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✓(3) MABS-13 Command Chronology
✓(4) VMFA-115 Command Chronology
✓(5) VMFA-232 Command Chronology
✓(6) VMFA-314 Command Chronology
✓(7) VMFA-334 Command Chronology

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

2. Upon removal of the enclosures, this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART ONE:

1. Organizational Data

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-31 July 1969)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>RANK</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>
Richard S. RASH	C.O.	COL	COL
Thomas E. MURPHREE	X.O.	LTCOL	LTCOL
Walter S. MEADS	ADJ	CAPT	1STLT
Henry J. BOND	S-1	MAJOR	LTCOL
Gerald N. BATTERMAN	S-2	MAJOR	CAPT
Robert R. NORTON	S-3 (2JUL-PRESENT)	LTCOL	LTCOL
Edward C. JOHNSON	S-4	LTCOL	LTCOL
Robert E. WINSLOW	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ	SGTMAJ

b. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 13 (1-31 July 1969)

Lawrence J. WILLIS	C.O.	LTCOL	LTCOL
Donald P. BOWEN	X.O.	MAJOR	MAJOR
Walter K. HEHNER	S-1	LT	CAPT
Donald P. BOWEN	S-3	CAPT	MAJOR

c. Marine Air Base Squadron 13 (1-31 July 1969)

Norbert F. SCHNIPPEL	C.O. (12JUN-4JUL)	LTCOL	MAJOR
Alfred N. DRAGO	C.O. (5JUL-PRESENT)	LTCOL	LTCOL
Norbert F. SCHNIPPEL	X.O. (5JUL-PRESENT)	MAJOR	MAJOR
Daniel F. DOUGHERTY	S-1	CAPT	CWO2

d. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115 (1-31 July 1969)

Robert R. NORTON	C.O. (1 JUL)	LTCOL	LTCOL
Edwin C. PAIGE	C.O. (2-31 JUL)	LTCOL	LTCOL
Edwin C. PAIGE	X.O. (1 JUL)	MAJOR	MAJOR
Richard H. CAGLE	X.O. (2-31 JUL)	MAJOR	MAJOR
Frederick B. CRAIG	S-1	MAJOR	MAJOR
Richard H. CAGLE	S-3 (1 JUL)	MAJOR	MAJOR
Edward E. CLANTON	S-3 (2-31 JUL)	MAJOR	MAJOR
Joseph L. CANNAVA	S-4 (1-2 JUL)	WO	CAPT
Jon R. GIBSON	S-4 (3-31 JUL)	WO	MAJOR

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e. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 232 (1-31 July 1969)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>RANK</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>
Walter P. HUTCHINS	C.O.	LTCOL	LTCOL
Robert C. BAUGHMAN	X.O.	MAJOR	MAJOR
Jean A. GRUHLER	S-1	LT	MAJOR
Thomas J. BILLISON	S-2	LT	CAPT
Ralph D. MILLER	S-3	MAJOR	MAJOR
Gene A. BROWN	S-4	WO	MAJOR

f. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 (1-31 July 1969)

Charles G. FREDERICK	C.O.	LTCOL	LTCOL
John W. BLACK	W.O.	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

g. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 334 (1-31 July 1969)

Samuel E. D'ANGELO III	C.O. (1 JUL)	LTCOL	LTCOL
John R. BRADDON	C.O. (2-31 JUL)	LTCOL	LTCOL
Alphonse G. POTENZA	X.O. (1-7 JUL)	MAJOR	MAJOR
James D. MOODY	X.O. (8-31 JUL)	MAJOR	MAJOR
Stanley J. TRACHTA	S-1	LT	CAPT
Jerry W. LEIST	S-2	LT	1STLT
James R. SCAFE	S-3 (1-13 JUL)	MAJOR	MAJOR
Alphonse G. POTENZA	S-3 (14-31 JUL)	MAJOR	MAJOR
Frank R. SODERSTROM	S-4	WO	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	1-31 July
H&MS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Lawrence J. WILLIS	1-31 July
MABS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Norbert F. SCHNIPPEL	1-4 July
MABS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Alfred N. DRAGO	5-31 July
VMFA-115	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Robert R. NORTON	1 July
VMFA-115	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Edward C. PAIGE	2-31 July
VMFA-232	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Walter P. HUTCHINS	1-31 July
VMFA-314	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Charles W. FREDERICK	1-31 July
VMFA-334	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Samuel E. D'ANGELO III	1 July
VMFA-334	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol John R. BRADDON	2-31 July

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3. ~~SECRET~~ Average Monthly Strength

SQUADRON	USMC			ENLISTED	USN	
	NA	NFO	AGO		OFFICER	ENLISTED
H&MS-13	22	3	30	545	0	0
M&BS-13	5	2	10	564	5	25
VMFA-115	26	20	4	268	1	0
VMFA-232	24	20	4	251	1	0
VMFA-314	26	20	5	254	0	0
VMFA-334	26	21	5	242	1	0

4. Important Visitors to the Command

On 1 July 1969, Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON attended a change of command at VMFA-334, and VMFA-115.

