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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FIF, Pacific
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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

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PART ONE Organizational Data

1. (U) 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>
ARMAGOST, W. I.	Col	Commanding Officer	(1-30 June 1966)
AVANT, P. F. Jr.	LtCol	Executive Officer	(1-28 June 1966)
AVANT, P. F. Jr.	LtCol	Deputy Commanding Officer	(29-30 June 1966)
PANSKA, D. A.	LtCol	Executive Officer	(29-30 June 1966)
STEPHANI, W. D.	Capt	S-1	(1-30 June 1966)
BARTLEY, J. H.	2ndLt	S-2	(1-30 June 1966)
DOUD, F. E.	Maj	S-3	(1-30 June 1966)
WILLIS, J. E.	Maj	S-4	(1-30 June 1966)
PATRICK, J. L.	Capt	Adjutant	(1-30 June 1966)
DARROW, P. H.	SgtMaj	Sergeant Major	(1-30 June 1966)

b. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
HIGHHOUSE, L. D.	Maj	Commanding Officer	(1-30 June 1966)
SMITH, L. H.	1stLt	Administrative Officer	(1-30 June 1966)
MONTGOMERY, T.	2ndLt	Material Officer	(1-30 June 1966)
CUMMINGHAM, J. H.	1stSgt	First Sergeant	(1-30 June 1966)

c. Marine Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
LINDELL, C. A.	Maj	Commanding Officer	(1-30 June 1966)
MARKEY, H. J. Jr.	Maj	Executive Officer	(1-17 June 1966)
REDMAN, C. G.	Maj	Executive Officer	(18-30 June 1966)
GRIGGS, B. J.	2ndLt	Adj/Admin Officer	(1-30 June 1966)
DOLLY, J. R.	SgtMaj	Sergeant Major	(1-30 June 1966)

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 June 1966)
SOSKO, E. J.	1stSgt	First Sergeant	(1-30 June 1966)

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e. Marine Air Base Squadron 17 Sub Unit #1

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
COX, T. C.	Maj	Officer-in-Charge	(1-15 June 1966)
ZIMMERMAN, K. A.	Maj	Officer-in-Charge	(16-30 June 1966)
ESPOSITO, R. J.	Capt	Ass't Officer-in-Charge	(29-30 June 1966)
BRINK, K. R.	1stLt	Administrative Officer	(1-30 June 1966)

f. Detachment #1 Ammo Company

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
MILAS, A. J.	Sgt	NCOIC	(1-30 June 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 June 1966)
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 17 CTE 79.3.1.1	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-30 June 1966)
Marine Air Base Squadron 17 CTE 79.1.2	Danang, RVN	(1-30 June 1966)
Sub Unit #1	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-30 June 1966)
Det #1 Ammo Company	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-30 June 1966)

3. (C) Average Strengths

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
MWSG-17	54	617
H&HS-17	28	146
MABS-17	8	170
Sub Unit #1	6	135
Det #1 Ammo Co	0	1
MAMS-17	12	165

4. Important Visitors

- a. (U) BGEN R. R. VANSTOCKUM visited MWSG-17 on 17 June 1966.
- b. (U) BGEN H. M. ELWOOD visited MWSG-17 on 22-23 June 1966.

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PART TWO Narrative Summary

1. (U) On 1 June 1966 Colonel W. I. ARMIAGOST and party returned from a liaison trip to Danang.
2. (C) On 9 and 10 June 1966 a combined S-2/S-3 briefing was conducted for all MMSG-17 officers to present the current situation in RVN. This type briefing is planned as a monthly occurrence to provide current data to aid in training personnel and planning for MMSG-17 deployment.
3. (C) On 11 June 1966 MARS-17 embarked 2 officers, 64 enlisted, 42 vehicles, and 22 pieces of heavy support equipment aboard LST 1157 and sailed for Danang.
4. (C) Colonel W. I. ARMIAGOST and party flew to Danang on 20-22 June 1966 to attend a Wing Conference and acquire additional information required to plan the continued movement of MMSG-17 to RVN.
5. (C) On 17 June 1966 the First Marine Aircraft Wing directed 4 TF-9J aircraft be prepared for transfer to MAG-11 and MAG-12.
6. (U) On 27 June 1966 the first Typhoon of the season to approach MCAS Iwakuni provided an excellent opportunity to test the Typhoon Command and Control System.
7. (U) MARS-17 continued to support the First Marine Aircraft Wing and MAG-13 by flying the daily MACTACLOG and other commitments. During June 1966 MARS-17 aircraft flew 275.9 hours and carried 1,515 passengers and 274,994 pounds of cargo while flying 44,966 nautical miles.

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CONFIDENTIAL**PART THREE Significant Events****1. Movement of MMSG-17**

a. (C) The Movement of MMSG-17 to RVN is progressing in an orderly manner and at the planned rate. The major obstacle is adequate space to locate MMSG-17 elements in the Danang Complex. Nearly 25% of MMSG-17 personnel and equipment have been deployed to RVN. When the 4th Echelon Repair Section and the required supply support is established in-country MMSG-17 will be almost 50% in-country. This should occur during July. In addition, one C-117D is in-country TAD to the First Marine Aircraft Wing, and 4 TF-9J aircraft will be transferred to MAG-11/MAG-12 during the month of July 1966.

b. (C) It is anticipated that MMSG-17 will establish in RVN under the new Marine Wing Support Group Organization. This requires consolidation and reorganization of three squadrons into two. The problems of deploying under one organization and arriving at the destination as a new organization are compounded by the lack of clearly defined missions and tasks and by the absence of the Interim Table's of Organization. This has required judicious analysis of all available data to adequately plan the deployment of personnel and equipment in a manner to be capable of conducting assigned tasks and anticipated tasks from the framework of the current organization yet flexible enough to easily adapt to the new organization when directed to implement the change.

2. Supply

a. (U) Disposition instructions have been received for excess Marine Corps property held in WSSD. Approximately 3800 line items have been returned to Barstow while the remaining excess items will be disposed of locally.

b. (U) Excess Navy property has been reported to Yokosuka. Approximately 4500 line items will be returned to Yokosuka and 2100 line items will be sent to salvage.

3. Training Aids Library

a. (U) MMSG-17 was allocated \$11,000 to purchase necessary Training Aids Library material. Two surplus vans have been procured by First Marine Aircraft Wing and will be modified to house a Mobile Training Aids Library capable of providing Training Aid support, storage, and maintenance for First Marine Aircraft Units while in the field.

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4. Civil Affairs

a. (U) H&HS-17 continued the assistance program for the Yahata Gakuen Orphanage. Material for two mahogany picnic tables was purchased by H&HS-17. These tables were constructed at the MCAS Iwakuni Hobby Shop and delivered with 3 truck loads of scrap wood. The latter to be used for heating and cooking. In addition, on the 5th, 12th, and 26th of June 1966 English classes were conducted in the community center near the orphanage. These classes are a joint project of H&HS-17 personnel and officials from the orphanage.

b. (U) Throughout the month of June 1966 Chaplain Weaver taught 11 hours of English to the Teijin industrial workers and made arrangements for five servicemen to work with the Hiroshima American Cultural Center of English seminars which will be conducted next August 1966.

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