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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology; report of (Report Symbol MC 5750-06)
Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

Encl: (1) Command Chronology, H&S Company, 3d Medical Battalion
(2) Command Chronology, "A" Company, 3d Medical Battalion
(3) Command Chronology, "B" Company, 3d Medical Battalion
(4) Command Chronology, "C" Company, 3d Medical Battalion
(5) Command Chronology, "D" Company, 3d Medical Battalion

1. In compliance with reference (a) and (b) the following report is submitted:

a. 3d Medical Battalion, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF

(1) Location: Coordinates - At 889145
(2) Period covered by this report: 1 December through 31 December 1967.

(3) Commanding Officer and Staff Officers

(a) Commanding Officer - CDR R. A. BROWN MC USN
(b) Executive Officer - LCDR C. A. MC FEE MSC USN
(c) S-1/Adjutant/Admin. Off. - LT R. C. HEMPEY MSC USN
(d) Spc. Asst. to Bn., C.O. - 1st LT R. A. GAUL Jr., USMC

b. Significant events during the month of December 1967.

(1) Personnel:

(a) Navy enlisted staffing is now returning to an optimum level. Marine enlisted personnel still remains substantially below manning level especially in MOS 3531 (driver field).

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(b) Average monthly strength.

USMC		USN	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl
3	98	56	245

(2) Awards - None.

(3) Administration:

(a) Number of patients transferred:

NSA	463
22nd CSF	269
to Sea	71
to Duty	430
Misc	31

(b) Total number of casualties processed 1,264.

(c) 194 of the above total casualties were triaged at D-Med. and evacuated to A-Med.

(4) Logistics:

(a) Lead time continues to be excessive (approximately 56 days), however, supply situation has improved. Maintenance in 2nd and 3rd echelon is considered satisfactory. Pending work orders for improvements in drainage and road repair are badly needed at this time due to continuous monsoon rains. Overall the logistic support is considered satisfactory.

(5) Medical Support:

(a) D-Medical Company is assigned in support of Dong Ha combat base.

(b) 2nd Clearing Platoon, Charlie Company, assigned in support of combat base at Khe Sanh.

(c) MUST #2 is operating at A-Medical Company, Phu Bai.

(d) 1st Clearing Platoon, "D" Company, 5th Medical Battalion deployed with Battalion Landing Team 2/4.

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(6) The following General Officers and VIP's visited this Command on the dates indicated:

24 December 1967

Vice President Nguyen Cao KY, Republic of Vietnam
RADM KELLY (CHC) USN, Chief of Chaplain Corps
LTGEN CUSHMAN USMC, CG III MAF
MAJGEN TOMPKINS USMC, CG 3d MarDiv
BRIGGEN METZGER USMC, Asst. CG 3d MarDiv
LTGEN LAM, Army, Republic of Vietnam
BRIGGEN TROUNG, Army, Republic of Vietnam

29 December 1967

MAJGEN TOMPKINS USMC, CG 3d MarDiv


J. C. P. COLLIER
Acting

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HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY
3d Medical Battalion
3d Marine Division FMF
APO San Francisco, 96602

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3 January 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Medical Battalion

Subj: Command Chronology; report of

Ref: (a) BnO 5750.1A

Encl: (1) Command Chronology report from Preventive Medicine Unit

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following report is respectfully submitted:

a. Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Medical Battalion

- (1) Location: 889145
- (2) Period covered by this report: 1-31 December 1967
- (3) Commanding Officer and Staff
 - (a) CO - LCDR C. A. MC FEE, MSC, USN
 - (b) S-2/S-3/UtilitiesO - 2ndLt R. H. GAUL Jr., USMC
 - (c) S-4 - 1stLt K. S. CHMIELEWSKI, USMCR
 - (d) MTO - 1stLt A. F. ROLAND, USMC

b. The below personnel were joined during December 1967:

Marine Officers - 0	Marine Enlisted - 18
Navy Officers - 0	Navy Enlisted - 1

c. The below personnel were dropped during December 1967:

Marine Officers - 0	Marine Enlisted - 17
Navy Officers - 1	Navy Enlisted - 4

d. Average strength during December 1967:

