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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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✓(3) PART TWO - Narrative Summary  
✓(4) PART THREE - Significant Events  
✓(5) List of Appendixes

1. In compliance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted for the period 1 through 30 September 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, (1-30 September 1968)  
Reporting Period - 1 through 30 September 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	1-8 September 1968
Col	Richard S. RASH	Commanding Officer	9-30 September 1968
LtCol	Richard W. CLINE	Executive Officer	1-11 September 1968
LtCol	Robert A. STEINWAY	Executive Officer	12-30 September 1968
Capt	Robert E. SPIKER	S-1	1-30 September 1968
Major	Truman G. BUNCE	S-3	1-30 September 1968
LtCol	Joseph L. SADOWSKI	S-4	1-30 September 1968

## b. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
LtCol	Edward S. JOHN	Commanding Officer	1-30 September 1968
Major	Frank E. GRAHAM	Executive Officer	1-2 September 1968
Major	Richard W. DIENER	Executive Officer	3-30 September 1968
Major	Perry T. LLEWELLYN	Operations Officer	1-30 September 1968

## c. Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Major	Duane R. VAN NOTE	Commanding Officer	1-8 September 1968
Major	Stanley M. WILLIAMS	Commanding Officer	9-30 September 1968
Capt	William T. NELSON	Executive Officer	1-8 September 1968
Major	Duane R. VAN NOTE	Executive Officer	9-30 September 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	1-30 September 1968
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-30 September 1968
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-30 September 1968

## 3. (C) Average Strength

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Marine Wing Support Group 17	53	830
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	44 (USN 3)	615 (USN 15)
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron	9	215

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## PART TWO - Narrative Summary

14 September 1968 (U) The EOD team removed two Sidewinders and 20mm ammunition from a battle damaged A-7 which crashed at Danang. The aircraft was from the USS Constellation.

21 September 1968 (U) The Fire Department dispatched eight (8) men to assist FLC Fire Department in extinguishing a fire at the Esso storage plant, Hill 724. The fire was started by enemy satchel charges resulted in loss of approximately 600,000 gallons of fuel and two storage tanks.

22 September 1968 (U) The Fire Department responded to a call from VQ-1. An A-3 aircraft was burning as a result of an enemy rocket attack. Aircraft sustained major damage.

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## PART THREE - Significant Events

1. Personnel. H&MS-17 joined 65, dropped 57. WERS-17 joined 65 dropped 57.

2. Administration. Promotions - 10

3. Awards

Air Medals - 6

Distinguished Flying Cross - 1

4. Medical Department. The Medical Department handled 1192 persons this month at Sick Call. Ten of those were V.D. cases.

5. Morale/Welfare/Chaplain

a. Ten (10) personnel were authorized 30 days special leave to CONUS and 51 personnel participated in the R&R program.

b. The Chaplain counselled 32 cases.

6. Civic Action

a. The chaplain gave 125 gallons of milk to the Sacred Heart Nursery on 16 September 1968.

b. On 23 September the chaplain gave 45 pounds of clothing to the Mission.

c. On 30 September the Civic Action Team members were honored guests at Trung Luong's inauguration of the Civil Defense Training Program. Organized by the local Revolutionary Development Cadre, the program is designed to train young people from ages 9 to 25 in civil defense, government and political structure of RVN and hamlet cooperation. From these opening ceremonies it appeared that the R.D. Cadre are organized and will be very beneficial in building hamlet unity.

7. Fire Department. The Fire Department answered 20 calls.

8. Intelligence. None.

9. Air Operations

Total Hours Flown - 302.5

Total Passengers - 2,689

Total Cargo Tons - 2.1

Total Flares Dropped - 1,729

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10. Photo Lab. Filled 331 work requests.

11. Training. Reserve Platoon fired at the rifle range during the month of September.

12. Logistics/Base Development/Construction. None

13. Supply/Material

a. A new shed of approximately 400 square feet was built from scrap materials for storage of compressed gasses.

b. Shipping and Receiving processed 6,974,589 lbs of cargo.

14. Postal

a. Money Orders numbered 21,427 and amounted to \$1,097,978.16.

b. Stamps amounted to \$23,551.74.

c. The post office received 368,673 pounds of mail and dispatched 497 pounds.

15. Aircraft Maintenance. Maintenance maintained a 52.1% availability of the 11 aircraft on hand. During September 1 C-117 went to par and JH-34D's are in a Pool Status.

16. TAFDS. Issued 1,211,739 gallons of JP-4 at the Danang Marine Air Night Terminal.

17. Communications

a. Message volume was 1,548 incoming and 361 outgoing.

b. Switchboard handled 23,500 telephone calls.

18. Disbursing

a. Checks issued totalled \$2,263,508.71.

b. A total of \$97,380.00 was entered in the savings program.

c. Piaster sales totaled \$59,207.00.

