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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the period 1 - 31 December 1965

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in references (a), (b), and (c), Enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 through 31 December 1965.

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CONTINUED CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1965 - 31 December 1965

RICHARD R. MILLER
 Commanding Officer

I. Narrative Summary of Significant Events

MACS-7 operations during the month of December 1965 included 1221 tracks reported, 533 flight followings, 202 GCI/GCA handoffs and 684 parrot checks. Due to lack of available aircraft MACS-7 conducted only 2 periods of practice Ground Controlled Intercepts but completed all 7 of the 7 intercepts attempted.

From 1 - 23 December MACS-7 assisted 1st and 2nd LAMF Bn. in the conduct of their live missile exercise. MACS-7 was responsible for range safety, radar control of all participating aircraft and radar guidance of drone recovery helicopters.

On 26 December Capt. James E. MYERS relieved Capt. H. W. WATKINS Jr. as Operations Officer. On the same day the TICO was relocated and enlarged to 30' X 40'. It is noteworthy that the entire movement and expansion was accomplished in less than 24 hours and that during that time MACS-7 operated from the back of an M-35 6X6 truck. MACS-7 was able to render continuous support to 1st LAMF units throughout the entire period.

During December MACS-7 continued to play an active role in ground defense of their sector of the Chu Lai TACR. Responsible for approximately 1500 meters of ^{perimeter defense} line, MACS-7 has continuously increased their defensive capabilities by improving bunkers, adding supplementary positions, and providing more and better lighting for the defended area. In addition three large bunkers have been built on the Camp Security Perimeter. More are in the process of construction. These would provide protection during mortar or artillery attack and enhance camp perimeter security in the event of a ground attack. Completion of this network of "internal" positions awaits the arrival of more sand bags.

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During December 272 men, women and children in the villages of An Hai, Trung Taon and Sam Linh were given medical treatment by MACS-7 Corpsmen in conjunction with the Corpsmen of "A" Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. In addition 60 of the village children were given soap and baths. On 24 December a Christmas Party was given by MACS-7 and MAC-36 for the children of An Hai and MACS-7 personnel donated \$190.00 to the Catholic Orphanage at Hue Phu Bai.

On 15 December the first shipment of Radar Set AN/TPS-22A arrived at Chu Lai. Site preparation began 2 days later and it is estimated that by the in service target date of 1 February 1966 this new, long range radar will be in operation resulting in a significant increase in MACS-7 early warning capabilities. Failure and subsequent deflation of another radome section of Radar Set AN/TPS-34A on 17 December has required the antenna assembly to be dismantled and caused that radar system to be inoperable pending arrival of replacement sections. Sgt Glenn Lawrence received special recognition by letter from CMC on his improved method of replacing sections of the AN/TPS-34A radome.

On 23 December Capt. E. L. Cotton relieved 1st Lt. F. J. Yraguen as MACS-7 Motor Transport Officer while 1st Lt. Yraguen relieved 1st Lt. T. J. Rieker as CIC of MACS-7 Detachment "A" at Hue Phu Bai.

On 5-6 December 77 MACS-7 enlisted were exchanged with a like number from MACS-6, and 23-26 December 4 MACS-7 Officers were relieved by 4 Officers from MACS-6.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. Unit Designations and Locations

1. Marine Air Control Squadron-7, Chu Lai, RVN.
2. Detachment "A", Marine Air Control Squadron-7, Hue Phu Bai, RVN.

B. Period covered: 1 December through 31 December 1965

C. Task Organization: N/A

D. Command Structure

1. Marine Air Control Squadron-7
 - (a) Lt. Col. Richard R. MILLER - Commanding Officer
 - (b) Maj. L. Z. SWARTER - Executive Officer
 - (c) 1st Sgt. G. M. WILES - First Sgt

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- (d) 1st Lt. P. M. Smith - S-1 Officer
- (e) 1st Lt. H. L. Powell - S-2 Officer
- (f) Capt. James E. Hayes - S-3 Officer
- (1) Capt. M. A. Holder - Asst. S-3 Officer
 - (2) Capt. R. G. Clapp - TACC Officer
 - (3) Capt. G. P. Swann - Security Officer
 - (4) 1st Lt. R. K. Simpson - Senior Air Director
 - (5) 1st Lt. S. G. Chappars - Senior Air Director
 - (6) 1st Lt. J. R. Weinhart - Air Defense Control Officer
 - (7) 1st Lt. T. J. Rieker - Air Defense Control Officer
 - (8) 2nd Lt. R. Dodd - Air Defense Control Officer
 - (9) 2nd Lt. M. J. Weckenman - Air Defense Control Officer
- (g) Maj. R. W. Fisher - Comm/Elec Officer
- (1) 2nd Lt. G. F. Kenner - Comm Maintenance Officer
 - (2) 2nd Lt. S. A. Golowski - Radar Maintenance Officer
- (h) S - 4
- (1) Capt. E. L. Cotton - Motor Transport Officer
 - (2) 1st Lt. M. D. McCulley - Utilities Officer
 - (3) 2nd Lt. W. R. Hayes - Supply Officer

