

HEADQUARTERS  
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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15 June 1970

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 May 1970

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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MWHG-1

MAY 1970

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May 1970 To 31 May 1970

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Marine Wing Headquarters Group One	Col Laurence J. STIEN 1 May 1970 - 11 May 1970 LtCol William R. SMITH 12 May 1970 - 31 May 1970
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One	Maj William S. HUMBERT III 1 May 1970 - 31 May 1970
Marine Wing Communications Squadron One	Maj Allen B. RAY 1 May 1970 - 31 May 1970
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One	Maj William E. DODDS 1 May 1970 - 31 May 1970
11th Dental Company	Capt Van L. JOHNSON Jr 1 May 1970 - 6 May 1970 Capt Frank D. GROSSMAN 7 May 1970 - 31 May 1970

2. LOCATION

1-31 May 1970 Danang, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

## a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

Executive Officer	1-11 May 1970	LtCol William R. SMITH
	12-31 May 1970	Vacant
Adjutant	1-31 May 1970	1stLt Ronald Y. ISA
S-1	1-31 May 1970	Capt Mell B. NOLLEY
S-2/3	1-31 May 1970	Capt Walter R. HAMPTON
S-4	1-31 May 1970	Capt Marvin L. GREELE

## b. Subordinate Units

## (1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One

Executive Officer	1-31 May 1970	Maj Dale L. TINSLEY
Admin Officer	1-31 May 1970	CWO-2 Ronald A. GIROUARD

## (2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron One

Executive Officer	1-31 May 1970	Capt Frederick A. LORENTSEN
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(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One

Executive Officer 1-31 May 1970 Maj Billy G. PHILLIPS  
 Admin Officer 1-31 May 1970 Capt Roland L. LABARGE

(4) 11th Dental Company

Executive Officer 1-31 May 1970 Cdr Richard S. DAVIDSON  
 Admin Officer 1-31 May 1970 LtJG Louis E. MCKINZIE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&HS-1	149	595	3	30	0	0
MWCS-1	13	224	0	0	0	0
MWFS-1	8	151	0	0	0	0
11th DenCo	0	3	17	38	0	0
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MWHG-1	170	973	20	68	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May 1970, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One and its subordinate units provided administrative and logistical support for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters at Danang Airbase, 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 except on 7 May when defense condition #2 was set at 2130. Rocket warnings were sounded on 1 May, 8 May, 10 May and 20 May. No enemy rounds were received in the Marine Wing Headquarters Group One Compound.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF 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 May 1970.

3. Awards. The following awards were presented during the month of May 1970.

One Marine Enlisted was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"

One Marine Officer was awarded a Certificate of Commendation signed by the Secretary of the Navy

One Marine Enlisted was awarded a Certificate of Commendation

One Marine Officer was awarded a Bronze Star, for the first Strike Flight Air Medal Award

One Marine Officer was awarded the Cross of Gallantry

One Marine Officer was awarded a Letter of Appreciation

Two Marine Officers were awarded the Strike/Flight Air Medal Award

One Marine Enlisted was awarded the Good Conduct Medal

One Marine Enlisted was awarded Meritorious Mast

4. Casualties. There were three Marines hospitalized during the month of May 1970. There was one hostile casualty resulting in death.

a. Pfc W. G. YOUNG 258 15 92 USMC died on 5 May 1970 from wounds received at Chu Lai.

5. Morale and 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 of May. 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 RCM 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 the Civic Action Command Chronology.

7. Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative support during the month of May 1970. There were 33 clearances processed and 15 accesses granted to Group personnel. The Intelligence section processed 1 war trophy and turned in 4 unauthorized war trophies to the Group Armory. The Intelligence Section also held Intelligence Briefs for the Command Indoctrination Presentation and obtained the daily G-2 briefing on significant events in I Corps.

8. Ground Defense. On 2 May 1970 Ground Defense Reserve Company A/Zulu One participated in a Cordon and Sweep from the road at BT 001723 to BT 014726 south to the Cau Do river. Results were fourteen Vietnamese civilians ap-

prehended (three considered to be VCS) and one VC flag was found. On 3 May 1970 a detachment from Ground Defense Reserve Company A/Zulu One, consisting of twenty men, was sent to the Chu Lai Airbase. During the morning of 5 May 1970 the unit came under a heavy enemy rocket attack resulting in one KIA and four WIA (one Evac). Another twenty man unit was sent in relief on 6 May 1970 and remained at Chu Lai until recalled on 9 May 1970. Their presence freed the technicians of VMA-311 to continue to maintain operation of their aircraft during this period and to launch 109 sorties which delivered over 170 tons of ordnance on enemy positions, resulting in 46 enemy killed, two 50 caliber guns and two 37mm guns destroyed, two 37mm guns damaged and numerous bunkers and structures destroyed.

