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 (4) VMFA-115 Command Chronology Period 1-28 February 1969
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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1-28 FEBRUARY 1969

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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-28 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
NORMAN W. GOURLEY	CO (1Feb-28Feb)	COL	COL	
WILLIAM SHANKS JR.	XO (1Feb-28Feb)	LTCOL	LTCOL	
WALTER S. MEADS	ADJ (1Feb-28Feb)	CAPT	1STLT	
ROBERT E. WINSLOW	SGTMAJ (1Feb-28Feb)	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ	
JAMES H. VANDEVER	S-1 (1Feb-28Feb)	MAJ	MAJ	
JOSEPH MARZIOLI	S-2 (1Feb-19Feb)	MAJ	CAPT	
BOBBY D. COLE	S-2 (22Feb-28Feb)	MAJ	CAPT	
THOMAS R. MORGAN	S-3 (1Feb-23Feb)	LTCOL	LTCOL	
JOHN R. BRADDON	S-3 (24Feb-28Feb)	LTCOL	LTCOL	
SAMUEL E. D'ANGELO	S-4 (1Feb-12Feb)	LTCOL	LTCOL	
CHARLES G. FREDERICK	S-4 (13Feb-28Feb)	LTCOL	LTCOL	

b. H&MS-13 (1-28 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
BILLY M. ADRIAN	CO (1Feb-28Feb)	LTCOL	LTCOL	
HOWARD W. MEISSNER	XO (1Feb-3Feb)	MAJ	MAJ	
JACK D. WALDO	XO (4Feb-28Feb)	MAJ	MAJ	
CHARLES R. PETTY	S-3 (1Feb-28Feb)	CAPT	MAJ	
AUSTIN O. GANDY	A/C MAINTO (1Feb-28Feb)	MAJ	LTCOL	
WALTER K. HEHNER JR.	ADMINO (1Feb-28Feb)	LT	1STLT	

c. MABS-13 (1-28February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE JR.	CO (1Feb-28Feb)	LTCOL	LTCOL	
JAMES D. MOODY	XO (1Feb-28Feb)	MAJ	MAJ	
DANIEL F. DOUGHERTY	ADMINO (1Feb-28Feb)	CAPT	CWO-2	
JAMES C. REYNOLDS	BASE SERVO (1Feb-28Feb)	MAJ	MAJ	
RAYMOND E. STEWARD	SGTMAJ (1Feb-28Feb)	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ	

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d. VMFA-115 (1-28 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
R. R. NORTON	CO (1Feb-28Feb)	LTCOL LTCOL
K. H. WELSH	XO (1Feb-6Feb)	MAJ MAJ
E. C. PAIGE JR.	XO (7Feb-28Feb)	MAJ MAJ
W. A. HENDERSON	S-1 (1Feb-5Feb)	LT CAPT
H. W. MEISSNER	S-1 (6Feb-28Feb)	LT MAJ
D. L. CRIPE	S-2 (1Feb-28Feb)	LT LT
O. W. BRITTON	S-3 (1Feb-6Feb)	MAJ MAJ
K. H. WELSH	S-3 (7Feb-28Feb)	MAJ MAJ
J. CANNAVA	S-4 (1Feb-28Feb)	WO CAPT
H. A. SLONE	A/C MAINTO (1Feb-28Feb)	MAJ MAJ

e. VMFA-314 (1-28 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
FRANK E. PETERSEN JR.	CO (1Feb-23Feb)	LTCOL LTCOL
THOMAS R. MORGAN	CO (24Feb-28Feb)	LTCOL LTCOL
KENNETH H. STOVER	XO (1Feb-23Feb)	MAJ MAJ
JOHN W. BLACK	XO (24Feb-28Feb)	MAJ MAJ
ANTHONY F. CAPUTO	S-1 (1Feb-26Feb)	LT CAPT
VIRGIL M. BERDINE	S-1 (27Feb-28Feb)	LT CAPT
RICHARD I. HARRIS	S-3 (1Feb-28Feb)	MAJ MAJ
GARY R. VAN GYSEL	S-4 (1Feb-28Feb)	WO CAPT
FREDERICK J. SCHOBER	A/C MAINTO (1Feb-28Feb)	MAJ MAJ

f. VMFA-323 (1-28 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>
		T/O ACTUAL
IRA L. MORGAN	CO (1Feb-28Feb)	LTCOL LTCOL
JOHN K. COCHRAN	XO (1Feb-28Feb)	MAJ MAJ
JAMES R. BRYAN	S-1 (1Feb-28Feb)	LT CAPT
BOBBY D. COLE	S-2 (1Feb-21Feb)	LT CAPT
WILLIAM C. RYAN	S-2 (22Feb-28Feb)	LT 1STLT
HENRY C. IVY	S-3 (1Feb-28Feb)	MAJ MAJ
JAMES E. BIRDWELL	S-4 (1Feb-28Feb)	WO CAPT
DONALD D. BERGMAN	A/C MAINTO (1Feb-28Feb)	MAJ MAJ

