

HEADQUARTERS
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force Pacific
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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Ser: 003A36170
27 DEC 1970

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From: Commanding General
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Missing Documents/Command Chronologies; submission of

Ref: (a) CG FMFPac 210253Z NOV70
(b) CG, FMFPac SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CG, 1st MAW ltr
3:PJK:pjk over 5750 Ser: 003A32270 dtd 18 Nov 1970

Encl: ✓(1) Appendix 2 G-2 Section: INTSUM 161 dtd 10 June 1970, INTSUM 163 dtd 12 June 1970
✓(2) H&MS-17 Supporting Document No. 6: SOAP Lab Command Chronology April 1970
✓(3) VMO-2 Daily SITREPS for 9 & 17 June 1970
✓(4) VMO-2 Flight Schedule for 22 June 1970
✓(5) 1st MAW Helo Frag Order page 7 of 27 April 1970
✓(6) 1st MAW Helo Frag Order for 5 April 1970
✓(7) 1st MAW FW Transport/BW Frag Order page 9 of 4 June 1970
✓(8) Part IV to VMFA-115 Command Chronology
✓(9) VMA-311 Flight Schedules for Saturday, 1 August and Sunday, 2 August 1970

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (9) are submitted.

2. Other documents requested by reference (a), H&MS-17 Flight Schedule for 17 May 1970 dated 16 May 1970; H&MS-11 Flight Schedules for Wednesday 27 May 1970 and Sunday 28 June 1970 and SITREPS for 5, 6, 7 and 18 May 1970 are not available. Unit copies have been destroyed.

3. Reference (b) requested submission of August 1970 Command Chronology for Marine Wing Support Group-17. The July 1970 Command Chronology of MWSG-17 covered the period 1 July - 6 August 1970. Marine Wing Support Group-17 departed the Republic of Vietnam on 6 August and is presently attached to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear).

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4. Reference (b) also requested submission of Command Chronologies for MATCU-67 and MATCU-68 if they had been prepared. These units do not prepare a Command Chronology.

R. A. Christy
R. A. CHRISTY
By direction

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CG, 1st MAW ltr 3:WJC:wjc over 5750
Ser No: 003A06371 dtd 4 March 1971

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 December 1970

1. Forwarded, noting the following discrepancies:


a. Appendix 2; Marine Air Base Squadron 16 Command Chronology is illegible.

b. Appendix 3; Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 225 Command Chronology:

(1) Part II (Narrative Summary illegible; less the portion on page 1.

(2) Part IV (Supporting Documents) Flight Schedules for the periods 1 thru 8 December; 10 thru 12 December; 14 thru 19 December are illegible.

2. By copy of this endorsement, the Commanding General, 1st MAW, is requested to submit the documents cited above directly to CMC (Code HD) within 30 days, with notification of submission provided this headquarters.


J. R. SCHARNBERG
By direction

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CG, 1st MAF
CG, III MAF

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From: Commanding General
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)
Via: (1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(2) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 - 31 December 1970

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1B
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8B

Encl: ✓ (1) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Command Chronology

1. In compliance with the provisions set forth in reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1) this document is downgraded to unclassified.


REX C. DENNY, JR.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 - 31 DECEMBER 1970

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st MAW	MajGen Alan J. ARMSTRONG	01-31 December
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ASST COMMANDER

BGen William R. QUINN	01-31 December
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

MWHG-1	LtCol William R. SMITH	01-31 December
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MAG-11	Col Albert C. POMMERENK	01-31 December
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MAG-16	Col Lewis C. STREET III	01-31 December
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MACG-18	LtCol Francis L. DELANEY	01-31 December
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2. LOCATION

1 - 31 December 1970: Danang, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

CHIEF OF STAFF	Col Jack R. SLOAN	01-31 December
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ACofS, G-1	Col Donald CONROY	01-31 December
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ACofS, G-2	Maj Eric J. COADY	01-31 December
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ACofS, G-3	Col Rex C. DENNY, Jr.	01-31 December
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ACofS, G-4	Col Boris J. FRANKOVIC	01-31 December
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ACofS, GSO	Col Robert J. ZITNIK	01-31 December
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ACofS, COMPT	Col Walter L. REDMOND	01-31 December
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SECRET4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers:	796	42	838
Enlisted:	5,640	142	5,782
Total:	6,436	184	6,620

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing flew in support of operations conducted throughout Military Region 1. Fixed wing aircraft flew 1,422 sorties and dropped 3,602.1 tons of ordnance. Helicopters of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing flew 24,126 sorties and carried 3,569.3 tons of cargo and 48,839 passengers. Support was also provided to the 7th Fleet (BARCAP) as well as U. S. Air Force MIGCAP and out-of-country interdiction efforts. During this reporting period two helicopters and one fixed wing aircraft were lost as a result of direct enemy action.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

a. During the month of December 1970 there were eleven operations in effect throughout Military Region 1. Support was recorded for four of these operations.

(1) Frederick Hill: The 196th Light Infantry Brigade conducted search and clear operations in Quang Tin Province. The operation commenced 180001H March 1969 and continues through this reporting period. Fixed wing aircraft flew a total of 24 sorties dropping 61.2 tons of ordnance. BDA for this reporting period was 1 secondary explosion and 2 secondary fires. There was no helicopter support of this operation recorded.

(2) Wolfe Mountain: Commenced 220901H July 1970 with the 101st Airborne Division (AM) conducting search and clear operations in Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. Fixed wing aircraft flew a total of 12 sorties dropping 34.7 tons of ordnance. BDA for this reporting period was 2 structures destroyed, 14 bunkers destroyed and 3 secondary explosions. There was no helicopter support of this operation recorded.

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(3) Jefferson Glen: Commenced 051800H September 1970 with the 101st Airborne Division (AM) conducting search and clear operations in Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. Fixed wing aircraft flew a total of 165 sorties dropping 611.8 tons of ordnance. BDA for this reporting period was 3 structures destroyed, 11 bunkers destroyed, 17 secondary explosions and 8 secondary fires. No helicopter support of this operation was recorded.

(4) Imperial Lake: Commenced 310930H August 1970 initially by the 7th Marines and relieved in September by the 5th Marines who continued to conduct combat operations in Quang Nam Province. Fixed wing aircraft supported the operation by flying 54 sorties and delivering 116.2 tons of ordnance. The reported BDA for the month of December 1970 was 8 structures damaged, 19 bunkers destroyed, 9 bunkers damaged, 6 secondary fires, 6 secondary explosions and 1 cave destroyed. Marine Aircraft Group-16 helicopters logged 4,023 sorties and accumulated 1,032 flight hours while transporting 8,088 passengers and 826 tons of cargo.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

04 December 1970

Major Andy J. SIBLEY relinquished command of Marine Wing Communications Squadron-1 to Major Richard S. KAYE.
Ref: MWHG-1 C.C. (U)
(App 1 to FMAW C.C.)

04 December 1970

Aircraft VT-1 of HML-367 crashed in the water east of Marble Mountain Air Facility resulting in one fatality and one minor injury. The aircraft was not recovered.
Ref: MAG-16 C.C. (S)
(App 2 to FMAW C.C.)

04 December 1970

Brigadier General W. G. JOSLYN, prospective Chief of Staff, III MAF, visited MAG-11 for a command briefing and tour of MAG-11 facilities.
Ref: MAG-11 C.C. (S)
(App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

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05 December 1970 LtCol R. J. BLANC relieved LtCol D. A. MCCAUGHEY as Commanding Officer of HML-167.
Ref: App 1 to MAG-16 C.C. (S)
(App 2 to FMAW C.C.)

09 December 1970 LtCol J. E. GILLIS assumed duties as Executive Officer of Marine Aircraft Group-16.
Ref: MAG-16 C.C. (S)
(App 2 to FMAW C.C.)

