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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 April 1968

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- Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One
- ✓(2) Command Chronology, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One
- ✓(3) Command Chronology, 11th Dental Company
- ✓(4) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One
- ✓(5) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

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1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Period</u>
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One	Danang, RVN	1-30 Apr68
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One	Danang, RVN	1-30 Apr68
Marine Wing Communications Squadron One	Danang, RVN	1-30 Apr68
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One	Danang, RVN	1-30 Apr68
11th Dental Company	Danang, RVN	1-30 Apr68

Part I. Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Commanders

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

Commanding Officer	1-30Apr68	Col T. T. GENTRY
Executive Officer	1-30Apr68	LtCol J. W. SULLIVAN
Adjutant	1-30Apr68	CWO-3 J. L. FARRIS
S-1	1-24Apr68	LtCol J. W. NEWMAN
	25-30Apr68	CWO-3 J. L. FARRIS
S-2	1-19Apr68	Capt L. E. PALMER
	20-30Apr68	1stLt J. L. HUFF
S-3	1-7Apr68	Maj B. R. ERICKSON
	8-30Apr68	LtCol R. M. FRASER Jr
S-4	1-30Apr68	Maj J. L. RIGGS

b. Subordinate Units

H&HS-1	1-30Apr68	LtCol A. W. KELLER
MWCS-1	1-10Apr68	Maj D. H. TINIUS
	11-30Apr68	Maj R. W. COBBLE
MWFS-1	1-23Apr68	LtCol E. A. LANING
	24-30Apr68	Maj H. E. TAYLOR
11th Dental Company	1-30Apr68	Capt W. E. QUILTER USN

2. Task Organization for the period 1-30 April 1968

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>
Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One	Danang, RVN
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One	Danang, RVN
Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	Danang, RVN
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	Danang, RVN
11th Dental Company	Danang, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength of MWHG-1 for April 1968

Unit	<u>Officer</u>			<u>Enlisted</u>	
	USMC	USN	USMC	USN	USN
H&HS-1	NA 68	AG 108	8	555	32
MWCS-1	NA 0	AG 11	0	225	0
MWFS-1	NA 2	AG 5	0	126	0
11thDen	NA 0	AG 0	24	2	41
	NA 70	AG 124	32	908	73

Part II. Narrative Summary

1. During the month of April 1968, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One and its subordinate units provided administrative support for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters, located at Danang Air Base, RVN, and provided communications teams in support of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing units throughout I Corps supporting 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions. Administrative support provided in Danang included transportation, billeting, messing facilities, materiel and communications support, and recreation facilities. As Defense Coordinator of Tango Sector Alpha (1st Marine Aircraft Wing Compound) practice ground defense alerts were conducted on 6, 13, and 29 April 1968. Actual Tango Sector Alpha defense alerts took place on 7 and 8 April 1968. A Communications Exercise was held on 30 April 1968 to practice emergency procedures and communication difficulties while under attack. Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One and Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One received their squadron flags in a presentation of colors ceremony on 6 April 1968. Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One had a Change of Command ceremony on 10 April 1968, and Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One held a similar ceremony on 24 April 1968. The Group had one hostile casualty, WIA EVAC in Hue on 7 April 1968, and one non-battle fatality on 10 April 1968.

## Part III.

1. Personnel. During the month of April 1968, the Group personnel status was over T/O, but below M/L. This situation is primarily because the Wing Staff sections are over T/O strength. The lack of personnel is not considered to have a deleterious effect on the ability of this Group to carry out its mission and tasks.

2. Administration. Routine Administration was carried out during this period.

3. Casualties. A communications man was wounded in action (MEDEVAC) at Hue on 7 April 1968, see Part III paragraph E Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One Command Chronology. Corporal Stanley ZALEWSKI Jr. 1997086/0311 USMC was fatally wounded, non-battle connected, on 10 April 1968. An Article 32 Investigation is being conducted in connection with this death.

4. Morale/Welfare Programs. Wing Special Services provided the Tango Sector Alpha compound with many and various off-duty activities: Handball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, weightlifting, intra-unit competition in softball, movies continue to be shown almost nightly. Clubs offered entertaining floor shows and happy hours several times throughout the month. The Freedom Hill and Golden Gate USOs supplemented the aforementioned activities. Although liberty remains secured in the Danang area, 69 R&R seats plus 12 confirmed RON billets enabled eligible personnel to relax out of country for a brief period of time. A tennis court was completed in the Tango Sector Alpha parade grounds on 29 April 1968.

5. Civic Action. See Appendix 1.

6. Command and Control. Two squadrons have had a Change of Command during this period. On 10 April 1968, Major D. H. TINNIUS relinquished command of Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One to Major R. W. COBBLE. On 24 April 1968, Lieutenant Colonel E. A. LANING turned over command of Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One to Major H. E. TAYLOR.

