

## HEADQUARTERS

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Encl: (1) MAG-13 Command Chronology Period 1-30 September 1968  
 (2) H&MS-13 Command Chronology Period 1-30 September 1968  
 (3) MABS-13 Command Chronology Period 1-30 September 1968  
 (4) VMFA-115 Command Chronology Period 1-30 September 1968  
 (5) VMFA-314 Command Chronology Period 1-30 September 1968  
 (6) VMFA-323 Command Chronology Period 1-30 September 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

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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commanders and Staff

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		T/O	ACTUAL
JAMES H. BERGE	CO (1-3 Sep)	COL	COL
NORMAN W. GOURLEY	CO (4-30 Sep)	COL	COL
ROY A. SEAVER	XO (1-4 Sep)	LTCOL	LTCOL
IRA L. MORGAN	XO (5-30 Sep)	LTCOL	LTCOL
MARTIN J. BASAR	ADJ (1-30 Sep)	CAPT	CWO-2
LEONARD R. LANG	SGTMAJ (1-30 Sep)	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ
ROBERT H. SCHULTZ	S-1 (1-15 Sep)	MAJ	LTCOL
HENRY G. MILLER JR	S-1 (16-30 Sep)	MAJ	MAJ
JOSEPH MARZIOLI	S-2 (1-30 Sep)	MAJ	CAPT
GEORGE L. BRUSER	S-3 (1-4 Sep)	LTCOL	LTCOL
THOMAS R. MORGAN	S-3 (5-30 Sep)	LTCOL	LTCOL
HARRY T. HAGAMAN	S-4 (1-30 Sep)	LTCOL	LTCOL

## b. H&amp;MS-13 (1-30 September)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		T/O	ACTUAL
EDGAR A. HOUSE	CO (1-30 Sep)	LTCOL	MAJ
HENRY G. MILLER JR	XO (1-15 Sep)	MAJ	MAJ
WILLIAM H. ALLEN JR	XO (16-30 Sep)	MAJ	MAJ
CHARLES R. CONNOR	S-3 (1-30 Sep)	MAJ	CAPT
HAROLD G. DEAN	A/C MAINTO (1-30 Sep)	MAJ	LTCOL
WALTER K. HEHNER	ADMINO (1-30 Sep)	LT	1STLT

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		T/O	ACTUAL
CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE JR	CO (1-30 Sep)	LTCOL	MAJ
EDWARD R. BAILEY	XO (1-30 Sep)	MAJ	MAJ
DANIEL F. DOUGHERTY	ADMINO (1-30 Sep)	CAPT	CWO-2
ALBERT R. EASTMAN JR	BASE OPNSO (1-19 Sep)	MAJ	CAPT
PATRICK H. MCKINNIS	BASE OPNSO (20-30 Sep)	MAJ	CAPT
EHRHARD K. A. WINKELBRANDT	BASE SERVO (1-21 Sep)	MAJ	CAPT
GEORGE E. FRANKLIN	BASE SERVO (22-30 Sep)	MAJ	CAPT

## d. VMFA-115 (1-30 September)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O    ACTUAL
JOHN I. HUDSON	CO (1-30 Sep)	LTCOL MAJ
ROGER G. KROPP	XO (6-30 Sep)	MAJ MAJ
JAMES R. DENTON	S-1 (1-30 Sep)	LT CAPT
WILLIAM A. MCMAHON JR	S-2 (1-30 Sep)	LT CAPT
JAY N. BIBLER	S-3 (1-30 Sep)	MAJ MAJ
ANTHONY A. YATSKO	S-4 (1-30 Sep)	WO CAPT
ROGER G. KROPP	A/C MAINTO (1-5 Sep)	MAJ MAJ
STANLEY P. HUEY JR	A/C MAINTO (6-30 Sep)	MAJ CAPT

## e. VMFA-314

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O    ACTUAL
FRANK E. PETERSON JR	CO (1-30 Sep)	LTCOL LTCOL
HARRY H. ZIEGLER	XO (1-30 Sep)	MAJ MAJ
GILBERT TANZER	S-1 (1-30 Sep)	LT CAPT
JOHN P. NOESEN	S-2 (1-30 Sep)	LT CAPT
CARL E. R. BLACK	S-3 (1-30 Sep)	MAJ MAJ
GARY R. VAN GYSEL	S-4 (1-30 Sep)	WO CAPT
FREDERICK J. SCHOBER	A/C MAINTO (1-30 Sep)	MAJ MAJ

