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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 Chroology, MASS-3, 1-31 July 1969

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

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

*W. H. Jackson Jr.*  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Marine Air Support Squadron 3

1-31 July 1969

Chu Lai, RVN

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Part I Organizational Data

(U) Commanding Officer 1-31 July 1969 Lt Col William H. JACKSON JR.  
 Executive Officer 1-31 July 1969 Maj. Jerry D. ODEN  
 Operations Officer 1-31 July 1969 Maj. Donald R. HUFFMAN  
 Services Officer 1-31 July 1969 Capt Marvin L. CREEEL  
 Admin Officer 1-31 July 1969 1st/Lt Wilkes R. MORGAN  
 OIC, MASS-3, Det. #1 Da Nang 1-31 July 1969 Maj Donald S. CREEL JR.

(C) Marine Air Support Squadron 3, Chu Lai, RVN  
 a. CP, Chu Lai ASRT, Chu Lai, RVN, 1-31 July 1969  
 b. Da Nang BASC, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang, RVN, 1-31 July 1969  
 c. An Hoa ASRT, An Hoa, RVN, 1-31 July 1969

(U) Average monthly strength of squadron:

Marine Officers 40  
 Marine Enlisted 170  
 Naval Officers 0  
 Naval Enlisted 2

(U) On 14 July to 15 July the squadron command post was visited by Col Fries, Col Dunwiddie, Lt Quilter and Master and SgtMaj Williams From MACG-18

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(C) During the Month of July MASS-3 continued to provide close air support for elements of the 1st Marine Division in operations PIPESTONE CANYON, DURHAM PEAK, AND MIGHTY PLAY. Chu Lai ASRT supported the Americal Division in operations GENEVA PARK, NANTUCKET BEACH, BRAVE ARAMADA, FREDRICK HILL, and RUSSEL BEACH.

The month of July has been a month of transition for MASS-3. The Squadron C.P. is to be moved in August and preparations are in progress for elements to be embarked whenever final notification of the exact time and place has been received. Elements of Det. "A" on Hill 200 are to be moved to Hill 327. Chu Lai ASRT will be moved to a site some two miles south of its present location to be collocated with MAG-12. Facilities have been obtained, a cement antenna pad poured, bunker constructed and elements of the Chu Lai ASRT team equipment already emplaced in the new site. It is to be operational in the new site on 3 August 1969.

During the month of July MASS-3 operations personnel took part in briefing the new CO's of MAG-13, MWSG-17 and the pilots of MAG-13. These briefs were part of a bigger brief given by MACG-18 on Air Control facilities in Viet Nam.

The daily newspaper is still being received on an infrequent, haphazard, nondependable basis. We are hoping this situation will change when we arrive in Da Nang.

Sergeants Howard J. Johnson and Richard Gardner were awarded the Bronze Star medal on 27 July 1969 by Col. DUNWIDDIE, Commanding Officer Marine Air Control Group 18. First Lieutenant Wilkes R. MORGAN and Sergeant Timothy O. SHEEHAN were awarded the Silver Star Medal on 29 July 1969 by Lieutenant General BUSE, Commanding General Fleet Marine Force Pacific.

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## Part III Significant Events

## 1. (c) Operations: Air Support Operations for the month of July:

## DASC

<u>Da Nang 1-31 July 1969</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fixed Wing Missions	1338	22	207	67	1634
Helo Missions	756	Ø	Ø	Ø	756
Med-Evacs	667	Ø	Ø	Ø	667

ASRT 1-31 July 1969 Inclusive (USMC)

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing Missions	86	325	167	578
Targets Hit	157	523	324	1004
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	355.90	1230.50	629.53	2215.93
Sorties	92	352	173	617

ASRT 1-31 July 1969 Inclusive (USAF)

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing Missions	Ø	16	18	34
Targets Hit	Ø	20	21	41
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	Ø	65.62	55.70	121.32
Sorties	Ø	25	24	49

ASRT 1-31 July 1969 Inclusive (USN)

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing Missions	4	14	6	24
Targets Hit	4	16	14	34
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	9.58	48.18	18.76	76.52
Sorties	8	30	13	51

ASRT 1-31 July 1969 Inclusive (RAF)

	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing Missions	Ø	Ø	1	1
Targets Hit	Ø	Ø	1	1
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	Ø	Ø	2.46	2.46
Sorties	Ø	Ø	1	1

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	<u>Da Nang</u>	<u>An Hoa</u>	<u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Bombing Missions	90	355	192	637
Targets Hit	161	559	360	1080
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	365.48	1344.30	706.45	2416.23
Sorties	100	407	211	718

## 2. System Operating hours as of 31 July 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	Ø	6,633	23,742	*12,197
Hours since Rehab	Ø	2,232	19,308	12,197
Hours during July	Ø	393	744	744

\* Reflects only hours of operations with MASS-3

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

Operation	Date	Agency
GENEVA PARK	1-31 July 1969	Chu Lai ASRT
NANTUCKET BEACH	1-31 July 1969	" " "
BRAVE ARMADA	1-31 July 1969	" " "
FREDERICK HILL	1-31 July 1969	" " "
RUSSELL BEACH	1-31 July 1969	" " "
PIPESTONE CANYON	1-31 July 1969	Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT, and An Hoa ASRT
MIGHTY PLAY 10	10-20 July 1969	" " " " " " "
BURHAM PEAK	20-31 July 1969	" " " " " " "

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