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MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP ONE  
 SECOND MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FMF,  
 U. S. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
 CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

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1. In compliance with references (a), (b) and (c), there is herewith submitted the Group History of MACG-1, covering the period 1 July - 30 September, 1946 as the records of this group failed to indicate the subject History was previously submitted.

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COVERING THE PERIOD OF  
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## NARRATIVE

On 22 August, 1946 Marine Air Control Group One received the first group of replacement personnel. These men were mostly new recruits, some of whom had not finished their basic training at the Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina. Marine Air Control Group One is continuing their basic military training. In addition, some of these men are being trained in typing, communications, plotting, radar control, and other subjects needed by Air Control personnel for which instructors are locally available. As soon as these men are trained to a sufficient degree they will be placed in the squadrons of this group to bring them up to strength and enable them to commence normal operations.

Operational experimentation with the AN/MPQ-2 to determine its value for use in close support operations was completed on 6 September, 1946. Concurrent tests on the AN/APN-41 airborne radar beacons were completed at the same time. A confidential report on the results of these tests was sent to the Commandant Marine Corps.

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## SUMMARY

The Commanding Officer of Marine Air Control Group One during this period was Colonel Robert O. Bisson, USMC, of Ripon, Wisconsin.

Squadrons attached were Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadrons Five (5), Six (6), Eight (8) and Headquarters Squadron.

By authority of MarCorps dispatch 214151, July, 1946 the designation of Air Warning Group One was changed to Marine Air Control Group One, the designation of Air Warning Squadron Sixteen was changed to Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Five (5), the designation of Air Warning Squadron Seventeen was changed to Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Six (6) the designation of Air Warning Squadron Eighteen was changed to Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Eight (8), and the designation of Headquarters and Service Squadron was changed to Headquarters Squadron.

Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Five (5) during this period was commanded by Major Clair "C" Chamberlain. In addition to routine administrative and training functions, this unit participated in an Air Interception Demonstration for Marine Corps Schools, at Quantico, Virginia.

Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Six (6) was commanded by Capt. Robert J. Lesak to 12 August, 1946 and by Capt. James E. Lovin Jr. to 30 September, 1946. This unit performs only administrative duties.

Marine Ground Control Intercept Squadron Eight (8) was commanded by Capt. Earl H. Falk Sr. who succeeded Capt. Joe McPhail on 1 July, 1946. This unit performs only administrative duties.

Headquarters Squadron was commanded by Capt. James C. Bradhurst to 7 July, 1946 and by Major Edward V. Finn to 30 September, 1946. This unit carries out routine administrative and training functions.

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