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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART ONE:

1. Organizational Data

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-30 June 1969)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Richard S. RASH	C.O.	Col	Col	Col
William SHANKS Jr.	X.O.	LtCol	LtCol	LtCol
Walter S. MEADS	Adj	Capt	1stLt	1stLt
Robert E. WINSLOW	SgtMaj	SgtMaj	SgtMaj	SgtMaj
Henry J. BOND	S-1	Major	LtCol	LtCol
Garold N. BATTERMAN	S-2	Major	Capt	Capt
John R. BRADDON	S-3	LtCol	LtCol	LtCol
Charles G. FREDERICK	S-4 (1-24 Jun)	LtCol	LtCol	LtCol
Edward C. JOHNSON	S-4 (25-30 Jun)	LtCol	LtCol	LtCol

b. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 13 (1-30 June 1969)

Billy M. ADRIAN	C.O. (1-13 Jun)	LtCol	LtCol
Lawrence J. WILLIS	C.O. (14-30 Jun)	LtCol	LtCol
Donald P. BOWEN	X.O.	Major	Major
Donald P. BOWEN	S-3	Capt	Major
Dorris A. DUNCAN	A/C MaintO	Major	Capt
Walter K. HEHNER	AdminO	Lt	Capt

c. Marine Air Base Squadron 13 (1-30 June 1969)

Ira L. MORGAN	C.O. (1-11 Jun)	LtCol	LtCol
Norbert F. SCHNIPPEL	C.O. (12-30 Jun)	LtCol	Major
Norbert F. SCHNIPPEL	X.O. (1-11 Jun)	Major	Major
Daniel F. DOUGHERTY	AdminO	Capt	CWO 2
James C. REYNOLDS	Base Serv O (1-20 Jun)	Major	Major
Ayrl W. ALLINDER	Base Serv O (21-30 Jun)	Major	Major
Raymond E. STEWARD	SgtMaj	SgtMaj	SgtMaj

d. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115 (1-30 June 1969)

Robert R. NORTON	C.O.	LtCol	LtCol
Edwin C. PAIGE Jr.	X.O.	Major	Major
Kenneth H. WELSH	S-1 (1-21 Jun)	Lt	Major
Frederick B. CRAIG	S-1 (22-30 Jun)	Lt	Major
Phillip A. CARROLL	S-2	Lt	Capt
Richard H. CAGLE	S-3	Major	Major
Joseph L. CANNAVA	S-4	WO	Capt
Dayton A. LEWIS	A/C Maint O	Major	Major

e. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 232 (1-30 June 1969)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Walter P. HUTCHINS	C.O.		LtCol	LtCol
John T. SYCH, Jr.	X.O.		Major	Major
Robert C. BAUGHMAN	X.O.		Major	Major
Jean A. GRUHLER, Jr.	S-1		Lt	Major
Douglas B. MATZEN	S-2		Lt	1stLt
Ralph D. MILLER	S-3		Major	Major
Gene A. BROWN	S-4		WO	Major
Francis M. LOGAN, Jr.	A/C Maint O		Major	Major

f. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 (1-30 June 1969)

John W. BLACK	C.O. (1-25 Jun)	LtCol	Major
Charles G. FREDERICK	C.O. (26-30 Jun)	LtCol	LtCol
James P. MOODY	X.O. (1-25 Jun)	Major	Major
John W. BLACK	X.O. (26-30 Jun)	Major	Major
Donald D. BERGMAN	S-1	Lt	Major
Bobby D. COLE	S-2	Lt	Capt
James H. VANDEVER	S-3	Major	Major
Frank A. HUEY	S-4	WO	Major
Michael P. SULLIVAN	A/C Maint O	Major	Major

g. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 334 (1-30 June 1969)

Samuel E. D'ANGELO III	C.O.	LtCol	LtCol
Alfonso G. POTENZA	X.O.	Major	Major
Stanley J. TRACHTA	S-1	Lt	Capt
Jerry W. LEIST	S-2	Lt	1stLt
James R. SCAFE	S-3	Major	Major
Frank R. SODERSTROM	S-4	WO	Major
Charles B. JOHNSTON	A/C Maint O	Major	Major

