

HEADQUARTERS
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 July 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, Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One
- ✓(4) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One
- ✓(5) Command Chronology, 11th Dental Company

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	1-31 Jul 1968
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Jul 1968
Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Jul 1968
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Jul 1968
11th Dental Company	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Jul 1968

Part I. Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-31Jul68	Col Tolbert T. GENTRY
Executive Officer	1-31Jul68	LtCol John W. SULLIVAN
Adjutant	1-31Jul68	CWO-3 John L. FARRIS
S-1	1-14Jul68	CWO-3 John L. FARRIS
	15-31Jul68	Capt Alfred J. ENGLISH
S-2	1-31Jul68	LtCol Robert M. FRASER
S-3	1-31Jul68	LtCol Robert M. FRASER
S-4	1-17Jul68	Major James L. RIGGS
	18-31Jul68	Major Esta D. GRISSOM

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One

Commanding Officer	1-31Jul68	Major L. FURSTENBERG
Executive Officer	1-31Jul68	Vacant
Admin Officer	1-31Jul68	1stLt Ronald J. PASCUAL

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron One

Commanding Officer	1-31Jul68	Major Robin W. COBBLE
Executive Officer	1-31Jul68	1stLt Joe D. SLOAN
Admin Officer	1-31Jul68	Vacant

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-12Jul68	Major Harry E. TAYLOR
	13-31Jul68	Major Richard C. HOFFMAN
Executive Officer	1-12Jul68	Major Richard C. HOFFMAN
	13-31Jul68	Capt John B. FETCHKO
Admin Officer	1-31Jul68	CWO-2 Floyd G. BINKLEY

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	1-31Jul68	Capt Ward E. QUILTER
Executive Officer	1-31Jul68	Cndr Robert E. AUSTIN
Admin Officer	1-31Jul68	Ltjg Dennis D. DAVID

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
MWHG-1	DaNang, RVN
H&HS-1	DaNang, RVN
MWCS-1	DaNang, RVN
MWFS-1	DaNang, RVN
11thDEN	DaNang, RVN

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</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 66	AG 113	NFC 9	9	557	21
MWCS-1	0	12	0	0	273	0
MWFS-1	1	5	0	0	130	0
11thDen	0	0	0	23	2	48
MWHG-1	67	130	9	32	962	69

4. Important Visitors to this Command: N/APart II. Narrative Summary

During the month of July 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, Republic of Viet Nam and provided communication teams in support of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the 1st Marine Division and the 3rd Marine Division at DaNang, Monkey Mountain, Chu Lai, Phu Bai, Quang Tri, Dong Ha and Landing Zone Stud. Administrative support provided at DaNang Air Base consisted of transportation, billeting, messing facilities, material, 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 23, 24 and 29 July. No enemy rounds were received within the compound during these alerts.

Part III. Significant Events

1. Personnel. The Group continues to be over the approved T/O, but below the recommended provisional T/O. Because of the size of the First 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 July 1968.

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

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	2	
Bronze Star		1
Navy Commendation Medal		1
Good Conduct Medal		1

4. Casualties. There were no hostile casualties to personnel of this Group during July 1968. A total of ten persons were non-hostile casualties, one MedEvac.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Special Services provided Tango Sector Alpha with many and varied off duty activities; handball, volleyball, tennis, horse-shoes, weight lifting and intra-unit competition in softball; movies are 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. The Group utilized 68 regular R&R quotas during July 1968, and 8 persons participated in two day trip out of Viet Nam for shopping and recreation.

6. Civic Action. Details of the MMHG-1 Civic Action Program for the month of July 1968 are outlined in Appendix (1).

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative functions during July 1968, including an intelligence brief for the weekly Command Indoctrination Program, handling all matters pertaining to requesting security clearance and access for Group personnel and obtaining the daily G-2 Briefing on significant events in I Corps. Four National Agency Checks were requested and four Local Records Checks were completed. Three Top Secret, Eleven Secret, one Interim Top Secret, and two Interim Secret clearances were granted. Access to classified material was granted to eleven Marines of this Group.

8. Ground Defense. There were three condition One/Red alerts called due to incoming rockets/mortars during July 1968; however no incoming rounds impacted in the Tango Sector Alpha compound. Construction on a 15' tower to replace bunker number 5 was commenced.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted Marines is held at Group level each Friday morning, then the same subjects are presented Saturday afternoon. A total of 241 people attended GMST, 82 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination presentation, held each Saturday morning, and 73 Marines fired their T/O weapon. Technical Training was conducted by the squadrons for each MOS at 4 hours per month per MOS. Formal Schools were attended by 7 officers and 20 enlisted personnel during July 1968.

