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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron-3 (REIN)
1-31 August 1970

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Marine Air Support Squadron-3 (REIN) (MASS-3) Command Chronology for August 1970 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 (REIN)
1-31 AUGUST 1970
DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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

Commanding Officer	1-10 August	Maj Pasquale J. FLORIO
	11-31 August	Maj George S. PRESCOTT
Executive Officer	1-10 August	Maj Charles R. KEITH
	11-31 August	Maj Charles M. McCAIN
Administration Officer	1-31 August	1stLt Francis E. McGOVERN
Operations Officer	1-10 August	Maj George S. PRESCOTT
	11-31 August	Capt Bernard A. PUGLISI
Services Officer	1-31 August	Capt Tommy S. O'SHIELDS
Comm/Elect Officer	1-31 August	Capt Harvey E. GREENAWALT
OIC Da Nang DASC	1-10 August	Maj Charles M. McCAIN
	11-31 August	Capt Robert F. GIBSON
OIC Da Nang ASRT	1-31 August	Capt Jerry R. GERMAN
OIC Chu Lai ASRT	1-27 August	1stLt Samuel V. KIRK
	28-31 August	1stLt Will S. BROWN III
OIC Quang Tri ASRT	1-31 August	Capt Craig D. GALLAN
OIC Birmingham ASRT	1-27 August	1stLt Eric LEWIS
	28-31 August	1stLt William P. McELYEA
OIC Baldy HDC	1-27 August	1stLt John L. BRODERICK
	28-31 August	Capt Frank KOS, Jr.

2. Marine Air Support Squadron-3 (REIN), Da Nang, RVN, 1-31 August 1970

- a. CP, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang, Da Nang RVN, 1-31 August 1970
- b. Chu Lai ASRT, Chu Lai, RVN, 1-31 August 1970
- c. Birmingham ASRT, Birmingham FSB, RVN, 1-31 August 1970
- d. Quang Tri ASRT, Quang Tri, RVN, 1-31 August 1970
- e. Baldy HDC, Landing Zone Baldy, RVN, 1-31 August 1970

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3. Average monthly strength of the Squadron:

Marine Officers	35
Marine Enlisted	184
Naval Officers	0
Naval Enlisted	2

4. a. On 2 August, 1970, LtCol S. J. CZUBAI, 1st MAW Comm/Elect Officer, visited Hill 327.

b. On 5 August, 1970, Col D. H. BLANCHARD, the incoming 1st MAR DIV G-3, visited the Da Nang DASC.

c. On 7 August, 1970, Col B. J. FRANKOVIC, the 1st MAW Assistant Chief of Staff G-4, visited Hill 327.

d. On 10 August, 1970 Col C. T. WESTCOTT, CO, MACG-18 visited Hill 327.

e. On 13 August, 1970, LtCol W. D. KELLOGG, Officer in Charge of TADC, visited Hill 327.

f. On 17 August, 1970, LtCol F. H. DELANEY, the Executive Officer of MACG-18, visited the Da Nang DASC.

g. On 18 August, 1970, Col R. C. DENNEY relieved Col A. S. WILSON as 1st MAW G-3 representative to the Da Nang DASC.

h. On 21 August, 1970, LtCol F. H. DELANEY visited the Birmingham ASRT.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of August MASS-3 continued to effectively operate a DASC, an HDC and four ASRT's. The Da Nang "B" ASRT bunker was completed in the month of August.

The Squadron provided control and coordination for fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft in support of operations in I Corps. Squadron ASRT's supported operations Texas Star, Wolse Mountain, the 1st ARVN Lam Son 362 and 365, and Campbell Soup and Cateye missions. The DASC coordinated emergency extractions of 6 1st Reconnaissance Battalion Teams. The DASC also coordinated and launched recovery operations of 4 downed aircraft.

