

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 36  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 February 1969 to 28 February 1969

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## 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 Dennis W. WRIGHT  
1-10 February 1969

LtCol Rondell K. WOOD  
11-28 February 1969

2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1969, Phu Bai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
FACILITIES ENGINEER OFFICER

Major William J. SHRINER 1-28Feb69  
Capt. MELVIN E. MCPEAK 1-28Feb69  
1stLt Jay W. CHANCEY 1-18Feb69  
Major William M. PEARCE 19-28Feb69  
1stLt Arthur L. DOMINY III 1-28Feb69  
1stLt Billy B. LANE 1-28Feb69  
2dLt Robert W. THOMAS 1-28Feb69  
1stLt Victor L. SHEPPARD 1-28Feb69  
CWO-2 Carl M. MCBURNEY 1-20Feb69  
2dLt James E. BAILEY 21-28Feb69  
2dLt David L HARRIS 1-28Feb69  
Capt. Louis A. JUAREZ 1-28Feb69  
Capt. Malcolm R. MASSIE JR. 1-28Feb69  
1stLt Gerald W. SYLVESTER 1-28Feb69

UTILITIES OFFICER  
MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER  
TAFDS OFFICER  
FOOD SERVICES OFFICER  
MATERIEL OFFICER

AEREOLOGY OFFICER  
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER  
RIFLE COMPANY COMMANDER  
CRASH CREW OFFICER

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
19	544

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	18

<u>OTHERS</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	0

## PART II

## NARRATIVE 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 - 5  
Hostile - 0
2. Administration: The administrative section provided administrative support and postal services for the squadron and MATCU-68.
3. Personnel strength has risen considerably during the month of February 1969 but not to the point of manning level.
  - a. Joined
    - (1) Officers - 3
    - (2) Enlisted - 69
  - b. Transferred
    - (1) Officers - 2
    - (2) Enlisted - 33
  - c. Temporary additional duty - 10 departed on special leave; 2 departed on TAD in excess of 30 days; 3 departed on emergency leave for a total of 15 personnel to TAD for the month of February 1969.
  - d. Attached - 6 MC Enlisted, 2 Navy Enlisted and 2 Navy Officers.
  - e. Not chargeable - 1 MC Officer, 5 MC Enlisted. 1 MC Officer and 4 MC Enlisted returned from hospitalization.
  - f. Career and Welfare
    - (1) Reenlistments - 3
    - (2) Extension of enlistments - 0
    - (3) Extension of overseas tour - 8
    - (4) Promotions - 1 officer and 14 enlisted
    - (5) Reductions - 2
  - g. Personal Awards
    - (1) Good Conduct Medals - 0
    - (2) Air Medals - 5
    - (3) Purple Hearts - 0
    - (4) 12 End of Tour award recommendations were submitted during the month of February 1969.

4. Civic Action: Seventy man days were engaged in by squadron personnel in civic action activities. Support was provided for the Thuy Luong Refugee Camp. 94 Vietnamese Nationals received treatment during MEDCAPS and 8 Vietnamese Nationals were treated at the Group Dental Clinic.

5. Communications: During February 1969, the Communications Center processed 5,573 incoming messages and 1,292 outgoing messages. The radio section modified a RC-292 antenna to permit the use of three radio sets AN/PRC-25 simultaneously and installed the antenna at Rifle Company. The wire section installed a new cable terminal board on the south side of Phu Bai airfield. The board was designated test point number two and has a capacity for terminating 156 wire lines. 2300 feet of 50 pair telephone cable was used to run the cable from test point number one on the north side of the field to the south side. The cable was placed under the runway through a 12 inch pipe recently installed for this purpose by public works. A 200 foot 25 pair cable was installed from test point number two to test point number three, at the MATCU-68 area located on the south side of the field. This cable is used to service MATCU-68, Hue Approach and the Hue/Phu Bai Tower. Test point two was also connected to Radio Relay equipment by use of 75 feet of 25 pair cable. Additionally, the wire section installed 3000 feet of 5 pair cable connecting the Air Force TACAN equipment located near the west end of the runway to a test point at the MABS-36 motor transport area. This cable will provide direct monitoring of the TACAN equipment by the main site located near the Hue/Phu Bai Tower and provide telephone service between the sites. A 200 foot messenger cable was installed to connect the group supply warehouse with the IMA hanger. Another 800 foot section of messenger cable was installed from telephone poles near the Staff NCO club to Rifle Company. The test point at the technicians shop was completely renovated to provide easy access to the cable terminal strips located in that area. The radio repair section accomplished routine repair and maintenance functions during the month.

6. Weather: Average rainfall at Phu Bai for the month of February is 1.7 inches. Total rainfall for February 1969 was 2.83 inches. Weather during the month had no effect on the accomplishment of the squadron's mission.

7. Medical: 1,100 patients were seen at sick call. 121 physical examinations were conducted and 1,215 immunizations were given. Mobile Construction Battalion 40 commenced construction of a 4000 square foot dispensary. Estimated completion date is 9 April 1969.

