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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 May 1968

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- Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One
- ✓(2) Command Chronology, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One
- ✓(3) Command Chronology, 11th Dental Company
- ✓(4) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One
- ✓(5) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Period</u>
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One	Danang, RVN	1-31 May68
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One	Danang, RVN	1-31 May68
Marine Wing Communications Squadron One	Danang, RVN	1-31 May68
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One	Danang, RVN	1-31 May68
11th Dental Company	Danang, RVN	1-31 May68

Part I. Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

Commanding Officer	Col Tolbert T. GENTRY	1-31 May68
Executive Officer	LtCol John W. SULLIVAN	1-31 May68
Adjutant	CWO-3 John L. FARRIS	1-31 May68
S-1	CWO-3 John L. FARRIS	1-31 May68
S-2	1stLt James L. HUFF	1-31 May68
S-3	LtCol Robert M. FRASER	1-31 May68
S-4	Maj James L. RIGGS	1-31 May68

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One

Commanding Officer	LtCol Albert W. KELLER	1-31 May68
Executive Officer	VACANT	1-10 May68
	Maj Lawrence FURSTENBURG	11-31 May68
Administrative Officer	VACANT	1-6 May68
	1stLt Ronald J. PASCUAL	7-31 May68

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron One

Commanding Officer	Maj Robin W. COBBLE	1-31 May68
Executive Officer	Capt David W. FERRIES	1-31 May68
Administrative Officer	VACANT	1-31 May68

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(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One

Commanding Officer	Maj Harry E. TAYLOR	1-31 May68
Executive Officer	Maj Charles D. OVERTURF	1-31 May68
Administrative Officer	WO-1 Floyd G. BINKLEY	1-31 May68

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	Capt Ward E. QUILTER	1-31 May68
Executive Officer	LtCndr Michael BRENYO	1-17 May68
	Cndr Robert E. AUSTIN	18-31 May68
Administrative Officer	Lt James S. MCGUIRE	1-31 May68

2. Task Organization for the period 1-31 May 1968

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One	Danang, RVN
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One	Danang, RVN
Marine Wing Communications Squadron One	Danang, RVN
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One	Danang, RVN
11th Dental Company	Danang, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength of MWHG-1 for May 1968

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>					<u>ENLISTED</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	
H&HS-1	NA 70	NFO 6	AG 107	9	576	29	
MWCS-1	NA 0	NFO 0	AG 11	0	244	0	
MWFS-1	NA 2	NFO 0	AG 5	0	130	0	
11th Dental	NA 0	NFO 0	AG 0	25	2	40	
MWHG-1	72	6	123	34	952	69	

4. Important Visitors to this Command. NonePart II. Narrative Summary

During the month of May 1968, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One, and its subordinate units provided administrative and logistical support for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters at the Danang Air Base in the Republic of Vietnam, and provided communication teams in support of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the 1st Marine Division, and the 3rd Marine Division at Khe Sanh, Camp Carroll, Dong Ha, Quang Tri, Phu Bai, Monkey Mountain, and Chu Lai. Administrative support provided at Danang Air Base consisted

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of transportation, billeting, messing facilities, materiel and communications support, local area defense, and recreation facilities. As the Defense Coordinator of Tango Sector Alpha (1st Marine Aircraft Wing Compound), this Group conducted actual defense alerts due to rocket/mortar attacks on 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 22 and 29 May 1968. No enemy rounds were received within the compound during these alerts. This Group had one hostile casualty during the month.

Part III. Significant Events

1. Personnel. During the month of May 1968, this Group continued to be over approved T/O, but below the recommended provisional T/O. This situation is primarily because of the large size of the Wing, and the accompanying requirement for an increased number of Wing staff personnel to accomplish the work load. The lack of the recommended number of personnel is not considered to have a deleterious effect on the ability of this Group to carry out its assigned mission and tasks.

2. Administration. Routine administrative work was performed throughout the month of May 1968.

3. Awards. The following awards were presented during May 1968:

Distinguished Flying Cross	4 Officers
Air Medal	10 Officers
Purple Heart	6 Officers 14 Enlisted
Navy Commendation Medal	1 Enlisted
Presidential Unit Citation (Khe Sanh)	40 Enlisted

4. Casualties. SSgt D. R. VERNON of H&HS-1 was wounded, non-evacuation, in a hostile rocket attack at Marble Mountain Air Facility on 12 May 1968. In addition, a total of 10 non-hostile casualties were reported during the month of May 1968.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Group Special Services provided Tango Sector Alpha Compound with many and varied off-duty activities: Handball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, weightlifting and intra-unit competition in softball; movies continued to be shown almost nightly. Clubs offered entertaining floor shows and happy hours several times throughout the month. The Freedom Hill and Golden Gate USO's supplemented the aforementioned activities. Although liberty remained secure in the Danang area the China Beach Recreation Center continued operation for the enjoyment of all hands: 69 regular R&R seats plus 12 two day out of country trips to relax at Bangkok/Hong Kong were authorized.

6. Civic Action. This Group was quite active during the month of May 1968. For full details, see Appendix (1).

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7. Intelligence/Counterintelligence. The routine S-2 functions performed during May 1968, included requesting four National Agency Checks, four verifications of NAC, seven Background Investigations were requested, and 49 Local Records Checks were performed. The following clearances were issued: Eight Top Secret, 16 Secret, and 49 Confidential. Additionally, an Intelligence Briefing was given weekly in the Command Indoctrination Program.