MASS-3 welcomed aboard, Capt F. H. KOS, Jr. , 1stLt W. S. BROWN, 1stLt R. N. SMITH, 2ndLt W. B. BEAUCHENE from 1st Engineers and 1stLt C. L. RUFESILL. Major G. S. PRESCOTT replaced Maj P. J. FLORIO as Commanding Officer on 11 August 1970. Major C. M. McCAIN replaced Maj C. R. KEITH as Executive Officer on 11 August 1970. Captain B. A. PUGLISI replaced Maj G. S. PRESCOTT as S-3, and Capt R. F. GIBSON assumed duty as OIC of the Da Nang DASC vice Maj C. M. McCAIN, relieved, both on 11 August 1970.

The Da Nang DASC completed one thousand two hundred and forty-four fixed wing missions, one thousand seven helicopter missions and coordinated eight hundred and forty-six medevacs. The ASRT's participated in three hundred and ninety-four bombing missions to hit five hundred and eighty-two targets with a total of three million five hundred twenty-five thousand eight hundred and ten pounds of ordnance.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(U) 1. Administration. None.

(C) 2. Personnel. Captain F. H. KOS, Jr. joined MASS-3 from 3rd MAW. Second Lieutenant W. B. BEAUCHENE joined from 1st Engr, 1st MAR DIV. First Lieutenant C. L. RUDESILL joined from MASS-2 1st MAW (Rear) and 1stLt R. N. SMITH joined from MACG-18, 1st MAW.

(C) 3. Command Relationships / Command Control. During August Col R. C. DENNEY relieved Col A. S. WILSON as 1st MAW G-3 representative to the Da-Nang DASC. Colonel D. H. BLANCHARD, the incoming 1st MAR DIV G-3 was briefed by the Da Nang DASC. Major G. S. PRESCOTT replaced Maj P. J. FLORIO as commanding Officer, and Maj C. M. McCAIN replaced Maj C. R. KEITH as Executive Officer on 11 August 1970.

(C) 4. Air Control. MASS-3 continued to maintain four Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT's), a Direct Air Support Center (DASC) and a Helicopter Direction Center (HDC).

(C) 5. Special Operations. The DASC coordinated the emergency extraction of reconnaissance teams "Service Man" (twice), "Claypipe", "Airbase", "Mill Brook", "Blue Spruce", "Saddlebag", and "Rush Act". On 7 August the DASC coordinated and launched recovery operations of Swift 55 (1 CH-46), a mission 40 medevac aircraft which was shot down in the ROK TAOR. On 3 and 8 August the DASC launched the "Pacifier" reaction force to neutralize reported rocket launch sites.

The Quang Tri ASRT, in addition to normal operations, controlled "Campbell Soup" and "Cateye" missions. "Campbell Soup" utilizes USAF OV10 aircraft for locating targets at irregular intervals in the early morning and at night. "Cateye" utilizes the YO3A aircraft with sensor equipment aboard to detect enemy activity. In both operations, the aircraft is tracked by the TPQ-10 radar, and, by using the method of canceling ballistics, a 10 digit coordinate of suspected enemy locations is obtained. Quang Tri ASRT supported operations "Texas Star" (101st Airborne Division (Air Mobile)), "Wolse Mountain" (1st Brigade 5th Division, Mechanized), Lam Son 362 and Lam Son 365 (1st ARVN Division). The Birmingham ASRT also supported operations "Texas Star" for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Mobile). The Chu Lai ASRT controlled several coordinate registration missions for "Helix" FAC's for the first time with highly satisfactory results. Chu Lai also continued to work closely with the Americal Division.

(U) 6. Civic Action. The MASS-3 Civic Action program during the month of August was limited to liaison with the MACG-18 Civic Action Team and it's operations.

(C) 7. Ground Defense. Approximately one hundred meters of triple concertina wire and twenty meters of tanglefoot wire were installed around the cantonment perimeter.

