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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit Location - Danang Air Base, RVN (1-31 Jan 67)  
Reporting Period - 1 through 31 January 1967

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ENCLOSURE (1)  
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PART ONE Organizational Data  
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 1. (U) Listing of Commanders and Staffs

## a. Marine Wing Support Group 17

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Col	Orlando S. TOSDAL	Commanding Officer	1-31 January 1967
LtCol	Donald A. FANSEA	Executive Officer	1-31 January 1967
Capt	Lewis D. VOGLER	S-1	1-31 January 1967
Capt	James W. HATCH	S-2	1-31 January 1967
LtCol	Ralph E. BOWEN	S-3	1-31 January 1967
Maj	Joe E. WILLIS	S-4	1-31 January 1967
2ndLt	Miguel A. HERNANDEZ	Adjutant	1-31 January 1967
Sgt/Maj	Austin AURIN	Sergeant Major	1-31 January 1967
Lt USN	John F. WEAVER	Chaplain	1-31 January 1967
Lt USN	Cornell W. WICKERSHAM	Medical Officer	1-31 January 1967

## b. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
LtCol	John J. LEONE	Commanding Officer	1-31 January 1967
Maj	Richard H. BURNETT	Executive Officer	1-31 January 1967
2ndLt	James A. COOK	Administrative Officer	1-31 January 1967
Maj	Francis E. DOUD	Operations Officer	1-31 January 1967
LtCol	Eugene O. IRVING	A/C Maintenance Officer	1-31 January 1967
2ndLt	Frederick M. SWITCHER	Material Officer	1-31 January 1967

## c. Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
LtCol	Lawrence P. HART	Commanding Officer	1-31 January 1967
Maj	Earl A. ZILBERMAN	Executive Officer	1-31 January 1967
Capt	Ralph G. SKORDAS	Motor Transport Officer	1-31 January 1967
Capt	Robert E. REAGAN	4th Echelon Officer	1-31 January 1967
1stLt	John A. MCCRATH Jr.	Heavy Equipment Officer	1-31 January 1967
1stLt	Thaddeus L. MONTGOMERY	Material Officer	1-31 January 1967
2ndLt	Robert O. ATHERTON	Administrative Officer	1-31 January 1967
2ndLt	Daniel DAVIS	TAFDS Officer	1-31 January 1967
2ndLt	Harmon SCOTT	SATS Officer	1-31 January 1967

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## d. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Sub Unit #1

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BULLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
2ndLt	Robert L. LOEFFLER	Officer-in-Charge	1-31 January 1967

## 2. (C) Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Marine Wing Support Group 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-31 January 1967
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-31 January 1967
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-31 January 1967
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Detachment	ICAS Iwakuni	1-31 January 1967

## 3. (C) Average Strengths

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
MAWG-17	65	893
HQMS-17	53	609
WRMS-17	11	253
HQMS-17 Detachment	1	11

## 4. (U) Important Visitors: None

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## PART II - Narrative Summary

(U) Marine Wing Support Group 17 continued to perform it's assigned missions and tasks in support of the First Marine Aircraft Wing. During this period the Group continued to improve it's camp facilities with the construction of a 16' x 60' building for 3rd Echelon Maintenance and a recreation room for MMS-17. The Utilities Section re-located a 68' x 16' building from the flight line area to the MMS-17 Enlisted Quarters. This building is in use by the Group Guard as office space and storage area.

The new Air Freight Passenger Terminal was completed and put into operation during the latter part of the month of January.

MMSG-17 assumed the responsibilities for Helicopter Staging for the 1stMAW on 1 January 1967.

During January 1967 a major expansion in the MMSG-17 Civic Action Program occurred. Three developments were cause: 1. Increased support in already established projects to the North, Northeast, and West of the Danang Air Base. 2. Full participation in the 1stMAW MEDCAF operated in the HOA CUONG Village. 3. The beginning of MMSG-17 Civic Action sponsorship of the Hamlet of AP BO.

MEDCAF was the most substantial component of the Civic Action with 836 persons receiving treatment. A total of 628 persons received other forms of civic action support illustrated by such items as distribution of 1,000 bars of soap, donations from Chapel Funds to religious charitable institutions of 5,900 piasters. These institutions were the World Evangelization Crusade, Catholic Mission and Danang Baptist Mission. These institutions also received plywood, candles, food packets, scrap wood, and 200 gallons of food scraps supporting a livestock husbandry program.

