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(REIN) 1-28 February 1970

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Marine Air Support Squadron-3 (REIN) (MASS-3) Command Chronology for February 1970 is submitted as enclosure (1).

2. This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1). IAW OPNAVINST 5510.1C.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON-3 (REIN)
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DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Command and Staff Officers for the reporting period include:

Commanding Officer	1-28 Feb	LtCol John H. DUBOIS
Executive Officer	1-25 Feb 26-28 Feb	Maj Pasquale J. FLORIO Maj Charles R. KEITH
Administrative Officer	1-28 Feb	1stLt Jerome ANTKOWSKI
Operations Officer	1-25 Feb 26-28 Feb	Maj Charles R. KEITH Maj Charles M. MCCAIN
Services Officer	1-25 Feb 26-28 Feb	Maj Charles M. MCCAIN Maj Paul K. FARMER
Comm/Elect Officer	1-28 Feb	Maj James B. HICKOK
OIC Da Nang DASC	1-28 Feb	Maj John J. MCNAMARA
OIC Baldy HDC	1-24 Feb 25-28 Feb	1stLT Richard W. GORE Capt Robert F. GIBSON
OIC Chu Lai ASRT	1-28 Feb	Capt Craig D. GALLAN
OIC An Hoa ASRT	1-10 Feb 11-28 Feb	Capt Jerry R. GERMAN 1stLt Jerry N. DENNARD
OIC Quang Tri ASRT	1-28 Feb	1stLt Edward S. FORD
OIC Da Nang ASRT	1-12 Feb 13-28 Feb	1stLt Thomas R. SHINE Capt Jerry R. GERMAN
OIC Birmingham ASRT	1-28 Feb	Capt Frank H. DOWDEN

2. Marine Air Support Squadron-3 (REIN), Da Nang, RVN, 1-28 February 1970

- a. CP, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang DASC, Da Nang, RVN 1-28 Feb 1970
- b. Chu Lai ASRT, Chu Lai, RVN, 1-28 Feb 1970
- c. An Hoa ASRT, An Hoa, RVN, 1-28 Feb 1970

- * d. Birmingham ASRT, Birmingham FSB, RVN, 1-28 Feb 1970
 e. Quang Tri ASRT, Quang Tri, RVN, 1-28 Feb 1970
 f. Baldy HDC, Landing Zone Baldy, RVN, 1-28 Feb 1970

3. Average Monthly Strength of Squadron:

Marine Officers	42
Marine Enlisted	262
Naval Officers	0
Naval Enlisted	2

4. a. 1 Feb 1970, Col F. A. SHOOK arrived at Da Nang DASC to assume his duties as 1st Marine Aircraft Wing G-3 representative to the DASC.

b. 17 Feb 1970, Col S. G. DUNWIDDIE JR., CO, MACG-18 visited the DASC and Col MALONEY, USA, G-3 Operations Officer for the 24th Corps visited the DASC for an orientation briefing.

c. 19 Feb 1970, BGen LEE, the new Commanding General of the ROK Marine Brigade visited the DASC for an orientation briefing.

d. 20 Feb 1970, LtCol NELSEN, Assist G-3 Air, III MAF visited the DASC for an orientation briefing.

e. 21 Feb 1970, MGen W. G. THRASH, CG, 1st MAW visited the DASC.

f. 23 Feb 1970, Col MILLER visited Da Nang DASC.

g. 26 Feb 1970, BGen R. H. SPANJER, Assist Wing Commander, 1st MAW visited Birmingham ASRT.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of February, MASS-3 continued to provide control and coordination for fixed wing and rotary aircraft in support of operations in the I Corps TAOR. MASS-3 participated in support of the following operations in February: Geneva Park, Nantucket Beach, Frederick Hill, Iron Mountain, Green River, and ARVN operation Lam Son. In addition to the coordination and direction of ordnance strikes, Da Nang DASC devoted a rather sizeable amount of time to emergency extractions of 1st Force Recon Co., 1st Recon Bn. teams. A total of twelve (12) emergency extractions were effected in addition to the recovery of four (4) downed Cobra gunship crews. A particularly significant event occurred on 2 February concerning an AN/TPQ-10 air strike directed by Quang Tri ASRT in support of the 1st Bn, 5th Mechanized Brigade. After careful observation, an Air Force forward air controller credited Quang Tri ASRT with forty-five (45) confirmed KBA's.