Marine Officers - 3	Marine Enlisted - 98
Navy Officers - 10	Navy Enlisted - 16

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2. Administration: Nothing significant to report.
3. S2/S3: Nothing significant to report.
4. Motor Transport:
 - a. Traveled 10,239 miles on 779 dispatched runs.
5. Utilities:
 - a. Serviced three Air Conditioners.
 - b. Serviced 20 kilowatt generator.
 - c. Relocated wiring system on Mess Hall stoves.
 - d. Returned freezer unit to FLSG-A for repair.
 - e. Emergency power system repaired.
 - f. Serviced and installed heater at Mess Hall.
6. Supply:
 - a. BLT 2/4 departed 3dMedBn 27Dec67.
7. Communications:
 - a. Stood 744 hours Radio and Switchboard watch.
 - b. Installed line that runs in compound for the Huong Thoy District Infirmary at Phu Luong.
 - c. New line run to IRO.
 - d. Laid five (5) pair cables to replace old trunk lines.
 - e. Aided FLSG-A in laying hot line from Graves Registration to Air Freight.
 - f. Extended Dental Line to M.U.S.T. Dental.
8. P.M.S. Teams: See Enclosure (1).


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PREVENTIVE MEDICINE SECTION
CHRONOLOGICAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1967

- 1 December - Lt JENKINS and Lt KINSELLA to Danang to attend "I" Corps medical conference.
- 2 December - HMC NASH departed by surface convoy for Dong Ha
- 2 December - LTJG PARSONS completes collateral duty of paymaster
- 2 December - "From the Field" mailed/delivered to all addresses
- 3 December - LT JENKINS and LT KINSELLA return from Danang
- 4 December - Dr. NADLER of MCB 121 confers with LT JENKINS on possible amebiasis outbreak. Arrangements made for stool cultures.
- 5 December - LTJG PARSONS departs on collateral duty of Officer-in-Charge cultural tour.
- 5 December - LT ROLAND, MT officer for Bn., aboard to discuss utilization, range of operations and manning of all PMS vehicles.
- 5 December - LTJG PARSONS returns from cultural trip to Hue.
- 6 December - HML FOSTER and HML DUPUY departed for 3 days TAD at PMS, NSA, Danang.
- 6 December - MSC meeting with Commanding Officer. LT JENKINS, LT KINSELLA and LTJG PARSONS attending.
- 6 December - All PMS petty officers depart for meeting with Bn. Commanding Officer.
- 7 December - SGT. COOR aboard from FLSG requesting bi-weekly inspection of dry stores for spoilage certification.
- 7 December - Cold fogger out of operation. Division Surgeons office notified.
- 7 December - LT KINSELLA AND LTJG PARSONS depart for collateral duty involving survey board.
- 7 December - Message received by LT JENKINS from Chief ENYING, PMFT#2, requesting priority orthotolodine replenishment, no liquid located- tablets available. Return call by LT JENKINS to LTJG ARINGDALE negates priority requirement. Plans made to obtain from water point in A.M. and dispatch by courier.

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- 8 December- HML BUFFINGTON dispatched to water point to obtain orthotolodine for Dong Ha. Will deliver to at port for delivery.
- 8 December- 1MC TRUMP returned from inspecting FTSU-A-. During inspection recommendation was made to close ice cream plant. Plant was closed.
- 8 December- Division surgeon notified and concurred in closing of ice cream plant.
- 8 December- Division surgeon notified that final phase of ice plant operators physical exams completed. Quang Tri area received and all in order.
- 9 December- LT CORBETT, USAF, confers with LT JENKINS on urinoil and latrine maintenance for 15th aerial port.
- 10 December- LT JENKINS and LT FINSSELLA to Division Surgeons office on PMS matters. CDR ARNS announced CG interest in barber shop sanitation. PMS action to follow.
- 10 December- HMC TRUMP departed Phu Bai for Danang PFT COMUS.
- 10 December- HMC EYING transferred from PMFT #2 (Dong Ha) to PMS THU BAI.
- 11 December- Special telecon from hospital requesting team to remove "warm blooded animals" from structure. Team dispatched "animals" proved to be felines. Escaped before capture could be effected.
- 12 December- LT JENKINS AND LT FINSSELLA depart for base coordinator's office in response to LTCOL STELLY'S request. Discussion involved refuse and trash disposal- specifically between Cam Lo and C2 areas.
- 12 December- LT STELL, Bn S-4, aboard to inspect heating unit. Approval granted.
- 13 December- Intraining classes in preventive medicine (two classes) were completed by MR. PARSONS on 12 Dec 1967. TOTAL ATTENDANCE-80.
- 13 December- LTJG ARINGDALE contacted at Dong Ha by LT JENKINS concerning dump report of 1000 12 Dec 1967. LTJG ARINGDALE will investigate and advise.
- 13 December- LTJG ARINGDALE REIDON'S survey of dump site completed- official report will follow.
- 14 December- Ice cream plant, FLSG, inspected, permission granted to operate for holiday meal only- prior to moving to new location.

