

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

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12 Oct 1968

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

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One  
✓(2) Command Chronology, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron - One  
✓(3) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One  
✓(4) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Facilities 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	1-30 Sep 1968
Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Sep 1968
Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Sep 1968
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Sep 1968
11th Dental Company	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Sep 1968

Part I. Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-30Sep68	Col Tolbert T. GENTRY
Executive Officer	1-19Sep68	LtCol Robert M. FRASER
	20-30Sep68	Vacant
Adjutant	1-30Sep68	CWO-3 John L. FARRIS
S-1	1-30Sep68	Capt Alfred J. ENGLISH
S-2/S-3	1-30Sep68	Maj Richard C. BAGLEY Jr.
S-4	1-30Sep68	Maj Esta D. GRISSOM

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-30Sep68	Maj L. FURSTENBERG
Executive Officer	1-30Sep68	Maj John H. HELM
Admin Officer	1-30Sep68	1stLt Ronald J. PASCUAL

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-30Sep68	Maj Robin W. COBBLE
Executive Officer	1-24Sep68	1stLt Joe D. SLOAN
	25-30Sep68	1stLt Leo P. GAGNON
Admin Officer	1-30Sep68	Vacant

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-30Sep68	Maj Winston O. GOLLER
Executive Officer	1-30Sep68	Maj Richard C. HOFFMAN
Admin Officer	1-30Sep68	CWO-2 Floyd G. BINKLEY

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	1-30Sep68	Capt Ward E. QUILTER
Executive Officer	1-30Sep68	Cmdr Robert E. AUSTIN
Admin Officer	1-30Sep68	Lt(jg) Dennis D. DAVID

2. Task Organization for the period 1-30 September 1968

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

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>						<u>ENLISTED</u>					
H&HS-1	NA	63	AG	117	NFO	9	USN	9	USMC	529	USN	24
MWCS-1		0		14		0		0		277		0
MWFS-1		2		5		0		0		124		0
11thDenCo		0		0		0		24		2		48
MWHG-1		65		136		9		33		932		72

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

During the month of September 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 (1st Marine Aircraft Wing Compound), due to enemy activity, this Group was in Condition Three or higher during the following dates for the month of September 1968: 2, 3, 9, 10, 22 and 23. On 9 September a ChiCom grenade was exploded on the compound perimeter in the area between Bunkers 1 and 2. No casualties were reported. On the morning of 30 September rockets were received in and around this compound. No casualties were reported.

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 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 September 1968. An A&M Inspection was conducted on H&HS-1 and a overall grade of satisfactory with minor discrepancies was assigned. Administration was assigned a grade of satisfactory with major discrepancies and a re-inspection will be held on 14 October 1968.

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

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	4	
Navy Achievement Medal	1	1
Air Medal	12	
Purple Heart		1
Vietnam Armed Forces Medal	1	
Navy Commendation Medal		1

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

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Group Special Services provided the Tango Sector Alpha Compound with many and varied off-duty activities; handball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, basketball, baseball, weightlifting, and intraunit formation of football teams. Movies continue to be shown nightly. Clubs offered entertaining floor shows and happy hours several times throughout the month. The Freedom Hill, China Beach and Golden Gate USOs supplemented the aforementioned activities. Although liberty remains secured in the DaNang area, the China Beach Recreation Center continued operations for the enjoyment of all hands. Also, 54 R&R seat allocations and 8 RON billets enabled personnel to relax out of country for several days.

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

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. During the month of September 1968 all matters pertaining to security clearances for the Group, granting access to classified material on a need-to-know basis, a weekly indoctrination lecture for incoming personnel, a monthly Intelligence Brief for troops in training classes, and delivering the daily G-2 Brief of significant events to the Commanding Officer was handled by Group S-2. One Top Secret Clearance, eight Secret Clearances, five Interim Top Secret Clearances were granted and access to Group classified material was granted to five personnel. Seven Background Investigations were requested prior to granting Top Secret Clearances, two National Agency Checks were requested prior to granting Secret Clearances. Nine Local Records Checks were made in conjunction with requesting investigations.

On 12 Sep 1968, several Vietnamese children reported the location of an abandoned ammunition cache to a Group Civic Action working party. Investigation uncovered 110 .50 cal rounds and 650 5.56mm rounds. The ammunition was partially buried at the water line in the sand and arranged in an orderly manner

at BT03157325. It was noted that a Vietnamese APC unit had been in the area on 10 Sep and had washed their vehicles at the same location. The children were rewarded 100 piasters for their information and the ammunition was turned over to the Group Armory for disposal.

8. Ground Defense. All bunkers have been torn down and towers are being constructed in their place. Tower #4 has been completed.