PART TWO: Narrative Summary

Marine Aircraft Group 13 continued it's 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; Iroquois Grove, Pipestone Canyon, Herkimer Mountain, Idaho Canyon, Williams Glade, Arlington Canyon, Virginia Ridge, Lamar Plain, Montgomery Rendezvous, and Victory Dragon. Flying a wide variety of missions, MAG-13 Phantoms provided support for the First and Third Marine Divisions, Task Force 77, Attack Force Alpha, Republic of Korea Marines, ARVN Popular Forces, 7th Air Force, 101st Airborne, Americal Division and various other U.S. Army units.

Air to ground strikes, consisting of 2,487 sorties, resulted in 69 KBMA, 705 bunkers destroyed, 86 damaged, 651 structures destroyed, 93 damaged, 45 hootches destroyed, 1 bridge destroyed, 2 damaged, 1 AA position destroyed, 3 rocket positions destroyed, 2 mortar positions silenced, 1 truck destroyed, 2845 meters of treeline destroyed, 60 secondary fires and 162 secondary explosions.

MAG-13 lost 1 aircraft due to enemy action during July. On 25 July 1969, F4J 155809 from VMFA-232 was hit by enemy ground fire approximately 17 NM west of Chu Lai; both crew members were successfully recovered.

PART THREE: Significant Events1. Personnel

During the month of July, MAG-13 had a loss of 23 officers and 136 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During this period 32 officers and 107 enlisted personnel reported aboard for duty.

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2. ~~Awards~~~~SECRET~~

The following medals were presented to MAG-13 personnel during July 1969:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 7
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 8
- c. Navy Commendation Medal: 3
- d. Certificate of Commendation: 2

During this period the following awards were recommended:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 12
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 0
- c. Bronze Star: 6
- d. Navy Commendation Medal: 21
- e. Navy Achievement Medal: 24
- f. Purple Heart: 5
- g. Certificate of Commendation: 22

3. Casualties

Non-Hostile

- a. Total for July: 15
- b. Total Returned to Duty: 13
- c. Total Medevac: 5
- d. Total Man Days Lost: 62

Hostile

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

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a. During the month of July, MAG-13 Civic Action personnel assisted the 29th Civil Affairs Company in conducting an agricultural school. The school was designed to develop and improve farming methods in Viet Nam.

b. Civic Action officials from MAG-13 have been also devoting their efforts to obtaining IR-5 and IR-8 rice seeds for the citizens of Binh Sa Village.

c. MAG-13 is also participating in a project for the construction of a road between Dong Binh and Trung An. Although final plans have not been formulated, it is anticipated that a new roadway will soon link the two villages, with the help of MABS-13 Heavy Equipment.

5. Intelligence

a. During the past month, MAG-13 S-2 has continued its mission of supplying intelligence information, and briefing newly arrived aircrews.

b. A new Group Order has been published on the disposition of War Trophies, and War Trophy firearms.

6. Air Operations

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>COMBAT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>COMBAT</u>
H&MS-13 C-117D	123		10	126.2		43.1
VMFA-115	656		616	734.7		692.2
VMFA-232	628		606	716.0		697.0
VMFA-314	668		650	718.0		697.3
VMFA-334	567		546	661.0		637.1

Operations Supported

Iroquois Grove, Pipestone Canyon, Herkimer Mountain, Idaho Canyon, Williams Glade, Arlington Canyon, Virginia Ridge, Lamar Plain, Montgomery Rendezvous, Victory Dragon, and Steel Tiger.

Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

Bunkers: 705 des/86 dam
Structures: 651 des/93 dam
Secondary Explosions: 162
Secondary Fires: 60

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KBMA: 69
AA Positions: 1 des/2 dam
Trucks: 1
Sampans: 1
Trenchline: 2395 meters
Treeline: 2845 meters
Bridges: 1 des/2 dam
Rocket positions: 3 des
Mortar positions: 2 des

7. Supply

a. 4,900 line items were identified and reported to Wing Supply as excess in accordance with the Roll Back Program.

b. 5,000 Invoice Documents were prepared for F4J Material.

c. MAG-13 Group Supply has been busy pulling all of the F4J peculiars for the movement of the "J" squadrons out of country.

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