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- 14 December-LT JENKINS departed for base coordinator's to confer on area dump problems.
- 14 December-Information concerning possible water point problem received via Base Coordinator. Water point will keep us advised of any possible preventive medicine involvement.
- 15 December-1M2 OLSON reports aboard for duty.
- 15 December-Call received from Dr. JORDAN, H. H., requesting assistance on hepatitis survey at CAC 3.
- 15 December-Team dispatched for CAC 3 hepatitis investigation.
- 18 December-LTJG ARTEGDALE and HWO LOWENSTEIN departed for Dong Ha by convoy. PC exchange will be made. Cleared by motor transport.
- 18 December-LT WEBB and LT LINDER from FLSO-A aboard to discuss sanitation problems and seek assistance. Mutual agreement reached.
- 18 December-1M3 Royce KRAFF reported aboard for duty.
- 19 December-1M3 LOWENSTEIN returns by convoy from Dong Ha with exchange IC.
- 19 December-Telcon received by 1R. 1197 from 1CPR MYERS concerning possible diagnosis of epidemic typhus in Medical Bn interpreter. LT JENKINS departed to investigate report.
- 19 December-Instructions received from Commanding Officer to initiate shot program for typhus. All personnel within 1st Medical Bn. cantonment are affected.
- 20 December-Shot program completed. Stragglers to be handled by Sick Call. Military (312 given - 64 Stragglers) Local Nationals (98 given - 12 Stragglers). Division Surgeon notified of shot program results.
- 20 December-Report received of numerous dead rodents (cause unknown) on Coco Beach Road. MDR of MEB-3 requested to bring specimens to FMS and burn all others at site.
- 21 December-Investigation of dead rodents on Coco Beach Road reveals death due to rodenticide (Warfarin).
- 21 December-LT JENKINS called meeting of all FMS personnel .. extends "Well Done" for shot team effort.
- 22 December-Administrative meeting called by Commanding Officer. All FMS Officers in attendance.

- 23 December-Small dog brought to FMS from CAC ALPHA 7. Dog deceased as result of gunshot which may have damaged brain. Case history dictates FA Study (Rabies) at NSA DaNang. Div. Surgeon concurs. Transfer scheduled by 1630 Med Evac Flight.
- 25 December-Animal specimen for FA Study delivered to HM1 BAGGUS for assignment to Med Evac Flight.
- 26 December-HMC BUKING to Bn. Training to give Venereal Disease Lecture.
- 27 December-Call received from LT COL SULIK requesting assistance in investigating report of unsanitary head facilities in vicinity of FW Pumping Station. LT KINSHALL investigated and reported no problem to LT COL SULIK. Written report not required.
- 28 December-Personnel from "G" Co., 2nd PLF, 3rd Sqd. 2/26 arrived at office with dead dog. Dog has been dead, result of GSW in brain for 20 hours and was previously buried. Prior to death had "licked" abrasions of four men from Unit. (CONTREROS, R.F.; KELLY, R.S.; ALLISON, D.W.; AKINS, J.). Dog was shot in view of displaying sickness, including fits. Was not aggressive. Personnel advised to bury dog and have men who dog licked seek Medical Aid at "A" Med.
- 29 December-LT JENKINS departs to conduct Troop Indoctrination Lecture for Bn. at chapel. 75 men present.
- 29 December-LT JENKINS departs to conduct Troop Indoctrination Lecture for Bn. at chapel. 54 men present.
- 30 December-LT KNOWLES (S-2), 3rd Eng Bn., called requesting permission to accept and consume gift swine from Vietnamese civilians as New Year gift. Ramifications of action explained to S-2 by LT JENKINS, with official health rejection. S-2 agreed -- will convey to C.O., 3rd Eng Bn.
- 31 December-Call received from HM2 MASICILL, 3rd Med. Bn., reporting dog bite. He has been to Sick Call and referred to NSA. Dog is located and alive. Advised to contact FMU, NSA for time schedule they recommend.
- 31 December-Call received reporting dog bite. Case of MAKALA, K.E. LCPL, 3rd Motors, Quang Tri. Both patient and dog have been Med Evac to NSA Hosp., DaNang. Dog had been shot.

