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- ✓(5) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron Two
- ✓(6) Command Chronology, 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion
- ✓(7) Command Chronology, 2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion

MWHG-1

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1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.

2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosures.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGYORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET1. Unit Designation and Location

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One	DaNang, RVN
Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron One	DaNang, RVN
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	DaNang, RVN
Marine Air Control Squadron Seven	Chu Lai, RVN
1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion	DaNang, RVN
2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion	Chu Lai, RVN

2. Period covered by this report. 1 April 1966 to 30 April 1966.3. Task Organization. (Same as in para. 1 above)4. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer and Staff, MWHG-1

Commanding Officer	Colonel E. I. LUPTON
*Assistant Group Commander	Colonel W. L. ATWATER Jr.
Executive Officer	LtCol N. E. DAYVAULT
**S-1/Adjutant	Maj F. L. HARDING
S-2	Capt W. F. MULLEN
S-3	LtCol C. E. SHOWALTER
S-4	Maj R. H. MARCINIAK

*Colonel W. L. ATWATER assigned duties as Assistant Group Commander on 3Apr66.

**Maj F. L. HARDING assigned duties as Adjutant as replacement for Capt M. L. BRANDTNER on 7Apr66.

5. Name and Rank of Commanding Officers of Subordinate Units

H&HS-1	Maj C. C. FOSTER
MASS-2	LtCol R. W. SHEPPE
MACS-7	LtCol R. R. MILLER
1st LAAM Bn	LtCol C. L. EYER
2nd LAAM Bn	Maj E. F. PENICO

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~~SECRET~~6. Average Monthly Strength of MWHG-1 during period 1-30 April 1966

<u>OFFICER - USMC/USN</u>		<u>ENLISTED</u>
<u>NA</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>USMC-USN</u>
75	203/14	2462 56

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. GENERAL.(U) During the period 1-30 April 1966, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One continued to provide the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing with support in air control, air defense, administration and maintenance of Wing Headquarters camp facilities.
2. PERSONNEL.(U) During this period all subordinate units were at manning level except for air control officer personnel in MASS-2. The requirement for additional ~~for~~ 6700 air control personnel still exists. Colonel W. L. ATWATER arrived this Command and assumed the duties as Assistant Group Commander on 3Apr66. Maj F. L. HARDING assumed the duties as Group Adjutant on 7Apr66.
3. ADMINISTRATION.(U) Routine administration progressed throughout the month of April.
4. MORALE/WELFARE.(U) Liberty within the DaNang, Hue areas remains suspended. It was originally secured during March due to the unrest that prevailed within the area. China Beach facilities, sponsored by Special Services, reopened during April. It is available to H&HS-1, 1st LAAM Bn and MASS-2 personnel. The beach area at Chu Lai is also open at this time. The personnel of MACS-7 and 2nd LAAM Bn utilize this area. Rest and Recuperation periods were still conducted to the following areas:

FUEMA	49
BANGKOK	33
TOKYO	31
HONG KONG	20
SAIGON	17
MANILA	8
TAIPEI	6

TOTAL	164
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Singapore was opened at the latter part of April on a trial basis. The first scheduled R&R quotas filled for this Command will be 12May66.

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5. CASUALTIES.(U) Captain William F. MULLEN, Group S-2 Officer was reported as missing in action while on a strike mission while flying with a local A4E squadron. During the month of April there were five (5) non-battle casualties within this Command.

6. INTELLIGENCE.(U) The Group S-2 section issued 11 TOP SECRET, 4 interim TOP SECRET, 14 SECRET and 6 interim SECRET clearances during the month of April.

7. AIR OPERATIONS.(S)

a. An Air Defense Exercise was conducted on 3 April 1966, from 1100H to 1500H. All Air Defense Units in the DaNang Sub-Sector participated. The Control and Reporting Center (CRC) PANAMA controlled the exercise. Controller training, pilot training, HAWK operator training and coordination procedures training throughout the Air Defense System was conducted. MACS-7 and 2nd LAAM Bn functioned together in a TACC. ✓ Appendix 1 of this enclosure is the Post Exercise Report for the Air Defense Exercise. Intercept and HAWK run totals were as follows:

INTERCEPTS

	<u>ATTEMPTED</u>	-	<u>SUCCESSFUL</u>	-	<u>UNSUCCESSFUL</u>
CRC PANAMA	6		3		3
WATERBOY	11		11		
COFFERDAM	9		8		1
COFFERDAM "A"	1		1		
TOTALS	27		23		4