7. Ground Defense. In preparation for the coming significant dates during the month of May, practice ground defense force alerts were held on 6, 13 and 29 April 1968. These drills were to test the time required for the Reaction Platoons to assemble from Defense Condition 4, without prior warning. A practice alert was held by the Air Base Defense Coordinator (Commanding Officer, 1st Military Police Battalion) on 15 April 1968. This Group provided the reserve company headquarters and one reaction platoon. This alert was carried through to moving the company into blocking positions as directed by the Air Base Defense Coordinator.

Two actual alerts on 7 and 8 April resulted in no enemy incoming projectiles of any type. The Ground Defense Platoons continue to improve their posture by improving fighting holes, and digging holes to replace some above ground sandbagged bunkers.

8. Training. General Military Subjects (GMS) Training was held at Group level, as was the Command Indoctrination Program. An effort was made to give familiarization firing of the M-14 Rifle to each Marine, and allow him to zero the particular weapon he has been issued. A total of 316 Marines attended GMS Training during April, 90 Marines attended the Command Indoctrination, and 196 Marines fam-fired their M-14 Rifles. Technical Training in MOS is accomplished at the Squadron level.

9. Logistics. Logistical support of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing has been routine throughout the month. The Naval Air Systems Command distributed additional equipment to the extent of five PU657 30 Kilowatt Generators and three Cerlist Vehicles (Two M677, One M676). The Group Staff NCO Club was unofficially opened 13 April 1968, operated on generators rather than commercial electric power.

10. Communications. See Part III, Paragraph F of Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One Command Chronology.

11. Religious Services. See Appendix 2.

Part IV. Documentation

- ✓ Appendix 1. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Civil Affairs Officer's Report of 10 May 1968.
- ✓ Appendix 2. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Command Chronology of 4 May 1968.

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First Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
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10 May 68  
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From: Civil Affairs Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Civic Action

1. This report is submitted for your information. This report was prepared to illustrate the MWHG-1 Civic Action progress.

During the month of April 1968, 2,000 Vietnamese were assisted by the units of MWHG-1.



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Capt. USMCR

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MWHG-1 Chaplain (2)

Appendix (1)

1. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: Within the Civic Action program 1981 treatments were given.

2. DENTAL ASSISTANCE: 4,176 treatments were given to 1,903 patients of which there were 2,248 tractions.

3. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

a. Roofing of the hogpen in the refugee camp was finished and their well approved.

4. ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

No English classes this month due to curfew.

5. MONTHLY RECAPS

a. H&HS-1

During the past month the H&HS-1 Civic Action Team provided two tons of lumber, 40 bags of cement and 65 sheets of tin for the repair and construction of houses. Enough canvas was distributed to provide temporary siding for eight houses. 5,000 LBS of food were distributed to the refugees as well as 100 bars of soap. 5 people are being assisted in gaining employment.

6. 11th DENTAL Co.

Two Vietnamese nurses are receiving dental training at USOM Hospital. Two Vietnamese are receiving training at MWHG-1 Dental Clinic - Headquarters Group One.

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4 May 1968

From: MWHG-1 Chaplain  
 To: Commanding Officer MWHG-1  
 Subj: Command Chronology for April 1968

1. Divine Services

- a. Roman Catholic Services were held in the Wing Memorial Chapel in the month of April by the Wing Chaplain, L.S. Darkowski. Sunday Masses - 0800 -1730. 17 Masses with total attendance of 888. Week Day Masses 24 with total attendance of 549.
- b. Protestant Services were held at 1000 Sundays. 4 Services with 234 total attendance.
- c. Episcopal Services were conducted at 1600 on Sundays. 5 Services with total attendance of 35.
- d. Orthodox Services are conducted on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. No Orthodox Services were conducted this month.
- e. L.D.S. Lay Services are conducted at 1345 on Sundays. 6 Services with total attendance of 48.
- f. Jewish Services are conducted at 0830 Saturday at III MAF.

2. Personnel

- a. Chaplain L.S. Darkowski, Capt, USN, Wing Chaplain serves as Catholic Chaplain.
- b. Chaplain C. D. Harper, Jr., Lt, USNR, Administrative Assistant to the Wing Chaplain gives Protestant coverage to MWHG-1.

3. Civic Action

- a. Chaplain Harper and Chaplain Darkowski were instrumental in providing the following items for the Hospital of 5th ARVN Regiment: large supply of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, kleen-ex, kool-aid, sundry toilet articles, writing tablets, pens, and two (2) cases of fruit.

4. Lectures

- a. Chaplain Harper gave two (2) Indoctrination Lectures with seventy-five (75) attending.

APPENDIX (2)

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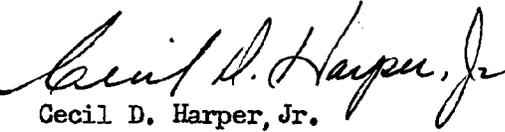
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## 5. Other Items

a. Chaplain Harper is continuing as regular host for the Television Program "Chapel of the Air", sponsored by the 1st MAW Chaplains, and telecast each Sunday at 1430, Channel 11.

b. Chaplain Harper participated in two (2) marriage counseling boards.

c. Chaplain Markowski participated in one (1) marriage counseling board.

  
Cecil D. Harper, Jr.

APPENDIX (2)