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Encl: (1) MAG-13 Command Chronology Period 1-31 October 1968
 (2) HMAS-13 Command Chronology Period 1-31 October 1968
 (3) HADS-13 Command Chronology Period 1-31 October 1968
 (4) VMFA-115 Command Chronology Period 1-31 October 1968
 (5) VMFA-314 Command Chronology Period 1-31 October 1968
 (6) VMFA-323 Command Chronology Period 1-31 October 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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MAG-13

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

FOR

1-31 OCTOBER 1968

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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commanders and Staff

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
NORMAN W. GOURLEY	CO (1-31 Oct)	COL COL
IRA L. MORGAN	XO (1-31 Oct)	LTCOL LTCOL
MARTIN J. BASAR	ADJ (1-31 Oct)	CAPT CWO-2
LEONARD R. LANG	SGTMAJ (1-20 Oct)	SGTMAJ SGTMAJ
RAYMOND E. STEWARD	SGTMAJ (21-31 Oct)	SGTMAJ SGTMAJ
HENRY G. MILLER JR	S-1 (1-31 Oct)	MAJ MAJ
JOSEPH MARZIOI I	S-2 (1-31 Oct)	MAJ CAPT
THOMAS R. MORGAN	S-3 (1-31 Oct)	LTCOL LTCOL
HARRY T. HAGANAN	S-4 (1-21 Oct)	LTCOL LTCOL
ROBERT R. NORTON	S-4 (22-31 Oct)	LTCOL LTCOL

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
EDGAR A. HOUSE	CO (1-31 Oct)	LTCOL MAJ
WILLIAM H. ALLEN	XO (1-6 Oct)	MAJ MAJ
HOWARD W. MEISSNER	XO (7-31 Oct)	MAJ MAJ
CHARLES R. CONNOR	S-3 (1-28 Oct)	CAPT CAPT
HAROLD G. DEAN	A/C MAINTO (1-31 Oct)	MAJ LTCOL
WALTER K. HEHNER JR	ADMINO (1-31 Oct)	JT 1STLT

c. MABS-13 (1-31 October)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE JR	CO (1-31 Oct)	LTCOL LTCOL
EDWARD R. BAILEY	XO (1-31 Oct)	MAJ MAJ
DANIEL F. DOUGHERTY	ADMINO (1-31 Oct)	CAPT CWO-2
PATRICK H. MCKINNIS	BASE OPNSO (1-31 Oct)	MAJ CAPT
GEORGE E. FRANKLIN	BASE SERVO (1-31 Oct)	MAJ CAPT
RAYMOND E. STEWARD	SGTMAJ (1-31 Oct)	SGTMAJ SGTMAJ

d. WFA-115 (1-31 October)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
JOHN I. HUDSON	CO (1-31 Oct)		LTCOL	MAJ
ROGER G. KROFT	XO (1-31 Oct)		MAJ	MAJ
JAMES R. DENTON	S-1 (1-31 Oct)		LT	CAPT
WILLIAM A. MCMAHON JR	S-2 (1-24 Oct)		LT	CAPT
D. L. CRYPE	S-2 (25-31 Oct)		LT	1STLT
JAY N. BIBLER	S-3 (1-31 Oct)		MAJ	MAJ
ANTHONY A. YATSKO	S-4 (1-31 Oct)		WO	CAPT
STANLEY P. HUEY JR	A/C MAINTO (1-15 Oct)	MAJ	CAPT	
H. A. SLOANE	A/C MAINTO (16-31 Oct)	MAJ	MAJ	

e. WFA-314 (1-31 October)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
FRANK E. PETERSEN JR	CO (1-31 Oct)		LTCOL	LTCOL
HARRY H. ZIEGLER	XO (1-31 Oct)		MAJ	LTCOL
GILBERT TANZER	S-1 (1-31 Oct)		LT	CAPT
JOHN P. MCESSEN	S-2 (1-31 Oct)		LT	CAPT
CARL E. R. BLACK	S-3 (1-31 Oct)		MAJ	MAJ
GARY R. VAN GYSEL	S-4 (1-31 Oct)		WO	CAPT
FREDERICK J. SCHODER	A/C MAINTO (1-31 Oct)	MAJ	MAJ	

