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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit Location - Danang Air Base, RVN (1-28 Feb 67)
Reporting Period - 1 through 28 February 1967

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PART ONE - Organizational Data

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	1-28 February 1967
LtCol	Donald A. PANSKA	Executive Officer	1-28 February 1967
Capt	Lewis D. VOGLER	S-1	1-28 February 1967
Capt	James W. HATCH	S-2	1-28 February 1967
LtCol	Ralph E. BOWEN	S-3	1-28 February 1967
Maj	Joe E. WILLIS	S-4	1-28 February 1967
2ndLt	Miguel A. HERNANDEZ	Adjutant	1-28 February 1967
SgtMaj	Austin AURIN	Sergeant Major	1-28 February 1967
LCdr	Richard K. DWYER	Chaplain	1-28 February 1967
Lt USN	Cornell W. WICKERSHAM	Medical Officer	1-28 February 1967
LtCol	Donald A. PANSKA	Civil Affairs Officer	1-28 February 1967
2ndLt	Charles H. DEWEY	Postal Officer	1-28 February 1967
Maj	Samuel A. WEILER, Jr.	Disbursing Officer	1-28 February 1967
Maj	Jose A. RAMIREZ	Fiscal Officer	1-28 February 1967
2ndLt	Henry A. FORVENDEL, Jr.	Data Processing Off	1-28 February 1967
Maj	Bernace M. SYMM	Group Supply Officer	1-28 February 1967
Capt	John Y. S. HOWE	Communications Officer	1-28 February 1967
Maj	Richard T. STENCER	Security Officer	1-28 February 1967
2ndLt	Donald H. GALVIN	Industrial Relations	1-28 February 1967
2ndLt	Gene V. MESSINGER	Exchange Officer	1-28 February 1967
2ndLt	Stanley W. MAIN	EOD Officer	1-28 February 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 F. MEOGNE	Commanding Officer	1-28 February 1967
Maj	Richard E. BURNETT	Executive Officer	1-28 February 1967
2ndLt	James A. COOK	Administrative Officer	1-28 February 1967
Maj	Francis E. DOUD	Operations Officer	1-28 February 1967
LtCol	Eugene O. IRVING	A/C Maintenance Off	1-28 February 1967
Capt	Robert W. CRAMER	Material Officer	1-28 February 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 F. HART	Commanding Officer	1-28 February 1967
Maj	Karl A. ZIMMERMAN	Executive Officer	1-26 February 1967
Maj	Paul E. HUNTER	Executive Officer	27-28 February 1967
Maj	Karl A. ZIMMERMAN	Operations Officer	27-28 February 1967
Capt	Ralph G. SKORDAS	Motor Transport Officer	1-28 February 1967
Capt	Robert E. REAGAN	4th Echelon Officer	1-28 February 1967
1stLt	John A. MCGRATH, Jr.	Heavy Equipment Officer	1-28 February 1967

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1stLt	Thaddous L. MONTGOMERY	Material Officer	1-1-28 February 1967
1stLt	John C. SMITH	Ass't Motor Trans Off	1-28 February 1967
2ndLt	Robert O. ATHERTON	Admin Officer	1-28 February 1967
2ndLt	Daniel DAVIS	TAFDS Officer	1-28 February 1967
2ndLt	Harmon SCOTT	SATS Officer	1-28 February 1967
CWO 4	Cecil V. WINCHESTER	Ass't 4th Echelon	1-28 February 1967
		Repair Officer	
CWO 3	Edmund W. REIDER	Motor Transport Maint-	1-28 February 1967
		enance Officer	

d. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Det. #1

<u>RAK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
2ndLt	Robert L. LOEFFLER	Officer-in-Charge	1-6 February 1967
Capt	Augustus T. TAVIS	Officer-in-Charge	7-28 February 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	1-28 February 1967
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-28 February 1967
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-28 February 1967
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Detachment	MCAS Iwakuni	1-28 February 1967

3. (C) Average Strengths

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Marine Wing Support Group	67	905
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	54	613
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17	11	278
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Detachment	2	14

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4. Important Visitors. (U)

On 2 February MajGen Paul R. TYLER QMC, HQMC visited Group Supply, Shipping and Receiving Unit and the Section "M" Shop after receiving a short briefing by the Group Staff.

On 18 February 1967, the Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Norman J. REAM (GS-18) and his official party consisting of the Wing Commander, Assistant Wing Commander, Captain A. K. BENNET, USN; and Commander R. N. TUCKER, USN, were briefed on Data Processing of the Wing and a tour was conducted within the installation.

