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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 - 14 April 1971

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. <u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>		
1st MAW	MajGen Alan J. ARMSTRONG	01-14 April 1971	
	<u>ASS'T COMMANDER</u>		
	BGen William C. QUINN	01-14 April 1971	
	<u>SUBORDINATE UNITS</u>		
MWHG-1	LtCol Gordon H. BUCKNER II	01-14 April 1971	
MAG-11	Col Albert C. POMMERENK	01-14 April 1971	
MAG-16	Col Lewis C. STREET III	01-14 April 1971	
MACG-18	LtCol Francis L. DELANEY	01-14 April 1971	
2. <u>LOCATION</u>			
1-14 April 1971: DaNang, Republic of Vietnam			
3. <u>STAFF OFFICERS</u>			
CHIEF OF STAFF	Col Jack R. SLOAN	01-14 April 1971	
ACofS, G-1	Col Donald CONROY	01-14 April 1971	
ACofS, G-2	Col Vernon CLARKSON Jr.	01-14 April 1971	
ACofS, G-3	Col Rex C. DENNY Jr.	01-14 April 1971	
ACofS, G-4	Col D. L. DAVIS	01-14 April 1971	
ACofS, GSO	LtCol Robert G. HAGGARD	01-14 April 1971	
ACofS, COMPT	Col Walter L. REDMOND	01-14 April 1971	
4. <u>AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH</u>			
	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Officers:	655	40	695
Enlisted:	5367	98	5465
Total:	6022	138	6160

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing continued to fly in support of operations conducted throughout Military Region I. Fixed Wing aircraft flew 787 sorties and dropped 1,488.9 tons of ordnance. Helicopters flew 7,958 sorties and carried 1,030 tons of cargo and 13,677 passengers. During this period no aircraft were lost due to direct enemy action.

PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

a. During 1-14 April 1971, there were eleven operations in effect throughout Military Region I. Support was recorded for five of these operations.

(1) Jefferson Glen: Commenced 051800H September 1970, with the 101st Airborne Division (AM) conducting search and clear operations in Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces. Fixed wing aircraft flew a total of 93 sorties dropping 248.2 tons of ordnance. BDA for this month was 2 KBMA, 3 bunkers destroyed and 3 secondary explosions.

(2) Imperial Lake: Commenced 310930H August 1970. Fixed wing aircraft supported the operation by flying 72 sorties and dropping 174 tons of ordnance. BDA for this period was 2 structures damaged, 2 secondary explosions and 11 secondary fires.

(3) Finney Hill: Fixed wing aircraft flew 11 sorties while dropping 20.1 tons of ordnance during this reporting period. BDA for this month was 9 structures destroyed, 1 secondary explosion and 1 secondary fire.

(4) Middlesex Peak: During 1-14 April fixed wing aircraft flew 19 sorties dropping 29.5 tons of ordnance. The reported BDA was 2 structures destroyed, 4 bunkers destroyed and 1 bridge destroyed.

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(5) Lamson 719: Commenced 300600H January 1971, with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd RVN Divisions conducting an offensive in Southeastern Laos. Fixed wing aircraft flew a total of 92 sorties, dropping 211.7 tons of ordnance. BDA credited to these flights was 23 KBMA, 12 secondary explosions, 29 secondary fires, 23 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, 4 trucks destroyed, 13 trucks damaged, 19 road cuts and 4 road slides.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

07 April 1971

A flight of 6 CH-53's, 4 AH-1's, 1 OV-10 and 1 UH-1 inserted 125 Marines, 12 members of 2 reconnaissance teams, 4 155MM and 2 105MM howitzers on FSB Dagger (ZC 143416).

08 April 1971

Five companies of the First Marine Regiment were inserted into an area west of FSB Dagger to conduct a three day search and clear operation.

12 April 1971

VMA-311 completed it's 47,000th combat sortie in the Vietnamese War.

14 April 1971

After assuming command of the newly activated 3d MAB, MajGen A. J. ARMSTRONG passed command of the 1st MAF to BGen R. F. CONLEY. The First MAF redeployed to Iwakuni, Japan concluding nearly six years of continuous combat service in the Republic of Vietnam.

