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Marine Wing Support Group 17  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)

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✓(5) List of Appendixes

1. In compliance with references(a) and (b) enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted for the period 1 through 31 August 1968.

2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of the enclosures.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit Location - Danang Air Base, RVN, (1-31 August 1968)  
Reporting Period - 1 through 31 August 1968

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## PART ONE - Organizational Data

## 1. (U) Listing of Commanders and Staff

## a. Marine Wing Support Group 17

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Col	William FARRELL	Commanding Officer	1-31 August 1968
LtCol	Richard W. CLINE	Executive Officer	1-31 August 1968
Capt	Robert E. SPIKER	S-1	1-31 August 1968
Major	Truman G. BUNCE	S-3	1-31 August 1968
LtCol	Joseph L. SADOWSKI	S-4	1-31 August 1968

## b. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
LtCol	Grover C. DOSTER	Commanding Officer	1&2 August 1968
LtCol	Edward S. JOHN	Commanding Officer	3-31 August 1968
Major	Frank E. GRAHAM	Executive Officer	1-31 August 1968
Major	Perry T. LLEWELLYN	Operations Officer	1-31 August 1968

## c. Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
LtCol	William T. LUNSFORD	Commanding Officer	1-5 August 1968
Major	Duane R. VAN NOTE	Commanding Officer	6-31 August 1968
Major	Duane R. VAN NOTE	Executive Officer	1-5 August 1968
Capt	William T. NELSON	Executive Officer	6-31 August 1968

## 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 August 1968
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-31 August 1968
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-31 August 1968

## 3. (C) Average Strength

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Marine Wing Support Group 17	53	843
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	45 (USN 3)	628 (USN 12)
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron	8	215

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PART TWO - Narrative Summary

15 August 1968 (U) The EOD team destroyed a CH-46 for MAG-16, which had crashed south of Marble Mountain.

17 August 1968 (U) The EOD team removed the ordnance from two (2) crashed aircraft and responded to thirteen other calls during the 24 hour period.

17-19 August 1968 (U) The Fire Department sounded the alarm and requested the aid of the NSA Fire Department, and the FSR-FLC and Air Force crash crews to extinguish the fire at the POL Farm. Approximately 425,000 gallons of water, 2,375 gallons of foam concentrate, 5,650 pounds of dry chemical and 200 gallons of "Light Water" extinguishing agents were employed to extinguish the blaze.

23 August 1968 (U) At 0300 the Fire Department extinguished a fire at the 15th Aerial Port. The fire was a 6x6 truck and baggage which had been hit by a incoming rocket. At 1230 the fire department responded to a fire in the village of Hoa Vang.

27 August 1968 (U) The EOD team removed a booby trap from the U. S. Embassy in downtown Danang.

30 August 1968 (U) At 0800 the EOD team destroyed 4 caves at Marble Mountain by detonation. At 1040 an incoming 122mm rocket killed three of the EOD team at the Special Forces camp 25 kilometers west of Quang Bi. Also killed were one Special Forces Sergeant and a civilian interpreter while wounding 5 others.

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## PART THREE - Significant Events

1. Personnel. H&MS-17 joined 43, dropped 68. WERS-17 joined 30 dropped 28.

2. Administration. Promotions - 13

3. Awards.

Air Medals - 25

Purple Heart - 2

4. Medical Department. The Medical Department handled 1201 persons this month at Sick Call. Twenty six of those were V.D. cases.

a. A total of 1012 perscriptions were filled and 871 innoculations given during this reporting period.

5. Morale/Welfare/Chaplain

a. Fifteen (15) personnel were authorized 30 days special leave to CONUS and 75 personnel participated in the R&R program.

b. The Chaplain counselled 16 cases before being transfered on 12 August 1968.

