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3rd Dental Company  
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COMPANY CHRONOLOGY

## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONSTAFF DENTAL OFFICER/COMMANDER

3rd Dental Company  
3rd Marine Division (REIN),  
FMF, FPO, San Francisco 96502  
Danang, Republic of Vietnam

CAPT L. H. CORDONIER, DC, USN

COMPANY DENTAL CLINIC LOCATIONS

- a. 3rd Dental Company Headquarters. The 3rd Dental Company CP is located in the 3rd MarDiv Rear area in Danang. The Commanding Officer, Administrative Officer, Administrative Chief, Company Training Petty Officer, two office clerks and one driver staff the CP.
- b. 3rd MarDiv Rear site: This Clinic is staffed with one dental officer and two dental technicians. One of the dental technicians does preventive dentistry full-time.
- c. 1st Medical Battalion site. Eight dental officers and 16 dental technicians are assigned to this Clinic. Operative, prosthetic, endodontic, oral surgery, periodontic, and preventive dentistry services are provided at this Clinic. The oral surgeon treats the maxillo-facial casualty injuries. Two dental technicians are assigned to full-time preventive dentistry. Three technicians are working in the prosthetic laboratory.
- d. 7th Engineers site. Two Dental officers and two dental technicians are assigned here. One of the technicians handles the preventive dentistry duties.
- e. 1st FSR/FLC site. Two dental officers and three dental technicians are assigned to this clinic. One technician is a full-time preventive dentistry technician. The Company Supp, Mount-out, and Repair sections are located here also. A Pediatric Hospital for the Vietnamese has been constructed at FSR. The two dental officers at this Clinic each work one-half day at the hospital dental clinic.

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- f. Pho Sanh site. This clinic was discontinued on 3 Feb 1967. The Battalion in the area was moved leaving only a reinforced Company.
- g. "D" Fed, Dong Ha site. Three dental officers and five dental technicians staff this Clinic. One of the technicians is assigned full-time to preventive dentistry.
- h. Camp Carroll, Dong Ha site. The Dental Van at this site was moved on 7 Feb 1967 and service to this area was discontinued. Evaluation of service indicated it was easier for most patients to seek treatment at the "D" Fed, Dong Ha Clinic.
- i. 11th Engineers, Dong Ha site. A Dental/Surgical Van is in this area with one dental officer and one dental technician assigned.
- j. 3rd Medical Battalion, Phu Bai site. Five dental officers and nine dental technicians staff this Clinic. Operative, prosthetic, oral surgery, and preventive dentistry services are provided. Two technicians man the prosthetic laboratory and one technician is assigned to full-time preventive dentistry. The oral surgeon treats the maxillo-facial casualty injuries.
- k. 7th Motor Transport site. One dental officer and one dental technician are assigned here.
- l. Hill 55 site. One dental officer and two dental technicians are assigned here. One of the technicians is assigned full-time to preventive dentistry.
- m. III MAF Headquarters site. One dental officer and two technicians provide the dental support which includes preventive dentistry.

## 2. Location

1 - 28 February 1967: RVN

## 3. Staff Officers

COMMANDER J. F. HARDIN, DC, USN, Executive Officer  
ENS O. E. CUNNINGHAM, MSC, USN, Administrative Officer

## 4. Average Monthly Strength

OFFICERS	USN	ENLISTED
27		57

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 3rd Dental Company furnishes dental support to Marine Corps personnel in the Danang, Hue Phu Bai, and the Dong Ha areas of RVN. There are 11 3rd Dental Company Clinics. The Commanding General has approved the construction of a new seven dental operating room clinic in the 3rd MARDIV CP area at Phu Bai. An additional hard-top clinic in the Dong Ha area has also been approved. The 3rd Dental Company personnel assist in Mass Casualty Care when additional personnel are needed and are active in the civic action program.

LT P. B. REDSTONE, DC, USMC is completing his third month as full time Dental Civic Action Officer. During this period, procedures and number of patients treated have increased by approximately 50%.