8. Dental: 436 patients received dental treatment during February 1969.

9. Air Freight: 222,547 pounds of cargo was processed by Air Freight Section of which 36,895 pounds were incoming and 185,652 pounds outgoing. 256 passengers were manifested to various destinations.

10. Tactical Airfield Fuel Dispensing System: TAFDS section dispensed 505,515 gallons of JP-4 jet fuel and 100,936 gallons of 115/145 aviation gas. On 13 February 1969, three personnel from TAFDS installed and commenced operation of a Helicopter Expedient Refueling System at Landing Zone Lightning.

11. Crash Crew: The Crash Crew section responded to 22 emergencies, 9 defuels, 1 washdown, 27 medical evacuations and 5 fires. No crashes occurred during the month of February at the Hue/Phu Bai airfield.

12. Recovery: The Recovery section performed routine preventive maintenance on equipment. No arrested landings were necessary during February 1969.

13. Operations: In addition to performing normal functions, four operations personnel perform ramp duty due to shortage of qualified ramp personnel.

14. Materiel: The Materiel section provided regular supply support for the squadron during the month of February 1969.

15. Base Services:

a. During February 1969, motor transport vehicles traveled 21,815 miles. The operations section hauled 1,849 tons of cargo, 180,000 gallons of potable and non potable water, 67,359 gallons of diesel fuel, 16,321 gallons of mogas, 8,649 gallons of JP-4 fuel, 52,819 gallons of aviation gas, 63 gallons of aviation oil and 13,683 passengers. The maintenance section completed 193 work orders of which 96 were second echelon, 28 third echelon, 30 in the body shop, 20 in the carburation and ignition shop and 19 in the welding and machine shop.

b. Utilities Section continued to support the group in its areas of responsibility during the month of February. The generator section supplied the Group with electrical power, maintaining and repairing generators as required. A 250 KW generator was shifted to the Tactical Air Crew Quarters, Officer's Club, and FEO lot area to handle the increasing load. An additional 150 KW generator was brought on line to handle the Avionics and Group Supply area. Five expeditionary generators were nominated for rehab. The laundry processed 1,218 individual bundles and 20,845 pounds of bulk laundry for a total of 35,285 pounds of cleaned and laundered gear for the personnel of the group. The Plumbing and Water Supply Section provided hot water in the Group's showers and made repairs on the hot water heaters as necessary. The rehabilitation on the Radiator and bath units began last month and was completed. New pipeline was installed in the messhall scullery. Water was purified and furnished for the messhall and water buffaloes of the group through the expeditionary system on several occasions when the permanent system was down. The electric shop installed 100 fluorescent fixtures throughout the messhall to greatly increase the illumination level of that facility. A pole line was installed from the Utilities lot to the Refuelers lot to allow the Generator Section to take a 20 KW generator off line. Rewiring and load balancing was done in several areas to increase the performance capabilities of the Rifle Company and H&MS Paraloft generators. Minor electrical repairs and installations were completed throughout the base. The Refrigeration Section conducted preventive maintenance and made repairs on expeditionary units as required. Two ME-10's were pulled from the messhall, replaced by standby units, and rehabilitated in the shop. Air conditioners throughout the base were maintained and repaired as required. The Carpenter Shop fabricated 230 embarkation boxes for the group. 61 miscellaneous work requests were completed. In addition, a generator shed was constructed for Communications Section, the steps and railings were repaired on five barracks, a shop area was constructed for the Generator Section, and the old "O" Club was dismantled. The Engineer Equipment Section supported the Group with equipment as required. Extensive repairs were completed on one 6,000 lb. RT forklift. Two 6,000 lb. RT forklifts and the Bay City crane were nominated for survey, and three decontamination units were sent to the maintenance balance program.

c. Base Services Section picked-up and disposed of garbage, trash and human waste and maintained sanitary conditions in heads and showers.

d. Food Services fed an average of 1800 personnel for the breakfast meal, 2,200 personnel for lunch and 2,200 personnel for the dinner meal. \$1,236.23 was paid for supernumery rations.

e. The Post Exchange operated daily, providing merchandise and health and comfort items to base personnel. Total sales for February 1969 amounted to \$81,000.00.

16. Ordnance: The Ordnance Section provided regular support to combat operations. A new site for an ammunition storage area has been surveyed. The storage area will have an eight module ammunition storage capability with construction of the area scheduled to commence in March 1969. One storage module, with blast wall, was completed during the month to increase ready storage capabilities. A pallet hoisting sling was fabricated for use with the M-60 crane to handle palletized ammunition. The sling is being used in lieu of a Rough Terrain Forklift.

17. Rifle Company: Rifle Company performed mission of defending sector "4" of Phu Bai perimeter and conducted day and night patrols outside the perimeter. The company is augmented with personnel with numerous MOS's from each squadron in the group due to a shortage of personnel in the Company.