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 1-31 October 1970

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

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3 (REIN)

1-31 OCTOBER 1970

DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Commanding Officer	1 Oct 2-31 Oct	Maj Victor J. FULLADOSA LtCol W. C. SIMANIKAS
Executive Officer	1 Oct 2-31 Oct	Maj George S. PRESCOTT Maj Victor J. FULLADOSA
Administration Officer	1-31 Oct	1stLt Francis E. McGOVERN
Operations Officer	1-31 Oct	Maj Charles M. McCAIN
Services Officer	1-31 Oct	Capt J. A. SPINKS
Comm/Elect Officer	1-31 Oct	Capt K. E. WUEST
OIC Da Nang DASC	1-31 Oct	Capt Frank M. KOS, Jr.
OIC Da Nang ASRT	1-2 Oct 3-22 Oct 23-25 Oct 26-31 Oct	Capt Jerry R. GERMAN 1stLt Kenneth J. BROWN 1stLt Robert B. MCCLAIN Capt Craig D. GALLAN
OIC Quang Tri ASRT	1-25 Oct 26-31 Oct	Capt Craig D. GALLAN 1stLt Kenneth J. BROWN
OIC Birmingham ASRT	1-31 Oct	1stLt Will S. BROWN III

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

- a. CP, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang DASC, Da Nang, RVN, 1-31 Oct 1970
- b. Birmingham ASRT, Birmingham FSE, RVN, 1-31 Oct 1970
- c. Quang Tri ASRT, Quang Tri, RVN, 1-31 Oct 1970

## 3. Average monthly strength of the Squadron:

Marine Officers	28
Marine Enlisted	177
Naval Officers	0
Naval Enlisted	2

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## 4. Visits

- a. 1 Oct 1970, BGen BERRY, ADC of the 101st visited Birmingham ASRT and received a brief.
- b. 2 Oct 1970, LtCol LISTER, CO of 1st Bn, 501st visited Birmingham ASRT and was briefed on ASRT procedure.
- c. 23 Oct 1970, LtCol DAVIS, MACG-18 XO, visited Birmingham ASRT with LtCol SIMANIKAS.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

MASS-3 continued to operate a DASC, and three ASRT's. The Da Nang "B" ASRT bunker was occupied by system A-14 and effort is being made to make this system operational.

The Squadron provided control and coordination for fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft in support of operations in I Corps. The DASC continued to coordinate emergency extractions of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion teams. Eight such extractions were conducted with DASC assistance. The DASC also coordinated and launched recovery operations of eight downed aircraft. A total of 480 medevacs were accomplished through the DASC. Because of the heavy rains the DASC initiated rescue operations for stranded U. S. personnel as well as Vietnamese Civilians.

The ASRT's suffered a high rate of down time for the period. The longest being Da Nang itself which went down on five October through 31 October. Da Nang was hit by Typhoon Kate on 25 October. Extensive damage was inflicted on Hill 327. 75% of the living quarters were damaged to the extent of making them uninhabitable. Much of the working area was also destroyed. No serious injuries were reported. The DASC area reported damage to two SEA Huts and one minor personnel injury.

The Da Nang DASC completed 636 fixed wing missions and 700 helo missions for the month. The ASRT's participated in 201 bombing missions to hit 204 targets with a total of 1,365,932 pounds of ordnance.

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## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(U) 1. Administration. "Wednesday, 7 Oct 1970, was cancelled by CG 1st MAW msg 071400 because of lack of everything." Unfortunately the message arrived on Thursday, 8 Oct 1970.

(C) 2. Personnel. LtCol SIMANIKAS joined MASS-3 from H&HS-18, MACG-18, 1st MAW. First Lieutenant H. W. BALDWIN joined from MASS-2, MACG-18(R), 1st MAW(R). First Lieutenant J. BRIGADIER joined from MAG-11, 1st MAW and 1stLt H. J. McCORKLE joined from MASS-1, MACG-28, 2nd MAW.

