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 ✓(2) H&MS-13 Command Chronology
 ✓(3) MABS-13 Command Chronology
 ✓(4) VMA-115 Command Chronology
 ✓(5) VMFA-314 Command Chronology
 ✓(6) VMFA-323 Command Chronology
 ✓(7) VMFA-334 Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART ONE:

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1. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

a. Headquarters, DAG-13 (1-31 January 1969)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
NORMAN W. GOURLEY	CO	COL	COL
WILLIAM SHANKS JR.	XO	LTCOL	LTCOL
WALTER S. MEADS	ADJ	CAPT	1STLT
ROBERT E. WINSLOW	SGTMJ	SGTMJ	SGTMJ
JAMES H. VANDEVER	S-1	MAJ	MAJ
JOSEPH MARZIOLI	S-2	MAJ	CAPT
BILLY M. ADRIAN	S-3 (1-11 JAN)	LTCOL	LTCOL
THOMAS R. MORGAN	S-3 (12-31 JAN)	LTCOL	LTCOL
SAMUEL E. D'ANGELO	S-4	LTCOL	LTCOL

b. HAMS-13 (1-31 January 1969)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
EDGAR A. HOUSE	CO (1-14 JAN)	LTCOL	MAJ
BILLY M. ADRIAN	CO (15-31 JAN)	LTCOL	LTCOL
HOWARD W. MEISSNER	XO	MAJ	MAJ
KENNETH E. COOK	S-3	CAPT	CAPT
AUSTIN G. GANDY	A/C HALTO	MAJ	LTCOL
WALTER K. HEHNER JR.	ADMING	LT	1STLT

c. MABS-13 (1-31 January 1969)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE JR.	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
JAMES D. MCCODY	XO	MAJ	MAJ
DANIEL F. DOUGHERTY	ADMING	CAPT	CNO-2
D. A. NICHOLSON	BASE OPNSO	MAJ	CAPT
GEORGE E. FRANKLIN	BASE SERVO (1-14 JAN)	MAJ	MAJ
JAMES C. REYNOLDS	BASE SERVO (15-31 JAN)	MAJ	MAJ
RAYMOND E. STEWART	SGTMJ	SGTMJ	SGTMJ

d. VMPA-115 (1-31 January 1969)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
R. R. NORTON	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
K. H. WELSH	XO	MAJ	MAJ
W. A. HENDERSON	S-1	LT	CAPT

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
D. L. CRIPPLE	S-2	LT	1STLT	
O. W. BRITTON	S-3	MAJ	MAJ	
W. ACUFF III	S-4	WO	CAPT	
H. A. SLOANE	A/C MAINTO	MAJ	MAJ	

e. VMFA-314 (1-31 January 1969)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
FRANK E. PETERSEN JR	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL	
KENNETH H. STOVER	XO	MAJ	MAJ	
GILBERT TANZER	S-1 (1-11 JAN)	LT	CAPT	
ANTHONY F. CAPUTO	S-1 (12-31 JAN)	LT	CAPT	
RICHARD I. HARRIS	S-3	MAJ	MAJ	
GARY R. VAN OYSEL	S-4	WO	CAPT	
FREDERICK J. SCHOBER	A/C MAINTO	MAJ	MAJ	

f. VMFA-323 (1-31 January 1969)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
IRA L. MORGAN	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL	
HENRY C. IVY	XO (1-27 JAN)	MAJ	MAJ	
JOHN C. COCHRAN	XO (28-31 JAN)	MAJ	MAJ	
DAVID W. BENTON	S-1 (1-5 JAN)	LT	MAJ	
JAMES R. BRYAN	S-1 (6-31 JAN)	LT	CAPT	
BOBBY D. COLE	S-2	LT	CAPT	
DONALD D. BERGMAN	S-3 (1-27 JAN)	MAJ	MAJ	
HENRY C. IVY	S-3 (28-31 JAN)	MAJ	MAJ	
RICHARD J. PEREIRA	A/C MAINTO (1-27 JAN)	MAJ	MAJ	
DONALD D. BERGMAN	A/C MAINTO (28-31 JAN)	MAJ	MAJ	