11 December 1970 Major D. C. FITZGERALD assumed duties as Executive Officer of VMA-311 from Major J. R. THOMPSON.
Ref: App 6 to MAG-11 C.C. (S)
(App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

12 December 1970 First LASER Guided Bomb evaluation mission flown.
Ref: App 5 to MAG-11 C.C. (S)
(App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

13 December 1970 C-117D, 017242, crash landed at Tan Son Nhut AFB, RVN, after mechanical failure of port main landing gear actuator. Pilots were Major SEALS and 1stLt WILLIAMS.
Ref: App 1 to MAG-11 C.C. (C)
(App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

17 December 1970 F-4B, 150649, destroyed as a result of direct enemy action. Col A. C. POMMERENK, Commanding Officer of MAG-11, was the pilot.
Ref: App 3 to MAG-11 C.C. (C)
(App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

18 December 1970 VMA-311 completed their 44,000th combat sortie flown in the Republic of Vietnam.
Ref: App 6 to MAG-11 C.C. (C)
(App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

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19 December 1970 CH-46D, 153351, received fire approaching landing zone, lost power and settled into the trees. The aircraft caught fire and was a total loss. All of the crew members received injuries, resulting in three members being medevaced out of Vietnam.
Ref: App 5 to MAG-16 C.C. (C)
(App 2 to FMAW C.C.)

22 December 1970 Major J. G. COWART assumed duties as Executive Officer of VMA(AW)-225 from Major G. A. DAVIS.
Ref: App 5 to MAG-11 C.C. (S)
(App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

23 December 1970 Major F. L. HARDING assumed duties as Executive Officer of VMFA-115 from Major L. F. GAGNON.
Ref: App 3 to MAG-11 C.C. (C)
(App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

29 December 1970 LtGen D. H. ROBERTSON, Commanding General, III Marine Amphibios Force, visited MAG-11 for a tour of MAG-11 facilities.
Ref: MAG-11 C.C. (S)
(App 3 to FMAW C.C.)

29 December 1970 Major F. J. CONE relinquished command of H&HS-1 to Major L. F. GAGNON.
Ref: MWHG-1 C.C. (U)
(App 1 to FMAW C.C.)

3. CASUALTIES

a. The following is a breakdown of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing casualties sustained during the month of December 1970:

HOSTILE						NON-HOSTILE				
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIA(E)</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>CPT</u>	<u>MIS</u>	<u>DTH</u>	<u>INJ</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
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* Denotes one officer later changed to KIA.

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a. Air Freight. During the month of December 3,032 passengers and 1,021.6 tons of cargo were transported by Marine transport aircraft within Military Region 1.

b. Ordnance. A total of 434 firebombs; 885 Rockeyes, CBU-24/49; 642,209 rounds of gun ammunition; 2,564 para-flares; 11,816 general purpose (GP) bombs and 11,414 air to surface rockets were expended for a total of 4,156 tons of ordnance delivered during the month of December 1970.

c. Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS)
There was a total of 4,149,672 gallons of JP-4 issued during the month of December 1970.

d. Motor Transport

(1) The Wing Motor Transport assets are as follows:

Navy Section "M" Vehicles	649
USMC Vehicles	75
Commercial Vehicles	76
Total	800

e. Engineer

(1) Arresting gear currently operational

(a) 7 M-21's

(2) Arresting gear assigned but not current operational

(a) 3 M-21's

(3) Arrestments accomplished for December 1970:

	NORMAL	EMERGENCIES
Danang	1,110	32

5. CIVIC ACTION

a. As part of the Vietnamization program, the Civic Action compounds in Phouc Tuong and Hoa An hamlets, Hoa Phat village,

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were turned over to the Hoa Phat village council on 1 December 1970. Technical and agricultural assistance will continue to be provided and MEDCAPS/DENTCAPS will still be held. There were five MEDCAPS/DENTCAPS held in December.

b. Wing Civic Action obtained 900 eggs from the Philippines. Phuoc Toung hamlet received 260 of these to be placed in their incubator donated by the Wing Civic Action team. The remaining 640 eggs were distributed to the International Relief Commission to be placed in other incubators.

c. Wing Civic Action, with the assistance of III Marine Amphibious Force G-5, bought and distributed several thousand gifts and toys to various orphanages and private institutions during the Christmas season. All the groups participated with the Wing Civic Action coordinating the project. The response to this program was excellent and similar projects are being planned for the upcoming Tet Holidays.

d. The aid program for the Crescent Beach Orphanage continued. An electrical system complete with generator was established in order to facilitate better living conditions. In conjunction with the International Rescue Committee, an orphanage in An Hoa was supplied with clothes, flour and foodstuffs. This orphanage has been the target of several Viet Cong attacks and was in dire need of assistance.

6. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

a. All significant events occurring during the month of December 1970 were covered by Public Affairs writer/photographer teams. There were no casualties among Public Affairs personnel although writers and photographers accompanied helicopters on major operations as well as numerous medical evacuations, resupply and passenger missions. There were 50 news releases for this reporting period.

7. ADMINISTRATION

a. During the month of December 100 officers and 542 enlisted personnel rotated from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing to:

CONUS	92 officers
	501 enlisted
Other WestPac commands	8 officers
	41 enlisted

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b. During the month of December 79 officers and 401 enlisted personnel joined the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing from:

WestPac commands	16 officers
	88 enlisted

Other than WestPac	63 officers
	313 enlisted

c. During the month of December, 38 enlisted personnel extended their overseas tour.

d. During the month of December, 23 enlisted personnel were granted special leave.

e. Reenlistment rates for the month of December were as follows:

<u>Career</u>	<u>First Term</u>	<u>Total</u>
75%	13%	30%

8. PERSONNEL

a. Wing Special Services

(1) Supply and Resale. Recreation supplies and equipment were available in greater variety this month. Greater quantities of sweat and gym gear are available for issue. The Hobby Shop continues to show a large volume of sales. Model airplanes and art supplies are still in demand as well as blank tapes and cassettes. The Golf Pro Shop "sale" on golf clubs continued and the more popular models are in limited supply.

(2) Military Affiliate Radio Station. The MARS Station handled 7,941 messages in December. A total of 962 phone patches out of 1,208 attempts were completed, despite problems caused by severe weather conditions.

(3) Intramural Sports. The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Football League championship play-offs were held with Marine Aircraft Group-16 winning first place. The games were played in unusually good weather and a large enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the play-off games. A handball tournament was held with Captain MUNDY of VMGR-152, Sub Unit winning the singles match and Major HAYES and Major HEARNEY of H&HS-1 taking the doubles.

CONFIDENTIALb. Wing Chaplain

(1) Divine Services were conducted at all Wing facilities. The following is a tabulation of Wing Chaplains Services and attendance:

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Wkday</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>TotSer</u>	<u>TotAtt</u>
Protestant	19	651	9	276	28	927
Catholic	32	808	54	805	86	1,613
LDS	Ø	Ø	1	76	1	76

9. INTELLIGENCE

a. During the month of December 1970 the G-2 Division continued to maintain and disseminate information concerning enemy order of battle and enemy air and anti-aircraft capabilities. There continues to be a noticeable lull in activity, with the VC/NVA emphasis remaining on incidents directed against the GVN's pacification effort.

b. During the month of December 1970, the Air Combat Intelligence Branch continued to collect information on: anti-aircraft activity and weapon positions in North Vietnam, Laos and South Vietnam; the development of infiltration routes along the Laos and South Vietnam border; enemy aircraft; and the electronic order of battle. Additionally, this Branch prepared graphic aids to brief the Commanding General and his staff, and issued Wing Reconnaissance Bulletins. On 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 December the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, and his staff, were briefed on the Laotian infiltration routes and enemy anti-aircraft threat.

10. AWARDS

a. The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Awards Section processed 3,111 awards during December 1970. The types and numbers are as follows:

<u>FORWARDED TO HIGHER HEADQUARTERS</u>	<u>RECEIVED FROM HIGHER HEADQUARTERS</u>
Silver Star Medal	Ø
Legion of Merit	Ø
Distinguished Flying Cross	10
Navy and Marine Corps Medal	Ø
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Bronze Star Medal	2	0
Air Medal	21	343
Navy Commendation Medal	39	14
Navy Achievement Medal	56	24
TOTAL	141	391

Air Medals (S/F AM) awarded by 1st Marine Aircraft Wing . . . 2,569
 Purple Hearts awarded by 1st Marine Aircraft Wing 10

Total awarded . . . 2,970
 GRAND TOTAL . . . 3,111

11. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Planning for the redeployment of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Communication-Electronics complex progressed satisfactorily during the month of December. The primary redeployment effort was directed toward preparing MACS-4 for retrograde during January 1971. Additional efforts were directed toward deactivation of non-essential circuits in anticipation of retrograde of the remaining forces. The most significant of these deactivations was the MASS-3 AUTOSEVOCOM terminal.

b. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Comm Center provided the entire comm guard and a dedicated circuit and other communication support for CINCPAC visit to the Danang area on 24-25 December.

c. 1st MAW 160125Z (C) December 1970 tasked all units to submit telephone cable overlays to the Wing CEO to help ensure continuity in telephone communications for units moving into spaces now occupied by 1st Marine Aircraft Wing units. These overlays were submitted to CG, III MAF for incorporation into the Danang vital Area master cable diagram.

