

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 11  
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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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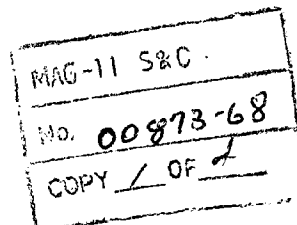
Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for the period of 1-30 April 1968

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a) and (b), the Command Chronology for the month of April is submitted as enclosure (1).

2. This letter is unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1)

  
J. W. IRION, JR.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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DANANG AIR BASE, VIETNAM

1 APRIL 1968 - 30 APRIL 1968

Enclosure (1)

PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL1. Commanding Officer and Executive Staff

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates</u>
Commanding Officer	LtCol	John W. IRION, JR.	11Oct67 - 30Apr68
Executive Officer	Maj	Jimmie G. MORGAN	16Mar68 - 30Apr68

2. Average Monthly Strength

NA:	5	USN Officer Chargeable:	2
AG:	10	USN Officer Attached:	0
USMC Officer Attached:	0	USN Enlisted Chargeable:	31
USMC Enlisted Chargeable:	307	USN Enlisted Attached:	0
USMC Enlisted Attached:	130		

3. Important Visitors

a. Lieutenant General Lewis WALT

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

a. On 20 April the Commanding Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 11 presented the squadron with a letter of commendation from the Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam for the outstanding service support rendered during the recent VC/NVA Tet offensive.

b. On 25 April, Lieutenant General Lewis WALT paid a staff visit to the Group and toured the squadron area, expressing his appreciation for a job well done to representative members of this command.

c. A 19% increase in personnel strength was realized during the month as a result of joinees which greatly increased the ability of the squadron to fulfill its commitment.

d. 22 units of tactical aircrew quarters were completed during the month, which will house 164 members of the command in air-conditioned quarters.

e. On 5 April, the recovery section logged its 10,000th arrestment on the M-21 arresting gear at the Danang Air Base.

f. The entire ordnance section was transferred to Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 11 during the month.

PART III SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

a. Personnel. During the month of April 1968, MABS-11 joined 3 Marine Corps Officers, 53 Marine Corps Enlisted, and transferred 1 Marine Corps Officer, 22 Marine Corps Enlisted, and 2 Navy Enlisted. During the month 1 Marine Corps Enlisted was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant, 1 to Staff Sergeant, 5 to Sergeant, 1 to Corporal and 9 to Lance Corporal. 2 Corporals were promoted to Meritorious Sergeant, 1 Lance Corporal was promoted to Meritorious Corporal and 1 Private First Class was promoted to Lance Corporal Meritoriously. 1 Marine Corps Enlisted reenlisted for 2 years.

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3 Marine Corps Enlisted returned from special leave and 3 departed on special leave. 7 Marine Corps Enlisted extended their rotation tour dates for 7 months.

b. Training. The following correspondence courses were applied for during the month:

(1) MCI - 23

(2) USAFI - 2

Three MCI courses were completed during the month.

c. Awards.

(1) During the month of April there were 6 Meritorious Mast and one Air Medal awarded.

d. Motor Transport. The motor transport section operated with an effective strength of 65% during the month.

(1) The operations section filled approximately 2,350 vehicle requests, logging 70,673 miles. 94,233 passengers were carried and 5,385 tons of cargo were hauled. The refueler section hauled 73,740 gallons of diesel fuel, 383,547 gallons of 115/145, 25,619 gallons of 80 octane, and 65,655 gallons of water. 56,570 gallons of contaminated fuel were defueled. The motor transport tire shop repaired 348 motor transport tires and 15 heavy equipment tires. There were no major accidents during the month.

(2) The maintenance section accepted 185 work orders during the month and completed 134 of them. Eighteen annual and 54 quarterly inspections were completed. Eleven vehicles were surveyed during the month ( one dolly converter, five 3/4 ton trucks, one C-120, one farm tractor, one 1/4 ton luber, one M-50 tanker, and one M-49 water tanker).

(3) The refueler section was relocated and the motor transport and heavy equipment sections were united as one section.

e. TAFDS. The TAFDS section pumped 2,974,421 gallons of JP-4 and 386,256 gallons of 115/145. During the month of April the TAFDS section assembled pumps and put tactical markings on all equipment belonging to TAFDS.

f. LOX. The LOX section produced 9,540 gallons of LOX for the month of April and issued 6,840 gallons of LOX to Marine Corps units.

g. Material. 458 Navy and 334 Marine Corps requisitions were processed during the month. An extensive police and rearrangement of the warehouse was completed and an advanced system of following up requisitions was placed in effect.

h. Communications. The message center processed 8,776 incoming messages and processed and cut tapes on 1,672 outgoing messages.

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The section continued to man the group supply and S-3/S-2 teletype nets. The radio section manned the wing tac#2 net continuously for communications between the wing and all groups. The wire section continued to man the telephone system handling approximately 55,000 phone calls during the month. 190 trouble calls were answered and three new telephone stations were installed. The new office buildings at the flight line were wired for phones and switchboards were installed in preparation for the move of the commander and his staff to that area. Installation of the 90 position TOM-20 complex is now 60% complete. The repair section processed 42 pieces of equipment, 41 of which have been returned to an operational status. 30 supply requisitions were processed. The recovery section radio network is now continuously monitored so as to provide instant response in the event of a breakdown. The section participated in CPX's on 1, 15, and 25 April. Radio operators were augmented from all sections to further familiarize them with their alert assignments and train them in voice telephone procedures.

i. Food Services. 196,883 meals were served during the month of April. A program of continuous rescreeing and improvement of sanitation procedures has been placed in effect. Several areas have been painted and repainted, new doors installed, overheads in certain working areas insulated and sealed, and plywood and galvanized tin placed on the walls of the troop scullery in order to provide the most sanitary conditions. Four large exhaust fans were installed throughout the messhall.

j. Recovery. During the month of April, this section logged a total of 586 arrestments, 20 of which were emergencies. The 10,000th arrestment was logged this month. The section closed the month with a grand total of 10,490 arrestments. Technical assistance in the installation and operation of new M-21 arresting gear at Ubon AFB, Thailand, was provided by two personnel from the recovery section.

k. Security. During the month of April the security section replaced two 50 foot sections of fence in the 'B' area and installed 2000 feet of new double apron fence in the 'A' area cantonment. A total of 17 new fighting bunkers were constructed throughout the area.

l. Utilities.

(1) Electrical. The electrical shop repaired several fans, generators and floodlights throughout the group area, rewired several buildings and continued to provide continuous electrical service for the entire group.

(2) Carpenter Shop. The carpenter shop constructed revetments for the new group headquarters, constructed fences around trash points at the officer's club and billeting area, commenced construction on a new Garwood building, and constructed several new bunkers.

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