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COMPANY CHRONOLOGY

## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONSTAFF DENTAL OFFICER/COMMANDER

3d Dental Company  
 3d Marine Division (REIN)  
 FMF, PFO, San Francisco 96602  
 Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam

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COMPANY DENTAL CLINIC LOCATIONS

- a. 3d Dental Company Headquarters. The 3d Dental Company CP is located in Cantlement Four, 3d MarDiv Headquarters area in Phu Bai. The Commanding Officer, Administrative Officer, Administrative Chief, Clerical and Training Chief, two office clerks and one driver staff the CP.
- b. 3d Medical Bn., Phu Bai site. Six dental officers and 16 dental technicians staff this clinic. Operative, prosthetic, periodontic, oral surgery and preventive dentistry services are provided. Four technicians man the prosthetic laboratory and one technician is assigned to full-time preventive dentistry. The oral surgeon treats the maxillo-facial casualty injuries in the 3d Medical Bn. Hospital facility.
- c. Headquarters Cantlement 4, Phu Bai site. Two Dental Officers and three dental technicians staff this clinic. One dental technician is assigned to full-time preventive dentistry.
- d. 3d Engineers, Gia Le site. One Dental Officer and two dental technicians staff this clinic. One dental technician is assigned to full-time preventive dentistry.
- e. Dental Equipment Repair Section, Phu Bai. The Dental Repair Section was moved from 1st FSR/FM to Cantlement 4, 3d Marine Division Headquarters, Phu Bai on 20 July 1967. This Section is presently housed in a 10x20 Sentinel Tent and is manned by two dental repairmen.

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f. Combat Dental Support Unit (PHL; Dental Trailer). This unit, with one dental officer and two technicians began "Operation Circuit Rider" by helicopter lift-off on 19 June 1967. The following areas were provided dental care: Co Col Island, Cua Viet, Cam Lo, Rockpile and Ca Iu.

At the completion of the above circuit the Combat Dental Support Unit was returned to Phu Bai for repairs and re-outfitting. On 28 July 1967, the Unit and the Dental Treatment Team was dispatched to the site of "Operation Cumberland" to provide dental care and treatment for the Marines in that area.

In view of the success of the initial "Operation Circuit Rider" operation, it is planned to have a similar operation periodically.

g. Camp Evans, 11th Marine site. A Dental/Surgical Van is in this area with one dental officer and two dental technicians assigned. One technician is assigned to full-time preventive dentistry.

h. Headquarters Forward, Dong Ha site. This clinic was closed on 13 July 1967, equipment and personnel were moved to the new "D" Med. Medical Facility site, Dong Ha.

i. "D" Med. Clinic, Dong Ha site. This clinic was opened on 14 July 1967 and is staffed with three Dental Officers and seven dental technicians. Two technicians man the Prosthetic laboratory and one technician is assigned to full-time preventive dentistry.

j. 11th Engineers, Dong Ha site. A Dental/Surgical Van is in this area with one Dental Officer and two dental technicians assigned. One technician is assigned to full-time preventive dentistry.

k. Camp Carroll, Dong Ha site. A Dental/Surgical Van is in this area with one Dental Officer and two dental technicians assigned. One technician is assigned to full-time preventive dentistry.

l. Rhe Sanh site. One Dental Officer and two dental technicians are assigned to this clinic. One technician is assigned to full-time preventive dentistry.

m. 1st FSR/FLC site. One Dental Officer and two dental technicians are assigned to this clinic. One technician is a full-time preventive dentistry technician. The Company Supply and Mount-out Sections are located here also. It is planned to vacate this site when space becomes available in Phu Bai area for Mount-out and Supply. A pediatric hospital dental clinic for the Vietnamese is in operation at FSR. The Dental Officer assigned to the FSR/FLC Clinic works one-half day per week at the hospital dental clinic.

n. III MAF Headquarters site. One dental officer and two technicians provide the dental support which includes preventive dentistry. Responsibility for this site will be assumed by III MAF in early August.

2. Location

1-31 JULY 1967: RVN

3. Staff Officers

CDR J. F. HARDIN, DC, USN, Executive Officer  
 LTJO O. E. CUNNINGHAM, MSC, USN, Administrative Officer

4. Average Monthly Strength.USNOFFICERSENLISTED

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PART IVNARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 3d Dental Company furnishes dental support to Marine Corps personnel in the Hué-Phu Bai, Dong Ha, Khe Sanh, and Danang areas of RVN. There are eleven 3d Dental Company Clinics presently in operation. The construction of a new clinic in the 3d MarDiv CP area has begun. It is to include housing for the mount-out, supply, and repair sections.