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 Richard S. RASH	1-30 Jun 69
H&MS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Billy M. ADRIAN	1-13 Jun 69
H&MS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Lawrence J. WILLIS	14-30 Jun 69
MABS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Ira L. MORGAN	1-11 Jun 69
MABS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	Major Norbert F. SCHNIPPEL	12-30 Jun 69
VMFA-115	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Robert R. NORTON	1-30 Jun 69
VMFA-232	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Walter P. HUTCHINS	1-30 Jun 69
VMFA-314	Chu Lai, RVN	Major John W. BLACK	1-25 Jun 69
VMFA-314	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Charles G. FREDERICK	26-30 Jun 69
VMFA-334	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Samuel E. D'ANGELO	1-30 Jun 69

3. Average Monthly Strength

SQUADRON	USMC				USN	
	NA	NFO	AGO	ENLISTED	OFFICER	ENLISTED
H&MS-13	22	3	30	558	0	0
MABS-13	5	2	10	562	6	25
VMFA-115	25	19	4	268	1	0
VMFA-232	24	20	5	249	1	0
VMFA-314	25	18	6	250	0	0
VMFA-334	24	19	6	240	1	0
MAG-13	125	81	61	2127	9	25

4. Important Visitors to the Command

On 16 June 1969, Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON, Assistant Wing Commander, toured the MAG-13 area.

On 26 June 1969, Air Commodore F. S. ROBEY, RAAF, toured the MAG-13 area.

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 Virginia Ridge, Pepestone Canyon, Kentucky Jumper, Lamar Plain, Iron Mountain, Herkimer Mountain, Fredrick Hill, Victory Dragon, Geneva Park, Utah Mesa, Montogomery Rendezvous, Cameron Falls, Forsyth Grove, Iroquois Grove, Apache Snow and Massachusetts Bay. Flying a wide variety of missions, MAG-13 aircraft provided support for the First and Third Marine Divisions, Task Force 77, Attack Force Alpha, Republic of Korea Marines, ARVN forces, 7th Air Force, 5th and 7th Special Landing Force, 101st Airborne Division, Americal Division and other U.S. Army units.

Air-to-ground strikes, consisting of 2,521 sorties, resulted in 985 bunkers destroyed, 162 bunkers damaged, 499 structures destroyed, 100 structures damaged, 5 bridges destroyed, 168 secondary fires, 5 tractors destroyed, 120 KBMA, 124 secondary explosions, 10 50 cal weapons sites destroyed, 9 road cuts, 3 trucks destroyed, 3 trucks damaged, 8 Sampans sunk, 1 dam destroyed, 19 rocket positions destroyed, 18 rockets destroyed and 4 rafts with approximately 1 ton of supplies on board, were sunk.

Fightertown Phantoms logged 114 fighter sorties over the waters off North Vietnam as a Barrier CAP in support of air operations in the Gulf of Tonkin. There were no engagements with enemy aircraft. B-52 escorts accounted for 8 additional sorties during the reporting period.

The 1st MAW missile shoot continued during the month of June with a total of 22 MAG-13 aircraft participating. A total of 17 AIM9B Sidewinders and 4 AIM7E Sparrows were expended.

PART THREE: Significant Events

1. Personnel

During the month of June, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of nineteen officers and 170 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During the same period, 34 officers and 190 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Awards

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

- a. Single Mission Air Medal: 7
- b. Navy Commendation Medal: 1
- c. Navy Achievement Medal: 3
- d. Purple Heart Medal: 4
- e. Certificate of Commendation: 10

During this same period, the following medals were recommended:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 31
- b. Bronze Star: 11
- c. Single Mission Air Medal: 2
- d. Navy Commendation Medal: 44
- e. Navy Achievement Medal: 41
- f. Purple Heart: 4

3. Casualties

Non-Hostile

c. Total Medevac. 13

d. Total number of man days lost. 106

Hostile

a. Killed in Action 0

b. Died of Wounds 0

c. Wounded in Action. 0

d. Missing in Action. 0

4. Civic Action

a. A very successful MEDCAP was held in Binh Sa village. All medical work was carried out by Vietnamese doctors and nurses. Transportation and security were supplied by MAG-13. Approximately 325 people were vaccinated or treated.

b. Preparations were made for the MAG-13 Personal Response School to be held in July.

