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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (REIN) (MASS-3) Command Chronology for February 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)
1-28 FEBRUARY 1971
DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Commanding Officer	1-28 Feb	LtCol W. C. SIMANIKAS
Executive Officer	1-28 Feb	Maj V. J. FULLADOSA
Administrative Officer	1-28 Feb	Capt P. J. CONNOR
Operations Officer	1-28 Feb	Maj J. P. FOX
Services Officer	1-28 Feb	Capt L. P. KLIPP
Comm/Elect Officer	1-18 Feb 19-28 Feb	Capt K. E. WUEST Capt D. P. ABRAMS
OIC Da Nang DASC	1-28 Feb	Maj C. S. CAHASKIE
OIC Da Nang ASRT	1-5 Feb 6-20 Feb 21-28 Feb	1stLt D. S. CAMPBELL Capt G. C. KIRKLAND Capt F. H. KOS
OIC Quang Tri ASRT	1-20 Feb 21-22 Feb	Capt L. W. ALLEN Capt G. C. KIRKLAND
OIC Khe Sanh ASRT	22-28 Feb	Capt G. C. KIRKLAND
OIC Birmingham ASRT	1-28 Feb	Capt D. G. DEL MAURO

2. Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (REIN), Da Nang, RVN, 1-28 February 1971

- a. CP, Da Nang DASC, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang, RVN, 1-28 February 1971
- b. Birmingham ASRT, Birmingham FSB, RVN, 1-28 February 1971
- c. Quang Tri ASRT, Quang Tri, RVN, 1-22 February 1971
- d. Khe Sanh ASRT, Khe Sanh, RVN, 23-28 February 1971

3. Average monthly strength of the Squadron:

Marine Officers	47
Marine Enlisted	176
Naval Officers	0
Naval Enlisted	1

4. Visits

- a. NONE

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of February was highlighted by the standown and movement of Quang Tri ASRT to Khe Sanh in support of Free World Forces engaged in Operation Dewey Canyon II also known as Lam Son 719. On 10 February the Squadron received a warning order to be prepared to displace the Da Nang ASRT to Khe Sanh upon order (MACG-18 msg 100300Z Feb 71). On 11 February a party of MASS-3 personnel visited Khe Sanh and made liaison with the appropriate US Army units there regarding logistic support and preliminary site selection. On 16 February the Squadron was notified to plan on moving Birmingham ASRT to Khe Sanh vice Da Nang ASRT. On 18 February the Squadron was instructed to be prepared to deploy the Quang Tri ASRT vice Da Nang or Birmingham ASRT's.

Final site selection was accomplished on 19 February at XD 82870 41897 on high ground approximately one half mile off the west end of the Khe Sanh runway. This site is adjacent to the 108th Artillery Group CP. The CO 108th Artillery Group agreed to conduct a fifth order survey for emplacement of the ASRT and to provide the team with rations and POL. The survey was accomplished on the afternoon of the same day.

Although on site engineer support had been promised by the XXIV Corps project officer, an engineer team consisting of the MASS-3 utilities officer and augmented by H&HS-18 personnel was dispatched to Khe Sanh with bunkering materials on 20 February to begin site preparation. An Army bulldozer and operator were provided on 20 February, this was the limit of support received by the team except for the aforementioned support by the 108th Field Artillery Group which continued to lend every assistance possible.

In anticipation of the move a convoy of support vehicles was dispatched to Quang Tri on 19 February with additional personnel to assist in the packaging of the Quang Tri ASRT and to support the movement to Khe Sanh. Included in the vehicles was a wrecker to aid in moving the RCDC and antenna pallet.

On 21 and 22 February additional loads of bunkering and fortification materials were air lifted to Khe Sanh from Da Nang while support equipment located at Quang Tri was loaded aboard the previously positioned convoy.

Work continued at the Khe Sanh site, laying perimeter wire, clearing fields of fire and constructing the bunker to house the RCDC.