8. Ground Defense. Ground Defense Alerts were called because of reported incoming rockets or mortars on 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 22 and 29 May 1968, however the rounds were not received in the Tango Sector Alpha Compound. The defense continues to be strengthened by the addition of concertina, construction of Chain Link Stand Off Rocket fences, additional sand bagging, and construction of new machine gun positions on the perimeter. The revised Tango Sector Alpha Operation Order 1-68, incorporating changes incident to the rewrite of 1st MAW Op Ord 303-68, and the 1st MP Battalion Air Base Defense Battalion Op Ord 101-68 was published on 22 May 1968, a copy appended to the original only of this Command Chronology as Appendix 2.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted personnel in this Group is held at Group level. A total of 295 Marines attended basic training for half a day during May 1968. The Command Indoctrination and familiarization firing of the M-14 are also run by the Group. 70 Marines attended the Command Indoctrination Presentation, and 275 Marines fam fired their issued M-14 Rifle. Technical Training in MOS is accomplished at the Squadron/Company level.

10. Base Development/Military Construction. On 20 May 1968, two cement pads were completed for emergency generators (Pu 239) for lighting of the compound defense perimeter. Blast walls were completed on 24 May for Building 405 and 307. On 28 May the new Autodin Center was completed. Work has been started on the new enlisted club, with an estimated completion of 31 August 1968. The Wing Chapel has been under construction since 28 May. The construction agency, MCB-62, estimated completion by 20 Jul 1968.

11. Communications. See Part III paragraph 6 of MWCS-1 Command Chronology, enclosure (5).

12. Religious Services. See Chaplain's Command Chronology for May 1968, Appendix 3.

Part IV. Documentation

- ✓ Appendix 1. Marine Wing Headquarters Group One Civic Action Officer's report of 8 Jun 1968.
- ✓ Appendix 2. Tango Sector Alpha Operation Order 1-68 (Original only). Downgrade to Unclassified upon removal of this appendix.
- ✓ Appendix 3. Marine Wing Headquarters Group One Chaplain's Command Chronology of 5 Jun 1968.

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Ref: (a) TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Operation Order 1-67

1. Reference (a) is superceded and cancelled and will be destroyed by burning without report to this Headquarters.
2. This Operation Order provides updated guidelines and instructions for the ground defense, internal security and passive air defense measures instituted for the protection of the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA cantonment against enemy operations. It behooves all individuals assigned duties in this sector who may fall within the scope of this publication to establish and maintain a workable knowledge of its contents.
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Ref: (a) 1st MAW Op Order 303-68
 (b) Map, DANANG, 1:12,500 Series L 909
 (c) GruO 3140.1A
 (d) 1st MAW COI
 (e) Air Base Defense Bn (1st MP Bn) Op Order 101-68 of 30Mar68

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. The Viet Cong/North Vietnamese Army have the capability to infiltrate and/or attack in strength TANGO SECTOR ALPHA; attempting to destroy or nullify the operating capability of the assigned tenant organizations. See annex B (Intelligence) and current ISUM's and PIR's.
- b. Friendly Forces
- (1) In accordance with information contained in reference (a), CG, III MAF, through the Base Defense Coordinator, functions as Installation Defense Coordinator for the DANANG Air Base Complex (to include TANGO SECTOR ALPHA). The DANANG Base Defense Battalion (1st Military Police Battalion) and elements of VNAF, USAF and USN combine to provide close-in defense of the DANANG Air Base Perimeter which is adjacent to, but does not include, TANGO SECTOR ALPHA.
 - (2) Elements of DANANG Base Defense Battalion on right (north eastern flank).
 - (3) Provisional units MAG-11 on left (southeastern flank).
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION

Provide ground defense, perimeter defense, internal security and passive air defense measures within TANGO SECTOR ALPHA.

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3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. Annex C(Concept of Operations).
- b. First Ground Defense Platoon (MWFS-1). Defend the southern flank from Wing Clubs Warehouse area westward up to and including building 112.
- c. Second Ground Defense Platoon (H&HS-1). Defend the western flank from building 112 northward up to and including building 58.
- d. Third Ground Defense Platoon (MWCS-1). Defend the northern flank from building 59 eastward up to and including bunker number 8.
- e. Weapons Platoon, TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Security Section (H&HS-1)
 - (1) Man machine guns of post 1A and 2A in general support of 1st Ground Defense Platoon.
 - (2) Man machine guns of post 3A, 4A and 5A in general support of 2nd Ground Defense Platoon.
 - (3) Man machine guns of post 6A, 7A and 8A in general support of 3rd Ground Defense Platoon.
- f. Interior Guard Platoon
 - (1) Maintain security of the perimeter around buildings 1, 2, 3 and 4.
 - (2) On order, augment Fourth Platoon, Defense Company Reserve.
 - (3) Provide internal security of TANGO SECTOR ALPHA area.
- g. Disaster Control Platoon (MWFS-1). Be prepared to render emergency repair to facilities in the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA area (Ref.(c)).
- h. Casualty Collection Platoon (H&HS-1, Wing Band). Be prepared to collect and evacuate casualties within TANGO SECTOR ALPHA area to first aid stations (Ref.(c)).
- i. Fourth Platoon, Ground Defense Company Reserve (H&HS-1)
 - (1) On order occupy positions surrounding TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Helicopter Pad.
 - (2) Be prepared for employment against enemy penetration of the First Marine Aircraft Wing Command Post perimeter.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~j. Air Base Defense Reserve Company (Minus) (III MAF Post Office)

