

MARINE AIR CONTROL SQUADRON-7
Marine Wing Headquarters Group-1
First Marine Aircraft Wing (Advance)
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- Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
- (b) WgO 5750.1a
- (c) WgO 03320.2
- (d) MACS-7 September Situation Reports
- (e) MACS-7 September Unit Diary

1. Summary. MACS-7 began to replace MACS-9 at Chu Lai, Vietnam with an initial increment of 9 Officers and 46 Enlisted which arrived from Camp Schwab, Okinawa on 31 August 1965. This first increment with Major R. W. FISCHER in charge began immediately to assume responsibilities in key billets in Operations, Communication and Electronics and Camp Administration. Improvements in both living and working facilities were commenced and throughout the month of September advancements such as hot showers, electric lighting and an improved mess continued.

The second increment of MACS-7 personnel, 1 Officer and 43 Enlisted arrived Chu Lai on 7 September 1965 with 1stLt R. K. SIMPSON as senior officer.

On 13 September 1965 Lt.Col. Richard R. MILLER, Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Squadron Seven and 1stSgt G. M. VILES arrived at the Chu Lai MACS site. Lt.Col. MILLER relieved Lt.Col. C. T. WESTCOTT, Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Nine on 14 September and MACS-7 officially continued the job they had begun two weeks previously. On that same date 1stLt C. P. SWANN took command of MACS-7 Detachment "A" at Hue Phu Bai, Vietnam relieving 1stLt P. E. MATLOCK MACS-9. Also on the 14th of September the third increment of MACS-7 personnel, 5 Officers and 44 Enlisted arrived at Chu Lai with Capt H. H. EVERETT as senior officer.

The fourth and final increment of MACS-7 personnel, 2 Officers and 55 Enlisted with 1stLt T. J. RIEKER as senior officer arrived on 21 September 1965. Except for minor fluctuations this fourth increment, along with those personnel of MACS-9 who had extended, brought MACS-7 to its present personnel strength of 25 Officers and 230 Enlisted. By 30 September six officers and one enlisted man remained in Chu Lai and were transferred to the turnover of property to MACS-6 which relieved MACS-7 at Camp Soan.

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UNCLASSIFIED until 30 September MACS-7 controllers completed 25 practice GCI's out of 26 attempts. From 1 September until 13 September MACS-9 and MACS-7 controllers completed 61 GCI's out of 66 attempts but the number actually controlled by MACS-7 operators can not be determined. From 14 September until 30 September MACS-7 assisted by flight following and radar directing 276 TPQ-10 bombing missions which resulted in the dropping of approximately 138 tons of bombs on the enemy.

Throughout the month MACS-7 continued a close liaison with MAG-11, MAG-12, MASS-2, MATCU-67 and the Air Force CRC DaNang (Panama). On 4 September WgO 03320.2 concerning Air Defense Operations in the Republic of Vietnam was published as a letter of agreement between the Air Force 2nd AIRDIV and 1stMAF. This document established MACS-7 as a Control and Reporting Post (CRP) and back up Control and Reporting Center (CRC) for the DaNang Subsector. If for any reason the Air Force control agency Panama can no longer perform its mission, MACS-7 becomes the primary Tactical Air Control agency for the DaNang Subsector.

Plans for the future include the shifting of the working and living area to permit the expansion of the MAG-36 camp. The new camp already begun will include all hard backed tents and a "Butler" building which is planned to house the TAOC, Radar Maintenance and Radio Maintenance. Also a laundry and a drying room, which will utilize a portable duct heater as the drying element, will be constructed as soon as a small additional amount of material becomes available.

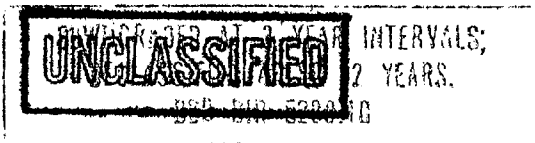
2. Organizational Data.

- a. Marine Air Control Squadron Seven, Chu Lai, RVN
- b. 31 August 1965 thru 30 September 1965
- c. N/A
- d. Lt.Col. Richard R. MILLER - Commanding Officer
Maj D. E. ROBERTS - Executive Officer
Maj L. Z. SLAWTER - Communications/Electronics Officer
Capt H. H. EVERETT - Operations Officer
1stLt R. T. RUMBIN - Services Officer
1stSgt G. M. WILES - 1stSgt

Detachment Alpha
1stLt C. P. SWANN - OIC
Sgt W. L. MORRIS - NCOIC

- e. MACS-7 - 25 Officers and 230 Enlisted

Det. "A" - 3 Officers and 17 Enlisted



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3. Significant Events.

- a. 31 August 1965 - First increment of MACS-7 arrived Chu Lai, RVN
- b. UNCLASSIFIED 14 September 1965 - Lt. Col. Richard R. MILLER, CO, MACS-7 relieved Lt. Col. C. T. WESTCOTT, CO, MACS-9 at Chu Lai, RVN
- c. 14 September 1965 - 1stLt C.P. SWANN, MACS-7 relieved 1stLt P. E. MATLOCK as OIC of MACS-7 Detachment "A" at Hue Phu Bai, RVN
- d. 21 September 1965 - Final major increment of MACS-7 arrived Chu Lai, RVN

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