

MARINE AIR CONTROL SQUADRON FOUR
Marine Air Control Group 18
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Encl: ✓(1) Organizational Data
✓(2) Narrative Summary
✓(3) Significant Events

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. COMMAND AND STAFF

- a. Commanding Officer - LtCol William A. COHN
- b. Executive Officer - Major Thomas J. LAPHAM
- c. First Sergeant - 1stSgt Frank R. MIRANDA
- d. S-1 Officer - 1st Lt. John E. JULIAN
- e. S-2 Officer - Major Jerry W. ELLIOTT (1Mar-12Mar)
Major Earnest (N) JARVIS (13Mar-31Mar)
- f. S-3 Officer - Major Herbert M. FLX
- g. S-4 Officer - Major Meritt J. YEAGER (1Mar-29Mar)
Capt. Thomas G. BONGARD (30Mar-31Mar)
- h. Comm-Elect Officer - Major William L. THOMAS

2. TASK ORGANIZATION AND UNIT LOCATION

a. Task Organization

(1) Marine Air Control Squadron Four

(2) Attached Unit - Tactical Data Communications Central, AN/TYQ-3
with maintenance and computer programming personnel from H&HS-18, MACG-18.

b. Unit Location

(1) Da Nang, Republic of Viet Nam (1Mar-31Mar)

3. Average Monthly Strength

- a. Average monthly strength -
 - 40 Officers
 - 260 Enlisted (USMC)
 - 3 Enlisted (USN)

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND.

a. The following important visitors to this command were briefed on the squadron mission, operation and equipment. Briefings, on the dates indicated, were followed by tours of the site.

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(1) 13 March 1968 - MajGen W. J. VAN RYZIN
- BrigGen E. E. ANDERSON

(2) 23 March 1968 - MajGen F. C. THARIN

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The surveillance, air defense and air control missions assigned to this squadron were carried out during the month. Included in this mission is participation in Link 11 data exchange with the NTDS/ATDS in the Gulf of Tonkin.
2. No data link testing for the S. E. Asia interface took place during the month.
3. During the month of March, this squadron had the first scheduled shutdown for maintenance since becoming operational in July 1967. The shutdown was scheduled to perform maintenance which could not be performed with the equipment "on-line". An eight hour period during daylight VFR weather was required for this maintenance and service was restored prior to darkness.
4. A team from the Fifth Tactical Control Group, USAF, arrived on 25 March 1968 and commenced an evaluation of the radar coverage available from the MACS-4 site. Also, an inspection and evaluation of the capability of the communication and electronics equipment was undertaken. The evaluation was still in progress at month's end.
5. A team from Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, arrived on site and commenced an administration and material inspection. Preliminary inspection of the engineering and communications and electronics equipment and maintenance records commenced on 31 March 1968.

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. OPERATIONS

a. The following operational services were provided during the month:

- (1) Tracks reported to Panama - 27
- (2) Aircraft provided navigational assistance - 13,922
- (3) AN/TPQ-10 runs monitored - 3,990
- (4) GCI/GCA - 2,469
- (5) IFF/SIF Checks-12,919
- (6) Intercepts (Practice) - Attempted 50
Sucessful 46

2. LOGISTICS

a. The T/E shortage of five (5) PU-648 and One (1) PU-344 still exists.

3. SUPPLY

a. On 20 March 1968, 2nd Lt D. G. JATINEN assumed the duties of Squadron Supply Officer, vice 1st Lt. W. N. TURNBULL.

4. MOTOR TRANSPORT

a. During March 1968, MACS-4 vehicles traveled 19,823 miles, transported 405 tons of cargo and carried 2,890 passengers.

5. ENGINEERING

a. Two converter failures occurred during the month. One failure (20 March 1968) was caused by a faulty circuit breaker. The other (29 March 1968) was caused by overheating. Modification to the converter shed was made to improve ventilation and fans were installed in the shed.

6. COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. Significant events pertaining to Comm-Elect are listed chronologically below:

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- (1) 9 March - AN/TPS-22 inoperative due to lack of spare parts. Squadron declared in condition C-2 pending receipt of parts.
- (2) 11 March - AN/TPS-22 operative with parts on loan from MACS-8.
- (3) 24 March - Scheduled maintenance shutdown from 0800-1600.
- (4) 25 March - Evaluation team from 5th TactControl Group arrived on site from Clark AFB. Technical evaluation of site and comm-elect equipment commenced.
- (5) 31 March - FMFPac inspection team began check of equipment and maintenance record keeping.

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