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

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5 October 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 5750.1B
(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 [^]305556

(2) Period covered by this report: 1 September 1968 through 30 September 1968.

(3) Commanding Officer and Staff Officers

(a) Commanding Officer - CDR B. K. SLEMMONS MC USN

(b) Executive Officer - LCDR B. C. ROBERTS MSC USN

(c) S-1/Adjutant/Admin. Off. - LTJG M. J. HICKEY MSC USN

(d) Spc. Asst. to Bn., C.O. - 1st LT R. A. ANDREWS USMC

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b. Significant events during the month of September 1968

(1) Personnel: The Navy enlisted staff personnel situation is rapidly depreciating to an unacceptable level. Previously reported short rotation tour dates remaining for Navy personnel when initially assigned to this Battalion is now having the expected adverse results; job continuity, staffing stability, training, etc., Navy personnel should be assigned with a minimum of six months remaining on tour. Marine Corps enlisted staffing is generally satisfactory. The MDS 2500 field, even though exceeding current manning level authorization is not enough to adequately fill the demands of the battalion communication section. Four more Communicators would be well utilized.

(2) Thirty Hospital Corpsmen were sent on temporary additional duty to combined action group (CAG) one, three and four. Of interest to be noted is all thirty of them had less than seventy days remaining in country, all previous time in country had been with infantry units and none of them were volunteers. All assignments were made in accordance with criteria handed down from higher authority.

c. Average monthly strength

USMC	USN
Off-3 Enl-135	Off-67 Enl-309

(2) Awards: NONE

(3) Administration:

(a) The total number of casualties processed and triaged was 2897

(4) Logistics:

(a) Lead time has not improved and continues to be excessive. Priority classifications are ineffective as to priority of material receipt. This situation exists in Medical Supply as well as Organic Supply.

(b) Third and Fourth echelon maintenance items that require evacuation to authorized servicing facilities i.e. Danang, Okinawa, are essentially lost to the using unit. Items are from 3 to 8 months being returned or declared beyond economical repair.

(c) This Battalion would 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. Ordinary blank forms used for Navy Administration are difficult if not practically impossible to obtain through "normal" supply channels.

Logistics (cont)

d. Since the opening of the Third Medical Battalion Hospital in early August of 1968, there has been one typhoon in the Quang Tri Combat Base Area. The heavy accompanying rains quickly and vividly pointed up the poor and in some areas, non existent drainage. The roadways were washed out in two locations, one being a critical area, hospital passageways were standing in water, building foundations were undermined with washed out dirt. A noble, but inadequate effort has been exerted by Mobile Construction Battalion, Maintenance 301. A major drainage system is required.

e. Soil treatment around the hospital helicopter landing zone is pending and has been pending since the opening of the hospital. The dirt and dust blown about by helicopters off loading and picking up patients creates a safety hazard as well as complicating patient care areas within the hospital spaces.

(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. On 1 September 1968 D Medical Company facilities were dedicated as the "Third Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital", Dong Ha Facility. This mission is in addition to the Dong Ha Combat Base Support mission of U.S. Military Forces. No additional personnel or assets were authorized.

(b) MUST #2 is operational at 3rd Medical Battalion, Headquarters Quang Tri Combat Base.

(c) C Company minus was assigned Medical Support responsibility for Task Force Hotel located at Landing Zone Vandegrift, RVN 28 September 1968.

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

9 September 1968:

BRIG GENERAL GARRISON, ADC 3rd Marine Division

17 September 1968:

MAJ GENERAL R. G. DAVIS, C.G. 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
GENERAL STILLWATER, C.G. 24th Corps

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HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY
3d Medical Battalion
3d Marine Division FMF
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6 October 1968

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Medical Battalion, 3d Marine Division (Rein)
Fleet Marine Force

Subj: Command Chronology; report of

Ref: (a) BnO 5750.18

Encl: ✓(1) Preventive Medicine Section Command Chronology

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

A. Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Medical Battalion

- (1) Location 869145
- (2) Period Covered by this report: 1-30 September 1968
- (3) Commanding Officer and Staff:
 - (a) CO - LCDR B. C. ROBERTS, MSC, USN
 - (b) S-2/3/Utilities - 1stLt R. A. ANDREWS, USMC
 - (c) S-4 - Lt R. F. CLARK, MSC, USN
 - (d) MTO - 1stLt T. P. SWEENEY, USMCR

