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1-30 June 1970

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Marine Air Support Squadron-3 (REIN) (MASS-3) Command Chronology for June 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 JUNE 1970

DA NANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

ANNEX B

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

Commanding Officer	1-30 June	Maj Pasquale J. FLORIO
Executive Officer	1-30 June	Maj Charles R. KEITH
Administration Officer	1-30 June	1stLt Francis E. McGOVERN
Operations Officer	1-25 June 26-30 June	Maj Charles M. McCAIN Maj George S. PRESCOTT
Services Officer	1-30 June	Maj Paul K. FARMER
Comm/Elect Officer	1-24 June 25-30 June	Capt Donald D. NIMMOW Capt Harvey E. GREENAWALT
OIC Da Nang DASC	1-25 June 26-30 June	Maj John J. McNAMARA Maj Charles M. McCAIN
OIC Da Nang ASRT	1-30 June	Capt Jerry R. GERMAN
OIC Chu Lai ASRT	1-30 June	Capt Craig D. GALLAN
OIC An Hoa ASRT	1-30 June	1stLt Jerry N. DENARD
OIC Quang Tri ASRT	1-30 June	1stLt Eric LEWIS
OIC Birmingham ASRT	1-30 June	1stLt Samuel V. KIRK
OIC Baldy HDC	1-30 June	1stLt Nestor KUSNIERZ

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

- a. GP, Da Nang ASRT, Da Nang DASC, Da Nang RVN, 1-30 June 1970
- b. Chu Lai ASRT, Chu Lai, RVN, 1-30 June 1970
- c. An Hoa ASRT, An Hoa Combat Base, RVN, 1-30 June 1970
- d. Birmingham ASRT, Birmingham FSB, RVN, 1-30 June 1970
- e. Quang Tri ASRT, Quang Tri, RVN, 1-30 June 1970
- f. Baldy HDC, Landing Zone Baldy, RVN, 1-30 June 1970

3. Average monthly strength of Squadron:

Marine Officers	40
Marine Enlisted	212
Naval Officers	0
Naval Enlisted	2

4. a. On 3 June, 1970, Col S. G. DUNWIDDIE, CO of MACG-18 visited the Da Nang DASC; Col L. T. ERICKSON, 1st MAW Wing Inspector, visited the Quang Tri and Birmingham ASRT's.

b. On 8 June, 1970, Col N. E. HEFFERMAN, G-3 of III MAF visited the Quang Tri ASRT.

c. On 10 June, 1970, Col L. T. ERICKSON visited the Quang Tri ASRT.

d. On 12 June, 1970, BGen R. F. CONLEY, the incoming Assistant Wing Commander, visited the Da Nang DASC.

e. On 16 June, 1970, BGen R. F. CONLEY visited Hill 327.

f. On 17 June, 1970, Col S. G. DUNWIDDIE visited Hill 327.

g. On 18 June, 1970, Col S. G. DUNWIDDIE visited the Da Nang DASC.

h. On 19 June, 1970, BGen R. F. CONLEY visited the Birmingham and Quang Tri ASRT's; Col HOLMAN, the 1st MAR DIV Staff Judge Advocate, visited the Da Nang DASC.

i. On 20 June, 1970, Col R. W. TELLER, 1st MAW Chief of Staff, visited Hill 327.

j. On 24 June, 1970, Col J. R. SLOAN, incoming 1st MAW Chief of Staff, visited the Da Nang DASC; Col S. G. DUNWIDDIE and Col C. T. WESCOTT, incoming CO of MACG-18, visited the Birmingham and Quang Tri ASRT's.

k. On 25 June, 1970, Col J. R. SLOAN, Col S. G. DUNWIDDIE and Col C. T. WESCOTT visited the MASS-3 CP on Hill 327 and the Da Nang ASRT. Col S. G. DUNWIDDIE and Col C. T. WESCOTT visited the Da Nang DASC.

l. On 27 June, 1970, BGen W. F. DOEHLER and BGEN E. H. SIMMONS, outgoing and incoming 1st MAR DIV Assistant Division Commanders, visited the Birmingham ASRT; MGen C. F. WIDDECKE, 1st MAR DIV Commander, and Col F. H. WALDROP, 1st MAR DIV G-3, visited the Da Nang DASC.

m. On 29 June, 1970, MGen A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG of the 1st MAW, and BGen R. F. CONLEY visited Hill 327. Col S. G. DUNWIDDIE visited the Chu Lai and An Hoa ASRT's and Baldy HDC.

n. On 30 June, 1970, Col C. H. LUDDEN, incoming G-3 of III MAF, visited the Da Nang DASC.

