

## HEADQUARTERS

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 ✓(2) H&MS-13 Command Chronology  
 ✓(3) MABS-13 Command Chronology  
 ✓(4) VMFA-115 Command Chronology  
 ✓(5) VMFA-122 Command Chronology  
 ✓(6) VMFA-314 Command Chronology

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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosures (1) through (6) are herewith submitted.
2. Upon removal of the enclosures, this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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Part One1. Organizational Data

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Thomas E. MURPHREE	CO	Col		Col
Hal W. VINCENT	XO	LtCol		LtCol
George L. LUNT Jr.	Adj	Capt		Capt
Robert E. WINSLOW	SgtMaj	SgtMaj		SgtMaj
D. A. LEWIS	S-1	Maj		Maj
W. M. BROWN	S-2	Maj		1stLt
R. E. HOWARD	S-3	LtCol		LtCol
E. C. JOHNSON	S-4	LtCol		LtCol

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

James D. MOODY	CO (1-16 Nov)	LtCol	Maj
Douglas L. SNEAD	CO (17-30 Nov)	LtCol	LtCol
Robert P. O'NEAL	XO	Maj	Maj
James E. ODOM	S-1	Lt	1stLt
William T. GOLLA	S-4	WO	2ndLt

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

Richard D. REVIE	CO	LtCol	LtCol
Billy H. DRAFFEN	XO	Maj	Maj
Donald J. BERGER	S-1 (1-12 Nov)	WO	Capt
Juan M. LEM	S-1 (13-30 Nov)	WO	WO
Bernard R. HALPRIN	BaseServO	Maj	Maj

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

Edwin C. PAIGE Jr.	CO	LtCol	LtCol
Donald P. BOWEN	XO	Maj	Maj
Fredrick B. CRAIG	S-1 (1-14 Nov)	Lt	Maj
Fredrick J. MEIER Jr.	S-1 (15-30 Nov)	Lt	Capt
Lester E. AMICK	S-2	Lt	1stLt
Lawrence A. WHIPPLE	S-3	Maj	Maj
John P. McGILL	S-4	WO	1stLt

## e. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 (1-30 November 1969)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Charles G. FREDERICK	CO		LtCol	LtCol
Donald WOJCIK	XO		Maj	Maj
Lyle P. CREADICK	S-1 (1-28 Nov)		Lt	Maj
Terril J. RICHARDSON	S-1 (29-30 Nov)		Lt	Capt
Howard E. KERR	S-2		Lt	Capt
Robert C. JOHNSON	S-3		Maj	Maj
Allen W. MASSEY	S-4		WO	Capt

## f. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 122 (1-30 November 1969)

John K. COCHRAN	CO	LtCol	LtCol
Josephus L. MAVRETIC	XO	Maj	Maj
John J. MILES	S-1	Lt	Capt
Arlin B. TURNER	S-2	Lt	1stLt
Jon R. GIBSON	S-3	Maj	Maj
Eugene L. L. POLDERDYKE	S-4	WO	2ndLt

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 T. E. MURPHREE	1 Nov-30 Nov
H&MS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	Maj J. D. MOODY	1 Nov-16 Nov
H&MS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol D. L. SNEAD	17 Nov-30 Nov
MABS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol R. D. REVIE	1 Nov-30 Nov
VMFA-115	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol E. C. PAIGE Jr.	1 Nov-30 Nov
VMFA-122	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol J. K. COCHRAN	1 Nov-30 Nov
VMFA-314	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol C. G. FREDERICK	1 Nov-30 Nov

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>				<u>USN</u>	
	<u>NA</u>	<u>NFO</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
H&MS-13	13	5	23	423	0	0
MABS-13	8	3	13	525	3	31
VMFA-115	20	19	3	221	1	0
VMFA-122	21	17	4	236	1	0
VMFA-314	19	19	4	215	1	0
Group	81	63	47	1620	6	31

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#### 4. Important Visitors to the Command

On 20 November 1969, General L. W. WALT visited MAG-13 to present the Hansen Award to VMFA-314. Other visitors during the month of November includei Major General P. J. FONTANA, Major General J. R. CHATSSON, Major General W. G. THRASH and Brigadier General R. H. SPANJER who was the guest of honor at the Marine Corps Birthday celebration.

