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 (4) VFFA-115 Command Chronology Period 1-30 April 1969
 (5) VFFA-232 Command Chronology Period 1-30 April 1969
 (6) VFFA-314 Command Chronology Period 1-30 April 1969
 (7) VFFA-334 Command Chronology Period 1-30 April 1969

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the subject report is submitted as enclosures (1) through (7).

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MAG-13
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
FOR
1-30 APRIL 1969



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PART ONE: ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
R. S. RASH	CO	COL	COL
W. SHANKS JR.	XO	LTCOL	LTCOL
W. S. MEADS	ADJ	CAPT	1STLT
R. E. WISLOW	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ
J. H. VANDEVER	S-1 (1Apr-24Apr)	MAJ	MAJ
H. J. BOND	S-1 (25Apr-30Apr)	MAJ	MAJ
B. D. COLE	S-2 (1Apr-15Apr)	MAJ	CAPT
G. N. BATTERMAN	S-2 (16Apr-30Apr)	MAJ	CAPT
J. R. BRADDON	S-3	LTCOL	LTCOL
C. G. FREDERICK	S-4	LTCOL	LTCOL

b. H&S-13 (1-30 April)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
BILLY M. ADRIAN	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
DONALD P. BOWEN	XO	MAJ	MAJ
CHARLES R. PETTY	S-3	CAPT	MAJ
PHILIP L. NOGGLE	A/C MAINTO	MAJ	MAJ
WALTER K. HEHNER JR.	ADMINO	LT	1STLT

c. MABS-13 (1-30 April)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
CHARLES V. V. SMILLIE	CO (1Apr-23Apr)	LTCOL	LTCOL
IRA L. MORGAN	CO (24Apr-30Apr)	LTCOL	LTCOL
JAMES D. FODDY	XO	MAJ	MAJ
DANIEL F. DOUGHERTY	ADMINO	CAPT	CWO2
JAMES C. REYNOLDS	BASE SERVO	MAJ	MAJ
RAYMOND E. STEWARD	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ

d. VFA-115 (1-30 April)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
		<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
R. R. NORTON	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
E. C. PAIGE, JR.	XO	MAJ	MAJ

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d. VFA-115 (1-30 April) con't

NAME	BILLET	RANK	
		T/O	ACTUAL
H. W. WEISSNER,	S-1 (1Apr-27Apr)	LT	MAJ
N. E. JACOBUS	S-1 (28Apr-30Apr)	LT	CAPT
D. L. CRIPE	S-2	LT	1STLT
K. H. WELSH	S-3	MAJ	MAJ
J. L. CANTAVA	S-4	WO	CAPT
D. A. LEWIS	MAINTO	MAJ	MAJ

e. VFA-232 (1-30 April)

NAME	BILLET	RANK	
		T/O	ACTUAL
W. P. HUTCHINS	CO	LTCOL	LT COL
J. T. ZYCH, JR.	XO	MAJ	MAJ
G. A. BROWN	S-1	LT	CAPT
T. J. BILLISON	S-2	LT	1STLT
N. F. SCHMIDT	S-3	MAJ	MAJ
J. A. GRUHLER	S-4	WO	MAJ
F. H. LOGAN	MAINTO	MAJ	MAJ

f. VFA-314 (1-30 April)

NAME	BILLET	RANK	
		T/O	ACTUAL
J. W. BLACK	CO	LTCOL	MAJ
K. H. STOVER	XO (1Apr-5Apr)	MAJ	MAJ
F. J. SCHOBEN	XO (6Apr-30Apr)	MAJ	MAJ
V. M. BENDINE	S-1 (1Apr-14Apr)	LT	CAPT
D. D. BERGMAN	S-1 (15Apr-30Apr)	LT	MAJ
B. D. COLE	S-2	LT	CAPT
R. I. HARRIS	S-3 (1Apr-14Apr)	MAJ	MAJ
A. GILLESPIE	S-3 (15Apr-30Apr)	MAJ	MAJ
F. A. HUEY	S-4	WO	MAJ
F. J. SCHOBEN	MAINTO (1Apr-5Apr)	MAJ	MAJ
J. A. DAVIS	MAINTO (6Apr-30Apr)	MAJ	CAPT

g. VFA-334 (1-30 April)

NAME	BILLET	RANK	
		T/O	ACTUAL
S. E. D'ANGELO III	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
H. J. BOND	XO (1Apr-15Apr)	MAJ	MAJ

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g. VIAPA-334 (1-30 April) cont