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(U) 8. Training. Four hours of general military subjects training covered Grenades and Pyrotechnics; the M-161A; Function of a MASS unit; and Marine Corps Operation. Thirty-five people attended each of these lectures.

(C) 9. Logistics. The Squadron Services Section gave logistical support for four ASRT's, the DASC, an HDC and the CP on Hill 327. Satisfactory 60HZ and 400HZ power was provided to the ASRT sites. One PU-482 generator was sent to the Birmingham ASRT as a replacement, and the Chu Lai ASRT had one 700 series generator replaced. Ten generators were forwarded to 1st FSR Maintenance Battalion for repair or disposition. Three generators were repaired and returned to MASS-3, and one PU-239 generator was designated Code H.

(U) 10. Supply. The Squadron Supply Section processed one hundred and eighty-eight formal requisitions and filled five hundred orders from stock for a total processing of six hundred and eighty-eight orders. There were fifty-seven requisitions for items not carried. The over all net effectiveness was eighty-one percent.

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
02	22%
05	10%
12	10%
17	58%

(U) 11. Engineering. The Engineering Equipment Section provided reliable tactical power to the Squadron. Commercial Power to the Da Nang site has failed several times during this month, and tactical power was supplemented immediately thereby preventing extensive down time of the Da Nang ASRT and Da Nang DASC communication facilities. Much difficulty is being experienced in obtaining parts for the 700 series generators through the supply system, and tactical generator support availability will be drastically reduced if an adequate solution is not obtained soon. Both 60HZ and 400HZ power have been installed and readied for use in the Da Nang "B" ASRT.

(U) 12. Maintenance. Nine vehicles had quarterly PM's, two vehicles had annual PM's, and two M-50 trucks were deadlined. Three M-35 trucks were also deadlined. The total percentage of vehicles in an operational status for the month was eighty-two percent.

(C) 13. Communication/Electronics. During August eight pieces of test equipment and thirty-two subassemblies were repaired and returned to service. On 15 August, all four Electronic Downed Pilot Locators were turned in to MASS-3 Supply to await disposition instructions. On 16 August, AN/TPQ-10 System A-1 was completely LTI'd and prepared for shipment. On 21 August, AN/TPQ-10 System A-1 was transported from Hill 327 to MASS-3 Supply for storage. Total monthly hours on all six AN/TPQ-10's for August was three thousand twenty-nine hours.

(U) 14. Construction. Interior remodeling of the S-1 and S-3 shops has been

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completed, and minor repairs to the billeting area have been effected where the need existed. Needed electrical repairs were made throughout the Squadron living and working areas.

(U) 15. Motor Transport. The Motor Transport Section hauled ninety tons of cargo, six hundred sixty gallons of POL, two hundred fifty-six thousand gallons of water, six thousand two hundred and seventy passengers, and logged a total of sixteen thousand seven hundred and thirty-five miles in support of the Squadron.

(U) 16. Informational Service. Forty-six regular news releases were sent to hometown newspapers during August.

(U) 17. Casualties. None.

(U) 18. Awards. The following personnel were promoted during August:

To First Lieutenant:	C. H. HULLINGER
To Corporal:	G. H. AULD J. R. GOODLET L. M. HOLYCROSS L. E. MOUZON R. D. PEARSON J. E. PERHAM J. W. ROBERT A. C. STUTSMAN, Jr. M. J. TYCZOWSKI R. A. WAYNE
To Lance Corporal:	L. H. KAUFFMAN E. R. MANNING D. C. MEFFORD
To Private First Class:	N. BALDWIN B. D. MILLER J. P. PHILLIPS B. C. WISINSKI

The following received meritorious masts:

Sgt R. W. ARMSTRONG
Cpl M. J. DUNCAN
Cpl R. C. HEISER
Cpl J. K. HORNE
Cpl L. E. MOUZON
Cpl D. R. SKIDMORE
Cpl G. W. WILLOUGHBY
LCpl R. E. ANDERSON
LCpl L. WILLIAMS