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of June MASS-3 continued to effectively operate a DASC, an HDC and five ASRT's and began installation of a sixth AN/TPQ-10 in a newly constructed bunker on Hill 327. The Squadron provided control and coordination for fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft in support of operations in I Corps. Squadron ASRT's supported Operations Texas Star, Nantucket Beach, Frederick Hill, Geneva Park, Iron Mountain, Green River and the 1st ARVN Lam Son 355, 356, 359 and 360. The DASC coordinated emergency extractions of twenty-three Reconnaissance Battalion Teams. The DASC also coordinated massive napalm drops in Operation "Thrashlight" near Thuong Duc. Distinguished visitors inspected various MASS-3 units on twenty different occasions. MASS-3 welcomed aboard Maj G. S. PRESCOTT as the new Operations Officer. Maj C. M. MCCAIN replaced Maj J. J. McNAMARA as OIC of the Da Nang DASC. The arrival of six magnetrons for the AN/TPQ-10 radars significantly augmented the Squadron's capability of replacing this vital component. Utilities has augmented their training program for maintaining engineer equipment and has also developed an effective maintenance contact team for the ASRT's. The Motor Transport Section hauled 385,000 gallons of water in June to provide a reliable supply of potable water.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(U) 1. Administration. None.

(C) 2. Personnel. Maj G. S. PRESCOTT joined MASS-3 from HQ BN HQMC, and Capt J. K. WETTER joined the Squadron from MATCU-74; MABS-56; MAG-56; MCAS El Toro. Capt H. E. GREENAWALT and Capt J. A. SPINKS III both joined the Squadron from H&HS-18; MACG-18. 2ndLt C. H. HULLINGER joined from MWCS-1; MWHG-1; 1st MAW.

(C) 3. Command Relationships / Command Control. During June, MASS-3 personnel gave orientation briefings pertaining to Squadron operations to MGen A. J. ARMSTRONG, 1st MAW Commander; BGen R. F. CONLEY, Assistant 1st MAW Commander; BGen E. H. SIMMONS and BGen W. F. DOEHLER, the new and old 1st MAR DIV Assistant Division Commanders, and Col J. R. SLOAN, 1st MAW Chief of Staff.

(C) 4. Air Control. MASS-3 continued to maintain five Air Support Radar Teams (ASRT's), a Direct Air Support Center (DASC) and a Helicopter Direction Center (HDC).

(C) 5. Special Operations. On 7 June, 1970, the Da Nang coordinated a large napalm drop west of Thuong Duc in an operation nicknamed "Thrashlight". Ninety-six CH-53 sorties, twenty-four F4 and A4 sorties and fourteen A6A sorties dropped a total of two thousand 55 gallon drums of napalm. On 16 June, 1970, the DASC coordinated another "Thrashlight" west of Thuong Duc. The DASC also coordinated the emergency extraction of reconnaissance teams including: "Cherry Jam" (twice), "Delivery Boy", "Fig Newton", "Ip-switch", "Chili Pepper", "Flaky Snow" (twice), "Forefather", "Pickwick Papers", "Swampland", "Terrapin", "Elfskin", "Policy Game", "Pony Boy", "Head Cold" (twice), "Adult Group", "Lynch Law" (twice) and "Date Palm". The DASC's efforts in extracting "Pony Boy" on 21 June were highly commended by Col J. R. SLOAN, 1st MAW Chief of Staff. On 9 June the DASC coordinated the successful recovery operation of Cattlecall 16, mission number 41 medevac lead, which was shot down south of LZ Ross. The DASC also met and completed 92% of the 1st MAR DIV's requests for helicopter missions: 632 completions out of 697 requests.

1stLt F. E. LEWIS reported that the Quang Tri ASRT received an observed BDA of five destroyed bunkers, five secondary fires and four secondary explosions. Quang Tri's missions have been in support of Operations Green River, Texas Star and the 1st ARVN Lam Son 355, 356, 359 and 360.

1stLt S. V. KIRK reported that the Birmingham ASRT missions in support of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Mobile) are also in support of Operation Texas Star.

Capt C. D. GALLAN reported that the Chu Lai ASRT supported Operations Nantucket Beach, Frederick Hill, Geneva Park and Iron Mountain.

(U) 6. Civic Action. The MASS-3 Civic Action program during the month of June was limited to liaison with the MACG-18 Civic Action Team and its operations.

(c) 7. Ground Defense. Improvements were made on bunkers and fighting positions. Approximately one thousand meters of wire was installed to improve the security of about three hundred meters of the perimeter.

(U) 8. Training. Four hours of general military subjects training were presented covering personal response, organization of the 1st MAW, map-reading, and civic action. MACG-18 personnel gave a lecture on drug abuse attended by sixty-one people. Forty-three people attended the GMS classes.

