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MAG-13
COMBAND CHRONOLOGY
FOR
PERIOD 1 JULY - 30 SEPTEMBER 1966

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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanders and Staff:

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1 July - 30 September)

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BILLET</u> | <u>RANKS</u> | |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | <u>T/O</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> |
| EDWIN A. HARPER | CO (1Jul-15Aug) | COL | COL |
| DOUGLAS D. PETTY JR. | CO (15Aug-30Sep) | COL | COL |
| JOHN J. MURPHY | XO | LTCOL | LTCOL |
| HUBERT MITCHELL | ADJ (1Jul-26Aug) | MAJOR | CAPT |
| CARL R. FYE | ADJ (26Aug-16Sep) | MAJOR | CAPT |
| MICHAEL O. BOSS | ADJ (16Sep-30Sep) | MAJOR | 1STLT |
| CHESTER A. LIDDLE | S-1 (1Jul-27Jul) | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| WILLIAM H. HEINTZ | S-1 (27Jul-30Sep) | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| GLYDE C. SIMON | S-2 | MAJOR | CAPT |
| WALTER E. DOMINA | S-3 (1Jul-14Sep) | LTCOL | LTCOL |
| AUSTIN H. GREEN | S-3 (15Sep-30Sep) | LTCOL | MAJOR |
| MARVIN R. RUSSELL | S-4 (19Sep-30Sep) | LTCOL | LTCOL |
| KENNETH G. FIEGNER | S-4 (19Sep-30Sep) | LTCOL | LTCOL |

b. HAMS-13 (1 July - 30 September)

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BILLET</u> | <u>RANKS</u> | |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | <u>T/O</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> |
| KENNETH G. FIEGNER | CO (1Jul-14Sep) | LTCOL | LTCOL |
| WALTER E. DOMINA | CO (14Sep-30Sep) | LTCOL | LTCOL |
| REECE J. WOODWARD | XO | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| JAMES H. FULBRIGHT | A/C MAINTO | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| LOUIS A. GAGNON | OPNSO | CAPT | MAJOR |
| THOMAS L. CARR | ADMINO (1Jul-1Sep) | LT | 2NDLT |
| RONALD C. ANDREAS | ADMINO (2Sep-30Sep) | LT | CAPT |

c. MABS-13 (1 July - 30 September)

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BILLET</u> | <u>RANKS</u> | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | <u>T/O</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> |
| WILLIAM E. CASLIN | CO (1Jul-26Aug) | LTCOL | MAJ |
| OWEN L. OWENS | CO (26Aug-30Sep) | LTCOL | LTCOL |
| CHARLES F. SCHWAB | XO (1Jul-2Jul) | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| JAMES L. SHANAHAN | XO (3Jul-30Sep) | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| JOHN L. LOHR | ADMINO | CAPT | 2NDLT |
| GEORGE R. KASE | BASEOPSO (1Jul-20Sep) | MAJOR | CAPT |
| KARLTON L. BATT | BASEOPSO (1Jul-20Sep) | MAJOR | CAPT |
| JAMES F. NEMELL | BASE SERVO | MAJOR | CAPT |
| WALTER C. SERVICE | *OIC MATCU-60 (1Jul-15Aug) | MAJOR | MAJOR |

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d. VMFA-314 (1 July - 1 August)

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BILLET</u> | <u>RANKS</u> | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | <u>T/O</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> |
| DARRELL E. BJORKLUND | CO | LTCOL | LTCOL |
| LAWRENCE VAN DEUSEN | XO | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| JOHN T. RADICH | S-1 | LT | CAPT |
| DARWIN M. MYERS | S-2 | LT | CAPT |
| ROBERT R. SHEAHAN | S-3 | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| HERBERT F. STROMAN | S-4 | WO | CAPT |
| JOHN B. LAVELLE | MAINTO | MAJOR | MAJOR |

e. VMA-224 (1-16 July)

| <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 |
| RICHARD M. BLOOM | S-1 | LT | 1STLT |
| BARRY A. RUDIACILLE | S-2 | LT | 1STLT |
| HUGH W. LEVIN | S-3 | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| ROBERT J. NEWMAN | S-4 | WO | CAPT |
| BRUCE R. BOOKER | MAINTO | MAJOR | CAPT |

f. VMA-211 (13 July - 30 September)

