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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (REIN)
1-31 January 1971

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (REIN) (MASS-3) Command Chronology for January 1971 is submitted as enclosure (1).

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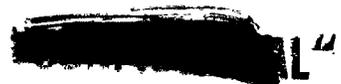
ANNEX B

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3 (REIN)
1-31 JANUARY 1971
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	1-31 Jan	LtCol W. C. SIMANIKAS
Executive Officer	1-31 Jan	Maj V. J. FULLADOSA
Administrative Officer	1-31 Jan	1stLt F. E. McGOVERN
Operations Officer	1-31 Jan	Maj J. P. FOX
Services Officer	1-31 Jan	Capt L. P. KLIPP
Comm/Elect Officer	1-31 Jan	Capt K. E. WUEST
OIC Da Nang DASC	1-31 Jan	Maj C. S. CAHASKIE
OIC Da Nang ASRT	1-31 Jan	1stLt D. S. CAMPBELL
OIC Quang Tri ASRT	1-31 Jan	Capt L. W. ALLEN
OIC Birmingham ASRT	1-17 Jan 18-31 Jan	1stLt W. S. BROWN Capt D. G. DEL MAURO

2. Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (REIN), Da Nang, RVN, 31 January 1971

- a. CP, Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang, RVN, 31 January 1971
- b. Birmingham ASRT, Birmingham FSB, RVN, 1-31 January 1971
- c. Quang Tri ASRT, Quang Tri, RVN, 1-31 January 1971

3. Average monthly strength of the Squadron:

Marine Officers	39
Marine Enlisted	150
Naval Officers	0
Naval Enlisted	1

4. Visits

- a. NONE

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Squadron continued normal operations during the month of January. The reconstruction of the defensive perimeter and the demolition of the lower level of Hill 327 was completed. Upon completion of the defensive perimeter by the security platoon the perimeter security responsibility of Hill 327 was transferred to 1st Bn 5th Marine Regiment.

During the month the Squadron continued to operate three ASRT's located at Da Nang, Quang Tri, and Fire Support Base Birmingham in addition to Da Nang DASC located in the 1st Marine Division CP. Control of fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft continued in support of I Corps area operations. Da Nang ASRT continued utilizing HMM-262 CH-46 helicopters equipped with beacons, as a test aimed at establishing IFR control and let down into certain specified landing zones. During the month five flights were conducted successfully. The helicopter squadron was still experiencing difficulty in maintaining operational beacons. On 23 and 29 January Da Nang ASRT participated in COMMANDO VAULT operations by controlling U. S. Air Force C-130 aircraft dropping BLU-82/B 15,000 lb bombs. A total of two bombs were dropped in the Charlie Ridge area in support of 1st Marine Division operations. This marks the first time a bomb of this size was dropped under control of a Marine TPQ-10. The aircraft, originating from Cam Ranh Bay, flew at 150 knots at 10,000 ft. altitude, the bomb was extracted by a drogue chute and due to the lack of stabilization fins was stabilized during its fall by a standard 24 ft. canopy parachute. The first bomb released missed the desired impact point by 20 meters, while the second bomb missed its desired impact point by 60 meters. The destruction radius of the bomb was 90 meters. Debrief of mission coordinator/observer and aircrews of the drop aircraft indicated the accuracy on both drops surpassed that of any radar controlled drops of this type of bomb made by any branch of service heretofore.

The 1st MAW conducted an A&M inspection of the Squadron. Inspected were; Supply, Utilities, Engineer Equipment, Embarkation, Administration, and S&C.

The DASC coordinated numerous insertions and extractions of reconnaissance teams from 1st Reconnaissance Bn. A total of 909 Medevacs were controlled by the DASC. A total of 740 fixed wing missions and 952 helicopter missions were controlled by the DASC during the month. The ASRT's completed bombing missions controlling 359 aircraft while engaging 485 targets with a total of 1143.165 tons of ordnance.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(U) 1. Administration. The following personnel were promoted to their present rank by the Commanding Officer:

Sgt R. J. RIECK
 L/Cpl E. T. TOMAS
 L/Cpl C. C. WYNNE
 L/Cpl B. G. WISINSKI
 L/Cpl J. M. ROBINETT
 L/Cpl M. A. NYMOEN
 L/Cpl Y. B. BOGER
 PFC M. E. JACKSON
 PFC P. D. HINDS
 PFC C. A. BAKER

(C) 2. Personnel. The following Officers joined in the month of January:

Capt G. C. KIRKLAND from H&HS-18
 Capt D. G. DEL MAURO from Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N. J.
 Capt P. J. CONNOR from MACS-4
 Capt M. N. HINMAN from MACS-4
 1stLt H. P. BUDESHEIM from 1st MAW Rear
 1stLt W. M. KOPROWSKI from 2nd MAW
 1stLt D. R. LENGLE from 2nd MAW
 1stLt R. B. JONES from MACS-4
 1stLt A. JONES from MACS-4
 1stLt N. S. HALL from MACS-4
 2ndLt E. F. HARTMAN from 3rd MAW

A total of 63 enlisted personnel joined during the month.

