

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

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14 May 1969

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, (Attn: G-3)  
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 April 1969

Ref: (a) WgO 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

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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 (5).

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Period</u>
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One	Danang, RVN	1-30 Apr 1969
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-30 Apr 1969
Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-30 Apr 1969
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-30 Apr 1969
11th Dental Company	Danang, RVN	1-30 Apr 1969

Part I. Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-30 Apr 1969	Col John R. GILL
Executive Officer	1-30 Apr 1969	LtCol Dennis W. WRIGHT
Adjutant	1-30 Apr 1969	CWO Ralph H. THIEMT
S-1	1-30 Apr 1969	1stLT P. P. COCONIS
S-2/3	1-30 Apr 1969	Maj Richard C. BAGLEY JR
S-4	1-30 Apr 1969	Maj Frederick B. CRAIG

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-18 Apr 1969	LtCol Prentice A. LINDSAY
	19-30 Apr 1969	Maj William R. SMITH
Executive Officer	1-30 Apr 1969	Maj Richard A. HUCKLE
Admin Officer	1-30 Apr 1969	Capt William F. ELLIS JR

(2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-30 Apr 1969	Maj Don J. OGDEN
Executive Officer	1-30 Apr 1969	Capt Leo P. GAGNON
Admin Officer	1-30 Apr 1969	1stLt Wayne E. FAULKNER

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-30 Apr 1969	Maj Esta D. GRISSOM
Executive Officer	1-30 Apr 1969	Maj Peter M. MACK

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	1-30 Apr 1969	Capt Robert E. AUSTIN
Executive Officer	1-4 Apr 1969	Cdr M. BRENYO
	4-16 Apr 1969	Lcdr R. W. BRAZIL
	16-30 Apr 1969	Cdr P. E. BARROW
Admin Officer	1-30 Apr 1969	Lt Dennis D. DAVID

2. Task Organization for the period 1-30 Apr 1969

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

3. Average Monthly Strength of MWHG-1 for April 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 55	AG 114	NFO 11	9	557	24
MWCS-1	0	17	0	0	216	0
MWFS-1	4	2	0	0	145	0
11thDenCo	0	0	0	22	5	50
<u>MWHG-1</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>923</u>	<u>74</u>

4. Important Visitors to this Command: N/A

Part II. Narrative Summary

During the month of April 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 communications support to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 1st Marine Division and the 3rd Marine Division at Danang, Monkey Mountain, Chu Lai, Phu Bai, Quang Tri, Dong Ha, An Hoa and Vandegrift Combat Base. Administrative support provided at Danang Air Base consisted of transportation, billeting, messing facilities, material, local area defense and recreation areas. Tango Sector Alpha was in Defense Condition #3 or higher every night during the month except 2, 6 and 10 April. No enemy rounds were received in this compound during the month.

Part III. Significant Events

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

accompanying workload in the Wing Headquarters requires 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 the month of April 1969.

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

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Bronze Star Medal	2	
Navy Achievement Medal		1
Purple Heart Medal	1	

4. Casualties. There were six (6) Non-Hostile injuries and one (1) Hostile injury to personnel of this Group during the month of April 1969.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Special Services provided the Tango Sector Alpha Compound with many and various off-duty activities; handball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, basketball and weightlifting. Movies are shown nightly. Clubs offered entertaining floor shows and happy hours several times throughout the month. The Freedom Hill, China Beach and Golden Gate USO's supplemented the aforementioned activities. Although liberty remained secured in the Danang area, the China Beach recreation center continued operation for the enjoyment of all hands. Also, R&R seat allocations enabled personnel to relax out of country for several days.

6. Civic Action. Details of the MWHG-1 Civic Action program for the month of April 1969 are outlined in Appendix (A).

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative support during the month of April 1969, including an Intelligence Brief for the weekly 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. On 29 April 1969, a patrol of 11 men engage in a short firefight with four escaped prisoners and a declared deserter from Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One. The results were two (2) WIA's and four captured with one of the WIA's later dying of wounds received.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted Marines is held at Group level each Wednesday morning with the same subjects being presented again Thursday afternoon. A total of 508 personnel attended GMST

during the month. A total of 82 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination presentation which is held each Saturday morning. A total of 59 Marines of the Group FAM fired their T/O weapons. Technical training was conducted by the squadrons at four hours per month per MOS. Formal schools were attended by 1 officer and 8 enlisted personnel during the month.

10. Damage to Facilities. The ASP-1 fire and resulting explosions on 27 April lasted approximately 14 hours causing light to heavy damage throughout the 1stMAW Tango Sector Alpha. The Naval Support Activity handled all estimates and repairs making surveys commencing on 28 April and some reconstruction the same day. Estimated damage to the 1stMAW Headquarters Compound was as follows:

HEAVY - 18%  
 MODERATE - 26%  
 LIGHT - 56%

Dollar cost damage estimate was set at \$37,500.00 of which \$4,500.00 was to electrical appliances and light fixtures. Repairs were still in progress at the end of the reporting period.

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 1924 requisitions and Navy Property processed 2155 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 68% and 96% respectively for April 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; Appendix (B).