10. Logistics. The Logistics Section carried out routine administrative support for the Group. Classes for Combat Deadline Reporting were held for MWFS-1 and MWCS-1 on 19 July 1968.

11. Supply. The Supply Section conducted normal supply operations in support of the Group and the First Marine Aircraft Wing. A pre-A&M Inspection of supply was conducted, by request of the C.O., MWCS-1, on 25 July 1968. A grade of Satisfactory with minor discrepancies was awarded upon completion of the inspection. The Semi-Annual Maintenance Float Allowance Review was completed and forwarded to MCSA, Philadelphia for approval and update of the Marine Corps wide allowance list. Marine Corps Property processed 1,178 requisitions and Navy Property processed 2,687 requisitions with a gross effectiveness of 48% and 95% respectively for July 1968.

12. Base Development/Military Construction. The Rehab of the Wing Medical Building was completed on 26 July. The new "E" Club is 65% complete and the new Wing Chapel is 95% complete. The Wing Recreation Building interior was started, however the lack of availability of lumber will slow the project considerably. The addition to the "O" Club was slowed due to a lack of sheet metal available to the contractor.

13. Communications. See Part III, paragraph 6 of Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One Command Chronology; Enclosure (4).

14. Religious Services. See Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology; Appendix (2).

Part IV. Documentation

✓ Appendix (1) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Civic Action Report of 11 Aug 1968.

✓ Appendix (2) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's chronology of 5 Aug 1968.

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 11 August 1968

From: Civic Action Officer
 To: Distribution List

Subj: Civic Action Report for the month of July 1968

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1C

1. 1stLt C.M. SHOEMAKER assumed the duties of the MWHG-1 Civic Action Officer, on or about 20 July, replacing Capt D. W. WEICHECK. The remainder of the month was spent meeting and getting to know the present working staff of enlisted personnel assigned to the Group Civic Action Office, and becoming familiar with the people of Hoa Cuong.
2. Projects being continued by the new Civic Action Officer include:
 - (a) The construction of a new market place in the fourth Hamlet of Hoa Cuong; and (b) Bi-weekly MEDCAPS.
3. Communications have been established with the ARVN Forces in the area, and they seem to be commanded by a most able Vietnamese Captain.
4. The MWHG-1 Civic Action team was reduced by the loss of one of our resident workers, Cpl FORD, who is presently being detained in Okinawa for Court Martial. At present, we are awaiting the assignment of a replacement. At present, we have a Sgt living in the village, and coordinating with a CAP outfit in the area. Cpl FORD's records and personal effects have already been shipped to Okinawa.
5. Commodities distributed in the last two weeks of July were: 87 5 gallon containers of cooking oil, valued at about 800 VN\$ each, and 290 50lb. bags of assorted corn and wheat, valued at about 250 VN\$ each. Commodities distributed had previously been promised in support of the new market place.
6. The MWHG-1 Civic Action team hopes to be able to find an available office facility in the Wing compound to use as a headquarters. It has come to our attention the Chaplin will soon vacate his office for a more suitable location. Although we are required to coordinate our activities with the Wing Civic Action Office, the move would facilitate a smoother operational basis for each unit, and allow the MWHG-1 team to evolve into a more self-sufficient activity.

C. M. Shoemaker

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APPENDIX (1)

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON-1
 Marine Wing Headquarters Group-1
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 5 August 1968

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

1. Significant Events

The new MWHG-1 Chapel is nearing completion. It is expected to be in use sometime this month.

Chaplain C.D. Harper Jr., who has served as Administrative Assistant to the Wing Chaplain has completed his tour and was detached on 4 Aug. 68. He also served as host for the television program "Chapel of the Air". His final appearance was on 14 July 68. Col. Gentry pinned the gold leaves of Lt. Cdr. on Chaplain Harper shortly before his departure.

Chaplain Arneson continues 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 SER.</u>
Roman Catholic	0800 - 1730	507	8
	weekdays 1145	134	19
Lutheran	0900	45	4
E. Orthodox	1100	14	2
Protestant	1000	128	4

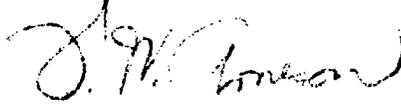
3. Civic Action

Chaplains Darkowski and Harper attended the opening of the 5th ARVN Regiment Dependents School and contributed \$15 worth of beverages and food.

APPENDIX (2)

4. Other Items

Chaplain L.S. Darkowski, Capt, USN, Wing Chaplain, serves as Catholic Chaplain. Chaplain F.W. Arneson LT, USNR, MWIC-1 Chaplain, serves as Lutheran and Protestant Chaplain.



F.W. ARNESON
LT, CHC, USNR

APPENDIX (2)