HAWK RUNS

	<u>ATTEMPTED</u>	-	<u>SPLASH</u>
1st LAAM Bn	6		6
2nd LAAM Bn	10		9
TOTALS	16		15

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b. During April, 1st and 2nd LAAM Battalions continued to conduct practice drills and utilized transient aircraft as practice targets. The MACS-7 units provided aircraft control and MASS-2 continued air support for the Chu Lai, Dong Ha, Phu Bai and DaNang areas. The monthly tabulation is as follows:

(1)	<u>HAWK RUNS</u>		<u>ITERATE A/C FOR TARGETS</u>	
	<u>ATTEMPTED/COMPLETED</u>		<u>ATTEMPTED/ENGAGED</u>	
1st LAAM BN	87	82	236	229
2nd LAAM BN	96	71	526	443
TOTALS	183	153	762	672

(2) MASS-2

AIR SUPPORT RADAR TEAMS

TOTAL MISSIONS

861

TOTAL BOMBS

5553

DIRECT AIR SUPPORT CENTERS

HELO MED EVACS

1263

OTHER HELO MISSIONS

1113

FIXED WING MISSIONS

703

(3) MACS-7/DEF "A"

AIRCRAFT PROVIDED NAVIGATIONAL ASSISTANCE

MACS-7 448

DEF "A" 412

TOTAL 860

c. On 1 April 1966 a Direct Air Support Conference was held. Third Division Air Officer, 1st MAW G-3, MWHG-1 S-3, MASS-2 S-3, Wing Air Control Officer and TADC OIC attended. Matters pertaining to TPQ-10 targeting procedures and helicopter RIO procedures were discussed.

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d. The first Quarterly Air Defense Conference was held at CRC PANAMA. Representatives from 1st MAW G-3, MWHG-1, MACS-7, 1st and 2nd LAAM Battalions and U. S. Air Force Air Defense personnel attended. The primary subjects discussed were the conduct of Air Defense Exercises and how to improve the existing air defense system.

e. MACS-7 is constructing a building suitable for an Alternate CRC. The primary difficulties in activating the installation are lack of repair parts for primary radar equipment and lack of communication circuits. Supply action is being taken to alleviate the first problem. Action at the III Marine Amphibious Force level has been requested to alleviate the communication problem.

8. GROUND DEFENSE.(C) During the month of April there were two intrusion detections, utilizing the AN/PSR-1 devices. The first was on 232330H April at "C" Battery, 1st LAAM Battalion. The second detection of the month was by MASS-2 at 220135H. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was allocated 500 fighting hole covers. The cover is a rubberized fabric, camouflaged (GREEN/BROWN), ten feet square with grommets on four sides. This Headquarters requested the following:

H&HS-1	50
MACS-7	50
MASS-2	55
1st LAAM Bn	143
2nd LAAM Bn	100
TOTALS	<u>398</u>

It has not yet been determined when distribution will be made, although they are expected before the monsoon season commences.

9. SPECIAL OPERATIONS. (C) During the month of April TPQ-10 missions were run for Operations ORANGE, IOWA, NEVADA, VIRGINIA, HOPSPRINGS and OSAGE. Personnel of MASS-2 were utilized to augment the Division Air Liaison Section during Operation GEORGIA. This augmentation consisted of seven (7) personnel and some equipment. The unit was not considered a Mobile DASC but it did perform some functions of the DASC as well as aid the Air Liaison Section. Air control personnel and equipment should be available within the Division to fill this need in the future. However, the cross-training experiences gained by the MASS personnel was of benefit.

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10. TRAINING.(U) General Military Subjects Training was conducted by all units of this Command during April. A technical training program was devised and evaluated during April. The procedures utilized proved satisfactory. Records are maintained on all lower ranking troops. The training record contain the individuals technical qualification, formal and informal training received, the section head's evaluation, and remarks on MOS skills which need to be emphasized in subsequent training. Presently, there is a basic training evaluation program being conducted on personnel recently enlisted in the Marine Corps and who received the short period of basic training and certain newly established military occupational specialist schools.

11. NBC DEFENSE.(U) Twelve (12) radiac instruments were calibrated this month in the continuing calibration program. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing inspected this Headquarters Passive NBC Defense plan. The discrepancies that were noted are being corrected.