f. WFA-323 (1-31 October)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
DON J. SLEE	CO (1-31 Oct)		LTCOL	LTCOL
DANIEL I. CARROLL	XO (1-24 Oct)		MAJ	MAJ
HENRY C. IVY	XO (25-31 Oct)		MAJ	MAJ
DAVID V. DENTON	S-1 (1-31 Oct)		LT	CAPT
DOBBY D. COLE	S-2 (1-31 Oct)		LT	CAPT
HENRY C. IVY	S-3 (1-24 Oct)		MAJ	MAJ
JAMES R. CRYAN	S-3 (25-31 Oct)		MAJ	CAPT
JAMES E. BIRDWELL	S-4 (1-31 Oct)		WO	CAPT
WARREN A. FERDINAND	A/C MAINTO (1-31 Oct)	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 NORMAN W. GOURLEY	1-31 OCT 1968
H&MS-13	Chu Lai RVN	Major EDGAR A. HOUSE	1-31 OCT 1968
MADS-13	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL CHARLES V. V. SMILIE JR	1-31 OCT 1968
VFA-115	Chu Lai RVN	MAJCR JOHN I. HUDSON	1-31 OCT 1968
VFA-314	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL FRANK E. PETERSEN JR	1-31 OCT 1968
VFA-323	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL DON J. SLEE	1-31 OCT 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	26	400	0	0
MADS-13	5		12	452	5	22
VFA-115	21	18	3	238	1	1
VFA-314	22	20	5	237	1	0
VFA-323	<u>21</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
MAG-13	84	66	51	1640	8	23

4. Important Visitors to the Command

30 October 1968

LTCEN LEWIS W. WALT USMC
 LTCEN HERMAN NICKERSON USMC
 LTCEN ROBERT E. CUSHMAN USMC
 MAJ GEN CHARLES J. QUILTER USMC

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 Lancaster II, Scotland II, Kentucky, Henderson Hill, Burlington Trail, Jeb Stuart III, Nevada Eagle, Vernon Lake, Victory Dragon, Maui Peak, Dodge City, Gurrard Bay, Mameluke Thrust, Mongoose Run, Nanking and Texas Pete. Elements of the First and Third Marine Divisions, U. S. Army, Task Force Hotel, Republic of Korea Marines, ARVN Forces and the Battleship New Jersey were supported. In order to provide this support, MAG-13 aircraft flew an average of 46.4 combat sorties per day throughout the entire month for a total of 1567 combat hours and 30.2 tons of ordnance delivered.

MAG-13's effort accounted for more than 270 bunkers destroyed, 162 structures destroyed, 27 confirmed KIA, 3 bridges destroyed, 10 weapons positions (from artillery to mortar) destroyed, 2 ammo bunkers, an ammo cache and an ammo dump all destroyed, assorted boats, trucks, trails, roads and trench line damaged or destroyed, and last but not least, 10 elephants destroyed and 5 damaged.

MAG-13's losses during this time period included 2 aircraft lost. One F-4B with its two crew members KIA, and one TA-4F with its two crew members MIA; both as a result of direct enemy action.

Chu Lai Air Base received no significant attacks this month. All ground encounters were minor and in no way effected flight operations.

On 30 October, MAG-13 was visited by Lt Generals WALT, MICKERSON, CUSHMAN and Maj General GUILTER. In the four hours in which the visitors were in the area, they observed Flight Operations, visited each of the squadrons in MAG-13, had lunch at the MAG-12 Mess and presented a Meritorious Combat Promotion to an MCC in VFA-115.

