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3rd Medical Battalion  
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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6 July 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3rd 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 references (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 June 1968 through 30 June 1968.  
(3) Commanding Officer and Staff Officers  
(a) Commanding Officer - CDR R. A. BROWN MC USN  
(b) Executive Officer - LCDR B. C. ROBERTS MSC USN  
(c) S-1/Adjutant/Admin. Off. - LTJG K. J. HICKEY MSC USN  
(d) Spc. Asst. to Br., C.O. - 1st LT R. K. MC GRAW USMC

b. Significant events during the month of June 1968

(1) Personnel: The Navy enlisted personnel status has somewhat stabilized at a less than optimum level. Moderate shortages continues in the lower ratings. A more critical need exists for senior experienced Petty Officers. Marine Corps Personnel staffing continues to be adequate at this time.

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(b) Average monthly strength

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OFF -3 ENL -131      OFF -55 ENL -197

(2) Awards: On 30 June 1968, MAJOR GENERAL R. G. DAVIS presented; 1 Silver Star, 1 Bronze Star, 1 Navy Commendation and 12 Purple Heart Awards to personnel in this Battalion.

(3) Administration:

(a) The total number of casualties processed was 681

(b) Of the above total, 673 were triaged at Dong Ha and evacuated to Phu Bai.

(h) Logistics:

(a) Lead time continues to be excessive, approximately 50 to 60 days with priority classifications having no apparent effect on submitted requisitions.

(b) Third and Fourth echelon maintenance items that require evacuation to Danang and to Okinawa are for all practical purposes lost to the using unit. Everything from mimeograph machines to trucks are from 3 months to 8 months being returned or being declared beyond economical repair etc..

(c) This battalion could better perform it's mission in a more timely fashion with an improvement in higher echelon maintenance, and more realistic lead time response to requisitioned items. At present 3 of 5 M37B1 Cargo Trucks are inoperable and have been for a long period of time pending higher echelon repairs. Ordinary blank forms used for Navy Administration are difficult if not practically impossible to obtain through "normal" supply channels.

(5) Medical Support:

(a) D Company is assigned in support of the Dong Ha Combat Base and in support of units operating in that area.

(b) MUST #2 is operational at 3rd Medical Battalion, Headquarters Phu Bai.

(c) Operational Control of Company C(-) was reassumed by 3rd Medical Battalion on 24 June 1968

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3d Medical Battalion  
3d Marine Division FMF  
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6 July 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology; report of

Ref: (a) BnO 5750.1A

Encl: ✓(1) Report of Preventive Medicine Section

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

A. Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Medical Battalion

- (1) Location: 8691145
- (2) Period Covered by this report: 1-30 June 1968
- (3) Commanding Officer and Staff
  - (a) CO - LCDR B. C. ROBERTS, MSC, USN
  - (b) S-2/3/UtilitiesO - 1stLt R. K. MCGRAW, USMC
  - (c) S-4 - LT R. P. CLARK, MSC, USN
  - (d) MTO - 1stLt T. P. SWEENEY, USMCR

B. The below personnel were joined during the month of June 1968:

Marine Officers - 0	Marine Enlisted - 31
Navy Officers - 33	Navy Enlisted - 155

C. The below personnel were dropped during the month of June 1968:

Marine Officers - 2	Marine Enlisted - 6
Navy Officers - 3	Navy Enlisted - 27

D. Average strength during the month of June 1968:

Marine Officers - 3	Marine Enlisted - 125
Navy Officers - 37	Navy Enlisted - 150

2. Administration:

- A. The personnel from Companies "A", "B", and "C" were transferred to H&S Company to reduce the administrative reduplication created by the functioning of this command as a battalion fixed hospital in place of mobile letter companies. This structure allows for prompt detachment of letter companies as the tactical situation demands.

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3. S-2/3

A. Nothing significant to report.

4. Motor Transport:

A. Traveled 7,535 miles on 575 dispatched runs.

B. Carried 8,360 passengers on local hauls.

C. Hauled 623 short tons of cargo on hauls.

5. Utilities:

A. Pulled monthly PM on hospital generator.

6. Communications:

A. Regular RS of equipment.

B. Turned in MRC 83 for jeep repairs.

C. 17thITF: line and extension line were both completely replaced.


D. Rewired TA-125

7. S-4, Battalion Supply:

A. Nothing significant to report.

8. Preventive Medicine Section:

A. See enclosure (1).

  
M. J. HICKEY  
By direction

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PREVENTIVE MEDICINE SECTION  
3d Medical Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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6200.2  
9 July 1968