6. Civic Action

a. The chaplain gave 300 pounds of clothing to the Trum Luong hamlet on 4 August 1968.

b. On 11 August the chaplain gave 210 pounds of clothing to the Bo De School Orphanage and 240 gallons of milk to the Sacred Heart Nursery.

c. Over a period of three days the Civic Action Team helped distribute 1,200 pounds of cooked rice, vegetables, shrimp and meat to several villages in the Hoa Vang district.

7. Fire Department. The Fire Department answered 26 calls.

8. Intelligence. None.

9. Air Operations

Total Hours Flown - 318.7

Total Passengers - 1,885

Total Cargo Tons - 10.5

Total Flares Dropped - 1,407

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10. Photo Lab. Filled 271 work requests.
11. Training. The rifle range detail was cancelled for August due to the disturbance at the Cau Cam La bridge.
12. Logistics/Base Development/Construction. None.
13. Supply/Material
  - a. The Navy warehouse held a wall to wall inventory between the 5th and 13th of August.
  - b. Shipping and Receiving processed 3,388.8 tons of cargo.
14. Postal
  - a. Money Orders numbered 21,408 and amounted to \$1,104,990.81.
  - b. Stamps amounted to \$27,429.80.
  - c. The post office received 243,480 pounds of mail and dispatched 143,747 pounds.
15. Aircraft Maintenance. Maintenance maintained a 60.7% availability of the 7 aircraft on hand.
16. TAFTS. Issued 1,366,501 gallons of JP-4 and 69,492 gallons of Av/Gas at the Danang Marine Air Freight Terminal.
17. Communications
  - a. Message volume was 1,546 incoming and 432 outgoing.
  - b. Switchboard handled 24,000 telephone calls.
18. Disbursing
  - a. Checks issued totalled \$2,253,237.67.
  - b. A total of \$97,130.00 was entered in the savings program.
  - c. Piaster sales totaled \$39,760.00.
19. In-Country Calibration Complex IC<sup>3</sup>
  - a. ICE CUBE processed 1,754 pieces of support equipment.
20. Industrial Relations
  - a. The total Vietnamese Employees is as follows:

20 Appropriated  
225 Personnel Fund

15 Club Employed  
13 Exchange Employed

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21. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Section

- a. The section responded to 231 calls for assistance.
- b. The EOD section lost three (3) personnel at the Ha Thanh Special Forces camp on 30 August 1968.

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LIST OF APPENDIXES

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1 September 1968

From: Communications Officer  
To: Operations Officer

Subj: Command Chronology Report; submittal of

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D

Part I Organizational Data

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O Billet Assigned</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates</u>
1stLt	Richard T. Bellis	Communications Officer	1-31 August 1968
GySgt	George E. West	Communications Chief	1-31 August 1968
GySgt	Eugene R. Cook	Technician Chief	1-31 August 1968
SSgt	Satanu T. Masaniai	Message Center Chief	1-31 August 1968

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Communications Section	Danang, RVN	1-31 August 1968

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Communications, MSG-17	1	35

Part II Summary of Activities

ELECTRONICS REPAIR

The electronics repair shop accomplished the following:

1. Work orders processed in August	75
2. Work orders completed in August	70
3. Work orders outstanding	26
4. Work orders for higher echelon	6
5. Work orders completed by higher echelon	4
6. Work orders outstanding by higher echelon	5
7. Work orders awaiting parts	17
8. Work orders awaiting work	0
9. Requisitions submitted in August	75

10. Requisitions completed in August	70
11. Requisitions outstanding	251
12. Priority 02 submitted in August	8
13. Priority 02 completed in August	13
14. Priority 02 outstanding	22
15. Priority 05 submitted in August	0
16. Priority 05 completed in August	2
17. Priority 05 outstanding	18
18. Priority 12 & 17 submitted in August	67
19. Priority 12 & 17 completed in August	55
20. Priority 12 & 17 outstanding	211
21. One man to KY-28 school at Wing.	
22. One man to Embark school on Okinawa.	
23. Finished insulating walls for future air conditioner.	
24. Built work bench.	
25. Had supply inspection by FSAG-3 on 27 August 1968.	
26. Replaced sand bags around Comm building with barrels.	
27. Installed PA system in Fire Department jeep.	
28. Installed wiring for Hot Locker in the Radio Shop.	