## f. VMFA-323

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O    ACTUAL
DON J. SLEE	CO (1-30 Sep)	LTCOL LTCOL
DANIEL I. CARROLL	XO (1-30 Sep)	MAJ MAJ
JEROME L. HESS	S-1 (1-30 Sep)	LT CAPT
PLEAS G. DAVIS	S-2 (1-30 Sep)	LT CAPT
HENRY C. IVY	S-3 (1-30 Sep)	MAJ MAJ
JAMES E. BIRDWELL	S-4 (1-19 Sep)	WO CAPT
CHARLES R. PETTY	S-4 (20-30 Sep)	WO CAPT
KARL S. SMITH	A/C MAINTO (1-16 Sep)	MAJ MAJ
WARREN A. FERDINAND	A/C MAINTO (17-30 Sep)	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	1-3 Sep 1968
MAG-13	CHU LAI, RVN	COL NORMAN W. GOURLEY	4-30 Sep 1968
H&MS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR EDGAR A. HOUSE	1-30 Sep 1968
MABS-13	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE JR	1-30 Sep 1968
VMFA-115	CHU LAI, RVN	MAJOR JOHN I. HUDSON	1-30 Sep 1968
VMFA-314	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL FRANK E. PETERSON JR	1-30 Sep 1968
VMFA-323	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL DON J. SLEE	1-30 Sep 1968

3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC					USN	
<u>Squadron</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NFO</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
H&MS-13	15	5	24	475	0	0
MABS-13	5	2	12	448	5	22
VMFA-115	19	19	4	240	1	1
VMFA-314	20	18	6	232	1	0
VMFA-323	20	21	5	233	1	0
MAG-13	79	65	51	1628	8	23

4. Important Visitors to the Command

26 September 1968

Vice Admiral E. R. ZUMWALT, USN, COMNAVFORV  
 Major General A. H. ADAMS, CG 3RD MAW

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 "AIS", Scotland II, Lancaster II, Mameluke Thrust, Jeb Stuart III, Nevada Eagle, Burlington Trail, Champagne Grove, Victory Dragon II and III, Cochise (II Corps), Kentucky, Houston, Sussex Bay and Allen Brock. Elements of the U.S. Army, Republic of Korea and ARVN forces were supported. MAG-13 flew 1596 combat sorties in support of these operations for a total of 1863 hours delivering 3182 tons of ordnance.

Significant BDA for this period included 34 KEMA, 56 Secondary explosions, 24 Secondary fires, 239 structures destroyed, 313 bunkers destroyed, 8 boats destroyed, 1225 meters of trenchline destroyed, 10 rocket motors destroyed, 6 AW positions destroyed, 3 mortars destroyed, 1 artillery carrier destroyed and 1 artillery position destroyed.

The MAG-13 area received 14 rounds of incoming rockets during the month but suffered no damage.

On 26 September MAG-13 was visited by Vice Admiral E. R. ZUMWALT, USN, COMNAVFORV and also by Major General A. H. ADAMS, USMC, CG 3rd MAW.

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**PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

**1. Personnel**

During the month of September, Marine Aircraft Group-13 had a loss of 24 officers and 170 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During this same period, 39 officers and 165 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

**2. Awards**

There were 280 medals presented to MAG-13 personnel during the month of September 1968. Medals presented were:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 4
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 6
- c. Bronze Star: 2
- d. Strike/Flight Air Medal: 243
- e. Navy Commendation Medal: 8
- f. Navy Achievement Medal: 7
- g. Certificate of Commendation: 10

**3. Casualties**

Non-Hostile

- a. Total for September. . . . . 18
- b. Total returned to duty . . . . . 12
- c. Total MedEvac. . . . . 4
- d. Total number of man days lost. . . . . 71

Hostile

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

4. Civic Action

a. 1 September: Civic Action Team and medical staff from MAG-13 dispensary conducted the weekly MEDCAP in Long Phu II which treated 85 people. One was serious enough to be medevac'd to 27th Surgical Hospital. The Civic Action Team was also the guest at dinner given by one of our Vietnamese nurses in An Tan.

b. 2 September: Six hundred pounds of rice were given a farmer in Long Phu II whose crops were partially destroyed by tracked vehicles. Several privies in the refugee hamlet were inspected and found satisfactory.

c. 3 September: Obtained certificates of appreciation from Ly Tin.

d. 4 September: Three persons were medevac'd from An Tan to 27th Surgical Hospital. More privies were inspected and sanitation conditions are improving in the refugee hamlet.

e. 5 September: Two hundred pounds of clothing was distributed in An Tan to needy families chosen by the village chief. Ninety pounds of clothing and thirty pounds of soap were distributed in the hamlet of Long Phu I. Personnel from VMFA-115 repaired shutters, desks, and benches in the Long Phu I elementary school.

f. 6 September: Twenty five bags of cement were given to a civilian in An Tan for the construction of his home. A training situation for a girl from Long Phu I to be trained as a nurse under our corpsmen has been approved by Mr. Thi, the assistant hamlet chief. The An Tan Dispensary treated 309 people in the past week. Dental patients are more frequent now as the dispensary's reputation builds.

