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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit Location - MCAS Iwakuni
Reporting period 1 through 31 August 1966

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PART ONE - Organizational Data

1. (U) Listing of Commanders and Staffs

a. Marine Wing Service Group 17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
ARMAGOST, W. I.	Col	Commanding Officer	(1-4 August 1966)
TOSDAL, O. S.	Col	Commanding Officer	(5-31 August 1966)
AVANT, P. F. Jr.	LtCol	Deputy Commanding Officer	(1-31 August 1966)
PANSKA, D. A.	LtCol	Executive Officer	(1-31 August 1966)
STEPHANI, W. D.	Capt	S-1	(1-31 August 1966)
BARTLEY, J. H.	2ndLt	S-2	(1-31 August 1966)
DOUD, F. E.	Maj	S-3	(1-31 August 1966)
WILLIS, J. E.	Maj	S-4	(1-31 August 1966)
ROBERTS, L. C.	2ndLt	Adjutant	(1-31 August 1966)
DOLLY, J. R.	SgtMaj	Sergeant Major	(1-31 August 1966)

b. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
HIGHHOUSE, L. D.	Maj	Commanding Officer	(1-31 August 1966)
SMITH, L. H.	1stLt	Administrative Officer	(1-28 August 1966)
MONTGOMERY, T.	2ndLt	Material Officer	(1-31 August 1966)
CUNNINGHAM, J. H.	1stSgt	First Sergeant	(1-31 August 1966)

c. Marine Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
LINDELL, C. A.	Maj	Commanding Officer	(1-5 August 1966)
LEOGUE, J. J.	LtCol	Commanding Officer	(6-31 August 1966)
LINDELL, C. A.	Maj	Executive Officer	(6-31 August 1966)
GRIGGS, B. J.	2ndLt	Administrative Officer	(1-28 August 1966)
SMITH, L. H.	1stLt	Administrative Officer	(29-31 August 1966)
BRANNEN, L. A.	GySgt	Acting First Sergeant	(1-31 August 1966)

d. Marine Air Base Squadron 17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
HART, L. P.	LtCol	Commanding Officer	(1-31 August 1966)
SOSKO, E. J.	1stSgt	First Sergeant	(1-31 August 1966)

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e. Marine Air Base Squadron 17 Sub Unit #1

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O BILLET ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
ZIMMERMAN, K. A.	Maj	Officer in Charge	(1-31 August 1966)
CADWELL, R. A.	Capt	Communications Officer	(1-31 August 1966)
BRINK, K. R.	Capt	Administrative Officer	(1-31 August 1966)
WEAVER, J. F.	Lt. (USN)	Chaplain	(1-31 August 1966)
HILL, J. V.	Lt. (USN)	Flight Surgeon	(1-31 August 1966)
TOWNSAN, T. D.	Lt. (USN)	Flight Surgeon	(1-31 August 1966)
FLEMING, V. K.	1stLt	Motor Transport Officer	(1-31 August 1966)

2. (C) Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Marine Wing Support Group 17 CTU 79.3.1	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-31 August 1966)
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 17 CTE 79.3.1.1	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-31 August 1966)
Marine Air Base Squadron 17 CTE 79.3.1.2	Danang, RVN	(1-31 August 1966)
Sub Unit #1	MCAS Iwakuni	(1-31 August 1966)

3. (C) Average Strengths

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
MWSG-17	48	483
H&HS-17	17	71
MAMS-17	15	113
MABS-17	5	171
Sub Unit #1	11	149

4. (D) Important Visitors

- a. On 3-4 August 1966 Gen GREEN, BUTCHER, RYAN visited MCAS Iwakuni.
- b. On 5 August 1966 Gen ELWOOD visited MCAS Iwakuni.
- c. On 31 August 1966 Gen KRULAK visited MCAS Iwakuni.

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1. (U) On 1-4 August 1966 Col ARMAGOST and party flew to Danang to conduct liasion with the First Marine Aircraft Wing.
2. (U) On 5 August 1966 Col TOSDAL assumed command from Col ARMAGOST in a formal change of command ceremony.
3. (C) The Tom Green County arrived on 13 August 1966 embarked MABS-17 vehicles, Group/Wing Supply, and the Data Processing Unit and departed for Danang on 14 August 1966.
4. (C) On 12 August 1966, First MAW pilots accepted 4 TF-9J aircraft from MAMS-17 for ferry to Danang.
5. (U) On the 13th of August 1966 plans were formulated for the Reorganization of MWSG-17.
6. (U) On 15-20 August 1966 Col TOSDAL conducted a liasion trip to Danag.
7. (U) On 22-24 August 1966 Col TOSDAL and party flew to Danang to conduct liasion with First Marine Aircraft Wing and formulate plans for MWSG-17 Movement.
8. (C) On 19 August 1966 MWSG-17 reported OPCON TO MAG-15.
9. (U) MAMS-17 continued to support the First Marine Aircraft Wing and MAG-15 by flying the daily MARTACLOG and other commitments. During August 1966, MAMS-17 aircraft flew 217.3 hours and carried 1,102 passengers and 289,037 pounds of cargo and mail while flying 30,512 nautical miles.

CONFIDENTIAL**PART THREE - Significant Events****1. Reorganization of MWSG-17**

a. (U) The date for reorganization of Marine Wing Service Group to the Marine Wing Support Group concept has been designated as 1 September 1966.

b. (U) In preparing for this change-over, the H&HS-17 Administrative Section has been physically moved to the MAMS-17 office spaces. All Group personnel now in Iwakuni which will eventually be in H&MS-17, have been transferred to MAMS-17.

2. Movement of MWSG-17

a. (C) The major obstacle to the entire Group's moving to RVN is the delay in the completion of ramp facilities. Provisions have been made to establish the Group Headquarters in the MAG-13 messhall. Also, four troop shelters have been made available for admin/billeting spaces. Therefore, the plan to deploy the Group Staff and associated personnel on or about 12 September 1966, continues unchanged.

b. (C) MAMS-17, which will be designated H&MS-17 by then, will deploy with its remaining personnel and US-2B aircraft upon the availability of sufficient ramp space, working areas, and living spaces. The programmed assignment to the Group of 30 FESGA structures will materially assist in providing for the latter. The other aircraft still under the custody of MAMS-17 will be transferred as directed.

3. Civil Affairs

a. (U) The assistance program, conducted by H&HS-17 for the YAHATA GAKUEN ORPHANAGE has been discontinued owing to the impending disestablishment of the Squadron.

b. (U) Chaplain WEAVER continued his English classes, conducting a total of 14 hours of instruction during August 1966. He also visited two orphanages.