

HEADQUARTERS AND MAINTENANCE SQUADRON 39
Provisional Marine Aircraft Group 39
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Provisional Marine Aircraft Group 39

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1C

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for period 16-30Apr68

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1. Organizational Data:

a. Provisional Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 39, Provisional Marine Aircraft Group 39, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was formed on 16 April 1968 at Marine Quang Tri Airfield, RVN to provide support for the tactical squadrons and tactical elements located at Quang Tri, Dong Ha and Khe Sanh.

b. Period covered by this report: 16-30Apr68

c. Commanding Officer H&MS-39: Major Charles G. GERARD, USMC
Executive Officer H&MS-39: First Lieutenant Euell D. LINDSEY, USMCR

d. Average monthly strength: Marine Corps: 20 Officers, 300 Enlisted.
Navy: 1 Officer, 13 Enlisted.

2. Significant Events:

a. 16 April - Squadron formed this day in formal ceremonies at USMC Quang Tri Airfield, RVN. Prov MAG-39 Colors presented by MGen Norman ANDERSON, CG 1stMAW, to Col John E. HANSEN. In turn Prov H&MS-39 colors presented by Col HANSEN to Major Charles G. GERARD.

b. 18 April - During the pre-dawn hours Quang Tri Airfield received hostile rocket rounds which destroyed one living quarters of H&MS-39 personnel but there were no injuries or damage to other equipment.

c. 19 April - SSgt Leo D. PARDE and SSgt Tadeusz ORLOWSKI were wounded at 0930 when the truck they were riding in struck a land mine two miles south of Dong Ha Combat Base on highway #1. Both will return to duty.

d. 27 April - TAFDS unit of H&MS-39 Camp Carroll was destroyed by enemy artillery. No injuries were sustained by squadron personnel. The unit was returned to operation on the 29th.

e. 29 April - H&MS-39 took over the perimeter defenses of Quang Tri airfield from the 3rd Marine Division this date. The defensive guard is under the supervision of 1st Lt. Matthew J. LEWAN.

3. General

a. During the first 15 days of operation the H&MS 39 organization increased its roles from 302 enlisted and 17 officers on 16 April to 323 enlisted and 17 officers

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by the end of the month.

b. The H&MS-39 TAFDS unit dispensed 357,000 gallons of JP-4 and 138,000 gallons of AV GAS at its Dong Ha, Quang Tri and Camp Carroll facilities.

c. Utilities provided 300,000 gallons of pure water for Quang Tri Airfield and neighboring 3rd Marine Divisions Units.

d. The Mess Hall at Quang Tri operated by H&MS-39 fed an average of ⁹⁴⁰~~350~~ people in its 200 man facility.

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To: Commanding Officer, Provisional Marine Aircraft Group 39 (ATTN: S-3)
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Enclosure (2)

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1. Organizational Data:

a. Provisional Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 39, Provisional Marine Aircraft Group 39, 1st Marine Aircraft was based at Marine Quang Tri Airfield, RVN to provide support for the tactical squadrons and tactical elements at Quang Tri, Dong Ha and Khe Sanh.

b. Period covered by this report: 1-31 May 68

c. Commanding Officer H&MS-39: Major Charles G. GERARD, USMC
Executive Officer H&MS-39: First Lieutenant Luell D. LINDSEY, USMC

d. Average monthly strength: Marine Corps: 22 Officers, 371 Enlisted.
Navy: 1 Officer, 12 Enlisted.

2. Significant Events:

a. 5 May - During the pre-dawn hours Quang Tri Airfield received hostile rocket rounds which caused no damage to H&MS-39 equipment and no injury to squadron personnel.

b. 17 May - H&MS-163 with UH-34D helicopters was replaced this date by the newly arrived H&MS-161 flying CH-46D's. H&MS-39 immediately recognized an eighteen man increase in its rolls as communications and motor transport personnel from the new squadron were transferred.

c. 21 May - H&MS-39 Aerology section recorded a high outdoor sun temperature of 124° this day to climax a twelve day period from 16 May to 27 May of daytime highs in excess of 100°.

d. 22 May - The TAFDS unit of H&MS-39 at Camp Carroll was destroyed by hostile artillery for the second time in a month. No injuries were sustained and the unit was back in operation on the 24th.

e. 27 May - Sgt T. E. HOOD at Dong Ha and a member of attached M&TCU-62 was wounded at his duty station in the airfield operations tower when hostile artillery hit the base.

f. 28 May - The 100° plus temperatures were stopped when a 2½ inch thunderstorm accumulation of rain fell in a 45 minute period. No camp damage was caused by the severe deluge.

g. 30 May - A new TAFDS unit was installed at CaLu under the supervision of SSgt L. C. ROYCE and was in operation by the end of the month.

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3. General:

a. During the month H&MS-39 continued to build up its rolls from 332 enlisted and 17 officers on 1 May to 393 enlisted and 28 officers on 31 May.

b. The H&MS-39 TAFDS unit dispensed 1,120,000 gallons of JP-4 and 233,000 gallons of AV gas at its Dong Ha, Quang Tri and Camp Carroll facilities.

c. Utilities provided 972,000 gallons of potable water for Quang Tri and neighboring 3rd Marine Division units.

d. The mess hall at Quang Tri operated by H&MS-39 fed a daily average of 1000 people in its 200 man facility.

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