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FIRST DENTAL COMPANY
Headquarters Battalion
First Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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From: CAPT J. W. PENTECOST, DC, USN, Commanding Officer, 1st Dental
Company
To: Force Dental Officer, Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force Pacific,
FPO San Francisco, California 96610

Subj: End of tour briefing

Encl: (1) Historical Sketch
(2) Tour Summary
(3) Current Command Chronology (Jan 69)
(4) Current Roster of Personnel, and Assignments *Locations + functions*
C.O. Turnover Briefing to Capt Alexander, 24 Jun 1969

Enclosures (1), (2), (3), (4) are submitted for informational purposes as required by proper authority.


J. W. PENTECOST

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FIRST DENTAL COMPANY BRIEF

1. Historical. The First Dental Company, FMF, was activated 1 December 1955 in accordance with Division Order 5440.13 and attached to First Marine Division, FMF, by order of the Commandant of the Marine Corps letter A01-hmh of 22 September 1955.

a. The First Dental Company (-) (Rein), Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division (Rein), FMF has been serving in support of the First Marine Division in Vietnam since 23 March 1966. On that date, the Company debarked at Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam with elements of Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division. Having no fixed facilities, the Company set up hard backed tents and had six fully operational dental facilities by 10 April 1966, giving complete dental support to the First Marine Division. Also in April 1966, the Company's Civic Action Program, "DENTCAP", was established.

b. By 11 November 1966, the First Dental Company disestablished their hard backed tent facilities and had established seven fixed facilities in tin roofed tropical huts, one of which contained a four operatory, air conditioned clinic and an air conditioned oral surgery suite. Also in November the Company commenced its move to Danang, Republic of Vietnam and established four dental facilities in the Danang area. These included a dental van, two tropical huts and one Vietnamese concrete hut. At this point, eighty percent of the Company assets remained in Chu Lai.

c. In April 1967, with the establishment of two additional facilities, the Company had eighteen separate facilities in operation providing dental support in widely dispersed areas on the battalion level. By June 1967, most elements of the First Marine Division had relocated from the Chu Lai area to the Danang area. As units moved, dental facilities were disestablished in Chu Lai and reopened at new locations giving a total of sixteen facilities in the Danang area and three in the Chu Lai area.

d. During the months from June 1967 through April 1968, the Company continued to be on the move. In November 1967, a facility was established in an old French building at Quan Tri, the roof of which had been blown away. This facility was used for only about six weeks and then turned over to the Third Dental Company. In November 1967, January 1968 and April 1968, the last three facilities in Chu Lai were disestablished.

e. Task Force X-Ray relocated to Phu Bai and in January 1968 the First Dental Company established facilities there with MUST UNIT #1, the First Marine Regiment and the Fifth Marine Regiment. In February 1968, a mobile M-105 trailer was assigned to give a dental facility to Marine personnel at the Gia Le Combat Base. On February 17th., the 27th. RLT arrived in Vietnam for duty with the First Marine Division. A detachment of the 15th. Dental Company was part of the 27th. RLT and soon joined the First Dental Company making it the

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largest Dental Company in the Fleet Marine Force with a total of thirty Dental Officers and sixty Dental Technicians along with four Marine drivers.

f. March 1968 saw the First Dental Company assume control of a double quonset type dental clinic in Phu Bai from the Third Dental Company. The clinic housed four general operatories, one prosthetic operator and a prosthetic laboratory.

g. In April 1968, two mobile M-105 dental trailers were put into operation with units in the Khe Sanh and Hue areas. Also the 1st. Hospital Company facility moved from Chu Lai to replace the 1st. Medical Battalion facility at Danang. The 1st. Medical Battalion then relocated to Phu Bai.

2. Mission and Task. To maintain the dental health of all elements of the First Marine Division (Rein), FMF, to provide specialized care for injuries involving the face and mouth, to train dental personnel in the support of Marine field operations and to assist the Medical Department in the event of mass casualties and mass evacuation.

3. Personnel. There are twenty-one dental officers, one Medical Service Corps officer, forty-nine Dental Technicians and three Marine enlisted presently assigned.

4. Facilities. Presently sixteen separate dental facilities are in operation throughout the First Marine Division. Included are 13 tropical huts, two surgical vans and one double quonset hut.

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Division C. P.	Danang	***1	1	2
Headquarters Bn.	Danang	1	1	2
1st. Medical Bn.	Danang	** 5	11	16
1-11	Danang	1	1	2
3rd. Amtracs Bn.	Danang	1	1	2
11th. Marine Reg.	Danang	0	1	1
1st. Marine Reg.	Danang	1	1	2
7th. Marine Reg.	Danang	1	1	2
1-7	Danang	1	1	2
3-7	Danang	1	1	2
7th. Eng. Bn.	Danang	0	2	2
1st. Eng. Bn.	Danang	1	2	3
11th. Motors	Danang	1	1	2
2-1	Danang	1	1	2
3-1	Danang	1	1	2
5th. Marine Reg.	An Hoa	3	8	11
Company Hdqtrs.	Danang	* ** 2	*** 17	19
TOTAL		22	52	74

- * Denotes Commanding Officer.
- ** Denotes Civic Action Dental Officer and Medical Service Corps Officer.
- *** Includes administrative, supply, mount-out, repair, preventive dentistry and Marine personnel.

5. Logistics. The First Dental Company is under the Administrative Command of Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division. The Commanding Officer of the First Dental Company is also the Division Dental Officer. Logistic support of the company is provided by Headquarters Battalion. Funding for dental treatment is provided under budget project 10 (care of the sick).

6. Activities Supported. All First Marine Division units.

7. Dental Services. Since October 1968 to present a total of 124,962 dental procedures have been performed on Navy and Marine Corps personnel. Included in this total are 6,910 preventive dentistry treatments, 5,066 procedures in DENTCAP and 1,304 procedures on Army personnel. Average number of procedures per dental officer per month is 524.

8. Civic Action. The Civic Action program of the Company is coordinated by the Commanding Officer. One dental officer is assigned full time to Civic Action at schools, orphanages, hospitals, dispensaries and public health centers in the Danang area. In addition, other dental officers conduct "DENTCAPS" in areas near their assigned units with unit Medical Civic Action Teams. The Company has one Vietnamese trainee in training to become a qualified dental assistant and five Vietnamese considered trained.

