

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  
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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 December 1968 through  
31 December 1968.

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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8 series  
(c) DivO 5750.2 series

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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Medical Battalion

COMMANDERCAPT J.V. SHARP, MC, USN  
1-31 December 1968SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&amp;S Company

LCDR T.L. SPURGEON, MSC USN  
1-17 December 1968LT R.A. PAYTON, MSC, USN  
18 December 1968LT A.E. MCCONNELL, MSC USN  
19-31 December 1968

Company A

LCDR J.C. O'BRIAN, MC USNR  
1-31 December 1968

Company B

CDR F.J. GILLIS, MC USNR  
1-31 December 1968

Company C

LCDR G.A. VOSS, MC USNR  
1-30 December 1968LCDR J.E. WILLIAMS, MC USN  
31 December 1968

Company D

LCDR J.B. POWELL, MC USNR  
1-31 December 19682. LOCATION

1st Medical Battalion

1-31 December 1968 DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Director of Professional Services

CDR C.L. MOORE, MC USNR  
1-31 December 1968

Executive Officer

LCDR T.L. SPURGEON, MSC USN  
1-17 December 1968LT R.A. PAYTON, MSC, USNR  
18 December 1968LT A.E. MCCONNELL, MSC USN  
19-31 December 1968

Adjutant/ S-1

LT W.B. COMBS, MSC, USN  
1-31 December 1968

S-2/S-3 Officer

1st LT R.G. CHARLES, USMC  
1-31 December 1968

OIC, Preventive Medicine Section

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

S-4 Officer

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

S-5 Officer

LCDR F.G. CONOVER, MSC, USN  
1-8 December 1968LTJG J.R. STEINER, MSC, USN  
9-31 December 1968

ME Officer

1st LT G.W. SUTHERLAND, USMCR  
1-31 December 1968

Medical Supply Officer

LTJG J.R. STEINER, MSC USN  
1-31 December 1968

Organic Supply Officer

1st LT D.S. LYNN, USMC  
1-31 December 19684. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
40	250	3	143

5. HOSPITAL STATISTICSADMISSIONS

<u>DA-CI</u>	<u>NON-Battle</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Battle Casualties</u>			
197	122	262	581

OUTPATIENT VISITS

: - 1334

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## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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