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MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

FOR PERIOD 15 APRIL-31 MAY 1966

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1. Commanders and Staff:

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (15 Apr-31 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
EDWIN A. HARPER	CO	COL	COL
JOHN J. MURPHY	XO	LTCOL	LTCOL
HUBERT A. MITCHELL	ADJ	MAJOR	CAPT
CHESTER A. LIDDLE	S-1	MAJOR	MAJOR
CLYDE C. SIMON	S-2	MAJOR	CAPT
WALTER E. DOMINA	S-3	LTCOL	LTCOL
MARVIN R. RUSSELL	S-4	LTCOL	LTCOL

b. H&MS-13 (15 Apr-31 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
KENNETH G. FIEGENER	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
REECE J. WOODARD	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
JAMES H. FULBRIGHT	A/C MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR
LOUIS A. GAGNON	OPNSO	CAPT	CAPT
RICHARD M. BLOOM	ADMINO	LT	1STLT

c. MABS-13 (15 Apr-31 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
WILLIAM E. CASLIN	CO	LTCOL	MAJOR
CHARLES F. SCHWAB	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
RICHARD G. ADAMS	ADMINO	WO	CAPT
KARLTON L. BATT	BASEOPSO	MAJOR	MAJOR
KARLTON L. BATT	BASESERVO	MAJOR	MAJOR
WALTER C. SERVICE	OIC MATCU-60	MAJOR	MAJOR

d. VMFA-314 (15 Apr-31 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
CHARLES A. SEWELL	CO (15Apr-5May)	LTCOL	MAJOR
DARRELL E. BJORKLUND	CO (5May-31May)	LTCOL	LTCOL
CLARENCE M. BAKER	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
ROBERT L. PAPPAS	S-1	LT	CAPT
HERBERT F. STROMAN	S-2	LT	CAPT
WILLIAM A. TYKSINSKI	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
JOHN T. TYLER	S-4	WO	CAPT
JOHN B. LAVELLE	MAINTO	MAJOR	MAJOR

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~~SECRET~~e. VMA-224 (1 May-31 May)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANKS</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
JOHN BROWNE	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
ROBERT L. TALBERT	XO	MAJOR	MAJOR
HARDY R. STENNIS	S-1	LT	CAPT
BARRY A. RUDIACILLE	S-2	LT	1STLT
HUGH N. LEVIN	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
ROBERT J. NEWMAN	S-4	WO	CAPT
BRUCE R. BOOKER	MAINTO	MAJOR	CAPT

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

MAG-13 (Rein)	MCAS IWAKUNI	COL EDWIN A. HARPER
H&MS-13	MCAS IWAKUNI	LTCOL KENNETH G. FIEGENER
MABS-13 (MATCU-60 ATTACHED)	MCAS IWAKUNI	MAJ WILLIAM E. CASLIN
VMFA-314	MCAS IWAKUNI (15Apr-5May)	MAJ CHARLES A. SEWELL
	(5-31May)	LTCOL DARRELL E. BJORKLUND
VMA-224	MCAS IWAKUNI (1-31May)	LTCOL JOHN BROWNE

3. Average Monthly Strengths

<u>MAG-13</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>USN</u>	
				<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-13	23	16	330	0	0
MABS-13 (MATCU-60 ATTACHED)	8	14	442	0	0
VMFA-314	20	19	220	1	0
SOCC	1	1	4	0	0
VMA-224	22	6	145	1	0
TOTALS	74	56	1141	2	0

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~~SECRET~~PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The reporting period has been a very hectic but successful one for MAG-13 (Rein). All efforts have been expended to secure a good working relationship with the Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade. Many problems were encountered during the transitional period but all were met with an aggressive attitude by the MAG-13 (Rein) personnel.

MAG-13 (Rein) carried on a nearly normal routine otherwise. Support was continued to the rotating squadrons and emphasis was placed on giving these units rest & relaxation upon their return from the combat zone while at the same time training new & old personnel for the squadron's return to the war in Viet Nam.

The most significant event of the month was probably the sudden deployment of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-323 to Tainan AB, Taiwan on 22 May. The deployment was handled with ease due to the readiness of the squadron itself and MAG-13 (Rein).

Three (3) squadron deployments occurred during the reporting period for the purpose of weapons training. VMFA-323, VMFA-314 and VMA-224 each had detachments at Naha AB, Okinawa.

H&MS-13 has continued a normal routine under LtCol. Kenneth G. FIEGENER. Two (2) TF-9J aircraft deployed to Naha AB, Okinawa in support of VMFA-323 for a two (2) week period ending 21 May and one (1) TF-9J in support of VMFA-314 for a two (2) week period ending 27 May. The squadron has continued support of the Shudojin Orphanage, Hiroshima for eleven (11) months to date. Emphasis has been placed on "building & grounds" work and child companionship.