At 1800 on 22 February the Squadron was notified to cease operations of Quang Tri ASRT and to deploy the system to Khe Sanh. Quang Tri ASRT was notified immediately. Quang Tri ASRT was staged and ready for air-lift by external CH-53 loads to Khe Sanh by 0630 on 23 February.

The first helicopter reached Quang Tri at 1130. The first load, the antenna pallet, arrived on site at 1230 23 February, the final lift arrived at 1430 that same date.

The system was emplaced utilizing the MACG-18 wrecker which had fortunately accompanied the support convoy as promised US Army support failed to materialize.

Power was applied to the system, daily checks run and radio communications established by 1530 on 23 February, a total elapsed time of twenty one and one half hours from the receipt of the initial order to execute the movement until the system was emplaced and operational. A calibration mission was conducted at 1800 23 February, the first run resulting in a bullseye. The system was declared operational and commenced operations. A total of five motor marches between Quang Tri and Khe Sanh were conducted in support of the move and the team has been augmented with additional personnel due to security requirements.

In addition to the events at Quang Tri and Khe Sanh the Squadron continued to operate the Da Nang ASRT, Birmingham ASRT and the Da Nang DASC.

The Squadron received an A & M inspection by 1st MAW in Mares/Forstat, Training and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense.

The DASC continued to control fixed and rotary wing aircraft in support of the 1st Marine Division and other Free World Forces in the I Military Region.

The DASC coordinated numerous insertions and extractions of reconnaissance teams from 1st Reconnaissance Bn. A total of 341 Medevacs were controlled by the DASC. 676 fixed wing missions and 578 helicopter missions were controlled by the DASC during the month, while the ASRT's controlled 510 aircraft engaging 512 targets with 1381.226 tons of ordnance.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

Combat Promotions

Sgt S. D. GODFREY
Sgt B. D. MILLER
Cpl M. J. FUTCHIK
Cpl M. J. GILL
Cpl J. A. MILLS
Cpl D. M. PIRES
L/Cpl J. N. HALDEMAN
L/Cpl M. E. JACKSON

Normal Promotions

Cpl T. G. BEDEL
Cpl R. F. DOYLE
Cpl G. G. GILBERT
Cpl L. H. KAUFFMAN
Cpl M. K. SIMMONS
Cpl S. D. WAYMAN
Cpl K. L. SHAFFER

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

Capt D. P. ABRAMS from NATTC GLYNCO
1stLt V. P. MEYERS from MWHG 1
1stLt J. DELLA-CORTE from H&HS-18
1stLt G. S. BUCKLIN from 3rd MAW
1stLt R. J. DENNIS from 2nd MAW
1stLt J. K. ELISON from 3rd MAW
1stLt D. J. MOSELER from MAG-16
1stLt R. H. TODD from MAG 11
2dLt W. E. FITTS from 3rd MAW
2dLt T. E. McNAMARA from 2nd MAW
WO-1 R. J. PETERSON from 3rd MAW

A total of 20 enlisted personnel joined during the month.

(U) 3. Command relationship/Command and Control. NONE

(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 the recovery of two downed helicopters and the emergency extractions of four recon teams. The Khe Sanh ASRT continued operations in support of Dewey Canyon II.

(U) 6. Civic Action. NONE

(C) 7. Ground Defense. NONE except for Khe Sanh.

(C) 8. Training. A total of six hours GMS training and twenty eight hours of technical training were conducted during the month involving 298 personnel.

(U) 9. Logistics. Embarkation inspection by MACG-18 was satisfactory with minor discrepancies but with noteworthy comments.

(U) 10. Supply. The Squadron Supply Section processed 172 formal requisitions and filled 395 orders from stock for a total processing of 567 orders. There were 91 requisitions for items not carried in the supply system. The overall gross effectiveness was 70% with a total net effectiveness of 83%. 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. None

(U) 12. Maintenance. None

(C) 13. Communications/Electronics. All of the ASRT's were visited to provide technical assistance and conduct onsite inspections. A detachment was sent to Khe Sanh with 2 TRC-75-s and accessories to provide communication between the ASRT and the Squadron.