B. The below listed personnel were joined during the month of September 1968

Marine Officers - 1	Marine Enlisted - 11
Navy Officers - 7	Navy Enlisted - 37

C. The below listed personnel were dropped during the month of September 1968

Marine Officers - 1	Marine Enlisted - 12
Navy Officers - 4	Navy Enlisted - 29

D. Average strength during the month of September 1968

Marine Officers - 3	Marine Enlisted - 133
Navy Officers - 55	Navy Enlisted - 284

2. Administration:

A. Conducted Administrative Audit of Service Record Books.

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3. S-2/3

A. Nothing significant to report.

4. Motor Transport:

A. Traveled 15,254 on 1,009 runs.

B. Carried 4,956 passengers on local basis.

C. Hauled 618.05 short tons of cargo on hauls.

D. Convoys traveled 368 miles.

E. Convoys carried 37 passengers.

F. Convoys hauled 10.5 short tons of cargo on hauls.

G. M-151 traveled 71 miles.

H. M-151 carried 9 passengers.

5. Utilities/Must II

A. Repaired Biological reefer, Centrifuge and Suction Machine.

B. Rewired Hut # 2, Police Shed, Supply Tents; installed switches.

C. Repaired and installed tubes for inflatables; Rewired CO's and XO's Hut.

D. Replaced switches on mineograph machine: S-1; Repaired Coffee Pot for Pt. affairs.

E. Built flooring and expanded Inflatables (1) one section.

F. Built flooring and expanded Inflatables (2) two sections.

G. Recharged Air Conditioning System on "U" packs for 18th Surgical Hospital.

H. Two (2) Biological reefers repaired.

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- I. Three (3) speed claws adjusted.
 - J. Wired M. T. for 220, installed Air Conditioner, Fluorescent Lights installed S&C cage.
 - K. Sep up generator for laundry; Installed outside lights back of OR.
 - L. Wired up tents for laundry; Moved Utility tent from MT area to Must area.
 - M. Removed Electric wiring, Tents 1-15; Dug Must gear out of Mud (due to flood)
 - N. Removed electric wiring, Tents 16-30; repaired lights in Mess Hall; repaired two (2) typewriters for S-1.
 - O. Installed and recharged compressor for E. M. Club reefer; Repaired lamp for P. M. S.; Readjusted Ice machine for SNGO Club.
 - P. Changed Control Unit on Portable X-ray; changed tube heads (four (4) times); Recalibrated M. A. on four (4) X-ray machines. Assembled new G. E. Portable X-ray machine.
 - Q. Adjusted autoclaves in Auto Clave Room; adjusted auto claws on three (3) that were installed; repaired contactor relays in auto claws; Repaired auto claws for 11th Engineers.
 - R. Repaired auto claws for 1st Searchlight. Repaired Auto claws for 2d Battalion 9th Marines. Repaired auto claws for Aide Station Camp Carroll.
6. Communications:
- A. Installed second antenna RC-292 for DASC HDC net.
 - B. Relocated first antenna RC-292 for Medical Evacuation common net.
 - C. Provided one (1) communicator and two (2) radios for convoy to Vandergrift.
 - D. Installed four (4) wire cables utilizing approximately eight (8) miles of communication wire.
 - E. Installed twelve (12) telephones.
 - F. Sent three (3) new men to "D" Company Dong Ha, and supplied with wire, communication and one (1) radio on Medical Evacuation common net.

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- G. Established new communications supply system in accordance with Organic Supply requirements.
 - I. 720 hours of watch standing on radio nets and switch board.
 - J. Set up new wet cell battery charging area in accordance with safety instructions.
7. S-4/Battalion Supply:
- A. Nothing significant to report.
8. Preventive Medicine Section:
- A. See Enclosure (1).


