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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Command Chronology; submission of

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.1

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

a. Organizational data, including attachments:

(1) Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF;
Danang, Vietnam.

(2) 1-30 November 1965.

(3) Major John E. WATSON, Commanding Officer, Major W. J. HALLISEY,
Jr., Executive Officer.

(4) 226 USMC Officers, 31 USN Officers; 1716 USMC Enlisted,
65 USN Enlisted.

b. Sequential listing of significant events, especially as the
relate to:

(1) Personnel. None.

(2) Administration. None.

(3) Intelligence. None.

(4) Training. None.

(5) Special Operations. One platoon of Military Policemen participated in Operation Blue Marlin from 10 November 1965 to 18 November 1965. This platoon was commanded by First Lieutenant John D. MOTTESHEAD, 083556, USMC, and was composed of one officer, 29 enlisted and 2 Navy corpsmen. The mission of this MP platoon was to establish a temporary holding compound for initial interrogation near the Battalion Command Post, and provide security for the compound and captives, and to provide security during disposition of the captives. During phase one of Operation Blue Marlin, this platoon processed 54 civilians and 2 Viet Cong

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Suspects; a total of 56 captives. During phase two of Operation Blue Marlin, this platoon processed 13 civilians, 42 Viet Cong Suspects, and 1 Viet Cong Captive. The total captives processed during the operation was 112.

(6) Nuclear, biological, chemical, and other special types of warfare. None.

(7) Command and control. On 12 November 1965, Communications Support Company and Communications Company, 7th Communications Battalion were redesignated as units within 5th Communications Battalion. The Battalion Post was displaced to Grid Coordinates 956751 on 13 November 1965. This organization consists of the following units:

Headquarters Company
Service Company
Communications Company
Military Police Company
1st Force Reconnaissance Company
3d Dental Company
Sub-Unit #2, Headquarters Company

(8) Communications-Electronics. None.

(9) Close combat. None.

(10) Fire support and fire support coordination. None.

(11) Logistics. Dental items being requisitioned by FLSG have become more available during this reporting period. Supply Blocks and Re-Supply Blocks are being brought up to T/O as items become available. FLSG has deferred from requisitioning mount-out dental items until garrison type dental items have been procured.

(12) Air defense. None.

(13) Combat air support. None.

(14) Medical and Dental support. The 3d Dental Company furnished complete dental service to 3d Marine Division personnel, as well as to personnel from elements of the 1st Marine Division. In addition, dental service was furnished to MCB-9 while their dental officer was hospitalized. The 3d Dental Company and Detachments assists each company of the 3d Medical Battalion in mass casualty care.

(15) Chaplain support. The Battalion Chaplain is TAD in excess of 30 days to the 3d Marines.

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(16) Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations.

(a) The 3d Dental Company's "People to People" Civil Affairs Program has been further expanded to include the rendering of emergency dental treatment to the following villages and hospital in the Danang area:

HOI AN
PHONG BAC
BUDDHIST PAGODA
TAUAN-THANH
YEN PHAT

DONG-GIONG
DIEN BAN
USOM HOSPITAL
ISLAND SOUTH OF DANANG RIVER
BRIDGE.

(b) Treatment rendered during the month of November 1965 for the Danang, Phu Bai and Chu Lai areas:

Examinations	1168
Extractions	1059
Root Tip Removal	174
Dental Scalings	108
Amalgams	5
Temporary Fillings	291
Incision & Drainage	1
Miscellaneous Treatments	<u>10</u>
TOTAL PROCEDURES	2816

(c) Dental supplies for use in the Civic Action Dental Program ^{etc} ~~was~~ requested to be added to the MEDCAP list of medical and dental supplies available to issue to the 3d Dental Company.

(d) Communications Company is engaged in charitable contributions to the Danang Orphanage. Contributions include clothing from wives and friends in the States, and money contributed on paydays.

(e) The MEDCAP Team of the Headquarters Battalion Aid Station composed of 1 Medical Officer and 4 Hospital Corpsmen administers a Sick Call in three locations on a regular basis. The MEDCAP Team accompanied Major COLIA and the 3d Marine Division Band to a special festival at Hoi-An Village, Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam province, on 1 November 1965. This was a one visit affair, and the number of persons treated and number of treatments rendered were exceptionally high as the team was set up for 4-5 hour instead of the usual 2-2 1/2 hour Sick Call held regularly in other locations. The other locations visited are, An-Khe Village, Hoa Vang, Quang Nam; Buddhist Orphanage in Hoa Phat Village, Hoa Vang, Quang Nam; and Hoa Phat Village, Hoa Vang, Quang Nam. An-Khe is visited on Wednesday

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afternoons. Buddhist Orphanage on Wednesday mornings. Hoa Phat is visited on Thursday afternoons.

Number of persons treated during Nov	1833
Number of treatments rendered	4616
Number of visits during month	9

Coordinates of the villages visited as follows:

Hoi-An	(BT145568)
An-Khe	(993768)
Buddhist Orphanage	(994746)
Hoa Phat	(994746)

Attitudes of all persons contacted and treated appeared most friendly. Many expressions of gratitude were received from the village chiefs and officials in all locations.

(f) Documentation. None.

2. This chronology is for all units within Headquarters Battalion, except 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, which submitted a separate report on 9 December 1965.


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