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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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15 May 1970

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

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 April 1970

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 Apr 1970 To 30 Apr 1970

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

Col Laurence J. STIEN  
1 Apr 1970 - 30 Apr 1970SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One

Maj William S. HUMBERT  
1 Apr 1970 - 30 Apr 1970

Marine Wing Communications Squadron One

Maj Allen B. RAY  
1 Apr 1970 - 30 Apr 1970

Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One

Maj William E. DODDS  
1 Apr 1970 - 30 Apr 1970

11th Dental Company

Capt Van L. JOHNSON Jr  
1 Apr 1970 - 30 Apr 19702. LOCATION

1-30 April: Danang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

## a. Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

Executive Officer	1-19 Apr 1970	LtCol Edward J. GODFREY
	20-30 Apr 1970	LtCol W. R. SMITH
Adjutant	1-30 Apr 1970	1stLt Ronald Y. ISA
S-1	1-30 Apr 1970	Capt Mell B. NOLLEY
S-2	1-30 Apr 1970	1stLt Charles R. ALLEN
S-3	1-5 Apr 1970	1stLt Charles R. ALLEN
	6-30 Apr 1970	Capt W. R. HAMPTON
S-4	1-30 Apr 1970	Capt Marvin L. CREEL

## b. Subordinate Units

## (1) Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One

Executive Officer	1-30 Apr 1970	Maj Dale L. TINSLEY
Admin Officer	1-30 Apr 1970	CWO-2 Ronald A. GIROUARD

## (2) Marine Wing Communications Squadron One

Executive Officer	1-30 Apr 1970	Capt F. A. LORENTSEN
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ENCLOSURE (1)

## (3) Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One

Executive Officer 1-30 Apr 1970 Maj Billy G. PHILLIPS

## (4) 11th Dental Company

Executive Officer 1-17 Apr 1970 Cdr Paul E. BARROW  
18-30 Apr 1970 Cdr Richard S. DAVIDSON  
Admin Officer 1-30 Apr 1970 Ltjg L. E. MCKINZIE4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&HS-1	161	591	8	38	0	0
MWCS-1	11	225	0	0	0	0
MWFS-1	8	152	0	0	0	0
11th DenCo	0	4	22	43	0	0
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MWIG-1	180	972	30	81	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of April 1970, 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 administrative communications for the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Headquarters and air control communications for the Tactical Air Direction Center. Tango Sector Alpha was in defense condition #3 every night during the month of April 1970. Rocket warning was sounded on 1 April, 5 April, 8 April, 12 April, and 30 April. No enemy rounds were received in the MWIG-1 Compound.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

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ENCLOSURE (1)

2. Administration. Routine Administrative work was performed during April 1970.

3. Awards. The following awards were presented during the month of April 1970.

- 1 USMC Officer received a Certificate of Commendation
- 1 USMC Enlisted was awarded the Strike/Flight Air Medal Award
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- 1 USMC Enlisted was awarded the Combat Aircrew Insignia
- 4 USMC personnel were awarded Meritorious Mast
- 5 USMC personnel were awarded Good Conduct Medals

4. Casualties. There were (4) Marines hospitalized during the month of April 1970. There were (2) non-hostile casualties resulting in death.

a. Pvt Thomas E. FRASER 248 40 97/0311 died of wounds to the head from an apparent accidental discharge inflicted by another Marine.

b. SSgt S. D. LANNES died of a heart attack while playing softball.

5. Morale and Welfare Programs. Wing Special Services provided the Headquarters Group Compound with many off-duty activities including handball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, basketball and weightlifting. The Group as well as Wing offered entertaining floor shows and happy hours several times throughout the month. The China Beach, Freedom Hill 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 enabled personnel to relax out of country for several days.

6. Civic Action. Details of the MWHG-1 Civic Action Program are outlined in Civic Action's Command Chronology.

7. Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence. The Intelligence Section performed routine administrative support during the month of April 1970. There were 21 clearances processed and 8 access granted to Group personnel. The Intelligence section processed 3 war trophies and turned in 16 unauthorized war trophies to the Group Armory. The Intelligence Section also held Intelligence Briefs for the Command Indoctrination Presentation and obtained the daily G-2 briefing on significant events in I Corps.

8. Ground Defense. On 21 April 1970 Ground Defense Reserve Company A/Zulu 1 was deployed on a sweep operation of Hoa Phat (Dog Patch) in support of 1st M.P. Battalion. Results were twenty-six Vietnamese civilians apprehended for illegal papers.