g. 7 September: Civic Action Team met with the new Vietnamese doctor at the Dickey Chapel Dispensary. Two people from An Tan were medevac'd to 27th Surgical Hospital with wounds from enemy mortars. School supplies were distributed to 150 school children in Long Phu I. A girl in Long Phu II was killed when she picked up a "dud" grenade.

h. 8 September: The weekly MEDCAP in Long Phu II treated 84 persons. Personnel from VMFA-115 continued school house repair. A bridge was repaired by Group Civic Action personnel (with the help of the Vietnamese).

i. 9 September: Processing paperwork was started on the girl from Long Phu I to begin her medical training. Materials were given for continued construction of the dispensary in Long Phu I. MABS-13 personnel spent a day grading a road that will eventually connect Long Phu I and Long Phu II.

j. 10 September: VMFA-115 personnel accompanied Civic Action Team for the distribution of school supplies to 75 children in Long Phu II. New Civic Action Officer, Captain Paul BALTRUM, receives first day of briefing.

k. 11 September: CARE school kits were distributed with other school supplies to 55 children in Long Phu II. New Civic Action Officer introduced to Americal G-5.

l. 12 September: Two hundred pounds of clothing were distributed to families in Long Phu II.

m. 13 September: MABS-13 completed three more days of grading the road between Long Phu I and Long Phu II.

n. 15 September: The weekly MEDCAP at Long Phu II treated 78 children. WFA-115 personnel continued repair of schoolhouse. Civic Action Team and MAG-13 medical staff had a lunch at the Vietnamese medical attendants home.

o. 16 September: The Long Phu I dispensary was dedicated this morning with the placement of the main beams for the roof. Lt. J. COLLINS of F10 covered the function with Capt. R. KAIN and Capt. P. BALTRUM attending as guests of honor. Monthly meeting was held in An Tan with the village chief and the hamlet chiefs of the area.

p. 18 September: One woman was medevacued to 27th Surgical Hospital. Civic Action Team accompanied Psychological Operations personnel to show a movie in An Tan.

q. 19 September: Chaplain R. PHILIPPE donated 100 pounds of clothing to the Civic Action Program. More construction materials given to Long Phu I for dispensary. WFA-115 personnel continued repair of Long Phu II school.

r. 20 September: Ten bags of cement were given to a civilian for house construction in An Tan. The An Tan Dispensary treated 251 persons in the past week.

s. 22 September: The weekly MEDCAP in Long Phu II treated 70 persons.

t. 23 September: A culvert was installed as part of the road project between Long Phu I and II. MABS-13 donated the material and SSgt. PRAETER of MABS, along with the Civic Action personnel and 15 Vietnamese from Long Phu II, spent the day on the project. The Civic Action Officer attended a celebration of the ancestors of one of Long Phu II's hamlet chiefs.

u. 25 September: Intelligence information was gathered concerning VC movement in the area. Procurred building materials from RMK for future use.

v. 26 September: More intelligence information was collected and turned into MAG-13 S-2. LCpl S. SCHMIDT joins the Civic Action Team. A wounded water buffalo was treated in Long Phu I.

w. 27 September: Met with school principal of An Tan elementary school and promised to assist in English instruction classes beginning 14 October.

x. 28 September: More S-2 information collected. One person was medevacced to 2nd Surgical Hospital.

y. 29, 30 September: The weekly MEDCAP in Long Phu II treated 25 persons. VMFA-115 personnel continued school repair.

#### 5. Intelligence

a. Continued Intelligence Operations, Briefing and Debriefing of assigned aircrues, 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 MABS-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		SORTIES		HOURS	
		TOTAL	COMBAT	TOTAL	COMBAT
H&MS-13	C-117	93	56	104	60
	TA-4F	31	28	50	47
VMFA-115	F-4B	441	429	505	497
	F-4B	545	538	590	586
	F-4B	564	545	615	598

#### Operations Supported

"AIS", Jeb Stuart III, Nevada Eagle, Burlington Trail, Champagne Grove, Victory Dragon II and III, Cochise (II Corps), Kentucky, Houston, Sussex Bay and Allen Brock.

Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

KBMA . . . . .	34
Structures . . . . .	239/90 Damaged
Bunkers . . . . .	313/59 Damaged
Secondary Explosions . . . . .	56
Secondary Fires . . . . .	24
Road Cuts . . . . .	10
Meters of Trenchline Destroyed . . . . .	1225
Boats . . . . .	8/2 Damaged
Bridge (Damaged) . . . . .	1
Artillery Carrier (Destroyed) . . . . .	1
Tracked Vehicle (Damaged) . . . . .	1
AW Positions (Destroyed) . . . . .	6
AAA (Damaged) . . . . .	1
Rocket Motors (Destroyed) . . . . .	10
Mortars . . . . .	3/3 Damaged
Artillery Position (Destroyed) . . . . .	1

7. Base Development

- a. 10 September: Steps on Hot Pad Van installed.
- b. 11 September: MABS-13 Squadron Office reroofed by NSAD.
- c. 12 September: Air conditioners at VMFA-314 repaired. Breaker at Communications Van repaired.
- d. 13 September: Lights at Sick Bay repaired. Cover over Briefing Van repaired. 60 cycle line run to Command Bunker.
- e. 14 September: NSAD completed rewiring of TAFDS Office.
- f. 15 September: NSAD completed work on electrical fixture in living area.
- g. 16 September: RMK commencing site preparations on Missile Maintenance, Avionics Storage and Motor Transport Maintenance Building.
- h. 17 September: Avionics Van completed.
- i. 18 September: Barber Shop/concessionary Building adjacent to P.X. completed.
- j. 19 September: 9th Engineers working on fill of the Bomb Dump.
- k. 22 September: Repair of footbridge over Lake Robertshaw completed by NSAD.

1. 23 September: Three doors for new disbursing building completed. Service line to reefer at Recreation Hut replaced.

m. 24 September: Door to TAQ Head #1 was repaired. Temporary line installed in Dispatcher's Office at Motor Transport. One Urinal constructed behind old P.X.

n. 25 September: Reefer at Messhall repaired. Five mount out boxes constructed for Heavy Equipment.

o. 26 September: NSAD installed 220V wiring to Bomb Dump.

p. 27 September: Siren at Group Guard was removed and rewired. Power to Generator Shed at Utilities was installed.

q. 28 September: Power Lines in MABS-13 living area repaired. Head constructed for Utilities personnel.

### 8. Supply

a. Group Supply was visited by the Wing Supply Officer during the period 16-20 September for the scheduled annual Administrative/Material Inspection.

b. A staff visit by Headquarters FMFPAC and Wing Comptroller shops was held from 24 September through 2 October 1968; to assist in implementing revised fiscal accounting procedures for the current fiscal year.

c. GySgt W. B. GRIMES joined from HqSqdron FMFPAC to assume duties as Group Aviation Supply Support Center Chief for MAG-13.

d. 1500 M16A1 rifles were received and distribution plans were made for issue to personnel of this Group.

### 9. Morale/Welfare

#### Religious Services

(1) Protestant Services

(a) Sunday-9;attendance-345  
(b) Weekdays-17;attendance-135  
(c) Choir Practice-4;attendance-21

(2) Catholic Services

(a) Sunday-10;attendance-610  
(b) Weekdays-22;attendance 75  
(c) Religious Information Classes-4;attendance-29

(3) Latter Day Saints (Mormons):

(a) Sunday-4;attendance-32

(4) Christian Science:

(a) Sunday-4;attendance-7

(5) Memorial Service:

(a) September 23;attendance-122

b. Services rendered other than at MAG-13:

(1) Catholic Services:

Sunday

- (a) FLSG-4 Services (4) Attendance (97)
- (b) NSAD Services (5) Attendance (267)
- (c) 9th ENGR. BN. Services (1) Attendance (26)
- (d) 2nd Surg. Hosp. Services (1) Attendance (16)

Weekdays

- (a) CAP India-4 Service (1) Attendance (4)
- (b) CAP Lima-3 Service (1) Attendance (3)

(2) Protestant Services:

Weekdays

- (a) CAP Lima-5 Service (1) Attendance (6)
- (b) CAP Lima-8 Service (1) Attendance (6)
- (c) CAF India-3 Service (2) Attendance (9)

c. Counseling and Interviews:

Counseling-20

Interviews-60

d. Red Cross Cases-3

e. Hospital Visits-23

f. Meeting and Trips:

- (a) Chaplain NOLAN attended the I Corps Catholic Chaplain's Day of Recollection in Danang.
- (b) Chaplain FERDEW attended the I Corps Protestant Chaplain's Day of Recollection in Chu Lai.
- (c) Chaplain FERDEW attended the Chu Lai area Chaplain's meeting.
- (d) Chaplain Ferde and Chaplain Nolan attended the dedication of the new Wing Chapel.

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 - September 1968

KY-28	8
1st MAW Personal Response	6
NCO Leadership	2
Corrosion Control	2
ALW-51A	2
5th Air Force Sea Survival	3
Forklift Operators	10
Maintenance Management	1
Embarkation	2
JEST	3

- 11. NBC. On 20 September a thorough inspection of all Gas Masks in MAG-13 was started. By 30 September 1508 Gas Masks had been inspected and repaired when necessary.