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

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)  
 Subj: Command Chronology  
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Encl: ✓(1) Title Page  
 ✓(2) PART ONE - Organization Data  
 ✓(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 28 February 1969.
2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of the enclosures.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit Location - Danang Air Base, RVN, (1-28 February 1969)  
Reporting Period - 1 through 28 February 1969

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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	Richard S. RASH	Commanding Officer	1-28 February 1969
LtCol	Robert A. STEINWAY	Executive Officer	1-28 February 1969
Capt	Bobby G. GIRVIN	S-1	1-28 February 1969
Major	Truman G. BUNCE	S-3	1-28 February 1969
LtCol	Thomas D. BROOKS	S-4	1-28 February 1969

- 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	1-28 February 1969
Major	Richard W. DIENER	Executive Officer	1-28 February 1969
Major	Robert W. BARBER	Operations Officer	1-28 February 1969

- c. Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
LtCol	Stanley M. WILLIAMS	Commanding Officer	1-28 February 1969
Major	Duane R. VAN NOTE	Executive Officer	1-28 February 1969

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 1969
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-28 February 1969
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17	Danang AB, RVN	1-28 February 1969

3. (C) Average Strength

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Marine Wing Support Group 17	51	897
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 17	43 (USN 2)	683 (USN 16)
Wing Equipment and Repair Squadron 17	8	214

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## PART TWO - Narrative Summary

23 Feb 69 - 0531 H - Danang Air Base came under rocket attack. One 400,000 gallon fuel storage tank received a direct hit. Fire Department personnel responded immediately. The fire was well confined and was allowed to burn itself out while adjacent tanks were protected. Burn out was at 1800, 23 Feb.

23 Feb 69 - 0531 H - Fire Department responded to a fire on MAG-11 flight line. A TAFDS fuel bladder was ruptured by an enemy rocket. Using Light Water this fire was extinguished in six minutes.

23 Feb 69 - 0549 H - Fire Department and EOD personnel were dispatched to MAG-11 bomb dump. A truck loaded with 12 pallets of 2.75 rockets had received a direct hit during a rocket attack. Secondary explosions prevented immediate access to the area. The fire was extinguished at 0835 and the area was cleared of remaining ordnance in a five hour operation.

23 Feb 69 - 2114 H - Textile factory located in Hoa Vang Village reported to be on fire. The Fire Department responded and brought fire under control at 2229 hours. During this operation MSG-17 Reaction Platoon provided security for the firemen as there was ground contact with the enemy in the area. The Reaction Platoon was credited with one confirmed VC KIA.

28 Feb 69 - 1000 H - Lt McManus and GySgt Mainville of EOD proceeded to Navy Bridge Ramp to assist the Navy EOD team. During the previous evening an LCM exploded during an enemy rocket attack. A team from this activity will continue to assist until the operation is complete.

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## PART THREE - Significant Events

1. Personnel. H&S-17 joined 20, dropped 20. T&S-17 joined 13, dropped 14.

2. Administration. Promotions - 14.

3. Awards

Air Medal - 14

Purple Heart - 1

Navy Commendation Medal - 16

Navy Achievement Medal - 2

4. Medical Department. The Medical Department handled 796 persons this month at Sick Call. Seven of those were V.D. cases.

5. Morale/Welfare/Chaplain. The Chaplain counselled 20 cases.

6. Civic Action. The activities for the month of February have been curtailed due to enemy activities during the TET holidays.

7. Fire Department. The Fire Department answered 44 calls.

8. Intelligence. None

9. Air Operations

Total Hours Flown - 335.6

Total Passengers - 379

Total Cargo Tons - 9.9

Total Flares Dropped - 1812

10. Photo Lab. Filled 253 work requests.

11. Training. There were 437 man hours of G&S training conducted during the reporting period.

12. Logistics/Base Development/Construction. None

13. Supply/Material. Shipping and Receiving processed 5,499,027 lbs of cargo.

14. Postal

a. Money Orders numbered 18,979 and amounted to \$984,408.75.

b. Stamps amounted to \$26,604.99.

c. The post office received 328,090 pounds of mail and dispatched 141,947 pounds.

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15. Aircraft Maintenance. Maintenance maintained a 52.2% availability of the 8 aircraft on hand.

16. TAFDS. Issued 1,066,119 gallons of JP-4 at the Danang Marine Air Freight Terminal.

17. Communications

a. Message volume was 1,626 incoming and 428 outgoing.

b. Switchboard handled 24,000 telephone calls.

18. Disbursing

a. Checks issued totalled \$2,191,681.09.

b. A total of \$90,505.00 was entered in the savings program.

c. Piaster sales totaled \$32,055.00.

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

a. ICE CUBE processed 1,577 pieces of support equipment.

20. Industrial Relations

a. The total Vietnamese employed is as follows:

44 Appropriated  
129 Personnel Fund

22 Club Employed  
3 Exchange Employed

21. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Section. The section responded to 153 calls for assistance.

