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

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 25 September 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
 FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

Subj: Command Chronology

1. The following information is forwarded for insertion into the subject reports of this Battalion:

a. Report dated 4 March 1969, for the period 1 February through 28 February 1969. On enclosure (1), under Part III, add the following:

23 February 1969      Enemy attacks throughout South Vietnam marked the start of their "1969 TET Offensive" which lasted until 27 February 1969. During the early morning hours on the 23rd, enemy forces penetrated the 1st Marine Division command post defenses, thereby creating a mass casualty situation. The 1st Medical Battalion reacted to this situation by dispatching some fifteen (15) ambulances with medical personnel to nearby Marine units. The ambulances traveled under intense enemy fire and returned to the 1st Medical Battalion laden with casualties and without mishap. During the period of the offensive, the 1st Medical Battalion treated a total of four hundred twelve (412) combat casualties.

b. Report dated 4 May 1969, for the period 1 April through 30 April 1969. On enclosure (1), under Part III, add the following:

6 April 1969      The 1st Medical Battalion received from Major General O. R. SIMPSON, a certificate of commendation for outstanding performance of duty in operations against the aggressive communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam on the morning of 23 February 1969 ( 1969 TET Offensive).

c. Report dated 9 July 1969, for the period 1 June through 30 June 1969. On enclosure (1), under Part III, add the following:

20 June 1969      The 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF was presented the "Unit Streamer of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

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with Palm" for the period 1 April 1966 to 25 March 1969 by the Vietnamese Government. Accordingly, the 1st Medical Battalion was authorized the award as a subordinate unit.

d. Report dated 9 August 1969, for the period 1 July through 31 July 1969. On enclosure (1), under Part III, add the following:

1 July 1969 First Medical Battalion assumed operational control of 1st Hospital Company.

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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 August 1969 through 31  
August 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2 series  
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8 series  
(c) DivO 5750.2 series

Encl: ✓(1) First Medical Battalion Command Chronology

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

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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August 1969 through 31 August 1969

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## ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

1st Medical Battalion CAPT J. W. LEA, MC, USNR  
1-31 August 1969

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	LCDR W. L. WEIDNER, MSC, USN 1-31 August 1969
Company A	LCDR D. H. LEWIS, MC, USN 1-31 August 1969
Company B	LCDR S. D. WILSON, MC, USNR 1-31 August 1969
Company C	LCDR J. E. WILLIAMS, MC, USN 1-31 August 1969
Company D	LCDR J. A. TOBIAS, MC, USNR 1-31 August 1969

2. LOCATION

1st Medical Battalion 1-31 August 1969

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Director of Professional Services	LCDR J. L. RATLIFF, MC, USNR 19-31 August 1969
Executive Officer	LCDR W. L. WEIDNER, MSC, USN 1-31 August 1969
Adjutant/S-1	LTJG J. R. STEINER, MSC, USN 1-31 August 1969
S-2/S-3 Officer	1st LT J. R. KNAPP, USMC 1-31 August 1969
OIC, Preventive Med Section	LT C. A. PRICE, MSC, USN 1-31 August 1969
S-4 Officer	LTJG G. S. WINDHAM, MSC, USN 1-31 August 1969
S-5 Officer	LTJG J. R. STEINER, MSC, USN 1-31 August 1969
MT Officer	1st LT J. R. VODAR, USMC 1-31 August 1969

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Medical Supply Officer

LEUT W. M. MC CLANNAN, MSC, USN  
1-31 August 1969

Organic Supply Officer

2nd LT J. R. HEXEM, USMC  
6-31 August 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USN

OFFICER  
40

ENLISTED  
228

USMC

OFFICER  
4

ENLISTED  
173

5. HOSPITAL STATISTICS

ADMISSIONS

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<u>Battle Casualties</u> 322	<u>Non-Battle</u> 117	<u>Discharge</u> 436	<u>TOTAL</u> 875
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OUTPATIENT VISITS

1750

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PART IIPRELIMINARY SUMMARY

1. During August 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

3 August 1969 Brigadier General THOMAS, U. S. Army, inspected the hospital.  
MEDCAP to Phuoc Thanh Orphanage: Thirty six (36) children examined and treated.

5 August 1969 MEDCAP to An Dinh Hamlet: Forty six (46) patients were examined and treated. Twenty seven (27) children, nineteen (19) adults.

6 August 1969 MEDCAP to Phuoc Thanh Orphanage: Thirty eight (38) children were examined and treated. Four (4) chronic ear infections were treated by CAPT HART at 1st Hospital Company. Eighty five (85) children were administered a 2nd cholera immunization.

