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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Command Chronology for period 1 December 1969 to 31 December 1969

(a) WgO 5750.4 Ref:

Encl:  $\sqrt{(1)}$  MAG-13 Command Chronology

√(2) H&MS-13 Command Chronology

√(3) MABS-13 Command Chronology

J(4) VMFA-115 Command Chronology

(5) VMFA-122 Command Chronology (6) VMFA-314 Command Chronology

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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# MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 December 1969 to 31 December 1969

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## Part One

## 1. Organizational Data

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

		<u>Rank</u>	
Name	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/0</u>	Actual
Thomas E. MURPHREE Hal W. VINCENT George L. LUNT Jr. Robert E. WINSLOW D. A. LEWIS W. M. BROWN R. E. HOWARD J. W. DETROY E. C. JOHNSON	CO ZC Adj SgtMaj S-1 S-2 S-3 (1-26 Dec) S-3 (27-31 Dec) S-4	Col LtCol Copt SgtMaj Maj Maj LtCol LtCol LtCol	Col LtCol Capt SgtMaj Naj 1stLt LtCol LtCol LtCol

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

Douglas L. SMEAD	CO	LtCol	LtCo1
*Frank J. HORAK Jr.	XO	M <sub>aj</sub>	Maj
James E. ODOM	S-1	${f Lt}$	1stLt
Donald J. BERGER	S-3	Capt	Capt
William T. GOLLA	S-4	WO	2ndLt

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

Richard D. REVIE	CO	${\tt LtCol}$	LtCol
Billy D. DRAFFEN	ХO	Maj	Maj
Juan M. LEM	S-1	WO	WO
Bernard R. HALPRIN	Base ServO	Maj	Maj

d. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 (1-31 December 1969)

Charles G. FREDERICK Thomas J. KELLY Donald WCJCIK Robert C. JOHNSON Terril J. RICHARDSON Howard E. KERR John E. SHARKEY Robert C. JOHNSON James B. LECNARD Allen W. MASSEY	CO (1 Dec) CO (2-31 Dec) XO (1 Dec) XO (2-31 Dec) S-1 S-2 (1-10 Dec) S-2 (11-31 Dec) S-3 (1-6 Dec) S-3 (7-31 Dec) S-4	LtCol LtCol Maj Maj Lt Lt Lt Maj Maj WO	LtCol LtCol Maj Maj Capt Capt Capt Maj Maj Capt
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<sup>\*</sup> Major Frank J. HORAK Jr. assumed command of Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 13 when the commanding officer was reported missing on 28 December 1969

# e. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115 (1-31 December 1969)

	•	Rank	
Nome	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/0</u>	Actual
Edwin C. PAIGE Jr. Donald P. BOWEN Fredrick J. MEIER Jr.	CO XO S-1	LtCol Maj Lt	LtCol LtGol Capt
Lester E. AMICK Lawrence A. WHIPPLE	S-2 S-3	Lt Ma <b>i</b>	istLt Maj
John P. McGILL	5-4	₽″) <b>*</b>	1stLt

# f. Narine Fighter/Attack Squadron 122 (1-31 December 1969)

John K. COCHRAN	CO	LtCol	LtCol
Josephus L. MAVRETIC	ΧO	Maj	Maj
John J. MILES	S-·1	J. 4:	Capt
Arlin B. TURNER	<b>S-</b> 2	1.t	1stLt
Job R. GLBSON	S=3	Maj	Maj
Eugene L. POLDERDYKE	S-4	СW	2ndLt

# 2. Task Organization and Unit Location

Organization	Location	Commanding Officer	Date of Office
MAG-13 H&MS-13 H&MS-13 MABS-13 VMFA-115 VMEA-122 VMFA-314 VMFA-314	Chu Lai, RVN	Col T. E. MUMPHREE LtCol D. L. SNEAD Maj F. J. HORAK LtCol R. D. REVIE LtCol E. C. PAIGE LtCol J. K. GOCHRAN LtCol C. G. FREDERICK LtCol T. J. KELLY	1961-31Dec 1Dec-28 Dec 29.Dec-31Dec 1Dec-31Dec 1Dec-31Dec 1Dec-31Dec 1Dec-31Dec 2Dec-31Dec

# 3. Average Monthly Strength

					<u>USN</u>	
Squadron	NA	NFO	<u>AG</u>	Ealisted	Officer	Enlisted
H&MS-13	13	4	23	416	0	0
MABS-13	8	3	8	518	3	31
VMFA-115	19	18	3	206	1	0
VMFA-122	20	18	4	238	1	0
VMFA-314	20	<u>19</u>	6	<u> 210 </u>	_1_	0_
Group	80	62	44	1588	6	31

# 4. Important Visitors to the Command

On the 31 December Brigadier General SPANJER visited MAG-13. He also attended the MAG-13 New Years Eve Party at the Officer's Club.