12. AIR OPERATIONS

Total Fighter/Attack sorties	1,422
In-country Attack sorties	544
Out-of-country Fighter sorties	
(Commando Bolt, Steel Tiger)	752
Out-of-country air defense	
(BARCAP, MIGCAP)	126
Total VR/FAC(A) sorties	325

SECRETb. Helicopter

Total sorties	24,126
Total flight hours	7,068.3
Total tons of cargo	3,569.3
Total passengers	48,839
Total tasks	5,697

c. Reported BDA In-country

- 31 KBMA
- 57 Structures destroyed
- 16 Structures damaged
- 98 Bunkers destroyed
- 16 Bunkers damaged
- 39 Secondary fires
- 54 Secondary explosions
- 6 Caves destroyed
- 3 Caves damaged
- 1 Storage site destroyed
- 1 Prison camp destroyed
- 6 Road Cuts
- 1 Road slide
- 1 .50 Cal position destroyed
- 1 Bridge destroyed
- 1 122mm rocket destroyed

d. Reported BDA for Commando Bolt/Steel Tiger

- 133 Secondary explosions
- 54 Secondary fires
- 50 Trucks destroyed
- 16 Trucks damaged
- 13 Road slides
- 152 Road cuts
- 2 Ferry approaches destroyed
- 25 POL. barrels destroyed
- 1 Ford destroyed
- 2 Supply cache storage areas uncovered
- 1 Storage area damaged
- 2 Sampans destroyed
- 1 ZPU destroyed

13. WEATHER SUMMARY

a. At Danang Air Base, precipitation was recorded on 23 days throughout the month for a total rainfall of 12.03 inches. The maximum 24 hour rainfall recorded was 3.60 inches and occurred on the 9th day of December.

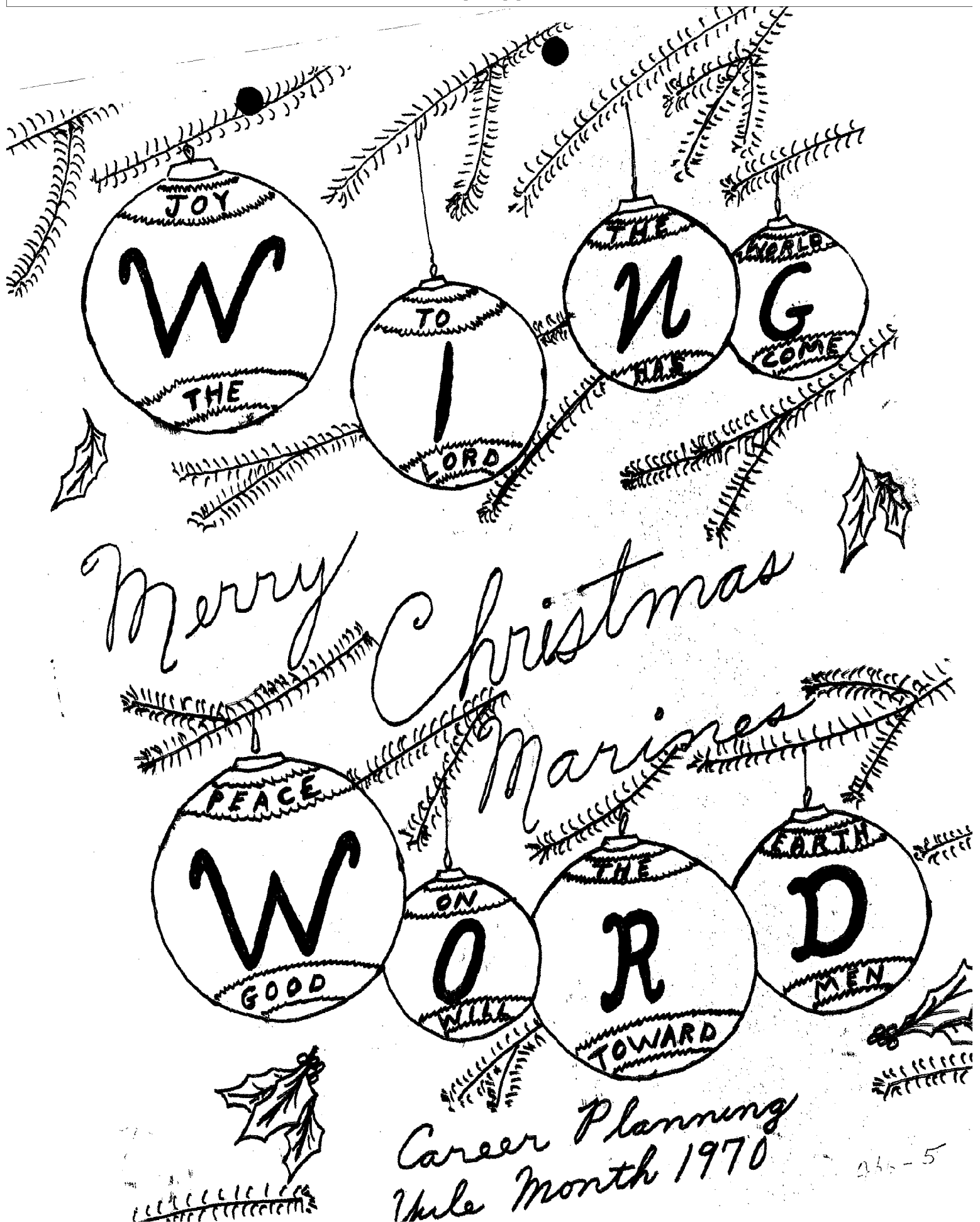
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b. Maximum temperature for December, recorded at Danang Air Base, was 86°F recorded on the 11th, 12th and 23rd of December. A minimum temperature of 63°F was recorded on the 18th of December.

c. No tropical storms were reported in the South China Sea during the month of December.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓APPENDIX 1 MARINE WING HEADQUARTERS GROUP-1 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U)
- ✓APPENDIX 2 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-16 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (S) *File*
- ✓APPENDIX 3 MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-11 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (S)
- ✓APPENDIX 4 MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP-18 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (S) *File*
- ✓APPENDIX 5 1st MAW CAREER PLANNING NEWSLETTER (U)
- ✓APPENDIX 6 1st MAW NEWS CLIPPINGS OBTAINED IN DECEMBER AND NEWS RELEASES DISTRIBUTED BY PUBLIC AFFAIRS (U) *File*
- ✓APPENDIX 7 1st MAW GROUP SITUATION REPORTS - DECEMBER 1970 (S)
- ✓APPENDIX 8 1st MAW DAILY SITUATION REPORTS - DECEMBER 1970 (S) *File*
- ✓APPENDIX 9 1st MAW FRAGS (FW & HELO) - DECEMBER 1970 (S)



As Christmas draws closer all our thoughts drift more to home, family and friends. We think of good food, snow in some places, music, church, and the good fellowship that Christmas brings. We think of Christmas trees, bright lights and tinsel, children's shining eyes, and all the other things that make Christmas a truly meaningful holiday throughout our great country.

I wish all of us could spend this year's Christmas at home. An understanding of why we cannot is important to our own and our country's well-being. Simply stated, we are here in the interest of continued observance of Christmas by our own people, the South Vietnamese and other free peoples. Most of us who spend this Christmas in Vietnam will be home for the next one. Hopefully the world will then be in a more peaceful state. In any case, each of you can take pride in having a part in making the phrase "peace on earth - good will toward men", meaningful in this turbulent world. A.J. Armstrong

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COMMANDING GENERAL
CAREER PLANNING OFFICER
CAREER PLANNING CHIEF

MAJOR A.J. ARMSTRONG
1STLT R.C. BENNETT
SSGT R.H. MALMEFELDT

All matters presented in this newsletter are for information only and carry no mandatory provisions, and shall not be considered as modifying or revoking any directives, orders, or regulations in effect. Information presented is taken from orders, bulletins, and directives from higher commands. Other information is extracted from newspapers, periodicals, and also other newsletters.

