

## HEADQUARTERS

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

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From: Commanding Officer

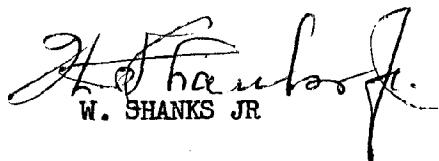
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 August 1969

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

Encl: (1) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One  
(2) Command Chronology, Headquarters and 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	1-31 Aug 1969
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-31 Aug 1969
Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-31 Aug 1969
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-31 Aug 1969
11th Dental Company	Danang, RVN	1-31 Aug 1969

Part I. Organizational Data1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Membersa. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Aug 1969	LtCol William SHANKS Jr
Executive Officer	1-5 Aug 1969	Vacant
Adjutant	6-31 Aug 1969	LtCol Edward J. GODFREY
S-1	1-31 Aug 1969	CWO Ralph H. THIEMT
S-2/S-3	1-31 Aug 1969	1stLt Peter P. COCONIS
S-4	1-31 Aug 1969	Maj Howard W. MEISSNER
		Maj William W. FITTS

b. Subordinate Units(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Aug 1969	Maj William R. SMITH
Executive Officer	1-31 Aug 1969	Maj Hardy R. STENNIS
Admin Officer	1-5 Aug 1969	CWO Frank HINGSTON
	6-31 Aug 1969	Vacant

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-19 Aug 1969	Maj Don J. OGDEN
	20-31 Aug 1969	Capt Leo P. GAGNON
Executive Officer	1-19 Aug 1969	Capt Leo P. GAGNON
	20-31 Aug 1969	Capt Gary S. KEE
Admin Officer	1-31 Aug 1969	1stLt Wayne E. FAULKNER

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Aug 1969	Maj Richard A. HUCKLE
Executive Officer	1-31 Aug 1969	Maj Donald E. ANDERSEN

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	1-31 Aug 1969	Capt Van L. JOHNSON Jr
Executive Officer	1-31 Aug 1969	Cmdr P. E. BARROW
Admin Officer	1-31 Aug 1969	Ltjg M. J. KERN

2. Task Organization for the period 1-31 August 1969

<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 the period 1-31 August 1969

<u>OFFICERS</u>				<u>ENLISTED</u>		
<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
H&HS-1	NA 69	AG 126	NFO 12	9	648	34
MWCS-1	0	14	0	0	258	0
MWFS-1	2	4	0	0	155	0
11thDenCo	0	0	0	24	4	44
MWHG-1	71	144	12	33	1065	78

## 4. Important Visitors to this Command: N/A

Part II. Narrative Summary

During the month of August 1969, 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 command administrative communications for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters and air control communications for the Tactical Air Direction Center. Tango Sector Alpha was in defense condition #3 every night during the month of August 1969. No enemy rounds were received in the compound during this period.

Part III. Significant Events

1. Personnel. The Group continues to be over the approved T/O, but well below the provisional T/O. Because of the size of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the accompanying workload in the Wing Headquarters requires 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 August 1969.

3. Awards. The following awards were presented during the month of August 1969.

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	1	
Navy Achievement Medal		2
Air Medal	12	5
Purple Heart Medal		6

4. Casualties. There was one (1) non hostile injury during the month of August 1969.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Wing Special Services provided the Headquarters Group Compound with many and various activities; handball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, basketball, weightlifting and the Group as well as Wing offered entertaining floor shows and happy hours several times throughout the month. The China Beach and Golden Gate USO's supplemented the aforementioned activities. Although liberty remains secure 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 are outlined in Appendix (A).

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative support during the month of August 1969, including an Intelligence Brief for the 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.

8. Ground Defense. Eleven (11) patrols were conducted in the villages surrounding the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters Compound during the month of August 1969. Nothing of significance was discovered. The annual A&M inspection of Ground Defense was conducted by the Wing Inspection team on 8 and 9 August 1969.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted Marines is held at the Group level each Wednesday morning with the same subjects being presented again Thursday afternoon. A total of 567 personnel attended GMST during the month. A total of 43 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination Presentation which is held bi-monthly. A total of 42 Marines of the Group FAM fired their T/O weapons. The Drug Abuse Indoctrination was attended by 20 Marines and 42 Marines went through the Gas Chamber Exercise. Formal Schools were attended by 3 officers and 16 enlisted personnel during the month of August 1969. Technical training was conducted by the squadrons at four hours per month per MOS. The annual A&M inspection of Operations and Training was conducted by the Wing Inspection team on 8 and 9 August 1969.

10. Maintenance. The Utilities Section completed renovation of the Commanding General's quarters; started building meat break-out room and butcher shop in the "E" Mess; installed concertina wire around the USO; re-wired the new Legal office; partitioned off the Disbursing Building, and build tables and benches for the travel section. They received 112 work orders and completed 143; 31 of which were from July and 4 were referred to Public Works.