Numerous orientation briefings were completed by the DASC and the ASRT's in which many distinguished visitors attended. The following personnel were among those attending: Col F. A. SHOOK, 1st MAW G-3; Col MALONEY, G-3, 24th Corps; BGen LEE, CG, ROK Marine Brigade; LtCol NELSEN, Assist G-3 Air, 1st MAW; MGen THRASH, CG, 1st MAW; and BGen SPANJER, AWC, 1st MAW. Numerous visits by Squadron personnel were also accomplished to verify the status of equipment and morale at outlying sites. These visits were fulfilled even though the Squadron was hindered by a lack of personnel due to numerous troop withdrawals. As a further result of rotations, troop reductions, and reassignments, February has been characterized by numerous changes in staff and command billets in the Squadron.

In addition to normal improvement of fighting holes and perimeter security, machinegun bunkers have been constructed on the perimeter. The SeaBees constructed an internal drainage system in the Enlisted messhall and plan to improve the external drainage system. Construction was completed on the new Motor Transport maintenance shop.

The highlight of the month for the Security Platoon occurred when Sgt Lawrence L. BLASINGAME Jr. found a HAWK missile guidance system, serial number 170203, on 12 February, while conducting a routine sweep of a dense grassy area about 250 meters from the MASS-3 area. The missile had been lost when Btry C, 1st LAAMBn came under attack about nine (9) months earlier. During the attack, one of the missiles exploded, igniting another one and sending the forward half of the missile down the hill.

PART III


 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(U) 1. Administration. 1stLt Alan FELHAN acquired the duties as TICO/ISO Officer on 26 February 1970.

(C) 2. Personnel. During the reporting period several changes in staff billets and CIC of ASRT's were effected. On 26 February Maj Charles R. KEITH relieved Maj P. J. FLORIO as Executive Officer. Maj Charles M. MCCAIN relieved Maj KEITH as Operations Officer and Maj Paul K. FARMER became Services Officer on 25 February. Assuming the responsibilities as OIC of Baldy HDC, An Hoa ASRT, and Da Nang ASRT, respectively, are Capt Robert F. GIBSON on 25 February, 1stLt Jerry N. DENNARD on 11 February, and Capt Jerry R. GERMAN on 13 February. MASS-3 also joined two 1stLt's from the 1st MarDiv, 1stLt Alan FELHAN - Training Officer, 1stLt ATWATER - Security Officer, and two Lt's from CONUS, 1stLt Kenneth BROWN, 2ndLt Robert MCCLAIN. Throughout the month, Squadron representatives repeatedly visited outlying MASS-3 sites.

(C) 3. Command Relationships/Command and Control. MASS-3 personnel provided various orientation briefings throughout the month of February pertaining to Squadron operations. Among the distinguished personnel attending were: Col F. A. SHOOK, 1st MAW G-3 representative; Col DUNWIDDIE, CO, MACG-18; Col MALONEY, G-3, 24th Corps; BGen LEE, CG ROK Marine Brigade; LtCol NELSEN, Assist G-3 Air, 1st MAW; MGen THRASH, CG, 1st MAW; and BGen SPANJER, AWC, 1st MAW.

(C) 4. Air Control. During February 1970, MASS-3 continued to provide, operate, and maintain five Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT's) within I Corps despite hindrances caused by numerous troop reductions. In addition, a Direct Air Support Center (DASC) and a Helicopter Direction Center (HDC) are provided for the tactical control of fixed wing and rotary aircraft. On 2 February, Quang Tri ASRT directed an AN/TPQ-10 strike on targets in support of the 1st Bn, 5th MECH Brigade. After extensive observation from an Air Force forward air controller, the ASRT was credited with 45 confirmed KBA.

(C) 5. Special Operations. Other than normal AN/TPQ-10 strikes, MASS-3's most significant operations revolved around the coordination from the Da Nang DASC involving the emergency extraction of reconnaissance teams in the I Corps area. On 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 26, 27, and 28 February Da Nang DASC

coordinated the emergency extraction of the following 1st Force Recon Co. and 1st Recon Bn. teams: Penny Wise, Year Book, Coffee Time, and Flakey Snow from the Que Son mountains; Fore Father, Fudge Cake, Panama Hot, and Pal Joey from the Thong Duc area; Swift Scout from Elephant Valley; Takeout from Nong Son; and Coffee Time "B" and "C" from Charlie Ridge. In addition to these emergency extractions, Da Nang DASC also coordinated the successful rescue of two downed Cobra pilots in Happy Valley on 18 February and two more in Antenna Valley on 26 February.

(U) 6. Civic Action. 1stLt ATWATER assumed the responsibilities as Civic Action Officer even though our Squadron's activities are limited to liaison and cooperation with the MACG-18 Civic Action team.

