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HEADQUARTERS
3d Dental Company
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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COMPANY CHRONOLOGYPART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3d Dental Company	Commanding Officer
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF	Division Dental Officer
FPO San Francisco 96602	CAPT T. D. STEPHENSON,
Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam	DC, USN
	1-30 September 1968

COMPANY DENTAL FACILITIES LOCATIONS

a. 3d Dental Company Headquarters. 1-30 September 1968
The 3d Dental Company Headquarters, including Mount-Out, Motor Transport, and Supply Sections, are located in the Headquarters Battalion CP area, Quang Tri Combat Base. Facilities include one tropical hut and three floored strong-back tents.

Company Headquarters	- Commanding Officer, Administrative Officer, Administrative Chief, Training Chief, Clerical Petty Officers (2) and one driver.
Supply Section	- Supply Chief and (2) dental technicians.
Motor Transport Section	- (2) USMC drivers, (1) USMC Mechanic and supervisory petty officer.
Mount-Out Section	- (5) Dental Technicians.

b. CP Facility - Quang Tri Combat Base. 1-30 September 1968
Two tropical huts manned by (5) dental officers and (9) dental technicians. One of the two prosthetic facilities with the company is here.

c. 3d Medical Battalion Facility - Quang Tri Combat Base. 1-30 September 1968
Tropical hut manned by (2) oral surgeons and (1) dental officer with (3) dental technicians.

d. Battalion Rears Facilities - Quang Tri Combat Base. 1-30 September 1968
Three mobile dental-surgical vans, each with (1) dental officer and (1) dental technician.

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e. Division CP - Dong Ha Combat Base. 1-30 September 1968
Two tropical huts manned by (5) dental officers and (6) dental technicians. Repair section manned by Repair Chief and (1) dental technician.

f. "D" Medical Company - Dong Ha Combat Base. 1-30 September 1968
Tropical hut manned by (3) dental officers and (6) dental technicians. Second of the company's prosthetic facilities.

g. Battalion Areas - Dong Ha Combat Base. 1-30 September 1968
Two tropical huts in separate battalion areas, each manned by (1) dental officer and (1) dental technician.

h. Cua Viet. 1-30 September 1968
Tropical hut manned by one dental officer and (2) dental technicians.

i. Camp Carroll. 1-30 September 1968
Tropical hut manned by (1) dental officer and (2) dental technicians.

j. Vandegrift Combat Base. 21-30 September 1968
Reinforced bunker manned by (1) dental officer and (2) dental technicians.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

LTJG E. R. OIEN, MSC, USN - Administrative Officer
1-30 September 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0		3	27		53

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 3d Dental Company provides dental support throughout the TAOR of the 3d Marine Division to personnel of the Division. In addition, it provides dental prosthetic treatment to Navy personnel of NSA and MCB units in the TAOR. A bunkered dental facility became operational at Vandegrift Combat Base on

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21 September 1968, manned by one dental officer and two dental technicians. Construction of a major dental facility in the Quang Tri battalion rears area is nearing completion and is expected to be operational in October. Dental prosthetics care is provided at "D" Medical Company in Dong Ha and Division CP clinic at Quang Tri. Assistance to Graves Registration is provided in identification of the dead. Dental company personnel provide support to the Marines Memorial Children's Hospital. Force Dental Officers, III MAF and FIEFPAC visited Company facilities during the month. Third Dental Company support at III MAF facilities was discontinued upon promulgation of a III MAF dental officer billet on 30 September 1968.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL

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| a. Joined during the month | 11 |
| b. Dropped during the month | 0 |
| c. Total strength as of 30 Sep 1968 | 84 |

2. ADMINISTRATION

The Commanding Officer and Administrative Officer confer daily with supervisory personnel to discuss problems and disseminate information. A monthly Company meeting at Company Headquarters for all hands, less watchstanders, has been initiated. This meeting provides an opportunity for a professional scientific session for the dental officers, enlisted in-service training coordination, opportunity to discuss problem areas, etc. This monthly meeting will normally be scheduled on the fourth Sunday of the month. The Commanding Officer made trips to III MAF, facilities at Dong Ha, Quang Tri, Cua Viet, Camp Carroll, and Vandegrift Combat Base during the month.

3. TRAINING

One Chief Petty Officer has been assigned full time as Training Chief and Career Advisor. An upgrading of Company training is anticipated. One Dental Officer and one dental technician attended the Division Personal Response course.

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4. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS

- a. The bunkered dental facility at Vandegrift Combat Base became operational on 21 September 1968. This facility will serve troops operating from the Rock Pile, Vandegrift Combat Base, and Ca Lu areas.
- b. The battalion rears facility at Quang Tri Combat Base is nearing completion and is expected to be operational by the second week in October.

5. CIVIC ACTION

The Commanding Officer is the Civic Affairs Coordinating Officer for the 3d Dental Company. Currently seven dental officers are engaged part-time in DENTCAP programs in the Cua Viet, Dong Ha, Quang Tri, and Cam Lo areas. The program reached fewer people this month, primarily due to inclement weather, recurrent enemy activity in several areas, and a shortage of tactical radios for civic action use.

MONTHLY TOTALS - CIVIC ACTION TREATMENTS

Examination	172
Extractions	128
Root Residual Removal	7
Oral Hygiene Instructions	93
Post Operative Treatment	
Scaling	2
Temporary Restorations	6
Abcess I & D	2
Cleft Lip/Palate Operations	
Total Treatments	410
Total Patients Treated	162