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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
09 Oct 1968

From: Preventive Medicine Officer, 3d Medical Battalion
To: Division Surgeon, 3d Marine Division

Subj: Preventive Medicine Section Activities Report for September, 1968

1. Malaria and FUO - Malaria continued to be the disease of greatest epidemiological importance during September. A total of 339 cases was recorded for the Division by FMU, Da Nang which is an increase of 3% over the August total of 329 cases. 18% of the cases were vivax. There were 404 FUO admissions of which approximately 45-50% were subsequently confirmed as malaria and are reflected in the malaria total. Of the 294 malaria interviews conducted, 61.2% had missed taking C-P regularly, a reduction of only 3% over August. The regular use of insect repellent was equally poor. 58% didn't in September, an increase of 6% over August. Effective 16 September, a copy of each malaria or FUO interview conducted by PMS is sent to the patient's Battalion Surgeon. This provides him with timely data which he would otherwise lack.

2. Immersion Foot - 27 cases were seen in 3d Medical Battalion triage. Of interest in two of the cases the hands exhibited the same pathology as the feet.

3. Environmental Sanitation

a. The first contingent of indigenous food-service employees was hired to work in the Dong Ha Combat Base food-service establishments. Pre-employment and periodic food-handler examinations are being conducted. While the use of these personnel for food handling is prohibited by a Division Order, as a practical matter it cannot be enforced. An increase in food-borne illness may be anticipated as a result of their employment. Food-borne illness aside, consider the potential for a VC to poison a large number of troops with relatively little difficulty. Hence, their presence in messes constitutes a dual threat to the health and welfare of the command.

b. Sanitary Landfills - The landfills at Quang Tri, Dong Ha and LZ Vandergrift meet acceptable standards; however, the ones at Camp Carroll and the Rockpile are sanitary nightmares. Appropriate request for engineering support have been made in the two latter cases. Until a bulldozer, frontend loader, or clam shell can be provided on a regular basis, the dumps will continue to provide the finest breeding places imaginable for flies and rats.

c. Stray Dogs - A marked increase in stray dogs has been noted since the Army moved into the Division's AOR. The Army, of course, allows warm blooded pets whereas they are forbidden by Division Order. It is strongly recommended that the Division Order not be changed to allow warm blooded

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pets. Provost Marshal Office assistance in control of strays is marginal. The use of a tranquilizer gun for capture of these mongrels would be of great value. Neither the operator nor the animal are placed at significant risk, and capture is markedly improved over other methods.

d. Messes - Semi-permanent regimental and battalion sized messes are continuing to be built in rear areas. These messes are a tremendous improvement over the field messes which they replace.

e. Galley Supplies - General purpose detergent for use in messes continue to be in short supply just as last month.

4. Laboratory - Utilization of the lab has increased as more BAS's become aware of its services. Water bacteriology and darkfield exams are being provided for the 5th Mech. Inf. Bge, USA.

5. Personnel - LT A.L. SAWYER and HMC R.J. NASH were nominated for the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Silver Award) and HM1 J.E. DUPY for the Bronze Award.

CURRENT STAFF

<u>OFFICER</u>			<u>ENLISTED</u>		<u>PROJ</u>	<u>PROJ</u>	<u>PROJ</u>		
<u>PMO</u>	<u>ESO</u>	<u>ENT</u>	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>NECC</u>	<u>LOSS</u>	<u>GAIN</u>	<u>STAFF</u>		
1	2	3	8432	8412	8404	Oct-Nov	Oct-Nov		
			HMC	3	0	0	1	0	2
			HM1	3	0	0	1	1	3
			HM2	0	1	2	0	1(8432)	4
			HM3	0	1	1	1(8404)	1(8404)	2
			<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>

DEPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

PMS - QUANG TRI: PMO 1, ESO 1, ENT 1, HMC 2(8432), HM1 1(8432), HM2 2 (8412 & 8404), HM3 2 (8412 & 8404)

PMS Field Team #1, DONG HA: ESO 1, HM1 2 (8432), HM2 1 (8404)

PMS Field Team #2, LZ Vandergrift: HMC 1 (8432)

6. Services Provided:

a. Environmental Sanitation
Surveys and Inspections

<u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>DONG HA</u>	<u>VANDERGRIFT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
154	244	40	438

b. Laboratory Services

Water Bacteriology	176	98	23	297
Ice Bacteriology	02	05	00	07
Milk & Ice Cream Bacteriology	00	04	00	04
Cultures	157	00	00	157
Stool	76	00	00	76