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BILLET</u> | <u>RANKS</u> | |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | <u>T/O</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> |
| THOMAS J. AYERS | CO | LTCOL | MAJOR |
| THOMAS M. D'ANDREA | XO | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| JOHN D. HAYNES | S-1 | LT | CAPT |
| JEFFREY D. LOSIE | S-2 (1Jul-9Aug) | LT | CAPT |
| JOHN A. CAPUANO | S-2 (10Aug-30Sep) | LT | 1STLT |
| JOHN R. KOCH | S-3 | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| THOMAS E. MURLEY | S-4 (1Jul-9Aug) | WO | CAPT |
| DANIEL L. HUDSON | S-4 (10Aug-30Sep) | WO | CAPT |
| PAUL A. TREMBLAY | MAINTO (1Jul-31Jul) | MAJOR | CAPT |
| RONALD E. BLANCHARD | MAINTO (1Aug-30Sep) | MAJOR | CAPT |

g. VMFA-542 (1 August - 30 September)

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>BILLET</u> | <u>RANKS</u> | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | <u>T/O</u> | <u>ACTUAL</u> |
| DONALD L. MAY | CO | LTCOL | LTCOL |
| WALTER O. POITEVENT | XO | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| JAMES J. MORIN | S-1 | LT | CAPT |
| THOMAS E. MULLINS | S-2 (1Jul-24Sep) | LT | 1STLT |
| VINCENT M. LEVITSKY | S-2 (24Sep-30Sep) | LT | 1STLT |
| EDDIE R. MAAG | S-3 | MAJOR | MAJOR |
| ROBERT L. DANIELS | S-4 | WO | CAPT |
| MICHAEL P. CADY | MAINTO | MAJOR | MAJOR |

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2. Task Organization and Unit Location

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| MAG-13 (REIN) | MCAS IWAKUNI | COL. DOUGLAS D. PETTY JR. |
| HAMS-13 | MCAS IWAKUNI | LTCOL. WALTER E. DOMINA |
| MABS-13 (MATCU-60 ATTACHED) | CHU LAI, RVN | LTCOL. GLEN L. OWENS |
| VMFA-314 | MCAS IWAKUNI | LTCOL. DARRELL E. BJORKLUND |
| VMA-224 | MCAS IWAKUNI | LTCOL. JOHN BROMME |
| VMA-211 | MCAS IWAKUNI | MAJOR THOMAS J. AYERS |
| VMFA-542 | MCAS IWAKUNI | LTCOL. DONALD L. MAY |
| VMGB-152 | MCAF FUTEMA | LTCOL. JOHN T. URELL |
| MACS-6 | CAMP SCHWAB | MAJOR FRANCIS L. DELANEY |
| MATCU-66 | MCAF FUTEMA | CAPT. VICTOR J. FULLADOSA |
| HAI-263 | MCAF FUTEMA | LTCOL. JEROME L. GOEBEL |
| HAI-163 | MCAF FUTEMA | LTCOL. ROCCO D. BIANCHI |

a. Command chronologies from Okinawa based units have been submitted direct to CG Ninth MAB for the reporting period. (See page ~~14~~-2)

3. Average Monthly Strengths

| | <u>NA</u> | <u>AG</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>USN</u> <u>ENL</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| a. <u>MAG-13</u> (July) | | | | | |
| HAMS-13 | 33 | 19 | 334 | 0 | 0 |
| MABS-13 (MATCU-60 ATTACHED) | 6 | 18 | 455 | 0 | 0 |
| VMFA-314 (16 NFO) | 18 | 4 | 269 | 1 | 2 |
| VMA-211 | 28 | 0 | 159 | 1 | 1 |
| TOTALS (16 NFO) | 85 | 41 | 1217 | 2 | 3 |
| b. <u>MAG-13</u> (August) | | | | | |
| HAMS-13 | 22 | 21 | 367 | 0 | 0 |
| MABS-13 | 7 | 12 | 403 | 0 | 0 |
| VMA-211 | 32 | 0 | 174 | 1 | 2 |
| VMFA-542 (23 NFO) | 26 | 4 | 255 | 1 | 4 |
| TOTALS (23 NFO) | 87 | 37 | 1199 | 2 | 6 |
| c. <u>MAG-13</u> (September) | | | | | |
| HAMS-13 | 27 | 18 | 367 | 0 | 0 |
| MABS-13 | 7 | 10 | 402 | 0 | 0 |
| VMA-211 | 33 | 0 | 178 | 1 | 2 |
| VMFA-542 (21 NFO) | 23 | 4 | 276 | 1 | 3 |
| TOTALS (21 NFO) | 90 | 32 | 1222 | 2 | 5 |