9. Decorations and Awards. Personnel of the Company have received or were recommended for the following awards since 1 January 1969:

- 1 Bronze Star
- 3 Purple Hearts
- 23 Navy Achievement Medals
- 1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
- 4 Navy Commendation Medals
- 1 Navy and Marine Corps Medal

10. Achievements.

(a) Employment of Vietnamese Nationals to train as dental assistants. Six are now employed and work at four facilities. Five are fully trained and qualified and one is in training. Civil Service Status with full benefits are granted to these employees. This program has the dual function of relieving Navy technicians for duties elsewhere and it trains Vietnamese in the field of oral hygiene so that they may help themselves in the future. All of the trainees are learning their work quickly and well.

(b) Full time Civic Action Program. This program has been extremely effective in that thousands of Vietnamese citizens have received treatments which they otherwise would never have gotten. It is believed that the program is well worth the time effort and expense for purely humanitarian reasons.

e. The First Dental Company has a policy of assigning one dental officer to each battalion. This concept has proven to be highly effective in reducing lost man hours traveling to centralized dental facilities. It is necessary however, for patients to travel to central clinics for specialized treatments such as prosthetics, oral surgery and endodontics. Two locations exist where these services are available. One, the First Medical Battalion in Danang and one at the 5th. Marine Regiment located at the An Hoa Combat Base.

11. The following personnel have been wounded while serving with the First Dental Company in the Republic of Vietnam:

LT T. L. BARTON, DC, USN
 LT J. C. BOND, DC, USNR
 LT W. H. PETRI, DC, USNR
 CAPT J. W. PENTECOST, DC, USN
 LT J. E. BOSLEY, DC, USNR
 DTC D. E. DENTON, USN
 DTY W. J. COOPER, USN
 DT2 R. L. RIDDELL, USNR
 DT3 C. T. DAVIS, USN
 DT3 S. J. SCARDINO, USN

12. Problems and Recommended Solutions.

a. Problems.

- (1) T/O shortage of two dental officers.
- (2) Breakdown of air compressors.
- (3) Breakdown of generators at An Hoa.

b. Recommendations.

- (1) That two additional officers be requested if BuPers replacement orders are not received in the near future.
- (2) Compressor problem has been relieved somewhat because of the spares maintained at the "Float" located at FLC. Extra Encore units are also being maintained. When a unit is turned in for repairs a new or rebuilt unit is issued immediately.
- (3) More large back up generators should be available. Suggest status of one PU-482 generator out of country for repair, and one new unit on order, be followed closely.

END OF TOUR SUMMARY

1. On 4 July 1968 I arrived in the Republic of Vietnam to assume command of the 1st Dental Company. A change of command ceremony was held at the Company headquarters on 5 July at which time I relieved CDR F. R. Ruliffson as commanding officer with CDR Ruliffson remaining as Executive Officer of the Company. During the next few days I visited each of the Company's 19 facilities and noted the varied types of construction in which dental clinics were housed. These included Southeast Asia huts, Quonset huts, Surgical Vans, M-105 Cargo trailers and MUST Unit #1. The facilities were located in two general areas of the Republic of Vietnam, those being Danang and Phu Bai. The company was reinforced by a detachment of the 15th Dental Company which consisted of 6 dental officers, 10 dental technicians and one Marine driver. The detachment accompanied RIF-27 and was OPCON-ADCON to the 1st Dental Company.
2. During July the locations and number of facilities within the company remained static. However, in August the need for dental companies to be flexible and mobile became apparent to me when a number of 1st Marine Division units relocated. The Army assumed responsibility for the Phu Bai area of operations and the 1st Marine Division assumed the responsibility for the An Hoa area. Two dental facilities at Phu Bai were disestablished and a new one opened at An Hoa. Also an M-105 trailer clinic was placed into service in the Phu Gia Pass area in support of the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment. The clinic at An Hoa was set up in a CP tent until permanent facilities could be obtained.
3. In September, Task Force X-Ray at Phu Bai was completely disestablished and all of the company's facilities there were closed. All personnel and assets from Phu Bai clinics were reassigned to facilities in the Danang and An Hoa areas. Also the M-105 Clinic at the 1st Shore Party Battalion was closed. These actions gave the company a new total of 16 Clinics.
4. During September, RIF-27 returned to COMUS and the detachment of the 15th Dental Company returned with the RIF. The personnel of the detachment did a fine job of providing dental support for the RIF and all received appropriate awards for their service. The clinic at An Hoa was moved into a French, stucco building and expanded from one to two dental officers plus a prosthetic lab and a prophylaxis unit. Typhoon "Bess" struck Vietnam in September and heavily damaged the M-105 trailer facility at Phu Gia but another trailer was placed into use in place of the damaged one immediately. It became necessary during the month to discontinue having one dental officer and one dental technician assigned full time to Civic Action in order to be able to provide maximum possible dental support to Marine units. Civic Action continued on the unit level with the MEDCAPS of the units.

5. During September a full inventory of 1st Dental Company equipment was conducted. Results: Missing gear, (1) very little; requisitions for replacement initiated. (2) Two PU482 Generator deadlined; repair/replacement action accomplished. (3) Organic gear transferred to Headquarters Battalion by Divisional Orders.

6. Steps were taken to correct the above discrepancies either by requesting replacement or obtaining proper documentation of transfer.

7. Significant events during the month of October were the movement of the 1st Engineer Battalion to another cantonment which was formerly occupied by a Naval Mobil Construction Battalion. When the MCB departed, they transferred their dental equipment to the 1st Dental Company. Included was an Encore field dental unit with compressor, two garrison chairs, an x-ray machine and a dental operating light. The 3rd Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment was relieved at the Phu Gia Pass area and the clinic there was relocated to the 26th Marine Regimental Headquarters CP.

8. Operations of the company are considered to have been routine during the month of November with no change in the location or number of facilities. The most significant event during the month happened at about 0730 on 21 November at which time the Company office and the dental van next to it were struck by fragments from an enemy rocket. DT1 W. J. Cooper was wounded in the right hand and both arms while working in the Company office. No serious damage was done to the structures and there was no damage to equipment. Electrical needs for the expansion of dental facilities at An Hoa, could not be met by the 1st Dental Company or the 5th Marine Regiment. Because of no tactical PU 482 Generators in the Dental Company. The Naval Support Activity Generator Pool provided a commercial generator for our needs.

9. Routine operations continued in December with no change in the location or number of dental facilities. The clinic at An Hoa was expanded from two to three dental operatories. A request for modification of the T/E allowance was submitted with the recommendation that the T/E for FMF Dental Companies be modified to delete five PE-75 Generator Sets and add eight PU-692/G Generator Sets.

10. Problem areas during the period from July through December have been few. There has been no shortage of either officer or enlisted personnel except for a brief shortage of prosthetic technicians which was rapidly corrected when the EPDOPAC became aware of it. The number of enlisted men serving extensions of their tours in Vietnam varied during the period from July through December from a low of 13 to a high of 19.

