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Marine Air Control Group 18
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1-30 November 1970

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (REIN) (MASS-3) Command Chronology for November 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)
1-30 NOVEMBER 1970
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	1-30 Nov	LtCol W. C. SIMANIKAS
Executive Officer	1-30 Nov	Maj V. J. FULLADCSA
Administration Officer	1-30 Nov	1stLt F. E. McGOVERN
Operations Officer	1-8 Nov 9-30 Nov	Maj C. M. McCAIN Maj J. P. FOX
Services Officer	1-28 Nov 29-30 Nov	Capt J. A. SPINKS Capt L. P. KLIPP
Comm/Elect Officer	1-30 Nov	Capt K. E. WUEST
OIC Da Nang DASC	1-2 Nov 3-30 Nov	Capt F. H. KOS, Jr. Maj C. S. CAHASKIE
OIC Da Nang ASRT	1-2 Nov 3-30 Nov	Capt C. D. GALLAN Capt J. K. WETTER
OIC Quang Tri ASRT	1-2 Nov 3-30 Nov	1stLt K. J. BROWN Capt C. D. GALLAN
OIC Birmingham ASRT	1-30 Nov	1stLt W. S. BROWN III

2. Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (REIN), Da Nang, RVN, 1-30 November 1970

- a. CP, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang DASC, Da Nang, RVN, 1-30 November 1970
- b. Birmingham ASRT, Birmingham FSB, RVN, 1-30 November 1970
- c. Quang Tri ASRT, Quang Tri, RVN, 1-30 November 1970

3. Average monthly strength of the Squadron:

Marine Officers	35
Marine Enlisted	172
Naval Officers	0
Naval Enlisted	2

4. Visits.

- a. 17 November 1970, BGen QUINN, 1st MAW AWC visited the Da Nang DASC.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

As a result of the extensive damage inflicted on the MASS-3 CP and living area, located on Hill 327, by Typhoon Kate, on 25 October 1970, the decision was reached to relocate the Squadron CP and living facilities to the MACG-18 cantonment. At the time of the move, the cantonment on Hill 327, in spite of around the clock efforts of Squadron personnel to effect repairs, was still without internal electric power and reconstruction efforts were hampered by additional days of high winds and rain.

The move to the MACG-18 compound was carried out, under adverse weather conditions, in gradual stages, ensuring no loss of operational capability. This was accomplished in an orderly fashion primarily due to prior planning conducted by the Squadron in preparation for a proposed move to the MACG-18 compound to ease the logistic burden of supporting the entire Squadron cantonment located on Hill 327. By 9 November all personnel were removed from Hill 327 and the Squadron was functioning out of make shift facilities in the MACG-18 compound. On 15 November the Administrative, Services, Operations and Comm/Elect sections occupied SEA huts which were constructed by A Company, 7th Engineer Bn. and once again had permanent working areas. The barracks area continued to be improved on a self help basis and Comm/Elect was able to occupy a new typhoon proof building located on Hill 327 on 24 November 1970.

On 10 November, the Marine Corps Birthday was celebrated at the facilities located atop Hill 327 after which the cantonment was closed and salvage began.

On 15 November, AN/TPQ-10 system A-17 arrived from Iwakuni. Within 36 hours the system was emplaced and awaiting a calibration hop. Due to inclement weather the calibration hop was not completed until 1030 19 November 1970. The system was adjudged operational.

Also during this time the infusion of 5961 Fire Control Technicians experienced by the Squadron during the previous month began to have effect. The previously inadequate number of physically exhausted technicians were able to get reasonable rest and along with the new technicians solved the problems heretofore plaguing the TPQ-10's. As a result the ASRT availability rose steadily through the month.

During the month, the Squadron continued to operate the Da Nang DASC and three ASRT's located at Quang Tri, Fire Support Base Birmingham and Da Nang. The DASC provided control and coordination for fixed and rotary wing aircraft in support of operations in the I Corps area. Numerous insertions and extractions of reconnaissance teams from 1st Reconnaissance Battalion and the coordination of several downed aircraft were accomplished. A total of 447 medevacs were coordinated through the DASC usually under marginal weather conditions. A total of 720 fixed wing missions and 852 helicopter missions were controlled by the DASC during November. The ASRT's completed 297 bombing missions, controlling 529 aircraft while engaging 437 targets with a total of 1,448.150 tons of ordnance.

