

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 the period 1-30 September 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  
✓(6) Command Chronology, Civic Action  
✓(7) Command Chronology, Chaplain

1. As required by the provisions of reference (a), Command Chronologies for this Headquarters and each subordinate unit are submitted as enclosures (1) through (7).

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

<u>Designation</u>	PART I	<u>Location</u>	<u>Period</u>
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One		Danang, RVN	1-30 Sep 1969
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One		Danang, RVN	1-30 Sep 1969
Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One		Danang, RVN	1-30 Sep 1969
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One		Danang, RVN	1-30 Sep 1969
11th Dental Company		Danang, RVN	1-30 Sep 1969

Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-30 Sep 1969	Col William SHANKS JR
Executive Officer	1-30 Sep 1969	LtCol Edward J. GODFREY
Adjutant	1-30 Sep 1969	CWO Ralph H. THIEMT
S-1	1-12 Sep 1969	1stLt Peter P. COCONIS
	13-30 Sep 1969	Vacant
S-2/S-3	1-30 Sep 1969	Major Howard W. MEISSNER
S-4	1-30 Sep 1969	Major William W. FITTS

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-30 Sep 1969	Major William R. SMITH
Executive Officer	1-30 Sep 1969	Major Hardy R. STENNIS
Admin Officer	1-30 Sep 1969	Vacant

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-11 Sep 1969	Capt Leo P. GAGNON
	12-30 Sep 1969	Major Allen B. RAY
Executive Officer	1-11 Sep 1969	Capt Gary S. KEE
	12-24 Sep 1969	Capt Leo P. GAGNON
	24-30 Sep 1969	Capt Frederick A. LORENTSEN
Admin Officer	1-30 Sep 1969	1stLt Wayne E. FAULKNER

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-30 Sep 1969	Major Richard A. HUCKLE
Executive Officer	1-30 Sep 1969	Major Donald E. ANDERSEN

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	1-30 Sep 1969	Capt Van L. JOHNSON JR
Executive Officer	1-30 Sep 1969	Cmdr P. E. BARROW
Admin Officer	1-30 Sep 1969	Ltjg M. J. KERN

2. Task Organization for the period 1-30 September 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 1-30 Sep 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 67	AG 126	NFO 12	10	647	24
MWCS-1	0	20	0	0	254	0
MWFS-1	2	3	0	0	156	0
11thDenCo	0	0	0	24	4	44
MWHG-1	69	149	12	34	1061	68

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

## PART II

Narrative Summary

During the month of September 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 September 1969. One (1) enemy round was received in the compound during this period on the morning of 6 Sep 1969 causing minor damage to a blast wall and the Officers Mess/Club.

## 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 September 1969.

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

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Bronze Star Medal	1	
Navy Commendation Medal		2
Air Medal	8	4
Purple Heart Medal		5

4. Casualties. There were two (2) non hostile injuries during the month of September 1969.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Wing Special Services provided the Headquarters Group Compound with many and various off duty 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 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 are outlined in enclosure (6).

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative support during the month of September 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 September 1969. Nothing of significance was discovered.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted Marines is held at the Group level each Wednesday afternoon with the same subjects being presented again Thursday afternoon. A total of 917 personnel attended GMST during the month. A total of 79 officers and enlisted attended Command Indoctrination which is held bi-monthly. A total of 79 Marines of the Group FAM fired their T/O weapons and went through the Gas Chamber Exercise. Formal schools were attended by 6 enlisted personnel during the month of September 1969. Technical training was conducted by the squadrons at four hours per month per MOS.

10. Maintenance. The Utilities Section finished installing concertina wire around the buildings in the compound; finished partitions in the CG's conference room; retaped hot electrical wires in the "O" Mess and replaced the revetment wall around BOQ #3 which was damaged by a rocket on the morning of 6 Sep 1969. They received 170 work orders, completed 168 and referred 2 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 3553 requisitions and Navy Property processed 1397 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 79% and 97.5% respectively for September 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; enclosure (7).