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SERVICES PROVIDED	PREVENTIVE MEDICINE FIELD TEAM				TOTALS
	#1 PHU BAI	#2 DONG HA	#3 CAMP CARROLL	#4 PHU SANH	
I INSPECTIONS AND SURVEYS	53	17	9	21	100
II ENTOMOLOGY					
Light Traps (mosquitoes)	890	340	0	0	1190
III VECTOR CONTROL					
Larviciding (man hours)	12	3	4	0	19
Malathion Granules (lbs)	0	200	0	0	200
Baytex (lbs)	50	0	200	0	250
Adulticiding					
Night Fogging (man hours)	5	3	8	5	23
Malathion 6% (gal)	100	100	400	0	600
DPT 5% (gal)	0	0	0	2	2
Other Adulticiding (man hours)	5	0	0	62	67
Fly Control					
Malathion 57% (gal)	10	15	10	9	44
Termites/Wood Borer Control					
Chlordane 72% (gal)	0	0	0	2	2
Leech Control					
5% Chlordane Dust (lbs)	0	25	0	0	25
Bedbug Control					
10% DDT Dust (lbs)	5	0	0	0	5
Louse Control					
10% DDT Dust (lbs)	5	0	0	0	5
IV RODENT CONTROL					
Live Rodents Trapped	88	9	52	12	161
Anticoagulant Bait (lbs)	0	0	40	0	40
Zinc Phosphide Bait (lbs)	0	102	0	28	130
V LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS					
Preventive Medicine					
Water Analysis	67	35	33	7	143
Milk Analysis	8	1	4	0	12
Ice Analysis	10	0	0	0	10

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SERVICES PROVIDEDPMS, THU B-V**Clinical Bacteriology**

Stool Cultures	33
Positive for Shigella	3
Urine Cultures	30
Throat Cultures	30
Sputum Cultures	7
Other Cultures	72
Sub Cultures	44
Differential Cultures	23
Antibiotic Sensitivity	51

Preventive Medicine Field
Teams 2, 3, and 4 are not
equipped to run parasitology
or clinical bacteriology
analyses.

VI ROBERTS AUTOPIED FOR PLAGUE MANIFESTATION
(Thua Thien Province)

Autopsied	12
Plague	0
Infected (other than plague)	0

VII IMMUNIZATIONS

Typhus Immunization (total)	413
Military	312
Indigenous	101

"A" COMPANY
 Third Medical Battalion
 Third Marine Division
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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 1 January 1968

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Medical Battalion
 Subj: Command Chronology for Month ending 31 December 1967.
 Ref: (a) BnO 5750.1A

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with the provisions of reference (a).

a. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

- (1) "A" Company, 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein)
 EMF, FPO, 96602, Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam.
- (2) 1 December through 31 December 1967.
- (3) LCDR James Campbell Porter COLLIER Jr., MC, USN, 619215/2100,
 Commanding Officer.
- (4) LT Ralph C. HEMPEY, MSC, USN, 653351/2300, Administrative Officer.
- (5) Average Monthly Strength during this period: Officers - 19,
 Enlisted - 89.

b. SEQUENTIAL EVENTS RELATED TO:

(1) PERSONNEL:

(a) JOINED DURING THIS PERIOD:

LT Paul H. BRIDGEFORD, MC, USNR, 722532/2105
 LT Robert L. JIMENEZ, MC, USNR, 720275/2105
 LT James H. THOMAS, MC, USNR, 715650/2105
 LCDR Jack I. DIEN, MC, USNR, 722775/2105

Navy Enlisted Joined - 15
 Marine Enlisted Joined - 00

"A" Co, 3rd Medical Bn

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(b) PERSONNEL DETACHED DURING THIS PERIOD:

LT Philip E. DUNCAN, MC, USNR, 700609/2105
 LT Paul H. BRIDGEFORD, MC, USNR, 722532/2105

Navy Enlisted Transferred - 23
 Marine Enlisted Transferred - 00

(c) PROMOTIONS DURING THIS PERIOD:

Navy Enlisted - 03

(d) TRAINING:

(1) Responsibility for Inservice Training has been transferred to the cognizance of the Education Office.

(e) COMMAND AND CONTROL:

(1) The Commanding Officer and Professional Staff meet daily to discuss pertinent problems as they arise.

