

MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3  
Marine Air Control Group 18  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group 18 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.10  
(b) GruO 5750.1

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

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the MASS-3 Command Chronology for June 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 June 1969

Chu Lai, RVN

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**CONFIDENTIAL**Part I Organizational Data

- (U) Commanding Officer 1-30 June 1969 Lt Col William H. JACKSON JR.  
 Executive Officer 1-30 June 1969 Maj. Jerry D. ODEN  
 Operations Officer 1-30 June 1969 Maj Donald R. HUFFMAN  
 Services Officer 1-30 June 1969 Capt Marvin L. CREEEL  
 Admin Officer 1-30 June 1969 1st/Lt John A. HODGES  
 OIC, MASS-3 Det. 1-30 June 1969 Maj Donald S. CREAL JR.  
 #1 Da Nang
- (C) Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Chu Lai, RVN  
 a. CP, Chu Lai ASRT, Chu Lai, RVN, 1-30 June 1969  
 b. Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang, RVN, 1-30 June 1969  
 c. An Hoa ASRT, An Hoa, RVN, 1-30 June 1969
- (U) Average monthly strength of squadron:  
 Marine Officers: 40  
 Marine Enlisted 182  
 Naval Officers:  $\emptyset$   
 Naval Enlisted 2
- (U) On 12 June to 14 June the squadron command post was visited by Maj AUSTIN from Group S-3.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**Part II Narrative Summary

(C) During the month of June 1969, MASS-3 continued to provide close air support and coordination for elements of the 1st Marine Division in operations PIPESTONE CANYON. Chu Lai ASRT supported the Americal Division in operations RUSSEL BEACH, KENTUCKY JUMPER, GENEVA PARK, IRON MOUNTAIN, AND LAMAR PLAIN.

In the month of June seven officers attended a 5 day orientation brief at TADC and TAOC. Six officers also participated in a two day orientation with Regimental and Battalion Air Liason Officers from the 5th Marine Regiment.

The month of June was similar to May in the number of fixed wing, helo and Med-evac missions. Numbers of AN/TPQ-10 missions, targets and ordnance dropped was less than in May due to a drop in the number of Air Craft scheduled to work with our ASRT's

Radar availability was still high for MASS-3 AN/TPQ-10's and slightly higher than in May with an average of 86%. Chu Lai ASRT still had the greatest availability of the three ASRT's with 95%.

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## Part III Significant Events

## 1. (C) Operations: Air Support Operations for the month of June:

<u>Da Nang 1-30 June 1969</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>DASC</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>USN</u>			
Fixed Wing Missions	1507	10	245	80	1842
Helo Missions	756	Ø	Ø	Ø	756
Med-Evacs	648	Ø	Ø	Ø	648

ASRT 1-30 June 1969 Inclusive (USMC)

	<u>DaNang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing Missions	222	172	177	571
Targets Hit	355	293	338	986
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	789.87	697.23	687.92	2,175.02
Sorties	246	185	188	619

ASRT 1-30 June 1969 Inclusive (USAF)

	<u>DaNang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing Missions	9	3	22	34
Targets Hit	10	3	26	39
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	23.95	10.12	51.45	85.52
Sorties	13	5	29	47

ASRT 1-30 June 1969 Inclusive (USN)

	<u>DaNang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing Missions	19	16	12	47
Targets Hit	30	25	17	72
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	63.78	54.67	47.60	166.05
Sorties	31	35	23	89

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	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing Missions	250	191	211	652
Targets Hit	395	321	381	1097
Ordnance Dropped (tons)	877.60	762.02	786.97	2426.59
Sorties	290	225	240	755

## 2. System Operating hours as of 30 June 1969:

	<u>Da Nang</u> (Float)	<u>Da Nang</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	∅	6,240	22,998	*11,453
Hours since Rehab.	∅	1,839	18,564	11,453
Hours during June	∅	583	641	529

\* Reflects only hours of operations with MASS-3

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

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Agency</u>
RUSSELL BEACH	1-30 June	Chu Lai ASRT
KENTUCKY JUMPER	1-30 June	" " "
GENEVA PARK	1-30 June	" " "
IRON MOUNTAIN	1-30 June	" " "
LAMAR PLAIN	1-30 June	" " "
PIPESTONE CANYON	1-30 June	An Hoa ASRT, Da Nang DASC and ASRT

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The MASS-3 Civic Action Program in the Trung Toan Hamlet was begun 1 June, 1967 and ended 1 July, 1969. During these 25 months the following accomplishments were achieved:

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  1. Men, women, and children out-patients numbered 8,222 and were medically treated by the MEDCAP team.
  2. Numerous out-patients who suffered major illnesses such as breast cancer, tuberculosis or pneumonia were evacuated to 312th Evac or the 27th Surgical Hospitals for treatment and cure.
  3. Over 500 Plague shots and a variety of other immunizations were administered by the MEDCAP; 2,300 bars of face soap and 1,300 bars of laundry soap were distributed; 500 dental-aid kits and health items were distributed also as a part of the health and hygenic program of the MEDCAP.
  4. The following materials and supplies were provided to the hamlet for construction of the following projects:
    - a. More than 100 bags of cement, 50 sheets of tim and a large amount of gravel were provided for self-help projects.
    - b. A chain type fence was built enclosing the Trung Toan school.
    - c. A cement block Dispensary and adjacent well were built to provide a medical facility for the hamlet.
    - d. Three well pumps with well covers were installed on Trung Toan wells.
    - e. Road construction and improvements in the form of grading, leveling and the improvement of a small bridge were accomplished.
  5. School supplies for the Trung Toan children were donated to the Trung toan school; Clothes and farm tools were handed out to the hamlet people.
  6. Solatium payments of over 6,000 \$ VN were given to the Trung Toan hamlet people who were victims of accidents involving U. S. Armed Forces personnel.
  7. General Walt Scholarships in the amount of 120,000 \$ VN were given to the Trung Toan needy and deserving children of the hamlet.
  8. 22,300 \$ VN were donated by CONUS organizations and MASS-3 personnel as "Tet" gifts to the hamlet people.
  9. The Trung Toan hamlet people were shown new farming techniques to increase their farm yeild.

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10. The children of Trung Toan hamlet were treated on numerous Sundays to beach outings and movies while being refreshed with ice cream and soft drinks.

Much of the materials and supplies donated by MASS-3 were received from CONUS organizations. These contributing organizations were rewarded with certificates of appreciation for their donations and with the knowledge that their contributions were benefitting those less fortunate. In summary MASS-3 Civic Action Program, while not being a supplier of materials or construction of many large projects, did achieve success with its program. The trust, confidence, faith and understanding by the Trung Toan Hamlet people of American service personnel was greatly improved while through Civic Action efforts, hamlet life was improved creating higher morale in the people for their own government and the course of the war.

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