(C) 7. Ground Defense. February saw the completion of most of the bunkers and fighting holes deemed necessary for the defense of the compound. On 26 February 1stLt ATWATER assumed the billet of Security Officer.

(U) 8. Training. Training for the month of February in general military subjects covered security, first aid, civil affairs, and grenades and pyrotechnics. Technical training was accomplished by the various sections and included classes and practical application.

(C) 9. Logistics. Three generator sets were sent to Birmingham ASRT during this reporting period. In addition, two sets were sent to Chu Lai ASRT, one set to An Hoa ASRT, and one set to Quang Tri ASRT. One incident occurred in which one generator set, PU-648, was damaged while in helicopter transit back to Da Nang. An investigation into the circumstances is being conducted at the present time. The use of helicopters for logistics and maintenance support of the ASRT's has significantly reduced TPQ-10 and support equipment downtime.

(U) 10. Supply. A total of 469 requisitions were initiated into the supply system. The following is a categorization of priorities submitted between 1-28 February.

<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
02	5%
05	29%
12	25%
17	41%

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(U) 11. Engineering. Maintenance this month was mainly concerned with the improvement and repair of the cantonment such as replacing screens, installing a water heater in the mess-halls, and roofing the Motor Transport shed. In addition to these services, machinegun bunkers, metal revetments for the generator pits, and improved fighting holes were constructed.

(U) 12. Maintenance. Due to the initiation of a highly intensified 1st echelon maintenance program, only one air conditioning unit, to Quang Tri, was replaced during this reporting period.

(C) 13. Communications/Electronics. On 2 February MASS-3 obtained a secure telephone and are presently awaiting Air Force technicians to hook-up the system. The 25 pair DASC cable was temporarily shorted by a 12500 volt power cable, causing minor explosions and disrupting DASC communications. Communications were reestablished within twenty-four hours due to the efforts of 1st Marine Division wiremen. From 23 to 26 February, 1stLt WARVEL visited Birmingham ASRT and initiated liaison with 101st Airborne Division personnel in conjunction with land-line communications for northern ASRT's. On 24 February, a Bendix field engineer, Mr. Frank ROBINSON, joined MASS-3 to provide technical assistance on the AN/TPQ-10 radar system.

(U) 14. Construction. The SeaBees have installed an interior drainage system in the Enlisted mess and plan the construction of an improved exterior system during the next month. In addition to these works, the Commanding Officer's office building is near completion.

(U) 15. Motor Transport. During the past month, the Motor Transport section traveled 13,195 miles and carried 4,534 passengers. The section transported 239 tons of cargo in addition to 7,926 gallons of POL and 300,000 gallons of water.

(U) 16. Informational Services. Regular news releases were sent to the Home Town newspapers during the month of February. The releases, covering numerous subjects and occasions, totaled 59 during this reporting period.

(U) 17. Casualties. Cpl Jerry A. EVANS was injured by an explosion of suspected enemy ordnance near FSB Birmingham.

(U) 18. Awards. During the month of February the following personnel received awards for personal recognition:

Sgt BLASINGAME, L.L. JR.	Navy Achievement Medal
Sgt CARR, S.F.	Good Conduct

The following were recommended for awards:

1stLt SHINE, T.R.	Bronze Star
1stLt TUCKER, J.P.	Navy Commendation Medal
SSgt STEWART, J.A.	Navy Commendation Medal
Sgt DOVENO, T.A.	Navy Commendation Medal
1stLt HELMUTH, S.L.	Navy Achievement Medal
Sgt HESS, A.J.	Navy Achievement Medal
Cpl WHITE, D.F.	Navy Achievement Medal
SSgt STEWART, J.A.	Combat Action Ribbon
SSgt BABB, L.A.	Combat Action Ribbon
Sgt NESTLE, D. K.	Combat Action Ribbon
Cpl JOHNSTON, J.D.	Combat Action Ribbon

The following personnel were promoted:

To 1stLt	FREDERICK, P.L.
	ANTKOWSKI, J.
	MCCORMACK, R.E.
	MCELYEA, W.P.
	KIRK, S.V.

Meritorious Combat to Sgt	FULTZ, T.E.
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To Corporal	KOTERWAS, T.L.
	BURNS, R.J.
	EVANS, J.A.
	GUIDRY, R.D.
	SANDERS, J.W.
	URROZ, F.J.
	BLAIR, W.L.
	BURTON, L.E.
	CHILDS, R.S.
	CRANE, S.T.
	CROWL, B.G.
	DAVIS, R.E.
	DUNCAN, M.J.
	FEHER, R.E.
	SCOTT, S. JR.
	SONDERMAN, J.F.
	LEWIS, J.G.