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## LIST OF APPENDIXES

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**HEADQUARTERS**  
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**APO San Francisco 96602**

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 1 Mar 69

From: Communication Chief  
 To: Operations Officer  
 Subj: Command Chronology Report; submittal of  
 Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D

**Part I Organizational Data**

<u>RAK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>T/O RELIANT ASSIGNED</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
1st Lt	SOMA, Peter III	Communication Officer	1-26 February 69
CySgt	WEST, George E.	Communication Chief	1-28 February 69
CySgt	COOK, Eugene R.	Technician Chief	1-28 February 69
SSgt	NASABIAN, Satam T.	Message Center Chief	1-28 February 69

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Communications section	DaNang, RVN	1-28 February 69

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Communication, 1WSG-17	1	36

**Part II SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES**

**Message load report**

<u>INCOMING</u>	<u>SVC</u>		<u>UNCLAS</u>		<u>CLASS</u>	
	<u>OUTGOING</u>		<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>
3	8		1254	419	372	9

**EQUIPMENT OUTAGE REPORT AND REMARKS**

1 - AN/TC-11A #3396 Tech Shop for repair

**TECH SHOP**

1. Work orders processed in February	54
2. Work orders processed for higher ech.	1
3. Work orders completed in February	44
4. Work orders processed by higher ech.	0
5. Work orders outstanding	10
6. Work orders outstanding by higher ech.	4

Req. submitted in February

02	0
05	17

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Reg completed in February (cont.)

12 & 17	29
walk thru	04
Total	<u>33</u>

Reg completed in February

02	0
05	3
12 & 17	0
walk thru	3
Total	<u>6</u>

Reg outstanding for February

02	4
05	51
12 & 17	163
Total	<u>218</u>

#### WFO

1. Provided 24hr switchboard service handling in excess of 24,000 phone calls.
2. Performed preventative maintenance on all telephones and radio house equipment.
3. Helped form plans for dial system.
4. Provided 2 people for Reactionary Plt and 1 for Contingency Plt.
5. Handled all trouble calls for 4154-27 and 4154-110.
6. Provided men for working parties for 2 weeks.

#### WFO

1. Continued work on 250-15 Van bunker.
2. Had 4th and 5th in 0000 each morning.
3. Maintained four radio nets up during Condition 2.
4. Supplied 2 men to Wire center (WFO)
5. Reinforced law bunker.
6. Disinfected and held complete shield down on but #8.
7. Supplied 2 men for group working parties.
8. Supplied 1 man for Contingency plt.
9. Supplied 1 man for flight orders.
10. Supplied 1 man for mess duty.
11. Supplied 3 men for reactionary plt.
12. Maintained 1 duty driver.
13. Completed mount out boxes.
14. During 1952 offensive, maintained 40 law watch on condition 2.
15. Supplied 1 man for comm office.
16. Monitored Security Radio net.
17. Reviewed all shop records.
18. Maintained 11 on all shop gear.
19. Constructed shop workbench.
20. Supplied 1 mail clerk.

G. E. WEST

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT  
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Support Group 17  
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Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1C  
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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 HILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
MORLAND, Arthur L.	Capt.	Group Supply Officer	1-28Feb69
STARZYNSKI, P. M.	Capt.	Pur & Contracting Officer	1-28Feb69
SHULTZ, R. J.	2d Lt.	Fiscal Officer	1-28Feb69
GRANDIN, J. L.	2d Lt.	OIC WERS-17 Material	1-28Feb69
GOODALL, G. M.	2d Lt.	OIC H&MS-17 Material	1-28Feb69
MIRANDA, Anthony	CWO-3	GASSC Officer	1-28Feb69
CARPENTER, W. J.	CWO-3	Gru. Mat. Division OIC	1-28Feb69
HURLEY, D. J.	CWO-3	Marine Corps Property Officer, Unit Property Officer	1-28Feb69
BROWN, B. M.	CWO-2	OIC Supply Response Section	1-28Feb69
MARINKO, Earl F.	MSgt.	Group Supply Chief	1-28Feb69
SIEG, Vernon M.	GySgt.	Marine Corps Property Chief	1-28Feb69
BATTLE, Linnie G.	GySgt.	NCOIC GASSC	1-28Feb69
JENKINS, C.	GySgt.	Supply Response Section Chief	1-28Feb69
MASSIE, Allen L.	GySgt.	NCOIC WERS-17 Material	1-28Feb69
BLACK, James E.	GySgt.	Asst. NCOIC Shipping & Receiving	1-28Feb69
RITTER, A. S.	GySgt.	NCOIC Warehouse	1-28Feb69
CHAPMAN, Cleo	GySgt.	NCOIC Shipping & Receiving	1-28Feb69
CHAPPEL, G. L.	GySgt.	Asst. NCOIC Warehouse	6-28Feb69
GOMEZ, Rudy N.	SSgt.	Marine Corps Property Admin.	1-28Feb69
HARRIS, R.	SSgt.	NCOIC H&MS-17 Material	1-28Feb69
BRUENING, J. A.	SSgt.	Pur & Contracting Chief	1-28Feb69
MIOTKE, S.	SSgt.	Operations NCO	1-28Feb69
BOWLES, Howard G.	SSgt.	NCOIC Marine Corps Property	1-28Feb69
CLEMENS, H.	SSgt.	Transportation Clerk	1-28Feb69
WADROSE, P. L.	Cpl.	Group Fiscal Chief, SAS NCOIC	1-28Feb69

