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✓(3) H&AS-13 Command Chronology
✓(4) VFA-115 Command Chronology
✓(5) VFA-314 Command Chronology
✓(6) VFA-334 Command Chronology
✓(7) VFA-232 Command Chronology

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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are herewith submitted.
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Part One1. Organizational Data

a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-31 August 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
Robert E. WINSLOW	SgtMaj	SgtMaj	SgtMaj
Henry J. BOND	S-1 (1-26 Aug)	Major	LtCol
Dayton A. LEWIS	S-1 (27-31 Aug)	Major	Major
Gerald N. BATTERMAN	S-2 (1-24 Aug)	Major	Capt
Bobby D. COLE	S-2 (25-31 Aug)	Major	Capt
Robert R. NORTON	S-3	LtCol	LtCol
Edward C. JOHNSON	S-4	LtCol	LtCol

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

Lawrence J. WILLIS	C.O.	LtCol	LtCol
Donald P. BOWEN	X.O. (1-10 Aug)	Major	Major
James D. MOODY	X.O. (11-31 Aug)	Major	Major
Edward CARDCZA	S-1	Lt	Capt
Donald P. BOWEN	S-3 (1-10 Aug)	Capt	Major
James D. MOODY	S-3 (11-31 Aug)	Capt	Major

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

Alfred W. DRAGO	C.O.	LtCol	LtCol
Norbert F. SCHNIPPEL	X.O.	Major	Major
Daniel F. DOUGHERTY	S-1 (1-9 Aug)	W.O.	CWC-2
George L. LUNT	S-1 (10-31 Aug)	W.O.	Capt

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

Edwin C. PAIGE	C.O.	LtCol	LtCol
Richard H. CAGLE	X.O. (1-10 Aug)	Major	Major
Donald P. BOWEN	X.O. (11-31 Aug)	Major	Major
Frederick E. CRAIG	S-1	Lt	Major
Bruce A. BLAKNIK	S-2	Lt	Lt
Edward E. CLANTON	S-3 (1-14 Aug)	Major	Major
Lawrence A. WHIPPLE	S-3 (15-31 Aug)	Major	Major
Jon R. GIBSON	S-4		Major

e. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 (1-31 August 1969)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Rank</u> <u>Actual</u>
Charles G. FREDERICK	C.O.	LtCol	LtCol
John W. BLACK	X.O. (1-14 Aug)	Major	Major
Donald WOJCIK	X.O. (15-31 Aug)	Major	Major
Donald D. BERGMAN	S-1 (1-14 Aug)	Lt	Major
Terril J. RICHARDSON	S-1 (15-31 Aug)	Lt	Capt
Bobby D. COLE	S-2 (1-24 Aug)	Lt	Capt
Howard E. KERR	S-2 (25-31 Aug)	Lt	Capt
Alec GILLESPIE	S-3 (1-14 Aug)	Major	Major
Robert C. JOHNSON	S-3 (15-31 Aug)	Major	Major
Frank A. HUEY	S-4 (1-16 Aug)		Major
Allen W. LASSEY	S-4 (17-31 Aug)		Capt

f. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 334 (1-28 August 1969)

John R. BRADDON	C.O.	LtCol	LtCol
James D. MOODY	X.O. (1-10 Aug)	Major	Major
Richard H. CAGLE	X.O. (11-28 Aug)	Major	Major
Stanley J. TRACHTA	S-1	Lt	Capt
Jerry W. LEIST	S-2	Lt	1stLt
Frank L. PIERI, Jr.	S-3	Major	Major
Frank R. SODERSTROM	S-4		Major

g. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 232 (1-31 August 1969)

Walter P. HUTCHINS	C.O. (1-11 Aug)	LtCol	LtCol
Ralph J. SORENSON	C.O. (12-31 Aug)	LtCol	LtCol
Robert C. DAUGHMAN	X.O.	Major	Major
Joan A. GRUHLER	S-1 (1-25 Aug)	Lt	Major
Thomas P. CLARK	S-1 (26-31 Aug)	Lt	Capt
Thomas J. BILLISON	S-2	Lt	Capt
Ralph D. MILLER	S-3	Major	Major
Gene A. BROWN	S-4 (1-25 Aug)		Major
James C. REYNOLDS	S-4 (26-31 Aug)		Major

Subordinate Units2. Task Organization and Unit Location

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>	<u>Date of Office</u>
H&MS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol L. J. WILLIS	1-31 Aug 69
M&BS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol A. N. DRAGO	1-31 Aug 69
VFMA-115	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol E. C. PAIGE	1-31 Aug 69
VFMA-314	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol C. G. FREDERICK	1-31 Aug 69
VFMA-334	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol J. R. BRADDON	1-28 Aug 69
VFMA-232	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol R. J. SORENSON	1-31 Aug 69

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>NFO</u>	<u>AGO</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>USAF</u> <u>OFFICER</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>ENLISTED</u>
H&MS-13	23	4	26	450	0	0	0
MABS-13	8	2	8	554	0	5	26
VF-FA-115	23	20	4	270	0	1	0
VF-FA-314	24	25	5	250	0	0	0
VMFA-334	22	19	5	297	0	1	0
VF-FA-232	23	21	3	291	1	1	6
GRCUP	123	91	51	2120	1	8	32

4. Important Visitors to the Command

On 9 August 1969, General L. F. CHAPMAN Jr., visited MAG-13. He attended a luncheon given in his honor and was given an orientation brief and tour of Fighbertown.

