

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

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15 June 1969

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1-31 May 1969
Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

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y(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	1-31 May 1969
Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One	Danang, RVN	1-31 May 1969
Marine Wing Communication Squadron One	Danang, RVN	1-31 May 1969
Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One	Danang, RVN	1-31 May 1969
11th Dental Company	Danang, RVN	1-31 May 1969

Part I. Organizational Date

1. Commander, Staff and Subordinate Unit Members

a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 May 1969	Col John R. GILL
Executive Officer	1-31 May 1969	LtCol Dennis W. WRIGHT
Adjutant	1-31 May 1969	CWO Ralph H. TEJEMT
S-1	1-31 May 1969	1stLt P. P. COCONIS
S-2/3	1-31 May 1969	Maj Howard W. MEISSNER
S-4	1-2 May 1969	Maj Fredrick B. CRAIG
	3-31 May 1969	Maj William W. FITTS

b. Subordinate Units

(1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron - One

Commanding Officer	1-31 May 1969	Maj William R. SMITH
Executive Officer	1-31 May 1969	Maj Richard A. HUCKLE
AdminO	1-15 May 1969	Capt William F. ELLIS Jr. CWO-2 Francis HINGSTON

(2) Marine Wing Communication Squadron One

Commanding Officer	1-31 May 1969	Maj Don J. OGDEN
Executive Officer	1-31 May 1969	Capt Leo F. GAGNON
AdminO	1-31 May 1969	1stLt Wayne E. FAULKNER

(3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One

Commanding Officer	1-31 May 1969	Maj Esta D. GRISSOM
Executive Officer	1-31 May 1969	Maj Peter M. MACK
	5-31 May 1969	Maj Donald E. ANDERSON

(4) 11th Dental Company

Commanding Officer	1-12 May 1969	Capt Robert E. AUSTIN
	13-31 May 1969	Capt V. L. JOHNSON, Jr
Executive Officer	1-31 May 1969	CDR P. E. BARROW
AdminO	1-31 May 1969	Lt Dennis D. DAVID

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

<u>OFFICERS</u>						
<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
H&HS-1	NA53	AG124	NFO	10	551	25
MWCS-1	0	17			204	
MWFS-1	2	24			144	
11thDenCo				22	3	48
MWHG-1	55	166		32	902	73

4. Important Visitors to this Command: Secretary of the Navy John H. CHAFFEE visited this command 25 May 1969 and had lunch with six Junior officers.

Part II. Narrative Summary

1. During the month of May 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 command and administrative communication for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters and air control communications for the Tactical Air Direction Center. During the period 0801 28 May 1969 to 0800 31 May 1969, the squadron participated in a special telecommunication survey. This survey was held under the auspicious of Headquarters Marine Corps. Tango Sector Alpha was in Defense Condition #3 every night during the month of May 1969. Condition #2 was set from 0150 11 May to 0300 12 May 1969. When Conditions #2 was set, the Ground Defense Company was deployed and remained in position until 0610 12 May 1969.

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 of the ability of this Group to carry out all assigned missions and tasks.

2. Administration. Routine administrative work was performed during the month of May 1969.

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

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
Presidential Unit Citation	1	
Silver Star Medal	1	
Purple Heart Medal		1

4. Casualties. There were fourteen (14) non-hostile injuries and none hostile injuries or hostile deaths.

5. Morale/Welfare Programs. Chaplain GARTHE presented a Memorial Day Ceremony on the morning of the 30 May. Wing Special Service provided the Headquarters Group Compound with many and various off-duty activities; handball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, basketball, weightlifting and Group as well as Wing offered entertaining floor shows and happy hours several times throughout the month. The China Beach and Golden Gate USO's supplemented the aforementioned activities. Although liberty remains secured in the Danang area, the China Beach recreation center continued operations for the enjoyment of all hands. Also R&R seat allocations and RON flights enable personnel to relax out of country for several days.

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

7. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative support during the month of May 1969, including an Intelligence Brief for the weekly Command Indoctrination presentation, handling all matters pertaining to requesting security clearance and access for Group personnel, and obtaining the daily G-2 briefing on significant events in the I Corps.

8. Ground Defense. Work was resumed on the ammunition bunkers and should be completed during the month of June. The new sentry box at Gate #2 was formally turned over to the command on 31 May 1969. Preparations continued for the implementation of the training schedule for the Ground Defense Company. The training will begin during the first week of June.

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 416 personnel attended GMST during the month. A total of 50 officers and enlisted attended the command indoctrination presentation which is held each Saturday morning. A total of 425 Marines of the Group FAM fired their T/O weapons. Technical training was conducted by the squadrons at for hours per month per MOS. Formal schools were attended by 5 Officer and 15 Enlisted personnel during the month of May 1969.

10. Maintenance. The Utilities Section completed the main Gate sentry house installed a wall 40 Ft. in the enlisted mess hall, started painting shower rooms in enlisted heads and repaired all culverts in the compound. They continued to recover from ASP bomb damage and started building mount out boxes out of bomb crates. 180 trouble calls were completed, 190 work orders were received, and 192 work orders completed, of which two (2) were completed from the month of May 1969.

