

MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3 (REIN)
Marine Aircraft Group 11
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1-31 May 1971

1. In accordance with reference (a), the Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (Rein) (MASS-3) Command Chronology for the period of 1-31 May 1971 is submitted as enclosure (1).

2. This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1), in accordance with OPNAVINST 5510.1C.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRON 3 (REIN)
1-31 MAY 1971
DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Commanding Officer | 1-31 May | LtCol W. C. SIMANIKAS |
| Executive Officer | 1-31 May | Maj V. J. FULLADOSA |
| Administrative Officer | 1-31 May | Capt R. J. CONNOR |
| Operations Officer | 1-31 May | Maj J. P. FOX |
| Services Officer | 1-31 May | Capt L. P. KLIPP |
| Comm/Elect Officer | 1-31 May | Capt D. P. ABRAMS |
| OIC Da Nang DASC | 1-8 May | Maj C. S. CAHASKIE |
| OIC Da Nang ASRT | 1-8 May | Capt F. H. KOS |
| OIC Quang Tri ASRT | 1-8 May | Capt G. C. KIRKLAND |
| OIC Birmingham ASRT | 1-21 May | Capt D. G. DEL MAURO |

2. Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (Rein), Da Nang, RVN, 1-31 May 1971.

- a. CP, 1-31 May 71, Da Nang DASC and Da Nang ASRT, 1-8 May 1971, Da Nang, RVN.
- b. Birmingham ASRT, Birmingham FSB, RVN, 1-21 May 1971.
- c. Quang Tri ASRT, Quang Tri, RVN, 1-8 May 1971.

3. Average monthly strength of the Squadron:

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|-------------------|-----|
| Marine Officers | 33 |
| = Marine Enlisted | 130 |
| Naval Officers | 0 |
| Naval Enlisted | 1 |

4. Visits

- a. 27 May Major General ARMSTRONG, CG of 3d MAB, inspected MASS 3 prior to redeployment to MCAS El Toro, (Santa Ana) California.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Squadron continued normal operations of three ASRTs, located on Hill 327 Da Nang, Fire Support Base Birmingham, and Quang Tri, in addition to Da Nang DASC located in the 3d MAB CP. Da Nang ASRT, Quang Tri ASRT and Da Nang DASC stood down at 0001H 8 May, with Da Nang ASRT being helo lifted to the Squadron area by one CH 53 helicopter from MAG-16 and supported by a Helicopter Support Team from 1st Shore Party Bn. The movement of Quang Tri ASRT was supported by a motor convoy from the Squadron and one KC-130 from VMGR 152. Da Nang DASC was relocated to the MASS-3 compound by Squadron assets. Birmingham ASRT stood down on 21 May and returned to the Squadron area with the support of two CH 47 Army helicopters, one Helicopter Support Team and a motor convoy from the Squadron.

On 5 May the Squadron received an A & M inspection by Marine Aircraft Group 11.

The following equipment and personnel were detached from the Squadron. The advance party of three officers and 23 enlisted departed on 18 May, for MCAS El Toro to prepare for the return of the Squadron. On 22 May, five officers and 15 enlisted were transferred to MASS-2 along with one AN/TPQ-10 (System A-17). System B-2 was transferred to MASS-2 on 25 May 71 via the MAC Channel System.

On 27 May Major General ARMSTRONG, 3d MAB Commanding General, inspected the remaining personnel of the Squadron prior to redeployment to MCAS El Toro.

A total of 16 medevac missions were controlled by the DASC. Six fixed wing missions and 56 helicopter missions were controlled by the DASC while the three ASRTs controlled 145 aircraft composing 88 missions engaging 90 targets with 284.628 tons of ordnance expended.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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

Capt J. DELLA CORTE
 Capt M. A. SCHOOLING
 Sgt A. O. CHESNEY
 Sgt D. T. YOUNG
 Cpl M. E. JACKSON
 Cpl L. S. McCLUSKER
 Cpl M. R. MOORE
 LCpl C. A. BAKER
 LCpl B. W. BRAND
 LCpl G. F. COBIS

(U) 2. Personnel. One Naval enlisted person joined the squadron during this period.

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

(C) 4. Air Control. Da Nang, Quang Tri ASRTs, and the Da Nang DASC continued normal operations until 8 May 1971. Birmingham ASRT continued normal operations until 21 May 1971.

(C) 5. Special Operations. Da Nang ASRT performed a Radar Beacon Test with aircraft from the USS KITTY HAWK. Birmingham ASRT directed (2) COMMANDO VAULTS for the 101st Airborne Division.

(U) 6. Civic Action. NONE

(U) 7. Ground Defense. NONE

(U) 8. Training. NONE

(C) 9. Logistics. At stand down on 8 May 1971, this Squadron's supplies on hand and equipment readiness were the highest in its history. Supplies on hand were at 94% of T/E. Equipment readiness overall was 88% with Motor Transport having no deadlined vehicles, Utilities having three deadlined generators, Communications having eight radio components deadlined.

