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Marine Air Control Group-18
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group-18

Subj: Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) WGO 5750.1C

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, MASS-3, 1 - 31 August 1967

1. In accordance with reference (a), the MASS-3 Command Chronology for 1 - 31 August 1967 is submitted as enclosure (1).
2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U)

Marine Air Support Squadron-Three

1 - 31 August 1967

Chu Lai, RVN

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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (U) Commanding Officer LtCol Gordon D. McPherson
Executive Officer Maj John C. Dixon
Operations Officer Maj Charles D. Goddard
Comm-Elect Officer Capt Thomas O. J. Farr
Services Officer Capt James A. Vollendorf
Supply Officer Capt Otto G. Linden
Administrative Officer 2ndLt William R. Burlingame
2. (C) Marine Air Support Squadron-Three, Chu Lai, RVN
 - a. CP, DASC (Landshark "Alpha") and ASRT (King Lear "Bravo") Chu Lai, RVN
 - b. ASRT (King Lear "Alpha") Dong Ha, RVN
 - c. Mobile DASC (Landshark "Yankee") Hill #29, RVN, 11 - 28 August 1967.
3. (C) 31 Officers and 194 Enlisted

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1. (C) The month of August proved to be a busy one for the squadron. The ASRT's dropped over 2,000 tons of ordnance, breaking the old squadron record of 1,760 tons set in March 1967. The squadron also fielded the Mobile DASC after several months of inactivity.

The DASC and ASRT at Chu Lai continued to provide support for allied forces in the southern I Corps Tactical Zone. On 8 August, the squadron deployed to participate in a joint USMC-ARVN search and destroy operation (COCHISE) in the Tam Ky-Hiep Duc-Thong Binh area. Although initial plans called only for a HDC it became apparent that our Mobile DASC was required for this regimental sized venture. Accordingly on 10 August, the Mobile DASC (Landshark "Yankee") was dispatched to Hill 29 by convoy and participated in COCHISE during the period 11 - 28 August 1967. The DASC handled its peak traffic during the heli-lifts of up to three battalions with supporting artillery.

Meanwhile at Dong Ha, ASRT King Lear "Alpha" continued to support DMZ operations in an increasingly hostile environment. Commencing 28 August 1967, the ASRT was subjected to daily shelling and despite several close misses, both personnel and equipment are still operating effectively.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (C) Air Operations. Air Support operations are summarized below:

DASC

	<u>A</u>	<u>Y</u>
Fixed Wing Missions Controlled	236	181
Helo Missions Controlled	544	332

ASRT

	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"B"</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	549	232	781
Targets Hit	797	550	1347
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	1699.125	597.125	2290.25

2. Inspections. The MT section received the highest rating achieved by a unit in country during a recent visit by FMFPac MT Maintenance/Supply Contact Team. See Appendix A.

3. Civic Action. As of this date MASS-3 has several anticipated projects. Aside from our continuous efforts with regard to well improvements and medical assistance, we are now seeking to establish a small dispensary within the hamlet itself. Both the Commanding Officer and the Civic Action Officer have discussed this matter with hamlet officials. The possibility of road construction has also been discussed and is now being resolved among the hamlet officials. Finally the possibility of a public shower unit has been presented to hamlet representatives. However, due to the scope and concept of this project, further discussion and planning will be necessary in the near future.

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PART IV - DOCUMENTATION

1. Appendix A -- MASS-3 SqdnBul 11000 over 6:GDM:dlo dtd 31 Aug 1967.

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Marine Wing Headquarters Group-1
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

SqdnBul 11000
6:GEM:dlo
31 Aug 1967

SQUADRON BULLETIN 11000

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Results of FMFPac Motor Transport Inspection

Ref: (a) OinC FMFPac Motor TransMaint/Supply Contact Asst Team ltr
of 25Aug67

1. Purpose. To promulgate information concerning the results of the FMFPAC Motor Transport Maintenance/Supply Contact Assistance Team visit, as contained in reference (a).

2. Background. The FMFPAC Team is charged with the responsibility of visiting, instructing, and examining FMFPAC unit motor transport operations and administration throughout FMFPAC. This team visited MASS-3 on 24-25 August 1967, having previously visited some 150 other units.

2. Information. The summary statement of the results of the FMFPAC Team visit, as stated in reference (a), is quoted below:

"Considering approximately 150 units visited during this cycle and all the following factors involved, (Size of units, amounts of personnel and/or vehicles, tools and/or equipment location/facilities, etc.), it is without the slightest doubt/reservation that this command has the most exceptional operational Marine Corps Motor Transport Facility visited by this team In-Country. Command interest, Motor Transport Personnel's managerial capabilities, coupled with initiative, motivation and determination is responsible for this fine achievement and should be an inspiration/example to all Commands/Motor Transport Personnel In-Country. It was a pleasure for this instruction team to visit this unit. The attention and cooperation given this team by the Motor Transport Personnel was excellent."

4. Action. The contents of this bulletin will be brought to the attention of all hands as an indication of the results that can be achieved by hard-working, professional Marines and as a tribute to the Squadron Motor Transport Section which deserves a "well-done" for its accomplishments.

5. Self-cancellation. 15 September 1967.


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Appendix A