

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON-36
Marine Aircraft Group-36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
FPO San Francisco, 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969

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✓(2) MATCU-68 Command Chronology *F. J. Sed. Sep*

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are hereby submitted.

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ENCLOSURE (3)
ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Marine Air Base Squadron-36, Marine
Aircraft Group-36, 1st Marine Aircraft
Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

COMMANDER

LtCol Rondell K. WOOD
1-30 April 1969

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1969, Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
BASE SERVICES OFFICER
UTILITIES OFFICER
MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER
TAFDS OFFICER
FOOD SERVICES OFFICER
MATERIEL OFFICER
AEROLOGY OFFICER
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
RIFLE COMPANY COMMANDER

CRASH CREW OFFICER

Major William J. SHRINER 1-30Apr69
Capt Melvin E. MOPEAK 1-30Apr69
Major William M. PEARCE 1-30Apr69
1stLt Thomas M. COOK IV 1-30Apr69
1stLt Richard H. DITTMAN 1-30Apr69
1stLt Robert W. THOMAS 1-30Apr69
1stLt Victor L. SHEPPARD 1-30Apr69
2dLt James E. BAILEY 1-30Apr69
2dLt David L. HARRIS 1-30Apr69
Capt Luis A. JUAREZ 1-30Apr69
Capt Malcolm R. MASSIE Jr. 1-10Apr69
Capt Dennis J. STRAW 11-30Apr69
1stLt Richard E. MILLER 1-30Apr69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
18	531

USN	
OFF	ENL
3	20

OTHERS	
OFF	ENL
0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Marine Air Base Squadron-36 provided base facilities and utilities support, base services and improvement of existing structures and utilities systems.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Casualties sustained: Non Hostile - 18
Hostile - 0
2. Administration: The administrative section provided administrative support and postal services for the squadron and MATCU-68.
3. Personnel strength has remained stable during the month of April 1969.
 - a. Joined
 - (1) Officers - 3
 - (2) Enlisted - 34
 - b. Transferred
 - (1) Officers - 3
 - (2) Enlisted - 52
 - c. Temporary additional duty - 6 departed on special leave; 3 departed on TAD in excess of 30 days; 3 departed on emergency leave.
 - d. Attached - 6 MC Enlisted, 3 Navy Enlisted and 2 Navy Officers.
 - e. Not chargeable - 0 MC Officers, 6 MC Enlisted. 0 MC Officers and 4 MC Enlisted returned from hospitalization.
 - f. Career and Welfare
 - (1) Reenlistments - 1
 - (2) Extension of enlistments - 1
 - (3) Extension of overseas tour - 8
 - (4) Promotions - 0 Officers and 31 enlisted
 - (5) Reductions - 7
 - g. Personal Awards
 - (1) Good Conduct Medals - 4
 - (2) Air Medals - 0
 - (3) Purple Hearts - 0

4. Civic Action: Support was provided at the Thuy Laong Refugee Camp. A truck-load of scrap lumber and 100 school kits was provided the camp. Construction of school furniture and remodeling of the church with new benches was completed. 360 Vietnamese received medical treatment during MEDCAPS and 50 Vietnamese received dental treatment during DENTCAPS.
5. Communications: During April 1969, the Communications Center processed 6,112 incoming messages and 2,640 outgoing messages. The Radio Section installed an FM antenna on a telephone pole adjacent to the Communications bunker for use with the Wing Tactical Net #2. The Radio Section also installed an RT-524 Radio Transmitter in an AN/MRC-109 Radio Vehicle placing it on an operational status. The Wire Section installed three 25 pair cables off of a 100 pair cable located in the 3M area. One cable was routed to the Navy Supply area and the other two were routed to the IMA hanger and HML-367 areas. In addition, all three areas were rewired and new terminal strips put in to eliminate the power hum on the cables servicing these areas. Installation of a new 50 pair cable from the 15th Aerial Post to the Tower was accomplished and the old switchboard inside the Tower was replaced. Additionally, the section completed the installation of 1200 feet of 50 pair cable from the main frame to the alternate Command Post located at the Rifle Company. A new telephone frame complex was installed in the main Communication bunker which will provide for better flexibility and facilitate future expansion of the present wire network. The Radio Repair Section installed two AN/VRC-77 radios in Crash Crew vehicles. One radio was installed in a tracked vehicle and the other in the Crash Crew officer's vehicle.
6. Weather: Average rainfall at Phu Bai for the month of April is 2.0 inches. Total rainfall for April 1969 was 1.5 inches. Weather during the month had no effect on the accomplishment of the squadron's mission.
7. Medical: 987 patients were treated at sick call. 118 physical examinations were conducted and 1,124 immunizations were given. The new Group Dispensary currently under construction is near completion.
8. Dental: 465 military patients and 9 Vietnamese Nationals received dental treatment at the Group Dental Clinic.
9. Air Freight: 147,576 pounds of cargo was processed by the Air Freight section of which 35,161 pounds were incoming and 112,415 pounds outgoing. 776 passengers were manifested to various destinations.
10. Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System: The TAFDS section dispensed 536,229 gallons of JP-4 jet fuel and 112,466 gallons of 115/145 aviation gas. The fuel pits on the north side of the Phu Bai Airfield were destroyed by an Air Vietnam plane crash. The pits are in the progress of being repaired for operation.
11. Crash Crew: The Crash Crew section responded to 6 defuels, 2 washdowns, 20 medical evacuations, 10 fires, one crash and 28 emergencies.
12. Recovery: The Recovery section performed routine preventive maintenance on equipment. No arrested landings were conducted.