MESSAGE CENTER

The message load report is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>
Unclassified	1244	427
Classified	302	5
Totals	<u>1546</u>	<u>432</u>
Services	31	29

RADIO SECTION

In addition to normal preventative maintenance the following services were provided:

1. Held daily and weekly PM's on all gear.
2. Supplied one man as reserve platoon radio operator.
3. Supplied two men to stand switchboard watch.
4. Built Hot Locker in the Radio Shop.
5. One man on flight orders for radio relay.
6. Activated all nets during each alert.
7. Activated Wing TAC II net at 0800 daily.
8. Gave classes on radio gear & procedure.

WIRE SECTION

1. Provided 24 hour switchboard watch.
2. Received and responded to more than 50 trouble calls.
3. Handled in excess of 24,000 telephone calls on switchboard.
4. Held PM's on all Wire equipment.
5. Helped to replace sand bags with barrels around Comm building.
6. Supplied one man for the reserve platoon.

  
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SUPPLY DEPARTMENT  
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From: Group Supply Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Support Group 17

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1C

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology Report

1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART ONE: Organization Data

## 1. Key Personnel

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
SMIGAY, Daniel B.	LtCol.	Group Supply Officer	1-31Aug68
MIKSAD, John R.	Capt.	Pur & Contracting Officer	1-31Aug68
ROMINE, Donnie L.	1st Lt.	GASSC Officer	1-31Aug68
SCHUIER, Melburn F.	1st Lt.	Marine Corps Property Officer Unit Property Officer	1-31Aug68
GARCIA, A. S.	1st Lt.	OIC H&MS-17 Material	1-31Aug68
ROMEY, Paul K.	1st Lt.	OIC WERS-17 Material	1-28Aug68
REICHLER, James R.	1st Lt.	Fiscal Officer, Planning and Admin. Officer	1-31Aug68
GRANDIN, J. L.	2nd Lt.	Asst Material Officer	10-31Aug68
GOODALL, G. M.	2nd Lt.	OIC WERS-17 Material	28-31Aug68
MIRANDA, Anthony	CWO-3	OIC Supply Response Section	1-31Aug68
CARPENTER, W. J.	CWO-3	Gru. Mat. Division	1-31Aug68
BUTLER, Harley A.	WO-1	OIC Warehouse	1-31Aug68
MARINKO, E. F.	MSgt.	Group Supply Chief	1-31Aug68
DIROSA, Vincent A.	MSgt.	NCOIC Typewriter Repair Section	1-31Aug68
SIEG, Vernon M.	GySgt.	Marine Corps Property Chief	1-31Aug68
BATTLE, Linnie G.	GySgt.	NCOIC GASSC	1-31Aug68
MASSIE, Allen L.	GySgt.	NCOIC Supply Response Section	1-31Aug68
COOK, Thomas S.	GySgt.	NCOIC Section "M"	1-31Aug68
BLACK, James E.	GySgt.	NCOIC Shipping & Receiving	23-31Aug68
PENTER, J. E.	GySgt.	NCOIC H&MS-17 Material	1-31Aug68
GLASS, A. M.	SSgt.	NCOIC WERS-17 Material	1-31Aug68
RITTER, A. S.	GySgt.	NCOIC Material/Warehouse Chief	1-31Aug68
BRUENING, J. A.	SSgt.	Pur & Contracting Chief	1-31Aug68
MLOTKE, S.	SSgt.	NCOIC Shipping & Receiving, Operation NCO, Shipping & Receiving	1-23Aug68 23-31Aug68
JAMES, M.	SSgt.	Shipping & Receiving	1-31Aug68
BOWLES, Howard G.	SSgt.	NCOIC Marine Corps Property Warehouse	1-31Aug68
CARTER, R. W.	SSgt.	Asst Marine Corps Property Chief	1-31Aug68
STONE, John W.	Cpl.	Group Fiscal Chief, SAS NCOIC	1-31Aug68

