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 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, MAF, Pacific  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit Location - Da Nang Air Base, RVN (1-30 April 1967)  
Reporting Period - 1 through 30 April 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	Victor A. ARMSTRONG	Commanding Officer	1-30 April 1967
LtCol	Donald A. PANSKA	Executive Officer	1-30 April 1967
Capt	Lewis D. VOGLER	S-1	1-30 April 1967
Capt	James W. HANCOX	S-2	1-30 April 1967
Maj	Laverne D. HIGHHOUSE	S-3	1-30 April 1967
LtCol	Eugene V. GOLDSTON	S-4	1-30 April 1967
2ndLt	Miguel A. HERNANDEZ	Adjutant	1-30 April 1967
SgtMaj	Austin AURIN	Sergeant Major	1-30 April 1967
LCdr	Richard E. DWYER	Chaplain	1-30 April 1967
Lt USN	Cornell W. WICKERSHAM	Medical Officer	1-30 April 1967
LtCol	Donald A. PANSKA	Civil Affairs Officer	1-30 April 1967
2ndLt	Charles H. DEWEY	Postal Officer	1-30 April 1967
Maj	Samuel A. WEIMER Jr.	Disbursing Officer	1-30 April 1967
Maj	Jose A. RAMIREZ	Fiscal Officer	1-30 April 1967
Capt	Henry R. GENTRY	Data Processing Officer	1-30 April 1967
Maj	Bernade M. SZYM	Group Supply Officer	1-30 April 1967
Capt	John Y. S. HOWO	Communications Officer	1-30 April 1967
2ndLt	James E. MIENE	Security Officer	1-30 April 1967
2ndLt	Donald H. GALVIN	Industrial Relations	1-30 April 1967
WO	Lauren W. DUBOIS	Exchange Officer	1-30 April 1967
2ndLt	Stanley W. MAIN	EOD Officer	1-30 April 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. LEOGUE	Commanding Officer	1-30 April 1967
Maj	Richard H. BURNETT	Executive Officer	1-30 April 1967
LtLt	James A. COOK	Administrative Officer	1-30 April 1967
Maj	Francis E. DOUD	Operations Officer	1-30 April 1967
LtCol	Eugene O. IRVING	A/C Maintenance Officer	1-30 April 1967
Capt	Robert M. CRAMER	Material Officer	1-30 April 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	1-11 April 1967
LtCol	John R. HANSFORD	Commanding Officer	12-30 April 1967
Maj	Paul R. HUNTER	Executive Officer	1-30 April 1967

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Maj	Karl A. ZIMMERMAN	Operations Officer	1-30 April 1967
Capt	Robert E. REAGAN	Heavy Equipment Officer	1-30 April 1967
1stLt	John C. SMITH	Motor Transport Officer	1-30 April 1967
2ndLt	Robert O. AMERTON	Administrative Officer	1-30 April 1967
2ndLt	Daniel DAVIS	TAFDS Officer	1-30 April 1967
2ndLt	Harmon SCOTT	SATS Officer	1-30 April 1967
CWO-4	Cecil V. WINCHESTER	4th Echelon Officer	1-30 April 1967
CWO-2	Edmund W. REEDER	Motor Transport Maintenance Officer	1-30 April 1967
WO	David B. DORN	Material Officer	1-30 April 1967

## d. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Det. #1

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Capt	Augustus T. TAVIS	Officer-in-Charge	1-30 April 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	1-30 April 1967
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-30 April 1967
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-30 April 1967
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Det #1	MCAS Iwakuni	1-30 April 1967

## 3. (C) Average Strengths

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Marine Wing Support Group 17	68	969
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	57	987
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17	10	684
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17 Det #1	1	265
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## 4. (U) Important Visitors

On 26 April 1967 MajGen R. E. CUSHMAN attended a briefing at HMSG-17 Briefing Room, toured HMSG-17 Flight Line, WERS-17 4th Echelon Shops and "ICE CUBE" installation.

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PART TWO - Narrative Summary

(U) 1-30 April 1967 Marine Wing Support Group 17 continued to perform its assigned missions in support of the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

(U) Each Saturday, during the reporting period, a MEDCAF was held in AF BO: each Monday and Thursday a MEDCAF was held in the HOA VANG District Health Center.