Part Two: Narrative Summary

a. 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.

b. On 10 November 1969, MAG-13 celebrated the 194th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps with ceremonies in the Enlisted, Staff and Officer's Clubs.

Part Three: Significant Events

1. Personnel

During the month of November, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of 13 officers and 86 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During the same period, 10 officers and 76 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Awards

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

- a. Navy Commendation Medal: 1
- b. Navy Achievement Medal: 1
- c. Certificate of Commendation: 1

During the same period, the following medals were recommended.

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 18
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 8
- c. Bronze Star: 4
- d. Navy Commendation Medal: 15

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- e. Navy Achievement Medal: 27
- f. Legion of Merit: 1
- g. Certificate of Commendation: 2

3. Casualties

Non-Hostile

- a. Total for November.....22
- b. Total returned to duty.....13
- c. Total MedEvac.....7
- 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. Vietnamese newspapers were received from the 198th Infantry Brigade PSYOPS team and distributed in the village of Binh Sa. A Med-Cap program was held in Binh Sa and pamphlets pertaining to health and first aid were passed out.

5. Morale and Welfare Programs

- a. There is presently one Chaplain assigned to MAG-13. Chaplain CLEVELAND has the additional duties of coordinating Chaplain coverage for all Combined Action Platoons in Combined Action Group-1 as well as providing Episcopal Coverage for Americal Headquarters. Catholic Coverage for MAG-13 is provided by the MAG-12 Chaplain.

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

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(1) Protestant Services:  
(a) Sunday - 10; attendance - 199  
(b) Choir Practice - 2; attendance - 12  
(c) Bible Study - 9; attendance - 105  
(d) Xion Education - 4; attendance - 16

(2) Catholic Services:  
(a) Sunday - 10; attendance - 311  
(b) Weekday - 4; attendance - 28

(3) Latter Day Saints:  
(a) Sunday - 4; attendance - 56

c. Services for units other than MAG-13:

(1) Protestant Services:  
(a) Sunday - 1st CAG - 1; attendance - 7  
(b) Weekday - 1st CAG - 3; attendance - 24

(2) Episcopal Services:  
(a) Sunday - Americal Hdqts. - 5; attendance - 61

(3) Catholic Services:  
(a) Sunday - NSAD - 1; attendance - 42

(4) Ecumenical Services:  
(a) Memorial Services - 1st CAG - 1; attendance - 67

d. Counselling and Interviews:

Counselling - 40	Religious Instruction - 2
Interviews - 73	Last Rites - 3

e. Red Cross Cases - 9

f. Hospital Visits - 5

6. Intelligence

a. The S-2 section continued to accomplish its mission of supporting MAG-13 with intelligence information by preparing daily briefs and debriefs for aircrews. All incoming flight personnel received their in-country brief from the S-2 section on Mondays and Fridays, and also on days as required. During the month of November 1969, a total of seven briefs were given. In addition, a weekly brief was prepared and presented at the Commanding Officer Conference.

7. Operationsa. Air Operations

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Sorties</u>		<u>Hours</u>	
	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Total</u>
H&MS-13 (C-117D)	9	130	21.4	137.5
VMFA-314 (F4B)	443	478	502.8	541.4
VMFA-115 (F4B)	423	472	505.0	557.4
VMFA-122 (F4B)	366	406	444.5	480.3
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b. Operations Support

Pipestone Canyon, Frederick Hill, Geneva Park, Iron Mountain, Republic Square and Victory Dragon XV.

c. Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

Bunkers 67 destroyed/5 damaged  
 Structures 345 destroyed/35 damaged  
 Secondary Fires 70  
 Secondary Explosions 13  
 KBMA 6 confirmed  
 Trucks 2 destroyed/2 damaged  
 Sampans 4  
 AAA sites: 1 active .50 calibre site destroyed  
 1 active 23mm site destroyed  
 1 active mortar position destroyed

d. Total Ordnance Expended: 2207.9 tons.

8. Supply

a. Thirty-five hundred line items of excess gear were pulled and shipped to the designated supply centers. In addition, eight thousand cards were reviewed and another twenty five hundred line items were determined to be in excess.

9. Base Development

a. Work is continuing on the new concrete revetments. The goal is to provide protection for each aircraft but the monsoon weather has severely hampered work.