12. LOGISTICS. (S) In addition to normal logistics matters, highlights for the month of April were, first, the delivery of 352 new HAWK missiles for the two LAAM Battalions, 176 missiles to each Battalion. The off-loading both at DaNang and Chu Lai was exceptionally smooth being completed without injury to personnel or damage to equipment. The new missiles were immediately checked out and the old ones canned and prepared for retrograde to CONUS. The 1st LAAM Battalion prepared 189 missiles for shipment while the 2nd LAAM Battalion prepared 163. 1st LAAM Battalion received 37 M-36, 2½ ton trucks through the R&E program. H&HS-1 returned 13, M-37, 3/4 ton trucks through the R&E program. MASS-2 received two new M-35A2, 2½ ton trucks.

13. CIVIC ACTION/INFORMATIONAL SERVICES (U)

a. Technical Information

(1) 229 Fleet Home Town news releases were forwarded to Wing Informational Services Office.

(2) 11 stories were forwarded to Wing ISO.

(3) 1st LAAM Battalion personnel were interviewed on WPRO-TV from the Providence, Rhode Island area.

(4) Medical team held two sick calls at the Phuong Throng Buddhist Orphanage and treated 76 indigenous personnel.

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(5) The dispensary at the Command Post treated 220 Vietnamese. No significant cases were treated. The dental clinic examined 15 Vietnamese. Treatments included extractions, fillings and general oral hygiene.

(6) The Industrial Relations Office employed an average of 312 Vietnamese per day within the MWHG-1 compound.

(7) Twenty-three Vietnamese employed within the MWHG-1 compound were engaged in on-the-job vocational training. A breakdown of those employed include thirteen carpenters, one electrician, three plumbers, two painters and four laundry workers.

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing

NO. 0450-66

Subj: Air Defense Exercise conducted 3 April 1966 (u)

Ref: (a) 1st MAW ltr of Instruction Ser: 03A8766 dtd 28Mar66

1. Reference (a) provided instructions for conducting an Air Defense Exercise in the DaNang Sub-sector. The exercise was designed for controller training, intercept training for aviators, HAWK training, and coordination training between the various Air Defense Control Units.
2. The exercise was conducted as scheduled, 3Apr 1100 - 1500. Aircraft initially reported to CRC Monkey Mt. (PANAMA) and were either worked by PANAMA or handed off to the Chu Lai TAOC (MOONMAN), the U. S. Air Force radar site at Dong Ha (WATERBOY) or MACS-7 Det "A" at Phu Bai (COFFERDAM "A").
3. WATERBOY and COFFERDAM "A" conducted GCI training with their assigned aircraft then these aircraft returned to PANAMA for HAWK runs prior to recovery.
4. PANAMA and MOONMAN utilized their assigned A-4's as FAKER aircraft which were run inbound through the air defense system from approximately 100 miles out. During the first part of the FAKER run fighter aircraft attempted intercepts. Fighters were broken away at a buffer zone, a safety zone outside the missile effective range, whenever missile batteries had acquired the target. At this time the missile batteries were assigned the target and cleared to fire when the target came in range. After the simulated HAWK engagement the FAKER aircraft were vectored outbound for another run. Various altitudes, routes, and maneuvers were utilized by the FAKER aircraft. The FAKERS were controlled by a GCI controller on a separate radar scope. Forward-tell procedures were exercised between the Air Defense Units.
5. The TAOC at Chu Lai (MOONMAN) consisted of the integrated operations centers of MACS-7 and the 2nd LAAM Bn headed by a Sector Anti-Air Warfare Commander (SAAWC). The SAAWC was in direct communications with the Air Defense Battle Commander (ADBC) at CRC Monkey Mt. (PANAMA). The ADBC assigned FAKER track numbers, assigned intercept aircraft to the SAAWC, and assigned FAKER tracks to the SAAWC for engagement. The SAAWC kept the ADBC informed of his intercept plan, intercept progress, and engagement results. Forward-tell procedures were utilized between MOONMAN and PANAMA in track designation, aircraft handoff, and intercept progress reporting.

APPENDIX I to Enclosure (I)

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6. There were twenty-seven attempted intercepts with twenty-three successful. There were nineteen attempted HAWK engagements with eighteen successful.

7. A critique was held at PANAMA on 5 Apr 66. The following comments and recommendations are a result of that critique:

a. COMMENT: This type of exercise is of utmost importance in attaining and maintaining the Air Defense System at peak performance.

RECOMMENDATION (1): That exercises of this magnitude, or of greater magnitude, be scheduled at least on a quarterly basis.

RECOMMENDATION (2): That more frequent exercises of a lesser magnitude be scheduled weekly. These exercises could consist of a minimum of four sorties, two fighter and two attack aircraft.

