

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

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16 Apr 1969

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 March 1969

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- Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One
- ✓(2) Command Chronology, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One
- ✓(3) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One
- ✓(4) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Communications 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	1-31 Mar 1969
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-31 Mar 1969
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-31 Mar 1969
Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One	Danang, RVN	1-31 Mar 1969
11th Dental Company	Danang, RVN	1-31 Mar 1969

Part I. Organizational Data

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-18 Mar 1969	LtCol Dennis W. WRIGHT
	19-31 Mar 1969	Col John R. GILL
Executive Officer	1-18 Mar 1969	Vacant
	19-31 Mar 1969	LtCol Dennis W. WRIGHT
Adjutant	1-31 Mar 1969	CWO Ralph H. THIEMT
S-1	1-19 Mar 1969	Capt Alfred J. ENGLISH
	20-31 Mar 1969	1stLt Peter P. COCONIS
S-2/3	1-31 Mar 1969	Maj Richard C. BAGLEY JR
S-4	1-31 Mar 1969	Maj Frederick B. CRAIG

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	LtCol Prentice A. LINDSAY
Executive Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	Maj Richard A. HUCKLE
Admin Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	Capt William F. ELLIS

(2) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	Maj Esta D. GRISSOM
Executive Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	Maj Peter M. MACK

(3) Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	Maj Don J. OGDEN
Executive Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	Capt Leo P. GAGNON
Admin Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	1stLt Wayne E. FAULKNER

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	1-4 Mar 1969	Capt Joseph G. CHUDZINSKI
	5-31 Mar 1969	Capt Robert E. AUSTIN
Executive Officer	1-4 Mar 1969	Capt Robert E. AUSTIN
	5-31 Mar 1969	Cmdr Michael BRENYO
Admin Officer	1-31 Mar 1969	Lt Dennis D. DAVID

2. Task Organization for the period 1-31 Mar 1969

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

3. Average Monthly Strength of MWHG-1 for March 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 53	AG 106	NFO 12	11	561	23
MWFS-1	3	4	0	0	140	0
MWCS-1	0	16	0	0	239	0
11thDenCo	0	0	0	23	3	48
MWHG-1	56	126	12	34	943	71

4. Important Visitors to this Command: N/APart II. Narrative Summary

During the month of March 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 21, 25 and 31 March. 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 March 1969.

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

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	1	
Navy Commendation Medal		1
Purple Heart Medal	1	

4. Casualties. There were three Non-Hostile injuries to personnel of this Group during the month of March 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 almost 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 March 1969 are outlined in Appendix (A).

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative support during the month of March 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. Eleven patrols were conducted in the villages surrounding the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters Compound. Nothing of significance was discovered.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted Marines is held at the Group level each Wednesday morning with the same subjects being presented again Thursday afternoon. A total of 302 personnel attended GMST during the month. A total of 70 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination presentation which is held each Saturday morning. A total of 56 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 12 enlisted personnel during the month of March 1969.

10. Logistics. The Logistics Section carried out routine administrative support for the Group.

11. 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 1075 requisitions and Navy Property processed 2264 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 35% and 93% respectively for March 1969.

12. Communications. See Part III, paragraph 6 of Marine Wing Communications Squadron - One Command Chronology; enclosure (4).

13. 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 8 April 1969

Appendix (B) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology of 7 April 1969 (Catholic Only, Protestant not Available)

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

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 8 April 69

From: Civic Action Officer, MWHG-1
 To: S-3 Officer, MWHG-1
 Subj: Command Chronology for the Month of March
 Ref: (a) 5750.1D

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

PART III

2. CIVIC ACTION

a. Coordination with Hamlet Officials was good. Five (5) formal meetings resulted in discussions on Hamlet development, prostitution, incident reporting and the possibility of a direct communication link between the Hamlet Chief and our Civic Action Office.

Three separate incidents were reported to this office by Hamlet Officials. These reports resulted in the capture of five (5) marines causing trouble in the Hamlet. *apprehension*

b. Distribution of materials during the month of March has been limited to self-help projects. Four (4) culverts were given to the Hamlet to build walkways over rice paddies. Fifty (50) bags of cement were pledged to build a religious temple.

c. The village Med-Caps held on Saturdays have continued with good attendance. Vietnamese Civil Defense have been providing security.

A total of 1420 persons were treated at the MWHG-1 dispensary.

d. Initial plans for a new centralized Hamlet Office and an addition to the Hamlet School were approved.

Preliminary work on a detailed map of our Civic Action Area of Responsibility has begun.

e. A young girl admitted to the FLC Childrens Hospital in February with 2nd degree burns was released.

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Appendix (A)

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 Marine Wing Headquarters Group One
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 7 April

From: Chaplain's Office
 To: MWHG-1, S-3

Subj: Monthly Command Chronology for March 1969

1. Divine Services Conducted

Sunday Masses, Wing Memorial Chapel; (11) - Attendance 490
 Sunday Masses, Camp Monahan Chapel; (2) - Attendance 48
 Total Offerings at Wing Memorial Chapel Masses: \$349.38

Weekday Masses

Wing Memorial Chapel; (26) - Attendance 275
 Statistics include 104 Vietnamese nationals who work on the compound.

2. Other Religious Activities

A Weekly Bible Study Group was established for all interested personnel.

One meeting was held with an attendance of 10.

Lay Leader instruction sessions held; (4) - Attendance 28

Indoctrination Lectures for new personnel, "Religions in Vietnam",
 delivered; (4) - Attendance 61

Professional counselling interviews, (12)

Coordinated (2) Day's of Recollection in conjunction with chaplains
 of MAG-11, MWSG-17 and Danang Air Force Base for total of 74 men
 at China Beach Recreation Center.

Attended Day of Recollection for Catholic Chaplains of I Corps at
 St. John's Seminary, - Attendance 38

One (1) man was baptized and received First Communion

3. Civic Action Activities

Donations were made from Chapel Fund as follows:

Bishop Chi, for hospital construction	\$ 50.00
St. Joseph's Parish, Phuc Thoung	50.00
Medical Mission Sisters, for hospital at Qui Nhon	50.00
Sacred Heart School	25.00
Than Duc School	25.00
Hoi An Orphanage	<u>25.00</u>
Total	\$ 225.00

Appendix (B)

pp Chaplain's Office

Mar 1969

4. Other Activities

Attended 1st MAW Marriage Council
Appointed member to 1st MAW Marriage Council
Member Recreation Committee
Member Group Race Relations Committee



C. F. O'GORMAN
CDR, CHC, USN
Group Chaplain

Appendix B