Last month we added the Freedom Hill U.S.O. monthly schedule of events to our newsletter, this month we have another pull-off page, the American Red Cross Center at Freedom Hill along with the U.S.O. pull-off page. We hope you enjoy the services that both these fine organizations are doing for us.

***** THE VERY LATEST - 14 DAY LEAVE POLICY - PAGE 2 *****

HOT LINE

In an effort to improve the flow of correct information and dispel rumors and misinformation the Commanding General has directed First Marine Aircraft Wing G-1 to provide a hot line answering service available to all members of the First Marine Aircraft Wing. This program is intended to supplement-not replace normal channels of authority and information flow within units of the Wing. The program will go into effect on a trial basis beginning 1 Nov 1970 offering service on a 24 hour basis.

Any individual may request information concerning any personal or welfare problem (any problem-there is no problem that will remain unanswered if it is possible to get an answer), that comes to his attention by calling 957-5861. He must state that he is calling the HOT LINE SERVICE and state his full name, grade, and organization. Any situation or condition may be reported or questioned as it relates to the well being of Wing personnel. This includes, but is not limited to the following: Leave, liberty, R&R, promotion, assignment and classification, exchanges, clubs and recreation facilities. Messing and billeting, rumors, constructive ideas, and education.

NOTE: Classified information will not be discussed in this program.

NOTE

Effective 1 January 1971, the FICA rate will go up from 4.8% to 5.2%. There will be a dollar or two drop in your monthly income depending on your base pay.

SEASONAL REMINDER

Remember the friends and loved ones at home. Write or send Christmas cards, better yet, do both. And keep Christ in Christmas.

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LEAVE POLICY

The Commanding General recently released information concerning a program whereby Marines can take 14 days leave during a single RVN tour. But, before you rush to S-1 for leave papers see if you are qualified at this time. In general the following restrictions apply.

- A. All leave time calculations shall begin and end at the parent unit.
- B. No concurrent combination shall be made with leave and R&R.
- C. Normally a period of 90 days shall elapse between R&R and leave. R&R is normally taken first.
- D. Leave is authorized in all countries currently specified as R&R sites as well as Japan, Guam, Republic of Korea, the Phillipine Republic, and CONUS.
- E. Personnel serving a split tour in RVN directly following other unaccompanied service in WESPAC shall include this service in all eligibility requirements, both permissive and restrictive.
- F. Commanders shall insure that R&R and leave departures do not jeopardize combat readiness. No more than 10% of unit personnel shall be absent at any one time on R&R and/or leave.
- G. Reenlistment leave is a matter of separate policy and shall not be mixed with annual leave or R&R.

THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS APPLY SPECIFICALLY TO CONUS LEAVE ONLY

- A. CONUS leave can be taken only after the 91st day of an unaccompanied WESPAC tour and must be completed prior to the 240th day of such tour.
- B. The 14 day maximum leave time begins and ends with the parent unit in RVN.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED CONCERNING LEAVE IN GENERAL AND CONUS LEAVE IN PARTICULAR:

- A. CONUS leave of 14 days is provided in an attempt to permit at least a 7 day period of leave in CONUS, the additional 7 days are provided to allow for the excessive travel time involved.
- B. All travel expenses are to be borne by the traveler. In some cases military space available flights are possible, however, this remains the travelers responsibility and times awaiting such flights or any other transportation shall count as leave.
- C. Space available on R&R flights is very scarce and leave personnel have last priority. Return VIA and R&R flight is almost impossible.
- D. Charter flights to CONUS originating in Da Nang are anticipated in the near future.
- E. Commercial flights are available from Saigon, an especially low fare is available on a standby basis from Saigon to CONUS with a guaranteed return seat.
- F. Approximately three space available flights to Saigon originate at the 15th Aerial Port, Da Nang AB daily.
- G. All travel arrangements remain the travelers responsibility. Inquiries should be directed to commercial airlines offices at Freedom Hill or the 15th Aerial Port.

- H. Personnel traveling space available should budget the time required for customs inspections to avoid missed connections.
 I. Immunization requirements are an individual responsibility.

SCHEDULE OF PAYDAYS THROUGH JUNE 1971

Due to an increased workload, plus the reduction of personnel due to the manning level ceilings the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Disbursing Office is unable to continue semi-monthly paydays.

Commanders will make every effort to assure that personnel are paid on scheduled paydays. Special payments will be made only for joining or transfers, TAD, R&R, Special Leave, failure to receive pay on normal payday for reasons beyond individuals control, and emergencies.

DATE	DAY	DATE	DAY
1 December 1970	TUESDAY	1 March 1971	MONDAY
15 December 1970	TUESDAY	1 April 1971	THURSDAY
1 January 1971	FRIDAY	1 May 1971	SATURDAY
1 February 1971	MONDAY	1 June 1971	TUESDAY

FORMAL STAFF NCO CAREER COURSE POSSIBLE IN 1971

The formal staff NCO school proposed by G-3, HQMC, should become a reality in May 1971. The proposed 4-week course will provide 160 hours of instruction. Plans call for 12 classes per year with an estimated student enrollment of 30 to 40 Marines per class. Tentative sites for the formal staff noncommissioned officers career course are being considered. Projected convening date for the first class in 1 May 1971.

It has been recommended that the course include four primary instruction blocks: Leadership, 29 hours; Drill, Ceremonies and Inspection, 36 hours; Physical Fitness Training, 22 hours; and Technique of Military Instruction, 28 hours. The remaining 45 hours of instruction would cover such subjects as career planning; Marine Corps organization and mission; customs, courtesy, and discipline; logistics; uniform and clothing regulation; staff organization and functioning; guest speaker programs; and administrative time.

These subjects are, at this point, under consideration in the development of a standardized syllabus for the course.

SUGGESTED USAFI CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

E164 Beginning Algebra 1, High School level
 E220 Understanding American Government 1, High School level
 D310 Business Mathematics, High School level
 E400 English Composition 1, College level
 A433 Basic Statistics, College level
 F740 Auto Mechanics 1, Technical

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES & SPECIAL SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

MSHD-1	1000	Sunday	Protestant Divine Services
	1130	Sunday	Catholic Mass
	1700	Sunday	Catholic Mass
	Christmas Eve	1900	Catholic Mass
	Christmas Eve	2100	Protestant Candlelight Service
	Christmas Day	1000	Protestant Service
	Christmas Day	1130	Catholic Mass
	Christmas Day	1700	Catholic Mass
MACG-18	1100	Sunday	Protestant Divine Services
	Christmas Eve	2300	Protestant Candlelight Service
MACS-4	1400	Sunday	Protestant Divine Services
	1400	Sunday	Catholic Mass
MAG-11	0930	Sunday	Catholic Mass
	1030	Sunday	Protestant Divine Service
	1730	Saturday	Catholic Mass (fulfills Sunday obligation)
	Christmas Eve	Time to be announced	Candlelight Service
	Christmas Eve	2400	Midnight Mass
	Christmas Day	0930	Catholic Mass
	Christmas Day	1030	Protestant Worship Service
MAG-16	0915	Sunday	Protestant Worship Service
	0800	Sunday	Catholic Mass
	Christmas Eve	2300	Protestant Candlelight Service
	Christmas Eve	2400	Midnight Mass
	Christmas Day	0800	Catholic Mass
	Christmas Day	0915	Protestant Worship Service
	Christmas Day	1200	High Mass

Jewish Services are held every Friday at 1930 and Saturday at 0900 at the Gunfighter Village Chapel Annex.

Jewish Holy Days in December:

Christmas Day 1990 Chanukah (Gunfighter Village)

Catholic Holy Days of Obligation

8 December; Feast of the Immaculate Conception

25 December; The Nativity of Our Lord

1 January; Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God

PRAYER

Almighty God, whose gift beyond words we celebrate, we rejoice because Thy Son entered human life to lift our lives to Thee. May he who found no room in the inn find an abiding place in our hearts. May the Christ who was born into a displaced family keep watch over our families this Christmas season. In the midst of war we pray for peace on earth and good will to all men. May the spirit of love we all rediscover during the season of Christ's birth remain with us through this life to the life everlasting. Amen.

