

HEADQUARTERS
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, MAF, Pacific
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 December 1969
Ref: (a) RegO 5750.4

- 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
- (6) Command Chronology, Civic Action
- (7) Command Chronology, Chaplain

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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 (7).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Period</u>
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One	Danang, RVN	1-31 Dec 1969
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-31 Dec 1969
Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-31 Dec 1969
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-31 Dec 1969
11th Dental Company	Danang, RVN	1-31 Dec 1969

Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 1969	Col Laurence J. STIEN
Executive Officer	1-31 Dec 1969	LtCol Edward J. GODFREY
Adjutant	1-31 Dec 1969	WO-1 George D. KRIBBS
S-1	1-31 Dec 1969	Capt Thomas M. ANDERSON
S-2/S-3	1-31 Dec 1969	Maj William B. WILSON
S-4	1-31 Dec 1969	Capt Marvin L. CREEL

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 1969	LtCol Henry F. MITTER
Executive Officer	1-31 Dec 1969	Maj Thomas L. WATKINS
Admin Officer	1-31 Dec 1969	CWO-2 Ronald A. GIROUARD

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 1969	Maj Allen B. RAY
Executive Officer	1-31 Dec 1969	Capt Frederick A. LORENSEN
Admin Officer	1-31 Dec 1969	Vacant

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 1969	LtCol Norbert F. SCHNIPPEL
Executive Officer	1-5 Dec 1969	Maj Donald E. ANDERSEN
	6-31 Dec 1969	Maj Billy G. PHILLIPS

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer 1-31 Dec 1969 Capt Van L. JOHNSON Jr
 Executive Officer 1-31 Dec 1969 Cdr Paul E. BARROW
 Admin Officer 1-31 Dec 1969 Ltjg M. J. KERN

2. Task Organization for the period 1-31 Dec 1969

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

3. Average Monthly Strength of MWHG-1 for the period 1-31 Dec 1969

<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 54	AG 107	NFO 6	10	636	28
MVCS-1	0	13	0	0	248	0
MWFS-1	2	3	0	0	162	0
11thDenCo	0	0	0	23	4	40
MWHG-1	56	123	6	33	1050	68

4. Important Visitors to this Command: N/A

PART II

Narrative Summary

During the month of December 1969, 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 command administrative communications for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters and air control communications for the Tactical Air Direction Center. Tango Sector Alpha was in defense condition #3 every night during the month of December 1969. No enemy rounds were received in the compound during the month.

PART III

Significant Events

1. Personnel. The Group continues to be over the approved T/O, but well below the provisional T/O. Because of the size of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, the accompanying workload 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 during December 1969.

3. Awards. The following awards were presented during the month of December 1969.

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>OFFICER ENLISTED</u>	
Silver Star Medal	1	
Distinguished Flying Cross	1	
Bronze Star Medal		1
Navy Commendation Medal	2	1
Air Medal	10	3

4. Casualties. There were two (2) hostile injuries and one (1) non-hostile injury during the month of December 1969.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Wing Special Services provided the Headquarters Group Compound with many off-duty activities including handball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, basketball and weightlifting. The Group as well as Wing offered entertaining floor shows and happy hours several times throughout the month. The China Beach, Freedom Hill and Golden Gate USO's supplemented the aforementioned activities. Although liberty remains secured in the Danang area, the China Beach recreation center continued operations for the enjoyment of all hands. Also, R&R seat allocations and RON flights enabled personnel to relax out of country for several days.

6. Civic Action. Details of the MWHG-1 Civic Action Program are outlined in enclosure (6).

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative support during the month of December 1969; including an Intelligence Brief for the Command Indoctrination Presentation, handling all matters pertaining to requesting security clearances and access for Group personnel, and obtaining the daily G-2 briefing on significant events in I Corps.

8. Ground Defense. Eight patrols were conducted in the villages surrounding the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters Compound during the month of December 1969. Nothing of significance was discovered.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted Marines is held at the Group level each Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. A total of 506 personnel attended GMST during the month. A total of 117 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination Presentation which is held bi-monthly and a total of 99 Marines of the Group FAM fired their T/O weapon and went through the Gas Chamber Exercise. Formal Schools were attended by 2 personnel during the month of December 1969. Technical Training was conducted by the squadrons at four hours per month per MOS.

10. Maintenance. The Utilities Section painted the LZ-11 Staging area and the surrounding fences, the flag poles, and the memorial area; constructed cubicals in the officers transient BOQ; laid carpet in the Commanding General's BOQ; built a blast wall for the Senior Officer Quarters; and painted the Commanding General's mess.

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

12. Supply. The Supply Section conducted normal supply operations in support of the Group and the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. The Marine Corps Property Section processed 911 requisitions and Navy Property processed 2477 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 86% and 98.2% respectively for the month of December 1969.