g. VMFA-334 (24-31 January 1969)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
J. R. SHERMAN	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL	
G. MATCIAK	XO	MAJ	MAJ	
G. S. LIBBY	S-1	LT	CAPT	
H. J. BOND	S-3	MAJ	MAJ	
J. E. MAY	S-4	WO	MAJ	
C. B. JOHNSTON	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 NORMAN W. GOURLEY	1-31 Jan 1969
HM-13	Chu Lai RVN	MAJ EDGAR A. HOUSE	1-11 Jan 1969
HC-13	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL BILLY M. ADRIAN	12-31 Jan 1969
VMFA-115	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE	1-31 Jan 1969
VMFA-314	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL FRANK E. PETERSEN	1-31 Jan 1969
VMFA-323	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL IRA L. MORGAN	1-31 Jan 1969
VMFA-334	Chu Lai RVN	LFCOL JAMES R. SHERMAN	24-31 Jan 1969

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>USMC</u>				<u>USN</u>	
	<u>NA</u>	<u>MFO</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
HM-13	14	5	24	485	0	0
MABS-13	5	1	12	492	6	22
VMFA-115	16	15	3	230	1	0
VMFA-314	19	17	4	226	1	0
VMFA-323	17	17	4	224	1	0
VMFA-334	17	19	5	258	1	0
MAG-13	90	74	52	1915	10	22

4. Important Visitors to the Command

On 12 January 1969, General Leonard F. CHAPMAN, CGC, visited MAG-13. He presented VMFA-314 with the CG Aviation Safety Award for FY-68.

On 16 January 1969, Major General Carl A. YOUNGDALE, Deputy CG III WAF, toured the MAG-13 area.

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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 Tactical Zone, Laos and the Gulf of Tonkin. Operations supported were SCOTLAND II, KENTUCKY, TAYLOR COMMON, FAYETTE CANYON, VERNON LAKE, NEVADA EAGLE, VICTORY DRAGON VII, DAWSON RIVER, DEWEY CANYON, MARSHALL MOUNTAIN, GOLD MARINER, AND RUSSEL BEACH. Flying a wide variety of missions, MAG-13 aircraft provided support for the First and Third Marine Divisions, Task Force Hotel, U. S. Army, Republic of Korea Marines, ARVN Forces, Task Force 77, and the 7th Air Force.

MAG-13's Air-to-Ground effort of 1495 sorties resulted in 158 bunkers destroyed, 245 structures destroyed, 705 meters of trenchline destroyed, 17 confirmed KBA, 4 sampans and an assortment of gun positions, automatic weapons sites, mortar positions, and 1 water buffalo destroyed.

MAG-13 Phantoms logged 107 Fighter sorties over the waters off North Vietnam as a Barrier Cap in support of air operations in the Gulf of Tonkin. During the same period 16 RIO CAP and 4 Fighter Escort sorties were provided for B-52 Arc Light missions. There were no engagements with enemy aircraft.

The first Marine F-4J squadron in WestPac, VMFA-334, commanded by LtCol. J. R. SHERMAN, joined MAG-13 from MAG-11 on 24 January 1969. The transfer went smoothly and VMFA-334 continued to conduct combat operations throughout the transition period.

MAG-13 lost one aircraft as a result of enemy action during January. The pilot was rescued and suffered injuries requiring MEDEVAC out of country. The RIO was killed by the enemy before rescue could be accomplished.

VMFA-314, "The BLACK KNIGHTS" commanded by LtCol. F. S. PETERSEN, was presented the CNO Aviation Safety Award for FY-68 by General L. F. CHAPMAN, CMC, on 12 January 1969.

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

During the month of January, Marine Aircraft Group-13 had a loss of 6 Officers and 107 Enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During this same period, 13 Officers and 141 Enlisted reported to this Group for duty.

2. Awards

The following medals were presented to MAC-13 personnel during the month of January 1969. Medals presented were:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 1
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 12
- c. Bronze Star: 1
- d. Navy Commendation Medal: 3
- e. Navy Achievement Medal: 3
- f. Purple Heart: 5
- g. Certificate of Commendation: 3

During this same period the following medals were recommended:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 16
- b. Bronze Star: 6
- c. Navy Commendation Medal: 12
- d. Navy Achievement Medal: 14
- e. Purple Heart: 3
- f. Certificate of Commendation: 1

3. Casualties

Non-Festivals

a. Total for January 24

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b. Total returned to duty 18
c. Total MedEvac 7
d. Total number of man days lost 183

