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 (4) VMFA-115 Command Chronology Period 1-30 November 1968
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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-30 November)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
NORMAN W. GOURLEY	CO (1-30 Nov)	COL COL
IRA L. MORGAN	XO (1-30 Nov)	LTCOL LTCOL
WALTER S. MEADS	ADJ (1-30 Nov)	CAPT 1STLT
LEONARD R. LANG	SGTMAJ (1-30 Nov)	SGTMAJ SGTMAJ
HENRY G. MILLER JR	S-1 (1-25 Nov)	MAJ MAJ
JAMES H. VANDEVER	S-1 (26-30 Nov)	MAJ MAJ
JOSEPH MARZIOLI	S-2 (1-30 Nov)	MAJ CAPT
THOMAS R. MORGAN	S-3 (1-30 Nov)	LTCOL LTCOL
ROBERT R. NORTON	S-4 (1-27 Nov)	LTCOL LTCOL
SAMUEL E. D'ANGELO	S-4 (28-30 Nov)	LTCOL LTCOL

b. H&MS-13 (1-30 November)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
EDGAR A. HOUSE	CO (1-30 Nov)	LTCOL MAJ
HOWARD W. MEISSNER	XO (1-30 Nov)	MAJ MAJ
KENNETH E. COOK	S-3 (1-30 Nov)	CAPT CAPT
HAROLD G. DEAN	A/C MAINTO (1-26 Nov)	MAJ LTCOL
AUSTIN O. GANDY	A/C MAINTO (27-30 Nov)	MAJ LTCOL
WALTER K. HEHNER JR	ADMINO (1-30 Nov)	LT 1STLT

c. MAES-13 (1-30 November)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE JR	CO (1-30 Nov)	LTCOL LTCOL
EDWARD R. BAILEY	XO (1-30 Nov)	MAJ MAJ
DANIEL F. DOUGHERTY	ADMINO (1-30 Nov)	CAPT CWO-2
PATRICK H. MCKINNIS	BASE OPNSO (1-30 Nov)	MAJ CAPT
GEORGE E. FRANKLIN	BASE SERVO (1-30 Nov)	MAJ CAPT
RAYMOND E. STEWARD	SGTMAJ (1-30 Nov)	SGTMAJ SGTMAJ

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MAG-13

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
FOR

1-30 NOVEMBER 1968

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d. VMFA-115 (1-30 November)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		T/O	ACTUAL
J. I. HUDSON	CO (1-27 Nov)	LTCOL	MAJ
R. R. NORTON	CO (28-30 Nov)	LTCOL	LTCOL
R. G. KROPP	XO (1-30 Nov)	MAJ	MAJ
J. R. DENTON	S-1 (1-30 Nov)	LT	CAPT
D. L. CRYPE	S-2 (1-30 Nov)	LT	1STLT
O. W. BRITTON	S-3 (1-30 Nov)	MAJ	MAJ
A. A. YATSKO	S-4 (1-5 Nov)	WO	MAJ
W. ACUFF III	S-4 (6-30 Nov)	WO	CAPT
H. A. SLONE	A/C MAINTO (1-30 Nov)	MAJ	MAJ

e. VMFA-314 (1-30 November)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		T/O	ACTUAL
FRANK E. PETERSEN JR	CO (1-30 Nov)	LTCOL	LTCOL
HARRY H. ZIEGLER	XO (1-30 Nov)	MAJ	LTCOL
GILBERT TANZER	S-1 (1-30 Nov)	LT	CAPT
JOHN P. NOSEN	S-2 (1-30 Nov)	LT	CAPT
CARL E. R. BLACK	S-3 (1-13 Nov)	MAJ	MAJ
RICHARD I. HARRIS	S-3 (13-30 Nov)	MAJ	MAJ
GARY R. VAN GYSEL	S-4 (1-30 Nov)	WO	CAPT
FREDERICK J. SCHOBER	A/C MAINTO (1-30 Nov)	MAJ	MAJ