19. In-Country Calibration Complex IC<sup>3</sup>

a. ICE CUBE processed 1,531 pieces of support equipment.

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20. Industrial Relations

a. The total Vietnamese employed is as follows:

22 Appropriated  
118 Personnel Fund15 Club Employed  
13 Exchange Employed21. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Section. The section responded to 153 calls for assistance.

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| ✓ 3. Communications Center                    | - Command Chronology |                |
| ✓ 4. Fire Department                          | - Command Chronology | } Filed<br>SEP |
| ✓ 5. E.O.D.                                   | - Command Chronology |                |
| ✓ 6. Group Supply                             | - Command Chronology |                |



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 1 October 1968

From: Communications Officer  
 To: Operations Officer

Subj: Command Chronology Report; submittal of

Ref: (a) Gru0 5750,1D

Part I Organizational Data

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>S/O DUTIES ASSIGNED</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
1stLt	Richard R. Bellis	Communications Officer	1-30 September 1968
Cysgt	George L. West	Communications Chief	1-30 September 1968
Cysgt	Eugene R. Cook	Technician Chief	1-30 September 1968
Sgt	Sabaru T. Masanai	Message Center Chief	1-30 September 1968

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Communications Section	Banang, MACV	1-30 September 1968

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>RELEASSED</u>
Communications, MSG-17	1	36

Part II Summary of Activities

ELECTRONICS REPAIR

The electronics repair shop accomplished the following:

1. Work orders processed in September	123
2. Work orders completed in September	117
3. Work orders outstanding	24
4. Work orders for higher echelon	6
5. Work orders completed by higher echelon	7
6. Work orders outstanding by higher echelon	4
7. Requisitions submitted in September	22
8. Requisitions completed in September	32
9. Requisitions outstanding	240

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10. Priority 02 submitted in September	8
11. Priority 02 completed in September	20
12. Priority 02 outstanding	10
13. Priority 05 submitted in September	6
14. Priority 05 completed in September	4
15. Priority 05 outstanding	19
16. Priority 12 & 17 submitted in September	8
17. Priority 12 & 17 completed in September	8
18. Priority 12 & 17 outstanding	211
19. Installed air conditioner in the tech shop.	

MESSAGE CENTER

The message load report is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>
Unclassified	1240	353
Classified	343	8
Totals	<u>1583</u>	<u>361</u>
Services	30	11

RAVED SECTION

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

1. Held weekly and daily HU's on all gear.
2. Activated T-6 TI net daily at 0800.
3. Activated nets during alert conditions.
4. Maintained typhoon nets for 72 hours.
5. Held classes on authentication.
6. Held classes on radio relay equipment.
7. Had one man on flight orders.
8. Supplied one man to the message center.
9. Supplied one man for Civic Action.
10. Supplied one man for the Reserve Platoon.
11. Supplied one P-6-45 and operator for the Reserve Platoon.
12. Assisted the Wire Shop in obtaining telephone poles.

WIRE SECTION

1. Handled in excess of 23,500 telephone calls on the switchboard.
2. Provided a 24 hour switchboard watch.
3. Received and responded to 15 trouble calls.
4. Held weekly PM's on all gear.
5. Held a check on all gear and records for the AFM inspection. Noted all defects and correcting them.
6. Set up P.A. system for change of command and awards ceremonies.
7. Set new telephone poles in club area.
8. Moved 60 telephone poles from 15th Aerial Port to storage area.