(f) GENERAL MEDICINE SERVICES:

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>NAVY</u>	<u>MARINE</u>	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>V.NATS</u>	<u>V.CONG</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
Outpatients	5,235	161	743	96	22	4,003	00	210
Complete Physicals	81	01	54	00	00	00	00	01
Immunizations	1,731							

(g) LOGISTICS:

(1) The 10 and 30 day blocks are 85% ready.

(h) CIVIL AFFAIRS:

- (1) RVN Nationals treated for accidental injuries - 97
- (2) Viet Cong captives treated for battle injuries - 07
- (3) Indigenous Employees Physicals conducted - 25
- (4) Vietnamese outpatients seen at other than A-MED Sick Call - 3,681

(a) Weekly outpatients visits to:

Costal Fleet # 13, Thuy Dong # 2, Thuy Dong # 1, Vinh Loc, Nuoc Ngot Orphanage Hue, Kin Long Orphanage Hue, Fatima Church Hue, Gia Le, Nguyen Trail.

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(1) MORALE:

- (1) Overall Morale is good.
- (2) Athletic and Recreation gear continues to be drawn from 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division Special Services.


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"B" COMPANY
Third Medical Battalion
Third Marine Division
FPO San Francisco 96602

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5750
1 January 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Medical Battalion
Subj: Command Chronology for Month ending 31 December 1967.
Ref: (a) BnO 5750.1A

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with the provisions of reference (a).

a. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

- (1) Company "B", 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein)
FMF, Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam.
- (2) 1 December through 31 December 1967.
- (3) LCDR King G. PRICE, MC, USNR, 702972/2105, Commanding Officer.
- (4) LT Ralph C. HEMPEY, MSC, USN, 653351/2302, Administrative Officer.
- (5) Average Monthly Strength during this period: Officers - 09,
Enlisted - 63.

b. SEQUENTIAL EVENTS RELATED TO:

(1) PERSONNEL:

(a) JOINED DURING THIS PERIOD:

LT Ralph W. MUTCHLER Jr., MC, USNR, 716569/2105
LT Seymore J. HUDOSH, MC, USNR, 723476/2105
LT Laurie M. PARDEE Jr., MC, USNR, 722534/2105
LT Alan E. KING, MC, USNR, 724731/2105
LT Runas POWERS Jr., MC, USNR, 711811/2105
LT Edward M. FELDMAN, MC, USNR, 724224/2105

Navy Enlisted Joined - 14
Marine Enlisted Joined - 00

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(b) DETACHED DURING THIS PERIOD:

LT Paul W. GROTEHUIS, MC, USNR, 715649/2105
LT Peyton A. EGGLESTON, MC, USNR, 709159/2105
LT Ernest W. JOHNSON, MC, USNR, 681334/2105
LT Ralph W. MUTCHLER Jr., MC, USNR, 716569/2105
LT Runas POWERS Jr., MC, USNR, 711811/2105

Navy Enlisted Transferred - 07
Marine Enlisted Transferred - 00

(c) PROMOTIONS DURING THIS PERIOD: 04


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"C" COMPANY
Third Medical Battalion
Third Marine Division
FPO San Francisco 96602

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1 January 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Medical Battalion

Subj: Command Chronology for Month ending 31 December 1967.

Ref: (a) BrO 5750.1A

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with the provisions of reference (a).

a. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

- (1) "C" Company, 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein)
FMF, Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam.
- (2) 1 December through 31 December 1967.
- (3) LCDR Parker M. POWELL, MC, USNR, 709791/2105, Commanding Officer.
- (4) LT Ralph C. HEMPEY, MSC, USN, 653351/2300, Administrative Officer.
- (5) Average Monthly Strength during this period: Officers - 07,
Enlisted - 42.

b. SEQUENTIAL EVENTS RELATED TO:

(1) PERSONNEL:

(a) PERSONNEL JOINED DURING THIS PERIOD:

Officers Joined - None
Navy Enlisted Joined - 09
Marine Enlisted Joined - 00

(b) PERSONNEL DETACHED DURING THIS PERIOD:

LT John P. MILLER, MC, USN, 664009/2100
LT Joseph J. VERBUGGE, MC, USNR, 709951/2105


Navy Enlisted Transferred - 02
Marine Enlisted Transferred - 00

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(c) SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

Special Clearing Platoon # 2 is deployed to Khe Sanh in support of operations being conducted in that area.