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g. VMFA-334 (1-28 February)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
J. R. SHERMAN	CO (1Feb-13Feb)	LTCOL	LTCOL	
S. E. D'ANGELO III	CO (14Feb-28Feb)	LTCOL	LTCOL	
G. MATOIAN	XO (1Feb-8Feb)	MAJ	MAJ	
H. J. BOND	XO (9Feb-28Feb)	MAJ	MAJ	
G. S. LIBEY	S-1 (1Feb-13Feb)	LT	CAPT	
B. R. BAIRD	S-1 (14Feb-28Feb)	LT	CAPT	
H. J. BOND	S-3 (1Feb-8Feb)	MAJ	MAJ	
F. L. PIERI	S-3 (9Feb-28Feb)	MAJ	MAJ	
J. E. MAY	S-4 (1Feb-28Feb)	WO	CAPT	
C. B. JOHNSTON	A/C MAINTO (1Feb-28Feb)	MAJ	MAJ	

2. Organization and Unit Location

<u>ORGINIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDING OFFICER</u>	<u>DATE OF OFFICE</u>
MAG-13	Chu Lai RVN	COL NORMAN W. GOURLEY	1-28 FEB 1969
H&MS-13	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL BILLY M. ADRIAN	1-28 FEB 1969
MABS-13	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE	1-28 FEB 1969
VMFA-115	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL ROBERT R. NORTON	1-28 FEB 1969
VMFA-314	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL FRANK E. PETERSEN	1-23 FEB 1969
VMFA-314	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL THOMAS R. MORGAN	24-28 FEB 1969
VMFA-323	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL IRA L. MORGAN	1-28 FEB 1969
VMFA-334	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL JAMES R. SHERMAN	1-12 FEB 1969
VMFA-334	Chu Lai RVN	LTCOL SAMUEL E. D'ANGELO	13-28 FEB 1969

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	16	4	26	540	0	0
MABS-13	9	1	7	480	8	24
VMFA-115	20	15	4	220	1	0
VMFA-314	20	14	5	223	1	0
VMFA-323	19	15	4	222	1	0
VMFA-334	18	18	5	247	1	0
MAG-13	92	67	51	1932	12	24

4. Important Vistors to the Command

16 February 1969

MAJGEN PAUL J. FONTANA USMC
MAJGEN CARL A. YOUNGDALE USMC

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Marine Air 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 NEVADA EAGLE, TAYLOR COMMON, DEWEY CANYON, VICTORY DRAGON VI, FAYETTE CANYON, VERNON LAKE, SCOTLAND II and MARSHALL MOUNTAIN. 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 1943 sorties expending 3960 tons of ordnance resulted in 196 bunkers destroyed, 346 structures destroyed, 1140 meters of trenchline destroyed, 47 confirmed KBA, 16 gun positions, 1 bridge, 38 secondary explosions, 61 secondary fires, 18 fighting holes, 4 trail cuts, 15 road cuts, 6 automatic weapons sites, 6 caves and a 20ft. NVA flag pole with flag destroyed.

MAG-13 Phantoms logged 36 BARCAP sorties over the waters off North Vietnam in support of fighter air operations in the Gulf of Tonkin. In support of B-52 ARC LIGHT missions the F-4's flew 16 missions to protect against a possibility of a MIG attack. There were no engagements with enemy aircraft.

VMFA-334 changed Command on 13 February 1969 with LtCol. S. E. D'Angelo III relieving LtCol. J. R. Sherman. VMFA-314 had a change of Command on 24 February 1969 with LtCol. T. R. Morgan relieving LtCol. F. E. Petersen Jr.

MAG-13 lost one aircraft as a result of enemy action during February. The RIO ejected and was rescued but the injuries received required MEDEVAC out of country. The pilot was lost at sea in the crash of his aircraft and declared KIA.

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PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

During the month of February, Marine Aircraft Group-13 had a loss of 8 officers and 103 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During the same period, 15 officers and 107 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Awards

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

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 2
- b. Single Mission Air Medals: 5
- c. Bronze Star: 1
- d. Navy Commendation Medal: 5
- e. Navy Achievement Medal: 1
- f. Purple Heart: 1
- g. Certificate of Commendation: 3
- h. Joint Service Commendation Medal: 1
- i. Vietnam Cross of Gallantry: 1

During this same period the following medals were recommended:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 20
- b. Bronze Star: 6
- c. Navy Commendation Medal: 22
- d. Navy Achievement Medal: 23
- e. Certificate of Commendation: 1

3. Casualties

Non-Hostile

a. Total for February 14

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b. Total returned to duty 8
 c. Total MedEvac 8
 d. Total number of man days lost 91

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. 1-15 February: A meeting at Americal G-5 resulted in the realignment of most Civic Action A.O.'s within the Americal area of coordination. MAG-13 Civic Action team has been assigned the village of Binh Sa (BT 610017). All work will be completed by 15 March in the present area of Ky Lien Village. The latter part of March will be used as an introduction time into the new area.

b. 16-24 February: TET this year was officially the 17th to the 19th of February. All MAG-13 activities during this period were centered around preparation for, and participation in, the holiday activities.

c. 25-28 February: All work is now being directed toward completing unfinished projects in preparation for the move to the Binh Sa Village.