13. Base Operations: In addition to performing normal Air Base Operations, four operations personnel performed ramp duty due to shortage of qualified ramp personnel.

14. Material: The Material section provided routine supply support for the squadron including Navy and Marine Corps supply requisitions, surveys, disposal turn-ins and equipment repair turn-ins.

15. Base Services:

a. During April 1969, Motor Transport vehicles traveled 36,735 miles. The operations section hauled 2,477 tons of cargo, 148,500 gallons of potable and non potable water, 82,366 gallons of diesel fuel, 13,250 gallons of mogas, 13,137 gallons of JP-4 fuel, 61,375 gallons of 115/145 aviation gas and 9,371 passengers. The maintenance section completed 202 work orders of which 125 were second echelon, 23 third echelon, 20 in the body shop, 14 in the carburation and ignition shop and 20 in the welding and machine shop.

b. The Utilities Section continued to support the Group in its areas of responsibility during the month of April 1969. The Generator Section assisted Public Works in providing power for the Group, maintaining and repairing generators as required. The Laundry processed 14,000 pounds of bulk laundry and 10,600 pounds of laundry in individual bundles. The Plumbing Shop completed eight work orders, maintained their equipment and issued 527,300 gallons of potable water. One expeditionary bath unit was placed in operation to provide hot water for one of the shower areas. The Engineer Equipment Section supported the Group with forklifts and other items of equipment, which totaled 478 hours on the job operating time. 190 commitments were completed and the equipment was maintained in a satisfactory state. The Carpenter Shop completed bunkers in the Rifle Company area, built a Grease Rack for Motor Transport and began remodeling the Enlisted club ceiling. Additions to the Industrial Relations building were completed and areas were repainted in the Mess hall. The shop completed 73 work orders during the month and work was started on the addition to the Officers Club. The Electric Shop completed 55 work orders and answered 22 trouble calls. The Refrigeration Shop completed 24 work orders and answered 36 trouble calls.

c. Base Services section picked up and disposed of garbage, trash and human waste and maintained sanitary conditions in heads and showers. A 10,000 gallon water storage facility was installed near the H&A-36 hanger to provide water to wash aircraft.

d. Food Services fed an average of 2,050 rations daily. \$930.08 was paid for supernumerary rations.

e. The Post Exchange operated daily, providing merchandise and health and comfort items to base personnel. Total sales for April 1969 amounted to \$85,318.50.

16. Ordnance: The Ordnance Section provided regular support to combat operations. Eight CONEX boxes were acquired to store munitions.

17. Rifle Company: Rifle Company performed its mission of defending sector "A" of the Phu Bai perimeter and conducted day and night patrols. The company is augmented with personnel with various MOS's from each squadron within the Group due to shortages of personnel in the company. There were no fire incidents in sector "A" during the month.

18. Chaplain: The Protestant and Catholic Chaplains conducted religious services for base personnel and participated in civic action projects.

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From: Officer in Charge, Hue/Phu Bai Airbase
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36
 Subj: Command Chronology Report; submission of
 Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1G

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted for the month of April 1969.

a. Aerology Section. Recorded total/average rainfall at Phu Bai for the month is as follows:

- (1) Average - 2.00 inches
- (2) Total - 1.50 inches

b. Crash Crew.

- (1) Administration. Total enlisted strength is 28.
- (2) Training. Driving the M116A1, 2 hours; Fire Drills, 2 hours; Use of Rescue Tools, 2 hours; Operation of TAU, 2 hours.

(3) Responses.

<u>EMERGENCIES</u>	<u>MED-EVAC</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>DEFUELS</u>	<u>WASH-DOWNS</u>	<u>CRASHES</u>
28	30	10	6	2	1

c. Recovery Unit.

- (1) The Recovery Unit was 90% effective.
- (2) There were no arrested landings during April.

d. TAFDS. Fuel dispensed during April.

- (1) 115/145, 112,466 gallons
- (2) JP-4, 596,229 gallons

e. Passenger and Cargo operations.

(1) 15th Aerial Port.

	Inbound	Outbound
Cargo	2565 tons	644 tons
Mail	226 tons	187 tons
Passengers	10,029	11,965
Med-Evac	10	636

(2) VMGR-152. 76 tons outbound cargo.

f. Operations Section.

(1) The Airbase Operations Section has a total of eight (8) 7041's assigned to the Airbase Operations Office.

(2) Due to the critical shortage of ramp qualified personnel, the Airbase Operations Section has augmented four men for ramp duty.

g. Air Control.

(1) Tower Operations, 31,446

(2) Approaches, 2,605

(3) GCA, 913

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