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Subj: Command Chronology

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 (b) GruO 5750.11

Encl: ✓ (1) Command Chronology, MASS-3, 1-30 April 1969

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the MASS-3 Command Chronology for April 1969 is submitted as enclosure (1).

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3  
1-30 April 1969  
Chu Lai, RVN

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(U) Commanding Officer 1-30 Apr 69 Lt Col William H. JACKSON JR.  
 Executive Officer 1-30 Apr 69 Maj Jerry D. ODEN  
 Operations Officer 1-30 Apr 69 Maj Donald S. CREEL JR.  
 Services Officer 1-30 Apr 69 Capt Marvin L. CREEL  
 Admin. Officer 1-30 Apr 69 1st/Lt John A. HODGES  
 OIC, MASS-3 Det. 1-30 Apr 69 Maj Donald R. HUFFMAN  
 #1 Danang

(C) Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Chu Lai, RVN

- a. CP, Chu Lai ASRT, Chu Lai, RVN, 1-30 April 69
- b. Danang DASC, Danang ASRT, Danang, RVN, 1-30 April 69
- c. An Hoa ASRT, An Hoa, RVN, 1-30 April 69

(U) Average monthly strength of squadron:

Marine Officers	38
Marine Enlisted	200
Naval Officers	Ø
Naval Enlisted	2

(U) No VIP's visited the squadron during April.

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(C) During the month of April 1969 MASS-3 continued to provide close air support and coordination for elements of the First Marine Division in operations OKLAHOMA HILLS and VICTORY DRAGON 10. The Americal Division was supported in operations RUSSEL BEACH and GENEVA PARK.

On 1 and 2 April 1969 Danang and An Hoa ASRT's controlled aircraft which dropped 10,000 lb. bombs for the purpose of Landing Zone preparation. Six total drops were made, four by An Hoa ASRT and two by Danang ASRT. These drops succeeded in clearing the desired Landing Zone sites as well as giving the controllers involved valuable training.

There was a slight decrease in the volume of aircraft controlled and ordnance dropped by all three ASRT's during the month of April. This was attributed to apparent reduction in enemy activity during this period. Short periods of operational down time were sustained by the Chu Lai and Danang ASRT's due to air conditioner failures.

Danang DASC continued to provide effective control and coordination of aircraft operating in the First Marine Division tactical area of responsibility. Although there was a slight reduction in fixed-wing aircraft handled, medical evacuation missions increased significantly over the previous month.

The Purple Heart awards were given for injuries sustained during an enemy attack along the Danang Detachment perimeter on 23-24 Feb 1969.

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1. The following personnel received the Purple Heart Medal from Major General C. J. QUILTER at Danang, RVN, on 5 April 1969.

- (1) BRUXVOORT, Harlan G. 1st/Lt 0104538
- (2) YALE, Richard S. GySgt 1168486
- (3) JOHNSON, Howard D. Sgt 1988243
- (4) GARDNER, Richard E. Sgt 2178060
- (5) SHEEHAN, Timothy D. Sgt 2240154
- (6) LINDSEY, Rodney P. Pvt 2392050

2. (C) Operations; Air Support Operations for the month of April:

DASC  
Danang 1-30 April 1969

Fixed Wing Missions	1,374
Helo Missions	704
Med-Evac Missions	908

	<u>ASRT 1-30 April inclusive</u>		<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Danang</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>		
Bombing Missions	202	215	236	653
Targets Hit	352	385	417	1154
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance dropped (tons)	772.3	756.75	957.58	2486.63
Sorties	221	237	265	723

3. System operating hours as of 30 April 1969:

	<u>Danang</u> (Float)	<u>Danang</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>
	<u>A-12</u>	<u>A-11</u>	<u>A-7</u>	<u>A-1</u>
Total operating hours	0	5,059.9	21,660	*10,324.73
Hours since rehab.	0	659.5	17,226	10,324.73
Hours during April	0	461.55	615	500.43

\*Reflects only hours of operations with MASS-3

4. (U) MASS-3 units participated in the following operations during the month of April:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Russell Beach	1-30 Apr	Chu Lai ASRT
Geneva Park	1-30 Apr	" " "
Oklahoma Hills	1-30 Apr	An Hoa ASRT, Danang DASC, An Hoa ASRT
Victory Dragon	1-30 Apr	" " " " " " "

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During the month of April the MASS-3 Civic Action Team spent a total of 35 man-days engaged in civic action activities. MASS-3 Medcap treated 139 Vietnamese outpatients and evacuated 2 Vietnamese to military hospital facilities for inpatient care. Seven (7) pounds of soap was given out with the Medcap.

Plans and material estimates for a new Trung Toan Public School were revised and resubmitted to hamlet and village officials for approval.

Two wells in Trung Toan Hamlet were selected for installation of covers and handpumps. Installation of one cover and pump was completed. Materials valued at \$6000 VN were provided from military resources. One hundred twenty (120) children were shown movies at the MASS-3 CP. Two beach parties were given for a total of eighty (80) Vietnamese children. Refreshments were provided by MASS-3 for all movies and parties.

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