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Encl: (1) MAG-13 Command Chronology Period 1-31 August 1968
 (2) H&MS-13 Command Chronology Period 1-31 August 1968
 (3) MABS-13 Command Chronology Period 1-31 August 1968
 (4) VMFA-115 Command Chronology Period 1-31 August 1968
 (5) VMFA-314 Command Chronology Period 1-31 August 1968
 (6) VMFA-323 Command Chronology Period 1-31 August 1968

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the subject report is submitted as enclosures (1) through (6).

2. Upon removal from the subject report this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

FOR

1-31 AUGUST 1968

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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commanders and Staff

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-31 August)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
JAMES H. BERGE, JR.	CO (1-31 Aug)	COL COL
ROY A. SEAVIER	XO (1-31 Aug)	LTCOL LTCOL
MARTIN J. BASAR	ADJ (1-31 Aug)	CAPT WO-1
LEONARD R. LANG	SGT MAJ (1-31 Aug)	SGTMAJ SGTMAJ
ROBERT H. SCHULTZ	S-1 (1-31 Aug)	MAJ LTCOL
JOSEPH MARZIOLI	S-2 (1-31 Aug)	MAJ CAPT
GEORGE L. BRUSER	S-3 (1-31 Aug)	LTCOL LTCOL
HARRY T. HAGAMAN	S-4 (1-31 Aug)	LTCOL LTCOL

b. H&MS-13 (1-31 August)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
PAUL L. SIEGMUND	CO (1-12 Aug)	LTCOL LTCOL
EDGAR A. HOUSE	CO (12-31 Aug)	LTCOL MAJ
HENRY G. MILLER	XO (1-31 Aug)	MAJ MAJ
CHARLES R. CONNOR	S-3 (1-31 Aug)	MAJ CAPT
HAROLD G. DEAN	A/C MAINT O (1-31 Aug)	MAJ LTCOL
WILLIAM K. HEHNER	ADMINO	LT. 1STLT

c. MABS-13 (1-31 (Aug))

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE	CO (1-31 Aug)	LTCOL MAJ
EDWARD R. BAILEY	XO (1-31 Aug)	MAJ MAJ
HAROLD E. WILSON	ADMINO	CAPT CWO-4
ALBERT R. EASTMAN, JR.	BASE OPNSO	MAJ CAPT
EHRHARD K. A. WINKELBRANDT	BASE SERVO	MAJ CAPT

d. VMFA-115 (1-31 Aug)

GERALD W. VAUGHAN	CO (1-12 Aug)	LTCOL LTCOL
JOHN I. HUDSON	CO (13-31 Aug)	LTCOL MAJ
JOHN I. HUDSON	XO (1-12 Aug)	MAJ MAJ
NONE	XO (13-31 Aug)	MAJ NONE
WILLIAM J. GRIFFIN	S-1 (1-8 Aug)	LT MAJ
JAMES R. DENTON	S-1 (9-31 Aug)	LT CAPT
WILLIAM A. MCMAHON	S-2 (1-31 Aug)	LT CAPT
JAY N. BIBLER	S-3 (1-31 Aug)	MAJ MAJ
ANTHONY A. YATSKO	S-4 (1-31 Aug)	WO CAPT
ROGER G. KROPP	A/CMAINTO (1-31 Aug)	MAJ MAJ

e. VMFA-314 (1-31 August)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		T/O	ACTUAL
FRANK E. PETERSON, JR.	CO (1-31 Aug)	LTCOL	LTCOL
HARRY H. ZIEGLER	XO (1-31 Aug)	MAJ	MAJ
BERNARD D. SCHMIDT	S-1 (1-05 Aug)	LT	CAPT
GILBERT TANZER	S-1 (06-31 Aug)	LT	CAPT
JOHN M. HERRING	S-2 (1-31 Aug)	LT	CAPT
CARL E. R. BLACK	S-3 (1-31 Aug)	MAJ	MAJ
RAYMOND E. REDFORD	S-4 (1-31 Aug)	WO	LT
FREDERICK J. SCHOBER	A/C MAINTO (1-31 Aug)	MAJ	MAJ