(d) PROMOTIONS DURING THIS PERIOD: - 01


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COMPANY "D"
3RD MEDICAL BATTALION
3RD MARINE DIVISION REIN RMF
FPO SAN FRANCISCO 96602

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1 JAN 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Medical Battalion

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of December 1967; submission of

Ref: (a) BuO 5750.1A

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with the provisions of reference (a):

A. Organizational data:

1. Company "D", 3d Medical Battalion, 3d Marine Division (Rein)
PMF, Dong Ha Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam.

2. 1 December 1967 through 31 December 1967.

3. Lieutenant Commander Merrill E. COMPTON, MC, USNR, 703009/2105,
Commanding Officer. Lieutenant Junior Grade Everett L. WILSON, NBC,
USN, 699049/2302, Administrative Officer.

4. Average monthly strength during this reporting period:
Officers - 11; Enlisted - 35; USMC Enlisted TAD - 18.

B. Sequential listing of significant events:

1. Personnel:

(a) The following personnel reported to this Command for duty during the month of December.

LT. J. G. CESARE, MC, USNR, 708889/2105
LT. J. A. JUERS, MC, USNR, 720259/2105
HMC R. J. NASH, USN, 4333980/8432
HM2 G. F. CLOUD, USN, 5183450/8412
EN D. E. STRONG, USN, 779094/8404

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(b) The following personnel reported to this Command for TAD during the month of December:

CPL F. J. GREEN, USMC, 2140723/1141
LCPL F. L. KOVACH, USMC, 2157808/3531

(c) The following personnel were advanced to the rates indicated during the month of December.

Advanced to HM2 to rank from 16 December 1967:

HM3 T. P. CODRINGTON
HM3 C. R. DAY

2. Training:

A. A formal training program has not been established and training has been accomplished by rotation of personnel and on the job training, especially in the areas of masscasualty handling.

B. Weekly fire drills and periodical "Red Alert" drills are conducted to maintain organizational readiness.

3. Command and Control:

A. The Commanding Officer meets weekly with the Officers and Staff and Section Leaders to discuss matters of daily significance and to keep informed of local problems, current events and future planning.

4. Logistics:

A. This Command maintains an ICL for a Collecting and Clearing Company in addition to the maintenance of the normal medical supplies and equipment used by this Unit in the accomplishment of its mission.

5. Chaplain support:

A. This Unit is provided with one Chaplain Corps Officer to administer to the religious needs of the staff and patient personnel.

6. New construction:

A. The Company is still building above ground bunkers to replace the underground bunkers that have proved hazardous. Work is continuing on water drainage.

B. The underground Patient treatment bunker which has been flooded and unusable has been reinforced, covered with a neoprene membrane, and a drainage ditch installed around it, and it has been pumped dry. The effectiveness of these endeavors has not yet been proven. It has been recommended that an electric sump pump be installed.

C. A 16X48 tropical hut has been sufficiently completed to be used for an Enlisted Men's Club. A ceremonious opening was held Christmas Eve as the Battalion Executive Officer presided at a traditional ribbon cutting ceremony.

D. MCB 5 has neared completion of the drainage system within the cantonment. Completion is expected by 2 January 1968.

E. Additional cement decking has been established around the Triage area and a cover has been installed over it.

7. Medical and Dental support:

A. Admissions for the month - 217

1. Hostile - 45
2. Non-Hostile - 33
3. Disease - 139

B. Transferred from the wards - 92

1. NSA - 31
2. Hospital Ships - 17
3. 22nd CSF - 9
4. Phu Bai - 24
5. Cam Ranh Bay - 4
6. Hue - 4
7. 1st MedBn - 0
8. Other - 3

C. Returned to duty - 124

D. Remaining on the wards - 11

- E. Evacuated - 526
 - 1. NSA - 229
 - 2. Phu Bai - 194
 - 3. Repose - 13
 - 4. Sanctuary - 30
 - 5. 22nd CSF - 18
 - 6. Hue - 24
 - 7. Quang Tri - 7
 - 8. 1st MedBn - 8
 - 9. L P H - 3

F. Total out-patient visits for the month - 5565

G. Total battle casualties for the month - 438

8. There were 541 cross matches performed by the laboratory, with 529 units of whole blood received during the month and 508 units expended. 302 units were sent to assist the Quang Tri Hospital in their treatment of the sick and wounded.

9. There were 21 new cases of Malaria this month.

10. An official visit by the Chief of Chaplains, Vice Admiral KELLEY, CHC, USN was held on Christmas day.

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