f. VMFA-323 (1-30 November)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		T/O	ACTUAL
DON J. SLEE	CO (1-30 Nov)	LTCOL	LTCOL
HENRY C. IVY	XO (1-30 Nov)	MAJ	MAJ
DAVID V. DENTON	S-1 (1-30 Nov)	LT	CAPT
BOBBY D. COLE	S-2 (1-30 Nov)	LT	CAPT
JAMES R. BRYAN	S-3 (1-30 Nov)	MAJ	CAPT
JAMES E. BIRDWELL	S-4 (1-30 Nov)	WO	CAPT
WARREN A. FERDINAND	A/C MAINTO (1-17 Nov)	MAJ	MAJ
RICHARD J. PEREIRA	A/C MAINTO (18-30 Nov)	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. COURLEY	1-30 NOV 1968
H&MS-13	Chu Lai RVN	MAJ EDGAR A. HOUSE	1-30 NOV 1968
MABS-13	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE	1-30 NOV 1968
VMFA-115	Chu Lai RVN	MAJ JOHN I. HUDSON	1-27 NOV 1968
VMFA-115	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL ROBERT R. NORTON	28-30 NOV 1968
VMFA-314	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL FRANK E. PETERSEN	1-30 NOV 1968
VMFA-323	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL DON J. SLEE	1-30 NOV 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	14	5	23	478	0	0
MABS-13	7	0	14	462	5	20
VMFA-115	16	17	2	231	1	1
VMFA-314	19	19	5	238	1	0
VMFA-323	16	21	5	230	1	0
MAG-13	72	62	49	1639	8	21

4. Important Visitors to the Command

27 November 1968

MAJGEN 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, the Commando Hunt area and in the Gulf of Tonkin. Operations supported were Dragon Victory V, Nevada Eagle, Scotland II, Vernon Lake II, Henderson Hill, Project Delta, Lancaster II and Meade River. Elements of the First and Third Marine Divisions, Task Force Hotel, U. S. Army, Republic of Korea Marines, ARVN Forces, Task Force 77, 7th Air Force in Commando Hunt area and B52 Arc Lights were supported. In order to provide this support, MAG-13 aircraft flew an average of 39 combat sorties per day throughout the entire month for a total of 1410 combat hours and 2003 tons of ordnance delivered.

MAG-13's efforts accounted for 126 bunkers destroyed, 241 structures destroyed, 685 meters of trench line destroyed, 41 confirmed KBA, 29 caves destroyed, assorted boats, bridges, trucks and roads destroyed or damaged.

MAG-13's losses during this time period consisted of 2 aircraft destroyed. One F4B with its two crew members KIA as a result of direct enemy action and 1 F4B destroyed by fire when it swerved off the runway on an adverse weather takeoff, in which the NFO received minor burns.

Chu Lai Air Base came under rocket or mortar attack twice this month however, no damage was incurred and flight operations were not affected.

On 27 November, MAG-13 was visited by MajGen QUILTER who observed VMFA-115's Change of Command. During the ceremony, General QUILTER presented Single Mission Air Medals to Major R. G. KROPP and Captains W. H. McMAHON and J. C. CHURCH.

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

During the month of November, Marine Aircraft Group-13 had a loss of 21 officers and 88 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During this same period, 26 officers and 95 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Awards

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

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 2
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 13
- c. Navy Achievement Medal: 3
- d. Certificate of Commendation: 4

During this same period the following medals were recommended:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 24
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 9
- c. Navy Achievement Medal: 38
- d. Certificate of Commendation: 3
- e. Bronze Star: 16
- f. Navy Commendation Medal: 38
- g. Purple Heart: 1
- h. Navy/Marine Corps Medal: 3

3. Casualties

Non-Hostile

a. Total for November 23

b. Total returned to duty 13
c. Total MedEvac 10
d. Total number of man days lost 162

Hostile

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

4. Civic Action

a. 1 November: This is a national holiday in Vietnam. In celebration, MAG-13 was invited to participate in the Ky Lien village festivities. The village officials were host to the Civic Action team and Lieutenant Colonel I. L. MORGAN. Long Phu I was presented with a rice threshing machine at their celebration.

b. 2-6 November: Work was begun in the An Tan dispensary for a dental room and pharmacy. MAG-13 presented 24 scholarships to the Chu Lai school.

c. 9 November: MAG-13 Civic Action team attended the graduation ceremony of Vietnamese trainees sponsored by the Industrial Relations Office.

d. 11 November: 27th Surgical Hospital donated \$150.00 worth of medical supplies to the MAG-13 dispensary in An Tan.

e. 17 November: Introduced new flight surgeon, Dr. M. NEWHOUSE, to our medical program. He attended our Sunday MedCap which was the best yet attended. Soap was distributed to patients and instructions were given in proper hygiene methods.

f. 19 November: Eleven scholarships were presented in Long Phu I.

g. 23 November: Provided transportation and made arrangements for a young Vietnamese boy to escort the body of his father to Tam Ky. The Civic Action team along with the Americal Psychological Operations team, conducted a program in the hamlet of Long Phu II. Movies were shown and literature was distributed.

h. 25 November: Local newspapers and literature were obtained from the Ly Tin District Information Center for distribution in the Chu Lai hamlets.

i. 27 November: Fifteen scholarships were presented to Long Phu II.

j. 28-29 November: Well cleaning was conducted, and pumps installed on several wells in Chu Lai New Life to improve sanitation. Fences were erected around one of the schools. VMFA-115 and VMFA-314 Civic Action personnel supervised the work.