JOHN H. GARNES, Wing Chaplain

VETERANS BENEFITS

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL

CHANGES IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING RATES

Use the payment table below to determine the new education or training allowance you will receive for the type training you have selected.

TYPE PROGRAM	NO DEP.	ONE DEP.	TWO DEP	EACH DEP. OVER TWO
INSTITUTIONAL				
FULL TIME	\$175	\$205	\$230	\$13
3/4 TIME	128	152	117	10
1/2 TIME	81	100	114	7
ACTIVE DUTY OR LESS THAN HALF TIME	TUITION COST; NOT TO EXCEED FULL TIME RATE OF \$175.			
COOPERATIVE	141	167	192	10
APPRENTICESHIP				
OUT				
1st 6 MONTHS	108	120	133	-
2nd 6 MONTHS	81	92	105	-
3rd 6 MONTHS	54	66	79	-
4th and succeed.				
6th month per.	27	39	52	-
FARM COOPERATIVE				
FULL TIME	141	165	190	10
3/4 TIME	101	119	138	7
1/2 TIME	67	79	92	5
CORRESPONDENCE	COST ONLY. ALLOWANCE PAID QUARTERLY ON PRO RATA BASIS FOR LESSONS COMPLETED AND SERVICED BY SCHOOL.			
FLIGHT TRAINING	90 PERCENT OF THE ESTABLISHED CHARGES FOR TUITION AND FEES, ALLOWANCE PAID MONTHLY ON BASIS OF ACTUAL FLIGHT INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS RECEIVED AND COST THEREOF.			

SONGS FOR CHRISTMAS

Wing Career Planning is in the process of compiling a collection of Christmas songs into a small booklet. Primary purpose is to aid the groups of men that usually get together during the holidays and blend their voices in song.

Distribution will be made by Career Planners direct to the billet areas and clubs only, on or about 15 December 1970.

OFFICER BILLETS AVAILABLE DURING COMING MONTHS

One of the major problems encountered by officer assignment personnel in attempting to assign officers to duty stations of their choice is availability. Often an officer does not have enough time at his current station to be transferred to the assignment he has requested when it becomes available. In most cases, this occurs because officers are not aware of the dates that the billets they desire will, in fact, require a change in assignment. Therefore, in order to assist officers in determining choices of duty, a list of billets which are frequently requested and will become available in the future will be published periodically in the Hotline. It must be remembered, however, that assignment to any particular billet depends upon other factors as well as preference of duty and a major influence in determining any officer's assignment is the development of a proper career pattern.

The below listed accompanied billets will be available for assignment during the periods indicated. Officers are invited and encouraged to review these billets and submit requests through the use of Administrative Action Forms (NAVMC 10274) not later than 15 December 1970. Although written replies cannot be provided in response to requests, officers are urged to call their monitor should there be any question regarding these billets.

AVIATION/AVIATION GROUND

TITLE	GRADE	MOS	DATE
HQ Allied For, So Europe Operations Div	LtCol	9912	Jun/Jul71
HQ Strike Command McDill AFB, Fla	LtCol	9912	Jun/Jul71
MARTD, Memphis, Tenn	LtCol	7501	Apr/May71
MARTD, Willow Grove, Pa	LtCol	7501	Apr/May71
MAAG, Taiwan Rep. of China	Maj	756K	May/Jun71
MARTD, Dallas, Tex	Maj	753X (add. MOS)	May/Jun71
MARTD, Jacksonville, Fla	Maj	7501	Apr/Jun71
MARTD, New Orleans, La	Maj	756X	Mar/Apr71
MCAS, Futenma	Capt	9901	Jan/Feb71
MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan	Capt	9901	Jan/Feb71
MARTD, Minneapolis, Minn	Capt	6002	Feb/Mar71
MATSG, Jacksonville, Fla	Capt	9901	Feb/Mar71
MC Liaison Off, Litton Industries, Canoga Park Calif.	Capt	5970	Jan/Feb71
MARTD, Dallas, Tex	Capt	756X	Apr/May71
MCAS, Futenma	Lt	9910	Jan/Feb71
MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan	Lt	9910	Jan/Feb71

TITLE	GRADE	MOS	DATE
MARTD, New Orleans, La	Lt.	6002	Jan/Feb71
JARCC, Key West, Fla	Lt	6710	Jan/Feb71
MARTD, Los Alamitos, Calif	WO	6002	Apr/May71
MARTD, Alameda, Calif	WO	6002	Jan/Feb71

GROUND

SEATO, Bangkok, Thailand	LtCol	9910	Sep/Oct71
United Nations Command Korea	LtCol	0302	Jan/Jul71
U.S. Mil Advisor Command Thailand (grad AFSC)	LtCol	0302	Jun/Jul71
Marine Corps Liaison Off MAAG, Spain (Spanish Lang required)	LtCol	0302	Jun/Jul71
MB, NB, Newport, R.I.	Maj	9910	Jun/Jul71
MB, 8&I, Wash. D.C.	Maj	9910	Jul/Sep71
MB, NAS, Alameda, Calif	Maj	9910	Jul/Aug71
MB, NavActy, Rota, Spain	Maj	9910	Jun/Aug71
MCRS, Cleveland, Ohio	Maj	9911	Jul/Sep71
NROTC, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.*	Maj	9910	Jun/Jul71
NROTC, Univ. of S. Carolina Columbia, S.C.*	Maj	9910	May/Jul71
MB, NAS, Patuxent Riv, Md.	Capt	9910	Jun/Jul71
Mar Det, USS Constellation CBA-64, Pudget Sound, Wn.	Capt	9910	May/Jun71
MB, NavActy, Rota, Spain	Lt	9910	May/Jun71
MB, NS, Roosevelt Roads, P.R.	Lt	9910	Jun/Jul71
MB, NS, Adak, Alaska	Lt	9910	Jun/Jul71
MB, NS, Kodiak, Alaska	Lt	9910	Jun/Jul71
MB, NB, Szigley Point, P.I.	Lt	9910	May/Jun71
MB, NAS, Barbers Point, Hawaii	Lt	9910	May/Jun71

* Master Degree Required

NOTE- Officers who have had an overseas accompanied tour will not normally be assigned to a second such tour (Hawaii excepted).

NEW FRAME CAPS TO BE TESTED FOR MALE MARINES

A wear test of frame caps with both synthetic leather (Corfam) and plastic visors will be conducted by the Marine Corps in the near future. In the meantime, wearing of frame caps with Corfam of plastic visors, except by those personnel participating in the wear test, is prohibited.

MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER MOS NOW FOR LDO/WO

Limited duty and Warrant Officers will soon be the only Marine Officers assigned MOS 3502, Motor Transport Officer, as a primary MOS, according to MCO 1210.6. The order designates MOS 3502 as a category II/IV MOS and sets forth the procedures for unrestricted officers to request reclassification in unrestricted MOS's. The order also indicates certain categories of unrestricted officers having a primary 3502 MOS who are exempted from mandatory reclassification.

COMMISSIONED STATUS FOR WARRANT OFFICERS, W-1

The Marine Corps has supported an Army proposal for legislation which would provide commissioned officer status for Warrant Officer, W-1. However, no congressional action has been taken on this legislative proposal as yet. This subject was discussed at the recent FMFLant symposia and a comparable recommendation was submitted to HQMC.

MORE ON FITNESS REPORT READOUTS

If you are new to this area or if you haven't heard of one of the services offered to you by this, Fitness Report Readouts is one of them. Now, as to what good comes from a readout? What do you have in mind? A readout helps you to decide and/or plan your future. Depending on good luck for promotion or selection for various programs it not enough anymore. By receiving a copy of the chronologically listed fitness reports from your own individual file case you can plan your next move. Should I go for twenty? Should I call it quits at nineteen and six? Have I got it for LDO, Warrant Officer? Will I make 1st Sgt? To these and many more questions the answers are in your own individual readout. You can actually form a picture of yourself as viewed by all of the different officers that have submitted these very same fitness reports. Sort of gives you a chance to evaluate your past performances, regroup and set course for the future. Like the popular slogan says, "What have you got to lose?" Contact your Career Planner today. Ask him for a form for a fitness report readout. Remember officers must include their address on the card, and Staff NCO's must have a self addressed envelope sent in with their cards.