#### PART IV

#### Chronology of Subordinate Commands

1. Command Chronologies for subordinate units of this command are attached hereto as indicated:

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One - enclosure (2)  
 Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One - enclosure (3)  
 Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One - enclosure (4)  
 11th Dental Company - enclosure (5)

CIVIC ACTION OFFICE  
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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8 October 1969

From: Civic Action Officer  
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for the Month of September 1969

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D

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

PART III

2. Civic Action

a. A meeting was held on 2 Sept. with the Phuoc Tuong Hamlet Chief to discuss the planned Hamlet project of constructing a public school and Hamlet office. The Hamlet Chief had requested permission to build a hamlet office "a few months ago" for which Hoa Vang District supplied 50 bags of cement and 30 sheets of roofing tin. Since no lumber was supplied for the project, the Chief had sold some of the cement for \$VN 10,000, which he still has, to buy lumber which is not easily obtained. He has asked the Civic Action Office for assistance in this matter. This Office has agreed to assist in this project upon the completion of the Civic Action Center presently under construction.

b. A 17-year old Vietnamese girl from Phuoc Tuong Hamlet was released from NSA Hospital on 2 Sept. following a kidney stone operation.

c. A short synopsis of the purposes of Civic Action was explained as a portion of the bi-monthly Command Indoctrination Lecture given on 6 Sept.

d. A baby was brought to MWHG-1 MedCAP and transferred to NSA Hospital for treatment of congenital deformities of the eyes on 6 Sept.

e. At about 0200H, 6 Sept., two houses in Phuoc Tuong Hamlet received 122mm rocket damage. One house and four around it were damaged by shrapnel but there was little blast damage since the round hit a tree as an "air burst". Two (2) Vietnamese nationals were killed, and twelve (12) injured. The second house and two near it received shrapnel damage but little blast damage as the round hit 5 feet short of the house with most of the shrapnel being absorbed by a nearby lumber stack. No injuries. Discounting the deaths and injuries, neither house was sufficiently damaged to provide good psychological operations (psy-ops) material.

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f. A 7-year old Vietnamese boy was shot and killed, supposedly by a VNAF, in the Hamlet of Phuoc Tuong on 7 Sept. Consultation with the Hamlet Chief established that no action is required or should be taken by this Office.

g. School supplies from the "Square and Compass Club" at Freedom Hill were given to the Phuoc Tuong Elementary School on 8 Sept. The gifts were received by the Hamlet Chief and school principal. Civic Action coordinated the arrangements for the occasion.

h. On 8 Sept., Phuoc Tuong Hamlet received permission and supplies from Hoa Vang District to build another public school. Supplies received included 170 bags of cement and 70 sheets of roofing tin.

i. A 55 min. class on "Vietnamese History and Culture Customs" was given on 10 Sept. with an attendance of 81 Marines.

j. The Civic Action Officer attended the 1st MAW Civil Affairs meeting at the MWHG-1 Officers' Club on 10 Sept. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming District Civil Affairs Conference on 16 Sept.

k. The mother and grandmother of a little girl being cared for at the China Beach Orphanage were taken to the orphanage for a visit on 12 Sept.

l. On 14 Sept. Vietnamese newspapers were distributed in the Hamlet of Phuoc Tuong.

m. A meeting with the Hamlet Chief on 15 Sept. was held in order to forward applications to ten (10) applicants for the Gen. WALT Scholarship Program. Civic Action was also informed that Quang Nam Province has given a television and generator power supply to the Hamlet for community use.

n. The Civic Action Officer from this Office attended the meeting of officials of Hoa Vang District on 16 Sept. The major topic discussed was the 1969 Village Self-Development Program. Phuoc Tuong Hamlet has been allocated a fund of \$VN 100,000, minus \$VN 20,000 for a village market to be built, for certain projects. Projects are presently being considered by the Hamlet government for utilization of the funds.

o. On 20 Sept., the province/hamlet government structure was explained as a part of the bi-monthly Command Indoctrination Lecture.

p. Gen. WALT Scholarship applications were received from the Hamlet Chief. The forms are being processed by this Office.

q. A Personal Response class was held on 25 Sept. with an attendance of 30 Marines.

ENCLOSURE (6)

r. Conduct of Marines in the presence of Vietnamese nationals, Gifts to Vietnamese nationals, and a Vietnamese Personal Response Survey were discussed at the monthly meeting of the Personal Response Council on 29 Sept.

s. PFC L.J. MCGINNIS was joined to the Civic Action Office on 30 Sept.

t. Construction on the Phuoc Tuong Hamlet Civic Action Center continued throughout the month of September.

u. Vietnamese MedCAP patients to the MWHG-1 Dispensary numbered 1418 for the month of September.

