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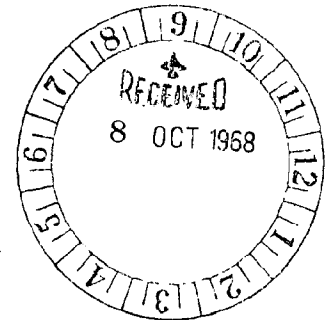
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U)
MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3
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Chu Lai, RVN

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Part I Organizational Data

1. (U) Commanding Officer 1-11 Sep 68 LtCol Johnny O. CRUGERSON
 12-30 Sep 68 Maj William J. SULLIVAN
- Executive Officer 1-13 Sep 68 Maj Carey S. HUGHES
- Operations Officer 1-15 Sep 68 Maj George B. TOWNSEND, Jr.
 16-30 Sep 68 Capt Kenneth P. CLARENDON
- Services Officer 1-27 Sep 68 1st/Lt Thomas H. HAGAN
 28-30 Sep 68 Capt Charles W. FISH
- Administrative Officer 1-30 Sep 68 1st/Lt John A. HODGES
- OIC, MASS-3 Det. #1, 1-9 Sep 68 Maj Myrl S. ENGEL, Jr.
 Da Nang 10-30 Sep 68 Maj Kenneth L. SCARBOROUGH
- OIC, MASS-3 Det. #2, 1-10 Sep 68 Maj William J. SULLIVAN
 Vandegrift 11-30 Sep 68 Maj Myrl S. ENGEL, Jr.
2. (C) Marine Air Support Squadron - 3, Chu Lai, RVN
- a. CP, Chu Lai ASRT Alfa, Chu Lai, RVN
- b. Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT Alfa, Da Nang ASRT Bravo, Da Nang, RVN
- c. Vandegrift DASC, Vandegrift Combat Base, RVN
- (U) Average monthly strength of squadron:
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|-----------------|-----|
| Marine Officers | 43 |
| Marine Enlisted | 177 |
| Naval Officers | 0 |
| Naval Enlisted | 2 |

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Part II Narrative Summary

(C) During the month of September, Da Nang ASRT "A" reported 12 secondary explosions while conducting their TPQ-10 bomb drops. In addition, the Da Nang ASRT "A" had its bomb drops adjusted by an A/O spotter to completely destroy a 37 millimeter AA site west of Da Nang. This ASRT is averaging 40 targets hit and controlling fifteen aircraft per day.

The First Marine Division has given the Da Nang detachment the added responsibility of manning an additional fighting hole for its perimeter defense, making a total of five.

During the last week in September, Da Nang ASRT "B" received a TPQ-10 system A-15 replacing their previous set (A-12), which was the oldest TPQ-10 in Viet Nam. After assembling the set, the technicians will perform computer alignments and gear train checks on the system.

Major problems continued in the Chu Lai TPQ until a new antenna was obtained from MASS-2. The system (redesignated A-7 vice A-17) is now operating well. The major reason for the relative inactivity of this ASRT is getting enough targets from the Army FSE, and then getting enough Marine Corps aircraft to hit these targets. Several secondary explosions were reported by Chu Lai ASRT "A" during September and when the aircraft came up with a workable beacon (ARW-67) aboard, targets in excess of 30 miles from the ASRT were able to be hit.

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Part III - Significant Events

1. (C) Operations. Air Support Operations for the month of September.

DASC

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>Vandegrift</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Fixedwing Missions	1579	1027	2606
Helo Missions	772	250	1022
Med-Evac Missions	819	509	1328

ASRT

	<u>Chu Lai "A"</u>	<u>Da Nang "A"</u>	<u>Da Nang "B"</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Bombing Missions	36	360	83	479
Targets Hit	48	705	155	908
Visual Targets	Ø	24	Ø	24
Ordance Dropped (Tons)	122.57	1135.01	236.30	1493.88
Sorties	45	437	100	582

2. (U) MASS-3 units participated in the following operations during September.

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
MAINELOCE THRUST	1-30 Sep	Da Nang DASC, ASRT "A" & "B"
SCOTLAND II	1-30 Sep	Vandegrift DASC
WHEELOCK - WALLOWA	1-30 Sep	Chu Lai ASRT "A"
TASK FORCE GALLOWAY	1-30 Sep	Chu Lai ASRT "A"
BURLINGTON TRAIL	1-30 Sep	Chu Lai ASRT "A"

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3 (U) Personnel

On 12 September Major William J. SULLIVAN relieved Lt Col Johnny O. GREGGISON as Commanding Officer of Marine Air Support Squadron 3. The change of command ceremony was held at the MASS-3 headquarters area in Chu Lai. Among the guests attending the change in command ceremony were the Commanding Officer of Marine Air Control Group 13, Col FRIES, as well as the Commanding Officer of the Chu Lai air base, Col CARPENTER.

4. (U) Civic Action

During the month of Sep, MASS-3 Med Cap treated 171 children and 39 adults.

On 3 Sep 12 scholarships were awarded to children in Trung Toan and Sam Hai Hamlets.

Cement and gravel were donated for well improvement and house construction.

One hundred dental kits were distributed to hamlet children. The MASS-3 Civic Action Officer met with hamlet officials to discuss future projects, notably the installment of a pump on the hamlet's main well.

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