SERGEANT PROMOTIONS DUE

One more step up the ladder will be offered certain Corporals when Sergeant promotions are held in December.

Corporals with a date of rank of Aug. 31, 1970 or earlier and who are deemed qualified by their commanding officer are eligible for this promotion period. Conduct and proficiency marks assigned prior to Nov. 1, 1970 may be used in the computation of composite scores.

The prepromotion examination is waived. Composite scores should be received by CMC not later than Nov. 16, 1970.

SAVINGS BONDS

On 1 December 1969, President Nixon signed into law legislation permitting interest rates on U.S. Savings Bonds to be increased to 5 percent when held to maturity. All outstanding series E and H bonds now yielding less than 5 percent interest, regardless of when they were purchased, will also have their interest increased to yield a full 5 percent from 1 June 1969 to their maturity.

Since the new interest rate of 5 percent on savings bonds is now the same as on Freedom Shares, the latter was removed from sales effective 30 June 70.

Buying and holding U.S. Savings Bonds is more important to our nations economy than ever before. Savings Bonds are more than just invaluable assets to our nations financial management; they are a means whereby savings can be accumulated for cars, homes, education, retirement and many other goals. In this connection, savers are encouraged to have savings bonds forwarded to their permanent home address. For long time accumulations and safekeeping their is a safekeeping depository.

Although bonds are not the only way to save, they do have certain advantages over other methods. Bonds are nonmarketable, thus protecting the awner from loss. They enjoy tax benefits in the form of deferred income as well as exemption from State and local taxes. The benefits plus the conviences of offering effortless, systematic savings via the payroll deduction plan, are only a few of the more unique advantages of savings bonds.

LANCE CORPORALS NOW ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR NESEP

Lance Corporals between the ages of 20 and 26 who meet the requirements of the program are now eligible to apply for and participate in the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program. The change in grade requirements was announced in MCO 1560. 15D. Previously, Marines applying for the program had to be serving in the grade of Corporal or above. The program is open to high school graduates who ranked in the top 50 percent of their class and who have a minimum of 15 Carnegie units in specified arears. Non-high school graduates with at least 3 years' high school may also if they have passed the high school level GED test with minimum scores or 90 percentile in each battery.

There are 12 arears of study available under the program, including electrical/electronic engineering, civil engineering, engineering management/administration, systems/operations analysis, computer science, mathematics, and physics.

Now is the time to begin gathering high school transcripts and taking off-duty education courses in preparation for the NESEP Screening Examination and College Board Examinations in order to qualify to enter college in the fall of 1972 under NESEP.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Identification bracelets have been deleted as an item authorized to be worn by Marines while in uniform.

CHAMPUS PROGRAM BENEFITS VAGUE TO MANY MARINES

According to a recent Department of Defense study, less than 10 percent of those eligible for civilian health benefits filed claims last year. The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) is a matter of considerable confusion to many Marines and has evoked numerous articles, discussions, and questions through out the Marine Corps.

CHAMPUS is basically a cost-sharing program whereby the Government pays a significant portion of reasonable medical costs and the patient pays the remainder. Under the program, dependents of active duty personnel, retired personnel and their dependents, and dependents of personnel who die on active duty, are eligible to get health care from civilian doctors and, under some circumstances, civilian hospitals.

The amount paid by the individual differs between inpatient care and outpatient care. Outpatient care is described as that care given to a patient who is treated in a doctor's office or clinic and who does not stay overnight. Inpatient care is when the patient is hospitalized or is receiving outpatient care directly related to the condition for which the patient had been hospitalized.

Dependents of active duty Marines pay, as their share of the cost for authorized outpatient care, the first \$50 of expenses incurred by a patient each fiscal year plus 20 percent of the reasonable charge after the deductible amount has been paid. When there are two or more patients per family during a fiscal year, the deductible will not exceed \$100. After the deductible has been paid, the Government pays 80 percent of the remaining reasonable charge for authorized care.

For inpatient care, dependents of active duty Marines pay the first \$25 or \$1.75 per day, whichever amount is greater, of the inpatient facility charges and the Government pays the remainder of the reasonable charges of the inpatient facility and the reasonable charges of professional personnel.

Dependents living with their sponsors are required to obtain inpatient treatment in military facilities when those facilities are within a reasonable distance of their residence and can provide that care required. If the care is not available from a military facility, the dependents can get a statement of nonavailability from that facility and go to a civilian hospital of their choice.

Participation in CHAMPUS is entirely voluntary for the physician or any other source of medical care. Dependents seeking medical advice from civilian sources should first determine that the physician participates in the CHAMPUS program. If the physician does not participate in CHAMPUS, the patient can still be treated by him, but may have to pay the entire bill and then submit a claim to CHAMPUS to be repaid the Government's share of the cost.

No special authorization is needed for treatment on an outpatient basis. Dependents need only to show their identification card out part of the claim form for participation physicians.

By the same token, if the patient is not living with the Marine sponsor, no special authorization is needed for hospital care.

Although dependents of active duty personnel pay much less for medical services through a military facility, CHAMPUS is economically a sound program for those who desire to use it or must use it due to their physical locations away from military facilities.

SUN, FUN, AND EDUCATION

Indian River Junior College is located on the treasure coast of Florida between Lake Okeechobee and Indian River which is part of the inland waterway that makes it possible for small boats or large yachts to cruise the Florida coast away from the blustery winters to the north. The college serves the four counties of Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie located between Cape Kennedy and the Palm Beaches. Indian River is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and supported by the taxpayers of Florida.

Located in a land of citrus, cattle and flower production, with sandy ocean beaches and inland waterways, with the great Lake Okeechobee to the west and an abundance of sunshine and blue skies overhead, the college community enjoys water sports, swimming, fishing, scuba and surfing. Fishing is terrific, with both fresh and salt water varieties teeming in the canals, lakes, the inland waterway and the ocean. Local flying conditions are excellent and the Bahamas and islands to the south are easily accessible via flights from numerous airports along the treasure coast.

High speed highways connect the college with the Palm Beaches, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami to the south, with the Cape Kennedy area, Daytona, St. Augustine and St. Johns River county to the north. The Sunshine Parkway connects Miami with northern Florida, running adjacent to the college and connecting the four county area with the lovely lake area of central Florida.

In easy driving distance of the Indian River Junior College one can find two senior Florida universities, a large aircraft industry oceanography, a tremendous development. The Beautiful Florida Glades, jungle gardens, alligator farms, space shots to the moon, treasure hunting, racing, sky diving, rodeos, Jai Ali, professional baseball and cultural events galore.

Education can be mixed with sun and fun in the beautiful Indian River area while the Indian River Junior College student achieves inexpensively under an enlightened administration and faculty dedicated to the proposition that everyone can achieve. Modern and business-like innovations in instruction have become a key at Indian River Junior College; a key that unlocks the problems engendered in a school with an "open door" policy that accepts any student with a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate.

For further information on this or any other institution of higher education contact your local Career Planner.

EMBASSY DUTY

Have you ever thought about serving a tour of duty with the elite Marine Security Guard on Embassy Duty? How would you like to live in spacious civilian type living quarters while serving in an exotic environment in some foreign country? Sound interesting?

If you are a Sergeant or below, single and agree to remain unmarried for the tour of duty, a citizen of the United States, have completed at least 18 months of active duty, have a minimum conduct and duty proficiency markings of 4.4, your weight is in proportion to your height, have an excellent conduct record, and are willing to obligate yourself to have at least 30 months active service or agree to extend or reenlist, you may qualify for Marine Security Guard School, HQMC and further assignment to State Department Duty with the Marine Security Guard at an American Embassy in a foreign country.

Each Marine who completes school is issued dress uniforms, civilian clothes and additional allowances for most detachments. Marines assigned to an embassy receive important and more durable and intangible benefits such as the broadened outlook resulting from world travel, the personal awareness extracted from living in a foreign country, and the poise and self-confidence achieved from close association with diplomatic surroundings. These advantages should only be offered to the deserving and qualified Marine.

For more information concerning assignment to the Marine Security Guard School you should contact your Career Planning NCO NOW!!!

OFFICER PREFERENCE OF DUTY STATEMENTS

Marine Corps Order 1300.30 establishes a policy for officers to submit preference of duty statements using a standard postal card. The card should be addressed to CMC (Cod DFA) and include the following information:

- A. Name and Grade.
- B. Service number/social security number.
- C. MOS.
- D. Preference of duty (3).
- E. Date of last fitness report.
- F. Number of dependents and location.
- G. Officer's signature.

