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DETACHMENT, 1ST DENTAL COMPANY
(ADCON) Headquarters Company, 5th Marines
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
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From: Detachment Commander
To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) CO 5th Marines msg 132250Z (S) of MAY 66

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for Detachment 1st Dental Company

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data. There is no formal organization for a dental detachment. This detachment represented approximately 50% of the total strength of the First Dental Company and remained on Okinawa with a primary mission of dental support to all elements of the Fifth Marines in Camp Hansen and Camp Schwab.

a. Designation and Location. Detachment, First Dental Company Okinawa.

b. Period covered. 1 March 1966 to 27 May 1966.

c. Commanding Officer. LCDR J. M. BOX, DC, USN - Detachment Commander.

d. Personnel. Upon formation, 9 Dental officers and 20 dental technicians.

2. Commander's Narrative Summary of Significant Events. In addition to the routine manning and operation of the dental clinics at Camp Hansen and at Camp Schwab, this Command has emphasized, and aggressively pursued, training programs for its personnel.

All hands have engaged in FAM firing of TO weapons; all hands have received FIREX Jungle Lane training; all hands have attended Mine Warfare and Boobytrap Training School. The dental officer and dental technician scheduled to detachment to BLT 3/5 for the period of its SLF phase of operations were given (previous to their being attached to BLT 3/5 for duty) additional training for a period of one week at Counter-Guerilla Warfare School.

Two dental officers and two dental technicians were sent, under TAD orders, to the four-weeks of Vietnamese Language School at Camp Sukiran.

Daily physical training for enlisted personnel has been routine procedure.

3. Chronology of Events.

1 March 1966: Detachment, First Dental Company formed and joined to Headquarters Company, 5th Marines. Detachment Commander LT K. G. PONDER, DC, USN.

26 March 1966: LT K. G. PONDER, DC, USN relieved as Detachment Commander by LCDR J. M. BOX, DC, USN.

2 April 1966: Dental Detachment of 1 officer and 1 technician TAD to BLT 3/5 in connection with support for a training exercise.

19 April 1966: Dental Detachment TAD to BLT 3/5 for training exercise returned and resumed normal duties.

11 May 1966: Dental Detachment of 1 officer and 1 technician assigned to BLT 3/5 for deployment.

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22 May 1966: Detachment embarked on board USS RENVILLE with 5th
Marines for transportation to Republic of Viet Nam.

27 May 1966: Arrived Republic of Viet Nam.

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