(U) HCB-58 struck water at MWSC-17 well site. This well is producing over 14,000 gallons of water daily.

(U) On 2 April 1967, 25 children of the Christian Missionary Alliance were transported to the MWSC-17 Camp, hosted for breakfast and "Adopted" by our Marines for the meal, church services and a tour.

(U) 8 April 1967, fill was delivered to the Christian Missionary Alliance to aid a construction project and a gift of 8 cases of soda was made. Surplus clothes and scrap lumber was delivered to the HOA PHAT Buddhist Orphanage and school. 9000 roof and floor tiles were packaged for shipment to the CHU LAI Buddhist Orphanage.

(U) Site preparations were begun for the construction of a school in AF BO on 10 April 1967.

(U) A survey to locate wells in AF BO was completed and plans made to accomplish construction and secure materials. Funds for procurement of well casings were subsequently obtained from the 1st MAW Civil Affairs Officers.

(U) Throughout the reporting period, care consisting of visits, transportation of parents, gifts of necessary sundaries and patient transportation was provided to Nguyen Tuan, a hamlet boy undergoing treatment to correct a club foot. A hamlet boy with a cleft palate was discovered and plans were made for corrective treatment.

(U) The residents of AF BO labored at headwall construction for the last bridge in AF BO. All available stone was used and completion of the project awaits delivery of additional stone and fill.

(U) Orphans from the WEC Orphanage were hosted for breakfast and "Adopted" by Marines for religious services and a camp tour.

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## PART THREE - Significant Events

1. Personnel. (C) HAMS-17 and WERS-17 maintained a C-1 status throughout the period.
2. Awards. (U) Ten men were awarded Air Medals, first award, and thirty four gold stars awarded in lieu of Air Medals.
3. Civic Action. (U) MEDCAP continued as the leading producer in Civic Action with a total of 2,631 Vietnamese treated in the reporting period.  
The major construction project undertaken to provide vehicle access from east to west through the Hamlet has been 90% completed. A construction project to build a school and playground has been planned, and the site secured and prepared. Well construction has been planned, approved and financed.  
A Chaplain's Civic Action Program featuring effort in conjunction with established religious institutions, materials distribution, and a weekly tour and civic assistance effort through the Hamlet has been established.
4. Morale/Welfare Programs. (U) 12 personnel were authorized 30 days Special Leave to CONUS and 77 personnel participated in the R&R Program. Painting of the Chapel has been completed and kneelers have been installed.
5. Intelligence. (U) S-2 completed the following:

## Clearances requested:

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## Briefings conducted:

Staff Officers Conference	12
Flight Line Intelligence Briefs	30

6. Air Operations. (C) The 2 C-117's, 2 US-2B's and 6 UH-34D's flew a total of 665 hours during April 1967 transporting 2319 passengers and 23 tons of cargo and mail. 1521 Flares were expended during 19 Flare Missions. Total pilot hours: 1055; night hours 143; instrument hours, 67. Aircraft availability was: 80.3% C-117D, 56.6% US-2B and 71.6% UH-34D.

7. Training. (U) 5 personnel attended the following schools:

Vietnamese Language	3
NGO Leadership	1
Communications, Field Wire	1

Hospital Corpsman received five hours of training in Peripheral and

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Autonomic Nervous Systems, O.R. and Minor Surgery, GHS Depressants and Stimulents, and Property Accounting.

The Security Section received twenty hours of training. Three unannounced alert drills were called, requiring the security force to man defensive positions. These drills were satisfactory.

Group Supply conducted 14 hours of formal supply training and instituted formally supervised MCI and extension courses for all hands.

8. Maintenance. (U) The 4th Echelon Repair Facility received 530 items for repair and completed 541, of which 59 were beyond economical repair. At the close of the period there were 276 open job orders on hand. Of these 5.46% were in the process of completion, 8.88% awaiting manpower and 85.2% awaiting parts.

9. Engineering. (U) The engineering section continued to provide maximum support within its capability. The nine generators assigned operated 3460 hours. The assigned heavy equipment operated 1276 hours.

