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(6) Command Chronology, Marine Air Control Squadron Seven
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1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosures (1) through (8) are hereby submitted.

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

1. Unit Designation and Locations

UNIT	LOCATION
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One	DaNang, RVN
Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron One	DaNang, RVN
Marine Air Support Squadron Two	DaNang, RVN
Marine Air Control Squadron Six	Camp Schwab, Okinawa
Marine Air Control Squadron Seven	Chu Lai, RVN
1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion	DaNang, RVN
2nd Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion	Chu Lai, RVN

2. Period covered by this report. 1 January 1966 to 31 January 1966.

3. Task Organization. (Same as in Para. 1 above)

4. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer and Staff, MWHG-1.

Commanding Officer	Colonel	E. I. LUPTON
Executive Officer	LtCol	N. E. DAYVAULT
S-1/Adjutant	Capt	M. L. BRANDTNER
S-2	Capt	W. F. MULLEN
S-3	LtCol	C. E. SHOWALTER
S-4	Major	R. H. MARCINIAK

5. Name and Rank of Commanding Officers of Subordinate Units.

H&HS-1	Major	C. A. LIDDLE
*MASS-2	LtCol	R. W. SHEPPE
MACS-6	Major	F. L. DELANEY
MACS-7	LtCol	R. R. MILLER
1st LAAM Bn	LtCol	C. L. EYER
2nd LAAM Bn	Major	E. F. PENICO

* LtCol R. W. SHEPPE appointed Commanding Officer as relief for LtCol R. L. CUNNINGHAM, 10Jan66.

6. Average Monthly Strength of MWHG-1 during period 1 to 31 January 1966.

OFFICER - USMC/USN		ENLISTED	
NA	AG	USMC	USN
83	230	2280	82

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. GENERAL. During the period 1 to 31 January 1965, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One continued providing the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing support with respect to air control and air defense agencies, administration and maintenance of Wing Headquarters camp facilities. Units of MWHG-1 participated in an (AAWEX) Anti-Aircraft Warfare Exercise, during the Vietnamese Holidays (TET), 21,22 and 23 January 1966

2. PERSONNEL. During reporting period this Command remained essentially the same.

3. ADMINISTRATION. Routine administration progressed throughout the month of January, with particular emphasis being directed toward more stringent use of TAD, and the updating of unit files, directives and publications.

4. MORALE/WELFARE. Liberty in DaNang continued, as did Rest and Recuperation flights to Hong Kong, Tokyo, Taipei and Okinawa. MWHG-1 had 233 quotas for month of January.

5. CASUALTIES. 1st LAAM Bn sustained one (1) battle casualty on 21Jan66 when PFC G. S. HAGERTY USMC was hit by a sniper bullet. Total number of non-battle casualties was fourteen (14).

6. INTELLIGENCE/COUNTERINTELLIGENCE. During the month of January 1966, MWHG-1 issued ten (10) final TOP SECRET, seven (7) interim TOP SECRET, seven (7) final SECRET and two (2) interim SECRET security clearances to attached personnel.

7. AIR DEFENSE. During the month of January a limited anti-aircraft warfare exercise was conducted. MAG-11 and MAG-12 aircraft were flown for GCI Controller training and for intruder flights against the HAWK Batteries. MAG-12 aircraft were primarily used in conjunction with the Chu Lai Air Defense System, and MAG-11 with the DaNang Air Defense System. As a result of weather, 2nd LAAM Bn at Chu Lai and MAG-12 had limited participation in the AAWEX. As a result of this exercise Air Defense Controllers, units and pilots received a good deal of training. A tabulation of results is depicted below:

a. GCI Attempts/Completions

	21Jan	22Jan	23Jan	TOTAL
CRC PANAMA	7/5	17/15	5/5	29/25
MACS-7	13/13	40/32	19/18	72/63
HUE PHU BAI	6/6	0/0	3/3	9/9
DONG HA	7/7	33/33	35/26	75/66
TOTAL	33/31	90/80	62/52	185/163

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b. HAWK Intruder Flights/Successful Splashes.

	21Jan	22Jan	23Jan	TOTAL
1st LAAM Bn	10/10	9/7	8/8	27/25
2nd LAAM Bn	0/0	4/4	2/2	6/6
TOTAL	10/10	13/11	10/10	33/31

Marine Air Control Squadron Six with VMFA-542 conducted live firing utilizing Sidewinder and Sparrow missiles during 13-31 January 1966. A total of 40 Sidewinder and 20 Sparrows were fired. This exercise was conducted at NAHA, Okinawa, which proved to be invaluable training for all concerned.

Marine Wing Headquarters Group One is conducting a Staff Study on the Air Defense System of this area. The MWHG-1 S-3 Officer, LtCol C. E. SHOWALTER is Chairman of this group which at present comprises the Operation Officers of this Commands subordinate units, working closely with the U.S. AIR FORCE at CRC PANAMA.

8. GROUND DEFENSE. A number of Ground Alert drills were conducted during January by units of this Command. On 250050 a Ground Defense Alert was sounded within the DaNang enclave. The reason was due to an enemy mortar attack on the DaNang enclave. The time from alert until Defense conditions were set was approximately 25 minutes, this was to include eight platoons to assume positions and all required communications to be checked. The all clear was sounded by the III MAF Duty Officer at approximately 250150Jan66.