NAME	BILLET	RANK	
		T/O	ACTUAL
A. G. POTENZA	XO (16Apr-30Apr)	MAJ	MAJ
B. R. BAIRD	S-1 (1Apr-21Apr)	LT	CAPT
S. J. TRACHTA	S-1 (22Apr-30Apr)	LT	CAPT
J. W. LEIST	S-2	LT	1STLT
J. R. SCARE	S-3	MAJ	MAJ
J. E. LAY	S-4 (1Apr-13Apr)	WO	MAJ
R. H. BRANHL	S-4 (14Apr-30Apr)	WO	MAJ
C. B. JOHNSTON	1AINTC	MAJ	MAJ

2. Organization and Unit Location

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	COMMANDING OFFICER	DATE OF OFFICE
MAAG-13	CHU LAI RVN	COL R. S. RASH	1-30 APR 1969
MAAS-13	CHU LAI RVN	LTCOL B. M. ADRIAN	1-30 APR 1969
MAAS-13	CHU LAI RVN	LTCOL C. V. V. SMILLIE	1-23 APR 1969
MAAS-13	CHU LAI RVN	LTCOL I. L. MORGAN	24-30 APR 1969
VIAPA-115	CHU LAI RVN	LTCOL R. R. MORTON	1-30 APR 1969
VIAPA-232	CHU LAI RVN	LTCOL W. P. HUTCHINS	1-30 APR 1969
VIAPA-311	CHU LAI RVN	LTCOL J. W. BLACK	1-30 APR 1969
VIAPA-334	CHU LAI RVN	LTCOL S. F. D'ANGELO III	1-30 APR 1969

3. Average Monthly Strength

SQUADRON	USMC			ENLISTED	USN	
	NA	NFO	AG		OFFICER	ENLISTED
MAAS-13	23	4	28	606	0	0
MAAS-13	5	1	10	498	5	25
VIAPA-115	25	19	5	251	1	0
VIAPA-232	25	23	5	279	1	0
VIAPA-311	25	19	6	280	1	0
VIAPA-334	22	17	5	242	1	0
MAAG-13	125	83	59	2156	9	25

4. Important Visitors to the Command

COMNAVAPAC

VADM Allen L. SMILLIE

COMSEVENTHFLT

VADM William F. TOTTEN

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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 LAINE CAMEL and PURPLE MARTIN for the Third Marine Division, OKLAHOMA HILLS for the First Marine Division, VICTORY DRAGON for the Republic of Korea Marines, MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER and KENTUCKY JUMPER in support of 101st Airborne and GENEVA PARK, FREDERICK HILL, IRON MOUNTAIN, and RUSSELL BEACH for the Americal Division.

MAAG-13 Air to Ground effort of 2420 sorties expending 5683 tons of ordnance resulting in 596 bunkers destroyed, 412 structures destroyed, 85 secondary explosions, 267 secondary fires, 3 sampans, 7 water buffalo, 10 trucks and 161 KRAA.

MAAG-13 Phantom Flyers logged 130 BarCap sorties in the Gulf of Tonkin in support of the Seventh Fleet. In support of the Seventh Air Force the Fighters of Chu Lai flew 49 B-52 escorts. There were no engagements of enemy aircraft.

12 April 1969 was the beginning of the First Marine Aircraft Wing FIREX. Due to the intensive Air to Ground effort of F-4 aircraft in RVN a need exists for increased emphasis on training of aircrews in RVN in the Air to Air mission.

MAAG-13 had a change of command ceremony on 24 April 1969 with LtCol I. L. FORGAN relieving LtCol C. V. V. SULLIVAN Jr.

On 28 April 1969 an F-4B from VFA-314 while on a close air support mission was shot down by an AA position. Both crewmembers ejected and were recovered safely.

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PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

During the month April, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of fifteen (15) officers and 140 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During this same period, eleven (11) officers and 121 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Awards

The following awards were received by personnel of MAG-13 during the month of April 1969:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 2
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 11
- c. Bronze Star: 9
- d. Navy Achievement Medal: 2
- e. Purple Heart: 2
- f. Certificate of Commendation: 5

During this same period the following medals were recommended:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 8
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 4
- c. Bronze Star: 6
- d. Navy Commendation Medal: 19
- e. Navy Achievement Medal: 21
- f. Certificate of Commendation: 8

3. Casualties

Non Hostile

- a. Total for April20
- b. Total returned to duty19
- c. Total MedEvac 6

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d. Total number of man days lost 149

Hostile

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

4. Civic Action

a. 1-8 April: Meetings were arranged with Binh Sa Village and hamlet chiefs to discuss needed projects. The Village officials were not present at the first arranged meeting and MAG 13 Civic Action was unable to attend the second meeting due to the destruction of bridges along Route #1.

b. 9 April: A retake on the 1969 Attitude Survey was conducted with the required number of personnel present.