11. No significant problems exist in the area of supply.

12. The only equipment problem of significance has been the lack of generators. Electrical power failures cause much loss of dental officer work days. The fact that PE-75 generators are incapable of supplying enough power for one operator and the fact that the Marine units to

which this company is attached has taken control of the company's PU-482 generators which has greatly aggravated the loss of dental officer workdays.

13. In a few instances, some of the units at which dental clinics are located have failed to provide adequate facilities for the clinics within their cantonments. It has frequently been necessary to either have pressure applied to these units by higher authority or to make the needed improvements ourselves. In many other cases interest and cooperation have been very high.

14. From January 1968 thru December 1968, six Navy Commendation Medals, 27 Navy Achievement Medals, 6 Purple Heart Medals, and 1 Legion of Merit Medal were awarded to personnel who served with the 1st Dental Company. In addition, personnel of this company have received or have been recommended for the following awards since 1 January 1969: 1 Bronze Star Medal, 3 Purple Heart Medals, 23 Navy Achievement Medals, 1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Medal, 4 Navy Commendation Medals, and 1 Navy and Marine Corps Medal (awarded).

15. The modification of M-105 Cargo trailers to serve as mobil dental trailers has proven to be successful and useful in many instances. They have been utilized where it was either impossible or impractical to build fixed facilities (Khe Sahn, Hue, Phu Gia Pass) and as temporary facilities while fixed facilities were being built. They have also been used in areas where a need existed for only a short period of time.

16. Encore field dental units have proven to be excellent units. The air compressors tend to breakdown quite often in hot, humid weather. Field chairs are very uncomfortable and dental officers have often built chairs rather than use a field chair. The operating lights are excellent. Sets and kits on the IOL are adequate.

17. From January until present, operations have been relatively routine. The 26th Marine clinic was disestablished and relocated at the 11th Motor Transport Battalion, about a mile away. New facilities were constructed (Southeast Asia Huts) at 1st Battalion/7th Marine Regiment, 3rd Battalion/7th Marine Regiment, and 11th Motor Transport Battalion. Some curtailment of operations occurred during TET in February and March 1969 due to military readiness conditions, in which company personnel excelled in treating patients on the perimeters and assisting Medical personnel at BAS's. Enemy harassment during the entire calendar year to date has affected dental procedure somewhat, but company personnel have done remarkably well considering conditions.

18. During June of 1969, a full time Dent Cap Officer was reassigned, and results have been very satisfactory. Programs are coordinated with Division G-5 and 1st Medical Battalion. Individual Dent Caps are held at least once weekly by each dental officer in outlying areas.

19. A continuing oral hygiene program (Oral Hygiene instructions and SnF2 treatments) is functioning well, traveling throughout the 1st Marine Division TAOR to provide this needed treatment to as many field operating Marines as possible.

20. Six Vietnamese girls are now employed by 1st. Dental Company at the following locations: Headquarters and Service Company (one fully trained and one trainee), 1st. Medical Battalion (two fully trained), 11th. Marine Regiment (one fully trained), Division CP Van (one fully trained). Their duties consist of assisting a dental officer at the chairside, charting dental records and rendering oral prophylaxis treatments to Marine patients.

21. During the early part of 1969 the 1st. Dental Company was nominated for the Meritorious Unit Commendation for excellence in providing dental and field medical service during the period 23 March 1966 to 31 March 1969.

22. Up to date information concerning personnel and facilities are included in enclosures (2) and (3).

23. Relations with all units in the 1st. Marine Division, including logistic support, have been outstanding. The only problem areas have been the occasional unapproved use of major items such as generators, vehicles and water buffaloes, which are by regulation placed under custody of 1st. Marine Division Supply, but these problems have been lessening. Supply items, particularly open purchase items have been slow in arriving once in awhile, but this situation, too, is improving. Dental Officer strength will reflect two short by August. This is the only major current discrepancy.

24. A new air conditioned five chair dental clinic and prosthetic lab should be completed sometime in the fall at the First Medical Battalion.

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1 July 1969

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion, First Marine Division
(Rein), FMF, FPO, San Francisco, California 96602
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 June 1969 to 30 June 1969;
submission of
Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMFPac Order 5750.8
(c) Division Order 5750.20
Encl: (1) June 1969 Command Chronology

1. In compliance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c),
enclosure (1) is submitted.

J. E. Aubin
J. E. AUBIN
By direction

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CG, 1ST. MARDIV (G-4)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. Designation:

First Dental Company
 Headquarters Battalion
 First Marine Division (Rein), MAF
 FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

2. Locations:

- a. 1 June 1969 to 30 June 1969 located Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam.
- b. 1st. Dental Company, Headquarters - Danang. The First Dental Company Headquarters is located in the First Marine Division Command Post in Danang. The Headquarters staff consist of the Commanding Officer, Administrative Officer, Administrative Chief and two Administrative Clerks.
- c. Dental Van, 1st. Marine Division Command Post Area. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and is capable of general and preventive dentistry.
- d. Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion - Danang. This facility is staffed with one dental officer and one dental technician and is capable of general and preventive dentistry.
- e. 1st. Medical Battalion Area - Danang. Five dental officers and *eleven dental technicians are assigned to this clinic. Capabilities include oral surgery, treatment of maxillofacial injuries, prosthetics, endodontics, periodontics, general and preventive dentistry. *Two prosthetic technicians are on loan to the 11th. Dental Company for assistance in the area Ticonium lab.
- f. 1-11 (Hill 34) Area - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and is capable of general and preventive dentistry.
- g. 11th. Marine Regiment Area - Danang. This facility is staffed by one *dental officer and one dental technician. A dental van is located in this area. Treatment capabilities are general and preventive dentistry. *Dental officer not available at this time for assignment.
- h. 3rd. Amphibious Tractor Battalion Area - Danang. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned. General and preventive dentistry is provided.
- i. 11th. Motors Area - Danang. This facility is staffed by one *dental officer and one dental technician. General and preventive dentistry is provided. *Dental officer not available at this time for full time assignment. Clinic is being covered on a part time basis by the dental officer assigned to the C. P. Van.

