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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 August 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 Aug 1968
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Aug 1968
Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Aug 1968
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Aug 1968
11th Dental Company	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Aug 1968

Part I. Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	Col Tolbert T. GENTRY
Executive Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	LtCol Robert M. FRASER
Adjutant	1-31 Aug 1968	CWO-3 John L. FARRIS
S-1	1-31 Aug 1968	Capt Alfred J. ENGLISH
S-2	1-31 Aug 1968	Maj Richard C. BAGLEY JR
S-3	1-31 Aug 1968	Maj Richard C. BAGLEY JR
S-4	1-31 Aug 1968	Maj Esta D. GRISSOM

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	Maj L. FURSTENBERG
Executive Officer	1-13 Aug 1968	Vacant
	14-31 Aug 1968	Maj John H. HEIM
Admin Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	1stLt Ronald J. PASCUAL

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	Maj Robin W. COBBLE
Executive Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	1stLt Joe D. SLOAN
Admin Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	Vacant

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	Maj Winston O. GOLLER
Executive Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	Maj Richard C. HOFFMAN
Admin Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	CWO-2 Floyd G. BINKLEY

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	Capt Ward E. QUILTER
Executive Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	Cmdr Robert E. AUSTIN
Admin Officer	1-31 Aug 1968	Ltjg Dennis D. DAVID

2. Task Organization for the period 1-31 August 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 August 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 112	NFO 8	9	553	23
MWCS-1	0	13	0	0	276	0
MWFS-1	2	5	0	0	123	0
11thDen	0	0	0	25	2	52
MWHG-1	68	130	8	34	954	75

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

During the month of August 1968, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One, and its subordinate units provided administrative and logistical support for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters at DaNang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam and provided communications teams in support of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the 1st Marine Division and 3rd Marine Division at DaNang, Monkey Mountain, Chu Lai, Phu Bai, Quang Tri, Dong Ha, ASRAT Veghel, and Vandegrift Combat Base. Administrative support provided at DaNang Air Base consisted of transportation, billeting, messing facilities, materiel, local area defense and recreation facilities. As the Defense Coordinator of Tango Sector Alpha (1st Marine Aircraft Wing Compound), due to enemy activity, this Group was in Condition #3 or higher during the following dates for the month of August 1968: 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22-25, and 28. No enemy rounds were received within the compound during this period.

Part III. Significant Events

1. Personnel. The Group continues to be over the approved T/O but below the provisional T/O. Because of the size of the First Marine Aircraft Wing, the accompanying work load in the Wing Headquarters requires the

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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 August 1968. An A&M Inspection was conducted on MWCS-1 on 12-13 August 1968 and a grade of satisfactory with discrepancies was assigned.

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

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	1
Air Medal	1

4. Casualties. There were no hostile casualties to personnel of this Group during the month of August 1968. A total of 6 persons were non-hostile casualties.

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 54 regular R&R quotas during August 1968, and 8 persons participated in a two day trip out of Viet Nam for shopping and recreation.

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

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative functions during August 1968, including an intelligence brief for the weekly Command Indoctrination Presentation, 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. Three National Agency Checks were requested and eleven Local Records Checks were completed. Five Top Secret, eight Secret and two Interim Secret clearances were granted. Access to classified material was granted to seven Marines of this Group.

8. Ground Defense. There were two condition One/Red alerts called due to incoming rockets/mortars during August 1968. Condition One/Red alerts were set at 0310 and 0719 on 23 Aug 1968 however no incoming rounds impacted in the Tango Sector Alpha Compound. Construction on the 15' tower to replace Bunker #5 was completed.

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 231 people attended GMST, 70 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination presentation, held each Saturday morning, and 55 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 9 enlisted personnel during August 1968. A marijuana lecture was conducted on 26 and 30 Aug 1968 for officers and Staff NCO's. This lecture was attended by 122 officers and Staff NCO's.

