

HEADQUARTERS
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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 the period 1-30 November 1969
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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 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

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MWHG-1

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

PART I

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

Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Commanding Officer | 1-10 Nov 1969 | Col William SHANKS Jr |
| | 11-30 Nov 1969 | Col Laurence J. STLEN |
| Executive Officer | 1-30 Nov 1969 | ItCol Edward J. GODFREY |
| Adjutant | 4-30 Nov 1969 | WO-1 George D. KREBS |
| S-1 | 1-30 Nov 1969 | Capt Thomas M. ANDERSON |
| S-2/S-3 | 1-30 Nov 1969 | Maj William B. WILSON |
| S-4 | 1-16 Nov 1969 | Maj WILLIAM W. FITTS |
| | 19-30 Nov 1969 | Capt Marvin L. CREEL |

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Commanding Officer | 1-30 Nov 1969 | Maj Henry F. WITTER |
| Executive Officer | 1-30 Nov 1969 | Maj Thomas L. WATKINS |
| Admin Officer | 1-30 Nov 1969 | CWO Ronald A. GIROUARD |

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

| | | |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Commanding Officer | 1-30 Nov 1969 | Maj Allen B. RAY |
| Executive Officer | 1-30 Nov 1969 | Capt F. A. LORENTSEN |
| Admin Officer | 1-30 Nov 1969 | Vacant |

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer 1-30 Nov 1969 LtCol Norbert F. SCHNIPPEL
 Executive Officer 1-30 Nov 1969 Maj Donald E. ANDERSEN

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer 1-30 Nov 1969 Capt Van L. JOHNSON Jr
 Executive Officer 1-30 Nov 1969 Cdr P. E. BARROW
 Admin Officer 1-30 Nov 1969 Ltjg M. J. KERN

2. Task Organization for the period 1-30 November 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 Nov 1969

| <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 53 | AG 107 | NFO 6 | 10 | 616 | 30 |
| MWCS-1 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 270 | 0 |
| MWFS-1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 153 | 0 |
| 11thDenCo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 4 | 40 |
| MWHG-1 | 55 | 123 | 6 | 33 | 1043 | 70 |

4. Important Visitors to this Command: N/A

PART II

Narrative Summary

During the month of November 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 November 1969. No enemy rounds were received in the compound during the month.

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 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 November 1969.

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

| <u>AWARD</u> | <u>OFFICER</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Silver Star | 1 | |
| Bronze Star | 1 | |
| Navy Achievement Medal | 1 | 5 |
| Navy Commendation Medal | | 2 |
| Air Medal | 10 | 3 |
| Purple Heart Medal | 1 | 1 |

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

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Wing Special Services provided the Headquarters Group Compound with many off-duty activities including handball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, basketball and weightlifting. The Group as well as Wing offered entertaining floor shows and happy hours several times throughout the month. The China Beach, Freedom Hill 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 November 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. Eight patrols were conducted in the villages surrounding the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters Compound during the month of November 1969. Nothing of significance was discovered.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted Marines is held at the Group level each Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. A total of 409 personnel attended GMST during the month. A total of 29 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination Presentation which is held bi-monthly and a total of 52 Marines of the Group FAM fired their T/O weapon and went through the Gas Chamber Exercise. Formal schools were attended by 2 personnel during the month of November 1969. Technical Training was conducted by the squadrons at four hours per month per MOS.

10. Maintenance. The Utilities Section installed a new boiler in the "E" Mess, installed railing on the steam line in the "O" Mess, built partitions in the Comptrollers office and constructed a base antenna for MWCS-1.

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 1809 requisitions and Navy Property processed 2162 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 65% and 98.4% respectively for the month of November 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:

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|---------------|
| <i>Subordinate ref</i> | { | 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) |

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 6 December 1969

From: Civic Action Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One (Attn: S-3)
 Subj: Command Chronology for the Month of November 1969
 Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D

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

PART III

2. Civic Action

a. MWHG-1 Civic Action received two (2) pigs - a boar and a sow - about four months old on 3 Nov from 1st Tank Bn. S-5. Both are in good health after being inoculated for "worms" during the week of 7-13 Nov. An additional four (4) two month old female pigs were bought and transported from Saigon to Civic Action on 28 Nov and were inoculated the next morning for general disease protection. Wet garbage for pig food is being obtained from the MWHG-1 Enlisted Mess. No difficulties were experienced in raising the six (6) pigs during the month of November.

b. The slippery, wooden floors in the pig pens were replaced during the last week in November by concrete floors and the pens remodeled to give more room to the animals.

c. Chickens (240) for the demonstration project were received on 5 Nov and were given medicine for treatment of "Newcastle" disease on 9 Nov. At the time the chickens were transferred from the brooder to the chicken coop on 28 Nov, 221 chickens (92%) were still alive and healthy. Of the 19 "missing" chickens, 8 had died and 11 were unaccounted for (possibly stolen). No unusual problems have been experienced in raising the chickens during the month of November.

d. Plumbing and cabinets were installed in the MedCAP room of the Civic Action Center on 6 Nov, making the room ready for use, but MedCAP services have not been started due to ~~complications with the~~ Medical Dept. *the heavy commitments of the*

e. On 8 Nov GySgt NGUYEN VAN HOA was reassigned to MWHG-1 Civic Action as an interpreter.

