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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, F.F., Pacific
FPO San Francisco 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit Location - MCAS Iwakuni
Reporting period 1 through 31 July 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. L.	Col	Commanding Officer	(1-31 July 1966)
AVANT, P. F. Jr.	LtCol	Deputy Commanding Officer	(1-31 July 1966)
PANSKA, D. A.	LtCol	Executive Officer	(1-31 July 1966)
STEPHANI, W. D.	Capt	S-1	(1-31 July 1966)
BARTLEY, J. H.	2ndLt	S-2	(1-31 July 1966)
DOUD, F. E.	Maj	S-3	(1-31 July 1966)
WILLIS, J. E.	Maj	S-4	(1-31 July 1966)
PATRICK, J. L.	Capt	Adjutant	(1-31 July 1966)
DARROW, P. H.	SgtMaj	Sergeant Major	(1-11 July 1966)
DOLLY, J. R.	SgtMaj	Sergeant Major	(12-31 July 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	(1-31 July 1966)
SMITH, L. H.	1stLt	Administrative Officer	(1-31 July 1966)
MONTGOMERY, T.	2ndLt	Material Officer	(1-31 July 1966)
CUNNINGHAM, J. H.	1stSgt	First Sergeant	(1-31 July 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	(1-31 July 1966)
REDMAN, C. G.	Maj	Executive Officer	(1-30 July 1966)
None Assigned		Executive Officer	(31 July 1966)
GRIGGS, B. J.	2ndLt	Adjutant	(1-31 July 1966)
DOLLY, J. R.	SgtMaj	Sergeant Major	(1-11 July 1966)
CAPLAS, C.	GySgt	Acting First Sergeant	(12-31 July 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	(1-31 July 1966)
SOSKO, E. J.	1stSgt	First Sergeant	(1-31 July 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>
ZIMMERMAN, K. A.	Maj	Officer in Charge	(1-31 July 1966)
ESPOSITO, R. J.	Capt	Ass't Officer in Charge	(1-18 July 1966)
CADWELL, R. A.	Capt	Communications Officer	(1-31 July 1966)
BRINK, K. R.	Capt	Administrative Officer	(1-31 July 1966)
WEAVER, J. F.	Lt. (USN)	Chaplain	(1-31 July 1966)
HILL, J. V.	Lt. (USN)	Flight Surgeon	(1-31 July 1966)
TOWNSAN, T. D.	Lt. (USN)	Flight Surgeon	(25 -31 July 1966)
FLEMING, V. K.	1stLt	Motor Transport Officer	(1-31 July 1966)

2. (a) 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	(1-31 July 1966)
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 17 MCAS Iwakuni CTE 79.3.1.1		(1-31 July 1966)
Marine Air Base Squadron 17 CTE 79.1.2	Danang, RVN	(1-31 July 1966)
Sub Unit #1	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-31 July 1966)

3. (C) Average Strengths

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
MWSG-17	61	560
H&HS-17	28	120
MABS-17	11	202
Sub Unit #1	8	113
MAMS-17	14	125

4. Important Visitors

a. None

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PART TWO - Narrative Summary

1. (U) On 19-22 July 1966 Col. ARMAGOST and party flew to Danang to conduct liaison with the First Marine Aircraft Wing.
2. (C) On the 23rd of July 1966, MMSG-17 was directed to establish a MAMS-17 Sub-Unit at Danang by 1 August to support and operate two C-117, two US-2B, and one C-45 aircraft in support of the First Marine Aircraft Wing.
3. (C) On 25 July MAMS-17 C-117D, Bureau Number 17211 crashed on takeoff at Danang. The aircraft was under the operational control of Marine Aircraft Group 11.
4. (C) On 30 July MAMS-17 Sub-Unit departed MCAS Iwakuni and arrived at Danang on 31 July 1966.
5. (U) MAMS-17 continued to support the First Marine Aircraft Wing and MAG-13 by flying the daily MARTACLOG and other commitments. During July MAMS 17 aircraft flew 410 hours and carried 1,366 passengers and 281,759 pounds of cargo and mail while flying 45,921 nautical miles.

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PART THREE - Significant Events

1. Movement of MWSG-17

a. (S) MWSG-17 continues to build up forces in RVN so that we now are nearly 50% in country. The major restriction to fully deploying MWSG-17 remains to be adequate space for covered storage, aircraft parking, and troop living area.

b. (C) Current directives require MWSG-17 to reorganize to the Marine Wing Support Group concept on arrival in RVN. To date only personnel and equipment compatible with the new organization have been deployed to RVN. Missions and Tasks as well as tentative T.O.'s, T.E.'s, and T.A.'s are still not available, consequently planning and the deployment of personnel has been based on the specific tasks assigned in-country units and our own evaluation of the tentative tasks indicated in the CMC reorganization study.

2. In-country Support

a. (C) MABS-17, located at Danang now provides the following support to the First Marine Aircraft Wing:

(1) Coordinates Marine air terminal area at Danang.

(2) Operates the TAFDS and related POL facilities for the Marine Air Terminal area at Danang.

(3) Provides Motor Transport services as directed. This has primarily been associated with the transportation of all class material from the beach area to the Danang complex.

(4) Provides 3rd Echelon motor transport maintenance for MWHG-1 and 4th Echelon motor transport maintenance for all Wing Units.

3. Supply

a. (U) The Wing Supply Support Division completed phasing out Navy/Marine material on the 27th July.

b. (C) When the next LST which is scheduled to depart Iwakuni on 11 August, arrives in Danang all section "M" material for motor transport vehicles will be located in RVN. Material required to support the vehicles remaining in Japan will be requisitioned on a priority O2 basis.

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a. (U) Chaplain WEAVER continued his program of instructing Japanese workers in the English language and participated in the dedication of the recreation building at the Tsuda Orphanage.

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