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Headquarters Battalion  
First Marine Division (Rein), FMF,  
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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**

**1 June to 30 June 1970**

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## CONTINUED 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 June to 30 June 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. Nine 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. Two prosthetic technicians assigned to this clinic are TAD 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.

- 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 - LZ 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 three 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. DCR 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 Hoi An.
- q. Service Company - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. General and preventive dentistry is provided.
- r. 2nd Battalion 7th Marine Regiment - FSB Ross. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. General and preventive dentistry is provided.
- s. In addition to the Company Headquarters and clinics listed, this Company also maintains a supply/mountout section, dental repair, and motor transport section. These sections are currently staffed by three dental technicians and four Marine drivers, and one warehouseman.

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3. Staff Officers.

CAPT M. H. MEAD, DC, USN Commanding Officer  
 CDR R. D. PRINCE, DC, USN Executive Officer  
 LTJG J. A. HELLIEY, HSC, 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	24	35	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 Demang, An Hoa and LZ Baldy areas in the Republic of Vietnam. There are currently sixteen dental facilities in operation to provide dental support to the First Marine Division. The facilities in operation are of varied types of construction including ten of the SEAASIA hut type, two surgical vans, one bunker, one storage building, and one locally constructed van mounted on a utility trailer.

## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 1 June attended Change of Command ceremony at 1st Medical Battalion.
2. On 2 June visited FSB ROSS, where bunker dental clinic is well under construction.
3. On 4 June LCDR TURNER reported aboard for duty and was assigned to the 5th Marine Regiment Dental Clinic.
4. On 5 June held personnel and material inspections at 1st Medical Battalion Dental Clinic. Attended Staff conference at III Marine Amphibious Force. DT3 BATTLE reported aboard for duty.
5. On 6 June DT1 HOFFMAYR reported aboard for duty.
6. On 7 June received message that CAPT LUDWICK, FMFPAC Dental Officer will visit on 13 June. DT2 BLSIER and DT2 HOKINNE were promoted to their present rate effective 1 May 1970.

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7. On 8 June received message that CAPT ANDERSON, Dental Officer, Headquarters Marine Corp was selected for Rear Admiral, Dental Corps, U. S. Navy. LT JEROME reported aboard for duty and was assigned to the 7th Marine Regiment Dental Clinic.
8. On 9 June LT SMITH and LT EDWARDS were transferred to CONUS for duty. DT3 EILAND and DT3 HALLIEE were transferred to nearest separation activity in CONUS for separation.
9. On 10 June attended G-4 conference. LCDR PIERONI reported aboard for duty.
10. On 13 June CAPT LUDWICK and DTOM POGAS aboard for visit from FMFPAC.
11. On 14 June conducted joint meeting with 1st and 11th Dental Companies. CAPT LUDWICK was principal speaker.
12. On 15 June LT BALSIGER reported aboard for duty and was assigned to the 7th Engineer Battalion Dental Clinic.
13. On 16 June Commanding General, First Marine Division presented the First Dental Company with the Meritorious Unit Citation.
14. On 17 June CAPT LUDWICK and DTOM POGAS departed for FMFPAC.
15. On 19 June LT MCBRIDE reported aboard for duty.
16. On 20 June the First Dental Company participated in Cultural tour to Danang.
17. On 22 June the Mobile Dental Trailer relocated to Ca9-2 in Ho9 An.
18. On 23 June DT2 Loney was transferred to CONUS for Emergency Leave and separation.
19. On 27 June gave briefing to prospective new Headquarters Commandant, Col. YOUNG.
20. On 30 June LT's MILLER and MEHARRA reported aboard for duty. Attended ceremony to turn over ownership of Hoa Hahn Childrens Hospital to World Relief. Participated in G-4 conference on redeployment and embarkation procedures.
21. Personnel:
  - a. Gained during the month 11
  - b. Dropped during the month 5
  - c. Total strength on 30 June 65

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

23. 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 one enlisted man are enrolled in University of Maryland, Far East Division, night classes.

24. 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.

25. The following treatment was accomplished by the First Dental Company from 1 June through 30 June 1970:

<u>MILITARY PERSONNEL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Restorations	3165
Root Canal Treatment	53
Prosthetic Appliances and Repair	141
Surgical Procedures Other than Extractions	42
Total Extractions	361
Oral Prophylaxis	968
X-rays	656
Total Patients Treated	5861
Total Procedures	14,152

26. 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.

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b. Treatment rendered during the month of June 1970 through the  
Civic Action Program:

Extractions	317
Examinations	139
Total Procedures on Vietnamese Patients	462
Total Vietnamese Patients	384

27. Maxillo-facial injuries treated during the month of June 1970.

Fractures (Reduction and fixation)

Mandibular 6

Maxillary 3

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.