3. CASUALTIES

a. The following is a breakdown of First Marine Aircraft Wing casualties sustained during the period 1-14 April 1971:

<u>HOSTILE</u>						<u>NON-HOSTILE</u>					
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIA(E)</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>CPT</u>	<u>MIS</u>	<u>DTH</u>	<u>INJ</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>		
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	22		

Total medical evacuees this period - 19

4. LOGISTICS

a. Air Freight. During the period 165 passengers and 16.1 tons of cargo were transported by Marine transport aircraft within Military Region I.

b. Ordnance. A total of 220 firebombs, 407 CBU's, 4,781 GP bombs, 4,735 Air-to-Surface rockets, 224,655 rounds of gun ammo and 2,094 aircraft

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paraflares were expended during the period representing a total of 1635 tons.

c. Motor Transport.

(1) The Wing Motor Transport assets are as follows:

Navy Section "M" Vehicles	240
USMC Vehicles	480
Commercial Vehicles	65
Total	569

d. Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System (TAFDS).

There was a total of 1,084,884 gallons of JP-4 issued during the period 1-14 April 1971.

e. Engineer.

(1) Arresting gear currently operational

(a) 2 M-21's

(2) Arresting gear assigned but not operational

(a) 8 M-21's

5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

a. All significant events occurring during 1-14 April 1971 were covered by Public Affairs writer/photographer teams. These teams accompanied helicopter crews on all major helicopter operations, as well as numerous medical evacuations, resupply and transport missions.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

a. During the period 1-14 April 1971 65 officers and 310 enlisted personnel rotated from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing to;

CONUS	60 officers
	235 enlisted
Other WestPac Commands	5 officers
	75 enlisted

b. During the period 1-14 April 25 officers and 125 enlisted personnel joined the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing from:

WestPac Commands	0 officers
	12 enlisted
Other than WestPac	25 officers
	113 enlisted

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c. During the period 1-14 April 3 enlisted personnel extended their overseas tour.

7. PERSONNEL.

a. Wing Special Services.

(1) Military Affiliate Radio Station. The 1st MAW MARS Station handled 2,600 messages during 1-14 April. The completed 1,148 phone patches out of 1,500 attempts.

b. Wing Chaplain. Divine Services were conducted at all Wing facilities. The following is tabulation of Wing Chaplain services and attendance:

<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Wkday</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>TotSer</u>	<u>TotAtt</u>
PROTESTANT	12	359	0	0	12	359
CATHOLIC	18	410	42	182	64	592
LDS	7	45	3	18	7	63

8. INTELLIGENCE.

a. During 1-14 April 1971 the G-2 Division continued to maintain and disseminate information concerning enemy order of battle and enemy air and anti-aircraft capabilities. There continues to be a noticeable lull in activity, with the VC/NVA emphasis remaining on incidents directed against the GVN's pacification effort.

b. During 1-14 April 1971 the Air Combat Intelligence Branch continued to collect information on anti-aircraft activity and weapon positions in North Vietnam, Laos and South Vietnam; the development of infiltration routes along the Laos and South Vietnam border; enemy aircraft; and the electronic order of battle. Additionally, the Branch prepared graphic aid to brief the Commanding General and his staff, and issued Wing Reconnaissance Bulletins.

9. AIR OPERATIONS.

a. Fixed Wing

Total Fighter/Attack sorties	584
In-country Attack sorties	266
Out-of-country Fighter sorties	0
Commando Bolt/Steel Tiger	318
Out-of-country air defense (BARCAP, MIGCAP)	0
Total VR/FAC(A) sorties	41

b. Helicopter

Total sorties	7,958
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Total flight hours	2,632.1
Total tons of cargo	1,030
Total passengers	13,677
Total tasks	

c. Reported BDA in Country.

36 KBMA
 48 Structures destroyed
 3 Structures damaged
 31 Bunkers destroyed
 2 Bunkers damaged
 20 Secondary fires
 9 Secondary explosions
 3 Road cuts

d. Reported BDA for Commando Bolt/Steel Tiger

2 Bunkers damaged
 1 Bunker destroyed
 55 Secondary explosions
 49 Secondary fires
 24 Trucks destroyed
 16 Trucks damaged
 30 Road cuts/slides
 1 Gun position destroyed
 12 Ford cuts

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