(C) 10. Supply. At stand down, Supply Section ceased operations and began preparing for embark. Opportune shipping permitted Supply to make redistribution of two AN/TPQ-10 sets, two TYA-11 vans, one GRM-98 van, and assorted miscellaneous items.

(U) 11. Engineering. Through 20 May, Utilities provided generator service to the Squadron. By 26 May, all thirty-four generators had been disassembled, cleaned, painted, reassembled, and prepared for embarkation. On 1 May, only three generators were deadlined. As of 31 May they remain on deadline awaiting higher echelon maintenance. The Utilities Section received noteworthy comments from inspectors regarding the maintenance and appearance of generators.

(U) 12. Embarkation. The inspectors for MAG-11 Administrative and Material inspection found Squadron embarkation to be outstanding making several noteworthy remarks. As of 31 May 1971, all Squadron property is staged at Deep Water Pier, Da Nang waiting shipment via surface, USS DENVER, LPD-9.

(U) 13. Communications/Electronics. On 8 May C & E Section moved off Hill 327 with the exception of the HD Nets to Da Nang DASC. On 10 May C & E Section completed the move from Hill 327 and prepared for embark. On 19 May the TRC-75 radio shot to Birmingham ASRT was secured. On 20 May the last ASRT returned to prepare for embark. On 25 May the C & E Section secured work after PM Equipment was prepared for embark.

(U) 14. Motor Transport. At stand down, all thirty-one vehicles were operational. On 20 May, 1stLt R. SMITH led a vehicle convoy to Fire Support Base Birmingham to assist the Birmingham ASRT in its move back to the Squadron cantonment. The convoy returned on 21 May without incident. By 26 May, all vehicles were cleaned, painted, and ready for embarkation.

(U) 16. Informational Services. NONE

(U) 17. Casualties. Non-Battle casualty: Three Squadron members were struck by an ARVN dump truck. Investigation of accident involving ICpl JEDNASTY 2576876/1371, ICpl EDDY 2604146/1371, and PFC ROBERTS 2529944/1341 was concluded to be in line of duty, not misconduct.

(U) 18. Awards. Sgt G. S. KILLEN was awarded the Good Conduct Medal during this period.

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

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The Squadron had the following number of personnel on RON:

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(U) 20. Air Defense. N/A

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

(C) 22. The operational statistics for the month of May 1971 include;

A. Da Nang DASC.

| <u>Da Nang DASC</u> | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> | <u>USAF</u> | <u>RAAF</u> | <u>RVNAF</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fixed Wing Missions | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Helo Missions | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 |
| Medevacs | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |

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

| | <u>A-17 DA NANG</u> | <u>B-2 BIRMINGHAM</u> | <u>B-1 QUANG TRI</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Bombing Missions | 0 | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| Targets Hit | 0 | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| Visual Targets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ordnance Dropped (Tons) | 0 | 18.936 | 16.832 | 35.768 |
| Sorties | 0 | 7 | 8 | 15 |

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

| | <u>A-17</u> <u>DA NANG</u> | <u>B-2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u> | <u>B-1</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Bombing Missions | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Targets Hit | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Visual Targets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ordnance Dropped (Tons) | 0 | 31.560 | 0 | 31.560 |
| Sorties | 0 | 16 | 2 | 18 |

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

| | <u>A-17</u> <u>DA NANG</u> | <u>B-2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u> | <u>B-1</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Bombing Missions | 0 | 25 | 1 | 26 |
| Targets Hit | 0 | 21 | 1 | 22 |
| Visual Targets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ordnance Dropped (Tons) | 0 | 109.273 | 5.523 | 114.796 |
| Sorties | 0 | 48 | 2 | 50 |

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

| | <u>A-17</u> <u>DA NANG</u> | <u>B-2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u> | <u>B-1</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Bombing Missions | 0 | 26 | 2 | 28 |
| Targets Hit | 0 | 26 | 2 | 28 |
| Visual Targets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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 Ordnance
 Dropped (Tons) 0 69.040 4.920 73.960
 Sorties 0 26 2 28

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

| | <u>A-17</u> <u>DA NANG</u> | <u>B-2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u> | <u>B-1</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Bombing Missions | 0 | 15 | 2 | 17 |
| Targets Hit | 0 | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| Visual Targets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ordnance Dropped (Tons) | 0 | 25.900 | 2.644 | 28.544 |
| Sorties | 0 | 32 | 2 | 34 |

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

| | <u>A-17</u> <u>DA NANG</u> | <u>B-2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u> | <u>B-1</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Bombing Missions | 0 | 76 | 12 | 88 |
| Targets Hit | 0 | 78 | 12 | 90 |
| Visual Targets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ordnance Dropped (Tons) | 0 | 254.709 | 29.919 | 284.628 |
| Sorties | 0 | 129 | 16 | 145 |

H. ASRT Operating Hours as of 31 May 1971

| | <u>A-17</u> <u>DA NANG</u> | <u>B-2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u> | <u>B-1</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Hours in May | 150 | 440 | 154 |

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| Since Rehab | 3,995 | N/A | N/A |
| Total Hours | UNK | 11,961.75 | 11,644.50 |

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.