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FPO San Francisco 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit Location - MCAS Iwakuni (1-11 Sept 66)
Danang AB, RVN (12-30 Sept 66)
Reporting period 1 through 30 September 1966

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PART ONE - Organizational Data

1. (U) Listing of Commanders and Staffs

a. Marine Wing Support Group 17

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u> | <u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| TOSDAL, O. S. | Col | Commanding Officer | (1-30 September 1966) |
| PANSKA, D. A. | LtCol | Executive Officer | (1-30 September 1966) |
| STEPHANI, W. D. | Capt | S-1 | (1-21 September 1966) |
| VOGLER, L. D. | Capt | S-1 | (22-30 September 1966) |
| BARTLEY, J. H. | 2dLt | S-2 | (1-30 September 1966) |
| DOUD, F. E. | Maj | S-3 | (1-30 September 1966) |
| WILLIS, J. E. | Maj | S-4 | (1-30 September 1966) |
| ROBERTS, L. C. | 2dLt | Adjutant | (1-30 September 1966) |
| DOLLY, J. R. | Sgt Maj | Sergeant Major | (1-18 September 1966) |
| Vacant | | Sergeant Major | (19-30 September 1966) |
| WEAVER, J. F. | Lt USN | Chaplain | (1-30 September 1966) |

b. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u> | <u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| LEOUE, J. J. | LtCol | Commanding Officer | (1-30 September 1966) |
| LINDELL, C. A. | Maj | Executive Officer | (1-2 September 1966) |
| HIGHHOUSE, L. D. | Maj | Executive Officer | (3-30 September 1966) |
| SMITH, L. H. | Capt | Administrative Officer | (1-30 September 1966) |
| PALLAI, M. | Maj | Operations Officer | (1-16 September 1966) |
| REDMAN, C. G. | Maj | Operations Officer | (17-30 September 1966) |
| IRVING, E. O. Jr | Maj | Maintenance Officer | (1-30 September 1966) |
| CUNNINGHAM, J. H. | 1st/Sgt | First Sergeant | (1-30 September 1966) |

c. Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u> | <u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u> |
|------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| HART, L. P. | LtCol | Commanding Officer | (1-30 September 1966) |
| ZIMMERMAN, K. A. | Maj | Executive Officer | (1-30 September 1966) |
| BRINK, K. R. | Capt | Administrative Officer | (1-30 September 1966) |
| SOSKO, E. J. | 1st/Sgt | First Sergeant | (1-30 September 1966) |

d. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Sub Unit #1

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u> | <u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| REDMAN, C. G. | Maj | Officer-in-Charge | (1-8 September 1966) |
| LINDELL, C. A. | Maj | Officer-in-Charge | (9-29 September 1966) |
| BLOODWORTH, J. M. | Capt | Maintenance Officer | (1-29 September 1966) |
| LEACH, R. F. | SSgt | Administrative Chief | (1-29 September 1966) |

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2. (C) Task Organization and Unit Location

| <u>ORGANIZATION</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Marine Wing Support Group | MCAS, Iwakuni DANANG AB, RVN | (1-11 Sept 1966) (12-30 Sept 1966) |
| Headquarters & Maintenance Squadron 17 | MCAS, Iwakuni DANANG AB, RVN | (1-29 Sept 1966) (30 Sept 1966) |
| Sub Unit #1 | DANANG AB, RVN | (1-29 Sept 1966) |
| Wing Equipment & Repair Squadron 17 | DANANG AB, RVN | (1-30 Sept 1966) |

3. (C) Average Strengths

| <u>ORGANIZATION</u> | <u>OFFICER</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| MMSG-17 | 44 | 502 |
| WE&RS-17 | 5 | 182 |
| H&MS-17 | 14 | 100 |
| Sub Unit #1 | 25 | 220 |

4. (U) Important Visitors

- a. LtGen KRULAK terminated visit to Iwakuni on 1 Sept 1966.
- b. MajGen R. L. DAVIS visited MMSG-17 at Danang on 28 Sept 1966.

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PART TWO - Narrative Summary