#### Part IV. Documentation

- ↓ Appendix (A) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Civic Action Command Chronology of 9 May 1969
- ↓ Appendix (B) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology of 5 May 1969

Civil Affairs Office  
 Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
 1st Marine Air Wing FMF Pacific  
 FPO San Francisco, 96602

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 5750  
 9 May 1969

From: Civic Action Officer, MWHG-1  
 To: S-3 Officer, MWHG-1

Subj: Command Chronology for the Month of April

Ref: (a) 5750.1D

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

PART III

2. Civic Action

- a. Two (2) rabid dogs were disposed of with our help.
- b. One hundred (100) pounds of childrens clothing was donated to the burn ward of the United States Over Seas Mission Hospital in Danang.
- c. A Masonic Order, sponsored through the facilities of RMK Construction Company contacted our office requesting advisory assistance. Their organization is attempting to become involved in the Civic Action Program in Phuoc Tuong. After a meeting at RMK, the Masons were introduced to the Hamlet Chief, and a visit to a PTA Meeting of the Hamlet School was arranged.
- d. Shovels, rakes and brooms were loaned to the Hamlet Chief for a thorough clean up of the Hamlet Med Cap area. The work was done by the local Civil Defense unit.
- e. The following distributions were made to the Hamlet:
  - (1) two loads of bomb boxes to be used to build an addition to the new Hamlet Office
  - (2) one blacksmith kit to a local refugee
  - (3) four culverts to build a walkway across a rice paddy
- f. The services of a 6x6 were provided to the Hamlet Chief to haul GVN supplied materials from Hoa Vang District to the Hamlet. The materials were supplied for the construction of an addition to the Hamlet School.

APPENDIX (A)

g. A woman and her child were injured when a Tango security patrol exchanged fire with five Marines in the village. The woman and her child were treated at the MWHG-1 dispensary, and the child transferred to 1st Medical Battalion. Solatium was paid to the family in the amount of 1200\$VN.

h. Concussions from the exploding ammunition storage area damaged or destroyed over 50% of the structures in the Hamlet including the Hamlet School and the Hamlet Office.

*C.M. Shoemaker*  
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APPENDIX (A)

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One  
 Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
 First Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
 FPO San Francisco, 96602

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 5213/4  
 5 May 1969

From: MWHG-1 Chaplain  
 To: Commanding Officer, MWHG-1 (att: S-3)  
 Subj: Group Command Chronology for April 1969; report of  
 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

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Att.</u>	<u>Tot. Services</u>	<u>Tot. Att.</u>	<u>Tot. Collect.</u>
Catholic:	4	337	24	209	28	546	\$282.41
Protestant:	4	245	6	60	10	305	184.25
TOTALS:	8	582	30	269	38	851	466.66

b. Other Religious Activities

- (1) Catholic
  - (a) One Sunday Divine Service for MCB-5; 74 attended.
  - (b) One Memorial Service; 54 attended.
- (2) Protestant
  - (a) Holy Communion: 3, communicants: 138
  - (b) Five Bible Discussion Group Meetings; total attendance: 44.
  - (c) Two Memorial Services; total attendance 162.
  - (d) Attended Day of Recollection of Roman Catholic seminary.
  - (e) 15 counselling sessions.

c. Presentations made by Chaplain in Training Program

- (1) Catholic
  - (a) Lay Leader Training Sessions: 4, attendance: 18.
  - (b) One Indoctrination Lecture, attendance: 18.
- (2) Protestant
  - (a) Three indoctrination lectures were presented with a total attendance of 52.
  - (b) One Lay Leader's meeting, attendance 6 out of 10.
  - (c) Six training sessions with laymen participation in Divine Services.

d. Activities, Gifts, etc., In Vietnamese Communities (Religious & Civic)

- (1) Protestant
  - (a) One visit to patients at 5th ARVN Hospital
  - (b) One luncheon at TinLanh Church.
  - (c) Two visits to Christian and Missionary Alliance.
  - (d) Taught at Phan Chan Trin School.
  - (e) One visit in Danang at home of the Rev. and Mrs. Oliver Trebilco.
  - (f) Fourteen lbs. of candy and 12 lbs. of clothing to St Joseph's Church.

MWHG-1 Chaplain

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Appendix (B)

(g) Fourteen lbs. of candy and 20 lbs. of clothing and medicine to TinLanh Mission.

(h) One visit to World Evangelistic Crusade.

(i) One tour through MWHG-1's vil to view conditions, needs, and meet chief.

(2) Catholic

(a) Visit to 5th ARVN Hospital; donated 83 face towels and 75 toiletries

(b) Bishop Chi, Danang \$50.00.

(c) St Joseph Parish Phuc Thoung \$50.00.

(d) Sacred Heart School \$25.00.

(e) Than Duc School \$25.00.

e. Meetings Attended

(1) Catholic

N/A

(2) Protestant

(a) MWHG-1 CO conferences: 5

(b) Race Relations Committes: 1

(c) Civic Action: 1

f. Hospital and Brig Visits

(1) Catholic

N/A

(2) Protestant

(a) One visit to 5th ARVN Hospital (reported in d(2)(a)).

(b) Two visits to NSA Hospital

(c) One visit to 1st Med Bn.

(d) One visit to the brig.

Very Respectfully,



GORDON E. GARTHE

Lt, CHC, USNR

Group Chaplain

Copy to Wing Chaplain

Appendix (B)