LCDR P. F. STEINHAEGER, DC, USMC, has initiated a cleft lip/cleft palate program for Vietnamese children, working with 1st Medical Battalion Officers. This program is coordinated I Corps Headquarters in Danang.

LT J. L. SHAW, DC, USMC has been assigned to the III MAF Vietnamese Language School for training in March. He will assume duties as full time Civic Action Officer in April.

CDR J. T. HARDIN and DT R. W. MILLER were assigned to the III MAF Combat Dental Support Unit during Operation DeSoto, at Duc Tho, supporting 3/7.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL

- a. Joined during month: 7
- b. Dropped during month: 5
- c. Total Strength 28 Feb 67: 85
- d. Promotions and Advancements:

DN S. P. SCIBETTA to DT3  
DA G. E. PEGG to DT

- e. Awards: Chief Dental Technician C. W. FARTHING was awarded the Navy-Marine Corps Medal on 17 Feb 1967. The presentation was made by MGEO W. J. KYLE, CG, 3d MARDIV, and took place in the General's office. Others present were: Force Dental Officer, III MAF; CO, 3rd Dental Company and the Administrative Officer, 3rd Dental Company.
- f. Visits: The Fleet Dental Officer, CINCPACFLT and the Force Dental Officer, III MAF were aboard 17-18 Feb on a visitation tour of the 3rd Dental Company Headquarters and Clinics.

2. Administration. The Administrative Officer 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 covering each assignment. Each week, one-hour classes in leadership are held for all personnel. One dental officer has been assigned to the III MAF Vietnamese Language School during the month of March. The Administrative Officer has been nominated to attend the NUNES School in Okinawa for a period of one week.

4. Command and Control. The Commanding Officer maintains liaison with Clinic Directors by periodic visits and telephone calls. The Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, and the Administrative Officer confer daily concerning Company operations. The Commanding Officer held inspections at the Dong Ha, Phu Bai, and Danang Clinics this month. He also met in conference with the Regiment Commander at Camp Carroll regarding dental support for that area.

5. CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS.

- a. LT R. J. STOLCIS, DC, USMC, is training a Vietnamese girl in dental assisting. She proves a valuable adjunct on Civic Action missions.
- b. The 3rd Dental Company has a full time Civil Affairs Officer. The Company's Dental Civil Affairs program includes the rendering of emergency dental treatment in the following villages in RVN:

DUC KY	AC HAI
PHUOC	TRACH
PHUOC HA	USAID HOSPITAL
NAT O	TRUNG PHUOI
KHE SAHN	HOA KANH CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL
FIELD HOSPITAL 1ST MED BN	
BINH KHUE CAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	
PHUOC THAM SCHOOL AND REFUGEE CAMP	
TAC KY	HOA AN
KI LIEH	PHUOC NGHIE
QUANG CHAU	DAI LOC
QUA GIANG	DIC BAC
AP THUY TU	SA AN
HOA BINH	SO DAT PRIMARY SCHOOL
GAI LE	VINH LOC
SAC HAI SCHOOL	SAC HAI SCHOOL

- c. Treatment rendered during the month of Feb 1966 in the Dental Civil Affairs program:

Root Residual Removal . . . . .	194
Extractions. . . . .	1164
Examinations. . . . .	1408
Temporary Fillings. . . . .	4
Debridement . . . . .	2
Scaling. . . . .	16
Fracture, Band., Reduce . . . . .	1
Fracture, Wax., Reduce. . . . .	1
Abscess, Incise & Drain . . . . .	3
Oral Hygiene Instruction. . . . .	47
Prophylaxis . . . . .	10
Caries Prevention Treatment . . . . .	10
Repair of Hairlip . . . . .	1
Miscellaneous Treatment . . . . .	52
TOTAL PROCEDURES . . . . .	2913

TOTAL PATIENTS TREATED - 1408