The postal card preference for duty are considered unofficial correspondence and will be superseded upon receipt of the next fitness report. Replies will not be made to postal card requests. The present policy of utilizing career planning chain of communication to update choice of duty assignment should cease. Maximum utilization of the postal card system, direct to monitor, is encouraged.

ADVANCED STANDING DEFINED FOR COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAM

According to MCO 1560.7C, which gives detailed information on the College Degree Program, "Officers must have been accepted by the college or university with a minimum of two years' advanced standing toward a baccalaureate degree..". The two years advanced standing is further defined as 60 semester or 90 quarter hours of credit, computed at 1-1/2 quarter hours per semester hour. Of this, at least 20 semester hours or 30 quarter hours must be of classroom work. Of the remaining 40 semester hours or 60 quarter hours, which may include additional classroom work, tests, correspondence courses, and military school and service credit, no more than 30 semester or 45 quarter hours may be of combined military school and service credit.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AWAITING 46 ENLISTED MARINES

Forty-six enlisted Marines, ranging in grade from Sergeant to Gunnery Sergeant, have been selected to attend up to 2 years of college to earn an associate of arts degree. The Marines, selected under the Marine Corps Associate Degree Competition Program (MADCOP), will continue to draw full pay and allowances while attending either Pensacola Junior College, Pensacola, Florida, or Palomar College, San Marcos, California. The Marine Corps will pay all costs of tuition, books, laboratory fees, and other required academic fees. Marine Corps bulletins in the 1560 series contain complete information on eligibility and criteria for the program.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

The College Degree/Advance Degree Program Board meets three times each year, in March, July and October. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held in March 1971. Applications to be considered by the March board should be received by CMC(Code DFA) during early February.

\$\$\$ SAYING IT AGAIN: COLLEGE PAYS OFF\$\$\$

A Census Bureaus report reconfirmed a basic fact of American economic life; the better-educated make more money.

The report showed the average income in 1968 of men 25 years or older with a college education was \$4,500 more than the average income of men with no more than a high school education.

The report said the mean income received by American men 25 and older increased from \$5,600 in 1958 to \$7,900 in 1968. The median number of years of school completed increased from 10.8 in 1958 to 12.1 in 1968, the report said.

For men with more than a high school diploma the mean income was \$8,400. For those with four or more years of college it was \$12,900.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Despite greatly increased quality control standards for reenlistment of enlisted Marines, there were 1,528 reenlistments during July 1970 and 1,168 reenlistments during August 1970. These figures represent Marines who met or exceeded the higher quality control standards now in effect. The total number of reenlistments exceeded the Marine Corps requirement and to indicate that good Marines are responding in positive fashion to the concerted effort to improve the professional standards and quality of the Marine Corps. As the Marine Corps weeds out those who do not measure up to the high standards of dedication and professionalism, more and more capable, motivated, professional Marines are deciding to stay with the Corps. Of the 1,528 reenlistments in July, 790 were first-term and 738 were career reenlistments. In August, 588 first-term Marines reenlisted and there were 590 career reenlistments.

CHANGE OF OCCUPATIONAL FIELD OR MOS MAY BE REENLISTMENT REQUIREMENT

Under the Marine Corps lateral movement system, outlines in MCO 1220.5, some Marines may have to change their occupational field or MOS in order to reenlist. The lateral movement system is designed to assist in meeting the grade/strength requirements among the various occupational fields. Ultimately, it will improve promotion equity, as well as aiding retention of quality Marines.

The lateral movement system can effect both first-term and career Marines, depending upon their occupational field and MOS, and can be either voluntary or involuntary. The basic concept is to move Marines from overpopulated OF's or MOS's and into short OF's or MOS's in order to improve grade balances and meet the needs of the Marine Corps.

Qualification for a new occupational field will be accomplished through on-the-job training and/or formal schooling for a specific MOS.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Regardless of an individual's composite score, occupational field cutting score, or HQMC selection for promotion, individual commanding officers have the final authority when it comes to actually promoting enlisted personnel within his command. MCO P1400.29 clearly states that commanding officers are responsible to insure that a Marine is fully qualified to assume the duties and responsibilities of the next higher grade at the time of promotion. If an individual Marine does not meet the criteria, commanding officers may decline to promote a Lance Corporal or Corporal and must return the promotion warrant of a Sergeant or above.

DIRECT CONTACT ENCOURAGED WITH ADMIN STUDY GROUP

Marines in the field are requested and encouraged to submit their comments and recommendations concerning problems in Marine Corps administration directly to the Administrative Study Group (Code AV) established to study Marine Corps administrative workings. The study was approved on 1 September 1970, and will continue for about 10 months. The overall objective of the study is to identify root causes of existing problems in the general administration of the Marine Corps; to recommend solutions of courses of action designed to reduce or eliminate such problems; and to recommend a course of action permitting continuing attention to administrative problems as they arise. For the purpose of the study, Marine Corps administration is defined as the "formulating of policies and the establishment of an organizational scheme of control for managing resources; i.e., men, money and material.

Inasmuch as the end result of the study is the relief of administrative burden in the field wherever possible, the study encourages the direct comments and recommendations from Marines in the field relative to the subject. Comments may be hand written and should be sent to:

Commandant of the Marine Corps
Administrative Study Group (Code AV)
Headquarters Marine Corps
Washington, D.C. 20380

FAILURE TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT MAY BE UCMJ VIOLATION

Marines who obtain early separation to accept employment with a legally constituted city, county, State or Federal law enforcement agency and then, after separation, fail to accept such employment may be violating the UCMJ. Such an instance could be a violation of article 83 of the UCMJ, the individual concerned could be subject to disciplinary action on the basis of obtaining a fraudulent separation. MCO 1910.26A outlines the policies and procedures for Recruiting Assistance for Police Agencies, including the eligibility for early separation.

NYLON WEB BELTS NOW AUTHORIZED

Khaki nylon web belts have been authorized for sale in the Marine Corps exchange system and may be worn by male officer and enlisted Marines. This belt may be used to satisfy minimum requirements and is authorized to be worn at all times, including formations, inspections, and ceremonies. A white nylon web belt has been authorized for wear by male officers with white dress uniform and may be purchased through the Marine Corps exchange system.

A MARINES VIEW OF THE VIETNAM CONFLICT

General Lewis W. Walt has written a story of the Vietnam conflict from the Marine point of view. It is one of the relatively few books in print on the subject written by an active participant rather than an observer and varies from the common frame of reference given the Vietnam situation by the majority of civilian authors. Because of the approach and the content, "Strange War, Strange Strategy" is expected to have extensive reader interest within the Marine Corps.

General Walt's book was published in September 1970 and should be available in Marine Corps and Navy libraries by mid-October as well as in Marine Corps exchanges for those Marines wanting to purchase personal copies of the book.

FITNESS REPORT SYSTEM BEING RESEARCHED

Fitness reports, format, and the marking system were discussed at great lengths at the recent FMFLant symposia and numerous recommendations were forwarded to HQMC concerning the fitness report system. The Marine Corps, in addition to internal efforts to improve the system, has included the study of fitness reports as part of its R&D exploratory research. A study of the feasibility of source data automated fitness reporting systems was conducted which included the general design of a proposed processing system. A study to design a staff NCO fitness report processing system was initiated in July 1967. All of these systems have been developed and are scheduled for implementation on 1 July 1971.

In addition, plans are underway to conduct further research in other areas of concern. Some will seek to identify the facets, characteristics, aspects of performance, and other and component elements which provide for evaluation job performance and predicting potential. There will also be a thorough analysis of Section D entries to determine the shortcomings and areas of overlap with objective items on the fitness report. The research will also seek to determine the validity of the "truthtellers" (distribution of marks in item 19b) and reevaluate the "no show" policy on fitness reports.

There are also plans to determine appropriate rating elements for NCO's in the context of enlisted versus officer performance requirements; develop a system for assigning weighted values to fitness report markings assigned under each of the performance and qualification variables; and develop a more appropriate means of evaluating personnel in the grades of private through lance corporal.