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1. 1st. Battalion, 7th. Marine Regiment Area - Danang. Dental support in this area is provided by one dental officer and one dental technician. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

k. 1st. Battalion, 7th. Marine Regiment Area - Danang. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned and general and preventive dentistry is provided.

l. 3rd. Battalion, 7th. Marine Regiment Area - Danang. One dental officer and one dental technician provide support in this area. General and preventive dentistry is available.

m. 7th. Engineer Battalion Area - Danang. Dental support in this area is provided by one dental officer and two dental technicians. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

n. 5th. Marine Regiment Area - An Hoa. This facility is located in a stucco type building. Three dental officers and eight dental technicians are assigned. General, prosthetic and preventive dentistry is provided.

o. 1st. Marine Regiment Area - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and provides general and preventive dentistry.

p. 3rd. Battalion, 1st. Marine Regiment Area - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and provides general and preventive dentistry.

q. 2nd. Battalion, 1st. Marine Regiment Area - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and provides general and preventive dentistry.

r. 1st. Engineer Battalion Area - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and two dental technicians. Capabilities include general and preventive dentistry.

s. In addition to the company headquarters and clinics listed, the company also maintains a supply/mount-cut, dental repair, preventive dentistry and motor transport sections. These sections are currently staffed by twelve dental technicians and three Marine drivers.

3. Staff Officers:

CAPT J. W. PENNECOST, DC, USN - Commanding Officer
 CAPT P. C. ALEXANDER, DC, USN - PCO
 CDR M. R. WIRTHLIN, DC, USN - Executive Officer
 LTJG J. E. AUBIN, ISO, USN - Administrative Officer

4. Average Monthly Strength:

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
0		*3	22		49	0		0

*These personnel are carried on the rolls of Service Company, Headquarters Battalion and are assigned as drivers for this Company.

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The First Dental Company renders dental support to the First Marine Division in the Danang and An Hoa areas of the Republic of Vietnam. There are currently sixteen dental facilities in operation to provide dental support to the First Marine Division. The facilities are of varied types of construction including thirteen of the SEA hut type, two surgical vans and one stucco building. Two M-105 dental trailers are in reserve.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel.

a. The First Dental Company currently has three DT1's and one DT2 and eight DT3's serving voluntary extensions in the Republic of Vietnam for a total of twelve dental technicians.

Joined during the month 03

Dropped during the month 05

Total strength 30 June 1969 71

b. I Corps Dental Society meeting held at Camp Tien-Sha Officers Club on 14 June 1969.

c. A new dental clinic at 11th. Motors was completed and placed in service during the month of June. This replaces the clinic, which has been closed, located at the 26th. Marine Regiment.

d. PGO CAPT P. C. ALEXANDER, DC, USN, reported aboard for duty on 26 June 1969. Informal inspection trips to all First Dental Company clinics have been made. CAPT J. W. PENTECOST, DC, USN, is scheduled to be relieved as Commanding Officer, First Dental Company, on 3 July 1969.

2. Administration:

a. The Administrative Officer confers daily with all supervisory personnel to keep abreast of their problems and disseminates new policies and information.

3. Trainings:

a. Due to the combat nature of duty in Vietnam, professional training for both officers and dental technicians is handled primarily through the medium of correspondence courses. There is a very active enrollment of both officer and enlisted personnel in Navy Correspondence Courses and USAFI. Professional material is maintained by the Company Office and made available to personnel upon request. Guidance is provided whenever and wherever necessary or requested.

4. Command and Control:

a. The Commanding Officer maintains supervision and control by periodic visits and telephone calls to clinic directors and supervisors of support sections. The Commanding Officer, Administrative Officer and Leading Chief confer daily concerning current and planned company operations.

5. Civic Action:

a. A full time dental officer for DentCaps has temporarily been assigned to provide for this program in Danang city and immediate surrounding area.

b. Other dental officers coordinate their civic action program with the Medical Civic Action program of the unit to which he is responsible for performing dental treatment.

c. Treatment rendered during the month of Jun 1969 to the Civic Action Program:

Extractions	315
Root Residual Removal	15
Examinations	75
Oral Hygiene Instructions	305
Total Procedures on Vietnamese patients	710
Total Vietnamese patients	305

6. Maxilla-facial injuries treated during the month of June 1969:

Fractures (Reduction and Fixation) Mandibular	06
Soft tissue laceration (Debridement and Repair) facial	05

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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20 June 1969

From: Commanding Officer
To: Force Dental Officer, Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Monthly Personnel Report; submission of

Encl: (1) Roster of Personnel on Board
(2) Roster of Personnel due to report
~~NFF (3) Chart of Estimated Gains and Losses~~

1. Subject report is submitted for the month of June 1969.


J. E. AUBIN
By direction

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CO, 11TH DENCO
CO, 15TH DENCO
CO, 17TH DENCO

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FIRST DENTAL COMPANY
ROSTER OF PERSONNEL ON BOARD
20 JUNE 1969

*CAPT J. W. PENNOCOST, DC, USN, Commanding Officer (RTD: Jul 69)
CDR M. R. WIRTHLIN, DC, USN, Executive Officer (RTD: Nov 69)
LTJG J. E. AUBIN, MSC, USN, Administrative Officer (RTD: Jan 70)

LEADING CHIEF - DANANG 6439

BEAL, P. W.	DTCS	0000	Jan 70
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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE * DANANG 6540

RIDDLE, H. (n)	DTG	8722	Jan 70
*CARSTEN, J. E.	DT1	8707	Jul 69
+ISAACS, D. R.	DT1	8707	Feb 70

SUPPLY, REPAIR, MOUNT-OUT AND MOTOR TRANSPORT - DANANG 6439

SMITH, G. B.	DTG	8722	Nov 69
HERNANDEZ, G. L.	DT1	8707	Oct 69
+RANSEY, W. T.	DT1	8703	Feb 70
*+READER, G. L.	DT1	8732	Aug 69
WEIDY, R. S.	DT1	8732	Mar 70
CHEIKO, R.	DT2	8707	Apr 70
MURPHY, J. E.	DT2	8707	Nov 69
*+WOODIN, G. D.	DT2	8707	Jul 69
+PACKARD, H. H.	CPL	3531	Aug 69
BARRISH, T. W.	PFC	3531	Feb 70
POLHEMUS, E. A.	PFC	0311	Oct 69

1ST. MEDICAL BATTALION - DANANG 6483 or 6484 - 40

WIRTHLIN, M. R.	CDR	2200	Nov 69
*CORCORAN, J. D.	LT	2203	Jul 69
ALEXANDER, R.	LT	2203	May 70
*GASSMAN, J. R.	LT	2203	Jul 69
SYREK, D. W.	LT	2203	Nov 69
CUNNINGHAM, C. H.	DTG	8752	May 70
*CATCHUCE, J. E.	DT1	8703	Jul 69
*BOLIN, "C" "P"	DT1	8752	Sep 69
SLOAN, J. E.	DT1	8752	Jun 70
BRIGGS, T. K.	DT2	8752	Sep 69
*MATHEWSON, G. P.	DT2	8707	Aug 69
WILHELM, W. J.	DT2	8707	Sep 69
BERNSTEIN, D. W.	DT3	8752	Nov 69
BENNETT, C. C.	DT3	8752	Nov 69
HILL, B. R.	DT3	8752	Nov 69
PARIS, B. A.	DN	8707	Sep 69