f. VMFA-323 (1-31 Aug)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		T/O	ACTUAL
DON J. SLEE	CO (1-31 Aug)	LTCOL	LTCOL
DANIEL I. CARROLL	XO (1-31 Aug)	MAJ	MAJ
JEROME L. HESS	S-1 (1-31 Aug)	LT	CAPT
FREDERICK X. GULDI	S-2 (1-20 Aug)	LT	CAPT
PLEAS E. DAVIS	S-2 (21-31 Aug)	LT	CAPT
HENRY C. IVY	S-3 (1-31 Aug)	MAJ	MAJ
JAMES E. BIRDWELL	S-4 (1-31 Aug)	WO	CAPT
CHARLES L. ZANGAS	A/C MAINTO (1-12 Aug)	MAJ	MAJ
KARL S. SMITH	A/C MAINTO (13-31 Aug)	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 JAMES H. BERGE	1-31 Aug 1968
H&MS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL PAUL L. SIEGMUND	1-12 Aug 1968
H&MS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR EDGAR A. HOUSE	13-31 Aug 1968
MABS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE	1-31 Aug 1968
VMFA-115	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL GERALD W. VAUGHAN	1-12 Aug 1968
VMFA-115	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR JOHN I. HUDSON	13-31 Aug 1968
VMFA-314	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL FRANK E. PETERSON	1-31 Aug 1968
VMFA-323	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL DON J. SLEE	1-31 Aug 1968

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>USMC</u>				<u>USN</u>	
	<u>NA</u>	<u>NFO</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
H&MS-13	*16	4	23	493	0	0
MABS-13	4	1	12	433	4	22
VMFA-115	18	18	4	249	1	1
VMFA-314	19	18	5	249	1	0
VMFA-323	18	20	4	244	1	0
MAG-13	**75	**61	48	1668	7	23

* This figure includes 1 NAP (M GySgt J. A. CONROY)

**Includes 2 NFO's TAD to FAC duty for 100 days, also 2 NA's

PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Aircraft Group-13 continued its support of III MAF and all other free world Armed Forces in the I Corps area. Operations supported were Napolean/Saline II, Scotland II, Lancaster II, Lancaster West, Mameluke Thrust, Dodge City, Dragon Palace III, Allen Brooke, Jeb Stuart III, Houston Nevada Eagle, Kentucky, Mongoose Run, and Pocahontas Forest. Elements of the U. S. Army, Republic of Korea and ARVN Forces were supported.

When weather permitted an increased number of strikes were flown in the Talley Ho area.

In support of the aforementioned operations MAG-13 aircraft flew 1,958 combat sorties for 2, 191.9 hours. Expendng over 4,169 tons of ordnance.

Damage from incoming rockets to the MAG-13 area was confined to the Ground Support Equipment section.

Significant BDA for this period included 97 KBMA, 49 secondary explosions, 46 secondary fires, 288 structures destroyed, 221 bunkers destroyed, 4 bridges destroyed, 2 bridges damaged, 5 automatic weapons positions destroyed, 5 trucks destroyed and 1 SAM site damaged.

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. During the month of August, Marine Aircraft Group-13 had a loss of 24 officers and 172 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During this same period, 30 officers and 110 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Awards. There were 216 medals presented to MAG-13 personnel during the month of August. Medals presented were:

- a. Single Mission Air Medal 5
- b. Strike/Flight Air Medal (Earned) 211

3. Casualties.

Non-Hostile

- a. Total for August.....26
- b. Total returned to duty.....21
- c. Total MedEvac..... 4
- d. Total number of man days lost..179

Hostile

- a. Killed in Action..... 0
- b. Wounded in Action..... 7
- c. Missing in Action..... 0

4. Civil Affairs.

a. 1 August: Fifty 55-gallon drums were taken to Dickey Chapelle Dispensary. National and province newspapers were distributed throughout the four MAG-13 hamlets and An Tan. Hand-operated water pumps were repaired by MCB 74 and were returned to the hamlets where MAG-13 personnel installed them.

b. 2 August: Cardboard signs were artistically printed bearing slogans expressing good health and hygiene policy. The signs are to be posted in the four dispensaries in the MAG-13 area of responsibility. The CA team members were guests at a Vietnamese home this evening for a meal.

c. 3 August: Thirty-six 4x4's were delivered to Long Phu I's dispensary construction project.

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d. 4 August: Medcap to Long Phu II treated 27 people; three dental patients were treated. A Vietnamese baby was medevaced for pneumonia symptoms. The CA team dined at a Vietnamese home this evening; the host was expressing gratitude for medical aid received in the past by MAG-13 medical personnel.

e. 5 August: Forty 55-gallon barrels were delivered to the Dickey Chapelle Dispensary; the barrels will be set into the ground as the receptacle component of the water-seal privies now under construction.

f. 6 August: Fifty water-seal privies (styled from those in Thailand) are ready for distribution. Fourteen bags of cement were delivered to Dickey Chapelle today.

g. 7 August: Colonel James H. BERGE, Commanding Officer, MAG-13, Lieutenant Colonel Frank PETERSON, Commanding Officer of VMFA-314, Captain Paul BALTHUM, CA officer of VMFA-314, and 1stlt Robert RAMSEY, CA officer of VMFA-323 accompanied the Group Civic Action Officer to a sanitation/Public Health ceremony at Dickey Chapelle Dispensary. Group CA personnel were present and were praised by the Vietnamese for their efforts to make sanitation improvements possible. Speeches were made by Vietnamese officials and the Group CAO; the ceremony ended as instructions were given on construction of the water-seal privy and fifty cement-molded privies were distributed to civilians at the refugee hamlet.