MABS-13, with detachments at DaNang, and Naha AB has continued in-garrison support of MAG-13 (Rein). Under the leadership of Major William E. CASLIN, the work on the MAG-13 (Rein) portion of the airfield at DaNang has progressed steadily. The squadron continued support of the Shudojin Orphanage at Hiroshima.

VMFA-314 was engaged in training operations between MCAS Iwakuni and NAF Naha, Okinawa. On 5 May LtCol. Darell E. BJORKLUND relieved Maj. Charles A. SEWELL as Commanding Officer at a change of command ceremonies. On 18-19 May, six (6) aircraft and eleven (11) crewmembers deployed to Naha for extended aircrew training. Emphasis was placed on preparing newly acquired crewmembers for deployment to a combat zone. The "Black Knights" flew 156 sorties and 240.8 hours.

During the reporting period, the squadron lost 2 aircraft. The first accident occurred on 25 April and the second on 27 April. Both aircraft were lost while the squadron was conducting training flights at MCAS Iwakuni.

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VMA-224 joined MAG-13 (Rein) on 2 May 1966 when LtCol. John BROWNE landed in his A4C "Skyhawk". The squadron set to work at once and on 14 May deployed four (4) aircraft, seven (7) officers and thirty (30) enlisted to Naha Air Base, Okinawa, for training in weapons delivery. On 23 May, a portion of the Naha detachment consisting of four (4) pilots, four (4) aircraft and ten (10) enlisted further deployed to NAS Cubi Point, Philippines to support Operation Hilltop. However, inclement weather halted all flying and on 30 May the entire detachment returned to Iwakuni. The squadron flew 192 sorties and 275.7 hours at Iwakuni while the Naha detachment flew 24 sorties for 34.6 hours.

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~~SECRET~~PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Sequential listing of significant events.

a. Personnel/Administration. On 27 May 1966, seventeen (17) Second Lieutenants were promoted from the E-8 & E-9 field.

b. Casualties. On 27 April 1966, 2ndLt. R. L. ROBINSON, VMFA-314 sustained minor injuries when he ejected from his disabled aircraft.

c. Awards. VMFA-314 crew members received 39 air medals for action in Viet Nam. One officer in VMA-224 was awarded the air medal.

d. Civic Action. On 22 May 1966, MAG-13 (Rein) supplied one F4B from VMFA-314 and one (1) A4C from VMA-224 for static display during the armed forces day at MCAS Iwakuni. Inclement weather prevailed, cancelling the "Air Show" portion of the day. However, a large crowd attended and the "Open House" was quite successful.

e. Morale/Welfare Programs.

(1) On 28 May, the MAG-13 CO, S-3 and Sgt. Major attended a Garden Party given in honor of the members of the English Conversation Project by the Director of Shudoin Orphanage, Hiroshima. During the visit, Col. HARPER promised continued support by this MAG and any replacement MAG.

(2) Five (5) enlisted and one (1) officer from H&MS-13 and MABS-13 have continued to teach conversational english off-base. These classes have been coordinated through the American-Japanese Cultural Friendship Association.

(3) Chaplain's Report;

(a) Religious Services

1. Sunday, 20; attendance, 783
2. Daily, 15; attendance, 94
3. Wednesday Evening, 5; attendance, 27

(b) Discussion Groups, 5; attendance, 24

(c) Counseling Interviews*

1. Joint-Marriage, 6
2. Other, 60

(d) Visitation*

1. Brig, 30
2. Hospital, 30

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(e) Civil Affairs

1. Co-ordinated weekly visits to Shudoin Orphanage, Hiroshima
2. Special offering taken at Mother's Day Catholic services. \$100.00 donated to Shudoin Orphanage.
3. Marine Corps Institute Vietnamese Language course supervised by Protestant chaplain; class met 5 times during the month.
4. 8 conversational english classes taught by Protestant chaplain.

*Counseling interviews and visitation figures for the Catholic chaplain are not available.

f. Intelligence/Counterintelligence.

(1) Preparation for execution of assigned mission.

(a) Particular events related.

1. Continued training and orientation to insure deploying units receive maximum familiarity with Southeast Asia.

(2) Activities.

(a) Inspections.

1. Coordinated effort on 22May with local Police Officers, NISOR Agents and Det. 1st CIT for security of MCAS during open house for Armed Forces Day.

2. Security evaluation of new S&C Files Office, MAG-13, security evaluation of H&HS-17, MAMS-17, MABS-17 and S-2 on 24May66.

(b) Training.

1. Assistance was rendered to the tactical squadrons in preparation of intelligence training for squadron pilots and enlisted personnel. Intelligence briefs were presented to the Commanding Officer and his Staff at the regularly scheduled weekly CO's conference.