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	QUANG TRI	DONG HA	VANDERGRIFT	TOTAL
Throat & Sputum	38	00	00	38
Urine	17	00	00	17
C.S.F.	15	00	00	15
Wounds	09	00	00	09
Urethral	02	00	00	02
Serivitives	38	00	00	38
Gram Stain	65	00	00	65
Darkfield	14	00	00	14
c. V.D. Interviews	63	14	00	77
d. P.P.D. Indigenous Personnel	244	00	00	244
e. Training				
F.S. Training Lectures	04	02	00	06
No. personnel attending	28	11	00	39
Hospitalmen Preventive Medicine	01	00	00	01
Orintation Lectures				
No. personnel attending	04	00	00	04
P.M.S. Training film	00	02	00	02
No. personnel attending	00	54	00	54
f. Food Handler Physical				
Military	00	02	00	02
Indigneous	00	05	00	05
g. Insect Control				
<u>Mosquito Control:</u>				
Mosquito Light Traps(Spec.)	24,516	245	00	24,761
Larval Surveys (Man hrs.)	1.5	00	00	1.5
Larvaciding(Man hrs.)	1.5	00	00	1.5
Baytex 2% granular(lbs.)	30	00	00	30
Diesel Fuel (gal.)	00	00	110	110
<u>Adulticiding:</u>				
Night Fogging (Man hrs.)	11	08	00	19
Malathion 6% (gal.)	171	221	00	392
Spraying (Buffalo turbine)				
6% malathion (gal.)	150	00	00	150
<u>Fly Control:</u>				
Man hours	03	01	08	12
6% Malathion (gal.)	00	02	16	18
1.5% Diazinon (gal.)	06	00	00	06

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	<u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>DONG HA</u>	<u>VANDERGRIET</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Ant Control:</u>				
Man hrs.	07	02	00	09
2% chlordane (gal.)	00	2.5	00	2.5
1% Diazinon (gal.)	14	00	00	14
<u>Expended to other Units:</u>				
Baytex 2% granular (lbs.)	02	00	00	02
DDVP Resin Strips	01	00	00	01
DDT 10% Dust Powder(2 oz cns)	15	00	00	15
Pyrethrin Aerosol bombs	23	00	00	23
Malathion 57% (gal.)	05	01	15	21
DDT 75% W.P. (lbs.)	25	00	00	25
Hudson back-pack sprayer	01	00	00	01
Gasket and Nozzle for hand Sprayers	01	00	00	01
HMp boots (pr.)	04	00	00	04
<u>h. Rodent Controls:</u>				
Break-back trapped	00	02	10	12
Zinc phosphide torpedoes	800	00	00	800
<u>Expended to other Units:</u>				
Anti-coagulant bait (lbs.)	60	00	00	60
Anti-coagulant concentrate(lbs.)	02	00	00	02
Zinc phosphide torpedoes	300	00	00	300
Zinc phosphide (oz.)	05	02	12	19
Break-back traps (rat)	48	12	15	75
<u>i. Snakes Identified:</u>				
Poisonous	02	00	00	02
Non-poisonous	04	00	00	04
<u>7. Vector Surveillance and Control</u>				
<u>a. Mosquito Surveillance and Control</u>				
<u>(1) Light Traps:</u>				
Five (5) New Jersey light traps were in operation for a total of 90 trap-nights at the following locations:				
<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TOTAL FEMALES</u>	<u>TRAP-NIGHTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	
3d Med. Bn.	6896	14	492.6	
3d Engineer Bn.	4591	22	208.7	
MAG - 39	9935	20	496.8	
D - Med.	245	26	9.4	
11th Engineer Bn.	409	08	51.1	

A total of 24,516 mosquitoes were processed and identified. Of the 22,076 females, the following were major public health importance:

MALARIA

Anopheles sinensis

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Primary vector in Delta and Coastal regions.