(C) 3. Command Relationships/Command and Control. LtCol W. C. SIMANIKAS replaced Maj V. J. FULLADOSA as Commanding Officer and Maj V. J. FULLADOSA replaced Maj G. S. PRESCOTT as Executive Officer on 2 October 1970.

(C) 4. Air Control. MASS-3 continued to maintain three Air Support Radar Teams. The DASC has continued normal operations over the period.

(C) 5. Special Operations. The DASC coordinated the emergency extraction of reconnaissance teams "Clay Pipe", "Wage Earner", "Air Hose", "Auditor", "Screw Test", and "Read Test". On 1 October, the DASC coordinated the extraction of troops and equipment from the Liberty Bridge area because of high water. On 9 October, the DASC launched recovery operations for three CH-46's downed by enemy fire. On 11 October, the recovery for one UH1E, downed by enemy small arms fire, was coordinated by the DASC. On 13 October, the DASC initiated rescue operations for 20 Vietnamese civilians stranded in a truck on Liberty Bridge. Coordination of emergency operations for a downed AH1G and CH-53 downed on 26 October. On 27 October, the DASC established rescue operations for two CH-46's downed by enemy ground fire. Marines stranded, by high water, between Hill 52 and Hill 65 were lifted out on 28 October through the coordinated efforts of the DASC. On 29 October, more USMC, civilian, RF, PF, and ROK Marines were evacuated out of flooded areas. On 30 October, recovery operations were established for the crew of a CH-53 that crashed in evacuation attempts.

The Birmingham ASRT participated in operation "Jefferson Glen" for the 101st Airborne for the whole month of October.

The Quang Tri ASRT participated in operations Lam Son 361, 362, and 365.

(U) 6. Civic Action. None

(C) 7. Ground Defense. Continued emphasis was placed on making the bunkers more waterproof for the monsoon season.

(U) 8. Training. Four hours of General Military Subjects training covered Map Reading, Military Leadership, Tactical Employment of Helicopters and Generator Principles. 35 personnel attended each lecture.

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(C) 9. Logistics. The Squadron Services Section gave logistical support to each of the ASRT's, the DASC, and CP on Hill 327. One HD-580 Air Conditioner was received through the MASS-3 Supply. One PU 590 generator was sent to FLC Maintenance Battalion for repair. Three PU 718/G generators were turned into FLC for repair. They were returned to MASS-3 within the month.

(U) 10. Supply. The Squadron Supply Section processed 212 formal requisitions and filled 525 orders from stock for a total processing of 737 orders. There were 36 requisitions for items not carried in the supply system. The overall gross effectiveness was 71% with a total net effectiveness of 73%. The distribution of use of the four priorities authorized for this Squadron is as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
02	9%
05	18%
12	16%
17	57%

(U) 11. Engineering. The Engineering Equipment Section provided reliable tactical power to the Squadron until Typhoon Kate hit on 25 October approximately 60% of the power lines on Hill 327 were damaged by Typhoon Kate. Commercial power was lost at 0605, 25 October. Tactical power was discontinued at 0815 when the lines were endangered by flying debris. Tactical power was restored to the mess hall and perimeter lights by 1900 of the same day. Sixty cycle and 400 cycle tactical power was supplied directly to the Da Nang ASRT and the Comm/Elect maintenance Shop by 1900, 25 October. The rest of the standing buildings had power restored by 30 October. As of 31 October commercial power had not been restored. Commercial power to Hill 327 failed on ten separate occasions for a total of 328 hours in the month. Several water pipes were also damaged. All repairs were completed in the next two days.

(U) 12. Maintenance. Camp maintenance was initiated as required throughout the CP. Quarterly preventive maintenance program was continued throughout the month as scheduled.

(C) 13. Communication/Electronics. All outlying ASRT's were visited three times to provide technical assistance and on-site inspections for a total of 15 mandays. Da Nang ASRT was visited on numerous occasions. During the month a total of five pieces of test equipment of 19 sub-assemblies were repaired/aligned and returned to service. TPQ-10 system A-1 has been LTI'd and is in Supply awaiting shipment. On 4 October, one AN/TYA-11 was received from the Wing Communications Squadron. On 9 October, a TRC-75 was sent to Birmingham ASRT and a net established between that site and Hill 327. On 11 October, an AN/PRC-75 was installed at Birmingham as a backup UHF radio. Five UHF and five VHF antennas were blown down. All DASC communications down. At 1200 one DASC net back in

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operation. By 1800 all DASC VHF nets were operational. By 2000, AN/TYA-11 was operational. On 31 October, the CEO office was moved off Hill 327 to MACG-18 compound.