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 949 requisitions and Navy Property processed 2031 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 69.3% and 98.3% respectively for May 1969.

13. Communications. See Part III paragraph 6 of Marine Wing Communication 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 June 1969

✓ Appendix (B) - Marine Wing Headquarters Group - One Chaplain's Chronology of 5 June 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 June 1969

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

Subj: Command Chronology for the Month of May

Ref: (a) 5750.1D

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

PART III

2. Civic Action

- a. As a result of the damage caused by the exploding ammunition storage area, Civic Action functioned in a limited capacity during the month of May. Two important projects, an addition to the Hamlet School and a new Hamlet Office, were set back when the old school and Hamlet Office were destroyed.

- b. Civic Action played a minor role in the settlement and payment of Solatium to civilians in the area. Other than taking a survey of the damage, and serving in an advisory capacity to the Hamlet Chief, our office was not involved. Direction from Wing Civic Action restricted our efforts. Settlement of the damage was organized and coordinated by Hoa Vang District officials and U.S. Advisory elements.

- c. In other supplemental areas: (1) the Saturday Med Cap was cancelled on request of the Hamlet Chief. (2) one rabid dog was disposed of. (3) Saturday movies were cancelled due to the new $\frac{1}{2}$ day Saturday work schedule.

- d. The RVN Red Cross Fund Drive was coordinated through the Civic Action Office and resulted in a total donation of U.S. \$ 333.55 and VN\$ 6,390.

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APPENDIX (A)

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 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
 Marine Wing Headquarters Group One
 FPO San Francisco, 96602

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 5 June 1969

From: MWHG-1 Chaplain
 To: Commanding Officer, MWHG-1 (Attn: S-3)
 Subj: Group Command Chronology for May 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

	Sun	Att	Weekd	Att	TotSer	TotAtt
Protestant	11	255	-	-	11	255
Catholic	7	346	23	163	30	509
LDS	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	21	613	23	163	44	776

A joint Memorial Day Service was also held with 475 in attendance.

b. Other Religious Activities

(1) Catholic

- (a) One Divine Service held at MAG-11 75 Attendance
- (b) One Divine Service held at MAG-16 27 Attendance
- (c) One Divine Service held at 5th Communications 25 Attendance
- (d) Two Divine Services held at FLC 152 Attendance

(2) Protestant

- (a) Ten Counselling sessions
- (b) Three Bible Discussions 20 Attendance
- (c) Three LDS Bible Studies 8 Attendance
- (d) The Chapel Choir has started, has had 5 rehearsals and sung in 2 services.
- (e) One Divine Service at MAG-11 14 Attendance
- (f) Showed three religious films 26 Attendance
- (g) Attended Protestant Rally, MWHG-1 2 Attendance

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c. Presentations made by Chaplains in Training Program.

(1) Catholic

(a) One Indoctrination Lecture 28 Attendance

(2) Protestant

(a) One Lay Leaders meeting 2 Attendance

(b) Two Indoctrination Lectures 16 Attendance

d. Activities, Gifts, etc. in Vietnamese Communities.

(1) Protestant

(a) Taught at Phan Trinh School

(b) Donated \$44.00 to World Evangelization Crusade

(c) Donated \$100.00 toward the building of the Hai Chau Church, Danang.

(d) Two visits and a \$50.00 donation to China Beach Orphanage

(e) One visit to Tin Lanh Church

(f) Visit to the Village with Civic Action Officer to offer scholarships

(g) Two visits to Sacred Heart Church

(h) Donated \$37.27 for health and comfort kits for the 5th ARVN Hospital

(2) Catholic

(a) Donated \$100.00 to Bishop Chi for relief in the Bomed out village.

(b) Donated \$25.00 to Sacred Heart School

(c) Donated \$25.00 to Than Duc School

(d) Donated \$25.00 to Hoi An Orphanage

(e) Donated \$50.00 to Medical Sisters Mission Hospital at Qui Nhon

(f) Donated 30 pounds of children's clothing to St. Joseph Church, Phuc Theung

(g) Donated \$37.28 for health and comfort kits for the 5th ARVN Hospital

(h) Attended and participated in the ordination of Vietnamese Seminarians 750 Attendance

e. Meetings Attended.

(1) Protestant

(a) Attended 4 Commanding Officer's Conferences

(b) Attended 1 Race Relations Committee meeting

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- (c) Attended 1 Wing Chaplains meeting
 - (d) Attended 1 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
- 3 Attendance

(2) Catholic

- (a) Attended 1 Wing Chaplains meeting
 - (b) Attended 1 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
- 4 Attendance

f. Hospital and Brig Visits.

(1) Catholic

- (a) N/A

(2) Protestant

- (a) One visit to NSA Hospital
- (b) One visit to 1st Med Bn Hospital
- (c) One visit to the Brig.


GORDON E. GARTHE

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APPENDIX (B)