YAROSIS, W.M.
 WOOD, D.L.
 UMBACH, M.P.
 TAMER, R.A.
 FRANCISCO, W.
 GALATE, C.
 GALE, G.R.
 GRACIA, A.
 GRANT, L.E.
 HAHN, M.X.
 HORNE, J.K.
 KING, R.J.
 KLEIST, L.L.
 KREBS, B.A.
 LEMKE, D.C.
 PHIPPS, W.C.
 QUERRY, A.C.
 RADOVICH, M.W.
 SOPER, L.L.

To Lance Corporal

MCARTHUR, T.L.

(U) 19. Morale and Welfare. During the month of February, weekly China Beach runs were resumed and off-duty personnel enjoyed a Sunday afternoon at the beach. In addition, four floor shows and movies nightly complemented the entertainment schedule. Morale was improved with the installation of a small PX facility.

MASS-3 provided personnel for the following R & R quotas:

Hawaii	5 Persons
Sydney	5 Persons
Bangkok	4 Persons
Hong Kong	4 Persons
Taipei	2 Persons

(U) 20. Air Defense. None

(U) 21. Base Development and Military Construction. Aforementioned.

(C) 22. The following operational data for the reporting period included:

A. Da Nang DASC

<u>Da Nang DASC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fixed Wing Missions	831	0	55	43	929
Helo Missions	1040	0	0	4	1044
Medevacs	674	0	0	0	674

B. ASRT 1-28 February 1970 Inclusive (BSMC)

	<u>All Da Nang</u>	<u>A1 An Hoa</u>	<u>B1 Chu Lai</u>	<u>B2 Birmingham</u>
Bombing Missions	108	127	149	150
Targets Hit	145	150	323	195
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	491.914	564.140	650.728	545.250
Sorties	141	161	183	253

<u>A8 Quang Tri</u>	<u>Total</u>
51	585
67	880
0	0
188.500	2440.532

C. ASRT 1-28 February 1970 Inclusive (USN)

	<u>All Da Nang</u>	<u>A1 An Hoa</u>	<u>B1 Chu Lai</u>	<u>B2 Birmingham</u>
Bombing Missions	2	1	1	7
Targets Hit	3	1	3	8
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	6.312	5.240	5.260	23.539
Sorties	4	1	2	14

<u>Quang Tri</u>	<u>Total</u>
A8	
8	19
9	24
0	0
27.000	67.351
14	35

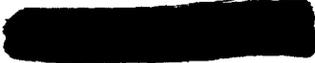
D. ASRT 1-28 February 1970 Inclusive (USAF)

	<u>All</u> <u>Da Nang</u>	<u>A1</u> <u>An Hoa</u>	<u>B1</u> <u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>B2</u> <u>Birmingham</u>
Bombing Missions	3	3	11	9
Targets Hit	2	3	19	9
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	3.156	5.900	36.621	24.512
Sorties	3	4	19	15

<u>Quang Tri</u>	<u>Total</u>
A8	
12	38
11	44
0	0
29.880	100.069
24	65

E. ASRT 1-28 February 1970 Inclusive (TOTALS)

	<u>All</u> <u>Da Nang</u>	<u>A1</u> <u>An Hoa</u>	<u>B1</u> <u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>B2</u> <u>Birmingham</u>
Bombing Missions	113	131	161	166
Targets Hit	150	154	345	212
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	501.382	575.280	692.609	593.301
Sorties	148	166	204	282



<u>A8</u> <u>Quang Tri</u>	<u>Total</u>
71	642
87	948
0	0
245.380	2607.952
119	919

F. ASRT operating hours as of 28 February 1970

	<u>All</u> <u>Da Nang</u>	<u>A1</u> <u>An Hoa</u>	<u>B1</u> <u>Chu Lai</u>	<u>B2</u> <u>Birmingham</u>	<u>A8</u> <u>Quang Tri</u>
Total Hours	13,926	30,933	1,765	1,387	20,242
Since Rehab	9,329	18,570	N/A	N/A	12,817
Hours in Feb.	630	615	592	638	605

All
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1,169
103

G. During the month of February 1970, MASS-3 participated in the following operations:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Geneva Park	Chu Lai ASRT
Nantucket Beach	Chu Lai ASRT
Frederick Hill	Chu Lai ASRT
Iron Mountain	Chu Lai ASRT
Green River	Quang Tri ASRT
Lam Son	Quang Tri ASRT

