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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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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 I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Medical Battalion CAPT J.W. LEA, MC, USMR  
1-30 April 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	LCDR W.L. WEIDNER, MSC, USN 1-30 April 1969
Company A	CDR J.C. O'BRIEN, MC, USMR 1-17 April 1969
	LCDR H.E. KLEIG, MC, USMR 17-30 April 1969
Company B	LCDR S.D. WILSON, MC, USMR 1-30 April 1969
Company C	LCDR J.E. WILLIAMS, MC USN 1-30 April 1969
Company D	LCDR J.A. TOBIAS, MC USMR 1-30 April 1969

2. LOCATION

1st Medical Battalion 1-30 April 1969 DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Director of Professional Services	CDR C.L. MOORE, MC, USMR 1-30 April 1969
Executive Officer	LCDR W.L. WEIDNER, MSC, USN 1-30 April 1969
Adjutant/S-1	LT A.H. MCCONNELL, MSC, USN 1-30 April 1969
S-2/S-3 Officer	1ST LT J.R. KNAPP 1-30 April 1969
OIC, Preventive Medicine Section	LT C.A. PRICE, MSC, USN 1-30 April 1969
S-4 Officer	LTJG G.S. WINDHAM, MSC, USN 1-30 April 1969
S-5 Officer	LTJG J.R. STEINER, MSC, USN 1-30 April 1969

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MT Officer

1ST LT J.R. VODAR, USMC  
1-30 April 1969

Medical Supply Officer

LTJG J.R. STEINER, MSC, USN  
1-30 April 1969

Organic Supply Officer

1ST LT D.S. LINN, USMC  
1-30 April 19694. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSNUSMCOFFICER

39

ENLISTED

249

OFFICER

3

ENLISTED

185

5. HOSPITAL STATISTICSADMISSIONS

DA-CI

Battle Casualties  
248NON-Battle  
153Disease  
352TOTAL  
753OUTPATIENT VISITS

2363

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During April 1969, the 1st Medical Battalion continued to execute its mission of providing medical support to the 1st Marine Division.
2. On 2 April 1969, one (1) Q&C Platoon (Rein) of "A" Company returned to 1st Medical Battalion. The Platoon had been in OpCon of the 5th Marine Regiment at An Hoa since 8 March 1969.
3. On 27 April 1969, all patients hospitalized at 1st Medical Battalion were evacuated to NSA Hospital. The evacuation started at approximately 1300 and was completed by 1500. Additionally, approximately three hundred (300) 1st Medical Battalion Staff personnel were evacuated from the cantonment to 423rd Army Transportation Battalion. The evacuation was initiated and supervised by the 1st Medical Battalion Command personnel due to the exploding ordinance at ASPL ammunition dumps. Approximately two hundred (200) Staff personnel (Navy and Marines) remained on the cantonment until the explosions subsided at 0730, 28 April 1969. During this time the Battalion continued to execute its mission on a limited basis. The Mess Hall and OR's suffered heavy damage from blast effects and the remainder of the cantonment suffered light damage. All damages to 1st Medical Battalion cantonment were in the process of being repaired by late afternoon on 28 April 1969 and involved 1st Medical Battalion utilities personnel, and the construction engineers of MCB-5. On 30 April 1969, the necessary repairs were completed and the Battalion was again in full operation.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

4 April 1969 - Maj/Gen SIMPSON, Commanding General, 1st Marine Division visited patients hospitalized at 1st Medical Battalion.

13 April 1969 - Dr. MacPherson made a DENCAP to St. Josephs Orphanage where he treated ten (10) patients and to China Beach Orphanage where he treated twentytwo (22) patients.

16 April 1969 - Rear ADM F.T. NORRIS, MC, USN, visited patients hospitalized at 1st Medical Battalion.

20 April 1969 - Dr. GASSMAN made a DENCAP to China Beach Orphanage where he treated thirtythree (33) patients.

26 April 1969 - HM2 Cresencio VALDEZ Jr. was presented the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V, L/CPL Garry A. LOGAN was presented the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V, and HM2 Everett R. DENTON was presented the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V. The three (3) awards were presented by the Commanding Officer, Capt. J.W. LIA.

27 April 1969 - Brig/Gen JASKILKA, Assistant Division Commander visited patients hospitalized at 1st Medical Battalion.