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HEADQUARTERS BATTALION - DANANG 6440

*SHIMOTO, H. T.	LT	2205	Sep 69
*MASSER, J. L.	DT3	8707	Dec 69

CIVIC ACTION COORDINATOR - DANANG

*PENTECOST, J. W.	CAPT	2200	Jul 69
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PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY - DANANG 6439

*LEKAS, J. S.	LCDR	2200	Jul 69
GATZMEYER, R. G.	DT2	8707	Apr 70
NELSON, S. A.	DT2	8707	Nov 69

7TH. MARINE REGIMENT - DANANG 952 - 40

BOSLEY, J. W.	LT	2205	Jan 70
*BROWN, B. N.	DT3	8707	Sep 69

1ST. BATTALION, 7TH. MARINE REGIMENT - DANANG 952 - BAS

HILLE, D. E.	LT	2205	May 70
*BARRON, K. W.	DT3	8707	Jul 69

3RD. BATTALION, 7TH. MARINE REGIMENT - DANANG 952 - DC

TRIFICANA, R. M.	LT	2205	Apr 70
JOHNSON, E. B.	DT3	8707	Apr 70

7TH. ENGINEER BATTALION - DANANG 6476 - DC

*EAGAN, L. D.	DT3	8707	Nov 69
CARLSON, J. C.	DT2	8707	Sep 69

1-11 (H11 34) DANANG (Ask for 11th. Marines Operator) - 40

ONEY, R. L.	LT	2205	Feb 70
KNUDSEN, D. L.	DT3	8707	Apr 70

3RD. AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION - DANANG 89512361

BUSHNELL, T. D.	LT	2205	Nov 69
*HEWITT, R. L.	DT3	8707	Aug 69

1ST. ENGINEER BATTALION - DANANG 89513470

*WELLSTEIN, S. R.	LT	2205	Jul 69
*RAICHE, H. J.	DT3	8707	Jul 69
O'BRIEN, M. E.	DT2	8707	Nov 69

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1ST. MARINE REGIMENT - DANANG 6183 or 6184 BAS

OHLE, P. W.	LT	2205	Feb 70
+CLAYBAUGH, L. S.	DT3	8707	Sep 69

2ND. BATTALION, 1ST. MARINE REGIMENT - DANANG 6181, 6182, 6183 or 6184 BAS

HARRIS, R. J.	LT	2205	Feb 70
PETERSEN, J. M.	DT2	8707	Nov 69

3RD. BATTALION, 1ST. MARINE REGIMENT - DANANG 6181, 6182, 6183 or 6184 BAS

WARHEIT, L. S.	LT	2205	Feb 70
*+HOGAN, D. P.	DT3	8707	Sep 69

5TH. MARINE REGIMENT - AN HOA 953 - 40

LAMARCHE, R. G.	LCDR	2200	May 70
CARLSON, C. R.	LT	2205	Feb 70
SUNDBERG, R. J.	LT	2205	Feb 70
*SZABO, J. F.	DT1	8707	Sep 69
KLAR, J. E.	DT2	8707	Dec 69
FERRO, J. J.	DT3	8752	Mar 70
OTIS, J. E.	DT3	8707	Sep 69
WOPERSHALL, S. P.	DT3	8752	Sep 69
PETERSON, J. E.	DT3	8752	Nov 69
RUDD, K. S.	DT3	8752	Nov 69
WEISENSTEIN, N. D.	DT3	8707	Oct 69

11TH. MARINE REGIMENT - DANANG 6575 or 6572 AS

*RAMSEY, R. C.	DT3	8707	Aug 69
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11TH. MOTORS - DANANG 6545 or 6546 AS

HOOD, J. L.	DT3	8707	Aug 69
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DENTAL VAN - DIVISION COMMAND POST - DANANG 6340

*LEKAS, J. S.	LCDR	2205	Jul 69
TOLBERT, D. L.	DT2	8707	Nov 69

- * ORDERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED
- + EXTENDED IN RVN

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ROSTER OF PERSONNEL DUE TO REPORTJUNE

CAPT ALEXANDER	2200
LT EDWARDS	2205
DT3 ZEMAN	8707

JULY

LT WINTHEISER	2205
LCDR MOSBY	2200
DT1 MINER	8752
DT1 MYERS	8752
DT1 TOUCHETTE	8732
DT2 RICHARDSON	8707
DT2 WEBER	8707
DT2 WILSON	8707
DT3 EILAND	8707
DT3 HARILLEE	8707
DT3 RAUCH	8707
DN BOWGREN	8707

AUGUST

CDR PRINCE	2200
LT MCCALLUM	2205
DT3 BATES	8707
DT3 LUCAS	8707
DT3 SILVERSTEIN	8707

SEPTEMBER

DT3 CHOATE	8707
DT3 KNAPP	8707
DT3 LONEY	8707
DT3 RAYMOND	8707
DT3 SMITH	8707

OCTOBER

DT3 COLE	8707.
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JANUARY 1970

**** DTG ROMANO ****	8722	<u>Welcome aboard, Al!</u>
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Enclosure (2)

FIRST DENTAL COMPANY
Headquarters Battalion
First Marine Division (Rein), MIF
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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24 June 1969

From: Commanding Officer
To: Captain Perry C. ALEXANDER, DC, USN

Subj: Commanding Officer's Turnover Briefing - 4 July 68 to 4 July 69

1. General Information: The First Dental Company is located in the Da Nang and An Hoa areas of the Republic of Vietnam. The Company is charged with the mission of providing complete dental service to all members of the First Marine Division, and to support the Division's Civic Action Program through DentCops. The Company is additionally responsible for coordinating and integrating with Medical counterparts in the care, treatment and evacuation of battle casualties in each of the sixteen areas where dental detachments are assigned. The current sixteen dental facilities are of varied types including thirteen SEASTA huts, two surgical vans and one stucco building. Two H-105 dental trailers are in reserve.

Key Personnel

Commanding Officer: CAPT J. W. PENTECOST, DC, USN, 525758/2200

Has additional duty as Division Dental Officer and as Civic Action Coordinator for DentCops. Exercises command control over all detachments of the First Dental Company, including utilization and movement, with the exception of routine military supervision exercised by the local command supported. The Commanding Officer maintains supervision and control by periodic visits and phone calls to detachment commanders and supervision of support sections. The Commanding Officer, Administrative Officer and Leading Chief confer daily on current and planned company operations.