ENCLOSURE (6)

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f. A Command Indoctrination Lecture was given on 8 Nov to include Civic Action, Personal Response, and gifts to Vietnamese Nationals.

g. A meeting was held with the Phuoc Tuong Hamlet Chief on 10 Nov to discuss the relocation of the RD Cadre "guard house"--which has been approved--and the status on reconstruction of Phuoc Tuong School, damaged after the 1st MAW ammo dump exploded in April 1969. On 15 Nov, 16' lengths of 2x6 lumber (66 pieces) were given to the school for the construction of rafters for the building in addition to the lumber provided for the construction of school furniture which was built at the Civic Action Center by the Vietnamese people. On 30 Nov, Civic Action provided barbed wire for a fence for the school.

h. On 13 Nov, General WALT Scholarships were given to ten (10) children attending Phuoc Tuong School. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$VN 500 for nine months commencing with the month of September.

i. A new concept in teaching sewing and giving away clothing was instituted by MWHG-1 Civic Action during the month of Nov. Rather than simply give away clothing that has been donated from U.S. sources, 25 Vietnamese nationals per week come to the Civic Action Center to be fitted for a garment, after which the 15 girl students in the Civic Action sewing class alter and tailor the clothing before giving the item to the individual a week later. Simultaneously, the girls learn to sew and provide fitted clothing for their hamlet neighbors.

j. Fill dirt was provided by Civic Action during the week of 14-20 Nov to grade the dirt road next to the Civic Action Center after the road had been washed out by improper drainage.

k. On 25 Nov, steel culvert materials were given to the hamlet for use in various water drainage projects being carried on throughout the hamlet.

l. Construction was begun on 26 Nov on a room being added to the present Civic Action Center. This room will be used for troop space with the present troops' quarters to be used for a dining and living room.

m. LCpl B.M. KILRAIN was transferred on 22 Nov and PFC L.J. MCGINNIS was transferred on 29 Nov, from MWHG-1 Civic Action. Cpl J.A. WENDEL was promoted to his present rank on 10 Nov.

n. Vietnamese MedCAP patients treated at the MWHG-1 Dispensary for the month of November numbered 924.

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 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One
 Subj: Group Command Chronology for November 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 | Wkdy | Att | TotSer | TotAtt |
|------------|-----|-----|------|-----|--------|--------|
| Protestant | 4 | 203 | 1 | 55 | 5 | 258 |
| Catholic | 8 | 308 | 22 | 114 | 30 | 422 |
| Episcopal | 4 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 49 |
| Lutheran | 4 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 33 |
| LDS (LL) | 4 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 22 |
| TOTAL | 21 | 606 | 27 | 178 | 51 | 794 |

b. Other Religious Activities

- (1) Counselling 39 Marines
- (2) 12 AA Meetings Attendance 45
- (3) 8 Choir Rehearsals Attendance 85
- (4) 1 PROJECT ENGLISH Meeting Attendance 7
- (5) 4 Visits to Orphanages Attendance 32
- (6) 1 China Beach Retreat
- (7) 1 Chaplains Corps Anniversary Dinner

c. Presentations made by Chaplain in Training Program

- (1) 1 Moral Guidance Lecture Attendance 175
- (2) 1 Indoctrination Lecture Attendance 37

CHAPLAIN OFFICE - MWHG-1

CMDR CHAPLAIN

NOV 1969

ENCLOSURE (7)

d. Activities, Gifts, etc. in Vietnamese Communities

- (1) DADS FOR KIDS - 49 children are now sponsored. Took 43 Marines to China Beach Orphanage in 4 trips.
- (2) PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP - 6 children are now being sponsored by members of this Command.
- (3) PROJECT ENGLISH - 1179 children taught in 21 classes by 25 Marines.
- (4) Arranged for trip to Hong Kong to purchase sweaters for China Beach Orphanage.
- (5) Donated:
 - (a) 250 lbs. clothing to China Beach Orphanage.
 - (b) Arranged for MED-CAPS to resume at China Beach Orphanage. Held one MED-CAP.
 - (c) Arranged for medical supplies to be given to China Beach Orphanage.
 - (d) 50 lbs. clothing and other miscellaneous health and comfort items to Christian Missionary Alliance.
 - (e) 100 health and comfort items to Sacred Heart Orphanage.

e. Meetings Attended

- (1) Attended 4 Commanding Officer's Meetings
- (2) Attended 1 Human Relations Meeting

f. Hospital and Brig Visits

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| (1) 3 Hospital visits | 3 Patients |
| (2) 2 Brig visits | 2 Prisoners |

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ENCLOSURE (7)