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1. In compliance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted for the period 1 through 30 April 1966.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit Location - MCAS Iwakuni
Reporting period 1 through 30 April 1966

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PART ONE Organizational Data

1. (C) Listing of Commanders and Staffs

(A) Marine Wing Service Group 17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
McDANIEL, J. T.	Col	Commanding Officer	(1-10 Apr 1966)
ARMAGOST, W. I.	Col	Commanding Officer	(11-30 Apr 1966)
AVANT, P. F. Jr.	LtCol	Executive Officer	(1-30 Apr 1966)
GIDDINGS, J. A.	Capt	Adjutant	(1-3 Apr 1966)
PATRICK, J. L.	Capt	Adjutant	(4-30 Apr 1966)
MADDEN, O.	SgtMaj	Sergeant Major	(1-15 Apr 1966)
DARROW, P. H.	SgtMaj	Sergeant Major	(16-30 Apr 1966)
STEPHANI, W. D.	Capt	S-1	(1-30 Apr 1966)
CREADICK, L. P.	Capt	S-2	(1-17 Apr 1966)
PIPER, A. S.	Capt	S-2	(18-30 Apr 1966)
LINDELL, C. A.	Maj	S-3	(1-18 Apr 1966)
DOUD, F. E.	Maj	S-3	(19-30 Apr 1966)
WILLIS, J. E.	Maj	S-4	(1-30 Apr 1966)
HART, L. P.	LtCol	Special Projects Officer	(1-30 Apr 1966)

(B) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
COMBS, R. G.	Maj	Commanding Officer	(1-30 Apr 1966)
O'BRIEN, P. W.	1stLt	Administrative Officer	(1-30 Apr 1966)
RICHARDI, C.	GySgt	Acting Material Officer	(1-30 Apr 1966)

(C) Marine Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
JONES, E. M.	LtCol	Commanding Officer	(1-30 Apr 1966)
RICE, D. L.	Maj	Executive Officer	(1-25 Apr 1966)
LINDELL, C. A.	Maj	Executive Officer	(26-30 Apr 1966)
JOHNSON, E. E.	Capt	Adjutant/Admin Officer	(1-30 Apr 1966)
DOLLY, J. R.	1stSgt	First Sergeant	(1-30 Apr 1966)

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(D) Marine Air Base Squadron 17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
JONES, C. F.	Maj	Commanding Officer	(1-30 Apr 1966)
COX, T. C.	Maj	Executive Officer	(1-30 Apr 1966)
BRINK, K. R.	1stLt	Administrative Officer	(1-30 Apr 1966)
WALKER, W. C.	2ndLt	Material Officer	(1-30 Apr 1966)
ANDERSON, W. T.	SgtMaj	Sergeant Major	(1-30 Apr 1966)

(E) Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 60

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
MILLER, H. G. JR.	Maj	Officer in Charge	(1-4 Apr 1966)
SERVICE, W. C.	Maj	Officer in Charge	(5-26 Apr 1966)

(F) Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 66

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
FULLADOSA, V. J.	Capt	Officer in Charge	(16-26 Apr 1966)

(G) Detachment #1, Ammunition Company

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
BAIRD, B.	SSgt	NCOIC	(1-30 Apr 1966)

(H) Sub-Unit #2 (NBC Weapons Section)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
PARRISH, D. D.	Maj	Officer in Charge	(1-15 Apr 1966)

2. (C) Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Marine Wing Service Group 17 CTU 79.3.1	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-30 Apr 1966)
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 17 CTE 79.3.1.1	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-30 Apr 1966)
Marine Air Base Squadron 17 CTE 79.3.1.2	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-30 Apr 1966)

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<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
DET #1 Ammo Co.	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-30 Apr 1966)
* MATCU-60	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-26 Apr 1966)
* MATCU-66	MCAF Futema	(16-26 Apr 1966)
* Sub-Unit #2 (NBC)	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-15 Apr 1966)
Marine Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 17	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-30 Apr 1966)

Note * Deleted from Task Organization during April 1966.

3. (c) Average Strengths

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
MWSG-17	52	616
H&RS-17	28	177
MABS-17	12	251
* Det #1 Ammo Co.	(0)	(4)
* MATCU 60	(7)	(49)
* MATCU 66	(4)	(39)
* Sub Unit #2 (NBC)	(3)	(14)
MAMS-17	12	188

Note * Total Strength figures are reflected in Average Strength for MABS-17.

4. BGen M. E. CARL and BGen H. M. ELWOOD attended the change of command ceremony on 11 April 1966.

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PART TWO Narrative Summary

1. (U) Colonel William I. ARMAGOST assumed command of MMSG-17 from Colonel J. T. MCDANIEL on 11 April 1966. BGen M. E. CARL and BGen H. M. ELWOOD attended the ceremony.
2. (U) On 15 April 1966 MMSG-17 and MCAS Iwakuni separated from one to two commands.
3. (C) Sub Unit #2 (NBC Section) was transferred to MAG-13 and MAG-13 assumed OPCON of MMSG-17 on 15 April 1966.
4. (C) MATCU-66 reported to MMSG-17 for ADCON on 16 April 1966. They remained in this organization until 27 April when both MATCU-60 and MATCU-66 were detached to join MAG-13.
5. (S) On 20 April 1966 MMSG-17 was directed to be prepared to establish a detachment of MABS-17 at Danang to provide Motor Transport support for the First Marine Aircraft Wing.
6. (S) LtCol HART and a team of officers and men departed for a Wing Conference to solidify the concept for the deployment of MABS-17. LtCol HART and team returned on 29 April at which time detailed planning commenced.
7. (U) Throughout April MAMS-17 continued to support the 1st MAW by flying the daily MARLOG and other commitments as assigned. MAMS-17 aircraft flew a total of 537 hours and carried 1,272 passengers and 293,238 pounds of cargo while flying 41,520 nautical miles.

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PART THREE Significant Events

1. (U) Establishment of MCAS and MWSG-17 as separate commands.

a. The separation of MWSG-17 and MCAS Iwakuni into two commands on 15 April resulted in several problem areas in administration, material control, and coordination.

b. The joint command produced an environment favorable for the publication of joint directives and free interchange of equipment. Separation of files and equipment required many hours of work. For example, weapons currently used by the MCAS security section belong to MWSG-17 and to recall them would severely restrict the capabilities of the MCAS security section.

c. A major task that has only begun is to evaluate and rewrite the MWSG-17 directives system to suit the new command requirements.

2. (S) Movement of MWSG-17

a. Detailed planning commenced for the movement of MABS-17 during April when MWSG-17 was directed to determine the number of vehicles that could be deployed to Danang.

b. The original concept directed that a MABS-17 detachment be deployed. A recommendation to deploy MABS-17 (-) was submitted to the 1st MFW and accepted.

c. The planned movement has required additional training in several areas. For example Japanese skilled labor that is employed in the MABS-17 fourth echelon repair station will have to be replaced with Marine talent when the fourth echelon is deployed.

3. (U) Civic Action

a. Lt. John F. WEAVER, the MWSG-17 chaplain taught English to Japanese industrial workers and has hosted several on base tours for local Japanese personnel.

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