

FIRST DENTAL COMPANY
Headquarters Battalion
First Marine Division (Rein), MAF
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Encl: √(1) January 1970 Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation:

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

2. Location:

a. 1 January to 31 January 1970 located at Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

b. 1st Dental Company, Headquarters - Danang. The First Dental Company Headquarters is located at the First Marine Division Command Post in Danang. The Headquarters Staff consists 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 with one dental officer and one dental technician and is capable of general and preventive dentistry.

d. 1st Medical Battalion Area - Danang. Six dental officers and nine dental technicians are assigned to this clinic. Capabilities include oral surgery, treatment of maxillofacial injuries, prosthetics, endodontics, periodontics, general and preventive dentistry.

*One prosthetic technician assigned to this clinic is on loan to the 11th Dental Company assisting in the Central Prosthetic Lab.

e. First Tanks - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and is capable of general and preventive dentistry.

f. 11th Marine Regiment Area - Danang. A dental van is located in this area and is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. Capabilities are general and preventive dentistry.

g. 3rd Amphibious Tractor Battalion - Danang. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

i. 11th Motors - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

j. 1st Marine Regiment - 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, 1st Marine Regiment - Danang. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned and provides general and preventive dentistry.

l. 7th Marine Regiment - L.Z. Baldy. Dental support in this area is provided by two dental officers and two dental technicians. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

m. 7th Engineer Battalion - Danang. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

n. 5th Marine Regiment - 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. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and provides general and preventive dentistry.

p. 1st Engineer Battalion - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. Capabilities include general and preventive dentistry.

q. 1st Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment - Danang. This facility just opened during the month of November and is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and provides general and preventive dentistry.

r. R & R Center - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental technician and provides oral prophylaxis treatment.

s. In addition to the Company Headquarters and clinics listed, this company also maintains a supply/mount-out, dental repair, preventive dentistry and motor transport sections. These sections are currently staffed by eight dental technicians and two Marine Drivers.

3. Staff Officers:

CAPT P. C. ALEXANDER, DC, USN, Commanding Officer
 CDR R. D. PRINCE, DC, USN, Executive Officer
 LTJG J. A. BELLEY, MSC, USN, Administrative Officer

* 4. Average Monthly Strength.

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | | <u>OTHER</u> | |
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| <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
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* 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 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 SEASIA hut type, two surgical vans, and one stesco building.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- * 1. The I Corps Dental Society meeting was held at Camp Tien-Sha Officers Club on 10 January 1970.
- * 2. LTJG John A. HELLEY, MSC, USN 740525/2302 reported aboard for duty from Naval Dental Center, Naval Station, San Diego, California for duty as Administrative Officer relieving LTJG J. E. AUBIN, MSC, USN.
- * 3. CAPT Meredith MEAD, DC, USN Force Dental Officer III MAF was aboard for an orientation visit with the Commanding Officer during 5-7 January.
- * 4. LT J. J. KERCKE, MSC, USN and DTC A. R. TANNER, USN were aboard from Force Dental Section, III MAF on 23 January 1970 for an Administrative inspection.
- * 5. A dental facility was closed at the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment on 19 January 1970.
- * 6. Two dental officers reported aboard on TAD from 11th Dental Company (RVN) on 28 January 1970.
- * 7. Personnel.

a. The First Dental Company currently has one DTI serving a voluntary extension in the Republic of Vietnam for a total of one dental technician.

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| Joined during the month | 7 |
| Dropped during the month | 8 |
| Total strength 31 January 1970 | 68 |

* 8. Administration. The Administrative Officer confers daily with all supervisory personnel to keep abreast of their problems and disseminate new policies and information.

* 9. Training. 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.

* 10. Command and Control. 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.

* 11. Civic Action.

A. Dental officers coordinate their civic action programs with the Medical Civic Action teams of the unit to which he is responsible for performing dental treatment.

B. Treatment rendered during the month of January 1970 to the Civic Action Program:

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| Extractions | 302 |
| Root Residual Removal | 14 |
| Examination | 80 |
| Other Procedures | <u>70</u> |
| Total Procedures on Vietnamese patients | 466 |
| Total Vietnamese patients | 431 |

* 12. Maxillo-Facial injuries treated during the month of January 1970.

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| Fractures (Reduction and Fixation) | |
| Mandibular | 1 |

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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Enclosure (1)