(U) 3. Command relationship/Command and Control. The following is the results of the 1st MAW A&M inspection of 12-15 January:

Supply - Satisfactory with minor discrepancies.
 Utilities - Satisfactory with minor discrepancies. Noteworthy comments on records, shop facilities and maintenance procedures.
 Embarkation - Satisfactory; improved from grade of unsatisfactory.
 Administration - Satisfactory with minor discrepancies.
 S&C - Satisfactory

(C) 4. Air Control. The three Air Support Radar Teams and the Direct Air Support Center continued normal operations.

(C) 5. Special Operations. The DASC assisted in rescue and recovery operations of twelve downed aircraft in addition to aiding in the emergency extraction of eighteen recon teams.

(U) 6. Civic Action. NONE

(C) 7. Ground Defense. On 9 January the responsibility for the perimeter security of Hill 327 was reassigned to 1st Bn 5th Marine Regiment.

(C) 8. Training. A total of three hours of GMS training and twenty eight hours of technical training were conducted during the month. In addition thirty officers received two hours of Officer training.

(U) 9. Logistics. Embarkation preparation and planning continued.

(U) 10. Supply. The Squadron Supply Section processed 284 formal requisitions and filled 98 orders from stock for a total processing of 272 orders. There were 284 requisitions for items not carried in the supply system. The overall gross effectiveness was 100% with a total net effectiveness of 76%. The distribution of the four priorities authorized for this Squadron is as follows:

Priority	Percentage
02	4%
05	22%
12	25%
17	49%

(U) 11. Engineering. Availability of 700 series generators improved due to receipt of some spare parts and S/L's .

(U) 12. Maintenance. Police and salvaging of Hill 327 completed.

(C) 13. Communications/Electronics. All of the ASRT's were visited to provide technical assistance and conduct onsite inspections. The Technical Representative from Bendix Corporation, Mr. FRANK ROBINSON, departed on 14 January 1971. 8 TPQ-10 sub-assemblies were worked on. There are 12 sub-assemblies awaiting parts. A total of 7 pieces of test equipment were worked on. On 8 January AN/TPQ-10 serial numbers A1 & A8 were turned into FEC for shipment to CONUS.

(U) 14. Construction. NONE

(U) 15. Motor Transport. Routine support was continued by the M. T. Section, which is presently combined with the H&S-18 M. T. Section.

(U) 16. Informational Services. No news releases were sent to hometown newspapers during January.

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(U) 17. Casualties. NONE

(U) 18. Awards. The following personnel were presented awards by the Commanding Officer:

Sgt A. C. DROKE	Navy Achievement Medal
Cpl W. C. RIVERS	Good Conduct Medal
Sgt R. L. HENSON	Meritorious Mast

(U) 19. Morale and Welfare. During the month the Squadron had the following number of personnel on R&R:

Hong Kong	1 Person
Bangkok	2 Persons
Hawaii	3 Persons
Sydney	2 Persons
Okinawa	1 Person

The Squadron had the following number of personnel on RON:

Ubon	4 Persons
Udorn	3 Persons
Korat	4 Persons

(U) 20. Air Defense. N/A

(U) 21. Base Defense and Military Construction. NONE

(C) 22. The operational statistics for the month of January 1971 includes;

A. Da Nang DASC.

<u>DA NANG DASC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fixed Wing Missions	712	3	25	740
Helo Missions	952	0	0	952
Medevacs	909	0	0	909

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B. ASRT 1-31 January 1971 Inclusive (USMC)

	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 BIRMINGHAM	A-8 QUANG TRI	TOTAL
Bombing Missions	73	74	39	186
Targets Hit	119	94	51	264 51
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	266.308	230.259	135.552	632.119
Sorties	137	75	51	263

C. ASRT 1-31 January 1971 Inclusive (USN)

	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 BIRMINGHAM	A-8 QUANG TRI	TOTAL
Bombing Missions	2	2	2	6
Targets Hit	3	3	3	9
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	9.468	3.156	9.994	22.618
Sorties	5	4	4	13

D. ASRT 1-31 January 1971 Inclusive (USAF)

	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 BIRMINGHAM	A-8 QUANG TRI	TOTAL
Bombing Missions	10	20	28	58
Targets Hit	9	26	38	73
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	31.031	74.439	124.379	229.849

Sorties 19 24 46 89

E. ASRT 1-31 January 1971 Inclusive (RAAF)

	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 BIRMINGHAM	A-8 QUANG TRI	TOTAL
Bombing Missions	7	58	32	97
Targets Hit	16	73	38	127 21
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(tons)	20,698	138,700	72,800	232,198
Sorties	11	55	33	99

F. ASRT 1-31 January 1971 Inclusive (RVNAF)

	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 BIRMINGHAM	A-8 QUANG TRI	TOTAL
Bombing Missions	0	3	9	12
Targets Hit	0	3	9	12
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	0	10,990	15,391	26,381
Sorties	3	13	8	24

G. ASRT 1-31 January 1971 Inclusive (TOTALS)

	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 BIRMINGHAM	A-8 QUANG TRI	TOTAL
Bombing Missions	92	157	110	359
Targets Hit	147	199	139	485
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0

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Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	327.505	457.544	358.116	1143.165
Sorties	175	171	142	488

H. ASRT Operating Hours as of 31 January 1971

	A-11 DA NANG	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 QUANG TRI	B-2 BIRMINGHAM
Hours in January	160	798	838	860
Since Rehab	15,924	2,099	N/A	N/A
Total Hours	20,361	unk	9,485	9,129

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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