# 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 28 December an F-4B from VMFA-122 while on a ResCap Mission was shot down by 37mm AAA fire. The crew successfully ejected and were picked up shortly by helicopter. Only minor injury was sustained by the crew.which consisted of the rilot, 1/IT E. M. FRANCER, and his radar intercept officer 1/IT D. K. MCLELLAN.
- c. On 28 December, H&MS-13 C-117D crashed into the side of a mountain approximately 10 miles southwest of Chu Lai killing the four crew.

#### Part Three: Significant Events

#### 1. Porsonnel

During the month of December, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of 17 officers and 169 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During the same period, 16 officers and 232 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

#### 2. Awards

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

- . Navy Commendation Medal:
- b. Certificate of Commendation: 1

During the same period, the following medals were recommended.

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 9
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 4
- c. Bronze Star: 2
- d. Navy Commendation Medal: 27
- e. Navy Achievement Medal: 16

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	f.	Legion of Merit: 2	
•	Cas	ualties (Non Hostile)	
	a.	Total for December:	10
	b.	Total Returned to Duty:	4
	o,	Total Medevac:	7
	$d_{\mathfrak{o}}$	Total Number of Man Days Lost:	49
	Cas	ualties (Hostile)	

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

# 4. Civio Action:

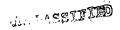
- a. On the 17th of December a personal response School was held at the MAG-13 Group Conference Room. The lectures included Religion, Culture, History, Dasic Customs and the Responsibilities of the Personal Response Squadron.
- b. A poluted well in the hamlet of Trung An has been discovered, and steps are being taken to drain the well and find the source of pollution.

# 5. Morale and Welfare Programs

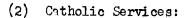
- a. There is presently one chaplain assigned to MAG-13. Chaplain Cleveland has the additional duties of coordinating chaplain coverage for all Combined Action Platoons in Combined Action Group-1 as well as providing Episcopal coverage for Americal Headquarters. Catholic coverage is provided by the MAG-12 chaplain.
- b. Religious services conducted at MAG-13 chapel consisted of the following:

# (1) Protestant Services:

- (a) Sunday 7; attendance 162
- (b) Weekday 7; Attendance 198
- (c) Choir Practice 3; attendance 15
- (d) Bible Study 8; attendance 68
- (e) Kion Education 4: attendance 12







- (a) Sunday -8; attendance 251
- (b) Weekday 4; attendance 109
- (3) Latter Day Saints:
  - (a) Sunday 3; attendance 30
- c. Services for units other than MAG-13:
  - (1) Protestant Services:
    - (a) Sunday Americal Hdqts. 4; attent nce 56
    - (b) Weekday 1ST GAG 3; attendance 44
  - (2) Episcopal Services:
    - (a) Sunday Americal Hdqts. 4; attendance 42
    - (b) Weekday Americal Hdqts. 1; attendance 10
  - (3) Ecumenical Services:
    - (a) Memorial Services 1st CAG 1; attendance 82
- d. Counselling and Interviews:

Counselling - 59

Religious Instruction - 1

Interviews \_ 83

Last Rites - 0

- e. Red Cross Cases 12
- f. Meetings and Trips:
  - (1) Made a total of 3 CAP visits by jeep and chopper.

## 6. Intelligence

- a. The S-2 Section continued to accomplish its mission of supporting MAG-13 with intelligence information by preparing daily briefs to the aircrew members as well as for the Commanding and Executive Officer. All incoming flight personnel received their in-country brief from the SERE Officer. During the month of December a total of ten briefs were given by this section to newly arrived crew members.
- b. On 24 December, Captain KINBY, from Wing, gave aircrews the quarterly brief in SAR and SERE Proceedures.





#### 7. Operations

#### a. Air Operations

So	rties	H	ours
Combat	Total	Combat	Total
6	123	27.3	128.8
,		•	631 <b>.</b> 4 535 <b>.</b> 7
429	479	510.9	570.3
	Combat  6 477 422 429	6 123 477 540 422 468 429 479	Combat         Total         Combat           6         123         27.3           477         540         561.6           422         458         490.6

#### b. Operations Supported

Victory Dragon, Republic Square, Iron Mountain, Pipestone Canyon, Geneva Park, Frederick Hill, Ais and Randolph Glen.

## c. Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

Bunkers: 64 destroyed/10 damaged

Structures: 109 destroyed/24 damaged

Secondary Fires: 102

Secondary Explosions: 27

KBMA: 16 confirmed

Trucks Destroyed: 5/2 damaged

AAA sites: 1 active .50 caliber site destroyed.

2 active 23mm sites destroyed. 2 active 37mm sites destroyed.

d, Total Ordnance Expended: 2595.5 tons

#### 8. Supply

- a. A shed 32' X 20' was errected housing CCS/SSS vehicles which increased the covered storage area that can be utilized by CCS/SSS.
  - b. Stock from 246 bins in the warehouse were relocated.

#### 9. Base Development

- a. On 29 December, a new MAG-13 Barber Shop was opened.
- b. Work is continuing on the new concrete revetments, but the monsoon weather has severely hampered work.