Executive Officer - CDR H. R. WIRTHLIN, DC, USN, 356235/2200

Second in command to the Commanding Officer with additional duty as detachment commander of the First Medical Battalion Clinic.

Administrative Officer - LTJG J. E. AUBIN, HSC, USN, 711874/2302

Supervises administrative, supply, repair, embarkation, personnel and custodial functions to include all garrison T/E property, classified materials, drugs and precious metals. Located at the Division OP at the Company Office as an assistant to the Commanding Officer.

ENCLOSURE (5)

Leading Chief - DT3 P. W. BUAL, USN

Enlisted supervisor and CMAA. Located at Dental Mount-Out area, Service Company compound. Coordinates efforts of supply, embark and repair personnel in that area. Confers with the Company Office on formation of Company policies, enlisted assignments and evaluations.

2. Professional Functions and Status. During the past year nearly 186,000 dental procedures have been performed on military and Vietnamese civilian patients over 11,000 of which were accomplished on DentCaps. The company possess, in addition to general dentistry facilities, prosthetic, periodontic and oral surgery capability. All units are well equipped with modern Bredent dental units and compressors and most have garrison chairs. Presently, eight Noralco portable x-ray machines are in use in the more centrally located areas with one on order. One commercial unit is installed at the First Medical Battalion Clinic. One dental officer, an oral surgeon, is permanently assigned DentCap duties who averages six half-days per week in the immediate Da Nang area. In outlying areas, individual dental officers coordinate with local aid stations' civic action programs and participate approximately one half day per week. Programs are carried out on-base, local villages and hamlets and civilian orphanages, hospitals and schools.

Both military and civilian treatment have suffered during this year's intensive enemy offensives (battle and security conditions, dangerous travel conditions, etc.), but during times of comparative calm they should improve.

One other problem encountered is the large number of appointment failures. This is due largely to combat operational commitments which often crop up at very short notice, making it difficult to keep failures down even when schedules are limited to two weeks. Attempts are being made by the Command and individual clinics to bring this problem under control.

The caliber of young Reserve dental officers assigned to this Company has been, with few exceptions, outstanding.

A two man team of technicians, DT2 R. G. GATZMEYER, USN and DT2 S. A. NELSON, USN are employed full time on preventive dentistry, traveling throughout the First Division area to bring this treatment to Marines in the field. LCDR LEKAS coordinates and schedules the program with the various units in advance. The treatment consist of oral hygiene instructions, self brushing with special paste and SnF2 application.

3. Administrative Function and Status.

Company Office - Located at the Division CP, this office is staffed by the Commanding Officer, the Administrative Officer, the Administrative Chief, DT3 H. RIDDLE, USN and his two assistants, DT1 J. C. CARSTON, USN and DT1 D. R. ISAACS, USN. This office provides policy, guidance and overall coordination over all command and administrative functions. The office maintains all service records of company personnel, keeps official files, maintains all official manuals and directives system and keeps a small professional library. The company maintains close liaison with all G sections and the Division Surgeon's Office, which has overall

responsibility for Medical/Dental Funding and budgeting and receipt and transfer of all Navy personnel.

Supply. Located at the Dental Mount-Out complex, Service Company area. DTC G. B. SMITH, USN is the Supply Chief, and his assistant is DTL C. L. HERNANDEZ, USN. Due to there effort, this is an extremely smooth running organization, and few problems are encountered. Quarterly funding targets are more than adequate, and accounting is performed by the Division Comptroller. All supplies and equipment are received on an end use basis, which simplifies supply procedures. Requisitions are processed through the Force Logistics Command with the exception of some open purchase gear (teeth, non-standard items) and repair requests on Encore handpieces and units. Blanket purchase agreements and GSA contracts through NSC, Oakland are available for open purchase items. FLC provides a well stocked "maintenance float" of handpieces and Encore parts and compressors which eliminates lengthy shipping of equipment for repair. Inoperable equipment is turned in at FLC for an operable item. At times, extremely long order and shipping times have been experienced, particularly for open purchase items, such as teeth, and major equipment items, but this has been reduced. Occasionally the FLC computer rejects valid standard requisitions as "Not in Stock" when material is actually on the shelves, but close liaison with the Medical Supply Section has alleviated this problem.

Embarkation Section. Located at Dental Mount-Out complex, Service Company area. DTL W. T. RAISEY, USN and his assistant DT2 R. CHELKO, are embarkation school graduates. DT2 J. E. MURPHY, USN is currently assisting in this area. Quarterly inspections and inventories of all clinics are held by Embark personnel to insure readiness. Division Inspections have shown that our Embarkation Section is in an excellent state of readiness for deployment. Company 782 gear and weapons have been turned in to Division Supply as per Division regulations, and are drawn and turned in through that office. One major problem is large generators. By Division Order, PU-482 generators are maintained and allocated through Division Engineers, regardless of what unit T/E the equipment belongs to. We therefore lose control of these assets. At present we have neither of the two 482 units we rate. One was burned out beyond repair almost a year ago and a replacement is on order. The other has been sent to Japan for repairs, also, nearly a year ago. At present the An Hoa facility is depending on two units on loan from the the Naval Support Activity. The same problem holds true, to a lesser degree, on vehicles and other large items, such as water buffaloes. Usually, however, our vehicles are available when needed. Our four jeeps remain with us at all times (three here, one at An Hoa). The one 2 1/2 ton truck and two 5 tons are turned in nightly when used to the Motor Transport section. They may be used for the reaction force and provisional forces during the night, and for routine business during the day if we don't check them out. Since the Company is responsible for P. M., this can be a problem. One 5 ton truck is deadlined, awaiting a new replacement. Condition of vehicles is now satisfactory.

Repair. The Dental Repair section is located in the Dental Mount Out Complex, Service Company area. DTL G. L. READER, USN and DTL R. S. WELDY, USN, are the repairmen. Each activity is visited at least once monthly by this team. Dental Equipment has been kept in a good state of repair to date. The Incore equipment, especially compressors become a problem during hot humid weather, but is overall quite efficient and durable otherwise. Emergency calls are handled as received. Repairmen assist III MAF dental and the 11th. Dental Company when requested.

Personnel. There are presently twenty-two dental officers and forty-nine dental technicians on board. The enlisted strength is seven above T/O and very adequate. However, the present shortage of two (02) dental officers is critical. As of this writing, two vitally located clinics are without the services of a dental officer.

One of two oral surgeons assigned is now participating in full time DentCaps due to his reluctance to work in general dentistry. Our prosthetic officer has been lost, MedEvaced for a heart condition, and a replacement has not yet been assigned by the Bureau, although an interim replacement from the on board staff has helped considerably.