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

14. Religious Services. See Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology; enclosure (7).

PART IV

Chronology of Subordinate Commands

1. Command Chronologies for subordinate units of the command are attached hereto as indicated:

✓ Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One	-	enclosure (2)	} <i>File</i>
✓ Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	-	enclosure (3)	
✓ Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	-	enclosure (4)	
✓ 11th Dental Company	-	enclosure (5)	

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 5 January 1970

From: Civic Action Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One (Attn: S-3)
 Subj: Command Chronology for the Month of December ¹⁹⁶⁹ ~~1970~~
 Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted.

PART III

2. Civic Action

a. MWHG-1 Civic Action provided barbed wire for the building of a fence around Phuoc Tuong School early in December.

b. The demonstration chicken raising project continued with significant accomplishments and problems taking place.

(1) The chicken brooder used for the initial raising of the chickens was completely remodeled after the fowl were transferred to the larger pen the previous month. The redesign of the new brooder should eliminate problems in inadequate heating, crowded conditions, and sanitation, experienced in the raising of the first cycle of chickens.

(2) The chickens were treated a second and final time for New Castle disease prevention on 10 December.

(3) A vitamin deficiency developed in approximately 50% of the chickens during the latter portion of the month, the administered treatment for which was the addition of powdered milk and "greens" to their chicken feed diet.

(4) As of 31 December, 211 of the original 240 chickens remained. For record purposes, of the 200 chickens actually being counted in the project, 181 remained - 90.5%. Of the losses, 13 died or were killed, and 6 are unaccounted for.

c. Though the hog raising project continues with no problems, the animals were given cholera shots on 29 December.

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d. Sewing classes remain a favorite of the girl students, such that an additional pedal-type sewing machine, obtained from the International Refugee Service on 10 December, was added to the four already on hand. With 1st MAW Civil Affairs AIK funds, \$VN 26,966 (\$228.53) worth of cloth in assorted styles, colors, and fabrics, was bought in DaNang for use in the sewing classes.

e. A Personal Response class, attended by 70 Marines from within the Group, was taught on 17 December.

f. Construction on the enlisted men's new quarters was completed about the middle of the month. This has contributed greatly to the morale of the junior enlisted Marines living at the Civic Action Center by giving them two-man rooms, increased living space and privacy, and a spacious living/dining room.

g. LCpl C.F. MILAM, Jr., was joined to the MWHG-1 Civic Action staff on 23 December.

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From: Chaplain, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

Subj: Group Command Chronology for December 1969

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1D of 21 December 1968

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

a. Divine Services Conducted In MWHG-1

	Sun	Att	Wkdy	Att	TotSer	TotAtt
Protestant	6	463	2	200	8	663
Catholic	10	343	30	361	40	704
Episcopal	5	53	-	-	5	53
Lutheran	5	48	-	-	5	48
	<u>26</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>561</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>1468</u>

b. Other Religious Activities

- (1) Counselling 47 Marines
- (2) 13 AA Meetings Attendance 34
- (3) 5 Choir Rehearsals Attendance 62
- (4) Project English Teacher's Meeting Attendance 8
- (5) 5 visits to Orphanage Attendance 66
- (6) 1 China Beach Retreat Attendance 2
- (7) 2 Bible Studies Attendance 13

c. Presentations made by Chaplain in Training Program

- (1) 1 Moral Guidance Lecture Attendance 79
- (2) 1 Indoctrination Lecture Attendance 30
- (3) 1 Drug Abuse Lecture Attendance 83

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d. Activities, Gifts, etc. in Vietnamese Community

- (1) DADS FOR KIDS - 50 children are now sponsored; 45 children entertained at Christmas party in in E-Club.
- (2) 30 Marines attended Orphan's Christmas Pageant in Danang.
- (3) 30 Tables are being made by Facilities for the new dining hall at the Orphanage.
- (4) PROJECT ENGLISH - 1340 children taught in 30 classes by 25 Marines; 1st MAW Band performed at school for 2,500 children.
- (5) 323 sweaters presented to the children of China Beach Orphanage
- (6) PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP - is making the transition from NSA Danang to our own hamlet through MWHG-1 Civic Action. Presently there are 11 children sponsored through NSA.
- (7) Donated:
 - (a) 770 lbs. of food to China Beach Orphanage
 - (b) 45 individual toys to China Beach Orphanage
 - (c) 225 lbs. of clothing to China Beach Orphanage
 - (d) 500 lbs. of food to Crescent Beach Orphanage
 - (e) 150 lbs. of clothing to Crescent Beach Orphanage
 - (f) 150 Paint by Number kits to C&MA School
 - (g) 150 lbs. of clothing to FLC Orphanage
 - (h) 150 lbs. of clothing to Sacred Heart Orphanage
- (8) Took 4 Marines to Sacred Heart Orphanage & to III MAF regarding the legal adoption of Vietnamese Nationals.

e. Meetings Attended

- (1) Chief of Chaplains meeting at Wing Memorial Chapel
- (2) 1 Human Relations Meeting
- (3) 1 Commanding Officer's Meeting

f. Hospital and Brig visits

- (1) 2 Hospital visits: 5 patients visited


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ENCLOSURE (7)