- (1) On order proceed to rally point adjacent to south side of TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Helicopter Pad.
- (2) Be prepared for employment for Air Base Defense contingencies within Danang Air Base Defense Perimeter.

k. CO, MWFS-1. Provide a backup means of transportation to move designated 1stMAW Headquarters personnel to the alternate command post at MACS-4 on Monkey Mountain, upon order of the CG, 1stMAW. (Primary means of transportation is by MAG-16 Helicopter.) (Approx 20)

l. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) T/O Marine Rifle Platoon structure will be used for organization of the ground defense platoons.
- (2) Platoon leaders as assigned by their parent organizations are responsible to the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Security Officer for the administrative and operational control of their platoons. This will include: maintenance of a current personnel roster; training of personnel; and personnel response to ground defense conditions.
- (3) Operational control of the Ground Defense Company is vested in the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Security Officer unless relieved by higher authority.
- (4) Tenant units prepare emergency destruction plans for destruction of classified matter.
- (5) All units initiate passive air defense measures in assigned areas.
- (6) Personnel not assigned to the Ground Defense Force are prohibited from being at or near the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA perimeter during an alert or actual engagement of the Ground Defense Force and will take cover in assigned quarters. Personnel quartered in tents or Southeast Asia type structures will occupy sandbag positions in the vicinity of assigned quarters or working areas. Section Heads will allow only personnel essential to operational matters to remain in working spaces.
- (7) Defense Condition Relationships

GROUND DEFENSE

Condition 4/White
 Condition 3/Gray
 Condition 2/Yellow
 Condition 1/Red

PASSIVE AIR DEFENSE

Air Defense Warning White
 Air Defense Alert
 Air Defense Warning Yellow
 Air Defense Warning Red

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. General

- (1) Supply Source. Marine Wing Headquarters Group-One is the source of supply for all classes of supply.
- (2) Prescribed Loads
 - Class II - Essential items only
 - Class V - Basic Allowance
- (3) If conditions warrant, water resupply points will be set up within the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA compound.
- (4) In event of any penetration by the enemy, running water for direct consumption or for preparation of meals will not be used until checked and declared safe for use by proper medical authorities.
- (5) Personnel assigned to the Ground Defense Force will be armed with T/O weapons and in possession of the following equipment:

Body Armor
 Helmet, with green side out
 Cartridge Belt
 Five Magazines and Pouches
 One Canteen (full)
 Bayonet
 Jungle First Aid Kit
 Gas Mask
 Identification Tags

b. Casualties and Evacuation

- (1) Casualties will receive requisite first-aid by attached medical personnel as soon as possible.
- (2) Casualties requiring evacuation will be evacuated to the nearest Medical Aid Station by the fastest means available and as circumstances permit for treatment and/or further evacuation. Medical Aid Stations are identified on Appendix I (Reference Diagram) to Annex C.
- (3) As soon as circumstances permit, personnel killed in action will be removed to the nearest aid station for further disposition. Maximum effort will be expended to ensure that personnel killed in action are identified and tagged prior to removal.

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- (4) When circumstances permit, platoon commanders will report to the Command Post the name, rank, service number and condition of each casualty; i.e., WIA, WIA-EVAC, KIA.

c. Miscellaneous

- (1) The H&HS-1 Medical Officer will assign one hospital corpsman to each Ground Defense Platoon, the Air Base Defense Reserve Platoon and the Air Base Defense Reserve Company Headquarters. All medical personnel not on watch or otherwise assigned will report to the aid station in the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Mess Hall whenever an actual ground defense condition is set.
- (2) Indigenous personnel employed in TANGO SECTOR ALPHA will take shelter in sandbag positions in immediate vicinity of assigned work areas. When the all-clear is sounded, indigenous personnel will report to the 1st MAW IRC area.
- (3) Platoon commanders will ensure that supernumeraries are available to staff billets vacant by virtue of absences of assigned personnel (R&R, TAD, etc.).
- (4) The Commanding Officer, MWFS-1 will provide appropriate vehicles (with drivers) for transportation of the Air Base Defense Reserve Platoons when employed by the Danang Base Defense Coordinator.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

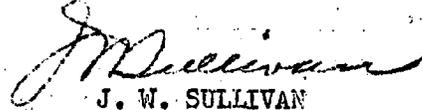
- a. Frequencies and Nets are taken from references (d) and (e).
- b. Command Post. Appendix 1 (Reference Diagram) to Annex C (Concept of Operation).

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c. Communications-Electronics. Annex D (Communications-Electronics).

