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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Medical Battalion

CAPT J.W. LEA, MC, USNR
1-30 June 1969SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

LCDR W.L. WEIDNER, MSC, USN
1-30 June 1969

Company A

CDR H.N. KEIG, MC, USNR
1-30 June 1969

Company B

LCDR S.D. WILSON, MC, USNR
1-30 June 1969

Company C

LCDR J.E. WILLIAMS, MC, USN
1-30 June 1969

Company D

LCDR J.A. TOBIAS, MC, USNR
1-30 June 19692. LOCATION

1st Medical Battalion

1-30 June 1969 DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERSDirector of Professional Services CDR C.L. MOORE, MC, USNR
1-30 June 1969

Executive Officer

LCDR W.L. WEIDNER, MSC, USN
1-30 June 1969

Adjutant/S-1

LT A.E. MCCONNELL, MSC, USN
1-30 June 1969

S-2/S-3 Officer

1ST LT J.R. KNAPP, USMC
1-30 June 1969

OIC, Preventive Med Section

LT C.A. PRICE, MSC, USN
1-30 June 1969

S-4 Officer

LTJG G.S. WINDHAM, MSC, USN
1-30 June 1969

S-5 Officer

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

MT Officer

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

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Medical Supply Officer

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

Organic Supply Officer

1ST LT D.S. LEH, USMC
1-30 June 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
35	239	3	187

5. HOSPITAL STATISTICS

ADMISSIONS

DA-CI

<u>Battle Casualties</u>	<u>NON-Battle</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
234	114	304	652

OUTPATIENT VISITS

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During June 1969, the 1st Medical Battalion continued to execute its mission of providing medical support to the 1st Marine Division.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 June 1969 Twenty-five (25) students from the Phan Chu Trinh high school of DaNang visited the Medical Battalion. Eight (8) of the high school girls visited the wards and presented handkerchiefs to the patients. Following the visit to the wards, the students presented a musical performance at the enlisted mens club. The performance was well received by patients and staff alike.
- 3 June 1969 LTGEN NICKERSON, C.G. III MAF visited patients hospitalized at 1st Medical Battalion.
- 4 June 1969 a. LT. ALEXANDER, DC, USNR and one Vietnamese dental assistant held a DENCAP at the China Beach orphanage. The Doctor performed fifteen (15) dental exams requiring seventeen (17) extractions.
b. Transportation provided to haul dunnage from Freedom Hill to the Phuoc Thonh orphanage located near Red Beach.
c. Captain J.W. LEA presented a two (2) hour lecture for twelve (12) Vietnamese physicians at the Usom Hospital in downtown DaNang.
- 5 June 1969 Combined MEDCAP and DENCAP was held at the village of Ah Dinh in the 26th Marines CAAOR. A total of 103 patients with medical problems were seen and 27 dental exams performed with thirty-eight (38) extractions required. Personnel participating were: LTJG J.R. STEINER (S-5 Officer) assisted by HMC PLICHTA, HM2 PALMER, HM2 CHANDLER, HMI MONROE, two (2) Vietnamese interpreters and one (1) Vietnamese nurse. Dental Cap personnel included LT ALEXANDER DC, USNR and one Vietnamese assistant.
- 8, 24 and
30 June 1969 BRIG/GEN JASKILKA, Ass. Div. Commander visited patients hospitalized at 1st Medical Battalion
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23 June 1969 MAJ/GEN SIMPSON, C.G. 1st Marine Division visited patients hospitalized at 1st Medical Battalion.
- 10 June 1969 a. LCDR Joel TOBIAS, MC, USNR to Usom Hospital, DaNang to perform surgical procedures, consultations and follow-ups in addition to teaching Vietnamese physicians modern surgical techniques. Results of visit as follows: One (1) thyroidectomy performed and five (5) patients seen by consultation.
b. CDR Stuart WILSON, MC, USNR to Hoa Khanh Childrens Hospital where he seen four (4) surgical follow-up patients and performed two (2) surgical consults.
c. LCDR T. HOOD, MC, USNR to Hoa Khanh Childrens Hospital for ward rounds. The following were performed: Five (5) orthopedic cast were changed, admitted two (2) patients and performed a surgical repair of a child's hand.