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The following received awards:

Sgt W. H. DONALDSON	Good Conduct Medal
Sgt S. T. DUNWOODY	Good Conduct Medal
LCpl L. E. RANKINS	Good Conduct Medal
Cpl T. C. PARISH	Certificate of Commendation

The following were recommended for awards:

WO1 S. E. DRIGGERS	Navy Achievement Medal
SSgt T. M. PETE	Navy Achievement Medal
Cpl R. W. HARRIS III	Navy Achievement Medal
1stLt S. V. KIRK	Republic of Vietnam Award
1stLt F. E. LEWIS	Republic of Vietnam Award
1stLt W. P. McELYEA	Republic of Vietnam Award

(U) 19. Morale and Welfare. Three floor shows were presented in the Staff NCO Club, and three shows were presented at the Enlisted Club. Movies were shown nightly at both clubs. Two Squadron section parties were held at China Beach.

MASS-3 provided the following R & R quotas:

Sydney	3
Bangkok	2
Hong Kong	1
Taipei	2
Hawaii	1

The following RON flight quotas were provided:

Hong Kong	4
Udorn	3
Ubon	16
Korat	5

(U) 20. Air Defense. N/A.(C) 21. Base Defense and Military Construction. Mentioned previously.**"CONFIDENTIAL"**

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(C) 22. The operational statistics for the month of August 1970 include:

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	1150	17	59	18	1244
Helo Missions	1007	0	0	0	1007
Medevacs	846	0	0	0	846

B. ASRT 1-31 August 1970 Inclusive (USMC)

	<u>A 8</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>A 11</u> <u>DA NANG</u>	<u>B 1</u> <u>CHU LAI</u>	<u>B 2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	65	46	80	95	286
Targets Hit	129	57	167	105	458
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	304.053	211.051	391.293	490.885	1,397.282
Sorties	68	52	88	106	314

C. ASRT 1-31 August 1970 Inclusive (USN)

Bombing Missions	8	5	0	16	29
Targets Hit	10	6	0	18	34
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	37.479	22.618	0	54.676	114.773
Sorties	14	11	0	33	58

D. ASRT 1-31 August 1970 Inclusive (USAF)

Bombing Missions	39	3	14	23	79
Targets Hit	46	5	15	24	90

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	<u>A 8</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>A 11</u> <u>DA NANG</u>	<u>B 1</u> <u>CHU LAI</u>	<u>B 2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	131.758	17.622	37.346	64.124	250.850
Sorties	46	6	15	25	92

E. ASRT 1-31 August 1970 Inclusive (VNAF). None.

F. ASRT 1-31 August 1970 Inclusive (RAAF). None.

G. ASRT 1-31 August 1970 Inclusive (Totals)

Bombing Missions	112	54	94	134	394
Targets Hit	185	68	182	147	582
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	473.290	251.291	428.639	609.685	1,762.905
Sorties	128	69	103	164	464

H. ASRT Operating Hours as of 31 August 1970

	<u>A 1</u> <u>DA NANG</u>	<u>A 8</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>A 11</u> <u>DA NANG</u>	<u>A 14</u> <u>DA NANG</u>	<u>B 1</u> <u>CHU LAI</u>	<u>B 2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u>
Hours in August	64*	738	743	0	743	741
Since Rehab	22,080	17,087	13,646	1,445	N/A	N/A
Total Hours	34,413	24,512	18,243	UNK	6225	5761

*A 1 While temporarily at Hill 327

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During the month of August 1970 MASS-3 participated in the following operations and special missions:

Operation

Texas Star
 Texas Star
 Wolfe Mountain
 Lam Son 362
 Lam Son 365

Agency

Birmingham ASRT
 Quang Tri ASRT
 Quang Tri ASRT
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Special Missions

Campbell Soup
 Cateye

Agency

Quang Tri ASRT
 Quang Tri ASRT

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