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MACG-1

1 April - 30 June 1947

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MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP ONE
 AIRCRAFT, FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC
 U. S. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
 CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

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References: (a) Aviation Circular ltr No. 22-46, dtd 8Feb46.
 (b) Manual for Historical Officers, Navaer 00-25Q-26.
 (c) Aviation Circular ltr No. 71-46, dtd 30 April 1946.

Enclosure (A) Subject History.

1. In compliance with reference (a), (b), and (c), there is
 herewith submitted the Group History of MACG-1, covering the period
 1 April 1947 to 30 June 1947.

R. O. BISSON.

 Copies to: CMC, CG AIRFMFLANT, F-I-L-N.

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COVERING THE PERIOD OF
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FILE.

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- (1) Marine Air Control Group One is located at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina.
- (2) The Commanding Officer is Lieutenant Colonel Robert O. Bisson, USMC (NA).
- (3) The next higher echelon is Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina.
- (4) During the subject period, Marine Air Control Group One was composed of Headquarters Squadron, Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Five (5), Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Six (6), and Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Eight (8).

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CONFIDENTIALCHRONOLOGY

Marine Air Control Group One was commissioned 1 July 1943 by authority of Third Marine Aircraft Wing General Order No. 11-43, dtd 25 June 1943, and was originally designated as Marine Air Warning Group One.

Commanding Officers of Marine Air Control Group One since date of commission are as follows:

LtCol. Walter L.J. BAYLER, USMC, of Lebanon, Pa., from 1 July 1943 to 5 April 1944.

LtCol. Ethridge C. BEST, USMC, of Houston, Texas, from 6 April 1944 to 16 November 1944.

Major James E. WEBB, USMCR, of Oxford, North Carolina, from 17 November 1944 to 28 August 1945.

Major Robert BARRY, USMCR, of Philadelphia, Pa., from 29 August 1945 to 25 September 1945.

Colonel Robert O. BISSON, USMC, of Ripon, Wisconsin, from 26 September 1945 to date.

TRANSFER OF COMMAND:

None.

FUNCTION:

The function of Marine Air Control Group One is to provide, maintain, and operate, under the Tactical Air Commander, the facilities for the execution of Air Defense and Air Support Missions, and to command administrate, and provide logistic support for attached units.

PHYSICAL MOVEMENTS:

Marine Air Control Group One has remained at USMCAS, Cherry Point, North Carolina.

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Marine Air Control Group One is located at U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina, and is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Robert O. BISSON, USMC(MA), of Ripon, Wisconsin. LtCol. BISSON has been in command since 26 September 1945.

Primary functions of this group are early warning and ground control of aircraft interceptions. In addition, the Group has an Air Support Section, a communications school, radar school, and periodically activates other schools as needed for the training of personnel for the operation of its equipment.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Marine Air Control Group One is at present composed of three squadrons, namely, Headquarters Squadron for classification and training of personnel, operation of various schools, and administrative duties, and Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Five (5) and Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Six (6), for operational training exercises.

On 30 April 1947 Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Eight (8) was decommissioned per authority CNO dispatch 112206 April 1947. MarCorp dispatch 161921 April 47 and AirFMFLant Decommissioning Order No. 1-1947, dtd 21 April 1947.

Personnel received by Marine Air Control Group One are carefully classified and trained to a high degree of proficiency before being

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transferred to operating squadrons or assigned duties with the Group. The various schools, under the direction of Headquarters Squadron, teach radio and radar maintenance and operation, typing, teletyping, and plotting. Instructors for these schools are available within the Group.

In addition to these schools, all officers and personnel are required and urged to enroll in the correspondence courses offered through Marine Corps School and the Marine Corps Institute. An educational officer keeps records as to the progress of the students.

OPERATIONS

Working in conjunction with Marine Air Group Fifty-three (now VMF (N) 531) , Marine Air Control Group One engaged in successful night operations during this period.

During the daylight hours simulated night interceptions were carried out using aircraft from Marine Air Group Fourteen, Marine Air Group Eleven, and from the AIRFMFLANT pool.

One officer and one Master Sgt. attended the MK 5 IFF school at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D. C. from 1 May to 27 June.

Two air intercept demonstrations were given this quarter at NB Quantico, Virginia. The first one was given by a detachment of five (5) officers and twenty-two (22) men that departed Cherry Point 13 May and returned 22 May. The second one was given by a detachment of five (5)

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officers and twenty - one (21) men that departed Cherry Point 8 June and returned 14 June.

A group training march took place 27 May as part of a basic training program which is being carried out in compliance with Letter of Instruction 14 - 45.

A detachment of six (6) officers and nineteen (19) men from the Air Support Section of the group participated in a simulated landing 14 and 15 May at Onslow Beach, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. This work was in conjunction with the Amphibious Warfare School Classes from MB, Quantico, Virginia.

On 16 June five (5) officers of the Air Support Section went on TAD to Camp Pickett, Virginia, for approximately a three (3) week period. They are working air support problems with aircraft and pilots of Marine Air Group Fourteen. At this date the problem is still in operation.

Reserve Officers have been reporting in to this Group throughout the quarter for their two (2) week periods of training.

Marine Air Control Group One is continuing its day and night operations to full extent with weather, personnel, and other unforeseen incidents permitting.

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Personnel strength on 30 June 1947 is as follows:

	Commissioned	Warrant	Enlisted	Total
USMC	37	3	312	352
USMCR	0	0	0	0
USN	0	0	16	16
USNR	1	0	0	1
Total	38	3	328	369

Total aircraft assigned as of 30 June 1947:

Type of Aircraft	Number of Aircraft
SNB-3	2
JD-1	1
JM-2	1
Total	4

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 Historical Officer.

ROBERT O. BISSON

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