

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 1-30 November 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

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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 Nov 1968
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Nov 1968
Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Nov 1968
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Nov 1968
11th Dental Company	DaNang, RVN	1-30 Nov 1968

Part I. Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	Col Thomas H. NICHOLS JR
Executive Officer	1 Nov 1968	Vacant
	2-30 Nov 1968	LtCol Rondell K. WOOD
Adjutant	1-30 Nov 1968	CWO-2 Ralph H. THIEMT
S-1	1-30 Nov 1968	Capt Alfred J. ENGLISH
S-2	1-30 Nov 1968	Maj Richard C. BAGLEY JR
S-3	1-30 Nov 1968	Maj Richard C. BAGLEY JR
S-4	1-30 Nov 1968	Maj Esta D. GRISSOM

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	LtCol Prentice A. LINDSAY
Executive Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	Maj John H. HEIM
Admin Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	1stLt Ronald J. PASCUAL

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	Maj Don J. OGDEN
Executive Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	1stLt Leo P. GAGNON
Admin Officer	1-14 Nov 1968	Vacant
	15-30 Nov 1968	1stLt Wayne E. FAULKNER

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	Maj Winston O. GOLLER
Executive Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	Maj Richard C. HOFFMAN
Admin Officer	1-18 Nov 1968	CWO-2 Floyd G. BINKLEY
	19-30 Nov 1968	Vacant

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	Capt Ward E. QUILTER
Executive Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	Capt Robert E. AUSTIN
Admin Officer	1-30 Nov 1968	Ltjg Dennis D. DAVID

2. Task Organization for the period 1-30 November 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 November 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 61	AG 103	NFO 9	11	528	21
MWCS-1	0	15	0	0	275	0
MWFS-1	2	4	0	0	137	0
11thDenCo	0	0	0	24	3	46
MWHG-1	63	122	9	35	943	67

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

During the month of November 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, An Hoa and Vandegrift Combat Base. 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), due to enemy activity, this Group was

in Condition #3 on all dates during the month of November except for 22 November. 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 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 November 1968. A re-inspection of the 11th Dental Company was conducted on 28 Nov 1968 and also, during the month of November, embarkation was inspected both on the Group and Squadron/Company level.

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

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Air Medal	8	6
Purple Heart Medal	1	

4. Casualties. There were no hostile casualties to personnel of this Group during the month of November 1968. A total of 8 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, horseshoes, weight lifting and intra-unit competition in football; 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 secured in the DaNang area, the China Beach recreation center continued operation for the enjoyment of all hands. The Group also utilized all regular R&R quotas during November 1968.

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

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative functions during November 1968, including an intelligence brief for the weekly Command Indoctrination Presentation, handling all matters pertaining to requesting security clearances and access for Group personnel and obtaining the daily G-2 briefing on significant events in I Corps. Two Top Secret Clearances, five Secret clearances and ten Interim Top Secret

clearances were granted, and access to MWHG-1 classified material was granted to nine personnel. Eleven background investigations were requested prior to granting Top Secret clearances and three National Agency Checks were requested prior to granting Secret clearances. Fourteen local records checks were made in conjunction with requesting investigations.

8. Ground Defense. All perimeter positions have been completed. Work is in progress to repair perimeter defensive wire and defoliating of the fence line.

9. Training. General Military Subjects 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 233 people attended GMST, 92 officers and enlisted men attended the Command Indoctrination presentation, held each Saturday morning. Technical Training was conducted by the squadrons at 4 hours per month for each MOS. Formal schools were attended by 2 officers and 3 enlisted personnel during November 1968.

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 1018 requisitions and Navy Property processed 1872 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 15% and 98% respectively for November 1968.

12. Base Development/Military Construction. The new "E" Club is 95% complete and the Wing Recreation Building is also 95% 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 9 Dec 1968

Appendix (2) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology of 7 Dec 1968

Civil Affairs Office
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1st Marine Air Wing FMF Pacific
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9 Dec. 1968

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

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of November

Ref: GruO 5750.1C

1. MWHG-1 Civic Action intensified its program of Personal Response in the month of November, including over two hundred (200) man hours of personal contact with the people of the village. Particular emphasis was made on getting to know personally as many people as possible in order to establish reliable friendships and intelligence sources. Our team has been reasonably successful and is recognized on sight by a great majority of the people. Several of the problems encountered in the area of Personal Response are the result of Marine activity in unauthorized areas on unofficial business. We have attempted to reconcile many complaints about Marines roaming through the village in search of marijuana and prostitutes. An incident involving a Vietnamese woman shot by one of our Marines is an example of the problem. Marine from the compound throwing rocks and other objects across the fence at civilian houses and children is also of increasing concern.
2. Personal Response to needy families included aid to a family whose house was destroyed by a rocket. Four Vietnamese civilians, including three children, were killed by the explosion. Construction projects increased with the initiation of three (3) housing projects and the planning of a new school. The housing phase is designed to help those Vietnamese suffering from hostile action. Those being helped include a woman whose house was destroyed during the August offensive, and a fifteen year old boy who lost his parents through terrorist activity.
3. Large turn outs have made Saturday afternoon movies for workers here on the compound an outstanding success. Side benefits of the program include improved Vietnamese - American relations and increased worker efficiency. The movies, in Vietnamese, are obtained on a loan basis from the VAA in Da Nang, and cover a variety of topics.
4. The MWHG-1 dispensary treated two thousand sixty five (2065) civilians for

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a variety of ailments. The dispensary continues to treat civilians six (6) days per week between 10:00 and 11:30 hours.

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Appendix (c)

OFFICE OF THE GROUP CHAPLAIN
 MARINE WING HEADQUARTERS GROUP - 1
 1st MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
 FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96602

19/JJN/jrs
 7 December 1968

From: Group Chaplain
 To: Commanding Officer (ATTN: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1C

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following information is submitted for inclusion in the Group Command Chronology.

PART I

a. Organizational Data:

Lt. J. J. Nolan, CHC, USN, Catholic, has served as Group-1 Chaplain since 18 October 1968. Wing Chaplain, Capt. R. H. Trower, CHC, USN and Wing Chaplain Administrative Assistant, LCDR. P. J. Everts, CHC, USN, assist in conducting Protestant services.

PART II

a. Narrative Summary:

During the month of November, the above mentioned Chaplains provided divine services daily, as required, for personnel of Protestant and Catholic faiths.

The Chaplain's ministry and allied activities are reflected in the following figures:

1) Divine Services:

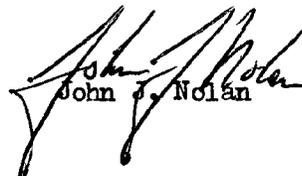
	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Total Services</u>	<u>Tot Att</u>
Catholic:	8	349	30	208	38	557
Protestant:	8	185	00	000	8	185
TOTALS:	16	537	30	208	46	742

2) Lectures

Indroctination 5 lectures 85 attendance

3) Pastoral Counselling 35

4) Hospital Calls 1


 John J. Nolan

Appendix (a)

Group Chaplain, MW-1

Nov 1968