9. Training. General Military Subjects Training for all enlisted Marines is held at the Group level each Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. A total of 278 personnel attended GMST during the month. A total of 185 officers and enlisted attended the Command Indoctrination Presentation and Pam Fire exercise. Drug Abuse Indoctrinations were attended by 90 officers and enlisted during the month of April.

10. Maintenance. The Utilities Section rebuilt their section bunker; cut 120 pallet markers for Group Supply Embarkation; renovated the Wing Sergeant Majors quarters; refinished a room for General WALT at the C.G.'s Quarters; repaired and checked 57 air conditioners for the various sections and squadrons in MWIG-1; constructed 97 mount-out boxes for the various sections and squadrons in MWIG-1; and installed an exhaust fan in the ceiling of the Wing Photo Lab. They received 181 trouble calls, completed 178, and referred 3 to Public Works. They received 265 work orders, completed 251, and 14 are left pending.

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 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. The Marine Corps Property Section processed 1,265 requisitions and Navy Property processed 1,645 requisitions with a net effectiveness of 99% and 98% respectively for April 1970.

13. Communications. See part III paragraph 5 of Marine Wing Communications Squadron One Command Chronology.

14. Religious Services. See Marine Wing Headquarters Group One Chaplain's Command Chronology.

#### PART IV

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Command Chronologies for subordinate units and Sections of this command are attached hereto as indicated:

✓ Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron One	} FILED
✓ Marine Wing Communications Squadron One	
✓ Marine Wing Facilities Squadron One	} SEP
✓ 11th Dental Company	
✓ Civic Action	
✓ Chaplain	
✓ Group Security	

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From: Civic Action Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One (Attn: S-3)  
 Subj: Command Chronology for the Month of April 1970  
 Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1D

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

PART III

2. Civic Action

a. At 0310 2 April, five (5) rockets impacted in Vietnamese inhabited areas surrounding the 1st MAW Headquarters Compound. Two (2) of the rockets accounted for 3 Vietnamese killed and 4 injured. The injured were treated at the MWHG-1 Dispensary, transferred to other hospitals where necessary, and later released. On 4 and 6 April, Civic Action gave two 6X6 truck loads of lumber to the people whose houses were damaged in the attack; on 11 April, 20 sheets of roofing tin and 10 bags of cement were given to these same people.

b. At 1700 4 April, 195 eggs were received and placed in an incubator for hatching. At 0500 23 April, the first egg hatched and at 1300 25 April, the 31st (and last) egg had hatched. At 0800 26 April, the remaining unhatched eggs were examined, revealing that about 57% of the eggs were infertile. However, the data accumulated over the incubation period indicated the project to be a success in spite of the 15.8% overall hatching rate. This, along with several meetings concerning chicken raising, has caused the Asst. Hamlet Chief of Phuoc Tuong Hamlet to initiate a similar project of his own with Civic Action providing a portion of the building materials plus technical assistance. Civic Action initiated a second egg incubation project at 1200 27 April with the placement of approximately 12 dozen eggs in the incubator. The 31 chickens hatched between 23 and 25 April are very healthy and continue to live with no problems being experienced as of the end of this reporting period.

c. On 5 and 8 April, two (2) playgrounds consisting of a seesaw and a set of three swings each were erected at Phuoc Tuong School and next to the Hamlet Community Center. Initially, the seesaws at Phuoc Tuong School broke but were fixed during the last week in April. Though the seesaws were

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constructed to be "almost theft-proof", the boards of the seesaw next to Community Center were stolen about 25 April. These boards are not slated to be replaced.

d. At approximately 1830 5 April, Gysgt E.L. ROGERS, CA NCOIC, observed a Vietnamese boy dragging a U.S. made 81mm mortar "dud" on a string in Phuoc Tuong Hamlet, about 350 meters west of the SW corner of the 1st MAW Headquarters Compound. The boy, possibly afraid he might get into trouble, fled before Gysgt ROGERS could obtain any information about where the mortar was found, etc. EOD was called and disposed of the ordnance.

e. On 8 April, a boar from the MAG-16 Civic Action unit was transferred and placed with 4 sows of the MWHG-1 Civic Action project for a period of 8 days for breeding purposes.

f. The MWHG-1 Civic Action Office relocated from Bldg 2046 to Bldg 2047 on 8 April.

g. Most of the Civic Action Center was repainted during the month of April. A hot water system was installed on 14 April.

h. On 18 April, two (2) sewing machines - making a total of 5 machines available - and cloth material were bought in DaNang. The sewing classes were reorganized this month to obtain greater student proficiency by improving the syllabus and shortening classes.

i. A DentCAP was initiated at the Civic Action Center on 23 April with the treatment of approximately 6 Vietnamese patients. Though DentCAP is to be a continuing program with services being offered at the Center at 0900 Thursday of each week, unforeseeable circumstances prevented the Dental Dept. from having additional DentCAPs this month.

j. Excess produce (onions, carrots) from the MWHG-1 messes were bagged and distributed to approximately 50 families throughout Phuoc Tuong Hamlet on 30 April.

