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

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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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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation:

First Dental Company  
 Headquarters Battalion  
 First Marine Division (Rein), 4MF,  
 FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

2. Location:

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

b. First 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, First 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. First Medical Battalion Area - Danang. Seven 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. 1st Battalion 5th Marines. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and is capable of general and preventive dentistry.

f. 11th Marine Regiment - 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. 2nd Battalion 1st Marines - Danang. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

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

- i. 1st Battalion 1st Marines - Danang. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned and provides general and preventive dentistry.
- j. 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.
- k. 7th Engineer Battalion - Danang. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned. General and preventive dentistry is provided.
- l. 5th Marine Regiment - An Hoa. This facility is located in a stucco type building. Two dental officers and four dental technicians are assigned. General, prosthetic, endodontic, and preventive dentistry is provided.
- m. 3rd Battalion 5th Marines - Hill 65. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned. General and preventive dentistry is provided.
- n. 3rd Battalion 1st Marines - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. General and preventive dentistry is provided.
- o. 1st Engineer Battalion - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. Capabilities include general and preventive dentistry.
- p. R&R Center - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental technician and provides oral prophylaxis treatment.
- q. Mobile Dental Trailer. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. Capabilities include general and preventive dentistry. This trailer is moved about the outlying areas.
- r. In addition to the Company Headquarters and clinics listed, this company also maintains a supply/round-out, dental repair and motor transport sections. These sections are currently staffed by six dental technicians and four Marine drivers.

### 3. Staff Officers.

CAPT R. H. IRAD, DC, USN	Commanding Officer
CDR R. D. PRICE, DC, USN	Executive Officer
MSG J. A. HENLEY, 1MC, USN	Administrative Officer

4. Average Monthly Strength:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
0	*4	26	40	0	0

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

## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The First Dental Company renders support to the First Marine Division in the Danang and An Hoa areas in the Republic of Vietnam. There are currently fifteen dental facilities in operation to provide dental support to the First Marine Division. The facilities are of varied types of construction including ten of the MESA hut type, two surgical vans, one stucco building, and one locally constructed van mounted on a utility trailer.

## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. A change of command ceremony was held on 3 March 1970, and Captain Meredith H. IRAD, DC, USN, relieved Captain P. C. ALEXANDER, DC, USN, as Commanding Officer, First Dental Company.
2. The I Corps Dental Society meeting was held at Camp Tien-Sha Officers Club on 14 March 1970.
3. Personnel:
  - a. Joined during the month 3
  - b. Dropped during the month 8
  - c. MEDICAL 2
  - d. Total strength 31 March 1970 68
4. Administration. The administrative officer confers daily with all supervisory personnel to keep abreast of their problems and disseminate new policies and information.
5. 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.

6. 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 Landing Chief confer daily concerning current and planned company operations.

7. The following treatment was accomplished by the First Dental Company from 1 March through 27 March 1970:

<u>MILITARY PERSONNEL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Restorations	3598
Root Canal Treatment	54
Prosthetic Appliance and Repair	181
Surgical Procedures Other than Extractions	51
Total Extractions	520
Oral Prophylaxis	908
X-rays	1781
Total Patients Treated	3232
Total Procedures	7093

8. 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 March 1970 to the Civic Action Program:

Extractions	460
Examinations	327
Total Procedures on Vietnamese Patients	787
Total Vietnamese Patients	337

9. Maxillo-facial injuries treated during the month of March 1970.

Fractures (Reduction and fixation)

Mandibular	1
Maxillary	1

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None