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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One
✓(2) Command Chronology, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One } FILED
✓(3) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Communications Squadron One } SEP
✓(4) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One
✓(5) Command Chronology, 11th Dental Company
✓(6) Command Chronology, Civic Action
✓(7) Command Chronology, Chaplain

1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Mar 1970 to 31 Mar 1970

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ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

COMMANDER

Col Laurence J. STIEN
1 Mar 1970 - 31 Mar 1970

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One

Maj William S. HUMBERT
1 Mar 1970 - 31 Mar 1970

Marine Wing Communications Squadron One

Maj Allen B. RAY
1 Mar 1970 - 31 Mar 1970

Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One

LtCol Norbert F. SCHNIPPEL
1 Mar 1970 - 12 Mar 1970

11th Dental Company

Maj William E. DODDS
13 Mar 1970 - 31 Mar 1970
Capt Van L. JOHNSON Jr
1 Mar 1970 - 31 Mar 1970

2. LOCATION

1-31 March: Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

Executive Officer

1-31 Mar 1970 LtCol Edward J. GODFREY

Adjutant

1-15 Mar 1970 WO-1 George D. KREBS

16-31 Mar 1970 1stLT Ronald Y. ISA

S-1

1-31 Mar 1970 Capt Mel B. NOLLEY

S-2/S-3

1-12 Mar 1970 Maj William E. DODDS

13-31 Mar 1970 1stLT Charles R. ALLEN

S-4

1-31 Mar 1970 Capt Marvin L. CREEL

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One

Executive Officer

1-23 Mar 1970 Maj Thomas L. WATKINS

24-31 Mar 1970 Maj Dale L. TINSLEY

Admin Officer

1-31 Mar 1970 CWO-2 Ronald A. GIROUARD

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron One

Executive Officer 1-31 Mar 1970 Capt Frederick A. LORENTSMAN

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One

Executive Officer 1-31 Mar 1970 Maj Billy G. PHILLIPS

(4) 11th Dental Company

Executive Officer 1-31 Mar 1970 Cdr Paul E. BARROW

Admin Officer 1-31 Mar 1970 Ltjg M. J. KERN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN		OTHER	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
HR&HS-1	167	577	8	30	0	0
MVCS-1	11	240	0	0	0	0
MWFS-1	7	150	0	0	0	0
11th-	0	4	23	42	0	0
DenCo						
MWHG-1	185	971	31	72	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of March 1970, 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 March 1970. No enemy rounds were received in the compound during this period.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF 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 March 1970.

3. Awards. The following awards were presented during the month of March 1970.

- 1 USMC Officer received a Certificate signed by the Secretary of the Navy
- 2 USMC Enlisted received a Certificate of Commendation
- 4 USMC Officers were awarded the Strike/Flight Air Medal Award
- 1 USMC Enlisted was awarded the Strike/Flight Air Medal Award
- 1 USMC Officer was awarded a Letter of Appreciation
- 1 USMC Enlisted was awarded a Letter of Appreciation
- 1 USMC Officer was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal
- 1 USMC Enlisted was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"
- 1 USMC Enlisted was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal
- 1 USMC Enlisted was awarded the Combat Aircrew Insignia

4. Casualties. There were (4) non-hostile casualties during the month of March 1970. There was (1) hostile casualty resulting in the death of: LtCol G. W. WARD 059520/7051.

5. Morale and 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 RCN flights enabled personnel to relax out of country for several days.

6. Civic Action. Details of the MWNG-1 Civic Action Program are outlined in enclosure (6).

7. Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative support during the month of March 1970; 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 I Corps.

8. Ground Defense. No patrols were conducted during the month of March 1970.

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 178 personnel attended GMST during the month. A total of 83 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination Presentation and a total of 92 Marines of the Group FAN fired their T/O weapon and went through the Gas Chamber Exercise. Formal schools were attended by 5 Marines of the Group during March 1970. Technical training was conducted by the squadrons at four hours per month per MOS.
10. Maintenance. The Utilities Section installed six floodlights in the Motor Transport parking lot; ran a water line to the patio at the P. K.; constructed a backstop for a golf ball driving rang near the Chief of Staff trailer; replaced three heating elements in the steam line at the Officers' Mess; constructed a guard shack at the side gate going into the C. G.'s area by Wing G-2; and one hundred fifty-five mount-out boxes were constructed for the various squadrons and sections in MMHG-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 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. The Marine Corps Property Section processed 1,361 requisitions and Navy Property processed 1,575 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 98% and 99% respectively for March 1970.
13. Communications. See Part III paragraph 5 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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

/ Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One
 / Marine Wing Communications Squadron One
 / Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One
 / 11th Dental Company

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 Enclosure (5) }

CIVIC ACTION OFFICE
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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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46:LAQ:laq
5750
9 April 1970

