

MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON-3  
Marine Air Control Group-3818  
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron-3,  
1-30 September, 1969

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Marine Air Support Squadron-3 Command Chronology for September, 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 September 1969

Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

(U) 1. Commanders and Staff Officers for the reporting period include:

Commanding Officer	1-11 Sep	LtCol William H. JACKSON JR.
	12-30 Sep	LtCol John H. DUBOIS
Executive Officer	1-22 Sep	Maj Jerry D. ODEN
	23-30 Sep	Maj PASQUALE J. FLORIO
Administrative Officer	1-30 Sep	1stLt Wilkes R. MORGAN
Operations Officer	1-30 Sep	Maj Donald R. HUFFMAN
Services Officer	1-30 Sep	Maj Charles R. KEITH

(C) 2. Marine Air Support Squadron-3, Da Nang, RVN

- a. CP, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang DASC, Da Nang, RVN 1-30 Sep 69
- b. An Hoa ASRT, An Hoa, RVN 1-30 Sep 69
- c. Chu Lai ASRT, Chu Lai, RVN 1-30 Sep 69

(U) 3. Average monthly strength of Squadron:

Marine Officers	46
Marine Enlisted	226
Naval Officers	0
Naval Enlisted	2

(U) 4. Major General THRASH toured the Command Post and Da Nang DASC ON 12 September 1969.

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of September, MASS-3 continued to provide control and coordination for fixed wing and helicopter missions in support of III MAF operations.

Due to intensive fighting in the Que Son Mountains, it was necessary to constitute a second medevac package which is scrambled from LZ Baldy. Communications, especially in the Que Son Mountains, were a continuous problem. TAR-1 (HF) and TAR-4 (FM) nets are now being utilized relieving the overcrowded Helicopter RIO (FM) net. The GRC-48 and the PRC-25 proved to be the most reliable radios during this period.

MASS-3 deployed a Helicopter Direction Center at LZ Ryder to aid helicopter operations at Antenna Valley. The four man detachment will remain until the termination of the operation. Helicopter lanes were established between DaNang and An Hoa. By utilizing the lanes, the aircraft have prearranged artillery clearance.

A number of communication violations have resulted in more stringent security regulations. Color codes and mike designators are now used exclusively for passing FM and UHF frequencies.

Construction on a new DASC area has been started near the 1st Marine Division Fire Support Coordination Center. Prime consideration in developing the new area is physical and functional following of a model DASC as outlined in FMFM 7-3 and other regulatory directives.

DANang and An Hoa ASRT's have been receiving an increasing number of targets from 1st Marine Division G-2. These targets are the results of various forms of intelligence; agent reports, Chu Hoi statements, and aerial observer debriefs.

Squadron representatives took part in various briefings throughout the month of September. Pilots of both fixed wing and helicopter Groups were briefed on the role of MACG-18 in air control operations.

The Services Section was very busy during the month with the completion of the new addition to the mess hall and the near completion of bulldozer work in the command post. The new addition to the mess hall will provide much needed space and should relieve the meal time congestion. The base of our new LZ is complete and ready to be covered with matting.

MACG-18 Utilities Section sent GySgt JAMES and a crew of three men to Hill 327 to help renovate the hooches. They have been very active leveling, re-enforcing, and placing new screen to the hooches. Since MASS-3 presently has only three men assigned to utilities, this help was greatly appreciated.

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The organization of each section into a reaction squad has eliminated confusion, and insured that each man is aware of his responsibilities. Each reaction squad musters in an assigned area when the siren sounds either condition I or II. The OIC of each squad reports to the guard shack to receive a report on the tactical situation, while the SNCO in each team receives the muster.

MASS-3 has 36 infantry troops assigned to augment our own personnel in performing the security function. In addition to standing bunker watches in the evening, these men form working parties to improve the security conditions on the hill. During the month of September two days of GMS training were held to familiarize everyone with all weapons we have on hand, as well as the supporting arms which are available to us. To supplement these classes, guard school is conducted each evening to pass on additional instructions and also to answer any questions that may exist.

