, USN 4-30 September 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USN</u>			<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>		<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
42		273		3	135

5. HOSPITAL STATISTICS

	<u>ADMISSIONS</u>			
<u>DA-CI</u>	<u>Non-Battle</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<u>Battle Casualties</u>				
89	59	235	383	
	<u>OUTPATIENT VISITS</u>			
	777			

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the early part of September, the First Medical Battalion (-) was employed in the Phu Bai area in support of First Marine Division Forces.
2. On 1 September the remainder of the Battalion commenced a phased move into the First Hospital Company cantonment at Danang. The move was completed on 26 September when the Second Platoon of H&S Company arrived by convoy at the Danang cantonment. The Battalion relocation was necessitated by the re-distribution of forces throughout the ICTZ.
3. On 30 September MUST #1 was detached and transferred to First Hospital Company.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 21 September 1968 Commanding Officer and Sergeant Major arrived at First Medical Battalion cantonment in Danang.
- 23 September 1968 Lt General H.W. BUSE Jr, CG. FMFPAC visited 1st Medical Battalion Cantonment.
- 27 September 1968 Medevac chopper UH34D crashed while attempting to land on the 1st Medical landing zone. One crew member injured, but not critically.