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- 11 June 1969 a. Captain LEA, MC USNR, to Usom Hospital, DaNang presenting a two (2) hour lecture to Eighteen (18) attending Vietnamese physicians.
b. One (1) truck provided to village assistance team #3 to assist hauling lumber to Phuoc Thong village.
- 12 June 1969 a. LCDR TOBIAS, MC, USNR, to Usom Hospital where he performed two (2) surgical procedures followed by five (5) surgical consultations.
b. LCDR BYRNES, MC, USNR, to Hoa Khanh Childrens Hospital where he conducted ward rounds of medical consultations.
c. Combined MEDCAP and DENCAP was held at the village of Ah Dinh in the 26th Marines CAAOR. Persons participating were as follows: Capt LEA, J.W., MC USNR, LtJg STEINER, MSC USN, Lt ALEXANDER, DC, USNR, HMI MONROE, HMC GOETCH, HM2 PALMER, HM2 CHANDLER, two (2) Vietnamese interpreters, one (1) Vietnamese nurse and one (1) Vietnamese Dental assistant. There were seventyeight (78) medical patients treated and fifteen (15) dental examinations performed with twenty-two (22) extractions performed.
- 13 June 1969 a. HM2 CHANDLER and Nguyen Lai delivered the following items to Phuoc Thanh Orphanage at Hoa Khanh Village:
(1) 215 individual hygiene kits.
(2) 92 individual boxes of detergent.
(3) 36 stuffed dolls.
b. LTJG STEINER, HMC PLICHTA, HM2 CHANDLER returned to Phuoc Thanh Orphanage and coordinated the procedures of establishing a continual MEDCAP and DENCAP to be held weekly.
- 15 June 1969 Thirty (30) students from the Phan Chu Trinh High School of DaNang visited the 1st Medical Battalion. Eleven (11) of the high school girls visited the wards of both 1st Hospital Co. and 1st Medical Battalion. The students then presented a one (1) hour cultural/popular musical show which was attended by patients and permanent personnel at the EM Club. The performance was well received by patients and staff personnel alike. Following the performance, the students were treated to a picnic beach party at China Beach, sponsored by S-5 personnel.
- 16 June 1969 a. Col. DICKINSON, Div. Chief of Staff visited patients hospitalized at 1st Medical Battalion.
b. A MEDCAP team went to the village of Kum Lien and participated in a County Fair conducted jointly with 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines. There were 150 patients treated for assorted medical ailments and 15 pounds of soap distributed with practical application demonstrated. The following named personnel participated in the County Fair: CAPT J.W. LEA, MC, USNR, J.R. STEINER, MSC, USN, HMC GOETCH, HMI GOULD, HMI HOUSTON, HMI MONROE, HM2 PALMER, HM2 CHANDLER, two (2) Vietnamese interpreters and one (1) Vietnamese nurse aid.
c. CDR WILSON, MC USNR, traveled to DaNang Civic Hospital where he performed one (1) consultation and later, three (3) patient follow-ups on patients who he had treated at earlier dates. CDR WILSON also performed one (1) exploratory laparotomy at 1st Medical Battalion facilitating colostomy closure on a Vietnamese child from Hoa Khanh Childrens Hospital.

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d. CDR JEWELL, MC USNR excised a cystic fibroma and repaired a bowel obstruction in the operating rooms of the 1st Medical Battalion. These procedures were performed on local Vietnamese National Civilians.