Contact was made with officials of HOA CUONG Village and the AP BO Hamlet for the purpose of joining with the Hamlet in a civic action program. During the liaison and reconnaissance of the hamlet, needs were determined and agreements made on projects, MEDCAF, and distribution of materials. Achievements were: 1. A project to improve a footpath to a vehicle road and build four bridges for the purpose of improving interior Hamlet communications and increasing its accessibility to exterior commerce and transportation. 2. A MEDCAF was established on a trial basis in the Sub-Hamlet of AP BO TAN. 3. Agreements were made whereby land for fill, sites for work camps, a helicopter landing zone, and labor provided by the Hamlet people would be contributed by the Hamlet in the civic action program for specific projects. 4. CO, MMSG-17 letter 5720 of 14 January 1967 requested from 1stMAW the materials required for bridge construction.

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## PART III - Significant Events

1. Personnel. (C) H&MS-17 attained a C-1 status as a result of an increase of 37 personnel. W&RS-17 remained in a C-2 status throughout the period. A Staff Sergeant in H&MS-17 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant.

2. Administration. (U) Routine administration prevailed during the period.

3. Awards. (U) Seven men were awarded a total of eight air medals.

4. Casualties. (U) There were no hostile casualties during this period. There were thirteen non-hostile casualties reported, 7 evacuated and 5 returned to duty.

5. Civic Action. (U) The reporting period encompassed the assumption of civic action sponsorship of the Hamlet AF BO by this command: the organization of the sub-Hamlets AF BO TAN (west) and AF BO DONG (east) for the purpose of assignment of civic action responsibilities to H&MS-17 and W&RS-17; liaison with civic officials to secure this cognizance, agreement, and support in a joint civic action program; the establishment of the initial, major civic action project; the beginning of the AF BO Hamlet MEDCAF; the start of a system of distribution for materials, supplies, and educational matter; the MEDCAF support at the village is in coordination with other 1st MAW units.

6. Morale/Welfare Programs. (U) Twenty-two personnel were authorized 30 days special leave to CONUS and 73 personnel participated in the R&R program. The use of the facilities at China Beach continued to be utilized.

W&SG-17 assumed control of the enlisted club functions from Maintenance Company, W&SG-A, FLC on 3 January 1967.

7. Informational Services. (U) A total of 207 Fleet Home Town News Releases were submitted.

The Group initiated the publication of a weekly news sheet with 300 copies distributed.

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

a. Clearance requested:

- (1) Secret 4
- (2) Confidential 3

b. Clearance returned:

- (1) Secret 7
- (2) Confidential 3

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## c. Briefing conducted:

- (1) Daily Conference Intelligence Briefs 31
- (2) Flight Line Intelligence Briefs 31
- (3) Special Staff NCO Intelligence Briefs 3
- (4) Survival Briefings 4

9. Air Operations. (C) HHS-17 had the following aircraft assigned at the beginning of the month: 2 C-117D, 2 US-2B, 3 UH-34D. Accepted 4 UH-34D helicopters, bringing the total assigned to seven. During the month of January 1967, HHS-17 aircraft completed 183 missions transporting 2,021 passengers, 37,400 pounds of cargo and 2,600 pounds of mail.

Included in the missions flown were eleven flare drops, expending 192 flares, one radio relay, two recon and 49 courier. Total pilot hours 695.4, total pilot night hours 108.4 and 194.7 total instrument hours were flown. All missions were flown in support of III MAF.

On 1 January 1967, a UH-34D helicopter was damaged due to the loss of a tail rotor blade during ground run-up.

10. Ground Defense. (U) Construction of five additional protective bunkers was completed in the Staff NCO living area.

Two hundred yards of single apron barbed wire was erected on the north boundary of the Group Headquarters.

11. Training. (U) Weekly Orientation lectures were presented to newly joined personnel with emphasis on security, safety, personal conduct, missions and civic affairs.

Seventeen personnel attended the following schools and courses:

- Nuclear weapons Training 2
- Kilo Gunner School 8
- Jungle Survival School 1
- Corrosion Control 1
- Vietnamese Language School 1
- Motion Picture Operators Course 1
- Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course 1
- NCO Leadership Course 2

12. Motor Transport. (U) HHS-17 continued to provide support for the First Marine Aircraft Wing as well as organic support for HHS-17. The Motor Transport Section operated the 150 assigned prime movers and 56 trailers for a total of 67,137 miles. A total of 3,338 tons of general cargo and 1,296 tons of Class V<sub>1</sub> were transported during January 1967.

13. Maintenance. (C) The 4th Echelon Repair Facility received 623 items for repair and completed 586 of which 62 were beyond economical repair.

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The increase of production output by 35% over December, can be attributed to improved supply procedures making parts more readily available combined with the 15% increase in the number of personnel assigned to the Repair Facility. At the close of the period there were 337 open job orders on hand. Of these, 7.4% were in the process of completion, 2.3% were awaiting manpower, 90.3% were awaiting parts and none awaiting space.