Also visiting MAG-13 during the month were: Major General C. T. HAGEN, 15 August 1969; Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON, 22 August 1969; Major General G. S. BOWMAN Jr., 25 August 1969; Major General W. G. THRASH, 25 August 1969.

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.

Part Three: Significant Events

1. Personnel

During the month of August, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of 26 officers and 123 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During the same period, 15 officers and 90 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty. The redeployment of VMFA-334 to MAG-15, Iwakuni, Japan included 51 officers and 295 enlisted personnel.

2. Awards. The following awards were recommended for MAG-13 personnel during July 1969:

- Distinguished Flying Cross: 14
- Single Mission Air Medal: 4
- Bronze Star: 4
- Navy Commendation Medal: 14

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- e. Navy Achievement Medal: 4
- f. Purple Heart: 0
- g. Certificate of Commendation: 0
- h. Legion of Merit: 1

During this period the following awards were presented to MAG-13:
Navy & Marine Corps Medal - LtCol A. N. DRAGO.

3. Casualties

Non-Hostile

- a. Total for August: 25
- b. Total Returned to Duty: 17
- c. Total Medevac: 7
- d. Total number of man days lost: 122

Hostile

- a. Killed in Action: 0
- b. Dies of Wounds: 0
- c. Wounded in Action: 0
- d. Missing in Action: 2

4. Civic Action

a. MAG-13 Civic Action Teams found a Vietnamese boy who was having sustained periods of ill-health. Upon medical examination, he was found to have a hole in his heart and is being treated at MAG-13's dispensary in An Tan. Through the Civic Action team's effort, the boy is scheduled in four months to undergo an operation to relieve him of his heart trouble.

b. Major Jean GRUHLER, representing VMFA-232, donated \$360.00 towards the MAG-13 Civic Action Fund. This brings the total to \$400.00 donated by VMFA-232.

5. Morale and Welfare Programs

a. There are presently two Chaplains assigned to MAG-13. They have additional duties of coordinating Chaplain coverage for all Combined Action

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Platoons in Combined Action Group-1; Episcopal Coverage for Americal Headquarters and Catholic coverage for the Naval Support Activity.

b. Religious services conducted at MAG-13 Chapel consisted of the following:

- (1) Protestant Services
 - (a) Sunday - 10; attendance 217
 - (b) Choir Practice - 5; attendance 35
 - (c) Bible Study - 10; attendance 192
 - (d) Christian Education - 1; attendance 3
- (2) Catholic Services
 - (a) Sunday - 10; attendance 574
 - (b) Weekday - 25; attendance 146

c. Services rendered other than MAG-13

- (1) Protestant Services
 - Sunday
 - (a) Americal - 5; attendance 54
 - Weekday
 - (a) Combined Action Platoons - 6; attendance 45
 - (b) Memorial Services 1stCAG - 2; attendance 93
- (2) Catholic Services
 - Sunday
 - (a) USAD Services - 5; attendance 215
 - (b) 14th Aviation Bn - 2; attendance 32
 - (c) LSU-3 - 3; attendance 26
 - Weekday
 - (a) Combined Action Platoon - 8; attendance 59
 - (b) Memorial Services 1stCAG - 2; attendance 93

d. Red Cross Cases - 12

e. Hospital Visits - 15

6. Intelligence

a. During the month of August 1969, the Chu Lai Air Base came under rocket/mortar attack a total of five (5) times. None of these incoming rounds impacted in the MAG-13 cantonment; thereby, resulting in negative damage or casualties.

b. In addition to supporting MAG-13 with intelligence information and briefings, the S-2 section briefed the Marine S&I Crew each week and held special briefings for the crew members of VC-1 Unit (EC-121's).

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7. Operations

a. Air Operations

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Total</u>
MAGS-13 (C-117D)	16		132	59.6		161.0
VMFA-115 (F4B)	582		595	648.0		663.0
VMFA-314 (F4B)	620		641	698.6		727.3
VMFA-334 (F4J)	408	1202	437	487.0		541.0
VMFA-232 (F4J)	535		543	626.0		631.0

b. Operations Supported

Idaho Canyon, Georgia Tar, Arlington Canyon, Iroquois Grove, Pipestone Canyon, Geneva Park, Frederick Hill, Russell Beach, Iron Mountain, Louisiana Lee, Richland Square, Campbell Streaker, Montgomery Rendezvous, Bald Pursuit, and Lamar Plain.

c. Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

Bunkers: 460 des/103 dam
 Hootches: 209 des/29 dam
 Bridges: 2 des/13 dam
 Secondary Explosions: 78
 Secondary Fires: 178
 AAA Positions: 7
 Killed by Marine Air: 124 conf/19 probable
 Trenchline: 2225 meters
 Tree line: 3160 meters
 Road cuts: 17
 Sampans destroyed: 1

d. Total Ordnance Expended: 4,468.0 tons.

8. Supply

a. 2,000 line items were identified and reported to Wing Supply as excess in accordance with the Roll Back Program.

b. MAG-13 Group Supply pulled, packed and manifested for embarkation F4J peculiars for the movement of the F4J squadron to Japan.

9. Base Development

The new MAG-13 waterpoint and infiltration gallery was completed during the reporting period, however, the performance of the well is unsatisfactory as it supplies less than 20 gallons per minute. Remedial measures are being studied.

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