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 465 personnel attended General Military Subjects Training during the month. A total of 233 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination Presentation and Fam Fire Exercise. Drug Abuse Indoctrinations were attended by 16 officers and enlisted during the month of May

10. Maintenance. The Utilities Section constructed and screened in a storage area in the enlisted mess, built 50 embarkation boxes for Group Supply, checked and repaired 59 air conditioners, and constructed 93 mount-out boxes for various sections and squadrons in Marine Wing Headquarters Group One. They received 247 trouble calls, completed 240, and referred 7 to Public Works. They received 292 work orders, completed 281, and 11 are left pending.

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 1,065 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 99%.

13. Communications. See Part III, Paragraph 5 of Marine Wing Communications Squadron One Command Chronology.

14. Religious Services. See Marine Wing Headquarters Group One Chaplain's Command Chronology.

#### PART IV

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Command Chronologies for subordinate units and sections of this Command are attached hereto as indicated:

↓ Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One FILED SEP

- ✓ Marine Wing Communications Squadron One
  - ✓ Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One
  - ✓ 11th Dental Company
  - ✓ Civic Action
  - ✓ Chaplain
  - ✓ Group Security
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CIVIC ACTION OFFICE  
 Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

46:LAQ:laq  
 5750  
 14 June 1970

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

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

PART III

2. Civic Action

a. On 4 May, MedCAP treatments were officially begun at the MWHG-1 Civic Action Center. Corpsmen from the MWHG-1 and MMSG-17 Dispensaries offered medical treatment at 1400 each day, except Sunday, on the first three days and last three days of each week, respectively.

b. On 4 May, the boar which belonged to the MAG-16 Civic Action team was transferred from the MACG-18 Civic Action unit to the MWHG-1 Civic Action Center for permanent housing.

c. By 8 May, all four of the young sows had been mated for breeding. The swine raising project continued with no problems throughout the month of May.

d. A Personal Response class was given on 11 May at 0800. Attendance was 30 Marines with about half having attended the class previously.

e. The Civic Action Officer attended a two-hour meeting at 1000, 18 May, at the 175th Army Veterinary Detachment. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize Civic Action personnel and the Army Veterinarians with the various animal husbandry projects being carried on within ICTZ by both the Vietnamese people and American military forces and to determine problem areas and means to alleviate them. Maximum effort in getting the Vietnamese people and animal husbandry cadre to immunize their livestock was stressed.

f. At 0600, 19 May the "2nd Egg Incubation Project" was terminated and the remaining unhatched eggs were broken and examined. The following information represents a chronology and results of the project.

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(1) At 1200, 27Apr70, 196 eggs from CORDS and 34 eggs from the Asst. Hamlet Chief of Phuoc Tuong Hamlet were placed in the incubator.

(2) At 1000, 16May70, after 19 days and 22 hours of incubation, the first chicken hatched. The 46th, and last, chicken hatched after 21 days and 21 hours of incubation at 0900, 18 May 1970.

(3) Examination of the unhatched eggs, along with previously compiled data, revealed the following:

CORDS Eggs	Asst. H.C. Eggs	
28	18	HATCHED
2	0	ROTTEN
113	11	NO FORMATION
29	0	VERY ELEM. FORM. (Pea size)
8	1	MODERATE FORMATION (Half or less)
14	3	WELL FORMED EMBRYO
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	READY TO HATCH (Pecked through shell but died before hatching)
196	TOTAL 34	
14.3%	52.9%	PERCENTAGE
20.0%		TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF 230 EGGS HATCHED

(4) Evaluation of the hourly data accumulated throughout the course of the project along with the major result of the project (the fact that 46 chickens did hatch) indicates there were no faults with the incubation process. The fact that there were 113 CORDS eggs with NO FORMATION seems to indicate that the low hatching percentage rate is due to a high number of infertile eggs being included in the egg shipment from CORDS.

g. All 31 chickens hatched in the "1st Egg Incubation Project" are alive and well. Four (4) of the 46 chickens hatched in the "2nd Egg Incubation Project" had deformed legs and were subsequently killed on 19 May. The remaining 24 were vaccinated for Newcastle disease prevention on 19 May. The 150 chickens being raised for the 4-T Project are all alive and well. They were treated for Foul Pox on 19 May. At the end of this reporting period, there were 220 chickens in various stages of development being raised at the Civic Action Center.

h. Twenty-five and sixteen sets of clothing were sewn and distributed by the Civic Action sewing classes on 23 and 31 May, respectively.

i. On 30 May, the Civic Action Officer accompanied the FIC S-5 Cultural Tour of DaNang to gather information relevant to organizing a similar tour for MWHG-1. This information is presently being evaluated, a tour route is being established, and schedules are being worked out for approval.