9. Training. GMS Training for all enlisted Marines is held at the Group Level each Friday morning, then the same subjects are presented Saturday afternoon. A total of 268 people attended GMST, 51 attended the Command Indoctrination Lecture and 55 people FAM/Zero fired their T/O weapon. Technical Training was conducted by the squadrons at the rate of four hours per month per MOS. Formal schools were attended by five persons during September 1968.

10. Logistics. See Appendix (2).

11. Supply. See Appendix (3).

12. Base Development/Military Construction. See Appendix (2).

13. Communications. See paragraph 6., Part III. of Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One Command Chronology, enclosure (3).

14. Religious Services. The Group Chaplain departed for CONUS on 27 Sep 1968 and as yet his replacement has not arrived therefore no Command Chronology was submitted.

#### Part IV. Documentation

- ✓ Appendix (1) - MWHG-1 Civic Action Command Chronology
- ✓ Appendix (2) - MWHG-1 S-4 Command Chronology
- ✓ Appendix (3) - MWHG-1 Supply Command Chronology

Civil Affairs Office  
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One  
1st Marine Air Wing FMF Pacific  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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5750  
11 October 1968

From: Civil Affairs Officer, MWHG-1  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Civic Action Command Chronology Report, September 1968

Ref: GruO 5750.1C

1. MWHG-1 Civic Action continued to work in the village of Hoa Cuong during the month of September, but began to shift its emphasis to the new TAOR. Those few construction projects considered in the village were carefully screened before any commitment was made. Work in the new TAOR (the hamlet of Phuoc Thuong, adjacent to the Wing compound) was limited to the study and planning stages.
2. September proved to be a month of change for Group Civic Action. The addition of a Staff Sergeant (E-6) and Corporal (E-4) gave us the man power necessary to expand our program. Also, the dislocation of the MWHG-1 Civil Affairs Office from the Wing CAO gave us a new identity, requiring continued organization and reevaluation of our program.
3. Organization of the Group Civil Affairs Office included: (1) establishment of a temporary office, located in the Group Theatre, (2) new filing procedures for reports and correspondence, (3) additional reports to supplement weekly and monthly reports, (4) arial photographs of areas of interest and (5) new and reliable supply sources.
4. Although our office has found through experience that building houses for Vietnamese civilians or providing material for their construction has not proven effective, an exception was made in the case of an old crippled man, living in a card board shack. We were approached by representatives from the 106th Regional Forces who requested our aid in the building of the house for the old man. A five man team under the guidance and leadership of Nguyen Xuan Vien provided the labor necessary to construct the house. Durnage lumber was trucked from the Navy's Bridge Ramp Pier by the RF's under our direction. The cooperation between the RF's and our own people throughout the project was outstanding. In effect, the Vietnamese showed the ability to work together as a team to build their own country.


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5. A school teacher in our village requested our aid in the construction of his school, destroyed in a recent storm. Materials have been provided by our office and construction continues at present. Transportation of lumber from pier sites to the school has been provided by the 106th Regional Forces.

6. Our office continues to develop guidelines from daily experience. It is our goal to establish an effective working staff to continue the Civic Action effort, emphasizing the importance of friendly relations with Vietnamese civilians in our immediate area. The presents shift in our activities from the village of Hoa Cuong, six miles from the compound, to the hamlet of Phuoc Thuong, only 15 meters from the compound, is proof of our new direction. Although long range projects must be initiated now to build the Vietnamese economy, pride, and motivation, our immediate goals remain to make friends, breach the customs and language barrier, and become as accepted part of their community. In this endeavor we will rely on the support of the 1st Marine Air Wing Civil Affairs office and the facilities of our own Industrial Relations Office.

7. 1st Lt. C.M. Shoemaker, CAO MWHG-1, attended a five day Advisory Orientation School in Saigon. Classes covered a wide variety of subjects including socio-economic problems of Viet Nam and RF/PF training and deployment. Although the school is designed to orient officers working on the district and province levels, a large amount of the information pertained to low level Civic Action operations.

8. The MWHG-1 dispensary treated twelve hundred ninety eight (1298) cases during the month of September. The dispensary is open six days a week to Vietnamese civilians.