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

12. Supply. The Supply Section conducted normal supply operations in support of the Group and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. The Marine Corps Property Section processed 2372 requisitions and Navy Property processed 2805 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 90% and 99% respectively for August 1969.

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

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 Command Chronology of 5 Sep 1969

/Appendix (B) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology of 10 Sep 1969

CIVIC ACTION OFFICE  
 Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
 FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96602

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 5 September 1969

From: Civic Action Officer  
 To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for the Month of August 1969

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D

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

PART III

2. Civic Action.

a. A seventeen year old Vietnamese girl taken to NSA Hospital for a kidney stone operation during the last week in July underwent surgery on 15 August. Post-operative condition listed as good.

b. Mr. Vo Huu, the Phuoc Tuong Hamlet Chief, was taken to the German Hospital Ship for minor treatment and released.

c. Personnel. 1st Lt. L.A. QUAVE was reassigned as the MWHG-1 CAO to replace 1st Lt. C.M. SHOEMAKER on 11 August. Sgt. L. BUCHMANN was relieved as the CA NCO. S/Sgt. V.R. NOCON was joined as the CA SNCOIC on 25 August while Cpl. R.W. LONSDALE was transferred and replaced by LCpl. J.A. WENDEL.

d. Two children of a Phuoc Tuong school teacher were treated for bronchial pneumonia at MWHG-1 MEDCAP. One child was transferred to the FLC Childrens' Hospital on 15 August for further treatment and released on 25 August. Condition of both children is considered as "cured".

e. A letter requesting permission for this office to live in the Phuoc Tuong Hamlet Civic Action Office presently under construction was submitted to the C.O., MWHG-1. After a visit to the office site in the hamlet, the C.O. gave a favorable endorsement on 23 August. A letter was drafted for submission to the CG, 1st MAW for final approval. Final outcome is pending.

f. On 25 August, a Vietnamese woman (Ho Thi My) requested financial assistance for medical payments for treatment of a gun shot wound to her daughter (Tran Thi Vy) occurring on 29 April 1969. Since a solatium payment for this incident was made and the case closed on 2 May 1969, it

APPENDIX (A)

was explained to the mother of the injured girl that additional payment could not be made. It was suggested, however, that she bring the child to MEDCAP for free treatment to alleviate the financial burden. The woman did not seem pleased with the situation and as of this reporting date has made no further contact with this office.

g. MEDCAP treatments to Vietnamese civilians for the month of August exceeded 1400.

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 10 September 1969

From: MWHG-1 Chaplain  
 To: Commanding Officer, MWHG-1 (Attn S-3)  
 Subj: Group Command Chronology for August 1969  
 Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1D of 21 December 1968

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

a. Divine Services Conducted in MWHG-1

	Sun	Att	Weekd	Att	TotSer	TotAtt
Protestant	5	315	-	-	5	315
Catholic	10	463	24	220	34	683
Episcopal	5	41	-	-	5	41
Lutheran	5	36	-	-	5	36
LDS (LL)	5	21	-	-	5	21
	30	876	24	220	54	1096

b. Other Religious Activities

(1) Protestant

(a)	24 Counselling Sessions	24 Attendance
(b)	Five (5) LDS Studies	12 Attendance
(c)	Five (5) Choir Rehearsals	42 Attendance
(d)	Five (5) Bible Discussions	37 Attendance
(e)	Four (4) AA Meetings	14 Attendance
(f)	Six (6) Religious Films	22 Attendance
(g)	One (1) Lay Leaders Meeting	4 Attendance

c. Presentations made by Chaplain in Training Program

(1) Protestant

(a)	Two Indoctrination Lectures	68 Attendance
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APPENDIX (B)

d. Activities, Gifts, ect. in Vietnamese Communities

## (1) Protestant

- (a) PROJECT ENGLISH: 26 classes were taught by 24 Marine teachers to 1405 Vietnamese students.
- (b) DADS FOR KIDS: Made five (5) trips to China Beach Orphanage took 43 Marines.
- (c) Took one child to China Beach Orphanage at Grandmother's request.
- (d) PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP: Presented one scholarship.
- (e) \$24.50 worth of Health and Comfort items to 5th ARVN Hospital.

e. Meetings Attended

## (1) Protestant

- (a) Attended two (2) Commanding Officer's Conferences.
- (b) Attended one (1) Chaplains Colloquy.
- (c) Attended one (1) meeting of chaplains at Red Beach.

f. Hospital and Brig Visits

- (a) One (1) hospital visit. Saw four (4) patients.



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Copy to Wing Chaplain

APPENDIX (B)