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3rd Dental Company
3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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Encl: (1) 3rd Dental Company Chronology for November 1966

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted as directed by reference (a).

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A. Organization Data.

1. 3rd Dental Company, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF, FPO, San Francisco 96602 - Danang, Republic of Vietnam
 - a. 3rd Dental Company Headquarters. The 3rd Dental Company CP is located in the 3rd Shore Party Battalion area. The Company CP occupies a tin-roofed hut. The Commanding Officer, Administrative Assistant, Administrative Chief, Company Training Petty Officer, one office clerk and one driver staff.
 - b. 3rd Shore Party Battalion Dental Clinic. The 3rd Shore Party Battalion Clinic is located adjacent to the Company Office in one-third of a tin-roofed hut. It was established in early November. One dental officer and two dental technicians provide routine operative dentistry and preventive dentistry treatment. This Clinic is readily accessible for Marines being staged here prior to being sent to the field.
 - c. Headquarters Battalion Dental Clinic. This Clinic was dis-established on 29 Nov 1966. The 1st Dental Company has taken over this area of responsibility.
 - d. 3rd Medical Battalion Headquarters Dental Clinic. This Clinic occupies two tin-roofed huts. Operative, prosthetic, endodontic, oral surgery, periodontic, and preventive dentistry services are provided at this Clinic. Dental Clinics in the Danang and Dong Ha areas refer patients here for specialized treatment. Eight dental officers and seventeen dental technicians are assigned to this Clinic.
 - e. 7th Engineers Dental Clinic. This Clinic is in one-half of a tin-roofed hut. Two dental officers and two dental technicians are assigned to this Clinic.
 - f. Fleet Logistic Support Group Dental Clinic. Two quonset huts were allocated for our use here. One of the quonsets houses two dental operating rooms and the Company Supply Section. The second quonset houses the Company Mount-Out Section and the Dental Repair Section. Both quonsets have concrete decks and the one with the clinical spaces and supply is air-conditioned. Two dental officers and nine dental technicians are assigned to this facility. The need for dental support will continue to exist here as long as FLC and FLSC are located at Red Beach. A Vietnamese Pediatric Hospital is being constructed at FLSC. Through coordination with COL WEIRS and the FLSC Medical Officer, space has been set aside for a Dental Clinic to further our Civic Action Program.
 - g. An Hoa Dental Detachment. The An Hoa Dental Detachment shares a permanent-type structure with the BAS. It is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician.

- h. Khe Sanh Dental Detachment. This Clinic is in the Special Forces Camp Dispensary. One dental officer and two dental technicians were assigned here during the past month. Present plans are to keep one dental technician assigned permanently and have a dental officer go into the area one week every month or oftener if necessary. The dental technician will provide emergency dental treatment, preventive dentistry and carry on with the people to people program. He will work closely with the Army Special Forces Aid Team and the BAS.
 - i. Dong Ha Dental Detachment. This Clinic is located in an old French building. The spaces are presently being renovated, after which they will be suitable for four dental operating rooms rather than only two as at present. The Dental Company had to furnish all of the materials and the CB's are doing the remodeling. Three dental officers and four dental technicians staff this Clinic.
 - j. Camp Carroll Dental Detachment. A Dental/Surgical Van is in this area with one dental officer and one dental technician assigned.
 - k. Phu Bai Dental Detachment. This Clinic utilizes a 16' x 48' tin-roofed hut in the "A" Medical Company area. Operative, prosthetic, and oral surgery services are provided by this Clinic. Four dental officers and seven dental technicians are assigned.
 - l. 9th Motor Transport Dental Clinic. This Clinic is located in a tin-roofed hut and is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician.
 - m. Hill 55 Dental Detachment. This Clinic is located in a tin-roofed hut. One dental officer and one dental technician are assigned here.
 - n. III MAF Dental Clinic. This is a new Clinic that will be put into operation in December. It is located in the same building as the III MAF Force Dental Officer. One dental officer and one dental technician will be assigned to this Clinic.
 - o. The Commanding General has approved a six dental operating room air-conditioned clinic in the 3rd MARDIV CP area at Phu Bai. Completion is planned for early in CY 1967.
- 2. 1 NOV 1966 through 30 NOV 1966
 - 3. CAPTAIN LOUIS H. CORDONIER, DC, USN, Commanding Officer
COMMANDER J. F. HARDIN, DC, USN, Executive Officer
LTJG WILLIAM J. SNITTJER, MSC, USN, Administrative Assistant

B. Significant Events.1. Personnel.

- a. Joined during month: 02
- b. Dropped during month: 05
- c. Average Monthly Strength: 76
- d. Emergency Leaves: 01 (Commanding Officer returned 3 Dec 66)

2. Administration. The Administrative Assistant meets daily with the supervisory personnel to discuss problems and disseminate information.3. Training. The weekly training program for enlisted personnel (E-3 through E-6) is comprised of a weekly study assignment of subjects in military and professional fields, followed by a test in each assignment. A one-hour weekly class in leadership is held for all personnel. Troop indoctrination is accomplished in compliance with Force Bulletin 1700 of September 1965.4. Command and Control. The Commanding Officer maintains liaison with the Detachment Commanders and Clinic Directors by periodic visits and telephone calls. The Commanding Officer and the Administrative Assistant confer daily concerning Company operations. The Commanding Officer confers frequently with his professional staff in regards to both military and professional subjects.5. Logistics.

- a. T/E Equipment. The PE-75 generators constantly break down after a few days of use. While in storage, these generators are run periodically but when needed and used for extended periods, they invariably break down.
- b. Professional Equipment. The Encore repair kits were received. DT2 JONES, the dental repairman, is giving training to other repairmen as well as dental officers and technicians in the proper care and maintenance of Encores.
- c. Supplies. The supply problem is decreasing. FLSG is starting to deliver many of our back orders now.

6. Dental Support. The 3rd Dental Company furnishes dental support to Marine Corps personnel in Danang, Hue Phu Bai, Dong Ha, Khe Sanh, and An Hoa areas of RVN. There are twelve 3rd Dental Company Clinics/Detachments. The 3rd Dental Company, particularly the two oral surgeons, assists in Mass Casualty Care when additional personnel are needed.

7. Civil Affairs Military Government/Community Relations. The 3rd Dental Company's Dental Civil Affairs Program included the rendering of emergency dental treatment in the following villages in RVN:

XUONG BINH	PHUOC NGHIA
PHUOC TAN	HOA AN
NAM O	TAM TOA
THANG BINH	HOA VANG
DA PHUOC	BOY O
LOC BANG	

- a. Treatment rendered during the month of November 1966 in the Dental Civil Affairs Program:

Examinations	533
Extractions	589
Root Tip Removals	21
Temporary Fillings	3
Sealings	1
Abscess Incised and Drained	1
Oral Hygiene Instruction	4
Miscellaneous Treatment	7
TOTAL PROCEDURES	<u>1159</u>