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ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B - Intelligence
- C - Concept of Operations
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- E - Distribution

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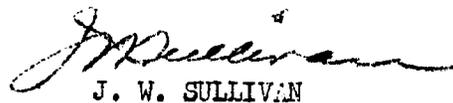
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TANGO SECTOR ALPHA GROUND DEFENSE FORCE Col T. T. GENTRY

<u>Unit</u>		<u>Source</u>
GROUND DEFENSE COMPANY	1stLt J.D.SOUTHALL	
1st Platoon	1stLt J.S.RACLIN	MWFS-1
2nd Platoon	1stLt M.CARTER, Jr	H&HS-1
3rd Platoon	1stLt J.W.SCOFF	MWCS-1
4th Platoon (Reserve)	1stLt R.T.GADD, Jr	H&HS-1
Disaster Control Platoon	2ndLt E.W.HOFEMAN	MWFS-1
Casualty Collection Platoon	1stLt W.G.KENNEDY	H&HS-1
		(Wing Band)
TANGO SECTOR ALPHA SECURITY SECTION	1stLt J.D.SOUTHALL	H&HS-1
Weapons Platoon	SSgt L.W.CANNON	H&HS-1
Interior Guard Platoon	TSA Officer of the Day	MWHG-1
AIR BASE DEFENSE RESERVE COMPANY (MINUS)		
Company Commander	Capt T.W.CANNON	H&HS-1
Company Executive Officer	1stLt D.E.MEARS	H&HS-1
Company Gunnery Sergeant	SSgt C.J.QUEBODEAUX	H&HS-1
1st Platoon	WO J.G.STEWART	III MAF Post Office

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 1-68

Ref: (a) III MAF PERINTREP
 (b) 1st MarDiv PERINTREP
 (c) 1st MAF SITREP
 (d) 1st MAF INTSUM
 (e) 1st MP Bn SITREP
 (f) WgO P3800.3B, SOP for Intelligence

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1. Summary of Enemy Situation

- a. See current intelligence estimate contained in references (a) through (e).
- b. See intelligence summaries and periodic and special intelligence reports as issued.

2. Measures for Handling Personnel, Documents and Material

- a. Prisoners of War. Reference (f) applies.
- b. Captured documents and material. Reference (f) applies.

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Annex C (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 1-68

Ref: (a) TSO 1601.1
 (b) GruO 3140.1
 (c) 1st MAW Op O 303-68
 (d) WgO 3140.3
 (e) WgO 3140.9A

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1. MISSION

Provide ground defense, perimeter defense, internal security and passive air defense measures within TANGO SECTOR ALPHA.

2. CONCEPT

- a. The TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Ground Defense Force provides position defense of assigned area with three ground defense platoons abreast, supported by a weapons platoon, an interior guard platoon, a disaster control platoon, a casualty collection platoon, a ground defense platoon in reserve and one air base defense reserve platoon.
- b. The Ground Defense Company is a stand-by defense unit subject to employment in accordance with current ground defense conditions. The Operations Duty Officer, G-3 Division, 1st MAW, upon evaluation of current intelligence and local situations, will, at the direction of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 1st MAW or higher authority, set the appropriate ground defense condition and pass this information to the O-I-C of Tango Security and the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Defense Coordinator (CO, MWNG-1).
- c. The Interior Guard Platoon and the Weapons Platoon respectively provide routine internal security and nightly surveillance of TANGO SECTOR ALPHA perimeter. (Ref.(a)).

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- d. The Air Base Defense Reserve Company is a stand-by alert unit subject to employment as directed by the Banang Base Defense Coordinator (CO, 1st MP Bn).
- e. The Disaster Control Platoon and the Casualty Collection Platoon are stand-by units subject to on call employment by the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Commander or his duly authorized representative. When use of the Disaster Control Platoon is directed, the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Command Post will function as the controlling agency. References (b) and (d) provide communications procedures and materiel requirements for the Disaster Control Platoon.

The Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One, is responsible for the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA interior and perimeter security function (Ref. (c)). The Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One and the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Security Officer are respectively designated as the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Commander and the Officer-in-Charge of TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Ground Defense Force.

- f. The TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Security Officer will maintain a journal as proscribed by reference (e).

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Defensive Diagram
- 2 - Ground Defense/Passive Air Defense Conditions
- 3 - Procedures for Challenging and Rules of Engagement

