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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) through (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 May to 31 May 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. Six dental officers and eight 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 Laboratory.
- 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.

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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 two 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. 1st Engineer Battalion - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

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

p. 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, and is presently located at FSB Ress. A permanent bunker to support one dental officer and one dental technician will be completed within one week. Dental trailer will then support combined action forces.

q. Service Company - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

r. In addition to the Company Headquarters and clinics listed, this Company also maintains a supply/mount-out section, dental repair and motor transport section. These sections are currently staffed by seven dental technicians and three Marine drivers, and one warehouseman.

3. Staff Officers.

CAPT M. H. MEAD, DC, USN	Commanding Officer
CDR R. D. PRINCE, DC, USN	Executive Officer
LTCJG J. A. HELLIX, MSC, 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	22	36	0	0

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

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The First Dental Company renders support to the First Marine Division in the Danang, An Hoa, and LZ Baldy 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 SPASIA 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

- On 1 May 1970 ten enlisted personnel were promoted. Two to Dental Technician First Class, eight to Dental Technician Second Class.
- On 1 May 1970 Captain V. Anderson, DC, USN Staff Dental Officer for Headquarters Marine Corps arrived in the area to visit with the First and Eleventh Dental Companies.
- On 2 May Captain Anderson, Captain Head and LTJG Helley visited the following Marine Corps Commanding Officers, Dental Officers, and Dental Technicians attached:

Landing Zone Baldy	7th Engineers Battalion
Fire Support Base Ross	2nd Battalion 1st Marine Regiment
An Hoa	Headquarters Battalion
Hill 65 2nd BN 5th Marine Regiment	1st Dental Company Office
III Marine Amphibious Force	11th Dental Company Office
Force Logistic Command	1st Medical Battalion
- On 3 May Captain Anderson departed for Okinawa.
- On 4 May DT1 Roice reenlisted for four years. LC R Lamarche transferred.

6. On 5 May DT3 Bates hospitalized with malaria.
7. On 6 May set security condition two at 1500.
8. On 7 May set security condition # two at 1400.
9. On 8 May 2nd Battalion 1st Marine Regiment received mortar fire. Slight damage reported to dental facility by Dr. King. Staff conference III MAF. Security condition # two set at 1600.
10. On 9 May I Corp Dental Society meeting at Camp Tien Sha.
11. On 10 May Commanding Officer 1st Dental Company meeting with all dental officers. Discussed the following topics: Requisitioning supplies, check in and out procedures, relationship with Marine units, first aid, casualty care and familiarity with Field Units #1 and #2. Picnic at China Beach.
12. On 11 May DT1 Young TAD to 11th Dental Company to work in Prosthetic Laboratory to support 1st Dental Company prosthetic cases referred for processing.
13. On 14 May III MAF conference regarding need for additional Oral Surgeon. DT1 Vickstrom assumed duties as company Administrative Chief. Senior Chief Forget assigned as dispatcher of company vehicles.
14. On 15 May CDR Prince assumed position of acting Commanding Officer, 1st Dental Company while Captain Head went on R&R to Bangkok.
15. On 21 May Captain Head returned from R&R.
16. On 22 May Captain Head to III MAF conference. DT3 Bates released from hospital.
17. On 23 May revised Dental SOP for III MAF.
18. On 24 May An Hoa hit by six 122mm rockets. No damage to dental facilities.
19. On 27 May An Hoa hit by four rockets, slight damage.
20. On 28 May FLC hit by one rocket. Commenced project to revise all First Dental Company orders.
21. On 29 May phone call from FMFPAC on subject of oral surgeons. LTJG Hsiley and LT Barco edited Vietnamese film on Oral Hygiene.
22. On 30 May LCDR E. L. Mosby promoted to Commander in ceremony at First Medical Battalion.
23. On 31 May eleven members of the First Dental Company fired familiarization course with pistols and rifles.

24. Personnel:

- a. Gained during the month 2
- b. Dropped during the months 3
- c. Total strength on 31 May 59

25. Administration. The administrative officer confers daily with all supervisory personnel to keep abreast of their problems and disseminates new policies and information.

26. Training. Due to the combat nature of duty in Vietnam, professional training for 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. One officer and two enlisted men are enrolled in University of Maryland, Far East Extension, night classes, taking Business Administration courses using BuMed tuition assistance.

27. 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.

28. The following treatment was accomplished by the First Dental Company from 1 May through 31 May 1970:

<u>MILITARY PERSONNEL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Restorations	3215
Root Canal Treatment	68
Prosthetic Appliances and Repair	130
Surgical Procedures Other than Extractions	70
Total Extractions	421
Oral Prophylaxis	1217
X-Rays	796
Total Patients Treated	6424
Total Procedures	15944

29. 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 May 1970 through the Civic Action Program:

Extractions	297
Examinations	173
Total Procedures on Vietnamese Patients	484
Total Vietnamese Patients	327

30. Marillo-facial injuries treated during the month of May 1970.

Fractures (Reduction and fixation)

Mandibular 11

Maxillary 8

PART IVCHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDSAND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.