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## 2. Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATE</u>
Group Supply Section	Danang, RVN	1-31Aug68

## 3. Average Personnel Strength as of 31 August 1968

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Group Supply Section (includes both H&MS & WERS Material)	11	100

## 4. Personnel

### Newly Joined Officers

GRANDIN, J. L.	2nd Lt.	0104206/3060	Assigned as
Asst Material Officer			

GOODALL, G. M.	2nd Lt.	0104204/3060	Assigned as
OIC WERS-17 Material			

### Staff Non-Commissioned Officers

BLACK, J. C.	GySgt.	1192326/3121	Assigned as
NCOIC Shipping & Receiving			

RITTER, A. S.	GySgt.	1460474/3051/1169	Assigned as
NCOIC Material/Warehouse Chief			

SHULTZ, R. J.	SSgt.	1872001/3071	Assigned as
Asst NCOIC WERS-17 Material			

## PART II Summary of Events

1. Training---All personnel received five hours training in related jobs and General Military Subjects.
2. Savings Program---We currently have 100% in Savings Program.
3. Correspondence Courses---70% of the Supply Personnel are enrolled in Correspondence Courses related to their work.

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4. Supply Effectiveness

	Gross	Net
Navy	54.9	77.7
Marine Corps	79.0	80.0

5. Common Component Status

Engine In	19
Engine Out	0
Cumulative totals to date in	304
Cumulative totals to date out	205
Remaining at FLC	99
Power Transfer parts in	55
Power Transfer part out	5
Cumulative totals to date in	521
Cumulative totals to date out	327
Remaining at FLC	194
Turn around time on engines	108.65 days
Turn around time on power transfer parts	53.10 days
Oldest engine	428 days

6. BER Costs

3rd Echelon BER	203
3rd Echelon Value	5,142.45
4th Echelon BER	29
4th Echelon Value	12,454.14

7. Vehicle Maintenance Cost

3rd Echelon	16,831.98
4th Echelon	12,976.37

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## 8. Wing Shipping and Receiving Section

a. Supplies and Equipment handled during the month of August 1968. 6,777,557 lbs of cargo processed.

## 9. Group Aviation Supply Support Center

Navy Warehouse

a. A complete wall to wall inventory was held between the 5th and 13th of August.

MTX Section

a. Boxes are being built for storage of loose items held by the float.

b. Fourth echelon items are being inventoried and new record cards are being made up for each item. Third echelon items are also scheduled to be inventoried and new record cards made for each item.

SRS Section

a. During the month of August the annual inventory was conducted. All items held in the Supply Officers Stores were counted. The inventory was headed up by two inventory supervisors. Each supervisor was in charge of three squads that was broken down to two count teams per squad. The inventory was accomplished in an orderly manner, each member of the count teams being well briefed prior to the inventory.

The inventory cards were matched up with the stock balance cards for up dating the balance on hand. All the stock balance cards were taken to the data Processing Installation for up dating and financial listings to determine losses and gains by inventory.

The Stock Control unit performed the below supply functions.

b. Screened the complete stock number balance cards for cards to be transfered to the non-allowance part numbered deck.

c. Screened all non-allowance stock balance cards (NSA, APA and part number) for federal stock numbers/part numbers to be added to the active account and for cards with usage over six months old for deletion from the non-allowance list decks.

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d. Working on changing all cognizance symbol LRD (NSA items) over \$100.00 unit price back to 2RH cognizance symbol (APA item).

10. Fiscal Section

a. Submitted a BPN-09 2nd quarter review to wing comptroller.

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