Recognising the special dental problems of various remote units, Operation Circuit Rider was conceived by the Commanding Officer, 3d Dental Company, to provide them with routine services on a rotating basis. A mobile dental treatment team was selected to implement the project. The team consisted of a Dental Officer, Dental Technicians-in-Charge and a Preventive Dentistry Technician. Equipment for Operation Circuit Rider was housed in a modified M-105 Trailer. The trailer, based on a previous experience, can be externally lifted by helicopter to various locations. The team members rode inside the helicopter.

The trailer is completely self-contained. It is presently equipped with a PE-75 2.5 KW generator, 1250 Watt Montgomery Ward generator, 42 gallon pressurized water system and an air compressor. Although not air conditioned, the trailer lends itself to easy installation of a small unit. Basic dental equipment consists of a garrison-type dental unit; surgical evacuation system; high-speed air turbine handpiece; dry heat sterilizer; dental chair and light.

For Operation Circuit Rider, several modifications were made. The trailer was completely re-wired, a tile deck was laid, styrofoam insulation was incorporated into the overhead and additional cabinetry was installed. An additional generator, dental chair and light, and a complete Encore High-Speed Field Unit were added to provide back-up systems and preventive dentistry capabilities. The additional equipment increased the total weight of the Combat Dental Support Unit to approximately 6,000 lbs. This is beyond the lift capacity of the CH-46A Helicopter; therefore, air transport was provided by CH-53A Sea Stallion. Earlier, the unit was transported from DaNang to Phu Bai via C-130 Hercules aircraft.

In view of the success of the initial portion of "Operation Circuit Rider", it is planned to have a similar circuit covered periodically.

The 3d Dental Company personnel assist Medical in Mass Casualty Care and are active in the Civic Action Program. The oral surgeons treat maxillo-facial wound cases.

### PART III

#### 1. Personnel.

- a. Joined during month: 08
- b. Dropped during month: 04
- c. Total Strength 31 July 67: 85

2. Administration. The Administrative Officer and the Administrative Chief meets daily with the supervisory personnel to discuss problems and disseminate information. They have made trips to DaNang, III MAF, and Dong Ha to confer with the supervisory personnel in those areas.

3. Command and Control. The Commanding Officer maintains liaison with the 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 visited the clinics in the Phu Bai, DaNang, Dong Ha, Camp Carroll, Khe Sanh, and "Operation Circuit Rider" at Co Col Island this month.

4. 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 is presently attending the III MAF Vietnamese Language School.

5. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations. The 3d Dental Company has a full time CIVIL AFFAIRS COORDINATING OFFICER who has received Vietnamese language training. He maintains close liaison with C-5. The Company's Dental Civil Affairs Program included the rendering of emergency dental treatment in the following villages in RVN, during July:

GIR 12	HUE CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE	CAN LO REFUGEE CAMP
HOA BIEU	THUY LOONG	THUY TAM
TAY LOG DISPENSARY	PAVC TEAM #5	HOA AN
TUAN	THUY DUONG I	COU-AAI
BACH THACH	VUNG LOI	JUNK FLEET
LOC BIEU	HUE DISPENSARY	LUONG KHAN
HOA HOA	CAU HUCI	

b. Treatment rendered during the month of July 1967, in the Dental Civil Affairs program:

Examinations . . . . .	1487
Extractions . . . . .	1615
Root Residual Removal . . . . .	317
Oral Hygiene Instruction . . . . .	1409
Scaling . . . . .	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5622</b>
<b>TOTAL VIETNAMESE PATIENTS . . . . .</b>	<b>1487</b>
<b>TOOTHPBRUSHES DISTRIBUTED . . . . .</b>	<b>2465</b>

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6. Mallofacial injuries cases treated by 3d Dental Company during July 1967:

Fracture: (Reduction and Fixation) . . . . .	10
Mandibular . . . . .	3
Maxillary . . . . .	4
Zygomatic . . . . .	3
 Soft Tissue Laceration (Debridement & Repair)	
Facial . . . . .	10
 <b>TOTAL TREATMENTS</b>	<b>20</b>