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From: Chaplain, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One

Subj: Group Command Chronology for April 1970

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 at MHWG:

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Protestant	8	187	1	0	3		107
Catholic	1	272	1	71	21		355
Evangelical	2	0	1	111	1		111

(b) Other Religious Activities:

- (1) Counselled forty-two (42) Marines.
- (2) Twelve (12) Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, 40 in attendance.

(c) Presentations Made by Chaplain in Training Program

- (1) One (1) Indoctrination Lecture Attendance 40
- (2) Two Drug Abuse Lectures Attendance 87

(d) Activities, Gifts, Etc. in the Vietnamese Community

- (1) Twenty-five Marines visited China Beach Orphanage.
- (2) PROJECT ENGLISH:
  - (a) St. Joseph's School: 32 classes with 24 Marines teaching and average of 185 students per week.
  - (b) China Beach Orphanage: 16 classes with 4 Marines teaching an average of 200 to 250 students per week.
- (3) Donations:
  - (a) 1,000 lbs. of clothing to Sacred Heart Orphanage.
  - (b) 1,000 lbs. of clothing to China Beach Orphanage.
  - (c) 50 lbs. of food and school supplies to Vinh-Hinh School.
  - (d) 60 lbs. of food to 5th ARVN Admin Unit.
  - (e) 500 lbs. of food to Sacred Heart Orphanage.
  - (f) 500 lbs. of food to China Beach Orphanage.
  - (g) 200 lbs. of food to Boys' Town.

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- (h) 500 lbs. of feed to So So School.
- (i) \$100.00 to Bishop Cti, Bishop of DaNang.
- (j) \$50.00 to Stella-Maria Novitiate.

(e) Meetings Attended

NONE

(f) Hospital And Brig Visits

- (1) 1 hospital visit

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 7 May 1970

From: Group Security Officer  
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 Via: Commanding Officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron One

Subj: Command Chronology Report (1 April - 30 April 1970)

1. Condition 3 was set approximately 2000 every evening during the reporting period and was secured the following morning at approximately 0630 when 1st MPs set condition.
2. Zulu Company was called out at 2300 on April 1st for a drill. They were secured at 2400.
3. On April 1st at 0155 rocket warning was sounded. The all clear was sounded at 0230. Impacts were reported at the north east corner of the air strip. Two(2) Vietnamese Air Force personnel were reported killed. At 0235 rocket warning was sounded again. At 0245 all clear was sounded and alert was reported as a mistake due to friendly fires. On April 2nd at 0305 rocket warning was sounded. Impact was reported at 200 meters north of tower #7; one(1) round 40 meters west of tower #3 where two(2) Vietnamese civilians were killed and five(5) wounded; one(1) round hit 50 meters south of tower #3; three(3) rounds landed in MWSG-17 area and two(2) rounds at 138th Aviation Company where three(3) US civilians were wounded.
4. At 1840 on April 3rd the sergeant of the guard had an accidental discharge with a .45 Cal pistol. The round struck Private Thomas L. FRASER in the head. He died at 0155 on April 4th.
5. On 5 April 1st MPs sounded Rockets at 2213. At 2220 all clear was sounded. 1st MP Bn. stated that Rocket alarm was false. 1st MPs sounded Rockets on 8 April at 0225. All clear was sounded at 0329, 8 April 1970. On 8 April, impact of Rockets were MAG-11, and near Gate #12. MAG-11 had one(1) KIA and three(3) WIA's. Impact was also MAG-16 which suffered two(2) rounds and MAG-17 which suffered one(1) round.
6. On 12 April 1970, 1st MPs sounded Rockets at 0230. All clear was sounded at 0240, 12 April 1970. Impact of Rockets were unknown.

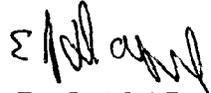
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7. On 21 April at 0215 Zulu Reactionary Company was called out to act as a blocking force while 1st MPs performed a sweep through the village of Hoa Phat (Dog Patch). Zulu Reactionary Company secured from the activity at 0930 on 21 April 1970.

8. On 27 April at 2216 Ground Defense Force Reaction Drill was held. At 2305 the drill was secured.

9. On 30 April at 2125, 1st MPs sounded rockets. Impact of rockets were MAG-16. All clear was sounded at 2140, 30 April 1970.

  
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