

FIRST DENTAL COMPANY
Headquarters Battalion
First Marine Division (Rein), FMF
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(b) FMFPac Order 5750.8
(c) Division Order 5750.2C

Encl: ✓(1) December 1969 Command Chronology

1. In compliance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c),
enclosure (1) is submitted.



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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation:

First Dental Company
 Headquarters Battalion
 First Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 WFO, San Francisco, California 96602

2. Location:

a. 1 December to 31 December 1969 located at Danang, Republic of Vietnam.

b. 1st Dental Company, Headquarters - Danang. The First Dental Company Headquarters is located at the First Marine Division Command Post in Danang. The headquarters Staff consists of the Commanding Officer, Administrative Officer, Administrative Chief and two Administrative Clerks.

c. Dental Van, 1st Marine Division Command Post Area. This facility is staffed with one dental officer and one dental technician and is capable of general and preventive dentistry.

d. Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion - Danang. This facility is staffed with one dental officer and one dental technician and is capable of general and preventive dentistry.

e. 1st Medical Battalion Area - Danang. Six dental officers and nine dental technicians are assigned to this clinic. Capabilities include oral surgery, treatment of maxillofacial injuries, prosthetics, endodontics, periodontics, general and preventive dentistry.

* One prosthetic technician assigned to this clinic is on loan to the 11th, Dental Company assisting in the Central Prosthetic Lab.

f. First Tanks - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and is capable of general and preventive dentistry.

g. 11th, Marine Regiment Area - Danang. A dental van is located in this area and is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. Capabilities are general and preventive dentistry.

h. 3rd, Amphibious Tractor Battalion - Danang. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

i. 11th Motors - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

j. 1st Marine Regiment - Danang. Dental support in this area is provided by one dental officer and one dental technician. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

k. 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment - Danang. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned and provides general and preventive dentistry.

l. 7th Marine Regiment - L.Z. Baldy. Dental support in this area is provided by two dental officers and two dental technicians. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

m. 7th Engineer Battalion - Danang. This facility has one dental officer and one dental technician assigned. General and preventive dentistry is provided.

n. 5th Marine Regiment - An Hoa. This facility is located in a stucco type building. Three dental officers and eight dental technicians are assigned. General, prosthetic and preventive dentistry is provided.

o. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and provides general and preventive dentistry.

p. 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and provides general and preventive dentistry.

q. 1st Engineer Battalion - Danang. This facility is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician. Capabilities include general and preventive dentistry.

r. 1st Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment - Danang. This facility just opened during the month of November and is staffed by one dental officer and one dental technician and provides general and preventive dentistry.

s. In addition to the Company Headquarters and clinics listed, this company also maintains a supply/mount-out, dental repair, preventive dentistry and motor transport sections. These sections are currently staffed by eight dental technicians and three Marine drivers.

3. Staff Officers.

CAPT P. C. ALEXANDER, DC, USN, Commanding Officer
 CDR R. D. PRINCE, DC, USN, Executive Officer
 LTJG J. E. AUBIN, NSC, USN, Administrative Officer

* 4. Average Monthly Strength.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
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* These personnel are carried on the rolls of Service Company, Headquarters Battalion and are assigned as drivers for this company.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

* 1. The first Dental Company renders dental support to the First Marine Division in the Danang and An Hoa areas of the Republic of Vietnam. There are currently sixteen dental facilities in operation to provide dental support to the First Marine Division. The facilities are of varied types of construction including thirteen of the SEASIA hut type, two surgical vans and one stucco building.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- * 1. CAPT Meredith MEADE, DC, USN, Force Dental Officer, III MAF on board 1 December 1969 for an informal visit with Commanding Officer.
- * 2. LCDR E. L. MOSBY, DC, USN returned from ten days TAD to the U. S. S. REPOSE (AH-16) on 3 December 1969.
- * 3. The I Corps Dental Society meeting was held at Camp Tien-Sha Officers Club on 13 December 1969.
- * 4. DTC G. H. CUNNINGHAM, USN, 463 06 75/8752 transferred as MedEvac patient to the Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois on 22 December 1969 for further treatment for gastritis.
- * 5. Personnel.

a. The First Dental Company currently has two DPL's serving voluntary extensions in the Republic of Vietnam for a total of two dental technicians.

Joined during the month	04
Dropped during the month	06
Total strength 31 December 1969	69

6. Administration. The Administrative Officer confers daily with all

supervisory personnel to keep abreast of their problems and disseminate new policies and information.

7. Training. Due to the combat nature of duty in Vietnam, professional training for both officers and dental technicians is handled primarily through the medium of correspondence courses. There is a very active enrollment of both officer and enlisted personnel in Navy Correspondence Courses and USAFT. Professional material is maintained by the Company Office and made available to personnel upon request. Guidance is provided whenever and wherever necessary or requested.

8. Command and Control. The Commanding Officer maintains supervision and control by periodic visits and telephone calls to clinic directors and supervisors of support sections. The Commanding Officer, Administrative Officer and Leading Chief confer daily concerning current and planned company operations.

9. Civic Action.

a. Dental officers coordinate their civic action programs with the Medical Civic Action teams of the unit to which he is responsible for performing dental treatment.

b. Treatment rendered during the month of December 1969 to the Civic Action Program:

Extractions	396
Root Residual Removal	230
Examination	393
Other Procedures	219

Total procedures on Vietnamese patients	1228
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Total Vietnamese patients	543
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10. Maxillo-Facial injuries treated during the month of December 1969.

Fractures (Reduction and Fixation)	
Mandibular	13
Fractures (Other Reduction)	2

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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