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PART III

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- (U) 1. Administration. None
- (C) 2. Personnel. Major C. S. CAHOSKIE joined from H&HS-18, MACG-18, 1st MAW. Captains L. P. KLIPP and L. W. ALLEN joined from H&HS-1, MWHG-1, 1st MAW. First Lieutenants E. C. BRADY, J. P. MORGAN, and L. G. MORGAN joined from MASS-1, MACG-28, 2nd MAW. First Lieutenant J. B. PARSONS joined from MACS-9, MACG-28, 2nd MAW. First Lieutenant T. F. REATH joined from MASS-2, MACG-18(R), 1st MAW(R).
- (C) 3. Command Relationships/Command and Control. MASS-3 personnel gave a briefing pertaining to DASC operations to BGen QUINN, 1st MAW AWC.
- (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 assisted in recovery operations for nine downed aircraft as follows: 1 November, one Army UH1D; 5 November, emergency recovery operation for one AH1G downed over water; 10 November, one CH-46 downed by small arms fire at LZ Ross in the southern Que Son Mountains; 14 November, emergency recovery operations of one Army UH1D in the southern Que Son area; 22 November, participated in recovery operations of one CH-46 from a secure area and also the recovery of one UH1E downed over water on 24 November and one AH1G on 28 November. In addition the DASC coordinated the SAR effort of one CH-46 downed with the loss of all hands on 18 November.
- On 30 November the DASC aided in the evacuation of approximately 200 Republic of Korea Marines who were endangered by rising flood waters.
- (U) 6. Civic Action. None
- (C) 7. Ground Defense. Although the Squadron no longer occupied Hill 327 except for the ASRT and certain communications facilities the Squadron continued to effect the security of Hill 327 by transporting security and augmentation personnel to Hill 327 each evening. Plans were submitted to MACG-18 on a proposed realignment of the perimeter to further enhance the ground defense posture of the Squadron relating to Hill 327.
- (U) 8. Training. Due to other priorities created by the movement of the Squadron no GMS Training was held.
- (C) 9. Logistics. The Services Section continued to provide logistic support to the Squadron. Special emphasis has been placed on embarkation preparation. One PU 499 generator and one Trane air conditioner were received from MASS-3 Supply. Support of the Quang Tri and Birmingham ASRT's was complicated by bad weather which at times required convoys to be dispatched to both locations for logistic resupply. One PU 718 generator was received from the 1st MAW.

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(U) 10. Supply. The Squadron Supply Section processed 207 formal requisitions and filled 497 orders from stock for a total processing of 704 orders. There were 40 requisitions for items not carried in the supply system. The overall gross effectiveness was 70% with a total net effectiveness of 75%. The distribution of use of the four priorities authorized for this Squadron is as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
02	5%
05	26%
12	47%
17	22%

(U) 11. Engineering. The Engineer Equipment Section re-established reliable tactical power for both camp and operational purposes after the destruction caused by Typhoon Kate. However, the Squadron is beginning to be critically short in 400 Hz power primarily due to lack of qualified personnel to support the generator maintenance program.

(U) 12. Maintenance. Camp maintenance was primarily of an emergency repair nature until the Squadron relocated at the MACG-18 compound. The remainder of the month was allocated to an intensive clean up and salvage of the cantonment located on Hill 327.

(C) 13. Communication/Electronics. All of the ASRT's were visited to provide technical assistance and on site inspection. During the month seven pieces of test equipment were repaired and 20 TPQ-10 subassemblies were repaired out of a total of 47 worked on. Of the remainder, 19 are awaiting parts and eight awaiting test. On 16 November construction was started on a new radio central atop Hill 327 to replace the one damaged by Typhoon Kate. It was completed on 21 November and a new 50 pair cable was tied into the facilities on Hill 327.

(U) 14. Construction. Four SEA huts were constructed at the MACG-18 compound by A Company, 7th Engineer Battalion to house the various Squadron sections. In addition a 38' x 50' building was constructed by A Company, 7th Engineer Battalion on Hill 327 for a radio central and Comm/Elect maintenance. The Squadron Utilities Section worked continuously on the rehabilitation of the new barracks in the MACG-18 compound and the clean up and salvage of the Hill 327 cantonment.

