

HEADQUARTERS
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 Jun 1968
Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1C

- 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

1. As required by the provisions of reference (a), Command Chronologies for this Headquarters and each subordinate unit are submitted as enclosures (1) through (5).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

| <u>Designation</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Period</u> |
|--|-----------------|---------------|
| Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One | DaNang, RVN | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One | DaNang, RVN | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One | DaNang, RVN | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One | DaNang, RVN | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| 11th Dental Company | DaNang, RVN | 1-30 Jun 1968 |

Part I. Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Commanding Officer | Col Tolbert T. GENTRY | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| Executive Officer | LtCol John W. SULLIVAN | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| Adjutant | CWO-3 John L. FARRIS | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| S-1 | CWO-3 John L. FARRIS | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| S-2 | 1stLt James L. HUFF | 1-14 Jun 1968 |
| | LtCol Robert M. FRASER | 15-30 Jun 1968 |
| S-3 | LtCol Robert M. FRASER | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| S-4 | Maj James L. RIGGS | 1-30 Jun 1968 |

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

| | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Commanding Officer | LtCol Albert W. KELLER | 1-13 Jun 1968 |
| | Maj Lawrence FURSTENBERG | 14-30 Jun 1968 |
| Executive Officer | Maj Lawrence FURSTENBERG | 1-13 Jun 1968 |
| | VACANT | 14-30 Jun 1968 |
| Administrative Off | 1stLt Ronald J. PASCUAL | 1-30 Jun 1968 |

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Commanding Officer | Maj Robin W. COBBLE | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| Executive Officer | 1stLt Joe D. SLOAN | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| Administrative Off | VACANT | 1-30 Jun 1968 |

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Commanding Officer | Maj Harry E. TAYLOR | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| Executive Officer | Maj Richard C. HOFEMAN | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| Administrative Off | WO-1 Floyd G. BINKLEY | 1-30 Jun 1968 |

(4) 11th Dental Company

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Commanding Officer | Capt Ward E. QUILTER | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| Executive Officer | Cmdr Robert E. AUSTIN | 1-30 Jun 1968 |
| Administrative Off | Lt James S. MCGUIRE | 1-30 Jun 1968 |

2. Task Organization for the period 1-30 Jun 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 Jun 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 | 72 | NFO 6 | AG 109 | 9 | 560 | 22 |
| MWCS-1 | NA | 0 | NFO 0 | AG 9 | 0 | 255 | 0 |
| MWFS-1 | NA | 2 | NFO 0 | AG 5 | 0 | 139 | 0 |
| 11th Dental | NA | 0 | NFO 0 | AG 0 | 25 | 2 | 43 |
| <u>MWHG-1</u> | | <u>74</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>123</u> | <u>34</u> | <u>956</u> | <u>65</u> |

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

During the month of June 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 communications teams in support of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the 1st Marine Division and the 3rd Marine Division at Khe Sanh (1-27 Jun 1968), Landing Zone Stud (28-30 Jun 1968), Dong Ha, Camp Carroll, Quang Tri, Phu Bai, DaNang, Monkey Mountain, and Chu Lai. Administrative support of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters at DaNang Air Base consisted of providing personnel administration, transportation,

billeting, messing, materiel and communications support, local area defense of Tango Sector Alpha (1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters Cantonment), and recreational facilities. As the Defense Coordinator of Tango Sector Alpha, this Group conducted an actual defense alert due to suspected rocket attack on 27 Jun 1968. No enemy rounds were received within this cantonment during this alert.

Part III. Significant Events

1. Personnel. During the month of June 1968, this Group continued to be over the approved T/O, but below the recommended provisional T/O. Because of the size of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the accompanying work load in the Wing Headquarters requires the additional Wing staff personnel. 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 all assigned missions and tasks.

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

3. Awards. The following awards were presented during the month of June 1968:

| <u>Award</u> | <u>Officer</u> | <u>Enlisted</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Distinguished Flying Cross | 2 | |
| Air Medal | 2 | |
| Purple Heart | 2 | 4 |
| Navy Commendation Medal | 1 | |
| Navy Achievement Medal | | 1 |

4. Casualties. There were no hostile casualties to personnel of this Group during June 1968. A total of eight persons were non-hostile casualties, none were serious.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. A 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Singles Tennis Tournament was held at DaNang Air Base 17-22 Jun 1968. All Groups except Provisional Marine Air Group 39 were represented. 12 Marines from this Group participated in the tourney. 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 secured in the DaNang area, the China Beach recreation center continued operation for the enjoyment of all hands. This Group had 63 regular R&R quotas during June 1968, and eight persons participated in a two day trip out of Vietnam for shopping and recreation.

6. Civic Action. For details of the MWHG-1 Civic Action program during the month of June 1968, see Appendix (1).

7. Intelligence/Counterintelligence. The MWHG-1 Intelligence Section performed routine administrative functions during June 1968, including an intelligence brief for the weekly Command Indoctrination Program, handling all matters pertaining to requesting security clearances and access for MWHG-1 personnel, and obtaining the daily G-2 Briefing on significant events in I Corps. Three National Agency Checks and one verification were requested; two Background Investigations were requested; six local records checks were completed. Three Top Secret, six Secret and six Confidential Clearances were granted based on completed investigations. Access to classified material was granted for 15 Marines of this Group.