On 18 February 1967, Colonel C. H. GREENE, Director of Data Systems Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps; Major R. WALKER FMFPAC; and Major W. C. WALL FMFPAC (FWD) arrived at the Wing Data Processing Section for an official visit.

On 23 February 1967, Mr. Donald SILKWOOD, Assistant Secretary of Defense and his party were briefed on the Wing Data Processing Section's capability, description, and utilization of equipment.

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PART TWO - Narrative Summary

(U) 1-26 February. Marine Wing Support Group 17 continued to perform its assigned missions in support of the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

(U) Work on the secondary electrical power distribution system in the living area was completed.

(U) A well was drilled by the Sea Bee's, however this location proved to be unsatisfactory. A new site was selected and drilling is in progress.

(U) 1-26 February. Thirteen MEDCAPs were held during the period with 534 people being treated, evacuated, prepared for burial, given medical supplies or received medical training.

(U) 1 February. Donations from the MMSG-17 Chapel Fund of 11,800 piasters was made; 5,900 to the World Evangelization Crusade Children's Home and 5,900 to the Danang Baptist Mission.

(U) 5 February. The TET holiday was recognized by a visit to the Hamlet, contact with the Hamlet Chief, and distribution of appropriate pamphlets, gifts and cards.

(U) 6 February. FIFPAC Rough Terrain Fork Lift Contact Team conducted a one day inspection and maintenance instruction to men of WERS-17 Heavy Equipment section.

(U) A five chair barber shop was opened for business in the cantonment.

(U) Construction began on the aircraft parking apron in the site assigned to become MMSG-17 aircraft operating area.

(U) 22 February. The major public improvement project in the MMSG-17 Civic Action Program began with road improvement and culvert construction. This project will provide vehicle access from the main road to the east of the Hamlet to the west boundary of the Hamlet where it will join the only previous road affording interior communications.

(U) 23 February. MMSG-17 provided an Engineer Platoon and rifle squad, with a machine gun section as a portion of the First Marine Aircraft Wing's Task Group Alfa, a Civil Disaster Reaction Force.

(U) 27 February. The Medical Section, Task Group Alfa were dispatched to Sub-Hamlet AP BO TAY to assist Vietnamese who were the subject of an enemy rocket attack. Assistance continued through out the day and night.

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(U) 28 February. Relocation of the cargo staging area for Air Freight necessitated the moving of a generator and generator shed, relocating water lines and grading the area, which is now located on the north end of the aircraft parking apron.

(U) The new portion of the airfield parking ramp adjacent to the Marine Air Passenger Terminal was opened for use. The area now available for aircraft operations is 44000 square yards. The opening of this additional aircraft parking space allowed the 138th Army Aviation Support Company, 459th Troop Carrier Squadron and H&A-17 organic aircraft to move from the west taxiway, south from taxiway W-2. This move allowed the complete west taxiway to be available for use.

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PART THREE - Significant Events

1. Personnel. (C) H&MS-17 maintained a C-1 status and WERS-17 remained at C-2 through out the period due to a shortage of 3513 and 3516 US's.

2. Awards. (U) Four men were awarded Air Medals, first award and five men were awarded seven gold stars in lieu of Air Medals.

3. Casualties. (U) There were no hostile casualties during this period.

4. Civic Action. (U) Contact with AP BO Hamlet Chief was established on 5 February to extend the wishes of this Command, using 100 copies of prepared messages, for a successful new year prior to the TET Holidays. 700 bars of soap were given to the people through the Hamlet Chief to highlight the occasion.

On 22 February work commenced on the initial, major MWSG-17 civic action project which consists of two phases:

Phase One, located in Sub-Hamlet AP BO DONG, consisted of road and culvert construction designed to provide the capability for vehicular travel from a main road westward to the west boundary of the Sub-Hamlet. Culverting, fill, and headwalls were required to cross sloughs.

Phase Two, located in Sub-Hamlet AP BO TAY consisted of similar construction joining with road termination at the west boundary of AP BO DONG and continuing west to the west boundary of AP BO TAY. A significant amount of work, culverting, fill and headwalling, relative to the capabilities of this Command, were required to cross the slough at the west boundary of the Sub-Hamlet.

When completed in March 1967, this project will provide, for the first time, vehicular access to the Hamlet AP BO from the main road to the east. The project will enhance the economic life of the Hamlet and increase the ability to provide for Hamlet security. Of the projects endorsed by the Chief of the Village of HOA CUONG and the Hamlet Chief, first priority was given to this project.

