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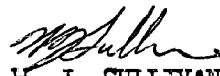
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, MASS-3, 1 - 31 May 1968

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the MASS-3 command chronology for May 1968 is submitted as enclosure (1).

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

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U)

MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3

1 - 31 May 1968

Chu Lai, RVN

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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

(U) Commanding Officer LtCol Johnny O. GREGERSON  
 Executive Officer Maj William J. SULLIVAN  
 Operations Officer Maj George B. TOWNSEND, Jr.  
 Comm-Elec Officer Capt Charlton H. BLANKS  
 Services Officer Capt Donald C. ALFORD III 14May-31May  
 Supply Officer Capt James A. VOLIENDORF 1May-13May  
 Administrative Officer 1st Lt William C. HUNDLEY  
 Capt George F. WARD, Jr.

(C) Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Chu Lai, RVN.  
 a. CP, Chu Lai, RVN  
 b. DASC One, ASRT Alfa and ASRT Charlie, DaNang, RVN  
 c. DASC Two and ASRT Bravo, Khe Sanh, RVN  
 (C) 34 officers and 183 enlisted

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PART II - SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

During May, MASS-3's detachments in Khe Sanh and Da Nang continued to pull heavy work loads. The vigorous efforts of our men in the Chu Lai based Squadron CP resulted in a minimum of equipment down time, marked improvements in the living conditions of those deployed to Khe Sanh and allowed the detachments to continue concentrating on their primary missions without being taxed by support problems.

The operations of the DASC and ASRT in Khe Sanh picked up in the latter half of May. After the lull which followed operation PEGASUS, the 1st Marines working under Task Force Hotel assumed a highly mobile offensive posture. The end of May witnessed the addition of an Army Helo Recon Company to operate in the SCOTLAND II AO. At the same time several additional artillery pieces were brought in and a counter-battery fire operation (DRUM FIRE) was launched. Although both of these events, when added to the already active ground operations, further intensified the problems of tactical air control, the detachment was able to cope with the new requirements without any additional personnel. Khe Sanh continues to take a significant number of mixed incoming rounds. Our total of WIA's rose to eight when a LCpl was hit by shrapnel while in route to Khe Sanh.

With the advent of operations ALLEN BROOK on the 4th and MAMALUKE THRUST on the 18th, May brought our Da Nang detachment's activity to the highest level since the TET offensive. On 5 May the DASC controlled 52 separate Med-Evac missions alone. There was a marked increase in the volume of F/W sorties and numerous significant BDA's were turned in throughout the month. The contact in the 1st MAR DIV's TAOR was such that all operations continued past their estimated dates of completion. The Da Nang DASC added one more man to each crew and a new HD net (UHF) to handle the additional traffic. To replace the ASRT which left country for return to Okinawa in April, system A-12 was transferred from Mass-2's Dong Ha detachment to Hill 327 in Da Nang on 24 May. The MASS-3 ASRT "Charlie" will serve as both a back up for ASRT "Alfa" and as a source for parts in the event the parts needed to bring any of the sets in I Corps back up are not available elsewhere within MACG-18.

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS(C) Operations. Air support operations for the month:DASC

|                     | <u>Da Nang</u> | <u>Khe Sanh</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Fixed-wing missions | 1614           | 901             | 2515         |
| Helo missions       | 730            | 141             | 871          |
| Med-evac missions   | 667            | 124             | 791          |

ASRT

|                         | <u>Alfa</u> | <u>Bravo</u> | <u>Charlie</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Bombing missions        | 370         | 313          | 10             | 693          |
| Targets hit             | 678         | 296          | 12             | 986          |
| Ordnance dropped (tons) | 1137.69     | 1554.40      | 17.02          | 2709.11      |

2. (U) System operational hours as of 31 May

|                         | <u>Alfa</u>        | <u>Bravo</u>          | <u>Charlie</u>        |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total operational hours | <u>A-9</u><br>2053 | <u>A-17</u><br>14,759 | <u>A-12</u><br>19,450 |
| Hours since rehab       | 10,535             | 9,925                 | 14,916                |
| Hours during May        | 648                | 645                   | 560                   |

3. (U) Squadron participation in operations

| <u>Operation</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Agency</u>                        |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| SCOTLAND II      | 15 Apr 68 - | Khe Sanh DASC and ASRT "B"           |
| ALLEN BROOK      | 4 May 68 -  | Da Nang DASC and ASRT's "A"<br>& "C" |
| MAMALUKE THRUST  | 18 May 68 - | -do-                                 |

4. (U) Civic action. 129 adults and 391 children were treated by MASS-3 med-caps. Two Vietnamese nationals were taken to the 27th Surgical Company for intensive treatment. Thirty-five sheets of tin were delivered to Trung Toan's Hamlet chief for use on public buildings. Twelve students from Trung Toan and Sam Hai Hamlets are being supported by the General Walt Scholarship. Recreation was provided 190 children at Chu Lai beach.

5. Compound improvements. The entire cantonment was completely rewired by Chu Lai public works.

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