14. Engineering. (C) The Engineering Equipment Section continued to provide maximum support within its capability. The 14 generators now assigned operated 3,343 hours. Two generators remain for 5th Echelon induction. The 42 pieces of Heavy Equipment now assigned operated a total of 1,162 hours.

15. Logistics. (C) The TAFDS Section continued the operation of two sites, Khe Sanh and the Marine Air Terminal. The system at Khe Sanh delivered 22,617 gallons of JF-4 and 8,393 gallons of Av/Gas, the Air Terminal system delivered 1,063,157 gallons of JF-4 and 43,000 gallons of Av/Gas. On 21 January 1967 the TAFDS Section began receiving fuel on a regularly scheduled basis through the Naval Support Activity pipe line. The refuelers continued to operate traveling a distance of 2,037 miles.

16. Aircraft Maintenance/Engineering/Avionics. (U) The H&MS of the Group continued to provide routine support in these areas.

17. Base Development/Military Construction. (U) The following projects were undertaken:

Submitted building sites for 6 butler buildings to G-5 on 2 January 1967.

Submitted priority construction project for 60' X 60' cement slab and 5 tropical huts on 6 January 1967.

On 9 January 1967 the rock contract was defaulted. Notified by 1st MAW Comptroller that a new contract is being let.

The utilities section completed construction of a 16' X 60' building for 3rd Echelon Maintenance, and a recreation room for H&MS-17.

Material was issued to rehab the building beside the EM Club to house a barber shop and laundry.

The recently constructed Marine Air Freight Passenger Terminal was put into operation on 20 January 1967.

The Utilities Section moved a 68' X 16' building from the flight line area to the troop living area to be used to house the Group Guard and provide space for Commander of the Guard and Sergeant of the Guard offices.

On 21 January 1967, the tropical huts built by the Construction Battalion to house the men and Staff NCO's were officially accepted.



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Marine Corps Property

The gross effectiveness of the Marine Corps Supply Section has increased to 78% due to more accurate daily updating and extensive re-warchousing, inventory and issue procedures. Excess stock of individual equipment has been repacked and re-distributed to other Wing units. Re-evaluation of general housekeeping supplies has tripled the line items now available to consumers for more effective control. The Communications spare parts and clothing issue sections have been relocated. 25% of all boots requested for survey are sent to WLSG for repair, 75% of which are repaired and returned to the individual. Unserviceable clothing, torn into rags, for use by mechanics has precluded any expenditure of funds for this purpose. Marine Corps excess disposal/reallocated during January 1967 were 7 line items of ASA material for a total money value of \$4,435.30.

Shipping & Receiving

Shipping and Receiving received 2,572,928 lbs of cargo from out of country and shipped 2,031,270 lbs to units outside the Danang area for the month of January 1967. Approximately 1,500,000 lbs was either picked up or delivered by this section to units in the Danang Area. This is a slight (100,000 lbs) increase over December 1966 even though the section decreased 25% of manpower to supply personnel for the new Passenger Terminal Service. Sea Cargo averaged a constant on-lot time of 41 days for January and December. To speed up sea cargo going to Chu-Lai more frequent ship-space is mandatory. During December Air Cargo averaged on-lot time of 3 days which became worse in January 1967 to 4 1/2 days. This problem appears to have been eliminated; i.e., for the last 10 days air cargo is moving off-lot in less than 3 days.

Supply Response Section

Navy Furnished Material excessed during January was 12 line items of NSA Material for a total money value of \$509.87 and 108 line items of AFA Material for a total money value of \$4,338.77.

Transferred to Supply Officer NSD, Subic Bay Excess SSB peculiar parts (Recovered from HMNS-17 Flight Line).

Secured a building to hold 4th Echelon pre-expanded to enable low cost, fast moving items to be pre-positioned for use by the customer.

Conducted an excess programs to update the unit's RCA pool.

Excessed shelf-life items of non-supported aircraft to units with a requirement for such gear.

Net Navy Supply Effectiveness raised slightly (Jan 56.6 over Dec 56.2).

Considering that we opened shop repair orders for all in-shop components at one time (Section "F" project 40 spending jumped \$41 M over Dec 56 M), this actually is a very strong efficiency factor.

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Established the pre-expanded bins to the Section "M" shops. These will improve as they are factored by usage.

Established the 3-M System of Material Management with special tailoring to give the greatest support to the consumer. Example: The Supply response expeditor section placed in the Section "M" shops to alleviate the mechanic from having to do duplicative research and paper work.

Conducted 20 hours of formal instruction to augment on the job training.