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OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN  
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19:PIR:jcm  
5213/4  
10 June 1970

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

Subj: Group Command Chronology for May 1970

Re: (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 at MASH-1

	<u>Ev</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Wkly</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Tot Ser</u>	<u>Tot Att</u>
Protestant	8	132	5	5	8	192
Catholic	6	290	13	13	17	370
Evangelical	0	0	1	124	1	52

(b) Other Religious Activities

- (1) Conducted thirty-seven (37) Masses.
- (2) Twelve (12) Muehlsch Anagnone Meetings, Lt. in attendance.

(c) Activities, Gifts, Etc. in the Vietnamese Community

- (1) Twenty-five (25) Marines visited China Beach Dispensary.
- (2) PROVIDE RELIEF:
  - (a) St. Joseph's School: 16 classes with 9 teachers teaching an average of 115 students per week.
  - (b) China Beach Dispensary: 16 classes with 6 kinders teaching an average of 200 to 250 students per week.
  - (c) The administration of school, FRODOG BILLORE (a nun) transferred at St. Joseph's School. He will, however, continue at China Beach Dispensary.

(3) Gifts:

- (a) 100 lbs. of food to General House Dispensary.
- (b) 10 lbs. of gifts to the 1st ARVN Mobile Unit for the use of their San Yeghail.
- (c) 50 lbs. to Stella-Marie Foundation.
- (d) 1000 lbs. of food to St. Mary's school at Lang My.
- (e) 50 lbs. to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, Thien Ngai.
- (f) 50 lbs. of toys to Sacred Heart Dispensary.

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(4) Other Activities

- (a) Sisters and Novices from Stella Maria Novitiate sang a High Mass for Catholic Services on 17 May.
- (b) Visited the Versatile Hatch Elm Lane, Sander Beckwith AEM (Chaplain for I Corps).
- (c) Attended Commencement Exercises at The Log School.
- (d) Visited Protestant and Catholic Organizations in Elm Ln and delivered \$325.00 in International Support, Am. Funds.

(4) Positions Held

- (1) Group Commander's Conference
- (2) Group Leadership Council

(6) Hospital and Clinic Visits

- (1) 1 Hospital visit

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**GROUP SECURITY**  
**Marine Wing Headquarters Group One**  
**1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific**  
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DATE 56/LEC/wls  
5500  
7 June 1970

**MEMORANDUM**

**From:** Group Security Officer

**To :** Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One (ATTN: S-3)  
**Via:** Commanding Officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron One  
**Subj:** Command Chronology Report (1 May - 31 May 1970)

1. Condition 3 was set approximately 2000 every evening during the reporting period and was secured the following morning at approximately 0630 when 1st MPs set condition.
2. On May 1, 1970 at 0150 Rockets was sounded. 1st MPs conferred four(4) 140MM Rockets. MACG-18 reported one(1) Rocket hit in the area with minor Damage to one building. All clear was sounded at 0250.
3. On May 1, 1970 Zulu Company was called out at 0230 to their assembly area.
4. On 6 May at 1300 we received 1st MPs Sitrep; Intelligence Reports - 2 Quang Da special zone reported: Phase II offensive delayed till 080100H May 70. Enemy documents state sappers NFI been deployed to enter Danang City for attacks against installations between 12 and 19 May 1970. S-2 Quang Da special zone believes the main infiltration routes are through Marble Mountain gate, Cam-Le Bridge.
5. At 2130 on 7 May 1st MP's set condition #2. At 2200 Ground Defense Force Reactionary Personnel was called out. At 2218 Zulu Company was called out. At 0320 on 8 May 1970, Zulu Company and Ground Defense Force Reactionary personnel was secured.
6. At 0220 on 8 May 1st MP's sounded Rockets and at 0307 on 8 May 1970 1st MP's sounded all clear. Impact of Rockets on 8 May 1970 were known to be Danang City Area.
7. Rockets warning was sounded on 10 May at 0300 by 1st MP's. 1st MP's sounded all clear at 0316. Impact of rockets were unknown.
8. On 12 May 1970 at 2121, Lt. WADAS, of 1st MP's S-3 called out ZULU Company for a drill. At 2225, 12 May 1970 ZULU Company secured from the drill.
9. On 20 May at 2134, Zulu Company was called out for a drill. At 2305 on 20 May 1970, Zulu Company was secured from the drill.

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10. Rockets warning was sounded on 20 May at 2230 by 1st MP's. 1st MP's sounded all clear at 2255, 20 May 1970. Impact of two(2) rockets were in the 15th Areoport area. 1st MP's sounded rockets at 2325 on 20 May. All clear was sounded at 0025 on 21 May 1970. Impact of four(4) rockets were at MAG-11.

11. On 27 May at 2300, Zulu Company was called out for a drill. At 2350 on 27 May 1970, the drill was secured.

12. On 28 May, between 2200 and 2300, Tower #2 reported observing a total of five (5) small arms rounds being fired into or near the compound. Lt. DOYNE was advised and 1st MP BN dispatched a combined Police Patrol to investigate. There was negative damage and no casualties within the compound and MP's reported negative results on the patrol's investigation.

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