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MAG-13
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
FOR
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ENCLOSURE (1)

PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commanders and Staff

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-29 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
EDWARD N. LE FAIVRE	CO	COL COL
PHILIP D. SHUTLER	XO	LTCOL LTCOL
MARTIN J. BASAR	ADJ	CAPT WO-1
ANTHONY B. KOUMA	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ SGTMAJ
CARL E. R. BLACK	S-1	MAJ MAJ
ROGER A. CURLEM	S-2	MAJ MAJ
FRANK D. TOPLEY	S-3	LTCOL LTCOL
DON J. SLEE	S-4	LTCOL LTCOL

b. H&MS-13 (1-29 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
PAUL L. SIEGMUND	CO	LTCOL LTCOL
HARRY E. TAYLOR	XO	MAJ MAJ
JAMES S. GAHAGAN	S-3	MAJ MAJ
HAROLD G. DEAN	A/C MAINTO	MAJ LTCOL
HARRY R. SMITH	ADMINO	LT 1STLT

c. MABS-13 (1-29 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
LEROY A. MADERA	CO	LTCOL LTCOL
JOHN I. HUDSON	XO	MAJ MAJ
HAROLD E. WILSON	ADMINO	CAPT CWO-4
GEORGE W. FRITSCHI	BASEOPSO	MAJ MAJ
DANIEL I. CARROLL	BASESERVO	MAJ MAJ
CALEB G. DUNN	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ SGTMAJ

d. VMFA-323 (1-29 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
HARRY T. HAGAMAN	CO	LTCOL LTCOL
PAUL G. BOOZMAN	XO	MAJ MAJ
HENRY G. MILLER JR.	S-3	MAJ MAJ
EDWARD R. BAILEY	S-1	LT MAJ
DENIS F. O'BLOCK	S-4 (1-20 Feb)	WO CAPT
ANTHONY R. PAVONI	S-4 (20-29 Feb)	WO CAPT
WARREN A. FERDINAND	A/C MAINTO	MAJ MAJ

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e. V1FA-314 (1-29 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
HERBERT V. LUNDIN	CO	LTCOL LTCOL
ROBERT H. SCHULTZ	XO	MAJ LTCOL
WILLIAM D. BAUER	S-1 (1- 7 Feb)	LT MAJ
PHILIP M. HINKLE	S-1 (8-29 Feb)	LT MAJ
RICHARD A. BARTON	S-2 (1-11 Feb)	LT CAPT
JOHN M. HERRING	S-2 (12-29 Feb)	LT CAPT
RONALD W. KRON	S-3	MAJ MAJ
MARTIN W. MEREDITH	S-4	WO MAJ
GERALD E. WALSH	A/C MAINTO	MAJ MAJ

f. VMFA-115 (1-29 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
GERALD W. VAUGHAN	CO	LTCOL LTCOL
CARL L. BATTISTONE	XO	MAJ LTCOL
JACOB W. MOORE	S-3	MAJ MAJ
DARRYL R. GRIFFING	S-1	LT CAPT
ROBERT E. BARKER	S-2	LT 1/LT
DENIS L. SHORTAL	S-4	WO CAPT
JAMES R. THROGMORTON	A/C MAINTO	MAJ MAJ

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>	<u>Date of Office</u>
MAG-13	CHU LAI, RVN	COL EDWARD N. LE FAIVRE	1-29 February
H&MS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL PAUL L. SIEGMUND	1-29 February
MABS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL LEROY A. MADERA	1-29 February
VMFA-323	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL HARRY T. HAGAMAN	1-29 February
VMFA-314	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL HERBERT V. LUNDIN	1-29 February
VMFA-115	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL GERALD W. VAUGHAN	1-29 February

3. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC				USN	
<u>Squadron</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NFO</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
H&MS-13	*17	6	24	422	0	0
MABS-13	4	0	15	420	3	23
VMFA-323	15	15	4	245	1	0
VMFA-314	16	15	4	245	0	0
VMFA-115	16	14	4	255	1	4
Total	68	50	51	1587	5	27

*This figure includes one NAP - MGySgt J. A. CONROY

4. Important Visitors to the Command

On 15 February, Brigadier General SPRUANCE of the Delaware National Guard visited MAG-13. The General presented an Aviation Safety Brief for the officers of MAG-13. He then toured the catapult and arresting gear operations on the Air Station's cross wind runway.

PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Aircraft Group-13 flew 1278 sorties for 1371.1 combat hours in February. 2501.273 tons of ordnance were dropped by this Group.

Operations supported included Kentucky, Lancaster, Scotland, Neosho, Khe Sanh, Houston, Tampa, Niagara, Wallowa, and the Ashau Valley Campaign. Missions flown included Close Air Support, Direct Air Support, BarCap, Visual Reconnaissance, Air-to-Air Intercept Practice Scramble, Talley Ho and TPQ.

Night and day TPQ-10 radar bombing missions were prevalent during this period due to reduced ceiling and visibility in I Corps. The predominance of ordnance and sorties went to the Khe Sanh area due to the massive NVA/VC build up in that area.

Significant BDA included 132 KBA confirmed, 30 KBA probable, 224 structures destroyed and 61 damaged. (Complete list in Para 9, PART THREE).

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. During the month of February, Marine Aircraft Group-13 had a loss of twenty-five (25) officers and one hundred and sixty-three (163) enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During this same period nineteen (19) officers and one hundred and fifty-six (156) enlisted personnel reported to the Group for duty.