(C) 9. Logistics. The Squadron Services Section gave logistical support for five ASRT's, the DASC, an HDC and the CP on Hill 327. Supplies and material were provided in a manner which insured reliable execution of all operations. Helicopter support from MAG-16 afforded rapid replacement of vital electrical generators, air conditioners, electronic spare parts, while expediting administrative support for the ASRT's. On one occasion a CH-47 helicopter from the U. S. Army, 101st Airborne Division, transported generators to and from the Birmingham and Quang Tri ASRT's. The logistical highlight was the arrival of six magnetrons for the AN/TPQ-10 radars which will help to insure maximum availability for the ASRT's.

(U) 10. Supply. The Squadron Supply Section processed 494 formal requisitions and filled 655 orders from stock. Due to proper planning and sound management, at the end of FY 70, the Squadron accounts had no overexpenditures and minimal remaining funds. The priority distributions during June were well within accepted standards and reflect excellent management:

PRIORITY	PERCENTAGE
02	5%
05	6%
12	15%
17	74%

(U) 11. Engineering. The Engineering Equipment Section provided reliable tactical power to the Squadron. The Utilities Section has established a program for training generator operators, and eight generator operators have been trained so far. A generator maintenance contact team has been organized to provide technical assistance for repairing generators at the ASRT's. The Generator Section continued a vigorous program of evacuating equipment to higher echelons for maintenance. The contact team from FLC made numerous visits to Hill 327 to give technical assistance on the PU-719 and PU-648 generators. The team's visits resulted in the completion of eight work orders and in much needed technical training to section personnel. A commercial 400 HZ power converter was damaged during a power failure, but another unit was soon provided to the Squadron on temporary loan. Also, instruction concerning the installation of the air conditioner for the RCDC vans was given to the ASRT teams.

(U) 12. Maintenance. The arrival of additional mechanics in the Motor Transport section will improve the already adequate support the section has given the Squadron in the past. The timely repair of water trucks and light vehicles for administrative support contributed greatly to the effectiveness of the Squadron.

(C) 13. Communications/Electronics. Items of electronic equipment repaired by C & E personnel include the AN/FPS-6, seven pieces of test equipment,

one AN/TPQ-10 major unit and eleven subassemblies. C & E received and made operational a Communications Central, AN/TSC-15 which had been repaired and modified. C & E also received and made operational the Electronic Maintenance Shop, AN/GRM-98. The S-455/TP Radome was erected for another Da Namg ASRT. A sufficient number of 10 db isolators was delivered, and now all ASRT's have new isolators. One Test Set, AN/UPM-32 was also received. Delivery to the Squadron of AN/TPQ-10 maintenance float items has enabled C & E to consolidate all TPQ-10 float items in one place, and facilitate expeditious delivery of needed replacement items. The Squadron AN/UPS-1C was set up as a static display for the recent MACG-18 Change of Command Ceremony on 27 June 1970.

(U) 14. Construction. The Utilities Section, with the help of working parties from Security and under the supervision of GySgt JAMES, H&HS-18 Utilities Chief, constructed a reinforced timbered bunker, including a concrete deck. The bunker, situated on Hill 327, will house an ASRT RCDC van and provide crew spaces for sustained operations. Construction of the bunker, including sand bagging, was continuing at the month's end. The Utilities Section built a retaining wall against the hill in their office area, and, with a Euclid 7231 (scooploader) borrowed from H&HS-18, Utilities also filled in their working space to increase the parking area for generators. Minor construction included pouring concrete pads for erecting a radar antenna shelter, screening portions of the mess hall and installing outside lighting. Utilities erected a new set of fuel stands and moved the diesel and gasoline fueling point to enhance operations. Utilities also disassembled the old sick bay and gave it to the MACG-18 Civic Action Program.

(U) 15. Motor Transport. The Motor Transport Section continued its huge task of supplying Hill 327 with water. In the month of June alone the section hauled 385,000 gallons of potable water to the top of the hill. In addition it hauled fifty tons of cargo, delivered 3500 gallons of POL, transported 3670 passengers, and drove a total of 9226 miles to support Squadron operations. Assistance in supplying the hill with water was given by tankers provided by H&HS-18 and WERS-17.

(U) 16. Informational Service. Regular news releases, totaling thirty-six, were sent to home town newspapers during this month.

(U) 17. Casualties. None.

(U) 18. Awards. The following men received awards for personal recognition:

Capt W. D. KEITH	1-14 Air Medals
Cpl M. L. BEARD	Good Conduct
Cpl A. W. DANGEIMAER	Good Conduct
Cpl P. A. KNOCK	Good Conduct
Cpl W. D. McCELLAND, Jr.	Good Conduct

The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Gallantry Cross, with Palm has been awarded to all personnel who had been in III MAF between 8 March 1965 and 20 September 1969. Many MASS-3 personnel will qualify on the basis of previous tours with III MAF.

