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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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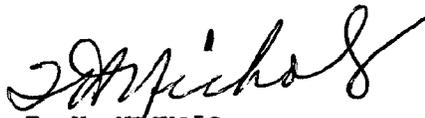
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (ATTN G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1968

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

Part I. Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	Col Thomas H. NICHOLS JR
Executive Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	LtCol Rondell K. WOOD
Adjutant	1-31 Dec 1968	CWO-2 Ralph H. THIEMT
S-1	1-31 Dec 1968	Capt Alfred J. ENGLISH
S-2/3	1-31 Dec 1968	Major Richard C. BAGLEY JR
S-4	1-5 Dec 1968	Major Esta D. GRISSOM
	6-31 Dec 1968	Major Frederick B. CRAIG

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	LtCol Prentice A. LINDSAY
Executive Officer	1-18 Dec 1968	Major John H. HELM
	19-31 Dec 1968	Vacant
AdminO	1-31 Dec 1968	1stLt William F. ELLIS

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	Major Don J. OGDEN
Executive Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	1stLt Leo P. GAGNON
AdminO	1-31 Dec 1968	1stLt Wayne E. FAULKNER

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-5 Dec 1968	Major Winston O. GOLLER
	6-31 Dec 1968	Major Esta D. GRISSOM
Executive Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	Major Richard C. HOFFMAN
AdminO	1-6 Dec 1968	Vacant
	7-28 Dec 1968	1stLt Ronald J. PASCUAL
	29-31 Dec 1968	Vacant

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	Capt Joseph G. CHUDZINSKI
Executive Officer	1-31 Dec 1968	Capt Robert E. AUSTIN
AdminO	1-31 Dec 1968	LTJG Dennis D. DAVID

2. Task Organization for the period 1-31 December 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 December 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 187	NFO 9	USN 12	535	22
MWCS-1	0	15	0	0	259	0
MWFS-1	2	4	0	0	138	0
11thDenCo	0	0	0	23	3	50
MWHG-1	63	206	9	35	935	72

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

During the month of December 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 support to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 1st Marine Division and the 3rd Marine Division at Danang, Monkey Mountain, Chu Lai, Phu Bai, Quang Tri, Dong Ha, An Hoa and Vandergrift Combat Base. Administrative support provided at Danang Air Base consisted of transportation, billeting, messing facilities, material, local area defense and recreation areas. Tango Sector Alpha (1st Marine Aircraft Wing Command Post) was in Defense Condition #3 or higher every night during the month except 3 December.

On the nights of 11, 12, and 30 December 1968 the Ground Defense Company was deployed for drill purposes. One round was received within the Compound during the period, on the morning of 24 December 1968. The result was 1 KIA, and 3 WIA.

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 workload 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 during the month of December 1968.

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

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	1	
Air Medal	5	4
Purple Heart Medal		1

4. Casualties. There were 3 Hostile Injuries, 1 Hostile Death, and no Non-Hostile Injuries to personnel of this Group during the month of December 1968.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Wing Special Services provided the Tango Sector Alpha Compound with many and various off-duty activities; handball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, basketball, weightlifting and Group as well as Wing participation in Flag Football. 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 USO's 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 R&R seat allocations and RON flights enabled personnel to relax out of country for several days.

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

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative functions during December 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. Seven Top Secret Clearances, Eight Secret Clearances and Eleven Interim Top Secret

clearances were granted. There were no personnel granted access to MWHG-1 classified material for the month of December 1968. Fourteen background investigations were requested prior to granting Top Secret Clearances and two National Agency Checks were requested prior to granting Secret Clearances. Sixteen local record 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 defoliate the fence line.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all Marines is held at the Group level each Friday morning. A total of 140 personnel attended GMST. A total of 55 officers and enlisted men attended the Command Indoctrination Presentation which is held each Saturday morning. Technical Training was conducted by the squadrons at four hours per month for each MOS. Formal schools were attended by 1 enlisted man for the month of December 1968.

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

11. Supply. The Supply Section conducted normal supply operations in support of the Group and the First Marine Aircraft Wing. The Marine Corps Property Section processed 1378 requisitions and the Navy Property Section processed 2569 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 81% and 98% respectively for December 1968.

12. Base Development/Military Construction. The new "E" Club is 96% operational and the Wing Recreation Building is 96% operational.

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 (B).

Part IV. Documentation

√ Appendix (A) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Civic Action Report of 8 Jan 1969

√ Appendix (B) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology of 2 Jan 1969.

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Part III

5. Civic Action

a. Civil Action continued to improve relations in the village of Hoa Phat during the Month of December. Meetings with Hamlet and Village Officials were rewarding and included discussions on security, sanitation, and trash removal. An initial attempt to clean up the area along Highway #1 failed due to lack of cooperation by local civilians. Success of the program will depend on the ability of the Village and Hamlet officials to control their own people.

b. Three (3) complaints from Vietnamese civilians living adjacent to the MWHG 1 compound were investigated. Two concerning Marines throwing rocks and other objects across the fence at civilians, and another involving an unknown Marine's involvement in a suspected house of prostitution. Prostitution continues to be a problem as it promotes bad Vietnamese/American relations, and provides capital for suspected VCI activities. As many as four (4) Marines in one day have been seen in the Hoa Phat (DogPatch) area.

c. Volunteer teachers continue to instruct English to Vietnamese at night. In December, three teachers taught a total of four hundred and thirty five (435) student hours.

APPENDIX A TO ENCLOSURE (1)

d. The MWHG 1 dispensary treated one thousand five hundred ninety two (1592) Vietnamese civilians during scheduled Med Caps six days per week. The 11th Dental Co. treated four hundred eleven (411) civilians.

e. Projects undertaken during the month included five (5) houses and the completion of a school in the village of Hoa Cuong.

f. A Christmas party for Vietnamese workers on the base was attended by over five hundred (500) people. A plaque was presented to all workers by Col. Nichols and accepted by the Vietnamese Lead Quartermaster, Mr. Ben. A tube of toothpaste and a tooth brush were distributed to all workers after the party.


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CAO MWHG 1

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19/JJN/jrs
 2 January 1969

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 December, 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:	15	556	30	423	45	979
Protestant:	10	284	2	86	12	370
TOTALS:	25	840	32	509	57	1349

2) Special Services:

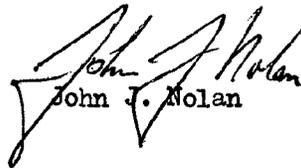
Christmas Combined Candlelight Service	102 Attendance
Memorial Mass at C Company, 1st MP Bn.	65 Attendance
Memorial Service at Wing Memorial Chapel	55 Attendance

The Chaplain, Primary-1

Dec 68

APPENDIX B TO ENCLOSURE (1)

- 3) Lectures:
Indoctrination 3 Lectures 60 Attendance
- 4) Pastoral Counselling: 40
- 5) Hospital Calls: 2
- 6) Noteworthy Items:
1. Attended dinner in honor of the Chief of Chaplains and Dr. Billy Graham.
 2. Assisted at Pontifical Mass offered by Archbishop Cooke, Military Vicar.
 3. Attended the monthly Day of Recollection for Catholic Chaplains in the I Corps area.
 4. Permanent electricity was added to the Chapel on 24 December.
 5. New draperies and carpet were purchased, and have enhanced the overall Chapel decor.


John J. Nolan