  
1/Lt. C.M. Shoemaker  
CAO MWHG-1

Appendix (i)

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5750  
10 Oct 1968

From: Logistics Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One  
Subj: Command Chronology  
Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1C

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

Part III

Logistics

- 1 Sep - Submitted updated requirements for TSFC Personnel Protection Bunkers to 1stMAW.
- 1 Sep - Submitted status on AN/GRM-32 and AN/GRM38 Maintenance Vans to 1stMAW.
- 2 Sep - Issued Group Bulletin on conservation of electrical power.
- 6 Sep - Received 2-8 man TSFC Personnel Protection Bunkers from IIIMAF.
- 6 Sep - Received 8 new/rehabed vehicles for assignment to MWFS-1 Motor Transport.
- 7 Sep - 1stMAW (MWSC-17) held monthly fire inspection with satisfactory results.
- 10 Sep - Group Ground Safety Inspection held with satisfactory results.
- 10 Sep - Submitted request for Change of Allowances, MWFS-1 Garrison Property.
- 11 Sep - Submitted request for modification of allowances, H&ES-1 for IIIMAF Provisional Allowance.
- 18 Sep - Received one M54 5ton Truck, assigned to 1stMAW Supply.
- 19 Sep - Held Group A&M Inspection of H&ES-1 with satisfactory results.
- 20 Sep - Updated listing of Tactical Generators submitted to 1stMAW.
- 25 Sep - Updated listing of Selected Section "M" Equipment submitted to 1stMAW
- 25 Sep - New monthly listing of deadlined motor transport vehicles submitted to IIIMAF. This is a newly generated report.
- 25 Sep - Submitted report of Deep Water Fording Kits for Calendar year 1967.
- 25 Sep - Requested disposition instructions on M677 Cerlist which is uneconomically repairable.
- 26 Sep - Requested 1stMAW to provide Engineering Assistance for the movement of Quang Tri's Radio Relay Site.

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- 27 Sep - Received and reviewed new IIIMAF Provisional Allowance P4960 for MWHG-1.
- 27 Sep - Submitted request for Change of Allowance for PU357/PU463 Generators for the MRC62 & 62A and MRC63 & 63A for Radio Relay Equipment.
- 30 Sep - Received new allowances to NAVAIR 0035-QM-6 Allowance List, which adds new items and increases existing items to MWHG-1 Allowances.

Base Development/Military Construction

- 9 Sep - MWCS-1 Generator Repair Shed was destroyed by Tropical Storm BESS. NavSupAct inspected major damage to Compound and has written work requests covering all repairs.
- 16 Sep - S-4, Commanding Officer MCB-62, Area Civil Engineer NSA, Area Work Shop #4 of Public Works conducted building acceptance in spection of 1stMAW Chapel, 1stMAW Special Services and SNCO Club. All discrepancies were noted by NSA and buildings were accepted by them. NSA will be responsible for repair of discrepancies as MCB-62 has left country.
- 20 Sep - Requested 1stMAW increase our soil products requirements for maintenance and upkeep of 1stMAW Cantonement.
- 30 Sep - MWHG-1 "O" Club 85% complete.
- 30 Sep - MWHG-1 New Enlisted Club 95% Complete on civilian contract. NSA has been requested to provide transformer electrical power and sewage hookup.
- 30 Sep - CG's Mess and Senior Officers Quarters complete.
- 30 Sep - 1stMAW Chapel still awaiting NSA's installation of Transformers.
- 30 Sep - Received 6 new TSFC Guard Towers from 3rdNCB via IIIMAF. 7th Engineers assisting in the erection which should be completed by 15 October 1968.
- 30 Sep - Submitted 17 repair/service work requests to Public Works for month of Sep1968.
- 30 Sep - Tango Sector Alpha's Reactionary Platoons fighting holes being revamped and should be completed during October 1968.

  
E. D. GRISSOM

Appendix (2)

HEADQUARTERS  
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5750  
7 October 1968

From: Group Supply Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One (Attn: S-3)  
Subj: Command Chronology; information concerning  
Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1C

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), the below listed significant events concerning Group Supply occurred during the month of September 1968.

a. A reinspection of Marine Wing Communications Squadron One Supply was conducted on 9 September 1968. Only those areas having major discrepancies on the initial inspection were reinspected. A grade of satisfactory with minor discrepancies was assigned. The squadron commander was briefed on the results of the reinspection.

b. An A&M inspection of H&HS-1 was conducted on 20 Sep 68. The following grades for supply were assigned.

- (1) Supply General - Satisfactory with minor discrepancies
- (2) Navy Supply - Satisfactory with minor discrepancies.
- (3) Marine Corps Supply - Satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

The squadron Commanding Officer was given a detailed briefing by the inspecting officers.

c. 1st Lt. J. W. Scott, MWCS-1 Materiel Officer was relieved by Capt. D. R. Hoffman on 27 Sep 68.

d. Supply - Transactions

(1) Marine Corps processed 1250 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 50%.

(2) Navy processed 2438 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 94%.

(3) Marine Corps processed 1400 excess items for turn-in.

(4) Navy processed 450 excess items for turn-in.

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*Appendix (3)*