From: Preventive Medicine Officer  
To: Division Surgeon

Subj: (a) Div Surg ltr 6220.2 to CO, 2/9 dtd 30 June  
(b) Div Surg ltr 6220.2 to CO, 3/9 dtd 2 July  
(c) Div Surg ltr 6220.2 to CO, 3/4 dtd 3 July  
(d) Div Surg ltr 6220.2 to CO, 1/4 dtd 3 July  
(e) Div Surg ltr 6220.2 to CG, dtd 5 July

1. The Division experienced 204 admissions for malaria and 387 for FUO up to 29 June. An accurate total for the entire month will not be available until all morning reports of the sick have been received. Consensus of I Corps medical opinion gives 21 days, rather than the 14 days previously used in references (a) through (e), as the average period required to transport, treat and return to duty an uncomplicated case of malaria or FUO. Hence, the Division lost  $591 \times 21 = 12,411$  man days as a result of this morbidity. This communicable disease problem exceeds all others in importance at this time, therefore priority consideration is and will continue to be given to it until morbidity has been lowered to an irreducible level. References (a), (b), (c) and (d), informed those CO's whose incidence was 5% (+) of the Division total morbidity for the month of the magnitude of this problem in their command and made recommendations for implementation of better malaria discipline. Reference (e) and personal communication by the Preventive Medicine Officer with the command has kept higher authority apprised of the problem and what efforts are being made by the Medical Department to cope with it.

2. Environmental Sanitation Surveys throughout the Division reveals that the majority of the water trailers are unserviceable for transport and storage of potable water. The more common discrepancies include shrapnel holes repaired with wooden plugs, beer can tops with rubber inner tube gaskets; missing manhole covers and cover gaskets, and missing or inoperative spigots. Individual organizations have been informed of this discrepancy by Environmental Sanitation Survey reports as has the Division Inspector in a personal communication. G-4 has scheduled a survey of this problem during July.

An Environmental Sanitation Survey of MAG-39 was conducted at their request in order to define sanitation problem areas and make recommendations for correction thereof. Reciprocity was at the root of honoring this request in that MAG-39 assists the PMS in various ways.

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Two training courses for Division personnel (other than FMS personnel) were initiated this month: Food Service Sanitation Training for all Division Food Service workers and an orientation lecture for newly arrived Corpsmen entitled "Environmental Sanitation Problems in Vietnam". Nine (9) Food Service Sanitation lectures were given at Quang Tri, one (1) at Cam Lo and one (1) at Camp Carroll with 173 personnel in attendance. FMS personnel received two Inservice Training lectures.

Two water samples were collected from Quang Tri and two from Dong Ha which were sent to the 406th Army Laboratory, Camp Zama, Japan for a Physical and Chemical analysis.

3. Currently, the Section's manning level is two (2) men under strength. The vector control efficiency of the Section would be greatly enhanced if one of these billets were to be filled by someone experienced in insecticidal equipment repair. As a case in point, the Section has great difficulty in keeping its cold fogger operational part of the time. Experience has shown that approximately three (3) hours maintenance is required for each hours use from these machines. In addition to these machines, there are four Mighty Mites, two Dyna Foggers with four more on order, four 2½ gallon pump sprayers, and a borrowed Buffalo Turbine to keep up. When not engaged in maintenance, his related assignment would be vector control work.

*C. R. Thompson*  
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"A" Company  
3rd Medical Battalion  
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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5750  
4 July 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Medical Battalion  
Subj: Command Chronology for month ending 30 June 1968; submission of  
Ref: (a) BnO 5750.1A

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

a. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

- (1) Company "A", 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
- (2) 1 June through 30 June 1968
- (3) LCDR Jerome L. MURPHY, MC, USNR, 723318/2105, Commanding Officer
- (4) LTJG Myron J. HICKEY, MSC USN, 700873/2302, Administrative Officer
- (5) Average Monthly Strength during this period: Officers - 1  
Enlisted - 0

*M. J. Hickey*  
M. J. HICKEY  
By direction

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"B" Company  
3rd Medical Battalion  
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602


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5750  
4 July 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Medical Battalion  
Subj: Command Chronology for month ending 30 June 1968  
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 June through 30 June 1968.
- (3) LCDR Frank W. BUDD Jr., MC, USN, 610492/2100
- (4) LTJG Myron J. HICKEY, MSC, USN, 700873/2302
- (5) Average Monthly Strength during this period: Officers - 1  
Enlisted - 0