Training and physical fitness has been left largely to the individual with every assistance provided by the company office on request. The wide dispersal of activities precludes the institution of formal all hands participation in rigid programs.

Monthly officers meetings and section head meetings are held. The Commanding Officer and Administrative Officer attend monthly Company Commanding Officer and Administrative Officer meetings at III MAF on the second Saturday of each month, followed by the I Corps Dental Society Meeting in the afternoon, which most of our dental officers attend. A company function (party or picnic) is usually held on the second Sunday of each month.

Present personnel rotation policy is that all hands can expect to remain on board for a period of one full year, (365) days, unless the Commanding Officer, for some valid personal reason which the individual presents, sees fit to allow an earlier transfer consistent with restrictions on official orders.

Presently six enlisted personnel have extended their Vietnam tours and one officer has submitted his request for augmentation to the Regular Navy.

Regulations provide for one R & R and one seven (07) day leave per tour, exclusive of the thirty (30) day special leave on extension.

Three Marine drivers are permanently assigned to the Company. They are PFC T. W. PARRISH, USMC, PFC E. A. POLHEMUS, USMC and CPL H. H. PACKARD, USMC. The Commanding Officer's driver is DT2 G. L. WOODIN, USN soon to be transferred.

Awards presented or recommended during the past year have been 1 Bronze Star, 1 Navy and Marine Corps Medal, 6 Purple Heart Medals, 8 Navy Commendation Medals, 36 Navy Achievement Medals and 1 RVN Cross of Gallantry Medal. In addition, the Company has been recommended for the Meritorious Unit Commendation for the period 23 March 66 to 31 March 69. On 20 June 1969, the First Marine Division was presented the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm. Inclusive dates have yet to be decided for this award.

In country assignments are usually made to outlying areas for the first six months and the last six months at one of the nearer activities. This facilitates shopping, household effects shipments and promotes better appreciation of the less remote areas.

Six Vietnamese girls ranging from VGS-2 to VGS-6 are now working in clinics in the CP area, the VGS-6 at the CP Van being a trained nurse, and the VGS-2 a trainee. They are all trained in dental assistance, charting, prophylaxis and appointment scheduling. They are also valuable as interpreters during DentCaps.

A weekly newsletter is published to keep all hands abreast of the local news, company operations, new directives and general information.

4. Dental Facilities. With the exception of the First Medical Battalion and An Hoa, all clinics are one chair, one dental officer operations located at all Regimental CPs and major battalion size units. Most units have an additional x-ray/prophy chair, either garrison or field type, which increases capability.

DENTAL VAN, FIRST MARINE DIVISION CP - LCDR J. S. LEKAS, DC, USN and DT2D. L. TOLBERT, USN PLUS NHU THI THANH THU (VGS-6)

This facility is an air conditioned dental van with its own back-up water supply and x-ray. General and Preventive Dentistry is provided.

HEADQUARTERS BATTALION, SERVICE CO. - LT H. T. SHIMOTO, DC, USNR, DT3 J. L. MASSER, USN (ON LEAVE), NGUYEN THI THIENH (VGS-4) AND LUU THI SUU (VGS-2)

This is an air conditioned SEASIA hut with x-ray and living facilities, located at Service Company. The VGS-2 was just recently hired as a trainee, and will be attending a four week language school in the next two months. This clinic provides general and preventive dentistry. The clinic has a back-up water supply.

FIRST MEDICAL BATTALION - CDR M. R. WIRTHLIN, DC, USN (X.O. AND DETACHMENT COMMANDER) - PERIO, LT J. D. GORCORAN, DC, USNR - PROSTHETICS, LT D. W. SYREK, DC, USNR - ORAL SURGERY, LT J. R. GASSMAN, DC, USNR - GENERAL AND ENDO, LT R. ALEXANDER, DC, USNR - SURGERY, EXAM AND DENTCAP.

GENERAL TECHNICIANS - DT1 J. E. CATCHUR, USN (8703), DT2 G. P. MATTHEWSON, USN, (8707), DT2 W. J. WILHELM, USN, (8707), DN B. A. PARIS, USN, (8707), HANG THI MAI (VGS-4) and HANG THI DAO (VGS-4).

PROSTHETIC TECHNICIANS - DTG C. R. CUNNINGHAM, USN, CM4A (HOSPITAL) (8752), *DT1 "C" "P" BOLIN, USN, (8752) (1ST. MAW - LOAN), *DT1 J. O. SLOAN, USN, (8752) (1ST. MAW), DT2 T. K. BRIGGS, USN (8752), DT3 D. W. HERNSTEIN, USN, (8752), DT3 C. C. BENNETT, USN, (8752), DT3 B. R. HILL, USN (8752).

*These personnel are Ticonium trained, and are on loan to the 11th. Dental Company since that activity processes all our Ticonium frameworks.

This clinic is two SIASIA huts located about two miles from the Division CP, provides, general, preventive, prosthetics, surgical, endodontic and periodontic dentistry. Consults of all types are received from First Dental Company units at scheduled times and "as needed" basis. Referrals for specialty treatment are scheduled from all units. X-ray facilities are available.

A new, five chair airconditioned clinic and laboratory facility is scheduled to be constructed near the same site sometime in the fall of this year. This will especially be helpful in the lab since during the summer months, it is virtually impossible now to perform much lab work, particularly working wax, due to the heat. Due the semi-permanent nature of tendency in a fixed area by a Marine Dental Company, the clinic will be furnished by equipment now on hand.

5TH. MARINE REGIMENT, AN HOA - JCDR R. G. LAMARCHE, DC, USN, (DETACHMENT COMMANDER), *LT EDWARDS, DC, USNR, LT R. J. SUNDBERG, DC, USNR

* LT EDWARDS due to report by end of Jun 69.

GENERAL TECHNICIANS - DT1 J. F. SZABO, USN (8707) CM4A, DT2 J. E. KIAR, USN (8707), DT3 J. E. OTIS, USN (8707), DT3 W. D. WEISBERGSTEIN, USN (8707).

PROSTHETIC TECHNICIANS - DT3 J. J. FERRO, USN (8752), DT3 S. P. WOPERSHALL, USN (8752), DT3 J. E. PETERSON, USN (8752), DT3 K. S. RUDD, USN (8752).

This dental clinic is housed in an old French stucco building with living facilities at the An Hoa Combat Base. It is partly airconditioned and possesses its own power source in the form of two commercial generators, and its own water supply when needed. The clinic provides, general, preventive and prosthetic dentistry. X-ray facilities are available. This area is especially subject to rocket, mortar and ground attack, so that the building itself, and generators are well sand bagged and bunkered. One company jeep is used by the staff. Access is only by guarded road convey or helicopter. Convoys take about three hours, and leaves each morning and tries to return in the afternoon. Helicopter trips take less than 1/2 hour. This clinic uses no appointment schedule but treats patients on a "first come, first served" basis, and works very well. This is done because of the large number of uncertain, short range, combat operating commitments.