2. Detachment "A"

- (a) 1st Lt. F. J. Yraguen - Officer in Charge
- (1) 1st Lt. R. K. Anderson - Air Defense Control Officer
 - (2) Sgt. G. E. Holly - MCOIC

E. Average Monthly Strength - 1 December through 31 December 1965

1. Marine Air Control Squadron-7

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- (a) 20 Officers (USMC)
 (b) 206 Enlisted (USMC)
 (c) 2 Enlisted (USN)

2. Detachment "A"

- (a) 3 Officers (USMC)
 (b) 16 Enlisted (USMC)

III. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

(Detachment "A" Sitreps not included)

DECEMBER

- 1 33 flight followings
 5 GCI/GCA handoffs
 41 parrot checks
 3 practice GCI's attempted, 3 completed
 FIREX with 2nd LAAM Bn continued (through 7 December)
- 2 14 flight followings
 25 GCI/GCA handoffs
 43 parrot checks
 4 practice GCI's attempted, 4 completed
- 3 16 flight followings
 22 GCI/GCA handoffs
 43 parrot checks
 Distributed soap to 50 An Hai villagers
- 4 42 flight followings
 9 GCI/GCA handoffs
 50 parrot checks
 Corpsmen treated 15 An Hai children and passed out candy
- 5 52 flight followings
 11 GCI/GCA handoffs
 63 parrot checks
 77 MACS-7 enlisted men exchanged with 77 MACS-6 personnel
- 6 30 flight followings
 4 GCI/GCA handoffs
 22 parrot checks

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- 7 26 flight followings
6 GCI/GCA handoffs
33 parrot checks
FIREX with 2nd LAM Bn concluded
- 8 10 flight followings
15 parrot checks
25 villagers from Trung Taon and 59 from An Hai given medical treatment by MACS-7 corpsmen
- 9 20 flight followings
12 GCI/GCA handoffs
33 parrot checks
FIREX begun with 1st LAM Bn
- 10 7 flight followings
8 parrot checks
125 villagers from Sam Linh given medical treatment
- 11 25 flight followings
2 GCI/GCA handoffs
28 parrot checks
- 12 25 flight followings
7 GCI/GCA handoffs
28 parrot checks
- 13 4 flight followings
2 GCI/GCA handoffs
15 parrot checks
20 children from Sam Linh given medical treatment
- 14 34 flight followings
15 GCI/GCA handoffs
34 parrot checks
- 15 21 friendly tracks reported
7 flight followings
10 GCI/GCA handoffs
19 parrot checks
18 children from An Hai given medical treatment, 10 given soap and baths
Radar Set AN/TPS-22A delivered
- 16 4 flight followings
5 GCI/GCA handoffs
6 parrot checks
- 17 2 flight followings
9 parrot checks
Antenna system of Radar Set AN/TPS-34 dismantled due to radome failure.

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- 18 5 flight followings
6 parrot checks
- 19 22 friendly tracks reported
24 flight followings
FINEX with 1st LAAM Bn concluded
1 GCI/GCA handoff
19 parrot checks
- 20 3 flight followings
10 GCI/GCA handoffs
5 parrot checks
- 21 46 friendly tracks reported
5 flight followings
1 GCI/GCA handoff
13 parrot checks
- 22 17 friendly tracks reported
4 flight followings
8 GCI/GCA handoffs
16 parrot checks
- 23 44 friendly tracks reported
8 flight followings
3 GCI/GCA handoffs
17 parrot checks
10 children from An Hai given medical treatment
4 MACS-6 Officers joined; 3 MACS-7 Officers released
to MACS-6
Capt. E. L. COTTON appointed Motor Transport Officer
1st Lt. F. J. YRAGUER appointed CIC Detachment "A"
- 24 20 friendly tracks reported
51 flight followings
6 GCI/GCA handoffs
27 parrot checks
Christmas party for children of An Hai given
in conjunction with MAG-36
- 25 40 friendly tracks reported

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DECEMBER

26 5 friendly tracks reported
 7 flight followings
 5 parrot checks
 Expansion and relocation of TACC while conducting
 operations from the back of an M-35 6X6 truck
 Capt James E. HAYES relieved Capt. H. H. EVERETT as
 MACS-7 Operations Officer

27 40 friendly tracks reported
 15 flight followings
 14 GCI/GCA handoffs
 24 parrot checks

28 36 friendly tracks reported
 24 flight followings
 3 GCI/GCA handoffs
 9 parrot checks

29 6 friendly tracks reported
 10 flight followings
 8 GCI/GCA handoffs
 25 parrot checks

30 18 friendly tracks reported
 10 flight followings
 10 GCI/GCA handoffs
 23 parrot checks

31 105 friendly tracks reported
 9 flight followings
 3 GCI/GCA handoffs
 10 parrot checks

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