  
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"C" Company  
3rd Medical Battalion  
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 3rd Medical Battalion


Subj: Command Chronology for Month ending 30 June 1968: submission of

Ref: (a) BnO 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 June through 30 June 1968.
- (3) LCDR Morris F. SKINNER 646306/2100 MC, USNR, Commanding Officer.
- (4) LTJG Myron J. HICKEY, MSC, USN, 700873/2302, Administrative Officer.
- (5) Average Monthly Strength during this period: Officers - 1  
Enlisted - 0

  
M. J. HICKEY  
By direction

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Company D  
3rd Medical Battalion  
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96602

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5750  
4 July 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of June 1968; submission of

Ref: (a) BnO 5750.1A

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

A. Organization Data:

1. Company D, 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (rein) FMF, Dong Ha Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam.

2. 1 June 1968 through 30 June 1968

3. Lieutenant Commander Gordon W. PHILIP, MC, USN 566420/2100, Commanding Officer. Lieutenant Bernard L. ZETTL, MSC, USN, 622137/2302, Administrative Officer.

4. Average monthly strength during this report period:

Officers	13
Enlisted	42
USMC Enlisted	
TAD	20

B. Sequential listing of significant events:

1. Personnel:

a. The following personnel reported to this command for duty during the month of June

LCDR Richard S. CLARK 706590/2105 MC USNR  
LT Bernard L. ZETTL 622137/2302 MSC USN  
GYSGT Charles F. WUSTER 1136270 USMC  
HM2 David L. RUSHER 119 03 35 USN  
HM3 Lawrence L. LE CLAIRE B70 86 54  
HM3 John D. MURDOCK B40 81 72  
HM3 Dennis W. MATTHEWS B80 92 02  
HM3 Albert E. CARLSON B80 54 72  
HN Alton R. LIVINGSTON B60 51 11  
HN Joseph B. RODERICK 917 93 76

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## 2. Training:

A. A formal training is now being established. Training for the month of June was accomplished by rotation of personnel and on the job training, especially in the areas of mass casualty handling.

B. Weekly fire drills and periodic "Red Alerts" are conducted to maintain organizational readiness. Frequent incoming keeps the crew well trained in casualty movement.

## 3. Command and Control

A. The Commanding Officer meets weekly with the officers, staff and section heads to discuss matters of daily significance and to keep informed of local problems, current events and operations, and future planning as it affects the command.

## 4. Logistics:

A. This command maintains an IOL 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 officer of the Chaplain Corps to administer to the spiritual needs and moral guidance of staff and patient personnel.

## 6. New Construction:

A. A ceiling has been installed in the Triage building to try to lower the temperature. This was done by members of the command.

B. On 20 June 1968, several buildings received concussion damage when the ammo dump was hit. Immediate clean-up and patching by the members of the command kept the facility ready to receive casualties. Emergency repair work was begun the following morning by CBMU-301.

C. CBMU-301 began work on a blast wall in front of Triage to keep some of the dust from being blown in. Work has been delayed due to lack of concrete.

D. Plans are now being made to build a revetment around the Triage Bunker.

E. Work requests have been submitted for remaining repairs to the damages caused from the concussion.

## 7. Medical and Dental Support:

## A. Admissions for the month 257

- 1. Hostile 45
- 2. Non hostile 21
- 3. Disease 191

## B. Transferred from the Wards 177

- 1. NSA 31
- 2. Hospital Ship 42
- 3. 22nd CSF 11
- 4. CRB 9
- 5. Phu Bai 69
- 6. Quang Tri 2
- 7. LPH 12
- 8. Other 1

## C. Returned to Duty 78

## D. Remaining on Wards 21


## E. Evacuated

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. NSA 323                   | 6. LPH 88            |
| 2. Sanctuary 127             | 7. 22nd CSF 106      |
| 3. Repose 70                 | 8. Quang Tri 27      |
| 4. Phu Bai 673               | 9. 95 Surgical 44    |
| 5. 1st Med Bn 124            | 10. 22nd Surgical 26 |
| Rear Areas and BAS(Duty) 579 |                      |

## F. Total battle casualties for the month 1009.

8. There were 637 cross matches performed by the lab during June with 775 units of whole blood received and 541 units expended. There was 155 of these units given to the provincial hospital in Quang Tri to aid them in the care of the sick and injured.

9. There were 102 malaria admission referrals for the month.

  
B. L. ZETTL  
By direction