(c) Administrative.

1. Classified files were maintained in accordance with OPNAV INST 5510.1C and other applicable directives.

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2. Personnel security clearances were processed in accordance with OPNAV INST 5510.1C.

3. Unclassified files were maintained in accordance with SECNAV INST P5213.1 (Naval Filing System).

4. Ten (10) personnel attended the Vietnamese Language School at Camp Sukiran. Emphasis is being placed on sending S-2 people to this school when possible.

g. Air Operations.

(1) H&MS-13. Three TF-9J aircraft deployed to Naha AB, Okinawa in support of VMFA-323 and VMFA-314.

(2) VMFA-314. 156 sorties for 240.8 flight hours were flown during the reporting period. On 25 April 1966, an F4B left the runway at Iwakuni while on landing rollout. Then, on 27 April, another crashed in Hiroshima Bay following unsuccessful airstart attempts. Both aircraft were listed as "strike" damage. On 18-19 May, six (6) aircraft and eleven (11) crew-members deployed to Naha AB in order to train newly joined people for entry into the combat zone.

(3) VMA-224. Pilots at Iwakuni flew 192 sorties for 275.7 hours. On 14 May 1966, a four (4) plane detachment including seven (7) officers and thirty (30) enlisted deployed to Naha AB, Okinawa. The detachment flew practice ordnance hops on Okinawa targets utilizing MK-76 practice bombs. On 23 May 1966, a portion of the Naha Detachment, consisting of four (4) aircraft, four pilots (4) and ten (10) enlisted, further deployed to NAS Cubi Point, Philippines to support "Operation Hilltop". Inclement weather prevented the operation and on 30 May 1966 the entire detachment returned to Iwakuni after flying 24 sorties for 346 hours. Current operations mainly consist of training newly acquired pilots in the A4C in preparation for combat.

h. Training/NBCD.

(1) Special Weapons. The MAWTUPAC Detachment conducted refresher training for 10 Delivery Pilots and 2 officers and 10 men for Loading Teams during the reporting period.

(2) Ground Training. Training was conducted mostly on squadron level emphasizing small arms, code of conduct, counter insurgency/guerrilla operations and physical fitness for all hands. NBCD school conducted on Group level produced 19 students. Thirty-four (34) enlisted attended NCO Leadership School at Okinawa. Ten (10) persons attended Vietnamese Language School at Camp Sukiran. Eight (8) crew members attended Sea Survival School at Numazu. Two (2) officers completed Embarkation School at Camp Hansen.

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~~SECRET~~i. Logistics.

(1) LST 488 departed on 11 May 1966 with 1054 measured tons of general cargo, including 84 pre-fabricated tropical shelters and 2 MABS-13 enlisted personnel.

(2) A COMNAVAIRPAC/CG FMFPAC Supply Assistance Team completed an inventory of Supply Officer Stores on 13 May 1966. The stock record cards held by the Aviation Supply Officer were updated.

(3) On 13 May 1966, the Supply Officer's Auxiliary Store at MCAF Futema was dissolved, with stores for support of the locally based HMM squadron being invoiced to the VMGR-152 Supply Officer.

(4) Commencing on 21 May 1966, the Logistics Section assisted in the airlift movement of VMFA-323 (Rein) to its deployment area. The movement was completed on 23 May 1966. A total of twenty-one (21) C-130 aircraft were utilized, lifting a total of 296 passengers and 373,830 pounds of cargo.

(5) An inspection of HMM-361 was conducted on 25 May 1966 in both Navy Supply and Marine Corps Property categories. Action to fulfill the requirements of problem areas has been initiated.

(6) MAG-13 (Rein) currently holds a mount-out in the following areas:

- (a) Class II, Type I.
- (b) Class II, Type II.
- (c) Communications Repair Parts.
- (d) Small Arms Repair Parts.
- (e) Engineering Repair Parts.
- (f) Blank Forms.

This represents over six (6) months effort to reconstitute a mount-out in these areas.

j. Communications/Electronics. The Communications Section provided Communications support to VMFA-323 deployed to Naha and operated a Single-Side band net between VMFA-323 and MAG-13 (Rein). Operation of a station on the CINCPAC BICOMMAND Net on a 24 hour basis was initiated and will continue indefinitely. MAG-13 Comm Center augmented by three personnel from MWSG-17 has run a combined Comm Center since 17 May for MAG-13 (Rein); CTG 79.3; MWSG-17. There were 6,400 messages processed since last report.

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✓ " 4	Group Bulletin 3131 - 5 th Air Force Sea Survival Training at Numazu, Japan - 1966, w/1 Encl
✓ " 5	Group Bulletin 5215 - Redesignation of MAG-13 directives.
✓ " 6	Group Order 3710.5B - Group Instrument Flight Board.

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