Hostile

a. Killed in Action 1
b. Died of Wounds 0
c. Wounded in Action 1
d. Missing in Action 0

4. Civic Action

a. 1-7 Jan: In Vietnamese custom, MAG-13 Civic Action Team was presented with a gift of Vietnamese art by the Long Phu I Hamlet Chief. The gift was in appreciation for efforts, to date, in his hamlet. The Civic Action Office was relocated and is operating as a separate function from Industrial Relations. Monthly scholarship payments were made in the hamlets of Long Phu I, II and Chu Lai New Life. One girl was med-evacuated to Tam Ky Province Hospital due to blindness in one eye. Consultation was given and referred to Da Nang. An operation restored partial vision and assured vision in the other eye.

b. 8 Jan: Three new MAG-13 Civic Action Projects were brought to Ly Tin District Headquarters for approval. The projects are a temple in Long Phu I, a hamlet headquarters building, and an additional two-room school building in Chu Lai New Life Hamlet.

c. 10-14 Jan: A Vietnamese child from Long Phu I was given consultation at the MAG-13 An Tan Dispensary for a hare-lip condition. Approval for corrective surgery was given by 312th Evacuation Hospital and a successful operation was performed.

d. 15 Jan: The Civic Action Officer escorted two Vietnamese representatives from the Chu Lai area to Da Nang to observe recent agricultural developments being conducted on an experimental basis by Vietnamese farmers. Ideas were brought back for improvements in local farming areas along with seeds for several vegetables not available in this area. A small farm has been set up to determine how these crops will grow in the local climate and soil conditions. If development is properly conducted, the local agricultural economy could be substantially bolstered.

e. 18-25 Jan: MAG-13 and MAG-12 were the recipients of awards at a ceremony given by the Province Education Superintendent. The awards were given for efforts in assisting the Ly Tin District Schools. The Civic Action Officer attended the Wing Civic Action Meeting. Civic Action emphasis is on more self-help and less give-away projects. Also objectives are geared to involve and utilize the local political system in all activities and try to show the people that their government can work for them.

f. 26-31 Jan: A meeting was held with the Long Phu I hamlet chief to discuss future plans of his hamlet. A buddist Temple is planned to be constructed in Long Phu I. MEDCAP Activities in Long Phu I and II have been revised and results have been more beneficial to the people this month.

5. Intelligence

General

a. During the month of January 1969 MAG-13 was enlarged by the joining of VTPA-324. The S-2 in particular was helped by the transfer of 1stLt C. A. GIROUX and Sgt J. D. PAGANINI, JR.

b. The S-2 continued to brief all air crews prior to a flight and de-brief same immediately upon return to the Chu Lai Air Base. Also during the month the tactical brief and Commanding Officer's Brief were presented weekly to provide both the Command and the commanded with pertinent information about the ever changing situation in I Corps and specifically the local area. The Staff NCO Brief continued to be held on Thursdays at 1530 for all Staff NCO's and Officers, in the MAG-13 Staff NCO Club.

Administration

a. Administratively, the S-2 has accomplished the compiling and publication of the Group Access List on 15 January 1969. While on 30 January 1969, the S-2 published a bulletin indicating that all flight officers must have a top secret clearance. Another bulletin that was composed during the month, but not published until 1 February 1969, deals with the use of enemy jamming or intrusion of our communications systems. (GruBul 02000)

b. During the month a total of 10 personnel were granted a clearance, while 25 personnel either had investigations submitted or request for verification of an already completed investigation.

c. The largest amount of man hours during the month was used to complete the semi-annual inventory of classified material as well as the preparation for turning over all classified material to the new S-2 Officer, upon departure of the existing S-2. Well over 100 hours were spent ensuring that all materials were up to date and in accord with the list of charged documents held by the S & C.

6. Air Operations

SQUADRON		SORTIES		HOURS	
		TOTAL	COMBAT	TOTAL	COMBAT
HOHS-13	TA-4F	12	8	20	12
	C-117D	58	51	45	30
VMFA-115	F-4B	510	496	620	607
VMFA-314	F-4B	567	546	644	627
VMFA-323	F-4B	420	405	512	496
VMFA-334	F-4J	125	125	138	138

Operations Supported

AIS, Scotland II, Kentucky, Taylor Common, Fayette Canyon, Vernon Lake, Nevada Eagle, Victory Dragon VII, Dawson River, Dewey Canyon, Marshal Mountain.

Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

Bunkers	158	Des/34 Dam
Structures	245	Des/91 Dam
Secondary Fires	38	
Secondary Explosions	37	
Trenchline	705	Meters
Treeline	75	Meters
Cavos	9	Des
Trail Cuts	2	
Huts	5	
Fighting Holes	27	
.50 Cal Position	3	
Road Cuts	4	
KIKA	17	
Water Buffalo	1	
Tunnel Complex	3	
Mortar Position	1	
Trail	295	Meters
Sapans	4	

7. Base Development

a. On 28 January 1969 the new Enlisted Club was opened for service.

b. During the month of January 1969 the Group Motor Transport Operations Section traveled 61,878 miles, carried 2,159 tons of cargo, 13,462 passengers and 80,775 gallons of water. The Refueler Section traveled 6,049 miles and carried 934,531 gallons of fuel.

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8. Supply

- a. Lt. H. S. BOWLING reported aboard on 21 Jan 1969, and was assigned duties as the Group Marine Corps Property Officer.
- b. SSGt E. M. TATE reported aboard on the 2nd of Feb 1969, and is presently assigned the duties of GASSC Chief.
- c. SSGt H. F. SMITH made a screen of Okinawa and Japan units between 24 Dec 1968 and 17 Jan 1969, for priority 02 requisitions. Results: One hundred and fifty (150) requisitions were filled.
- d. Received FMJ AVCAL material from MAG-11.
- e. Received AVCAL for VMFA-232 and also annual AVCAL.
- f. An excess program is in progress.
- g. Lt SHAPARD is presently screening the Phillipines for all outstanding priority 02 requisitions.
- h. During the month of Jan 1969, 8,777 requisitions were processed. The highest in over a year.

9. Morale/Welfare

Religious Services

(1) Protestant Services

- (a) Sunday-8;attendance-329
- (b) Weekday-12;attendance-119
- (c) Choir Practice-4;attendance-52

(2) Catholic Services

- (a) Sunday-8;attendance-567
- (b) Weekday-22;attendance-172
- (c) Religious Information Classes-3;attendance-19

(3) Latter Day Saints

- (a) Sunday-3;attendance-27

(4) Christian Science

- (a) Sunday-2;attendance-17

(5) Memorial Services

(a) 28 January; attendance-61

b. Services rendered other than at MAG-13

(1) Protestant Services

Weekday

(a) CAP Coverage Services (3) Attendance (17)

(2) Catholic Services

Sunday

(a) NSAD Services (4) Attendance (145)

(b) LSU-3 " (3) " (31)

(c) DIVARTY " (1) " (34)

(d) 312th Evac Hospital Services (1) Attendance (19)

(e) MAG-12 Services (2) Attendance (56)

Weekday

(a) NSAD Service (1) Attendance (16)

(b) CAP Coverages (5) Attendance (37)

c. Counseling and Interviews

Counseling-40

Interviews-160

d. Red Cross Cases-6

e. Hospital Visits-17

f. Civil Affairs

(1) Donated \$200.00 to MAG-13 Scholarship Fund.

(2) Presented two boxes of assorted Christmas gifts to Catholic Orphanage in An Tan.

(3) Presented one box of Religious articles to Catholic Orphanage in An Tan.

g. Meetings and Trips

(1) Chaplains and Clerks attended Wing Chaplain's meeting at MAG-16 on 2 January.

(2) Chaplain Cusick attended Priests' Day of Recollection in Danang on 16 January.

10. Training

- a. Normal on the job and technical training continued within each squadron.
- b. The MAG-13 Rifle Range was used to qualify 156 members of VMFA-334, thus completing the squadrons qualification with the M-16.
- c. MAG-13 conducted extensive gas chamber exercises in which 131 Officers and 1511 Enlisted participated.
- d. The following schools were attended by MAG-13 personnel during this reporting period.

Schools - January 1969

Career Planning	1
KY-28	8
Basic Organic Supply	1
NBC School	2
Basic Infantry	1
NCO Leadership	2
Corrosion Control	2
Meteorology Equipment Maintenance	1
JEST	2
MK-36 Destructor	3