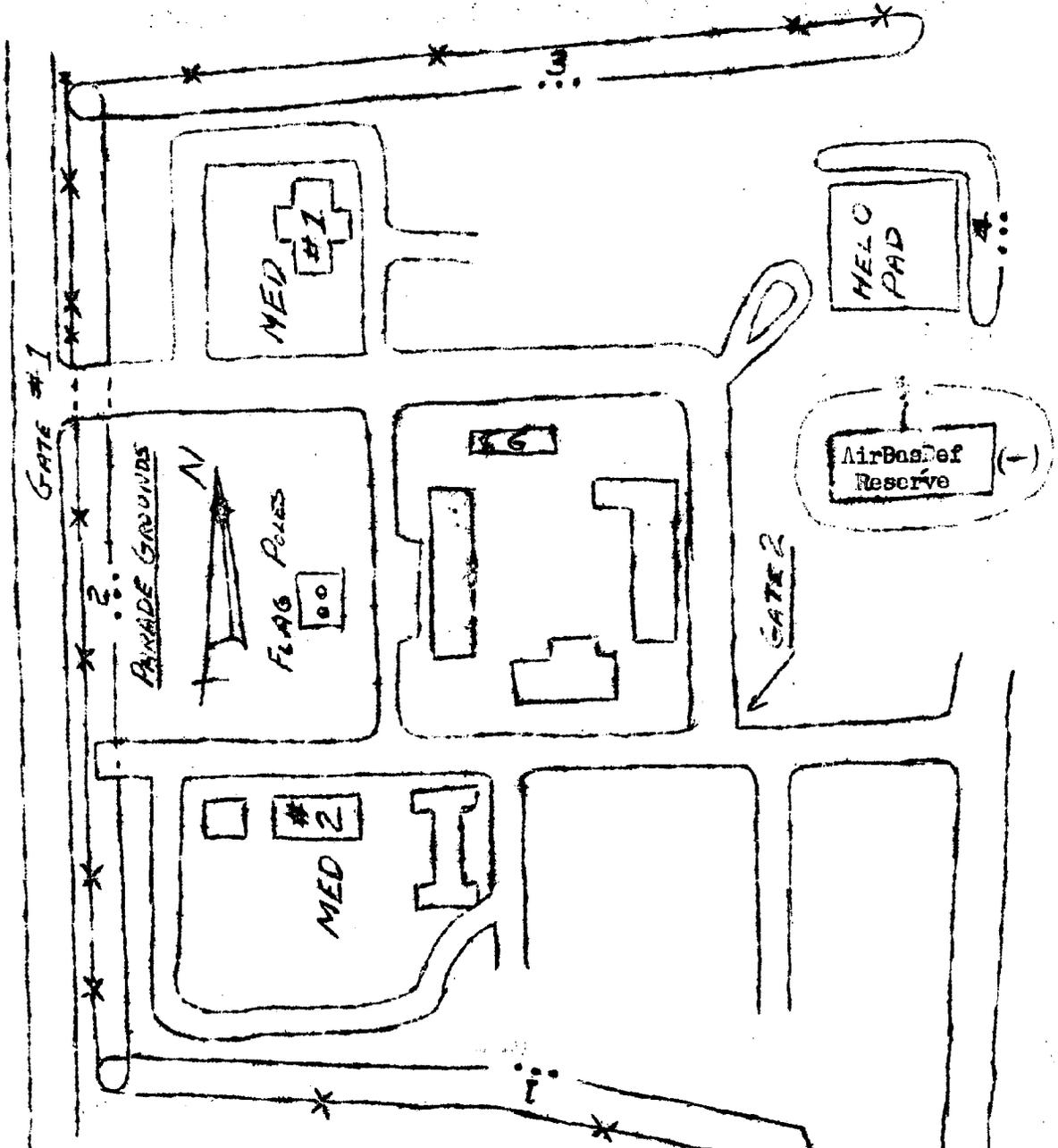
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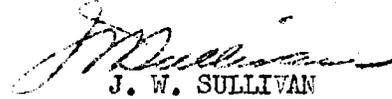


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Appendix 2 (Ground Defense/Passive Air Defense Conditions) to Annex C
(Concept of Operation) to Operation Order 1-68

Ref: (a) 1st MAW Op O 303-68
(b) CG, III MAF msg 091410Z Mar68
(c) I Corps Coordinator Inst 5501.1A

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1. Ground Defense and Passive Air Defense Conditions are interrelated since a ground attack is expected in coordination with all air attacks. A ground defense condition, however, will require a corresponding air defense warning condition depending upon the actual air threat. Ground Defense and Passive Air Defense Conditions, as described in references (a) and (b) are as follows:
 - a. Ground Defense Condition 4 (White)/Air Defense Warning White. Attack by hostile ground or air forces not considered probable. Normal operations. Continuous perimeter security where assigned and internal security as required.
 - b. Ground Defense Condition 3 (Gray)/Air Defense Alert. Possible large scale attack, suspected presence of infiltrators, or suspicious enemy activity which might result in enemy air or missile attack. Action: Ground Defense Forces on an increased alert status (Normally six men per platoon) as the location of the threat and the situation dictate. All personnel will carry their individual weapon and loaded magazines, but the weapon will not be loaded. Continue normal operations commensurate with security requirements. Condition 3 (Gray)/Air Defense Alert will be passed by normal communications.
 - c. Ground Defense Condition 2 (Yellow)/Air Defense Warning Yellow. Probable large scale ground attack, confirmed existence of a number of infiltrators, or hostile air/missile attack is probable. Action: In addition to actions carried out under Condition 3, the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Defense Coordinator will further increase perimeter and internal security as dictated by the situation (Normally twelve men per platoon). Activate MWHG-1 Perimeter Defense Net and 1st MP Battalion TAC #3. Continue essential operations. Condition 2 (Yellow) will be passed by normal operating communications and/or runner.

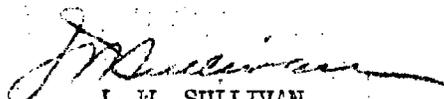
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- d. Ground Defense Condition 1 (Red)/Air Defense Warning Red. Under attack or subject to attack in sufficient strength to endanger the major assets of the command. Ground Defense Forces will be fully activated. Defensive positions will be 100% manned. All possible passive defense measures have been accomplished. Condition 1 (Red) will be passed by continual and steady sounding of the siren for three minutes, and announced over the public address system.
 - e. Ground Defense Condition 1A (Red). Under attack. Signal is a red star cluster, and will be confirmed by radio or land lines.
2. Actions specified above are in addition to applicable requirements set forth in reference (c).
 3. Ground and/or Air Defense Conditions will ordinarily be set by CG, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (G-3). These conditions may also be set by the Air Base Defense Coordinator (CO, 1st MP Bn) and/or Tango Sector Alpha Defense Coordinator (CO, MWHG-1) as dictated by the tactical situation. When a Ground and/or Air Defense Condition is set or changed the CG, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (G-3) will be informed immediately.
 4. All personnel not on watch will wear helmet, body armor, and carry their individual weapon. Take cover in designated billets or bunkers. Keep out of the perimeter defense areas.