10. Logistics. (C) The TAFDS Section continued operating the Marine Air Terminal site at Danang and the Khe Sanh site. The Marine Air Terminal system delivered 936,913 gallons of JP-4 and Av/Gas. The Khe Sanh system delivered 58,910 gallons of JP-4 and Av/Gas. Seven men, with equipment, were sent TAA to MAG-16 to establish and operate a TAFDS site in support of operation Shawnee. Refueler trucks operated a total of 639 miles.

11. Motor Transport. (U) The Motor Transport prime movers and trailers traveled 65,389 miles during April, transporting 2,596 tons of general cargo and 20 tons of Class VA.

12. Base Development/Military Construction. (U) The following projects were accomplished:

Construction began on two Butler Buildings adjacent to the 4th Echelon Maintenance Facility for use as Marine Corps Property Warehouse and Post Exchange Warehouse. Completed installation of 2000 feet of #2 wire in rewiring the Officers billeting area resulting in more effective use of electricity and correcting a future safety hazard due to the deterioration of insulation.

Began construction on the SATS Storage Facility.

Received Site plan approval for the construction of a basketball and volleyball court.

Public Works started work rehabilitating the MSG-17 Communications Building.

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Completed construction and electrical wiring of the "ICE CUBE" complex.

13. Data Processing. (U) Data Processing continued normal operations during this period.

14. Postal. (U) The Postal Section issued 20,667 money orders in the amount of \$2,006,113.35. Stamp sales totaled \$31,263.00 during this period. A total of 182 tons of mail was received and 79 tons dispatched.

15. Explosive Ordnance Disposal. This section responded to 142 requests for EOD assistance. Fifty-two of these calls required actual EOD assistance, the remainder required only checking or supervisory action, as the ordnance was found to be safe or explosively inert. The section held nine classes for various units attached to or in support of the 1st MAF. Members of the EOD section performed rendering safe procedures on 84 ordnance items during this period.

16. Supply. (U) Significant Highlights.

Supply Effectiveness:

Navy Gross	45.2%
Navy Net	62.8%

Accesses released for redistribution:

Navy APA	\$79,607.25
Navy NSA	\$36,049.17
Marine Corps ASA	\$14,330.02
Marine Corps SFA	\$11,834.18

Implemented MC MUMS on 23 April 1967.

Salvage scrap for the month was 7000 pounds.

Wing Supply inspection was held on 17-21 April 1967.

The Non-Mission Material and Full Pressure Suit Facility at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan was inspected and inventoried by Lt. STITCHER. A problem exists here in that the Groups do not inform Supply of arriving and departing pilots who have suits stored for them. The Material is generally in good condition. 1st MAF G-4 is working on this problem.

Wing Shipping and Receiving moved 2,009,157 pounds incoming and 2,792,703 pounds outgoing material. Air cargo has less than 24 hours on lot time and sea cargo has decreased on lot time from 21 days to 14 days.

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Supply Response Section

Status for all outstanding documents which includes WERS-17, WERS-17 and Section "M", 3rd and 4th Echelons, were mechanized and listings are made twice a month to reconcile these outstanding documents with the section concerned.

Due to the increased volume for support of "ICE CUBE" and to provide better supply support a Requisition Expeditor was established for "ICE CUBE".

Manual stock record cards for the RCA Section "M", 3rd and 4th Echelon Pool were established for more effective control of these components in Supply Officers Stores.

Salvageable parts from BBR Components are (second-hand stores) maintained by the Section "M" 4th Echelon for use by the Motor Transport Maintenance Section. Records of these items are also kept for control purposes.

Fiscal and SAS

FAAOPac/NAEPac Fiscal and SAS inspection was held on 29-30 April 1967. The results were satisfactory.

Warehouse, Third and Fourth Echelon Float

The mission of the warehouse increased with the support of Project "ICE CUBE". A storage area was constructed in the warehouse to allow for a dust free, low humidity, security area to accommodate calibration components awaiting parts and eventually to house a rotatable pool of such items. Arrangements were made to integrate and support Project "ICE CUBE" into the supply system using the 3M System, including a "Hot Line" connecting "ICE CUBE", the warehouse and the Requisitioning Expeditor Unit.

The warehousing complex is fully marked for safety and movement.

As of 21 April 1967, common components are sent to FLC for repair as per FTSO 4700.2.

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