1ST. BATTALION, 11TH. MARINE ARTILLERY REGIMENT (HILL-34) - LT R. I. ONEY, DC, USNR and DT3 D. L. KNUDSEN.

This clinic is in a SEASIA hut with living quarters. It provides general and preventive dentistry. It has a back-up water supply.

11TH. MARINE ARTILLERY REGIMENT - (TEMPORARILY WITHOUT DENTAL OFFICER) and DT3 R. C. RAMSEY, USN PLUS PHAN THI LE (VGS-4).

This is an air conditioned dental van. In the absence of a dental officer the dental technician screens and refers sick call to the nearby Headquarters Battalion or Service Company Clinic. Both personnel perform oral prophylaxis and SnF2 treatments. The civilian employee accompanies the full time DentCap operation. This clinic has been plagued by a power problem due to overloaded base power. Steps have been taken to solve this problem.

3RD. AMPHIBIOUS TRACTOR BATTALION - LT T. D. BUSHNESS, DC, USNR and DT3 R. L. HEWITT, USN.

This is an airconditioned SEASIA hut with living quarters. It is capable of general and preventive dentistry and has an x-ray unit. This is one of our most desirable clinics. The base is located on an excellent beach near Marble Mountain and is cooled by the ocean breezes. Previous occupants have completely renovated the clinic building, paneled and insulated the walls and overhead, tiled the deck, and in many ways added to the attractiveness of the clinic.

7TH. MARINE INFANTRY REGIMENTAL CP (HILL 55) - LT J. W. BOSLEY, DC, USNR and DT3 B. N. BROWN, USN.

The 7th. Marines CP is located about 10 miles south of DaNang. The clinic is housed in a standard SEASIA hut with living spaces. General and preventive dentistry is provided; has x-ray capability. The clinic has sustained damage due a high incident rate of attacks by fire. Recently a nearby blast collapsed the roof of the building, wounding the dental officer. This caused the clinic to be out of operation for several days.

1ST. BATTALION, 7TH. MARINE INFANTRY REGIMENT (HILL 37) - LT D. E. HILLE, DC, USNR and DT3 K. W. BARRON, USN.

This clinic and quarters is a newly constructed SEASIA hut, completed during the last six months. It is located about two miles southwest of the regimental CP. The clinic provides general and preventive dentistry.

3RD. BATTALION, 7TH. MARINE INFANTRY REGIMENT - LT R. H. TRIFICANA, DC, USNR and DT3 E. B. JOHNSON, USN.

This too is a new SEASIA hut built in May of 69, which the attached personnel have put a lot of work into, to make it habitable and to efficiently arrange the dental spaces. The construction was not of the best with many gaps in the walls and decks. This is being corrected. The clinic has a back-up water supply. General and preventive dentistry are provided.

7TH. ENGINEER BATTALION - *LT C. R. CARLSON, DC, USNR and DT2 J. C. CARLSON, USN and DT3 L. D. EAGAN, USN.

*SHOULD BE ON BOARD FROM AN HQA LAST WEEK IN JUNE.

This SEASIA hut facility with quarters is located a few miles north of the CP area. It has general and preventive dentistry and x-ray capability. This is one of the busier clinics and has two technicians, one performing oral prophylaxis nearly full time. The plant has been well maintained by personnel attached.

1ST. MARINE INFANTRY REGIMENTAL CP - LT P. W. CHILE, DC, USNR and DT3 L. S. CLAYBAUGH, USN.

This is a SEASIA hut structure over $\frac{1}{2}$ of which is occupied by the regimental aid station, which causes a little crowding. The clinic provides general and preventive dentistry. The 1st. Battalion, 1st. Regiment is also supported here. It should be mentioned here that present 1st. Regiment policy provides for rotating its three battalions among its three base areas, so designations must be changed occasionally. However, dental personnel do not rotate, but remain in the base area to which originally assigned.

2ND. BATTALION, 1ST. MARINE INFANTRY REGIMENT - LT R. J. HARRIS, DC, USNR and DT2 J. M. PETERSON, USN.

This clinic is now being renovated and air-conditioned by the occupants. It is a SEASIA hut with living quarters and back-up water supply. General and preventive dentistry with x-ray capabilities are provided, although productivity has been down largely due to the renovation. A minor personality clash between the present doctor and battalion X. O. has been reported, but the situation appears to have stabilized.

3RD. BATTALION, 1ST. MARINE INFANTRY REGIMENT - LT L. S. WARHEIT, DC, USNR and DT3 D. P. HOGAN, USN.

This is a SEASIA hut with quarters. The clinic provides general and preventive dentistry. Both personnel attached have needed counseling concerning personal appearance and a tendency to be indifferent to some base regulations, particularly uniforms.

1ST. ENGINEER BATTALION - LT S. R. WELLSTEIN, DC, USNR and DT2 H. E. O'BRIEN, USN and DT3 H. J. RAICHT, USN.

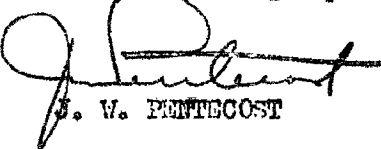
SEASIA hut with living spaces. Has x-ray. General and preventive dentistry accomplished. Again, due to a heavy workload, two technicians are assigned.

11TH. MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION - NO DENTAL OFFICER ON BOARD, DT3 J. L. HCOD, USN.

This is our newest clinic. It is located in one wing of the battalion aid station. This clinic was established when we vacated a sub-standard building at the 26th. Marine Regiment, almost directly across the road, and the 11th. Motors requested our services. This worked out well for all concerned, since the 26th. Marines should have their own dental support assigned in country by 9th. MAB in support of RLT-26. However, we have

commander to supply all the 10th. at all our ready facilities. The 11th. Major Commander has shown his appreciation for our services by providing a spacious working area, in which were installed permanent sink, shelving, storage compartment, stained wood partitions separating the D. O. R. from the waiting room, overhead fans, benches and new screens and awnings. LCDR LEKAS will work mornings there and afternoons at the CP Van, until a permanent dental officer can be assigned.

5. Future Prospects. The First Dental Company is making few long range T-Day advance plans, since this is not a readily foreseeable occurrence. However, all sections are maintaining a state of readiness which could meet any total deployment or unit movement contingency.


J. W. PENTECOST

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