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Appendix 3 (Procedures for Challenging and Rules of Engagement)
 to Annex C (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 1-68

Ref: (a) I Corps Coordinator Instruction 03440.2A

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1. The challenge and password is a proven method of recognizing and identifying friendly individuals. This method has been, and will continue to be used in this Command. Procedures for challenging are not classified. The rules of engagement are classified information and must be treated as such.
2. The III MAF Headquarters promulgates lists of challenges and passwords and the effective challenge and password is disseminated by message to cover five 24 hour periods which run from 1201 to 1200 daily. The following procedures will be followed when using the challenge and password:
 - a. Challenging persons on foot
 - (1) The sentry will allow the individual or party to approach to within range of the normal voice. The sentry will command "Halt, who goes there?" Multiple posts will only use one sentry for challenging, the remainder staying concealed in supporting positions to cover the sentry and challenged party.
 - (2) The challenged individual, or senior man in the party, will halt, then give his rank, name and nature of party.
 - (3) The sentry will then allow the individual, or senior man, to advance by saying "Advance (Rank and Name) and be recognized!" No further challenging is necessary if individual is recognized.

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- (4) When the challenged person is not recognized, the sentry will allow him to advance up to a point where the challenge spoken in a low voice will only be heard by the challenged individual. The sentry will then command "Halt" and give the challenge in a low voice. The challenged individual will then give the password.
 - (5) When satisfied that the individual or party is friendly, the sentry will allow them to pass. If a party is involved, the senior man will verify each man as they pass by the sentry.
- b. Challenging a vehicle
- (1) The sentry will position himself at a good vantage point. As the vehicle approaches he will command "Halt".
 - (2) When the vehicle is halted, the sentry will direct the driver to stop the engine, dismount and stand in plain sight near the vehicle. Passengers will remain in the vehicle.
 - (3) The sentry will challenge the driver using procedures outlined above for challenging individuals on foot.
3. In addition to proper challenging procedures, individual weapons will be handled in a safe manner. The following rules for loading of weapons apply:
- a. Magazines will not be inserted in weapons during daylight hours unless under attack or patrolling outside of perimeter defense positions. Magazines may be inserted at night at the discretion of the individual commander.
 - b. A round will not be inserted into the chamber of an individual weapon unless an encounter with the enemy is imminent and in the judgment of the senior Marine present, this measure is necessary to preserve friendly lives.

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- c. A sentry may insert a round in the chamber of his weapon if after challenging, the individual does not halt. The loaded weapon, however, will not be pointed directly at the individual until it is determined that he is the enemy.

4. Rules of Engagement

a. During hours of darkness

(1) Challenge

(2) If no response to the challenge, or if response is incorrect, the sentry will chamber a round in his weapon and call to the other sentry for illumination of the area with flood lights or hand flares.

(3) If person challenged opens fire or commits any other hostile act endangering the life of the challenger, the sentry can chamber a round and fire.

(4) If person challenged evades capture but commits no hostile act, do not fire. Immediately notify higher authority, continue effort to apprehend the person.

b. During daylight hours. Same as for hours of darkness except do not illuminate.

5. The proper utilization of the challenge and password will enhance security and save lives. In order to achieve this, commanders at every level, front line or rear area will ensure that the effective challenge and password for the day are passed on to every man in his command each day. Continuous schooling will be conducted to ensure that every man understands and complies with the procedures outlined in this appendix.

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Annex D (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 1-68

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 1-68
- (2) Abandoned enemy communications-electronic equipment may be booby-trapped.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 1-68
- (2) M/C-1 provides communications personnel and equipment required for use by the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Ground Defense Force and the Air Base Defense Reserve Company (-).

2. MISSION

Communications-electronics elements provide communications and electronic support for defense of TANGO SECTOR ALPHA and for routine requirements of the TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Ground Defense Force internal security and TANGO SECTOR ALPHA perimeter surveillance functions.

3. EXECUTION

- a. TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Ground Defense Force. On order, establish and maintain M/C-1 Perimeter Defense Net.
- b. The Company Headquarters of the Air Base Defense Reserve monitors 1st MP Bn TAC #1 when activated.
- c. TANGO SECTOR ALPHA Security monitors 1st MP Bn TAC #3 from 1800-0600 daily, and when in Ground or Air Condition Yellow and Condition Red.
- d. Radio. Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) to Annex D
- e. Wire. Appendix 2 (Wire Plan) to Annex D

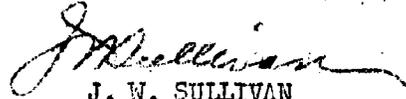
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- f. Call Signs. Appendix 3 (Call Signs) to Annex B
- g. Messenger. Foot messengers will be used as an alternate means of communication.
- h. Sound. Warning by siren and PA system as given in Appendix 2 (Ground Defense Condition) to Annex C (Ground Defense)

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Radio Plan
- 2 - Wire Plan
- 3 - Radio Call Signs