Twenty pieces of lumber were taken to Long Phu I for the dispensary project. A male corpse was found behind the hamlet living area; the body was given to investigating authorities. Intelligence information was received indicating that movement of enemy mortar shells to Ky Xuan is by fishing boats.

h. 9 August: VMFA-314 CA personnel were introduced to the elementary school in Chu Lai New Life Refugee hamlet.

i. 10 August: Thirty-five pieces of steel reinforcement bars were donated to Long Phu I's dispensary project. The CA team was invited to a Vietnamese home in Long Phu I to dine in honor of a deceased member of the family. In the evening MAG-13 personnel assisted an Army Psychological Warfare Team in showing educational movies in the Chu Lai Refugee Hamlet area.

j. 11 August: Thirty-five medical and four dental patients were treated at Long Phu II's Medcap; two dental patients were taken to MAG-13 medical for treatment.

k. 12 August: Twenty 55-gallon barrels were taken to Dickey Chapelle Dispensary. A Vietnamese girl was accidentally shot by a GI this morning; the girl was taken to the hospital and the soldier was apprehended by MAG-13 CA personnel. Americal G-5 conducted a meeting today outlining the MAG-13 area of responsibility as the hamlets of Long Phu I, Long Phu II, Dinh Phuc, Thanh Tra, and the dispensary in An Tan.

1. 13 August: Thirty pieces of reinforcement bars were delivered to Long Phu I's dispensary construction project. A water purification unit was obtained from 1st Wing by MAG-12 and will be installed by MAG-13 at Dickey Chapelle. The unit was delivered to the dispensary and plans are being made for installation.

m. 14 August: A Vietnamese child was taken to 27th Surgical Hospital for dislocated shoulder treatment. Intelligence information was received from An Tan this evening.

n. 15 August: Reinforcement bar and 25 rocket boxes were donated to the Long Phu I dispensary project. Forty bags of cement and nine pieces of plywood were given to an An Tan resident for construction of his home.

A meeting was conducted this afternoon by the Ky Lien Village Administrative Chief. Future projects were discussed and MAG-12 representatives also attended. Intelligence information was received this evening.

o. 16 August: Three civilians were medevaced from An Tan today. Eighteen bags of cement were given to a man building a home in An Tan.

p. 18 August: Medcap to Long Phu II treated eighty-four people. Thirty pounds of soap was distributed to people with skin infections. MAG-12 CA team members conducted a picnic outing for Buddhist Youth in the hamlet while the medcap was underway.

q. 19 August: Three people were medevaced from An Tan this morning. The site between Long Phu I and Long Phu II is now complete. Approximately 1½ miles of road has been constructed and MABS-13 personnel are in the process of finishing the project by laying laterite for the road bed.

r. 20 August: Three patients were medevaced from An Tan this morning. The Civic Action Officer from MAG-12 was reported missing this evening which has indicated a necessity for additional security measures for the movement of the MAG-13 CA team in the Chu Lai area.

s. 21 August: Industrial Relations records were inspected today and found to be in good order. Scrap wood was taken to Long Phu I's dispensary construction project.

t. 22 August: The Ky Lien Village Chief requested that a road be built behind an An Tan to facilitate transportation of market goods. The project is being considered. The missing MAG-12 CAO was found today and Vietnamese civilian warned of increased enemy activity. Increased security is necessary for safe movement in the outlying hamlets. Radio contact is maintained with the base as a standard procedure.

u. 23 August: Fifty pieces of 1x4 planking was delivered to Long Phu I's dispensary construction project. The air base came under rocket attack last night and enemy activity is increasing. All hamlets were visited today and the civilians are complacent and unworried about increased enemy personnel in the area. The hamlets appear to be in no danger, however, intelligence information is forthcoming in greater abundance.

v. 25 August: Medcap to Long Phu II treated sixty people, sixty pounds of soap was distributed. The MAG-13 CA team received information from hamlet chief of a enemy cave in the hills three kilometers west of the base and accompanied a 198th Army guard and 1st CAG Marines in a search for the suspected position. No cave was found and as darkness was near the MAG-13 SAR helicopters were contacted to provide transportation from the vulnerable hill position to the Long Phu II hamlet. All Marines and Army personnel were extracted safely.

w. 26 August: A search was conducted once again for the enemy cave position; MAG-13 provided transportation for the hamlet chief to assist in the search.

x. 30 August: Certificates of Appreciation were mailed to all persons making contributions of clothing, finances etc. to MAG-13 Civic Action. Thirty pieces of 4x4's were delivered to Long Phu I's dispensary construction project.