- 17 June 1969 LT ALEXANDER DC USNR participated in DENCAPS assisted by one (1) Vietnamese Dental Assistant at Sacred Heart Orphanage. There were eight (8) dental examinations resulting in eleven (11) extractions.
- 18 June 1969 a. LT ALEXANDER, DC, USNR participated on a DENCAP assisted by one (1) Vietnamese Dental Assistant at Phuoc Thanh Orphanage. The DENCAP performed ten (10) examinations which resulted with twelve (12) extractions.
b. HM2 CHANDLER and Nguyen Lai accompanied the DENCAP and while it was in progress distributed the following items at Phuoc Thanh Orphanage.
(1) Seventy-two bottles of infant formula
(2) Seven (7) boxes of assorted toys
(3) Two Hundred (200) diapers.
- 19 June 1969 a. A MEDCAP team went to the village of An Dinh which was coordinated with S-5 3/26th Marines. There were seventy-eight (78) patients treated for assorted medical reasons. The following named personnel participated: CAPT J.W. LEA, MC USNR, LTJG STEINER, MSC USNR, HMC BAILEY, HMI HERRERA, HM2 PALMER, HM2 CHANDLER, two (2) Vietnamese interpreters and one (1) Vietnamese nurse.
b. Two (2) infants from Phuoc Thanh Orphanage were transferred to Hoa Khanh Childrens Hospital for prolonged treatment. Referral made by CAPT J.W. LEA, MC USNR.
c. LCDR TOBIAS, MC USNR proceeded to DaNang Civil Hospital where he participated in one (1) surgical procedure (Repair of perianal abscess).
- 22 June 1969 A MEDCAP team went to Phuoc Thanh Orphanage where sixty-three (63) children were examined and treated. The following named personnel participated: LTJG STEINER, MSC USNR, LTJG WINDHAM, MSC USNR, HMC PLICHA, HMI MONROE, HM2 PALMER, one (1) Vietnamese interpreter and one (1) Vietnamese nurse. Also LT MEYER, MSC USN and HMC SCOTT of the Preventative Medicine Section who advised on sanitary matters.
- 23 June 1969 A MEDCAP team went to the village of Kin Lien which was coordinated with S-5 3/26th Marines. There were one hundred and sixty-eight (168) medical patients treated and two (2) patients referred to 1st Medical Battalion. There were also two (2) patients seen for dental problems. The following listed personnel participated: CAPT J.W. LEA, MC, USNR, LTJG STEINER, MSC USNR, SGTMAJ CONNELL, HMC PLICHA, HMC GOETCH, HMI GARDNER, HM2 PALMER, two (2) Vietnamese interpreters and one (1) Vietnamese nurse.
- 24 June 1969 LCDR Joel TOBIAS to Usom Hospital where he performed one (1) surgical procedure (radical gastroectomy) and seen surgical consultation.

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- 25 June 1969 a. LT ALEXANDER, DC USNR, held a DENCAP at the China Beach Orphanage, twenty-five (25) patients were examined resulting in twenty-seven (27) extractions required.
b. Agriculture project began at Hoa My Village to build two (2) pig pens for needy families. Project coordinated with G-5. Personnel participating in project were SGTMAJ CONNELL, HM1 NICHOLS and a volunteer working party.
- 26 June 1969 a. LCDR TOBIAS, MC USNR to Usom Hospital seen eight (8) surgical consultations, one (1) patient transferred to 1st Medical Battalion for further treatment.
b. LT ALEXANDER, DC, USNR to Usom - ten (10) dental consultations seen.
- 27 June 1969 LCDR T. HOOD, MC USNR to Hoa Khanh Childrens Hospital. One (1) sciatic nerve exploration performed, rounds made of twenty-five (25) patients, and six (6) cast changes performed.
- 28 June 1969 a. HM2 D.R. SHELTON, HM2 W.M. EVANS were presented the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V. CPL J.L. WALL, HM3 D.L. SABBONRIN, and HM2 B.L. SNIDER were presented the Navy Achievement medal with Combat V. The seven (7) awards were presented by the Commanding Officer, CAPT. J.W. LEA.
b. LT JONES of G-5 accompanied SGT MAJ CONNELL and LTJG STEINER to Hoa My to inspect completed pig pen projects. Job satisfactory, one (1) pig to be delivered by G-5 to each family on 1 July 1969.
- 29 June 1969 MEDCAP held at Phuoc Thanh Orphanage. Sixty-eight (68) children seen and treated, one (1) child transferred to Hoa Khanh Childrens Hospital. Participating were: CDR C. MOORE, MC USNR, LTJG STEINER, HM1 MONROE, HMC PLICHTA, HM2 PALMER. LT MEYER, HMC PERRY AND HMC SCOTT of Preventative Medicine Section advised and demonstrated methods to control fly and other insects.
- 30 June 1969 MEDCAP held at Ah Dinh. One Hundred and four (104) patients seen, two (2) referred to 1st Medical Battalion for further examination. Participating were: LTJG STEINER, HMC PLICHTA, HM1 MONROE, HMC GOETSCH, HM1 GARDNER, HM1 HERRERA and HM2 PALMER.