

HEADQUARTERS
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One
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 for period 1-31 October 1968

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1C

- Encl: (1) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One
- (2) Command Chronology, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One
- (3) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Communications Squadron One
- (4) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One
- (5) Command Chronology, 11th Dental Company

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1. As required by the provisions of reference (a), Command Chronologies for this Headquarters and each subordinate unit are submitted as enclosures (1) through (5).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Period</u>
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Oct 1968
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Oct 1968
Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Oct 1968
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	DaNang, RVN	1-31 Oct 1968

Part I. Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-8 Oct 1968	Col Tolbert T. GENTRY
	9-31 Oct 1968	Col Thomas H. NICHOLS JR
Executive Officer	1-31 Oct 1968	Vacant
Adjutant	1-25 Oct 1968	CWO-3 John L. FARRIS
	26-31 Oct 1968	CWO-2 Ralph H. THIEMT
S-1	1-31 Oct 1968	Capt Alfred J. ENGLISH
S-2	1-31 Oct 1968	Maj Richard C. BAGLEY JR
S-3	1-31 Oct 1968	Maj Richard C. BAGLEY JR
S-4	1-31 Oct 1968	Maj Esta D. GRISSOM

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-7 Oct 1968	Maj Lawrence FURSTENBERG
	8-31 Oct 1968	LtCol Prentice A. LINDSAY
Executive Officer	1-31 Oct 1968	Maj John H. HELM
Admin Officer	1-31 Oct 1968	1stLt Ronald J. PASCUAL

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-6 Oct 1968	Maj Robin W. COBBLE
	7-31 Oct 1968	Maj Don J. OGDEN
Executive Officer	1-31 Oct 1968	1stLt Leo P. GAGNON
Admin Officer	1-31 Oct 1968	Vacant

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Oct 1968	Maj Winston O. GOLLER
Executive Officer	1-31 Oct 1968	Maj Richard C. HOFFMAN
Admin Officer	1-31 Oct 1968	CWO-2 Floyd G. BINKLEY

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	1-31 Oct 1968	Capt Ward E. QUILTER
Executive Officer	1-31 Oct 1968	Cmdr Robert E. AUSTIN
Admin Officer	1-31 Oct 1968	Ltjg Dennis D. DAVID

2. Task Organization for the period 1-31 October 1968

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
MWHG-1	DaNang, RVN
H&HS-1	DaNang, RVN
MWCS-1	DaNang, RVN
MWFS-1	DaNang, RVN
11thDenCo	DaNang, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength of MWHG-1 for October 1968

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>				<u>ENLISTED</u>	
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
H&HS-1	NA 60	AG 122	NFO 8	9	521	23
MWCS-1	0	16	0	0	301	0
MWFS-1	2	5	0	0	133	0
11thDenCo	0	0	0	23	3	48
<u>MWHG-1</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>958</u>	<u>71</u>

4. Important Visitors to this Command : N/A

Part II. Narrative Summary

During the month of October 1968, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One, and its subordinate units provided administrative and logistical support for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters at DaNang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam and provided communications teams in support of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the 1st Marine Division and the 3rd Marine Division at DaNang, Monkey Mountain, Chu Lai, Phu Bai, Quang Tri, Dong Ha, An Hoa and Vandegrift Combat Base. Administrative support provided at DaNang Air Base consisted of transportation, billeting, messing facilities, materiel, local area defense and recreation facilities. As the Defense Coordinator of Tango Sector Alpha (1st Marine Aircraft Wing Compound), due to enemy activity, this Group was

in Condition #3 during the following dates for the month of October 1968: 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 31. No enemy rounds were received within the compound during this period.

Part III. Significant Events

1. Personnel. The Group continues to be over the approved T/O but below the provisional T/O. Because of the size of the First Marine Aircraft Wing, the accompanying work load in the Wing Headquarters requires the additional Wing Staff personnel. The lack of the recommended number of personnel is not considered to have a deleterious effect on the ability of this Group to carry out all assigned missions and tasks.

2. Administration. Routine administrative work was performed throughout the month of October 1968. An A&M Inspection was conducted on 11th Dental Company on 28 Oct 1968 and a grade of satisfactory with minor discrepancies was assigned. A re-inspection of H&HS-1 General Admin was completed in October 1968.