(U) 14. Construction. None

(U) 15. Motor Transport. Routine support was continued by the M. T. Section, which is presently combined with the H&HS-18 M. T. Section. In addition five convoys were dispatched from Quang Tri to Khe Sanh in support of the ASRT located there.

(U) 16. Informational Services. No news releases were sent to Home Town Newspapers during February.

(U) 17. Casualties. None

(U) 18. Awards. GySgt J. E. PARNELL received his fifth Good Conduct Award.

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

Hawaii	6 Persons
Sydney	6 Persons
Hong Kong	1 Person
Taipei	3 Persons

The Squadron had the following number of personnel on RON:

Udon	5 Persons
Ubon	5 Persons
Korat	2 Persons

(U) 20. Air Defense. N/A

(U) 21. Base Defense and Military Construction. The utilities officer with personnel TAD from H&HS-18 built bunkers for TPQ-10 equipment and personnel living spaces at Khe Sanh. They also cleared fields of fire and installed perimeter wire.

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

A. Da Nang DASC.

<u>DA NANG DASC.</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Fixed Wing Missions	618	22	36	676
Helo Missions	578	0	0	578
Medevacs	341	0	0	341

B. ASRT 1-28 February 1971 Inclusive (USMC)

	<u>A-17</u> <u>DA NANG</u>	<u>B-2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>A-8</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>A-8</u> <u>KHE SANH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	42	63	66	7	178
Targets Hit	77	82	84	84	251

Visual
Targets 0 0 0 0 0

Ordnance
Dropped(Tons) 170.225 254.413 297.618 25.482 747.738

Sorties 53 69 82 7 211

C. ASRT 1-28 February 1971 Inclusive (USN)

	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 BIRMINGHAM	A-8 QUANG TRI	A-8 KHE SANH	TOTAL
Bombing Missions	5	10	7	0	22
Targets Hit	13	12	7	0	32
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	19.462	38.129	17.936	0	75.527
Sorties	13	20	14	0	47

D. ASRT 1-28 February 1971 Inclusive (USAF).

	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 BIRMINGHAM	A-8 QUANG TRI	A-8 KHE SANH	TOTAL
Bombing Missions	5	28	25	3	61
Targets Hit	5	34	27	3	69
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped(Tons)	15.100	84.398	111.249	15.904	226.651
Sorties	9	37	39	6	91

E. ASRT 1-28 February 1971 Inclusive (RAAF).

	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 BIRMINGHAM	A-8 QUANG TRI	A-8 KHE SANH	TOTAL
Bombing Missions	8	42	53	25	128

TARGETS					
Hit	12	48	53	25	138
Visual					
Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance					
Dropped(Tons)	22.140	84.800	130.360	61.500	298.800
Sorties	10	47	54	26	137

F. ASRT 1-28 February 1971 Inclusive (RVNAF).

	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 BIRMINGHAM	A-8 QUANG TRI	A-8 KHE SANH	TOTAL
Bombing					
Missions	6	4	4	0	14
Targets					
Hit	12	5	5	0	22
Visual					
Targets	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance					
Dropped(Tons)	15.864	7.932	8.714	0	32.510
Sorties	12	5	7	0	24

G. ASRT 1-28 February 1971 Inclusive (TOTALS)

	A-17 DA NANG	B-2 BIRMINGHAM	A-8 QUANG TRI	A-8 KHE SANH	TOTAL
Bombing					
Missions	66	147	155	35	403
Targets					
Hit	119	181	176	36	512
Visual					
Targets	0	0	0	0	0
ORDNANCE DROPPED (TONS)	242.791	469.672	565.877	102.886	1381.226
Sorties	97	178	196	39	510

H. ASRT Operating Hours as of 28 February 1971

	A-17 DA NANG	B-1 QUANG TRI/KHE SANH	B-2 BIRMINGHAM
Hours in February	457	599	613
Since Rehab	2,456	N/A	N/A
Total Hours	unk	10,084	9,742

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None