5. Intelligence

a. Continued Intelligence Operations, Briefing and Debriefing of assigned aircrews, and orientation to insure that assigned units receive maximum familiarity with combat conditions in the Republic of Vietnam.

b. A general intelligence brief is given each Thursday by the Group Intelligence Officer at 1530 for the Officers and SNCO's of H&MS-13 and MAWS-13. Officers and SNCO's of the tactical squadrons are also welcome.

c. The information and materials for intelligence briefs for all ranks of the tactical squadrons is provided by the Group Intelligence Section and is given by the Tactical Squadrons Intelligence Officer each week.

d. Intelligence briefs are presented to the Commanding Officer, staff, and Squadron Commanders at the weekly CO's conference.

e. On-the-job training for all intelligence personnel of the Group was conducted on a continuous basis during the entire period.

f. An in country "For Official Use Only" written Intelligence/Counterintelligence briefing for all ranks continued.

6. Air Operations

SQUADRON		<u>SORTIES</u>		<u>HOURS</u>	
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COMBAT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COMBAT</u>
H&MS-13	C-117	117	110	134.6	127.7
	TA-4F	41	28	41.3	36.2
VMFA-115	F-4B	703	686	785.7	768.6
VMFA-314	F-4B	604	586	663.0	639.7
VMFA-323	F-4B	570	548	644.2	619.7

Operations Supported

Nevada Eagle, Napolean/Saline II, Scotland II, Lancaster II, Lancaster West, Mameluke Thrust, Dodge City, Dragon Palace III, Allen Brooke, Jeb Stuart III, Houston, Kentucky, Mongoose Run and Pocahontas Forest.

Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

KBMA (Confirmed)	97
Secondary Explosions	49
Secondary Fires	46
Structures Destroyed	288/46 Damaged
Bunkers Destroyed	221/32 Damaged
Bridges Destroyed	4/2 Damaged
Trucks Destroyed	5
A/W Positions Destroyed	5
SAM Sites	1 Damaged

7. Base Development

a. On 26 August the new MAG-13 Postal Exchange was opened. Work has been started on the Barber Shop/Concessionary building.

b. The foundation for the new "E" club has been started.

8. Supply

a. A new building was constructed for use as the stationary and Flight Clothing Store.

b. A preliminary A&M inspection was held within Group Supply Department to determine the problem areas and correct same.

9. Morale/Welfare

a. Religious Services

(1) Protestant Services:

- (a) Sunday-6; attendance-226
- (b) Weekday-18; attendance-162
- (c) Choir Practice-4; attendance-41

(2) Catholic Services:

- (a) Sunday-6; attendance-381
- (b) Weekday-14; attendance-49
- (c) Religious Information Classes-7; attendance-44

(3) Latter Day Saints (Mormons):

- (a) Sunday-4; attendance-30

(4) Christian Science

- (a) Sunday-4; attendance-14

b. Services rendered other than at MAG-13

(1) Catholic Services:

Sunday

- (a) FLSG-B Services (3) Attendance (65)
- (b) NSAD Services (3) Attendance (169)

Weekdays

- (a) CAP Lima-4 Service (1) Attendance (4)
- (b) 2nd LAAM Bn. Service (1) Attendance (4)

(2) Protestant Services:

Weekdays

- (a) CAP Lima-5 Service (1) Attendance (7)
- (b) CAP Lima-8 Service (1) Attendance (11)

c. Counseling and Interviews:

Counseling-7
Interviews-23

d. Red Cross Cases-3

e. Hospital visits-47

f. Meeting and Trips:

- (a) Chaplain Nolan and Chaplain Perdew attended the Chu Lai area Chaplain's meeting.
- (b) Chaplain Nolan attended the I Corps Catholic Chaplain's Day of Recollection in Danang.
- (c) Chaplain Perdes provided Catholic coverage for 2nd LAAM Bn. and CAP unit Lima-4.
- (d) Chaplain Perdew covered CAP units Lima-5 and 8.

10. Training

- a. Normal on the job and technical training continued within each squadron.
- b. Utilization of the MAG-13 rifle range is being accomplished for the purpose of FAM firing newly joined personnel and maintaining currency of other personnel.
- c. The following schools were attended by MAG-13 personnel during this reporting period:

Schools - August 1968

NCO Leadership	2
Corrosion Control	6
ALQ-51A	2
Career Advisory	
Elct. Generator	2
NBC	5
III MAF Registered Publications	1
Certify & Recertify Welders	1
KY-28	6
5th Air Force Sea Survival	3
JEST	8

11. Electronic Countermeasures. The use of the "Shoehorn" ECM/Warning Equipment continued as the majority of missions flown by MAG-13 were in the SAM High Threat area. Installation of the "Shoehorn" equipment continues as aircraft are available for induction.