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10 October 1969

From: Chaplain, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
(Attn S-3)

Subj: Group Command Chronology for September 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	4	243	-	-	4	243
Catholic	8	399	16	111	24	510
Episcopal	4	50	-	-	4	50
Lutheran	4	30	-	-	4	30
LDS (LL)	3	13	-	-	3	13
	<u>23</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>846</u>

b. Divine Services Conducted outside MWHG-1

	Sun	Att	Weekd	Att	TotSer	TotAtt
MASS-3	1	5	-	-	1	5
AFVN Radio	-	-	6	-	6	-

c. Other Religious Activities

(a) Counsellled seven (7) Marines.	
(b) Four (4) LDS Studies	Attendance 4
(c) One (1) Protestant/Catholic Retreat	Attendance 50
(d) Three (3) Choir Rehearsals	Attendance 19
(e) Two (2) Religious Films	Attendance 8
(f) Three (3) AA Meetings	Attendance 16
(g) Rosh Hashana at Air Force	Attendance 2

ENCLOSURE (7)

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SEP 1969

d. Presentations made by Chaplain in Training Program

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| a. Two (2) Indoctrination Lectures | Attendance 60 |
| b. One (1) Drug Abuse Lecture      | Attendance 50 |

e. Activities, gifts, ect. in Vietnamese Communities

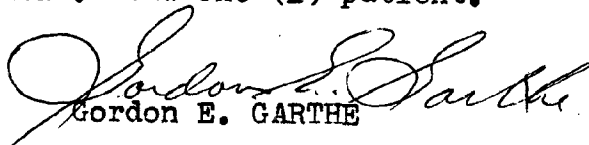
- a. \*PROJECT ENGLISH; 17 Marines taught 1141 Vietnamese children conversational english in 20 classes.
- b. \*DADS FOR KIDS: Made five (5) trips to China Beach orphanage took 45 Marines.
- c. Arranged for Wing Band to play at China Beach Orphanage. At the first of the projected monthly concerts 20 Marines heard the Wing Band play to 250 children.
- d. Visited orphanage with MEDCAP.
- e. \*PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP: Three (3) children are now sponsored by Marines from MWHG-1 at \$5.20 per month.

f. Meetings Attended

- a. Attended two (2) Commanding Officer's Meetings
- b. Attended TII MAF Meeting to discuss liberty.
- c. Attended three Chaplain's Colloquys.
- d. Attended one (1) Personal Response Meeting.
- e. Attended Chapel dedication at MWSG-17.
- f. Attended hail and farewell for Wing Chaplains Duncan and Trower.
- g. Attended one (1) Change of Command H&HS-1
- h. Had meetings with various officals in Saigon, Can Tho, and Pleiku to investigate the feasibility of opening Danang for liberty.

g. Hospital and Brig Visits

One (1) Hospital visit. Saw one (1) patient.

  
Gordon E. GARTHE

copy to: Wing Chaplain  
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ENCLOSURE (7)

## MWHG-1 CHRISTIAN ACTION PROJECTS WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

## 1. PROJECT ENGLISH

This is an English teaching activity in Father Loi's Roman Catholic School in the Hamlet of Phoung Toung, Villa ge of Hoa Phat. Classes are taught by Marines from MWHG-1 under the direction of CySgt. Hilton from Communications Maintenance. Presently there are eight Marine teachers involved and they are teaching in excess of 270 Vietnamese children per week. The classes are held on Tuesday and Saturday mornings between the hours of 0800-1200. All teachers are volunteers.

## 2. DADS FOR KIDS

This project, presently under the direction of Sgt. Wade from the Wing Inspector's Office, is an attempt to gain support for the orphans at the China Beach Orphanage. Visits are made to the orphanage at least once per week (Transportation leaves from the chapel on Sunday at 1400.) so that sponsors may see and become better acquainted with their children. Ten dollars (converted into piasters) per month completely supports the sponsored child and the funds are handled through the United World Relief office in downtown Danang. In addition to financial support, other activities have sprung up to assist this cause. Several of our Marines have gone out to the orphanage to repair playground equipment and to paint. In addition, the Medical Department has been making regular Medcaps to this establishment on Thursday afternoons.

## 3. PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP

With the many children unable to go to school here in Vietnam due to financial need, the chaplain's office contacted NSA Civic Action and learned that we could provide funds for needs of this nature through their office. NSA has for some time been screening children for educational need and now has provided more than 250 children with an education. They have many more names but need funds. NSA arranges for a presentation ceremony at the school, provides an 8" x 10" picture of sponsor and child and a certificate of appreciation for the sponsor. Occasional parties for sponsors and children can also be arranged. Presently only three sponsors have been found within our Group. Sgt. Nickel of the Wing Chaplain's Office is directing this particular project.

ENCLOSURE (7)