5. Intelligence

a. Continued Intelligence Operations, Briefing and Debriefing of assigned aircrrews, 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	TA-4F	1	0	1	0
	C-117D	13	6	35	19
VMFA-115	F-4B	396	367	478	414
	F-4B	448	448	522	522
VMFA-323	F-4B	369	359	471	455

Operations Supported

Dragon Victory V, Nevada Eagle, Scotland II, Vernon Lake II, Henderson Hill, Project Delta, Lancaster II and Meade River.

Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

KBMA	41 Conf/10 Unconf
Structures	241 Des/58 Dam
Trenchline	685 Meters
Bunkers	126 Des/17 Dam
Secondary Explosions	9
Secondary Fires	17
Caves	29 Des/2 Dam
Boats	1 Des
Bridge	1 Des/1 Dam
Tunnel	2 Dam
Spider Holes	27 Des
Road Cuts	15 Des
Sampans	3 Des/2 Dam

7. Base Development

- a. 2 November 1968: Avionics Building was accepted from RMK for beneficial occupancy.
- b. 15 November 1968: Missile Maintenance Building was accepted from the contractor for occupancy.
- c. 18 November 1968: VMFA-115 line shack was rebuilt at a new location. This was to allow for the construction of a 4th hangar.
- d. 22 November 1968: A rocket warning system was installed in the MAG-13 Officer living area. This consists of a buzzer device which awakens the officers living in this area in the event Chu Lai Air Base comes under attack.
- e. During the month of November 1968, MAG-13 Avionics personnel, with the technical assistance from the 9th Engineers completed a generator pad and shelter at the MAG-13 Avionics Facility.
- f. During the month of November 1968 the Group Motor Transport Operations Section traveled 57,553 miles, carried 1,336 tons of cargo, 15,684 passengers and 59,580 gallons of water. The refueler section traveled 4,189 miles and carried 619,711 gallons of fuel.

8. Supply

- a. Construction of office spaces completed by the 9th Engineers.
- b. Processing of the FY 69 F4B AVCAL begun and the AVCAL for the F4J was received for review, while awaiting the arrival of an F4J Squadron.

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- c. Approximately 1,380 M-14 rifles were shipped to FLSG "A" Danang.
- d. Capt B. E. MERRY assumed the duties as MAG-13 Group Supply Officer in relief of Capt E. S. SKULTEY.
- e. An AWP listing was taken to MAG-11 for screening. MAG-11 provided MAG-13 with 82 items.

9. Morale/Welfare

Religious Services

(1) Protestant Services

- (a) Sunday-7;attendance-333
- (b) Weekday-18;attendance-140
- (c) Choir Practice-4;attendance-48

(2) Catholic Services

- (a) Sunday-6;attendance-382
- (b) Weekday-17;attendance-74
- (c) Religious Information Classes-4;attendance-15

(3) Latter Day Saints (Mormons)

- (a) Sunday-4;attendance-53

(4) Christian Science

- (a) Sunday-4;attendance-22

(5) Memorial Service

- (a) 19 November;attendance-65

Services rendered other than at MAG-13:

(1) Protestant Services

Sunday

- (a) 23rd Support Command (Americana Div.) Service(1) Attendance(20)
- (b) 9th Engr. Bn. Service (1) Attendance (10)

Weekday

- (a) CAP Coverage Services (7) Attendance (28)

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(2) Catholic Services:

Sunday

- (a) NSAD Services (3) Attendance (162)
- (b) FLSG-B " " " (52)
- (c) Americal Div. Chapel Service (1) Attendance (125)

Weekday

- (a) CAP Coverage Services (3) Attendance (12)

Counseling and Interviews:

Counseling-28

Interviews-47

Red Cross Cases-8

Hospital Visits-18

Civil Affairs-Donated \$200.00 to MAG-13 Scholarship Program

Meeting and Trips:

- (a) Chaplain Cusick attended Day of Recollection for the Catholic Chaplains of I Corps in Danang on 21 November.
- (b) Chaplain Perdew attended the Protestant Chaplains Retreat.

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 - November 1968

KY-28	7
JEST	6
Sea Survival	2
Corrosion Control	2
Basic Organic Supply	1
SATS	2
Maintenance Management	4

Schools - November 1968

Ultrasonic Cleaning	2
Personal Response	8
Embarkation	1
Landing Force Planning (RLT)	1
Landing Force Medical Staff Plan	2
Meteorological Equipment Maintenance	1