Construction was completed on Phase One on 25 February. 320 man hours of labor was contributed by the people of the Hamlet and on the following day a tanker of pesticide crop spraying chemical was driven into the interior of the Sub-Hamlet to assist in crop spraying. On that day also, a hearse was driven to the grave yard on the western peninsula of AP BO DONG. These events, not heretofore possible, illustrate the future value of the project.

Shortly after 0300 on 27 February, a salvo of enemy 140mm rockets and the ensuing fire demolished approximately 160 homes of the Vietnamese living at the juncture of Sub-Hamlet AP BO TAY and the city limits of Danang. The following civic action took place:

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The MWSG-17 Medical Section, a platoon of Engineers and a rifle squad from Task Group Alfa were deployed at 0945.

Twenty-seven Vietnamese were treated for wounds; the remains of thirty-one Vietnamese were gathered and placed in containers for shipment.

Fourteen General Purpose tents from the Marine Corps Property account were erected for the homeless on a site prepared by MWSG-17 Heavy equipment.

A total of 508 Vietnamese received assistance during this day.

Cooperation and liaison with the Representative of the Mayor of Danang City Council, the HQA VAMC District Vietnamese Military Advisor, and the AF BC Hamlet Chief provided for selection of the camp site, identification of needs, and other functions requiring Vietnamese Authority or assistance.

Assistance continued, on 28 February in support of the Hamlet struck by rockets. Ninety sheets of tin were delivered to assist in constructing temporary shelters and 200 bars of soap were distributed to families living in the MWSG-17 temporary camp. 70 Vietnamese received assistance directly connected with the enemy rocket attack on this date.

A total of 1,979 people were reached by MWSG-17 Civic Action in this period. This large total, relative to other reporting periods, is due to the needs of Vietnamese people created by the rocket attack on 27 February and the opportunity presented by the TET holidays for contact and giving.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. (U) 12 personnel were authorized 30 days special leave to CO US and 67 personnel participated in the R&R program. A volunteer group washed and cleaned the chapel walls in preparation for repainting. A work order has been submitted to have the pews refinished and for installation of kneelers.

6. Informational Services. (U) 37 Fleet Home Town News Releases were submitted.

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

Clearances requested:

Secret	4
Confidential	0

Clearances returned:

Secret	3
Confidential	1

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Briefings conducted:

Daily Conference Intelligence Briefs	28
Flight Line Intelligence Briefs	56
Special Staff NCO Intelligence Briefs	3
Special NCO and Enlisted Intelligence Briefs	3

8. Air Operations. (C) During February H&MS-17 aircraft flew 648 hours completing 372 missions transporting 2,794 passengers, 98,520 pounds of cargo and 2,590 pounds of mail. Thirty-one flare missions were flown expending 2,743 flares. Also, one radio relay, eight recon and 170 helicopter courier missions were flown. Total pilot hours; 1340, night hours; 412, instrument hours; 234, were completed. All missions were in support of III MAF.

9. Training. (U) The weekly Orientation lectures were continued for newly joined personnel and an examination was prepared and administered to all pilots and air crewmen of helicopters with an offensive weapon capability on the Rules of Engagement.

Eleven personnel attended the following schools and courses:

NCO Leadership School	2
Mess Management	1
Organic Supply Training	1
Helicopter Gunner School	3
Corrosion Control School	1
Nuclear Weapons Disposal Training	2
Embarkation School	1

10. Motor Transport. (U) The Motor Transport Section operated 132 prime movers and 68 trailers 66,131 miles moving 3,779 tons of general cargo and 44 tons of class VA.

11. Maintenance. (U) The 4th Echelon Repair Facility received 710 items for repair and completed 709 of which 72 were beyond economical repair. The increased production out put of 17.3% over January can be attributed to an increase of OF 3516 personnel assigned to the Repair Facility. At the close of the period there were 345 open job orders on hand. Of these 7.5% were in the process of completion, 0.2% awaiting space, 2.0% awaiting manpower and 92.3% awaiting parts.

12. Engineering. (U) Electric power was furnished to the Air Terminal Area, VICE-152 area, the TARDS site and the MISC-17 cantonment area. The 10 generators now assigned, operated 2,973 hours during the period. Four generators remain for 5th Echelon induction. The 42 pieces of Heavy Equipment now assigned operated 1,200 hours.