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PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The reporting period has been a routine one for MAC-13 (Rein). The Group was busy with the necessary preparations for their future move to VietNam. The tactical squadrons continued their preparations for their return to VietNam. Emphasis was placed on training new personnel.

VMA-224 departed MCAS Iwakuni during 13-16 July for Chu Lai, RVN.

VMA-211 arrived at MCAS Iwakuni between 13-16 July from Chu Lai, RVN. Many problem areas were encountered by the exchange of aircraft and equipment with VMA-224. Due to lack of equipment acquired by VMA-211, the initial phase of training flights for newly joined pilots was severely retarded. The Squadron deployed a detachment of seven (7) aircraft, twelve (12) pilots and thirty-five (35) enlisted Marines to Naha AB, Okinawa for weapons training from the end of July to 20 August. On 10 September the Squadron traded their A4C aircraft for A4E's. On 12 September approximately half the squadron's pilots and aircraft again deployed to Naha AB, Okinawa for ordnance delivery training.

VMFA-314 was deployed to Tainan AB, Taiwan from 1-19 July to stand the air defense alert under the cognizance of the 327th Air Division, 73rd Air Force, PACAF Defense Command. During this period the squadron also concentrated on day and night air to ground and air to air weapons. On 1 August the Squadron returned to DaNang AB, RVN.

VMFA-542 arrived at MCAS Iwakuni on 1 August. Two weeks later the Squadron deployed to Naha AB, Okinawa for air to air and air to ground weapons training. The last of August was devoted to a Sidewinder missile firing exercise. The next two weeks were devoted primarily to night air to ground weapons. On 12 September the Squadron returned to MCAS Iwakuni for additional training in road reconnaissance tactics, fighter to fighter techniques and airborne intercepts. During the third week in September air to air refueling training was accomplished by the aircrews.

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

a. Personnel. During this reporting period, thirteen (13) Privates First Class, one hundred fifty-six (156) Lance Corporals, one hundred fifty-nine (159) Corporals, one hundred eighteen (118) Sergeants, fifteen (15) Staff Sergeants, six (6) Gunnery Sergeants, four (4) Master Sergeants, two (2) Master Gunnery Sergeants, three (3) Warrant Officers, three (3) Second Lieutenants, three (3) First Lieutenants, six (6) Captains, one (1) Major, and one (1) Lieutenant Colonel were promoted to their present rank.

b. Administration. Awards given:

- (1) 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses.
- (2) 3 Navy Commendation Medals.
- (3) 167 Air Medals.
- (4) 28 Good Conduct Medals.

c. 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. A&M Inspection held on VMFA-314 on 14 July 1966. No major discrepancies were found.

- (b) Training.

1. Assistance was rendered to tactical squadrons in preparation for deployment. Intelligence briefs were presented to the Commanding Officers and their staff at the weekly CO's Conference.

2. The S-2 Chief gave a one hour class on combat intelligence Brief to the Officers of MABS-13 on the 24th and 25th of August 1966.

3. The S-2 Officer gave a half hour Intelligence Brief to the Officers of MABS-13 on the 24th and 25th of August 1966.

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4. The Assistant S-2 Officer gave a one and a half hour class to the Officers of VMA-211 on Code of Conduct, POW handling and escape & evasion & a half hour class to the SNCO's of VMA-211 on security orientation and current events in South Vietnam on the 4th and 8th of August 1966.

(c) Administration.

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

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

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

d. Training. Basic Training was conducted on the squadron level with emphasis upon guerrilla warfare, jungle survival, UCMJ, ground defense, physical fitness, and requalification of all personnel with T/O weapon.

e. Logistics.

