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Marine Wing Service Group 17  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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(b) WgO 5750.1B

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for the period 1-31 July 1966

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is forwarded.

  
E. P. HART

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Cmd Chron

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PART ONE

## 1. Organizational Data:

a. Marine Air Base Squadron 17 (T/O M-8720 of 26 September 1965 w/changes).

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
JONES, Charles F.	Major	Commanding Officer	(1-18 July 1966)
HART, Lawrence P.	LtCol	Commanding Officer	(19-31 July 1966)
JONES, Charles F.	Major	Executive Officer	(19-31 July 1966)
WALKER, Willard C.	2dLt	Material Officer	(1-31 July 1966)
SOSKO, Edward J.	1stSgt	First Sergeant	(1-31 July 1966)

## 2. Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Marine Air Base Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	(1-31 July 1966)

## 3. Average Strength

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
MABS-17	13	228

## 4. Important Visitors

a. LtCol D. A. PANSKA, MWSG-17 Executive Officer has been administratively assigned to the unit since 19 July while performing his duties as MWSG-17 in-country representative.

PART TWONARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During July, this organizations total strength was increased from 157 enlisted to 228 enlisted. The officer strength increased from 7 to 13. The increase was mainly due to the arrival of the 4th Echelon Repair Section and other personnel phased in-country from Japan.

2. The MAG-13 tropical hut area was vacated and the squadron billeting and working apaces were moved to the Wing's TANGO Sector. The 4th Echelon Repair Section, Heavy Equipment Section, TAFDS Section and Utilities Sections were located in the future MWSG-17 area which had been vacated by elements of FLSG ALFA.

3. On 1 July 1966, the Squadron assumed the TAFDS function for the Marine Air Terminal area as well as the refueler mission previously assigned. Coordination Control over the Marine Air Terminal area necessitated the Utilities Section taking over the water point and power supply for the area. A Wing Clubs outlet was established in the Passenger Terminal to provide cold drinks and smokes to the waiting passengers. A ramp MP was posted to provide vehicle control on the congested aircraft parking ramp. The Motor Transport Section travelled 35,759 miles delivering 5,655 tons of Class VA ordnance and 1,703.5 tons of general cargo as well as providing general Motor Transport services for the squadron. The TAFDS Section processed 1,090,528 gallons of fuel. The receipt of 72 collapsable fuel drums allowed the section to provide additional drum Pol support for Operation Hastings. One M-63 Refueller and two drivers were sent TAD to MAG-16 to assist in the refueling problem at Dong Ha. The Heavy Equipment Section undertook a multitude of tasks in general support of the Wing and nearby units. One D-4 tractor was loaned to MCB-9 to be Helo lifted by sky-crane into a forward Special Forces Camp to expand the existing air strip. Another was furnished to MCB-6 to assist in the development work around the New Bridge Ramp.

## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 1 July 1966, assumed TAFDS support for Marine Air Terminal area and EOD team activated for General Wing Support in Danang area.
- b. 8 July 1966, LST USS Winchester County 1169 embarked 4th Echelon, 2 TAFDS, Heavy Equipment Sections and 450 tons of squadron supplies and equipment.
- c. 16 July 1966, LST 1169 disembarked at Danang.
- d. 19 July 1966, Lieutenant Colonel L. P. HART USMC, assumed command of Squadron vice Major C. F. JONES who was reassigned as Executive Officer.
- e. Joined, 26 July 1966, one officer and two enlisted personnel from MAMS-17 to establish a Wing Flight Section detachment.