The Squadron Civic Action program for the month of September was limited to liaison and cooperation with the MACG-18 Civic Action team in its endeavors. Coordination between MASS-3 corpsmen and the MACG-18 Medical Officer is currently underway to begin a Squadron MedCap program in Hoi An hamlet. Thirty sheets of tin were given to the MACG-18 Civic Action team to be used in construction projects in and around the working area of Hoi An hamlet.

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PART III  
 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. A Change of Command ceremony was conducted 12 September 1969 with Lieutenant Colonel John H. DUBOIS relieving Lieutenant Colonel W. H. JACKSON JR.
2. Major General THRASH toured the Da Nang DASC and Squadron Command Post 12 September 1969
3. An all hand "Perimeter Improvement Day" was staged 16 September. Included among the improvements were the construction of eleven new fighting positions, the laying of two strands of triple concertina along the north and west sides of Hill 327, the Building of a new Command and Control bunker in the command post area, and the burning of vegetation along 1000 meters of the perimeter.
4. One USD-W1 Detection Set was placed in operation 18 September on a trial basis to provide advanced warning of intrusions along 100 meters of the south west portion of the perimeter.
5. Major P. FLORIO replaced Major J. ODEN as Executive Officer on 23 September. Both Majors J. ODEN and D. CREAL were transferred to Marine Air Support Squadron-2.
6. A Helicopter Direction Center was deployed to Landing Zone Ryder for the command and control of helicopters during a rice denial operation in support of the Seventh Marine regiment.
7. More effective fields of fire along the perimeter were constructed by using a bulldozer to clear several dangerous avenues of approach.
8. The armory was expanded to insure rapid and efficient dispersal of weapons and munitions during times of an emergency nature.
9. The following operational data for the reporting period included:

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<u>Da Nang DASC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fixed Wing Missions	831	27	136	61	1055
Helo Missions	725	Ø	Ø	Ø	725
Med-Evacs	816	Ø	Ø	Ø	816

B. ASRT 1-30 September 1969 Inclusive (USMC)

	<u>Da Nang/A11</u>	<u>An Hoa/A1</u>	<u>Chu Lai/A7</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	78	261	62	401
Targets hit	135	584	117	836
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	243.272	950.954	223.377	1417.603
Sorties	84	291	71	446

C ASRT 1-30 September 1969 Inclusive (USAF)

	<u>Da Nang/A11</u>	<u>An Hoa/A1</u>	<u>Chu Lai/A7</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing Missions	3	11	4	18
Targets Hit	4	21	5	30
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	12.222	66.076	12.624	90.922
Sorties	4	38	7	49

D. ASRT 1-30 September 1969 Inclusive (USN)

	<u>Da Nang/A11</u>	<u>An Hoa/A1</u>	<u>Chu Lai/A7</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing Missions	1	27	5	33
Targets Hit	1	36	7	44
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	1.841	63.770	16.306	81.917
Sorties	2	52	12	66

E. ASRT 1-30 September 1969 Inclusive (Total)

	<u>Da Nang/A11</u>	<u>An Hoa/A1</u>	<u>Chu Lai/A7</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bombing Missions	82	299	71	452
Targets Hit	140	641	129	910
Visual Targets	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	257.335	1080.800	252.307	1590.442
Sorties	90	381	90	561

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	<u>Da Nang/A11</u>	<u>An Hoa/A1</u>	<u>Chu Lai/A7</u>
Total Operating Hours	7,176	13,484	24,710
Hours Since Rehab	2,775	14,228	20,276
Hours During September	251	599	304

10. During September 1969 MASS-3 participated in the following operations:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Frederick Hill	Chu Lai ASRT
Geneva Park	" " "
Iron Mountain	" " "
Pipestone Canyon	Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT, An Hoa ASRT

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