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 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
 FPO San Francisco 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit Location - Danang Air Base, RVN (1-30 Nov 66)
Reporting Period - 1 through 30 November 1966

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CONFIDENTIAL**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>
TOSD-L, Orlando S.	Col	Commanding Officer	1-30 November 1966
FATSKA, Donald A.	LtCol	Executive Officer	1-30 November 1966
VOGLER, Lewis D.	Capt	S-1	1-30 November 1966
EARTLEY, John H.	2ndLt	S-2	1-30 November 1966
BOWEN, Ralph E.	LtCol	S-3	1-30 November 1966
WILLIS, Joe E.	Maj	S-4	1-30 November 1966
HERNANDEZ, Miguel A.	2ndLt	Adjutant	1-30 November 1966
AURIN, Austin	SgtMaj	Sergeant Major	1-30 November 1966
WEAVER, John F.	Lt USN	Chaplain	1-30 November 1966

b. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
LEGGUE, John J.	LtCol	Commanding Officer	1-30 November 1966
BURNETT, Richard H.	Maj	Executive Officer	1-30 November 1966
COCK, James A.	2ndLt	Administrative Officer	1-30 November 1966
DOUD, Francis E.	Maj	Operations Officer	1-30 November 1966
IRVING, Eugene O.	LtCol	Maintenance Officer	1-30 November 1966
STITCHER, Frederick M.	2ndLt	Material Officer	1-30 November 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, Lawrence P.	LtCol	Commanding Officer	1-30 November 1966
ZIMMERMAN, Karl A.	Maj	Executive Officer	1-30 November 1966
SCOTT, Harmon	2ndLt	Administrative Officer	1-30 November 1966
WALKER, Willard C.	2ndLt	Material Officer	1-30 November 1966
SKORDAS, Ralph G.	Capt	Motor Transport Officer	1-30 November 1966
MCGRATH, John A.	1stLt	Engineer Equip Officer	17-30 November 1966
		4th Echelon Repair Off	1-24 November 1966
ALBERTS, Alfred B.	2ndLt	4th Echelon Repair Off	25-30 November 1966
DAVIS, Daniel	2ndLt	TAFDS Officer	1-30 November 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>
WIGHOUSE, Laverne D.	Maj	Officer-in-Charge	1-19 November 1966

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e. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Detachment MCAS Iwakuni:

NAME	RANK	T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT	INCLUSIVE DATES
LOUFFIER, Robert L.	2ndLt	Officer-in-Charge	20-30 November 1966

2. (C) Task Organization and Unit Location

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	INCLUSIVE DATES
Marine Wing Support Group 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-30 November 1966
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-30 November 1966
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-30 November 1966
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Sub Unit #1 (Disestablished)	MCAS Iwakuni	1-19 November 1966
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Detachment	MCAS Iwakuni	20-30 November 1966

3. (C) Average Strengths

ORGANIZATION	OFFICER	ENLISTED
MSG-17	57	703
HMS-17	48	480
WERS-17	8	209
HMS-17 Detachment	1	14

4. (U) Important Visitors: None

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PART TWO - Narrative Summary

1. General. (C) Marine Wing Support Group 17 continued to provide services and support for 1st MAW units in accordance with the missions and tasks assigned in the Proposed 8710/8715 T.O.'s. A study was conducted during this reporting period to determine the applicability of these proposed T.O.'s in the accomplishment of fiscal 67 in-country requirements. The results of this study were not submitted during this period and will be noted in the Command Chronology submitted for December 1966.

2. Personnel. (C) WERS-17 remained in a C-2 status throughout the period. H&MS-17 was in a C-3 status during this period primarily as a result of a shortage of helicopter maintenance and flight crew personnel.

3. Administration. (U) Routine administration prevailed during this period.

4. Awards. (U) There were no awards delivered to present members of this Command; however, the following awards were forwarded to the individuals present unit:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
Major C. C. REEDMAN	Air Medal, 1st Award
Captain W. A. TAGGART	Air Medal, 1st Award
EM3 T. E. ADKINSON	Gold Star in lieu of 3rd Air Medal

5. Casualties. (U) There were no hostile casualties during this period, however, there were eighteen reported injuries sustained by members of this command, the majority of which were lacerations. Two men were evacuated out of country, one for N.F. Evaluation and the other with a back sprain.

6. Civic Action. (U) Eighteen visits were made by the Group Chaplain to orphanages and churches in the Danang and Xuan Hoa area. A MEDCAP was established at Xuan headquarters and school and 66 medical and 1 dental case were treated. Four hogs and 1 bull were contributed and delivered to the WER Orphanage along with 75 gallons of messhall food waste for animal consumption. One load of scrap lumber was delivered to the Xuan Hoa School.

7. Morale/Welfare Programs. (U) No liberty was authorized in the Danang area, however, swimming, water sport, and related recreational services were available at China Beach for periods up to 72 hours duration. An outdoor movie was established for the enlisted personnel, and an indoor movie was established in officers country. Personnel were sent on R&R as follows:

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2	Hong Kong
2	Bangkok
1	Hawaii
2	Taipei
2	Singapore
3	Kuala Lumpur
	Manila

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WMSG-17 commenced sharing the established Enlisted, NCO and Officer Club facilities of FLC during this period.