(1) On 1 July initial planning and necessary liaison was initiated for the imminent deployment of VMA-323 to DaNang, RVN. The movement stage of the deployment took place between 5 and 11 July and required twenty-one (21) C-130 aircraft provided by the 315th Air Force Air Division located in Tachikawa, Japan.

(2) 10 July kicked off the planning and liaison for the inter-theater rotation of VMA-211 and VMA-224 from Chu Lai, RVN and Iwakuni, Japan respectively. VMA-224 was loaded out during the 14 - 16 July period and the same period saw the bedding down of VMA-211 at Iwakuni.

(3) MAG-13 S-4 conducted an Embarkation School for squadron Embark NCOs and clerks during the period 5 - 15 July.

(4) On 17 July the advance party of VMA-314 arrived from Tainan AB Taiwan with the main body arriving during the period 18 thru 20 July. The movement was accelerated because of Typhoon Nina.

(5) Representatives of MAG-13 (Rein) attended a CNMF Nuclear Safety Symposium at Atsugi, Japan.

(6) 30 July saw the rotation of VMA-314 to DaNang, RVN and the deployment of VMA-542 to Iwakuni, Japan.

(7) On 1 August detailed planning and coordination was undertaken to insure an orderly ingress of the various organizations of MAG-15 to MCAS, Iwakuni.

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(8) On 2 August representatives for MAG-13 Supply and 9th MAB met and discussed Class I mount-out stocks pertinent to MAG-13. This same period 1 - 5 August completed the airlift of VMFA-542 from RVN to Iwakuni, Japan.

(9) On 14 August H&MS-15 arrived at Iwakuni and on 15 August MAG-15's "flag" arrived resulting in their assuming officially vice MAG-13 the responsibilities of the MAG (Rein) attached to the 9th MAB. The tempo of detailed planning and staging of organizational equipment for the sea and airlift of MABS-13, as well as the other organizations of the Group were intensified.

(10) 20 August witnessed the training deployment of VMFA-542 to Naha AB Okinawa.

(11) The Ad Hoc committee of which Colonel D. D. PETTY and Major W. SERVICE MABS-13 CO and Base Ops Officer respectively, attended at DaNang, RVN for the purpose of discussing and drawing up the proposed Base Operations Manual for the Chu Lai, RVN Airfield.

(12) 29, 30, and 31 August and 1 September saw the arrival at Iwakuni of the USS Whitfield County, LST 1169, USS Washtenaw County, LST 1166, USS Terrell County, LST 1157 and USS Washoe County, LST 1165 respectively. All ships were members as were all the LST's scheduled to move MAG-13, of COMTRANSRON NINE located at Yokosuka, Japan. These first four ships embarked the majority of MABS-13's Organizational equipment. All ships were loaded and enroute to their destination Chu Lai, RVN within twenty-four hours of their commenced loading time. All ships arrived at their destination with an enroute sailing time of between seven (7) and twelve (12) days.

✓ (13) MABS-13, CO departed Iwakuni on 7 September and arrived Chu Lai, RVN 9 September 1966.

(14) H&MS-13's Organizational equipment was embarked aboard the USS Whitfield County, LST 1169 and USS Tom Green County, LST 1159 on 15 and 16 September respectively. On 21 September the USS Washoe County, LST 1165 loaded out MAG-13 Group Supply Stores. The USS Vernon County, LST 1161 arrived at Iwakuni and embarked the remaining Group Supply stores, as well as, the Motor Transport elements of VMFA-542 and VMA-211.

✓ (15) On 24 September the CO of H&MS-13 departed Iwakuni and arrived Chu Lai, RVN also on 24 September, the CO MAG-13 departed Iwakuni and arrived Chu Lai, RVN on 25 September at which time the Group became a member of the 1st MAW. Command vice 9th MAB.

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f. Civic Action/Community Relations

(1) With the purpose of exploring the possibilities for civic action projects along religious lines the chaplain has visited several local villages and has been in personal contact with the Missionary advisor in the Quan Gngi area. The chaplains of the Chu Lai area adopted the Evangelical Church of Antan as a project. Contributions from their chapel funds have been made to cover the costs of building a new church. In order that MAG-13 might be represented in this United effort a small contribution of \$20.00 was given from the Protestant Fund of the MAG-13 Chapel Fund.

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