From: Civic Action Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for the Month of March 1970
Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D

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

PART III

2. Civic Action

a. On 2 Mar, General WALT Scholarship funds were distributed to the ten recipients of the Scholarships.

b. On the afternoon of 4 Mar, a white phosphorous rocket dropped from a "Cobra" gunship into Phuoc Tuong Hamlet. EOD investigated, disarmed, and removed the ordnance from the area. There was no damage or injuries as a result of the incident.

c. Construction was started on a new brooder capable of housing 200 chickens on 5 Mar and was completed 2 weeks later. On 13 Mar, 50 baby chicks were received as the start of a second chicken raising project, 12 of which died by 31 Mar. An egg incubator which will be used in a forthcoming chicken egg hatching project was turned on for a "system check" on 2 Mar. After minor adjustments, the incubator worked perfectly during the entire month of March.

d. On 19 Mar, the Hamlet had a "campaign" for the election of village officials at the Hamlet community center. On 22 Mar, elections were held at Phuoc Tuong School. U.S. military personnel did not participate in the election in any way.

e. MajGen THRASH inspected the MWHG-1 Civic Action Center at 1600 on 20 Mar. All projects were fully explained and the General was escorted through a portion of Phuoc Tuong Hamlet and shown the results of various Civic Action projects.

f. At 2030H, 23 Mar, a young Vietnamese girl was taken to the MGB-74 Dispensary for treatment of severe 3rd degree burns resulting from a gasoline explosion when the girl threw gasoline on an open fire. The girl was later transferred to the FLC Childrens' Hospital.

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g. Two (2) sewing machines were received from the U.S., making a total of three (3) machines which are in a usable condition for the sewing classes. Because of a lack of machines up to this point, only ten items of clothing were made and distributed this month.

h. The swine raising project continues with no major problems. However, one of the animals was noted to be partially lame in the front legs and was given "pen-strep" inoculations on 26 and 28 Mar. The hogs also had diarrhea at irregular intervals. A veterinarian's assistance was obtained where needed. Most of the concrete floor in the hog pens have now been removed.

i. The monthly Personal Response class was given on 25 Mar at 0800. Total attendance - 44; Total previous attendance * 16; Total attendance of personnel arriving "in-country" since 25 Feb 70 - 24.

j. GySgt E.L. ROGERS was assigned as the MNHG-1 Civic Action NCOIC on 25 March 1970.

k. On 31 Mar, the new "Civic Action/Personal Response" Group Order 5080.1D was assembled and distributed. This Order represents significant changes and progress in the Civic Action programs from those of a year ago.

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Enclosure(6)

OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN
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 12 April 1970

From: Chaplain, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

Subj: Group Command Chronology for March 1970

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	Wkly	Att	TotScr	TotAtt
Protestant	10	195	0	0	10	195
Catholic	5	369	22	298	27	367
Ecumenical	1	80	2	160	3	240

(b) Other Religious Activities

- (1) Counseled forty-two (42) Marines
- (2) Fifteen (15) Alcoholics Anonymous meetings Attendance 90

(c) Presentations Made By Chaplain In Training Program

- (1) 1 Indoctrination Lecture Attendance 47
- (2) 2 Drug Abuse Lectures Attendance 61
- (3) 1 Character Guidance Lecture Attendance 16

(d) Activities, Gifts, Etc., in the Vietnamese Community

- (1) Twenty-five Marines visited at the China Beach Orphanage.
- (2) PROJECT ENGLISH
 - (a) Father Loi's School - 4 classes with 3 Marines, average attendance 150 pupils.
 - (b) China Beach Orphanage - 9 classes with 4 Marines; average attendance rose from 120 to 150 pupils.
 - (c) Classes were reduced in number during this month due to Easter and Vietnamese Holidays.

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(3) Donations:

- (a) 50 lbs. of clothing to Sacred Heart Orphanage
- (b) 20 cases of eggs distributed among: Bo Do Benevol. Soc.
Khan Children's Hospital, Sacred Heart school, Sacred
Heart Orphanage, China Beach Orphanage and Boys' Team.
- (c) \$500.00 to China Beach Orphanage
- (d) 600 lbs. of food to China Beach Orphanage
- (e) 500 lbs. of clothing to China Beach Orphanage
- (f) 200 lbs. of food to Sacred Heart Orphanage
- (g) 50 lbs. of clothing to Sacred Heart Orphanage
- (h) \$50.00 to Stella-Maria Noviciate
- (i) 100 lbs. of food to 5th ARTH Admin Unit

(c) Meetings Attended

None

(f) Hospital and Brig Visits

- (1) 1 hospital visit

On 1 March Chaplain Rosweg relieved Chaplain Garthe as Group Chaplain.

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Enclosure(7)