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Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) to Annex B (Communications-Electronics) to
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Ref: (a) 1st MAM CCI (WgC PO2000.6b)
 (b) Air Base Defense Bn (1st MP Bn) OpC 101-68 of 30Mar68

1. Security CP will be provided with two AN/PRC-25 with operators.
2. All defense platoons will be equipped with AN/PRC-25.
3. The Air Base Defense Company (Minus) will be provided with two AN/PRC-25 with operators.
4. Radio Diagram
 - c. Control
 - x. Guard
 - o. As required

	MWHG-1 Perimeter Defense Net	1st MP Bn TAC #1	1st MP Bn TAC #3
Frequency	47.6 Mcs M-1046	71.55 M-719	70.10 M-546
CG, 1st MAM	O	O	O
PIED PIPER (Air Base Def Bn) (1st MP Bn)		C	C
PIED PIPER ZULU 2 (Air Base Res Co Cndr)		X	
PIED PIPER ZULU 2A (1st Plt, Air Base Res)		X	
SKIDMORE TANGO (TSA CP)	C		X
SKIDMORE TANGO 1 (1st Def Plt)	X		
SKIDMORE TANGO 2 (2nd Def Plt)	X		

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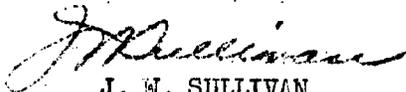
REC-1 Receiver	1st MP Bn	1st MP Bn
Def Plat	TAC #1	TAC #3

SKIPMORE TANGO 3 (3rd Def
Plt) X

SKIPMORE TANGO 4 (4th (Res)
Def Plt) X

5. For latest frequencies and call signs see references (a) and (b).

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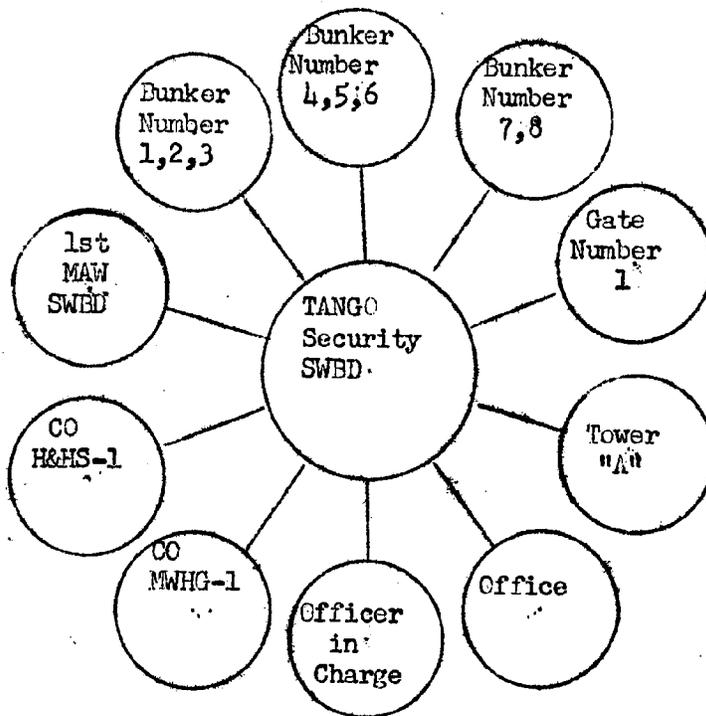
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Appendix 2 (Wire Plan) to Annex D (Communications-Electronics) to
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1. The Security Command Post will operate a primary wire net from the Command Post switchboard.
2. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Defense Platoon Commanders will operate from bunkers 2, 4 and Third Platoon Bunker respectively. The bunker network will activate at evening colors, all other nets will be maintained on a twenty four hour a day basis.
3. For telephone service call the Group Wire Officer. Number 331.
4. Wire Diagrams
 - a. Security Net