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13. Logistics. (C) The TAFDS Section continued the operation of two sites, Khe Sanh and the Marine Air Terminal. The Khe Sanh system delivered 25,792 gallons of JP-4 and Av/Gas. The system at the Marine Air Terminal issued 904,427 gallons of JP-4 and Av/Gas. Refueler trucks were required and operated a total of 727 miles, 64.3% less than January.

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

ICB-4 began construction on five S.E. Asia huts for Project Ice Cube personnel on 8 February and completed this construction on 16 February.

Submitted Special Project Request to G-5 for construction of a S.E. Asia hut adjacent to S-4 to be utilized as Administrative office, Base Services office, Career Advisory and Special Services offices.

A 60'x60' concrete slab was completed for parking ICE CUBE Calibration Vans on 24 February.

15. Data Processing. (U) On 21 February the Data Processing Section received the first shipment of an Inflatable Shelter manufactured by the Dewy Corporation. This shelter is to undergo a period of test and evaluation and will house the IBM 1401-B5 computer system.

16. Postal. (U) Recent changes during February saw the incorporation of the Wing Post Office Directory Section within the 1st and 3rd Marine Division's directories to form an "in country" directory for all commands under the III MAF. This incorporation into one single directory has a two fold mission; one, it will cut down on the hours required to run separate directories, second, all directory mail will be channelled into one centralized point where there will be less delay in delivery after directory service has been given to this type of mail.

17. EOD. (U) During the month of February 1967 this section responded to a total of one hundred ten (110) requests for EOD assistance. Fifty-five (55) responses required only checking and/or supervisory action, as the ordnance involved was found to be safe or the items involved were explosively inert. Of the remaining fifty five (55) response, seven (7) were to standby while ordnance men loaded bombs with chemical long delay, antiwithdrawal, booby traps, fuzes. Forty four (44) responses required actual EOD assistance on the field, thirteen (13) responses in and around the airfield perimeter. A total of seven (7) calls were made off base and eight (8) calls were in the city of Danang. Three (3) responses were made to MAC-16, located at Marble Mt.

The team answered and assisted on eleven (11) calls for technical advice for intelligence purposes. Included in this was the 140mm, rocket attack on the base and surrounding area.

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18. Supply. (U)Audit and Inventory

Organized an Audit & Inventory Team which typed and sent out 450 cancellations on all HAMS-17 documents.

Purchasing and Contracting

All outstanding contracts are complete. There are 43 current outstanding purchase orders.

Two trash collection contracts were let for MWHG-1, FLSC-A, MWSG-17, MP's, R&R center, flight line and VIGR-152.

Supply Response Section

Added Pre-expended bins to include 3rd Echelon Shop.

Revised and re-instated the 3rd and 4th Echelon Floats.

Conducted a Wall-to-Wall Location Verification Test.

Initiated a review of all APA held material as to valid requirements and excesses.

Excessed and reconstituted the Flight Cage.

Conducted a review of the "DUE" field on all requisitions (J,W, Obligation Files) and all OS Supply Officers balance cards.

Purged projects 40 & 50 Receipt Control procedures and initiated cancellations on gear no longer required or supported.

RCA Pool (Flight Line) was physically relocated to a climate controlled, specifically constructed storage area.

Purged RCA Pool (Flight Line) for items that were held in stock for aircraft no longer supported.

Navy Supply effectiveness is continually increasing. A comparison of months is:

	Requirement units	Per cent of efficiency
Nov	2000	32
Dec	2000	56
Jan	4300	56
Feb	6000	65

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The excess to need value released/disposed during February is:

NSA	7756.35	25 line items
NSA	50371.32	242 line items

Marine Corps Property

A continued re-warehousing program including wall-to-wall inventory is in progress. All tents have been inspected and relocated to covered storage. A new armory has been constructed which will afford better security of Group weapons. The clothing store reached a 90% effectiveness & issued \$3,952.12 of clothing.

Total value of property excessed as excess to need: ASA \$4600.00

To expedite the function and to assist consumers, the Marine Corps Property Unit handles all reclamation and salvage.

Shipping and Receiving Unit

Shipping and Receiving received a total of 2,637,681 pounds of cargo during the month of February. Shipping 1,678,780 pounds to groups at Chu Lai, 434,772 out of country and delivered another 550,000 pounds to groups in the Danang area for a total of 5,301,233 pounds for the month.

The packing & crating section is now packing & crating for all MSG-17 sections.

Air shipments average less than 24 hours in shop and sea shipments less than 7 days.

MSG-17 Detachment at Iwakuni

Detachment at Iwakuni turned over one MAG cold weather clothing allowance to MAG-15.