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SUPPLY DEPARTMENT  
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Support Group 17  
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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 FILET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
SMIGAY, Daniel B.	LtCol.	Group Supply Officer	1-30Sep68
MIKSAD, John R.	Capt.	Pur & Contracting Officer	1-30Sep68
ROMINE, Donnie L.	1st Lt.	GASSC Officer	1-22Sep68
SCHULER, Melburn F.	1st Lt.	Marine Corps Property Officer, Unit Property Officer	1-30Sep68
GARCIA, A. S.	1st Lt.	Asst GASSC Officer GASSC OFFICER	1-22Sep68 22-30Sep68
REICHLER, James R.	1st Lt.	Fiscal Officer, Planning and Admin. Officer	1-30Sep68
GRANDIN, J. L.	2nd Lt.	OIC H&MS-17 Material	1-30Sep68
GOODALL, G. M.	2nd Lt.	OIC WERS-17 Material	1-30Sep68
MIRANDA, Anthony	CWO-3	OIC Supply Response Section	1-30Sep68
CARPENTER, W. J.	CWO-3	Gru. Mat. Division OIC	1-30Sep68
BUTLER, Harley A.	WO-1	Asst OIC Gru. Mat. Division	1-30Sep68
MARINKO, E. F.	MSgt.	Group Supply Chief	1-30Sep68
DIRCSA, Vincent A.	MSgt.	NCOIC Typewriter Repair Section	1-30Sep68
SING, Vernon M.	GySgt.	Marine Corps Property Chief	1-30Sep68
BATTIE, Linnie G.	GySgt.	NCOIC GASSC	1-30Sep68
MASSIE, Allen L.	GySgt.	NCOIC Supply Response Section	1-30Sep68
COCK, Thomas S.	GySgt.	NCOIC Section "M"	1-30Sep68
BLACK, James E.	GySgt.	NCOIC Shipping & Receiving	1-30Sep68
PENTER, J. E.	GySgt.	NCOIC H&MS-17 Material	1-30Sep68
RITTER, A. S.	GySgt.	NCOIC Material/Warehouse Chief	1-30Sep68
GLASS, A. E.	SSgt.	NCOIC WERS-17 Material	1-30Sep68
BRUENING, J. A.	SSgt.	Pur & Contracting Chief	1-30Sep68
MICKE, S.	SSgt.	Operations NCO	1-30Sep68
SHULTZ, R. Z.	SSgt.	Asst NCOIC WERS-17 Material	1-30Sep68
JAMES, M.	SSgt.	Career Advisory NCO	1-30Sep68
BOWLES, Howard G.	SSgt.	NCOIC Marine Corps Property Warehouse	1-30Sep68
CARTER, R. W.	SSgt.	Asst Marine Corps Property Chief	1-30Sep68
STONE, John W.	Cpl.	Group Fiscal Chief, SAS NCOIC	1-30Sep68

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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	1-30 Sep 68

## 3. Average Personnel Strength as of 30 September 1968

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Group Supply Section (includes both H&MS & WERS Material)	10	98

## 4. Personnel

### 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.

## 4. Supply Effectiveness

	Gross	Net
Navy	64.1	89.9
Marine Corps	69.0	77.0

## 5. Common Component Status

Engine In	13
Engine Out	6
Cumulative totals to date in	317
Cumulative totals to date out	211
Remaining at FLC	106
Power Transfer parts in	16
Power Transfer parts out	6
Cumulative totals to date in	537
Cumulative totals to date out	333
Remaining at FLC	204
Turn around time on engines	102.59 days
Turn around time on power transfer parts	55.06 days
Oldest engine	459 days

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6. HER Costs

3rd Echelon HER	125
3rd Echelon Value	5,749.96
4th Echelon HER	33
4th Echelon Value	24,098.00

7. Vehicle Maintenance Cost

3rd Echelon	8,473.45
4th Echelon	18,922.43

8. Wing Shipping and Receiving Section

a. Supplies and Equipment handled during the month of September 1968. 6,974.589 lbs of cargo processed

9. Group Aviation Supply Support Center

Navy Warehouse

a. Completed:

(1) A new shed of approximately 400 square feet was built from scrap materials for the storage of compressed gasses.

(2) A new bunker was built and the old one destroyed and removed.

(3) Three (3) new rows of fluorescent lights were installed.

(4) Building walls were straightened, doors repaired, and roof gutters patched.

b. Continuing:

(1) Identification of, and control measures for, shelf-life items.

(2) Laying matting in the Shipping and Receiving area in front of the warehouse.

(3) Improving the outside lot with matting, dunnage, and covers.

(4) Marking storage locations in bulk section of warehouse and improving stack stability.

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(5) Establishing and equipping a Preservation, Packaging and Packing sub-unit in the Shipping and Receiving Unit.

MTX Section

a. Completed: Fourth echelon inventory.

b. Continuing: Building boxes, repacking and marking, and rewarehousing Third and Fourth echelon assets.

SRS Section

a. During the month of September 225 new line items were added to the Navy Supply Account. These new items are for 3rd and 4th echelon support of automotive equipment received in the First Wing. The garwood tractor parts are included in this program.

b. The quarterly up dating of all stock balance cards was performed by the Data Processing Installation. All stock balance cards are up-dated with the quarterly usage data. A listing is prepared of all stock balance cards on hand which is received by this section. This listing represents the requisitioning objective list and is a tool for which the supply officer can adjust his account.

c. The inactive balance card decks were screened and purified. All cards over six months old with less than two demands were removed and discarded. All cards which contained two demands within the six month period were pulled and added to the active balance card deck and ordered for stock.

d. A resubmission was made of Master Tailored Interest File (MTIF) cards which will provide this Group with tailored change notice cards.

e. Cancellations were sent out to the various supply activities to cancel \$12,000.00 of IPN 08 funds as requested by the Wing Comptroller.

f. Transition was completed on all IRD Cognizance Material over \$100.00 which changed to 2RH cognizance.

10. Fiscal Section

a. Submission of AIK budget request, calender year 1969.

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