GUNNY BOARD

Gunnery Sergeant selection board should be out prior to Christmas. Unit Career Planners will be notified immediately upon receipt of the list here at Wing. All who desire to find out if you're on it or not should give your name, rank, and MOS to your Unit Career Planner.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross, whose military roots go back to the "Angel of Mercy" work done for the soldiers of both Union and Confederacy by Clara Barton in the Civil War, has become an integral part of the country's effort to see that the often difficult lot of the American serviceman is lightened. Initially this was in terms of nursing service performed right on the battlefield. When this was taken over by the military in World War I, the emphasis shifted to morale building and communication services. This was expanded greatly during World War II and the home chapter established in the interim were put to a severe test. Today, Red Cross assistance to the military is in three categories, Service to Military Installations, Service to Military Hospitals, and Supplemental Recreational Activities Overseas. The role of the Red Cross assistance to the military, chartered by Congress, is to provide an official communications link between the serviceman and the civilian community. In order to accomplish this, the Red Cross has chapters covering all areas of the United States and Territories. These chapters, manned by professionals and volunteer workers, provide twenty-four hour emergency service for both civilian community and the military. Working directly with the military are the Field Directors, both in the hospitals and on the bases. They are in contact with the community chapters by letter, telephone and wire to verify emergency situations that have arisen in the serviceman's family. They provide counselling for the serviceman with regard to emergencies, personal and family problems, hardship discharges, humanitarian transfers, and the other innumerable problems that can arise in connection with military service. Should a serviceman become ill, wounded or otherwise injured, the hospital Red Cross staff is available to assist the serviceman in corresponding with his family should he be unable to do so on his own, provide all the counselling services the base field director does, and provide recreation and entertainment in the form of movies, games, television shows and reading material.

Assisting the field directors in Korea and Vietnam, is the SRAO program. Started during the Korean Conflict to provide the troops a brief respite from the rigors of war, the SRAO girls or "Donut Dollies" as they are commonly known, travel around to the troops at lonely outposts and forward support bases, putting on entertainment programs of about an hour each. In the rear areas the "Donut Dollies" often have recreation centers that provide pool, ping pong, darts, music rooms, art rooms, libraries, card rooms, magazine shelves and general lounging facilities where the serviceman can relax.

The Da Nang area is covered by a large number of Red Cross offices. There is a field directors office at the 1st Marine Air Wing, one at the III MAF-FLC area, one at the Da Nang Air Base, one at Camp Tienshaw, one at LZ Betty, one at the 1st Marine Division Hqs, one at XXIV Corps Hqs, and one at the 80th Group Hqs. The hospital facilities are covered by the units at the 95th Evacuation Hospital and the hospital ship U.S.S. Sanctuary. The SRAO unit at the Peason Hill complex provides the recreational services for the Da Nang area.

The Field Director's Office for the 1st Marine Air Wing is located in the Wing Hqs compound, in the same building as Career Planning, and the Wing Education offices. The normal office hours are 0730-1630 hours with a duty worker being available for emergencies at any time. The office is manned by Mr. William E. Beall, Field

Director and Mr. Roland L. Rose, Assistant Field Director.

With the approach of the holiday season, the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Red Cross office would like to offer best wishes to all for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and full New Year.

CAREER PLANNING

The information contained in this newsletter is obtained from sources available to each and every Career Planner within the First Marine Aircraft Wing. Any one who desires more information on these articles or any other benefit or program should stop by and see your unit Career Planners soon. Remember, the Career Planners time is your time.

UNIT CAREER PLANNERS

MWEG-1

GROUP	MSGT HYLAND
H&MS-1	SGT NELSON
MWFS-1	SGT HALL
MWCS-1	SGT EMERY

MAG-11

GROUP	SSGT FASS
H&MS-11	SSGT JACKSON
MABS-11	SGT BAIN
VMFA-115	SSGT WILL
VMA-225	SSGT MEADOWS
VMO-2	SSGT WEEMS
VMA-311	SSGT BALDWIN

MACG-18

GROUP	MSGT JACKSON
H&MS-18	SGT JACKSON
MASS-3	GYSGT POLK
MACS-4	SSGT NORDAN

MAC-16

GROUP	SSGT NICHOLS
H&MS-16	SGT BOROWICK
MABS-16	SGT ACOSTA
HMM-262	SSGT THOMPSON
HMM-263	SSGT LOVE
HMM-364	SGT GIBSON
HML-367	SGT LEPIA
HMM-463	SSGT GLOVER
HML-467	SSGT DUNN

"KNIGHT'S KNIGHTS"

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A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS IN VIETNAM
(with apologies to Clement A Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the tent,
Not a creature was stirring not even a sergeant:
The boots were all lined up by the cots with great care
In hopes that the Go would "OK" them there.

The troops were all nestled all snug in their sacks,
While Vietnam's rains dripped through the cracks;
And guards in their ponchos, and I in my pack
Had just settled down for a mighty long nap.

When out on the tank trail there rose such a clatter,
I sprang from my pad to see what was the matter;
Away to the tent flap I flew like a flash
Tore open the fastners and threw it up with a dash.

The moon on the face of the rain-covered ground
Made me mighty suspicious of any loud sound.
When what to my road map eyes should appear
But a Huey 1B coming in very low, very near.

With a pudgy old pilot so cool and so quick,
I knew in an instant it must be St. Nick.
Faster than jets, the chopper blades flew
And he whistled and shouted, "Where is this darn crew?"

"Privates Dasher! Dancer! Prancer! and Vixen!
Comet! Cupid! Donner! and Blitzen!
They're never around when you need them all,
If they don't report soon their heads will fall."

As 2nd Lieutenants before a General to fly,
When they see the Captain giving them the eye.
So up to the chopper, like short-timers they flew,
With a cockpit full of gifts, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in as instant, I heard not flutes,
But the stamping and shuffling of wet jungle boots,
As I drew in my head and was turning around,
In through the back flap St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in camouflage from his head to his foot,
And his brass was all tarnished with mud and soot.
A bundle of sea rations he had slung on his back,
And he looked like Uncle Sam just opening a pack.

His eyes--how they sparkled! His nose like a berry!
In fact, he was really quite merry.
He had a mustache as white as snow,
And the beard on his chin is unauthorized you know!

The light of his cigarette glowed on his lips,
As a 45 automatic hung on his hip;
He was out of condition, chubby and fat,
But some morning P.T. could take care of that.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly ol' elf
And I laughed when I saw him, inspite of myself.
A wink of his eye, a nod of his head,
I knew those privates had nothing to dread.

He said not a word, but went straight to his work,
Filled all the combat boots and turned with a jerk
And saluting me with a snappy attention
He did an about-face and left without mention.

He sprang to his chopper, to the ground crew gave the orders
And away he flew, faster than mortars.
But I heard him holler as he flew out of sight,
Take care of Charlie and sleep well this Christmas night.

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NEW

YEAR!

DECEMBER

FREEDOM HILL - USO

DANANG CAMERA TOURS

11:00-4:00

- DEC 2 - WED
- DEC 12 - SAT
- DEC 16 - WED
- DEC 26 - SAT
- DEC 30 - WED

LIVE SHOWS

11:00

- DEC 2 - SUN
- * 'VILLARUZ SISTERS'
- * DEC 27 - SUN
- 'SUNSEEKERS'

ORPHANAGE VISIT

1:15-4:30

- DEC 5 - SAT
- 'MAKE AN ORPHAN
HAPPY'

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- DEC 13 - SUN
- 'CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP'
- DEC 13-19
- DECORATE THE FREEDOM HILL USO
- DEC 20 - SUN
- * • CHRISTMAS DINNER - 12:00
- * • CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 2:00
- 12 MAN BAND
- CHRISTMAS CAROLING - 3:00
- DEC 24 - THURS
- * • 'CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL'
- * • 'A HOUSE BUILT UP TO DAVID'
- A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT KES-
BY ORPHANS OF CHINA BEACH
PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE
- DEC. 25 - FRI
- * • 'CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL'
- ORPHAN'S PARTY - 2:00
- DEC 27 - SUN
- PAGE BOY DINNER

CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS

- DEC 28-9 MON-TUES

NEW YEAR'S

- DEC 31 - THURS
- NEW YEAR'S EVE
- JAN 1 - FRI
- * • DANANG RICE BOWL
- ARMY-MARINES
FOOTBALL

* COMING: BOB HOPE'S USO SHOW