8. Information Services. (U) A total of 125 Fleet Home Town News Releases were submitted during this period.

9. Intelligence. (U) S-2 completed the following:

a. Number of clearances requested for the month of November

(1) Secret	2
(2) Confidential	3

b. Number of clearances completed

(1) Secret	1
(2) Confidential	3

c. Briefings given by the S-2

(1) Morning conference intelligence briefs	30
(2) Flight line intelligence briefs	30
(3) Special Staff NCO's intelligence briefs	3

10. Air Operations. (C) H&MS-17 entered this reporting period with the following aircraft: two (2) US-2B aircraft, one (1) UC-45J aircraft, six (6) H-34 helicopters and the three (3) C-117D type aircraft. On 29 November 1966, one H-34 was transferred to FAR. On 11 November the UC-45J aircraft suffered Bravo damage on a flight from Danang to Chu Lai, RVN. This was a landing accident at Chu Lai, not the result of enemy action. No injuries were incurred. The pilots of the aircraft were attached to MASS-2 at the time of the accident. During this period, H&MS-17 carried 2,323 passengers, 120,185 pounds of cargo, baggage and mail for a total of 271.0 flight hours in support III MAF. In addition, eight night flare missions (24.7) hours and three radio relay missions (29.8 hours) were flown in support of friendly ground forces.

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These flights were flown primarily at night under adverse weather conditions and in areas where hostile fire was a possibility. On 10 November, C-117 BuNo 12435 received one round of small arms fire while on a logistics flight. The elevator cable was severed. The aircraft continued to fly but was AOCF for a period of two weeks.

11. Ground Defense. (C) MWSG-17 was assigned a portion of the perimeter defense system for the Danang Airfield Complex in addition to routine internal security. To support this effort the following was accomplished:

- 4 Defense Bunkers Constructed
- 1 Defense Bunker Rebuilt
- 59 Individual Protective Bunkers Built
- Illumination lighting was installed on the perimeter.

Barbed wire (Concertina) was installed or replaced where required for perimeter defense as well as for internal security. Two Ground Alert Condition II's were simulated. Approximately 100 rounds of small arms fire were directed into the MWSG-17 area by enemy forces during this period. No injuries were sustained.

12. Training. (U) In support of ground defense and flight crew requirements safety lectures and familiarization firing of the M3A1, submachine guns caliber .45, M-60 machine gun and appropriate individual weapons were conducted. On 19 November 1966 two flight crew personnel was sent to the Helicopter Gunner's School at Okinawa, assigned quotas were also filled for the following schools:

- a. Vietnamese Language
- b. Transistor Fundamental
- c. Embarkation
- d. WCO Leadership
- e. Fixed Plant Teletype

Routine GMSF training was conducted at the squadron level and all incoming personnel were given Informational and Orientation Lectures with particular reference to in-country security, safety, personal conduct, missions and civic affairs requirements. NBC training was conducted on group and squadron level.

13. Supply. (U) Routine Wing/Group supply functions were performed during this period. Materials arriving from Japan were inventoried and warehoused.

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14. Engineering/Maintenance. (U) WERS-17 4th echelon repair facility received 332 items for repair and completed 361, of which 32 were beyond economical repair. Supply support continued to exceed the capability to process the repair items. A request was submitted to the Commanding General for sufficient additional personnel to allow for a full two shift operation. At the close of the period, there were 330 open jobs on hand. Of these 5.15% were in process of completion, 12.12% were awaiting space, 16.06% were awaiting soldier manpower, and 66.66% were awaiting parts.

WERS-17 TAFDS Section continued the operation of two sites, Khe Sanh and the Marine Air Terminal at Danang. The system at the Marine Air Terminal, Danang issued 866,812 gallons of JP-4 and 51,250 gallons of Av/Gas. The assigned refueler trucks operated a total of 1,400 miles. The operating personnel were placed on a rotating basis staying two weeks at the Khe Sanh site and then returning.

WERS-17 Engineering Equipment Section continued to provide maximum support within its capability. Electric power was furnished to the Air Terminal at WERS-152, TAFDS site and the MWSG-17 camp. The generator operated 3,621 hours during the period and an in-commission rate of 52% was maintained. The heavy equipment operated 1,739 hours and maintained an in-commission rate of 56%.

15. Base Development/Military Construction. (U) The following projects were completed or started during this period:

- a. Completed rehabilitation of 18 officers quarters, with head and shower facilities.
- b. Completed construction of 24 SNCO quarters, with head and shower facilities.
- c. In process of rehabilitating 104 enlisted quarters, which will include head and shower facilities.
- d. Started rehabilitating of building to house MWSG-17 postal branch.
- e. Began construction of Marine Air Terminal and aircraft parking apron.
- f. Laid form for the deck of the future Officers Club.

16. Communications/Electronics. (U) In addition to routine functions, radio and telephone communications were installed from the Group CP to the defense perimeter positions and to the Air Base Defense Battalion CP as well as to the using units of the Group Flight Support Area and Air Passenger Terminal area.

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1. Movements of Units

b. (C) On 13 November 1966, LST TOM GREEN arrived at Danang from Iwakuni Japan carrying 420 short tons of general cargo and vehicles. On 14 November 1966, a Marine C-130 belonging to VMGR-152 arrived from Iwakuni, Japan with the remaining officers and men. The air lift included 4,175 pounds of general cargo and baggage. These completed the movement of the Support Group to RVN.

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