c. 10-14 April: A formal meeting at Binh Sa was held. Village officials desired repair on the dispensary. Civic Action requested that they fill out the necessary forms to be submitted to District.

d. 14-18 April: A solatium payment was made to a family in Ly-Tin District. MAG-13 Civic Action paid their respects to the family of Nguyen Hang. Meetings in Binh Sa were cancelled due to enemy activity.

e. 19-21 April: The necessary American and Vietnamese forms, for obtaining project commodities, were procured in Quang Ngai. A small dedication was held at Ly Tin High School for American units in the area that assisted Vietnamese officials in building and supplying the school.

f. 24-30 April: Binh Sa's project request was submitted to the District Chief, but was not approved. Scholarships were paid to Chu Lai and Long Phu Two schools, terminating MAG-13's scholarship program in those areas.

5. Intelligence

a. During the month of April the S-1 Section continued its mission of briefing and debriefing all flight crews. The targeting section, prepared all target materials, for the flight crews, as needed throughout the month.

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b. The high point of the month for the section was the A&E inspection by the 1st Wing G-2. The section received an outstanding from the inspecting team. This inspection took place on the 15th of April.

c. The month of April was one of peace on the Chu Lai Air Base as not once during the month did the Air Base come under attack by fire.

6. Air Operations

SQUADRON		SORTIES		HOURS		TONS OF ORDNANCE
		TOTAL	COMBAT	TOTAL	COMBAT	
HMS-13	C-117D	101	12	121.9	15.6	8.2
VFMA-115	F-4B	680	636	771.0	722.4	1464.0
VFMA-232	F-4J	628	625	763.6	759.4	1309.0
VFMA-314	F-4C	775	741	830.2	781.9	1613.8
VFMA-334	F-4J	621	585	708.4	679.4	1289.0
<u>OPERATIONS SUPPORTED</u>			647			

Kentucky Jumper, Massachusetts Striker, Victory Dragon X, Iron Mountain, Geneva Park, Russel Beach, Oklahoma Hills, Paine Crag, Frederick Hill and Purple Martin.

SIGNIFICANT BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Bunkers	596 Tons/120 Bom
Structures	120 Bom/65 Bom
Secondary Explosions	85
Secondary Fires	267
KBIA	160
A/A Position	18
Trucks	10
Road Cuts	3
Dams	4
Tunnels	17
Caves	5
Sanpans	3
Armo Dump	1
Detors of Trail	1260
Detors of Trench Line	1420
Trail Cuts	24
Military Pack Train (Water Buffalo)	7
Detors of Road	100
Line Field	2 acres
Graves	20
Bridge	1

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7. Supply

a. Annual inventory (Navy Property) completed. Count phase on 2 April first posting phase completed 9 April. Second posting phase completed 22 April.

b. Uncle and Lima budget submitted for balance of FY on 24 April.

c. F-4J initial outfitting for APA material being processed by El Toro (OSP).

8. Morale/WelfareReligious Services

(1) Protestant Services:

- (a) Sunday-8; attendance-403
- (b) Discussion Group-8; attendance-86
- (c) Bible Study-13; attendance-212
- (d) Choir Practice-3; attendance-31

(2) Catholic Services:

- (a) Sunday-8; attendance-895
- (b) Weekday-25; attendance-245
- (c) Religious Information Classes-3; attendance-11

(3) Latter Day Saints:

- (a) Sunday-1; attendance-8

(4) Memorial Services:

- (a) 23 April; attendance-105

(5) Orientation Lectures:

- (a) 1 April; attendance-200

b. Services rendered other than at IAG-13:

(1) Protestant Services:

Sunday

- (a) 14th Aviation Services (1) attendance (60)

Weekday

- (a) Combined Action Platoons (3) attendance (65)
- (b) Memorial Service 1st CAG (1) attendance (52)

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(2) Catholic Services:Sunday

(a) NSAD Services (4) attendance (225)

(b) 198th Infantry Brigade Services (1) attendance (60)

Weekday

(a) NSAD Services (4) attendance (225)

(b) Combined Action Platoons (8) attendance (45)

c. Counseling and Interviews:

Counseling-30

Interviews-64

d. Red Cross Cases-10

e. Hospital Visits-15

f. Civic Affairs:

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

(2) Donated two boxes of clothes, two boxes of candy, one box of toys, and one box of soap, washclothes, toothbrushes, toothpaste and candy to Protestant Orphanage in An Tan.

g. Meetings and Trips:

(1) Chaplain Cusick attended Day of Recollection for Priests of I Corps in Danang on 17 April.

(2) Chaplain Cleveland went on an overnight trip to NENT-2, 1st CAG, at Bin Sohn.