10. Logistics. The Logistics Section carried out routine administrative support for the Group.

11. Supply. The Supply Section conducted normal supply operations in support of the Group and the First Marine Aircraft Wing. Marine Corps Property processed 1,250 requisitions and Navy Property processed 2,022 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 53% and 96% respectively for August 1968.

12. Base Development/Military Construction. The new "E" Club is 85% complete and the new Wing Chapel was completed and scheduled for dedication on 2 Sep 1968. The Wing Recreation Building interior is still being delayed due to the lack of lumber. The "O" Club additions are 75% complete.

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 4 Sep 1968

✓ Appendix (2) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology of 4 Sep 1968

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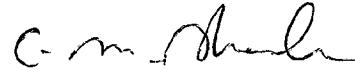
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From: Civil Affairs Officer, MWHG-1
To: Distribution List
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Subj: Civic Action Command Chronology Report, August 1968
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1. Our civic action team spent most of its time during the month of August completing existing projects, and reevaluating our past efforts. Reevaluation showed that our emphasis on building, and domestic improvement helped a select few, while depriving many worthwhile individuals of our aid. In order to combat this selectivity we feel a shift in policy is in order. Future civic action projects in our area will be designed to aid the total population in regards to health, education and sanitation with primary consideration to include the four schools in our area and programs designed to stimulate personal hygiene and improve public sanitation.
2. Work progressed rapidly on the market place during the past month, and it should be ready for use within the next two weeks. Materials provided for use in its construction include bolts, cement, fill sand, and roofing nails. Several more loads of fill sand will be required before the cement floor can be laid.
3. Ten scholarships were distributed to needy families to help pay for school materials. The funds are provided by the General Walt Scholarship Fund in the amount of 500 \$VN per month for eight months, or a total of 4,000 \$VN per student. The scholarship effort also provided an excellent opportunity to meet and talk to local school officials.
4. Work on a proposed experimental vegetable garden designed to help the refugees in our area help themselves as well as introduce some American methods has slowed to a stop. The refugees have decided that they are not interested in the project because the payment (ie: all the vegetables they grow) would be too long in coming. Even offers to insure their efforts in event of a poor crop failed to gain their interest. They, like so many of their neighbors have been spoiled by the American "easy give" and "quick rewards". A well dug by those same refugees to provide water for the garden is convenient to the village headquarters and will be used by the local officials for their own use.

Appendix (1)

5. Our own Med-Caps treated 340 cases during the month of August. In one notable case, a young boy suffering from second degree burns was well on his way to recovery in the course of a week thanks to our efforts. Dent-Caps by the Headquarters Section 11th Dental Co. treated 510 cases in the Da Nang area. Daily Med-Caps by the dispensary here in the wing compound treated a total of 1200 cases.



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From: MWHG-1 Chaplain
 To: Commanding Officer MWHG-1

Subj: Command Chronology for August 1968, report of

1. Significant Events

Services were held in the new chapel for the first time on Sunday, August 18th. Moving gear from the old to the new chapel has been going on for the past few weeks but was concluded on August 31.

The service of Acceptance and Dedication was held September 2nd. CDR. J.P. Jones, CO MCB-62 presented the chapel to LtCol S. Osserman, Wing BDO and Col. T.T. Gentry. Col. Gentry presented it to Maj.Gen. C.J. Quilter, C.G. 1st MAF, who accepted it. Dedicatory prayers were read by three Wing Personnel. Chaplain Ralph Below, Force Chaplain, III MAF, gave a brief address. A girls choir from the Sacred Heart School sang three selections. Chaplains Darkowski and Arneson also participated.

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	520	10
	weekdays 1145	239	30
Lutheran	0900	51	5
Protestant	1000	176	5

3. Civic Action

Four (4) trailer loads of scrap lumber and tin was given to a needy family in village of Phuc Toung.

4. Other Items

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

F.W. Arneson

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Appendix (2)