3. Awards. The following awards were presented during the month of October 1968:

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	3	
Air Medal	5	1
Navy Commendation Medal	1	
Navy Achievement Medal	1	
Presidential Unit Citation		40

4. Casualties. There were no hostile casualties to personnel of this Group during October 1968. A total of 8 persons were non-hostile casualties.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Special Services provided Tango Sector Alpha with many and varied off duty activities; handball, volleyball, horseshoes, tennis, weight lifting and intra-unit competition in football; movies are shown almost nightly. Clubs offered entertaining floor shows and happy hours several times throughout the month. The Freedom Hill and Golden Gate USO's supplemented the aforementioned activities. Although liberty remained secure in the DaNang area, the China Beach recreation center continued operation for the enjoyment of all hands. The Group also utilized all regular R&R quotas during the month of October 1968.

6. Civic Action. Details of the MWHG-1 Civic Action Program for the month of October 1968 are outlined in Appendix (1).

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative functions during October 1968, including an intelligence brief for the weekly Command Indoctrination presentation, handling all matters pertaining to requesting security clearances and access for Group personnel and obtaining the daily G-2 brief on significant events in I Corps. Three National Agency Checks were requested and five Local Records Checks were completed. Four Secret and two Interim Top Secret clearances were granted. Access to classified material was granted to five Marines of the Group.

8. Ground Defense. A Detachment of the 7th Engineer Battalion has completed the assembly of perimeter observation towers. Fighting holes and concrete for the tower legs and walls are being completed by organic personnel.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted personnel is held at Group level each Friday morning, then the same subjects are presented Saturday afternoon. A total of 262 personnel attended GMST, 33 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination presentation, held each Saturday morning, and 116 Marines fired their T/O weapon. Technical Training was conducted by the squadrons for each MOS at 4 hours per month per MOS. Formal schools were attended by 4 enlisted personnel during the month of October 1968. The Navy produced film "Trip To Where", concerning causes and effects of the illegal use of drugs, was attended by 634 personnel at three separate presentations of the film.

10. Logistics. The Logistics Section carried out routine administrative support for the Group.

11. Supply. See Appendix (2).

12. Base Development/Military Construction. The new "E" Club is 95% complete while the Wing Recreation Building is 90% complete. The "O" Club additions are also 95% complete.

13. Communications. See paragraph 6., Part III of Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One Command Chronology, enclosure (3).

14. Religious Services. See Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology; Appendix (3).

Part IV. Documentation

- Appendix (1) - MWHG-1 Civic Action Command Chronology
- Appendix (2) - MWHG-1 Supply Command Chronology
- Appendix (3) - MWHG-1 Chaplain's Chronology

Civil Affairs Office
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One
1st Marine Air Wing FMF Pacific
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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5750
7 Nov. 1968

From: Civil Affairs Officer, MWHG-1
To: Distribution List

Subj: Civil Affairs Command Chronology Report, October 1968

Ref: GruO 5750.1C

1. Reorganization of the MWHG-1 Civil Affairs Office continued during the month of October, with good results. A new office was established and our personnel worked overtime to improve its appearance. The new office also provided us with space to organize our staff and paperwork, allowing room to run what we hope will continue to be an effective program. Several Vietnamese carpenters volunteered their spare time to help furnish the office by constructing needed items for our use.
2. Except for a few isolated commitments, our office discontinued operations in the village of Hoa Cuong, and concentrated emphasis on the village of Hoa Phat, adjacent to the Wing compound. Initial objectives included daily efforts to make known our presence in the village. Talks with village and hamlet officials achieved acceptance of our request to work in the area. Projects immediately concerning village officials included the construction of a road and attention to schools in the area. Presently dirt and culverting are being made available for construction of the road, and schools are having request forms prepared for submission to province officials. Two projects in the village of Hoa Cuong continue to merit our interest. The construction of the Khue Trung School has been held up due to the lack of dunnage lumber, usually available from pier areas. However, seventy-five (75) sheets of roofing material were delivered to the school in October. Also, eight (8) General Walt Scholarship grants continue to be paid monthly.
3. On a walk through the village of Hoa Phat, members of our staff came across a young girl carrying a baby boy. As the young girl began to relate her story, it became reasonably evident that the parents of the baby had been killed by VC terrorist activities about 30 km from this area. The young girl had learned of the tragedy and gone to the house five days later. Finding the child unattended and with a bullet hole in its right thigh, she began a long journey to Da Nang to deliver it to a relative. She had just managed to locate a young boy who knew of the relative as we arrived on the scene. We rushed the wounded child to the MWHG-1 dispensary where X-rays

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showed a flesh wound. After treatment, the young girl continued on her way with the baby and her new found guide. This small effort proved very effective for our program. Subsequent trips to the village found the people willing to talk and cooperate with our representatives.

4. Efforts to improve Vietnamese-American relations here in the Wing compound resulted in the initiation of two programs. A bilingual bulletin board outside the new MWHG-1 Civil Affairs Office displayed a few decorations and a write-up on the history of Halloween this past 31 of October. Future displays will hopefully interest both American and Vietnamese personnel. In another effort, movies were shown to Vietnamese workers here on the base. The movies in their own language dealt with communist aggression, economic development and health.