(U) 14. Construction. Major rehabilitation projects were initiated after Typhoon Kate. 75% of the living quarters were destroyed. Approximately 40% of the working area structures were destroyed. The completely destroyed buildings were torn down. Other buildings were repaired as practicable. Debris clearing operations have been undertaken utilizing all available personnel and Vietnamese civilian employees.

(U) 15. Mater Transport. The Mater Transport Section hauled 1,566 tons of cargo, 17,990 gallons of PUL, 5,224 passengers and logged a total of 15,740 miles in support of the Squadron.

(U) 16. Informational Services. Twenty-one regular news releases were sent to hometown newspapers during October.

(U) 17. Casualties. None

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

To First Lieutenant	BEAUCHENE, W. B.
To Corporal	HOPKINS, D. M. MARTINO, A. D. Jr. MILLER, B. D.

The following received awards:

Sgt BARNARD, P. G.	Good Conduct Medal
Sgt BEAR, M. L.	" " "
Sgt KELLY, W. G. Jr.	" " "
Sgt SINGLETON, C. A. Jr.	" " "

(U) 19. Morale and Welfare. Three fleer show were presented in the Staff NCO Club and feur shews were presented at the Enlisted Club. Movies were shewn nightly at both clubs.

MASS-3 provided the following R & R quotas:

Sydney	4 Persons
Bangkek	1 Person
Heng Keng	1 Person
Taipei	2 Persons
Hawaii	3 Persons

The following RON fligh quotas were provided:

Heng Keng	4 Persons
Uderm	1 Person
Uben	6 Persons
Kerat	3 Persons

(U) 20. Air Defense. N/A

(C) 21. Base Defense and Military Construction. Mentioned previously (#7).

(C) 22. The operational statistics for the month of October 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	618	8	9	0	636
Hele Missions	700	0	0	0	700
Medevacs	480	0	0	0	480

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

	<u>A-8 QUANG TRI</u>	<u>A-11 DA NANG</u>	<u>B-2 BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	25	35	82	142
Targets Hit	25	34	87	146
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	93.971	104.081	303.739	501.791
Sorties	26	34	96	156

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

Bombing Missions	3	17	13	33
Targets Hit	5	17	14	34
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	8.416	56.282	33.695	98.393
Sorties	6	36	28	70

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Bombing Missions	3	6	5	14
Targets Hit	2	6	6	14
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	8.416	25.248	29.188	62.852
Sorties	6	8	10	24

E. ASRT 1-31 October 1970 Inclusive (EVNAF)

Bombing Missions	5	0	3	8
Targets Hit	5	0	1	6
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	10.036	0	2.104	12.140
Sorties	10	0	4	14

F. ASRT 1-31 October 1970 Inclusive (RAAF)

Bombing Missions	1	3	0	4
Targets Hit	1	3	0	4
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	2.460	5.330	0	7.790
Sorties	1	3	0	4

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G. ASRT 1-31 October 1970 Inclusive (TOTALS)

Bombing Missions	37	61	103	201
Targets Hit	36	60	108	204
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	123.299	190.941	368.726	682.966
Sorties	49	81	138	268

H. ASRT Operating Hours as of 31 October 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>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>B-2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u>
Hours in October	0	250	646	0	538	688
Since Rehab	22,080	18,050	14,971	1,445	N/A	N/A
Total Hours	34,413	25,480	19,408	N/A	7,351	7,094

During the month of October 1970 MASS-3 participated in the following operations:

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Lam Sen 361	Quang Tri ASRT
Lam Sen 362	Quang Tri ASRT
Lam Sen 365	Quang Tri ASRT
Jefferson Glen	Birmingham ASRT

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