8. Ground Defense. Only one Ground Defense Condition One/Red Alert was called due to reported incoming rockets during June 1968; however no incoming rounds landed in the Tango Sector Alpha Cantonment. Work on the area defenses continues, including burning brush to clear fields of fire in the concertinas and other barbed wire fences and aprons. A completely new bunker has been constructed along the southern perimeter, and additional sand bag blast walls have been constructed around unprotected BOQ's.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted Marines is held at Group Level each Friday in the morning, then the same subjects are presented Saturday afternoon. A total of 152 persons attended GMS Training, 52 attended the Command Indoctrination, and 94 participated in familiarization firing with their T/O weapon. Technical Training in the individual MOS's is accomplished by four hours of MOS instruction, and is carried out by subordinate units.

10. Logistics. The Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Logistics Section carried out routine administrative support including a review of 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing suggested changes to TBA and QM-6, a review and suggested changes to the Provisional Combat Theater Table of Equipment for III Marine Amphibious Force (RVN), and a review and updating of the CMC MARES Deadline Reporting Printout.

11. Supply. The Group Supply Section conducted normal supply operations in support of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters, and Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One. Materiel for installation of a TTC-28 Tactical Transportable Telephone Exchange commenced to arrive. The Marine Corps Supply Activity, Philadelphia has forwarded material for the semi-annual review of Secondary Depot Repairables for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Comm-Elec Equipment (MFAJ9). The review will be conducted during July 1968.

12. Base Development/Military Construction. An addition to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters Heliport was completed on 7 Jun 1968. The new addition is 150 feet square, and is constructed of M8A-1 Matting. The new recreation building exterior was completed on 19 Jun 1968. The interior, fixtures, decorating, ceiling, wiring is expected to be completed upon receipt of the required material (60-90 days).

13. Communications. See Part III, paragraph six of the Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One Command Chronology, enclosure (5).

14. Religious Services. See the Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology for June 1968, Appendix (2).

Part IV. Documentation

- ✓ Appendix (1) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Civic Action report of 9 Jul 1968.
- ✓ Appendix (2) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Command Chronology of 3 Jul 1968.

MARINE WING HEADQUARTERS GROUP 1
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
APO San Francisco 96602

9 July 1968

From: MWHG-1 Civic Action Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Civic Action

1. This report is submitted for your information. This report was prepared to illustrate the MWHG-1 civic action progress.
2. Medical assistance: The H&HS-1 MEDCAP Team treated a total of 898 Vietnamese. Members of the MWHG-1 Civic Action Team and a corpsman from the Echo 3 CAP have been conducting MEDCAPS throughout the village of Hoa Cuong and have been quite successful. This is done once a week and an average of 300 people receive treatment. The more serious cases are referred to the USOM Hospital.
3. Dental Assistance: The 11th Dental Company treated a total of 1,263 Vietnamese for a total of 1,415 extractions. Two Vietnamese nurses are receiving dental training at USOM Hospital and two are receiving training at MWHG-1 Dental Clinic. Two nurses are being supported by contributions from 11th Dental to complete their education.
3. MWHG-1 Civic Action Summary:
 - a. The Primary School was completed with two loads of 2x12 lumber and is presently in full use.
 - b. The Village Market Place is progressing slowly, 15 loads of sand and 40 bags of cement were provided for completion of the cement blocks used for the foundation. The project is 25% completed.
 - c. 30,000 pounds of food (bulgar, corn meal, rolled oats and wheat and cooking oil) were given to the MWHG-1 Civic Action Team by the Catholic Relief Service; some of this food is being used to pay the refugees working on the market place, the rest being used for needy families.
 - d. 12 tons of lumber were procured for the company of Regional Forces located in Hoa Cuong and were used to construct bunkers for the defense of the Village. Their C.O., Lt. Tap has been a great help to our Civic Action work by furnishing men to assist us in obtaining materials for our various projects.
 - e. 4 loads of firewood were given to the refugees, in addition a well that was badly needed was constructed by men of MWFS-1. A hand pump was used to draw water and has helped in improving the quality of the water.
 - f. A manual sewing machine was given to a widow in Hoa Cuong. She

APPENDIX (1)

has tried to support her 5 children and has found the job very difficult as the children are in great need of food. The machine was presented by the Village Chief at her home and is now providing a living for this family.

g. Approximately 300 pounds of candy and 500 bars of soap have been distributed throughout the village. Most of the soap was given out during the MEPCAPS in an attempt to lessen the amount of skin diseases.

R. J. AGRO

DISTRIBUTION:
III MAF G-5 (5)
1stMAW CAO (3)
1stMAW Medical Officer (2)
MWHG-1 S-3 (6)
MWHG-1 Chaplain (2)

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 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
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 5213/3A
 3 July 1968

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

1. Significant Events

The Cornerstone of the new MWHG-1 Chapel was dedicated in a ceremony on June 16th. Col. T.T. Gentry, CO of MWHG-1 presented the stone. Maj. Gen. Norman Anderson, C.G. of 1st MAW accepted it. Chaplain Ralph Below of III MAF gave the address.

The Latter Day Saints service at 1330 has been moved to 1st F.S.R. Bn. Chapel and discontinued at MWHG-1 Chapel.

The Episcopal service at 1600 has been moved to the MAG-11 Chapel and discontinued at MWHG-1 Chapel.

Chaplain Arneson is presently conducting a discussion group on Thursday evenings at 1900.

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 weekdays 1145 | 607 679 | 10 24 |
| Lutheran | 0900 | 58 | 5 |
| Protestant | 1000 | 151 | 5 |
| E. Orthodox | 1100 | 9 | 1 |

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JUNE 1968

APPENDIX (2)

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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'F.W. Arneson', written in dark ink.

F.W. ARNESON