5. Thirty-four (34) hours of English pronunciation and grammar were taught to fifty (50) students for a total of seventeen-hundred (1700) student hours. Several Marines continue to contribute their time three nights a week to teach classes between 1830 and 2000 hours. The effect of this direct contact between Vietnamese and Americans seems to be favorable. Not only do the students benefit by learning English from an American, but the development of friendships has afforded an opportunity to minimize areas of misunderstanding between our two countries.

6. Medical treatment to Vietnamese civilians continued during the month of October. The MWHG-1 dispensary treated nine hundred eighty-three (983) patients for a variety of sores and diseases. The dispensary continues to treat civilians six (6) days a week. The Headquarters Section, 11th Dental Company reports sixty-two (62) Vietnamese treated during a Dent-Cap with seventy-two (72) extractions.

7. MWHG-1 Civil Affairs looks forward to continued success in the village of Hoá Phat we realize that any effort to work with the people of the village requires not only large amounts of information about the area, but also the cooperation of the people themselves. Daily efforts are being made to meet the local citizens, work with village officials, and understand the desires of the population. One of our most important objectives remains to study and improve village security capabilities. Equally important is our continued effort to educate our own Marines in the ways of the Vietnamese people. Without a common understanding, mutual respect for our two different ways of life can not be achieved.

C. M. Shoemaker
1/Lt. C.M. Shoemaker
CAO MWHG-1

Appendix (i)

HEADQUARTERS
 Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One
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 5 November 1968

From: Group Supply Officer
 To: Commanding Officer

Subj: Command Chronology; information concerning

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1C

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), the below listed significant events concerning Group Supply occurred during the month of October 1968.

a. An A&M inspection of 11th Dental was conducted on 28 October 1968. The following grades for supply were assigned.

- (1) Supply General - Satisfactory with minor discrepancies
- (2) Navy Supply - N/A
- (3) Marine Corps Supply - Satisfactory with major discrepancies.

The company Administrative Officer was given a detailed briefing of the inspection results by the inspecting officers due to the absence of the Company Commander.

b. A Wing A&M Inspection of MWHG-1 Fiscal was conducted by AC/S Comptroller on 18 Oct^r 68. A grade of satisfactory with minor discrepancies was assigned. A progress report noting the discrepancies had been corrected was submitted 2 Nov 68.

c. Supply Effectiveness/Transactions

(1) Marine Corps processed 1441 requisitions with a net overall effectiveness of 29%.

(2) Navy processed 2051 requisitions with a net overall effectiveness of 95%.

Harry J. Tobin
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Appendix (c)

OFFICE OF THE GROUP CHAPLAIN
 MARINE WING HEADQUARTERS GROUP - 1
 1st MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
 FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96602

19/JJN/rrj
 6 November 1968

From: Group Chaplain
 To: Commanding Officer (AIMN: S-3)
 Subj: Command Chronology
 Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.10

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following information is submitted for inclusion in the Group Command Chronology.

PART I

a. Organizational Data:

LT. J. J. NOLAN, CHC, USN, Catholic, transferred from MAG-13, reported aboard 18 October 1968. Group Chaplain's billet had been vacant since 29 September 1968. Former Wing Chaplain, Chaplain Darkowski, and MWSG-17 Chaplain, Chaplain Struthers, had been providing for religious services. Present Wing Chaplain, Chaplain Trower, is assisting in conducting Protestant Services.

PART II

B. Narrative Summary:

During the month of October, the above mentioned Chaplains provided divine services daily, as required, for personnel of Protestant and Catholic faiths. MWHG-1 Chaplain now provides Catholic daily and Sunday services.

The Chaplain's ministry and allied activities are reflected in the following figures:

1) Divine Services:

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Total Services</u>	<u>Tot Att</u>
Catholic:	8	395	16	59	24	454
Protestant:	<u>7</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>190</u>
TOTALS:	15	585	16	59	31	644

(Also 5 non-Group services were held with an attendance of 139)

2) Lectures

Indoctrination 2 lectures 20 attendance

3) Pastoral Counselling 18

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PART III

The Group Chaplain, in addition to his primary duties, which are: conducting religious services, religious education and counselling personnel; also contributed of his time to maintain contact with Vietnamese counterparts and to assist, in a very limited degree in carrying on Civic Action Programs.

- a. 5th ARVN Regiment Hospital:
1. 10 cartons cigarettes
 2. 108 bars soap
 3. 20 boxes candy
 4. 2 boxes assorted soft drink mix


John J. Nolan

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