RECOMMENDATION (3): That unforeseen periods of reduced operational commitments such as mission cancellations, etc., be utilized to launch aircraft for air defense training. These would be non-scheduled but could be exercised by CRC Monkey Mt. within the existing air defense systems. These periods, exercising the Air Defense System without prior detailed planning, would be of great benefit in testing effectiveness of the existing system.

b. COMMENT: Forward-tell procedures need refinement and more practice is needed in exercising these procedures.

RECOMMENDATION (1): That practice be gained in forward-tell procedures by more exercises and by utilizing more extensively itinerant traffic on a daily basis.

c. COMMENT: FAKER aircraft were controlled by each Air Defense Unit instead of from a central location. This proved time consuming and required extensive cross-tell information to be passed to PANAMA.

RECOMMENDATION: That in future exercises, all FAKER aircraft be controlled from a FAKER scope in the CRC (PANAMA). This procedure should prove more realistic and more of a challenge for the Air Defense System.

d. COMMENT: Some time was lost because aircraft varied from scheduled take off time. Also, the scheduled take off times were not compatible in some cases, i.e. fighter aircraft working with PANAMA had to wait for FAKER aircraft from Chu Lai to get in position.

RECOMMENDATION (1): That aircraft meet scheduled take off times as near as possible.

RECOMMENDATION (2): That scheduling be designed to minimize loss of sortie time. This will be done in the planning phase by MWHG-1 S-3.

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e. COMMENT: No ECM was utilized during this exercise.

RECOMMENDATION: That the 1st MAW Electronic Warfare Officer attend the next planning meeting to plan ECM procedures that can be utilized during an Air Defense Exercise.

f. COMMENT: Meetings should be held at CRC Monkey Mt. on a scheduled basis to discuss air defense problems.

RECOMMENDATION: That meetings be scheduled quarterly. The first meeting will be scheduled for 17 April 1966 at CRC Monkey Mt. Units concerned will be notified by MWHG-1 S-3.

g. COMMENT: No raid status board was planned for or kept in the 1st MAW TADC (JOYRIDE) during this exercise.

RECOMMENDATION: That during future exercises forward-tell information be monitored by the TADC and information plotted so the current Air Defense status is displayed in the TADC.

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1st LAAM Bn
2nd LAAM Bn
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8 May 1966

From: IAWG-1 Chaplain
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for April

1. Religious Services.

a. Catholic. CDR Paul C. HANTLERL, CHC, USN, Wing Chaplain for the First Marine Aircraft Wing serves as priest for the men of IAWG-1.

1) Sunday. Chaplain HANTLERL celebrates three Masses for the IAWG-1 men on Sunday. He has two services in the Wing Chapel, at 0800 and 1730, and one for H&S of 1st LAMN at 0930. There were 918 men in attendance at these Masses during the month of April.

2) Week Day. Masses held daily at 1730 in the Wing Chapel. The attendance for April was 588 men.

3) Special Services. Mass coverage was supplied for various other units in the III MAF area. One Mass was celebrated for "H" Company and one for "G" Company of 2/3 Marines, one at the Naval Support Activity, and one for the transient Barracks at Air Freight.

b. Protestant Service.

1) Sunday. The following services are held at Wing Chapel: 0930 General Protestant, 1400 ELDS, 1600 Episcopal, 1815 Lutheran, and 1900 General Protestant. Services are also conducted at H&S and "C" Battery of 1st LAMN. The time for these are 1015 and 1300 respectively. Attendance totaled 505men.

2) Week Day. Activities of the Week include a Bible study class on Wednesday at 1900, Choir Practice on Thursday at 1900, a Worship Service for "B" Battery of 1st LAMN on Tuesday at 1300, and a Devotion period held daily at 1830. Attendance for these Services totaled 296.

3) Holy Week. Special Holy Week services were held daily at the Wing Chapel. A Communion Service was also conducted on Holy Thursday.

c. Jewish. Sabbath Services are observed at 1900 on Friday. Lt Robert REINER, CHC, USNR is responsible for these Services. In addition to these regularly scheduled Services, the Passover was observed from 5 April to 8 April.

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Op Chaplain, maw 109-1

Apr 66

2. Civic Action

Because of the Political unrest in the DaNang area the Chaplain's civic action work has been limited.

1) 300 Lbs of clothing was delivered to the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade Orphanage. This clothing was a gift from the students of Tappahmooch High School, Tappahmooch, Virginia.

2) 125 Lbs of clothing, soap, and toys to the Catholic refugee village, DaNang.

3) 100 Lbs of clothing and soap to the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade Compound.

4) 100 Lbs of clothing and soap to the Christian and Missionary Alliance Compound.

Very respectfully

Gerald T. Richards

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