(U) 15. Motor Transport. The Motor Transport Section consolidated with the H&HS-18 Motor Transport Section under operational control of the Group continued to support the Squadron and Group.

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

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- (U) 17. Casualties. None
- (U) 18. Awards. The following personnel were promoted during November:

To Corporal

ARCHER, R. J.
 AREZZI, V. A.
 BALTO, B. C.
 BRUNO, R. M.
 COLLINS, E.
 CURTIS, G. R.
 GARZA, G.
 HOPKINS, I. M.
 JONES, R. A.
 KEMPFERT, D. C.
 KOVANDA, D. M.
 LePAGE, R. J.
 MARKS, G. O.
 MARTINO, A. D.
 MILLER, B. D.
 RANKINS, L. E.
 RIVERS, W. C.
 SANTER, V. J. III
 SERBU, T. P.
 SVETKOVICH, G. A
 SYSON, J. W.
 VONNESSEN, J. B.
 WATERS, J. C.
 WILLIAMS, L.

To Lance Corporal

FUTCHICK, M. J.
 McGUIRE, G. T.
 SIMS, R. K.
 TACKETT, J. P.
 VILLI, L.
 WORKMAN, J. L.

To Private First Class

AUGILAR, M. Jr.

The following were recommended for awards:

Maj McCAIN, C. M.	Bronze Star
Capt GIBSON, R. F.	Bronze Star
Capt WHELCHER, L. A.	Navy Commendation

- (U) 19. Morale and Welfare. MASS-3 provided the following R & R quotas:

Sydney	5 Persons
Bangkok	3 Persons
Hong Kong	1 Person
Taipei	3 Persons
Hawaii	4 Persons
Okinawa	1 Person

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The following RON flight quotas were provided:

Hong Kong	2 Persons
Udon	2 Persons
Ubon	5 Persons
Korat	4 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 November 1970 include:

A. Da Nang DASC

<u>DA NANG DASC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fixed Wing Missions	700	2	18	720
Helo Missions	852	0	0	852
Medevacs	447	0	0	447

B. ASRT 1-30 November 1970 Inclusive (USMC)

	<u>A-11 DA NANG</u>	<u>A-17 DA NANG</u>	<u>B-2 BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>A-8 QUANG TRI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	62	42	105	21	230
Targets Hit	67	56	106	25	254
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped (Tons)	219.261	216.789	433.192	80.840	950.082
Sorties	67	149	140	23	279

C. ASRT 1-30 November 1970 Inclusive (USN)

Bombing Missions	0	0	5	1	6
Targets Hit	0	0	6	1	7
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0

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Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	0	0	21.040	4.208	25.248
Sorties	0	0	12	2	14

D. ASRT 1-30 November 1970 Inclusive (USAF)

Bombing Missions	7	3	95	23	128
Targets Hit	6	4	108	23	141
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	18.147	6.048	280.799	75.068	380.062
Sorties	8	4	154	30	196

E. ASRT 1-30 November 1970 Inclusive (RAAF)

Bombing Missions	0	0	25	4	29
Targets Hit	0	0	27	4	31
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	0	0	68.800	11.078	79.958
Sorties	0	0	30	4	34

F. ASRT 1-30 November 1970 Inclusive (RVNAF)

Bombing Missions	1	1	0	2	4
Targets Hit	1	1	0	2	4
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	1.052	2.644	0	5.104	8.800
Sorties	1	2	0	3	6

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Bombing Missions	70	46	230	43	400
Targets Hit	73	62	247	55	437
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	220.313	219.433	803.911	166.298	1,409.955
Sorties	76	55	336	62	529

H. ASRT Operating Hours as of 30 November 1970

	<u>A-1</u>	<u>A-8</u>	<u>A-11</u>	<u>A-14</u>	<u>A-17</u>	<u>B-1</u>	<u>B-2</u>
	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>DA NANG</u>	<u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>
Hours in November	0	0	633	89	172	690	694
Since Rehab	22,080	18,055	15,604	1,534	587	N/A	N/A
Total Hours	34,413	25,230	20,041	unk	unk	8,041	7,788

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

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Lam Son 361	Quang Tri ASRT
Lam Son 362	Quang Tri ASRT
Lam Son 365	Quang Tri ASRT and Birmingham ASRT
Jefferson Glen	Quang Tri ASRT
Wolf Moutian	Quang Tri ASRT

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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