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MALARIA (cont)

Anopheles vagus	24	Primary vector in Delta and Coastal regions.
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Jap "B" Encephalitis

Culex tritaeniorhynchus	8,168	Primary vector
Culex bitaeniorhynchus	617	Secondary
Culex pipiens	12	Secondary

(2) Larval Surveys and Larvaciding:

Due to inclement weather and sickness of personnel from the Entomology section, larval surveys and larvaciding activities were limited this month. Only 1 1/2 hours were spent on larval surveys and 1 1/2 hours on larvaciding. Thirty (30) lbs. of Baytex 2% granules and 110 gallons of Diesel fuel were dispensed in larvaciding operations.

(3) Adulticiding:

Fogging operations for adult mosquito control were accomplished eleven (11) nights at Quang Tri and eight (8) evenings at Dong Ha. A total of 392 gallons of 6% malathion were dispensed during these fogging operations. Heavy rains, high winds and the theft of the Curtis Cold Aerosol at Dong Ha, hampered fogging operations during the month. Morning fogging operations were begun at Quang Tri on 11 September in an attempt to find better atmospheric conditions for fogging.

During the month, 150 gallons of 6% malathion were dispensed through a Buffalo Turbine Mist blower borrowed from MCB-11. Living areas on the Quang Tri base were misted with malathion in an effort to lower the adult mosquito population in these areas. This operation was hampered by rain and equipment breakdowns. Assistance was given on this program by HM1 GEORGE, HM1 HANCOCK and SN HOOD from PMU, NSA, Da Nang.

On 14-15 September, the Dong Ha and Quang Tri Combat bases were aerial sprayed by the Air Force Special Spray Flight. Undiluted 57% malathion (IV) was dispensed by a C-123 aircraft. This single application of aerial spray did not appear to significantly lower the adult mosquito population. The following are average light trap counts from three traps at Quang Tri for five days preceding and five days following the application (Female Mosquito only:)

<u>LOCATION OF TRAP</u>	<u>BEFORE APPLICATION</u>	<u>AFTER APPLICATION</u>
3d Medical Battalion	124	467
3d Engineers Battalion	291	143
MAG - 39	540	469

The apparent lack of mosquito control from this application was probably due to emergence of large numbers of mosquitoes from breeding sources on and in close proximity to the Quang Tri Base. Heavy rains during September (34.42 inches of rainfall) have created extensive breeding areas for mosquitoes. Better results would have been obtained from this application if these breeding areas had been larvacided prior to the application of the aerial spray.

b. Fly Control:

Approximately twelve (12) man hours were spent on fly control with chemicals this month. Eighteen (18) gallons of 6% malathion and 6 gallons of 1.5% Diazinon were dispensed in fly control operations.

c. Ant Control:

Approximately nine (9) man hours were spent on ant control this month. Fourteen (14) gallons of 1% Diazinon and 2.5 gallons of 2% chlordane were dispensed in ant control operations. All new S.E.A. huts at 3d Medical Battalion were treated inside with 1% Diazinon for ant control prior to personnel moving into them.

d. Rodent Control:

A total of 12 rats were trapped in break-back traps during the month. Approximately 800 zinc phosphide torpedoes were distributed in areas where rats were concentrated due to flood waters. A program has been set up by FMU Da Nang for the examination of rodents from I Corps for the presence of rabies. PMS is cooperating in this endeavor by providing specimens.

e. Snake Identification:

Six (6) snakes were brought to PMS for identification. Two of these were poisonous (a Bamboo Viper and a Sea Snake). The other four were non-poisonous rice paddy snakes.

f. Equipment:

Approximately 3 days were devoted to repairing a Curtis Cold aerosol unit in order that it could be put into operation to replace the Cold aerosol unit stolen from PMS#1 at Dong Ha.

One day this month was devoted to rigging a "Hot-Fogger" attachment to be mounted on the exhaust system of a five-ton truck at Vandergrift Combat Base. The apparatus was fabricated by the 3d Marine Division Motor Transport Officer with technical assistance from this section. A dense fog was obtained from this unit but the flow-rate has not been determined at this time. The benefits from this unit mosquito control are expected to be largely psychological.