The following were recommended for awards:

Maj J. J. McNAMARA	Bronze Star
Maj P. K. FARMER, Jr.	Navy Commendation Medal
Capt R. L. POLLARD, Jr.	Navy Commendation Medal
1stLt A. E. PELHAN	Navy Commendation Medal
GySgt L. W. BROWN	Navy Commendation Medal
1stLt R. E. McCORMACK	Navy Achievement Medal
CWO 3 K. K. KELLER	Navy Achievement Medal
Sgt L. L. KLEIST	Navy Achievement Medal
Cpl K. F. BILYEU	Navy Achievement Medal
Cpl C. W. SALLES	Navy Achievement Medal
Cpl T. L. GOURLEY	Certificate of Commendation

The following were promoted during June:

To First Lieutenant:	J. A. CRAWFORD
To Staff Sergeant:	R. G. FONTAINE
To Sergeant:	C. J. BARNES
	M. P. BEBICH
	J. G. BOND
	L. L. KLEIST
	J. H. LANGSTON
	J. A. MARTIN
	J. W. SANDERS
	R. T. SINNOTT
	R. D. SMITH
	D. L. WOOD
	G. A. CLAYSON

(U) 19. Morale and Welfare. Transportation was provided to and from China Beach each Sunday. In addition, four floor shows were presented in the Staff NCO Club and three were presented at the Enlisted Club. Movies were shown nightly at both clubs.

MASS-3 provided the following R & R quotas:

Sidney	3
Bangkok	3
Hawaii	5
Manila	1
Taipei	3
Okinawa	1

The following RON flight quotas were provided:

Hong Kong	1
Udorn	3
Ubon	13

(U) 20. Air Defense. N/A

(C) 21. Base Development and Military Construction. Mentioned previously.

(C) 22. The operational statistics for the month of June 1970 include:

A. DA NANG DASC

<u>DA NANG DASC</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>USAF</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed Wing Missions	999	8	45	32	1084
Helo Missions	1058	0	0	0	1058
MEDEVACS	859	0	0	0	859

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

	<u>A 11</u> <u>DA NANG</u>	<u>A 1</u> <u>AN HOA</u>	<u>B 1</u> <u>CHU IAI</u>	<u>B 2</u> <u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	<u>A 8</u> <u>QUANG TRI</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bombing Missions	42	65	81	56	45	289
Targets Hit	58	72	148	64	62	404
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped	205.949	371.012	351.217	231.092	178.472	1,337.742
Sorties	51	73	81	65	52	322

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

Bombing Missions	3	3	2	34	59	101
Targets Hit	3	3	2	32	64	104
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped	15.780	16.244	7.100	82.984	211.222	333.331
Sorties	5	7	4	68	116	200

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

Bombing Missions	5	2	3	5	40	55
Targets Hit	5	2	7	5	41	60
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0	0

Ordnance Dropped	9.468	9.432	9.205	15.732	119.079	162.916
Sorties	5	3	3	6	42	59

E. ASRT 1-30 June 1970 Inclusive (VNAF)

Bombing Missions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Targets Hit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sorties	0	0	0	0	0	0

F. ASRT 1-30 June 1970 Inclusive (RAAF)

Bombing Missions	0	0	0	10	0	1
Targets Hit	0	0	0	3	0	3
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped	0	0	0	2.460	0	2.460
Sorties	0	0	0	1	0	1

G. ASRT 1-30 June 1970 Inclusive (Totals)

Bombing Missions	50	70	86	95	144	445
Targets Hit	63	77	157	101	167	565
Visual Targets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ordnance Dropped	231.197	396.688	367.523	329.808	508.773	1,833.989
Sorties	61	83	88	139	210	581

H. ASRT Operating Hours as of 30 June 1970

	A 1	A 8	A 11	B 1	B 2	A 14
	An Hoa	Quang Tri	Da Nang	Chu Lai	Birmingham	Da Nang
Total Hours	33,848	23,069	16,776	4,757	4,292	UNK
Since Rehab Hours	21,515	15,644	12,179	N/A	N/A	1,445
Hours In June	714	711	702	716	708	8

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

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Green River	Quang Tri ASRT
Texas Star	Quang Tri and Birmingham ASRT
Lam Son 355, 356, 359 and 360	Quang Tri ASRT
Nantucket Beach	Chu Lai ASRT
Frederick Hill	Chu Lai ASRT
Geneva Park	Chu Lai ASRT
Iron Mountain	Chu Lai ASRT