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PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

During the month of October, Marine Aircraft Group-13 had a loss of 20 officers and 95 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During this same period, 15 officers and 136 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Awards

The following medals were presented to MAG-13 personnel during the month of October 1968. Medals presented were:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 2
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 7
- c. Bronze Star: 2
- d. Joint Service Commendation Medal: 1
- e. Legion of Merit: 1
- f. Strike/Flight Air Medal: 191
- g. Navy Commendation Medal: 5
- h. Navy Achievement Medal: 4
- i. Certificate of Commendation: 1

3. Casualties

Non-Hostile

- a. Total for October 25
- b. Total returned to duty 19
- c. Total MedEvac 9
- d. Total number of man days lost 180

Hostile

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

4. Civic Action

- a. 1 October: Electrical wiring of the Chu Lai Primary school was completed in preparation for evening Vietnamese classes. Used ten bags of cement for civilian home construction.
- b. 3 October: Toys were donated to the village chief in preparation for the childrens' mid-autumn festival.
- c. 5 October: Restitution payment was made to Long Phu II for goods stolen by Americans.
- d. 6 October: Weekly MedCap to Long Phu II treated 70 patients. WFA-115 distributed 100 lbs of clothing. MAIS-13 put in 10 man-days on roadwork this week. The Civic Action Team attended the mid-autumn festival at the Chu Lai school giving 100 lbs of food to over 500 children.
- e. 7 October: Introduced 1st Lt Jim NOLAN of WFA-314 to MAG-13 Civic Action area of responsibility.
- f. 9 October: One woman from An Tan was medevaced to 27th Surgical Hospital. At a meeting with the Chu Lai Medical Society, a program was devised to help support the Vietnamese hospital in An Tan.
- g. 13 October: Weekly MedCap to Long Phu I treated 31 patients. WFA-115 spent morning assisting and repairing schoolhouse.
- h. 15 October: Monthly Ky Lein village meeting with MAG-12 and village officials. Discussions were about drainage problems in hamlets and sanitation measures in the refugee hamlet of Chu Lai New Life.
- i. 16 October: Civic Action Team medevaced woman to Tam Ky hospital for an eye operation. Evening classes in Chu Lai New Life for illiterate Vietnamese have started. MAG-13 has wired the school with lights and provides a generator and security five nights each week. Program will last three months.

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k. 18 October: Further work for the completion of Long Phu I dispensary was done. Progress is again slow.

l. 19 October: Donated childrens' clothing and materials to Vietnamese district advisor for the coming Vietnamese holidays.

m. 23 October: Introduced SSgt VESHI to Mr. Tiep of Long Phu I. VFA-323 will be working in this hamlet. Offered 10 scholarships to Long Phu I. VFA-314 repaired playground equipment at Chu Lai school.

n. 24 October: Civic Action medical team in An Tan made housecall in Long Phu II.

o. 25 October: Met with Dinh Phuoc hamlet chief and discussed problems of flooding in his hamlet.

p. 26 October: Attended meeting of Americal G-5 area coordinator.

q. 27 October: MedCap in Long Phu I treated 25 patients. Attended ceremonies at Ly Tin district and Chu Lai Buddhist school.

r. 28 October: Medevaced a baby to 27th Surgical Hospital.

s. 29 October: Attended Industrial Relations meeting in Danang.

t. 30 October: Civic Action Team escorted Ky Lien village officials to visit wounded Americans at 27th Surgical Hospital. LtCol IENIO hosted the visit.

u. 31 October: Attended monthly Civic Action meeting in Danang.

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 HAMS-13, and HAMS-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	23	23	18	18
TA-4F	36	34	58	56
VMFA-115 F-4B	404	373	446	408
VMFA-314 F-4B	542	523	583	564
VMFA-323 F-4B	490	477	538	521

Operations Supported

Lancaster II, Scotland II, Kentucky, Henderson Hill, Burlington Trail, Jeb Stuart III, Nevada Eagle, Vernon Lake, Victory Dragon, Maui Peak, Dodge City and Gerrard Day.

Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

KDMA	27
Structures	162/45 Dam
Bunkers	270/57 Dam
Secondary Explosions	81
Secondary Fires	36
Road Cuts	21
Meters of Trenchline Destroyed	1435
Boats	3/1 Dam
Bridge	3/5 Dam
Vehicles	2/2 Dam
Artillery Positions	1 37 MM/2 Dam
Mortars	3
Ammo Bunkers	4
Automatic Weapons	4/1 Damaged
Elephants	10/5 Damaged

7. Base Development

a. 1 October: RAK commenced site preparation on Missile Maintenance Building, Avionics and Motor Transport Maintenance Building.

10 October: RMK commenced vertical construction of Missile Maintenance Building.

c. 12 October: The turn in of all M-14 rifles and the distribution of all M-16 rifles was completed throughout MAG-13.

d. 26 October: The Ground Support Equipment Building was accepted for beneficial occupancy. The building is not useable, however, since commercial power tie in has not been completed. Assistance from 1st MW BCO has been requested to expedite utilities hook up.

e. 27 October: The roads in the MAG-13 cantonment were graded by MADS-13 and pontaprimed by 9th Engineers.

f. 30 October: 9th Engineers and MADS-13 completed work on the Command Bunker revetment.

c. Supply

a. GySgt W. B. GREENEAD transferred to H&MS-13 Material in relief of GySgt G. WOODMAN.

b. MSgt M. F. LARSON made a supply liaison trip to Japan and received a total of 64 Work Stoppage Items, on a back-screen basis.

c. Construction of office space begun by 9th Engineers.

d. Approximately 1380 M16A1 rifles issued to MAG-13 Personnel.

9. Morale/Welfare

Religious Services

(1) Protestant Services

- (a) Sunday-8;attendance-294
- (b) Weekdays-16;attendance-106
- (c) Choir Practice-4;attendance-20

(2) Catholic Services

- (a) Sunday-8;attendance-490
- (b) Weekdays-11;attendance-47

(3) Latter Day Saints (Mormons)

- (a) Sunday-4;attendance-34

(4) Christian Science

(a) Sunday-4; attendance-13

(5) Memorial Services

(a) 10 October; attendance-78

(b) 25 October; attendance-84

Services rendered other than at MAG-13:

(1) Catholic Services:

Sunday

(a) FISG-B Services (2) Attendance (49)

(b) NSAD " (2) " (103)

Weekdays

(a) CAP India-4 Service (1) Attendance (2)

(b) CAP Lima-5 " (1) " (3)

(2) Protestant Services:

Sunday

(a) ICD-74 Services (3) Attendance (146)

(b) MAG-12 " (1) " (22)

Weekdays

(a) CAP India-4 Service (1) Attendance (7)

(b) CAP India-6 " (1) " (1)

(c) CAP Lima-3 " (1) " (4)

(d) CAP Lima-8 " (1) " (7)

(e) CAP Lima-4 " (1) " (4)

Counseling and Interviews:

Counseling-28

Interviews-47

Red Cross Cases-8

Hospital Visits-23

Meeting and Trips:

(a) Chaplain Perdew attended the Chu Lai area Chaplain's meeting.

(b) Chaplain Perdew attended the Protestant Chaplains' Retreat.

(c) Chaplain Perdew attended the Wing Chaplain's meeting.

(d) Chaplain Perdew visited the Catholic and Protestant Orphanages In An Tan.

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 - October 1968

KY-28	5
Personal Response School	8
NCO Leadership	1
Corrosion Control	3
Career Advisory	1
III MAF Civic Action Orientation	1
Comm Facilities Coord Center (FCC)	1
Basic Organic Supply Accounting	1
(JEST)	9
5th Air Force Sea Survival	2
Embarkation School	1
Maintenance Management	4

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MAG-13 came under rocket attacks 6 times during the month of May, 5, 8, 11, 14, 23 and 26th, the attack on 14 May resulted in 2 deaths and 15 wounded. The attack on 23 May resulted in the destruction of the MAG-13 Exchange. Nine aircraft sustained minor damage during these attacks.