5. Intelligence

a. The S-2 section continued it's mission of briefing and de-briefing all aircrew members.

b. During the month of June 1969, the Chu Lai Air Base came under attack a total of four times, with the MAG-13 Cantonment receiving negative incoming. The first attack took place on 8 June at 0545H. The attack consisted of 5 - 122mm rockets. One round impacted in a ward of the 312th Evac Hospital, resulting in one nurse KIA. This was the first female nurse to be killed in action in Vietnam. Another round impacted in the open, near the USO with negative damage. The remaining three rounds impacted near the USN LOX plant, also with negative damage or casualties. The second attack occurred on 14 June at 1110H, with 8 - 122mm rockets impacting in the following locations: One round near MAG-12, one round near the runway on the MAG-12 flight line, three rounds near the North end of the west runway, one round near position 724, and 2 rounds that could not be located. The third attack, consisting of 3 - 122mm rockets, took place on 20 June at 1600H. Two rounds impacted near MAG-12 and one round that could not be located. The fourth, and most devastating attack, took place on 21 June at 0645H, when 2 - 122mm rockets impacted. One rocket hit the Americal Combat Town Dispensary resulting in 7 KIA's and 14 WIA's. The other round hit the old ammo storage area with negative casualties or damage reported.

6. Air Operations

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>COMBAT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>COMBAT</u>
H&MS-13 (C-117D)	85		2	61.6	5.3
VMFA-115 (F4B)	687		658	754.1	722.7
VMFA-232 (F4J)	666		644	772.0	743.0
VMFA-314 (F4B)	647		627	709.4	678.7
VMFA-334 (F4J)	739		704	833.7	791.2

Operations Supported

Virginia Ridge, Pipestone Canyon, Kentucky Jumper, Lamar Plain, Iron Mountain, Herkimer Mountain, Fredrick Hills, Victory Dragon, Geneva Park, Utah Mesa, Montogomery Rendezvous, Cameron Falls, Forsyth Grove, Iroquois Grove, Apache Snow and Massachusetts Bay.

Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

KBMA	120
Bunkers	985 des/162 dam
Structures	499 des/100 dam
Bridges	5 des
Secondary explosions	124
Secondary fires	168
Tractors	5 des
Trucks	3 des/3 dam
50 cal sites	10 des
Road cuts	9
Sampans sunk	8
Dams	1 des
Rocket positions	19 des
Rafts	4 des

7. Supply

a. GASSC and Marine Corps Supply have completed the reworking of storage boxes for embarkation.

b. A new storage facility is being built and is partially complete, siding and flooring remain to be added.

c. The Garrison Property warehouse has been modified with large doors to permit the use of material handling equipments.

d. Fill dirt to permit a thirty foot extension to the existing hard surface on the south side of the compound is being brought in.

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e. Mount out requirements have been placed on order. Many items are currently in the hands of the end users. Lumbor requirements have not been filled as yet.

8. Morale/Welfare

Religious Services conducted at MAG-13 Chapol

a. Protestant Services

- (1) Sunday - 8; attendance - 217
- (2) Weekday - 1; attendance - 82
- (3) Discussion Group - 3; attendance - 12
- (4) Bible Study - 4; attendance - 67

b. Catholic Services

- (1) Sunday - 8; attendance - 450
- (2) Weekday - 13; attendance - 56

c. Memorial Services

- (1) None

Counseling and Interviews

- (1) Counseling - 42
- (2) Interviews - 62

Red Cross Cases - 14

Hospital Visits - 17