7 August 1969 MEDCAP to Kim Lien Hamlet: Eighty eight (88) patients were examined and treated. Seventy one (71) children, seventeen (17) adults.

10 August 1969 MEDCAP to Phuoc Thanh Orphanage: Forty nine (49) patients were examined and treated. Forty three (43) children, six (6) adults. Soap and toys were donated. Six (6) cholera immunizations were administered.

11/12 August 1969 Widespread enemy attack throughout 1st Marine Division T&O.R. 1st Medical Battalion treated a total of one hundred ninety one (191) combat casualties as a result of the action. At 0615 on 12 August 1969, one (1) 122mm enemy rocket hit the 1st Medical Battalion cantonment destroying one (1) southeast Asia hut containing H&S Company supplies. No personnel casualties resulted.

13 August 1969 Major General SIMPSON presented a Bronze Star Medal to a wounded patient.

14 August 1969 Major General SIMPSON visited the hospital patients. Mr. George Gobel visited the hospital patients.

16 August 1969 Major General SIMPSON presented a Bronze Star Medal to a wounded patient.

17 August 1969 MEDCAP to Phuoc Thanh Orphanage: Forty five (45) patients were examined and treated. Thirty five (35) children, ten (10) adults. Seventeen (17) medical cases and twenty eight (28) skin cases.

18 August 1969 Brigadier General ROBERTSON presented a Bronze Star Medal to a wounded patient.

19 August 1969 MEDCAP to An Dinh Hamlet: Ninety seven (97) patients were examined and treated. Sixty (60) children, thirty seven (37) adults. Fifty (50) medical cases and forty seven (47) skin cases.

20 August 1969 MEDCAP to Phuoc Thanh Orphanage: Forty (40) patients were examined and treated. Thirty seven (37) children, three (3) adults. Twenty three (23) medical cases and seventeen (17) skin cases. Eight cases of corn was donated. One hundred fifty (150) children were administered the 3rd cholera immunization.

21 August 1969 MEDCAP to Kim Lien Hamlet: Sixty four (64) patients were examined and treated. Thirty four (34) children, thirty (30) adults. Thirty seven (37) medical cases and twenty seven (27) skin cases.

24 August 1969 MEDCAP to Kim Lien Hamlet to assist a County Fair conducted by 3rd Bn, 26th Mars. One hundred twenty five (125) patients were examined and treated. Sixty five (65) children, sixty (60) adults.

25 August 1969 MEDCAP to An Dinh Hamlet: One hundred five (105) patients were examined and treated. Seventy (70) children, thirty five (35) adults. Sixty five (65) medical cases and forty (40) skin cases.

27 August 1969 MEDCAP to Phuoc Thanh Orphanage: Fifty (50) patients were examined and treated. Forty five (45) children, five (5) adults. Twenty five (25) medical cases and twenty five (25) skin cases.  
CPT LEA to USDM Hospital to instruct seven (7) Vietnamese Interns while conducting medical consultations.

28 August 1969 MEDCAP to Kim Lien Hamlet: Eighty five (85) patients were examined and treated. Fifty five (55) children, thirty (30) adults. Forty (40) medical cases and forty five (45) skin cases.

29 August 1969 CPT LEA to USDM Hospital to instruct eight (8) Vietnamese Interns while conducting medical consultations.

31 August 1969 Hospital Construction Progress: As of this date, the 1st Medical Battalions new hospital construction project is considered seventy five (75) per cent complete. Final completion date is estimated to be mid-October. Accordingly, the present status of construction is as follows:

- (1) Central sterilizer bldg.: complete and occupied.
- (2) Pre-operation bldg.: complete and occupied.
- (3) OP/administration bldg.: complete and occupied, minus air conditioning.
- (4) ICU addition: complete and occupied.
- (5) Warehouses (2): complete and occupied.
- (6) Enlisted quarters (3): complete and occupied.
- (7) Dental service: complete (except shower) not occupied.
- (8) Dental clinic: Nearing completion, not occupied.
- (9) Laboratory: Complete (except power) not occupied.
- (10) Laundry: Nearing completion, not occupied.
- (11) Wards:
  - #1 foundation complete.
  - #2 nearing completion (interior).
  - #3 nearing completion (interior).
  - #4 nearing completion (interior).
- (12) Orthopedic/sick call bldg.: foundation complete.
- (13) SD clinic bldg.: outer shell of bldg. nearing completion.
- (14) SO/neo clinic: nearing completion (interior, no power).
- (15) Oxidation pond: nearing completion (overflow pipes).
- (16) General grading: seventy five (75) per cent complete,