9. SPECIAL OPERATIONS. During the month of January 1966 three operations were conducted which involved units of this Command. They were Operation "LONG LANCE","MALLARD" and"DOUBLE EAGLE", of which the latter is still in operation. Direct Air Support Center at DaNang controlled 998 helicopter missions, 263 fixed wing missions and 213 medical evacuation missions. This DASC became fully operative on 10Jan66 at AN HOA air strip until 16Jan66. On 23Jan66 MASS-2 S-3 Officer and a detachment of Marines from this squadron embarked aboard the LST 1167 to control the MOBILE DASC in support of Operation "DOUBLE EAGLE". The AIRBORNE DASC was utilized also in support of this operation as a radio relay.

10. TRAINING. Units of MWHG-1 conducted General Military Subject Training during January 1966. In addition to GMST, lectures were conducted to explain and amplify the Why's, Where and What's happening in Vietnam. This gives the individual a better understanding of why he is here and at the same time covers customs, traditions and peculiars of Vietnam. Fam firing of the appropriate T/O weapon was conducted for units of this command and additional dates are set for personnel to fire their T/O weapon as soon as possible after a rrival in country.

11. NBC WARFARE. Calibration of radiac instruments continues within this command. Presently this Headquarters NBC Officer is revising the NBC SOP.

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12. LOGISTICS. In addition to normal logistics functions, a campaign to update existing SOP's were rewritten while the Embarkation SOP is being revised to include information concerning the two LAAM Battalions under operational control of this Group during this period. "ASRT D" of MASS-2 was moved to Quang Ngai,is now operational. Wing G-4 inspected the Group, as a preliminary to the FMFPAC inspection. Results were satisfactory. Replacement vehicles for the AN/MRC-62 and AN/MRC-63 radio sets have arrived, disposition instructions are being awaited for the replaced 3/4 ton, M-37 trucks.

13. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES. See enclosure (2) for Morale/Religious Program. Civic Action/ISO follows:

a. CIVIC ACTION

(1) Technical Information:

(a) 135 fleet home town news releases were forwarded to Wing Informational Service Office.

(b) 7 stories were forwarded to Wing Informational Services Office.

(c) Negatives and contact prints of the December HAWK FIREX were submitted to the Marine Corps Gazette.

(2) Medical team held two sick calls at a Vietnamese Buddhist Orphanage and treated 183 indigenous personnel. The dental team accompanied the medical team, examined 65 Vietnamese and pulled 77 teeth.

(3) The dispensary at the CP treated 210 Vietnamese. No significant cases were trea ted. The dental clinic examined 25 Vietnamese and pulled 16 teeth. Additional treatment included temporary fillings, cleaning, scaling and general oral hygiene.

(4) Supplies for villagers were delivered to 2nd LAAM Bn and MACS-7.

(5) The band gave two performances during the month: On 16Jan they played at the Phau Chu Trinh High School, DaNang, in observance of TET, and on 18Jan at a dedication ceremony of a joint GVN/US park.

(6) The Industrial Relations Office employed an average of 226 Vietnamese per day within the MWHG-1 compound.

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5 February 1966

From: MWHG-1 Chaplain
To: S-3 Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for January

1. Religious Services.

a. Protestant. Divine Services are held on Sunday at 0930 and 1900. The III MAF Chaplain, The Wing Chaplain, and the Assistant Wing Chaplain conduct the 0930 Service. The Assistant Wing Chaplain and the MWHG-1 Chaplain conduct the 1900 Service. In addition to these, Sunday services are conducted by the MWHG-1 Chaplain at H&HS and "C" Battery of 1st LAAM. The time for these are 1015 and 1300 respectively. Week day activities includes a Bible Study class on Wednesday at 1900 and Choir Practice on Thursday at 1900.

b. Catholic. MWHG-1 is still without a Catholic Chaplain. Service coverage is being provided by the Assistant Division Chaplain and the MAG-11 Catholic Chaplain. Mass is celebrated on Sunday at 0800 and 1730. Daily Mass is not being celebrated at present but a Mass is held on the first friday of each month.

c. Jewish. Sabbath Services are observed at 1930 on Friday and 0830 on Saturday. The Jewish Chaplain from Division is responsible for these Services.

d. Special Services. On Sunday the following services are also conducted at Marine Chapel: 1100 Eastern Orthodox Liturgy, 1300 RLDS, 1600 Episcopal Communion, and 1815 Lutheran Communion. In addition, LDS and Christian Science Services are conducted at Air Force Chapel and the men from MWHG-1 are encouraged to attend.

e. During January the MWHG-1 Protestant Chaplain conducted three Lectures on "Religions in Vietnam" within the 1st LAAM Battalion. The combined attendance at these lectures totaled 112 men.

f. Religious films were used on three (3) occasions at "C" Battery of 1st LAAM. Total attendance, 72 men.

g. The MWHG-1 Protestant Chaplain took part in three (3) Wing Marriage Boards during the month of January.

MWHG Chaplain, MWHG-1

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2. Civil Action Participation.

a. Attended the Funeral Service of Reverend John Haywood who was shot by the V.C.

b. Assisted Reverend Woodword Stample of the Christian & Missionary Alliance in moving his household effects to the Air Strip.

c. Visited the Sacred Heart Orphanage three times during the month.

d. Visited the Christian and Missionary Alliance twice.

e. Delivered scrap wood to the Evangelical Protestant Church of DaNang and to the Evangelical Protestant Church of Hai Chau.

Very respectfully,

Gerald T. Richards

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