2. Administration. During the reporting period seventeen (17) enlisted personnel were promoted. By 29 February, MAG-13 had 90.2% participation in the Savings Bond Program.

3. Awards. There were one Distinguished Flying Cross and twenty (20) Air Medals received by members of this command during the month of February.

4. Casualties

Non-hostile

a. Total for February.....	32
b. Total returned to duty.....	15
c. Total MedEvac.....	6
d. Total number of man-days lost.....	212

Hostile

a. Killed in Action.....	0
b. Wounded in Action.....	2
c. Missing in Action.....	0

5. Civic Action. February saw an increase in Civic Action activities after the initiated phase of the TET VC offensive was over. Initially MAG-13 MedCap personnel were engaged in helping the victims of both VC atrocities and friendly artillery fires. Fortunately neither of MAG-13's Civic Action hamlets were hard hit by either type of trouble.

English classes have been started in Long Phu I by volunteers from VMFA-323. Interest in the hamlet classes is high with a large number of adults attending. Arrangements are being made to teach English in Long Phu 2 by volunteers from VMFA-115.

Vietnamese language classes are being taught at MAG-13's Little Red School House every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 1900 to 2100. At present, over twenty (20) people are enrolled. The classes are being taught by one of MAG-13's interpreters.

MAG-13 and MAG-12 recently sponsored a Civic Action meeting in one of the Ky Lien Village meeting houses. All the Hamlet Chiefs, the Village Chief and the District Chief were invited as well as all the concerned Civic Action Officers. The meeting was a success with numerous problems coming to light which were

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unknown to the Civic Action Officers. As a result MAG-13 is investigating a number of new projects. One is the re-digging of a canal drainage ditch which apparently was covered up during some past military operation in the area.

6. Intelligence. Briefing and debriefing of aircrews and orientations to newaircrews were conducted. Publication of the weekly S-2 "Tactical Brief" continued (See Supporting Documents, Part Four). The booklet "Who Are the Viet Cong" has been distributed on a continuing basis to all officers and SNCO's.

General Intelligence briefs are given each Thursday by the Group Intelligence Officer for Sergcants and below. Weekly Intelligence briefs are also given to the Group Guard dealing mainly with the Chu Lai THOR.

7. Industrial Relations. MAG-13 presently has 34 Local Nationalist Citizens (LNC) under employment.

8. Airfield Operations. All facilities are operational at West Field. The East field will be utilized as an emergency backup for jet aircraft in the event of a fouled deck on the West field.

The controlled take-offs and landings at Chu Lai totaled 33,366. The launch and recovery section arrested 949 aircraft of which 35 were declared emergencies.

9. Combat Operations

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Hours</u>
H&MS-13 TA-4F	54	68.9
VMFA-323 F-4B	356	383.3
VMFA-314 F-4B	484	507.6
VMFA-115 F-4B	384	411.3
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Total	1279	1371.1

Operations Supported

Kentucky	Wallowa	Tampa	Talley Ho
Niagara	Ashau Valley	Neosho	BarCap
Scotland	Houston	Lancaster	Steel Tiger

Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

KBA (Confirmed).....	132
KBA (Probable).....	30
Structures (Destroyed).....	224
Structures (Damanged).....	61
Bunkers (Destroyed).....	25
Bunkers (Damaged).....	8
Secondary Explosions.....	33
Secondary Fires.....	10

Sampans.....12 Des/5 Dam
 Bridges.....1 Des/1 Dam
 Fighting Holes.....8 Des
 Road Cuts.....2
 Artillery Sites.....1 Des
 Anti-Aircraft Positions.....5 Des
 Rocket Sites.....25 Des
 Automatic Weapons Posits.....2 Des
 Mortar Positions.....1 Des

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10. Base Development. A bank of nine 50 KVA transformers was installed to power the Group Mess Hall. Expeditionary equipment continues to phase out as Garrison equipment becomes available.

MABS Utilities Section constructed three six foot revetment separators to provide for napalm separation from other ordnance in the flight line revetment areas.

Laundry service has increased to approximately 2000 lbs per day. The two new single trailer laundry units are now fully operational. MABS laundry continues to provide laundry service to MASS-3.

11. Morale/Welfare. MAG-13 church attendance remains high in Protestant, Catholic and Latter Day Saints services. The churches donated \$120.00 to the An Tan Protestant Orphanage. Chaplains SAMPILES and NCLAN attended the Wing Chaplain's meeting in DaNang and the Chu Lai area Chaplain's Meeting at AMERICAL during the month.

R&R continues to maintain high morale within this command. Nearly all quotas for R&R are fulfilled.

Scheduled movies and floor shows are well received and attended.

12. Training. Normal on-the-job/technical training continued within each unit of the Group. The following formal schools were utilized by MAG-13 in February:

<u>School</u>	<u>Personnel Attending</u>
KY-28 School	16
Jungle Environment and Survival Training	12
NCO Leadership	3
Personal Response	9
Embarkation School	2
Corrosion Control	6
Vietnamese Language	1
MK-36 School	13
Motor Transport Maintenance	2
Basic Organic Supply School	1
Transistor Fundamentals	1
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Total attending =	66

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13. Electronic Countermeasures. The use of the "Shoe Horn" ECM/Warning Equipment reached a high as operations in SAM Threat areas continued. Installation of the "Shoe Horn" equipment continued although not at the rate as in the preceding months.

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