5. Intelligence

a. During the month of February 1969, the S-2 section continued on with its mission of briefing and debriefing all flights within MAG-13.

b. The month of February 1969 was an active month for the communist forces located around Chu Lai. The Chu Lai Air Base was attacked 5 times during the month, with the MAG-13 cantonment being fortunate enough to receive negative incoming. This was a major change in pattern as, up until this time, MAG-13 had been known as the rocket impact area for Chu Lai. The first attack was on February 7th, with a total of 2 rounds being fired at Chu Lai. The second attack happened on the 23rd of February. This attack was the largest attack by fire ever sustained by the Chu Lai Air Base. There were a total of 66 rounds of 122mm rocket and 82mm mortar. Then on the 26th, Chu Lai received 2 rounds of an unknown type.

6. Air Operations

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>		<u>HOURS</u>	
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COMBAT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COMBAT</u>
H&MS-13	TA-4F	2	1	2
	C-117D	93	19	139
VMFA-115	E-4B	407	401	475
VMFA-314	F-4B	523	508	591
VMFA-323	F-4B	603	586	701
VMFA-334	F-4J	488	485	542

OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

AIS, Nevada Eagle, Taylor Common, Dewey Canyon, Victory Dragon VI, Fayette Canyon, Vernon Lake, Scotland II, Marshall Mountain.

SIGNIFICANT BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Bunkers	196 Des/54 Dam
Structures	346 Des/90 Dam
Secondary Fires	61
Secondary Explosions	38
Trenchline	1140 Meters
Treeline	780 Meters
Caves	6
Trail Cuts	4
Road Cuts	15
Fighting Holes	18
Gun Positions	16
Bridges	1
KBMA	47
Flag Pole	1
NVA Flag	1

7. Base Development

- During the month of February 1969, MCB-74 completed construction of the Vari-Drive Shop.
- During the month of February 1969, the SNC0 Mess was remodeled.
- During the month of February 1969, LtCol. FREDERICK became the S-4 Officer.

8. Supply

- a. Capt. B. E. MERRY GSO, departed 19 February to attend a AWG-10 conference in Baltimore, Md.
- b. SSgt H. F. SMITH reassigned from SRS to OCS/SSS (rotatable pool).
- c. Sgt M. J. SPILLER promoted to SSgt and assigned responsibility of NCOIC of Supply Response Section.

9. Morale/WelfareReligious Services(1) Protestant Services

- (a) Sunday-8;attendance-304
- (b) Weekday-23;attendance-312
- (c) Choir Practice-4;attendance-37

(2) Catholic Services:

- (a) Sunday-8;attendance-616
- (b) Weekday-26;attendance-183
- (c) Religious Information Classes-5;attendance-30

(3) Latter Day Saints:

- (a) Sunday-4;attendance-35

(4) Memorial Services:

- (a) 21 February;attendance-97

b. Services rendered other than at MAG-13

(1) Protestant Services:

Weekday

- (a) CAP coverage Services (3) attendance (28)

Sunday

- (a) 6th of 56th ARTY BTTN Services (3) attendance (41)
- (b) MAG-12 Services (1) attendance (35)

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(2) Catholic Services:

Weekday

- (a) NSAD Services (2) attendance (25)
- (b) CAP Coverage Services (4) attendance (29)

Sunday

- (a) NSAD Services (4) attendance (124)
- (b) LSU-3 Services (2) attendance (12)
- (c) 198th INF BRIG Services (1) attendance (61)

c. Counseling and Interviews

Counseling-35

Interviews-83

d. Red Cross Cases-8

e. Hospital Visits-15

f. Civic Affairs:

(a) Donated \$200.00 to MAG-13 Scholarship Fund from Protestant and Catholic Chapel Fund.

(b) Visited Catholic Orphanage in An Tan.

(c) Chaplains were guest at a luncheon of Catholic Pastor in An Tan.

10. Training

a. Normal on the job and technical training continued within each squadron.

b. The following schools were attended by MAG-13 personnel during this reporting period.

Schools - February 1969

KY-28	4
Corrosion Control	5
Basic Organic Supply	2
Basic Infantry	1
NCO Leadership	2
Career Planning	1
NBC School	2
AIQ 81/100	2
SERE	7
JEST	5
FAC	4

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