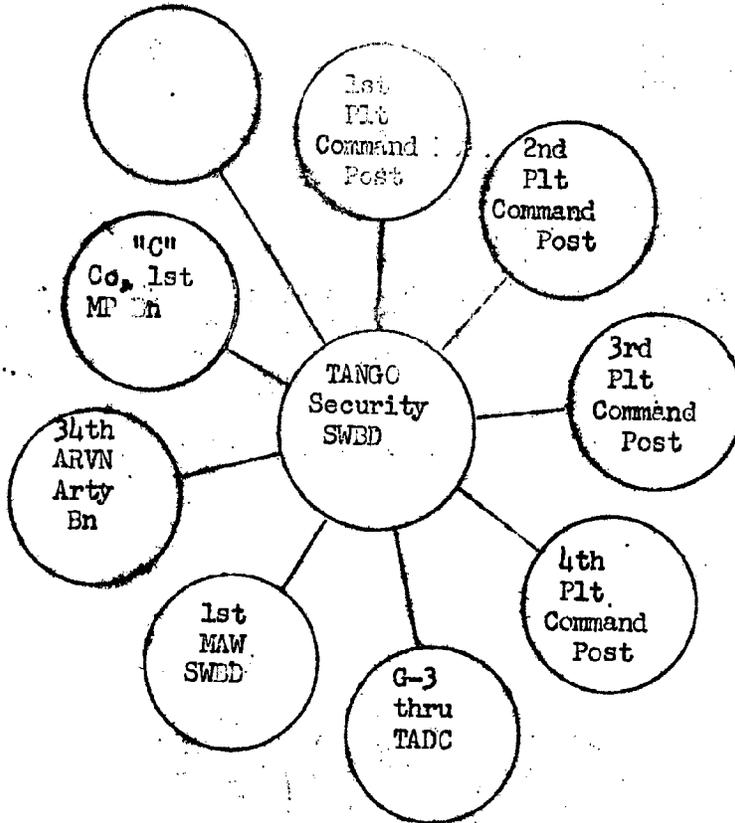


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b. Ground Defense Net



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Appendix 3 (Radio Call Signs) to Annex E (Communications-Electronics) to
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<u>UNITS</u>	<u>CALL SIGNS</u>
CG 1st MAW	BOBBAY
TABC	JAYREBE
Security CP (CO, MWHG-1)	SKIDMORE
Ground Alert Company	
1st Platoon	SKIDMORE TANGO 1
2nd Platoon	SKIDMORE TANGO 2
3rd Platoon	SKIDMORE TANGO 3
4th Platoon	SKIDMORE TANGO 4
Disaster Control Platoon	PLENTY TOUGH
Air Base Defense Bn (1st MP Bn)	PIED PIPER
AIR BASE DEFENSE RESERVE CO (-)	PIED PIPER ZULU 2
1st Platoon	PIED PIPER ZULU 2 ALPHA

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Subj: Civic Action

1. This report is submitted for your information. This report was prepared to illustrate the MMHG-1 Civic Action progress.

During the month of May 1968, 2,400 Vietnamese were assisted by the units of MMHG-1.



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1. Medical assistance: Within the Civic Action program, 1026 treatments were given.

2. Dental assistance: 4035 treatments were given to 2042 patients. Four students are receiving dental technician training.

3. English language instructions: 11th Dental Company sponsors a twice weekly class for 20 students.

4. MWHG-1 Civic Action summary:

a. 15 tons of lumber were picked up from dunnage at Deep Water Pier and other surplus material sources. About seven tons of it has been used in home rebuilding, refugee improvements and reconstruction of a primary school. Eight tons of structural lumber have been reserved for the public market place.

b. 500 bags of cement were secured from surplus agencies and stored in the Civic Action warehouse in Hoa-Cuong. 220 bags have been set aside for the foundation of the village market place. 275 bags of cement were distributed among 55 of the poorest families, including the refugees. The cement is intended for wall and floor construction.

c. 5000 pounds of food consisting of bulgar wheat, cooking oil and corn meal were distributed to the refugees and the people of the fishing hamlet.

d. Four mason kits and two carpenter kits were given for the school construction. Four gross of medical supplies were issued to the corpsman of CAP Echo 3 since that unit is attached to the village. Nine gross of assorted candies and six hundred bars of soap were also distributed throughout the month.

e. With materials furnished by Civic Action, the refugees finished construction of a new concrete well. In the near future it will be capped and a hand pump installed.

f. Ten houses are now being rebuilt with materials supplied through the MWHG-1 Civic Action program. Four of the houses have been started this month. Two houses are nearly complete, two are 80% complete. Three are 40% finished, and three are 20% complete.

g. Ten refugees have been given work filling sandbags and loading them on trucks. Although not a permanent job, the work is expected to extend through June, giving these people a needed source of income.

h. The main project for the month of June will be the 60 x 84 foot village market place. This will require about 400 sheets of tin and about 200 bags of cement. These supplies are now onhand. Lumber is still being procured. Work will be done by the people. A second project will be the continuation of the refugee sandbag work.

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From: MWHG-1 Chaplain
 To: Commanding Officer MWHG-1
 Subj: Command Chronology for May 1968, report of

1. Significant Events

Work continues to progress on the new MWHG-1 chapel going up on the Parade Field.

Chaplain Frederick Arneson reported in on the 9th of May to assume duties as MWHG-1 Chaplain. He comes from a six month tour with Prov. MAG 39 at Quang Tri.

Chaplain Cecil Harper continues to host the weekly television program "Chapel of the Air", which is sponsored by the 1st MAW Chaplains. It is seen each Sunday at 1430 on Channel 11.

Beginning May 12th, a Lutheran Service was added to the worship schedule at the MWHG-1 Chapel at 0900.

2. Religious Services

The following statistical resume is reported:

<u>DENOMINATION</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>TOTAL SERVICES</u>
Roman Catholic	0800 - 1730	620	8
	weekdays 1145	242	24
Lutheran	0900	29	3
Protestant	1000	127	4
E. Orthodox	1100	20	3
L.D.S.	1330	35	4
Episcopal	1600	38	4

Chaplain L.S. Darkowski, Capt, USN, Wing Chaplain, serves as Catholic Chaplain. Chaplain C.D. Harper Jr., Lt, USNR, Wing Administrative Assistant, serves as Protestant Chaplain. Chaplain F.W. Arneson, Lt, USNR, MWHG-1 Chaplain, serves as Lutheran Chaplain.

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3. Counselling Services

In addition to regular private counselling, Chaplain Darkowski gave 1 Indoctrination Lecture with 29 in attendance. Chaplain Arneson presented 2 Indoctrination Lectures with 27 present and 2 Moral Guidance Lectures with 49 attending. Chaplain Darkowski participated in 2 marriage counselling boards while Chaplain Arneson sat in on one. There is no Civic Action to report for this period.



F.W. Arneson