1. (U) The first day of September marked a major milestone in the history of this organization. On that date Marine Wing Service Group 17 was redesignated as Marine Wing Support Group and was reorganized in accordance with the guidelines contained in the proposed T.O.'s M-8710 and M-8715 for the two squadrons, H&MS-17 and WE&RS-17, respectively.
2. (U) On 6 September, transfer of C-54 aircraft from H&MS-17 to H&MS-15 commenced. MAG-15 assumed responsibility for coordination of the Iwakuni - Atsugi MARTACLOG flights.
3. (C) On 12 September, the C.O. and Group Staff deployed to Danang aboard a KC-130 aircraft. Arrival at Danang occurred at 1210H and MSG-17 reported OPCON to CG, FMAW at that time.
4. (U) Sub Unit #1 of H&MS-17 increased its major equipment assets with the arrival of a G-117D BuNo 39087 from CONUS on 13 September 1966.
5. (U) On 16 September 1966, two US-2B aircraft arrived at Danang. These aircraft are operated by H&MS-17 under the operational control of G-3, FMAW and are the only two S2 type aircraft in the Marine Corps at the present time.
6. (C) On 19 September 1966 the LST Page County arrived at Danang with the remainder of the motor transport equipment of WE&RS-17 as well as material and supplies controlled by the Group Supply Officer.
7. (U) On 26 September 1966, H&MS-17 accepted custody at Danang of six UH-34D helicopters from HMM-364. Since there are no helicopter qualified personnel currently assigned to MSG-17, there is no anticipated utilization of these six aircraft in the immediate future. It is hoped that by mid-October, sufficient crews will be on hand to commence helicopter logistic support of FMAW.
8. (U) MajGen R. L. DAVIS, G-1 of HQ USMC visited MSG-17 from 1530H to 1645H on 28 September 1966. Col O. S. TOSDAL briefed Gen DAVIS on the reorganization of MSG-17 and discussed the personnel assets and problems of the group. LtCol HART gave a short briefing on the functions and tasks of WE&RS-17. Maj LINDELL covered the organization of the Sub Unit of H&MS-17 and briefed Gen DAVIS on the types of missions performed by aircraft of H&MS-17. Col TOSDAL then escorted Gen DAVIS on a tour of MSG-17 working and living spaces.
9. (C) The C.O. of H&MS-17 moved his CP from MCAS Iwakuni to Danang on 30 September 1966, disestablishing the Sub Unit previously located at Danang. A Sub Unit was established at MCAS Iwakuni for the rear echelon of H&MS-17. Approximately 5 officers and 50 enlisted personnel comprise the rear echelon located at Iwakuni.

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10. (U) During the month of September, H&MS-17 aircraft flew 418 hours, carried 2,167 passengers, 10,244 pounds of cargo, 75,156 pounds of baggage and 6,426 pounds of mail. Ten night flare drop missions were flown in C-117 aircraft in support of night ground defense operations in the I Corps area.

11. (U) During the month of September, WERS-17 motor transport assisted by vehicles from MWHG-1 and MAG-16 transported 15,800 STONS of Class (VA) ordnance. WERS-17 TAFDS issued 558,778 gallons of JP-4 gasoline.

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PART THREE - Significant Events

1. Reorganization of MWSG-17

a. (U) The plan for reorganizing Marine Wing Service Group into the Marine Wing Support Group was executed on 1 September 1966. MABS-17 was redesignated to Wing Equipment & Repair Squadron 17. MAMS-17 was redesignated Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17. H&HS-17 was disestablished. Several sections formerly found in MABS-17 were transferred to H&MS-17. These include Utilities, Security, Communications, Medical and Base Services Section. Operational Control of these sections remained with WE&RS-17 until the arrival of the H&MS-17 Commander at Danang on 30 September 1966. The combined reorganization and movement of MWSG-17 presented no serious problems. The few that existed were purely internal and did not affect this command's support of First Wing units.

b. (C) MWSG-17's reorganization has reduced the capability for wing units to deploy from any except developed airfields since this group no longer has the capability nor the mission of providing and operating an airfield facility.

c. (U) Control of certain sections in the proposed M-8710 T.O. has not yet been assigned to MWSG-17. These include Wing/Group Postal Section, Wing Casual Processing Section, Disbursing Section, Air Freight Section and Wing/Group Marine Exchange Section.

c. (C) The NBC Weapons Section called for in proposed T.O. M-8710 is presently attached to CTG 79.3 and is not expected to join MWSG-17 at the present time.

2. Movement of MWSG-17

a. (C) The deployment of MWSG-17 to RVN was completed according to plan during the month of September 1966. The Group Commanding Officer and his Staff arrived at Danang on 12 September 1966. A temporary CP was established in a large building previously constructed by MAG-13 and in excess of their present needs. Movement of the CP to its permanent location, presently occupied by the Force Logistics Command, is expected during October.

b. (C) The last remaining unit of MWSG-17 not located in country arrived at Danang on 30 September 1966, when the Squadron Commander of H&MS-17 located his CP adjacent to the Group CP. A small rear echelon remained at Iwakuni to finish the task of embarking all remaining supplies and equipment.

3. Civil Affairs

a. (U) While still located at MCAS, Iwakuni, Chaplain WEAVER taught 3 hours of English classes for Japanese workers at Teijin Industries, Iwakuni.

b. (U) Chaplain WEAVER commenced a Civil Affairs program after arriving at Danang by visiting the World Evangelization Crusade (WEC) Orphanage, Danang.

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