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3rd Medical Battalion
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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5 October 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for month ending 30 September 1968; submission of

Ref: (a) BnO 5750.1B

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 September through 30 September 1968
- (3) LCDR Jerome L. MURPHY, MC, USN, 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

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"B" COMPANY
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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 September 1968

Ref: (a) BnO 5750.1A

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

a. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA:

- (1) "B" Company, 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
- (2) 1 September 1968 through 30 September 1968
- (3) LCDR Frank W. BUDD Jr., MC, USN 610492/2100, Commanding Officer
- (4) LTJG Myron J. HICKEY, MSC, USN 700873/2302, Administrative Officer
- (5) Average monthly strength during this period: Officers - 1
Enlisted - 0


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

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Ref: (a) BnO 5750.1B

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
- (2) 1 September 1968 through 30 September 1968
- (3) LCDR Morris F. SKINNER, MC, USNR 646306/2105 Commanding Officer
- (4) LTJG Myron J. HICKEY, MSC, USN 700873/2302 Administrative
Officer
- (5) Average monthly strength during this period: Officers - 1
Enlisted - 0

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COMPANY D
3RD MEDICAL BATTALION
3RD MARINE DIVISION (REIN) FMF
FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 96602

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2 OCTOBER 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of September, 1968; submission of

Ref: (a) BnO 5750.18

1. The following 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 September, 1968 through 30 September 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	9
Enlisted	37
USMC Enlisted	
TAD	11

B. Sequential listing of significant events:

1. New Mission: On 1 September 1968 the old Delta Medical Company facilities were officially dedicated as the "Third Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital", Dong Ha Facility. On hand for the ceremonies were Lt.Gen. Cushman, C.G. III MAF, Lt.Gen Stillwell USA, C.G. XXIV Corps and Maj.Gen. Davis, C.G. 3rd Mar Div. Open house was held immediately following the ceremonies with Distinguished guests from Quang Tri Province given guided tours through the hospital facilities.

2. Personnel:

- a. Officer strength has remained constant throughout the reporting period. Enlisted Strength took a sharp drop at the end of the month with the loss of 7 personnel.
- b. The Navy Staff has been augmented with 12 Vietnamese

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Nursing Assistants, 7 maintenance personnel and 4 workers for the Mess Hall.

3. New Construction:

- a. Blast wall has been completed along the helo pad and Triage bunker.
- b. Sand bagging projects mostly completed but heavy rains are causing this to be a continuing project.
- c. Inside of Triage painted and partitioned off so that one side is used as an out patient clinic for Vietnamese children, the other being used for military personnel.
- d. Underground bunker has been a problem with flooding and continuous pumping is necessary to keep it in a useable condition.
- e. One tropical hootch has been turned into a living quarters for the Vietnamese female nurses. Another hootch is being renovated for use as a ward.
- f. Work is in progress on a patio and a barbecue outside the Enlisted Club.

4. Training:

- a. Twice weekly classes had to be discontinued during the month because of the heavy work schedule. Classes are planned for future and personnel are encouraged to use self training such as correspondence courses. Vietnamese language classes are given twice weekly. The Vietnamese staff attend english language classes twice weekly and medical lectures three times a week.

5. Command and Control

- a. The Commanding Officer meets weekly with officers, staff, and section heads to discuss matters of significance and to keep informed on local problems, current events and future planning.

6. Medical and Dental Support

- a. Admissions for the month of September 1968
 - 1. Hostile 1
 - 2. Non-Hostile 24
 - 3. Disease 130

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b. Transferred from the wards:

1. NSA	1
2. Hosp. Ships	2
3. 22nd C.S.F.	3
4. 3rd Med.	54
5. Others	2

c. Returned to duty: 76

d. Remaining on Wards: 23

e. Evacuated:

1. 3rd Med	52
2. Hosp Ship	2
3. 18th Surg	1
4. Quang Tri	2

f. Total battle casualties for the month of September 1968: 1 Civ.

7. There were 91 cross matches performed by the lab during Sept. 1968 with 414 units received from NSA and 531 units expended. There were 125 of these units given to the provincial hospital in Quang Tri to aid them in care of the sick and injured.

8. There were 10 malaria admission referrals for the month.

9. The Vietnamese outpatient clinic treated 1253 patients. The Childrens ward and Nursery accounted for 414 hospital days.



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