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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	1-28Feb69

## 3. Average Personnel Strength as of 28 February 1969

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Group Supply Section (includes both H&MS & WERS Mat.)	9	111

## 4. Personnel

NONE

Newly Joined Staff NCO's

CHAPPEL, G. L.	GySgt.	1316085/3051	Assigned as
Assistant HCOIC of Navy Warehouse			

## 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 12% in Savings Program.

3. Correspondence Courses---50% of the Supply Personnel are enrolled in Correspondence Courses related to their work.

## 4. Supply Effectiveness

	Gross	Net
Navy	51.7	77.5
Marine Corps	70.0	76.0

## 5. Common Component Status

Engins In	31
Engins Out	9
Cumulative totals to date in	408
Cumulative totals to date out	257
Remaining at FLC	151

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Power Transfer parts in	0
Power Transfer parts out	18
Cumulative totals to date in	644
Cumulative totals to date out	466
Remaining at FLC	178

Turn around time on Engines	109.72
Turn around time on Power Transfer Parts	92.56

Oldest Engine	610
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Notes: 257 Engines out in 28, 197 days for TAT of 109.72 days.  
966 P. T. Parts out in 43,133 days for TAT of 92.56 days.

6. BER Costs

3rd Echelon BER	90
3rd Echelon Value	3,112.86

4th Echelon BER	25
4th Echelon Value	10,797.94

7. Wing Shipping and Receiving Section

a. Supplies and Equipment handled for February:

(1) 5,499,027 lbs of cargo processed.

(2) 6,943 separate pieces handled of which 3,179 were incoming and 3,764 represented outgoing shipments.

8. Group Aviation Supply Support Center

A. Navy Warehouse Section

(1) The below listed projects have been or are being accomplished in the Group Supply Navy Warehouse and Motor Transport Supply Unit:

(a) Completed.

1. 5500 excess documents processed.

2. Moved building from lot to front of Warehouse for use as paint locker after repair of same.

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3. Matting laid around new paint locker and on side of Warehouse for additional storage space.

4. All storage in front of Warehouse moved to side of Warehouse to improve area in front for shipping and receiving operations.

5. There were 4415 issues from stock and 1005 receipts for stock.

6. 1800 line items were inventoried and verified, and 200 item checked for shelf life.

(b) Continuing.

1. Reworking of inside storage bulk items. This program will gain momentum now that all the excess documents have been processed.

2. Reworking of outside storage. This program will likewise gain momentum.

#### B. Supply Response Section

(1) Continuing excess program resulted in 520 line items reported to First Marine Aircraft Wing as excess. Items excessed represent UH-34D spares excluding main rotor blades.

(2) Processed sixteen (16) change notice listings.

(3) Screened Appropriation Purchase Account (APA) for material migrating to Navy Stock Account (NSA).

(4) Processed 10,000 balance cards for updating (JP 2802).

(5) Screened non-allowance demands resulting in 800 line items meeting stock criteria.

(6) During month of February 4415 requisitions were processed.

(7) The project 08 Budget was prepared for FY-69-70.

#### 9. Marine Corps Property Section

1. The following report is submitted for the subject month:

(a) The Marine Corps Property Chief, GySgt. SIEG was temporarily assigned to fill the billet of Group Supply Chief who was on a thirty day

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re-enlistment leave. This assignment was terminated on 22 February. Three new personnel were joined during the month.

(b) MOS training was conducted for a two hour period each Wednesday during the month.

(c) Spot inventory of items stored within the warehouse was conducted and reconciled with stock records. A total of 150 line items were counted with a 96% accuracy upon reconciliation with stock records.

(d) There were 500 requisitions processed and 350 issues made from stock, while 75 items were received for stock.

(e) A total of thirty-two (32) man hours per man were lost, due to the tactical commitment of the Reserve and Contingency platoons.

(f) The budget estimate, Phase II for O&M, MC for FY-69/70 was prepared for submission to the Commanding General, FMAW.

#### 10. Fiscal Section

a. During the month of February the following important tasks were completed by this office. The 09, 15 and 71 Budgets, and the O&M MC (OPEUD) Budget were completed. The Wing Comptroller also conducted a A&M inspection with the FISCAL Office receiving a satisfactory.

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