

HEADQUARTERS
 Marine Aircraft Group 13
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif. 96602

3TEC: twg
 003A01370
 JAN 1 5 1970

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
 Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 December 1969 to 31 December 1969
 Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

Encl: ✓(1) MAG-13 Command Chronology
 ✓(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

Filed
Asp

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.

Thomas E. Murphy
 THOMAS E. MURPHY

MAG-13	
S&C #	70-037
COPY	1 of 5

1st MAW S&C No.	Copy No.
259-70	1

MAG-13

CMD CHRON

DEC 1969

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

Index

- Part I - Organizational Data
- Part II - Narrative Summary
- Part III - Sequential Listing of Significant Events
- Part IV - Supporting Documents

Part One1. Organizational Dataa. Headquarters, MAC-13 (1-31 December 1969)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Rank</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 (1-26 Dec)	LtCol	LtCol
J. W. DETROY	S-3 (27-31 Dec)	LtCol	LtCol
E. C. JOHNSON	S-4	LtCol	LtCol

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

Douglas L. SNEAD	CO	LtCol	LtCol
*Frank J. HORAK Jr.	XO	Maj	Maj
James E. ODOM	S-1	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	LtCol	LtCol
Billy D. DRAFFEN	XO	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	CO (1 Dec)	LtCol	LtCol
Thomas J. KELLY	CO (2-31 Dec)	LtCol	LtCol
Donald WOJCIK	XO (1 Dec)	Maj	Maj
Robert C. JOHNSON	XO (2-31 Dec)	Maj	Maj
Terril J. RICHARDSON	S-1	Lt	Capt
Howard E. KERR	S-2 (1-10 Dec)	Lt	Capt
John E. SHARKEY	S-2 (11-31 Dec)	Lt	Capt
Robert C. JOHNSON	S-3 (1-6 Dec)	Maj	Maj
James B. LEONARD	S-3 (7-31 Dec)	Maj	Maj
Allen W. MASSEY	S-4	WO	Capt

* 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)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Rank</u> <u>Actual</u>
Edwin C. PAIGE Jr.	CO	LtCol	LtCol
Donald P. BOWEN	XO	Maj	LtCol
Fredrick J. MEIER Jr.	S-1	Lt	Capt
Lester E. AMICK	S-2	Lt	1stLt
Lawrence A. WHIPPLE	S-3	Maj	Maj
John P. McGILL	S-4	WO	1stLt

f. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 122 (1-31 December 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
John R. GIBSON	S-3	Maj	Maj
Eugene 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	1961-31Dec
H&MS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol D. L. SNEAD	1Dec-28Dec
H&MS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	Maj F. J. HORAK	29Dec-31Dec
MABS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol R. D. REVIE	1Dec-31Dec
VMFA-115	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol E. C. PAIGE	1Dec-31Dec
VMFA-122	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol J. K. COCHRAN	1Dec-31Dec
VMFA-314	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol C. G. FREDERICK	1Dec
VMFA-314	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol T. J. KELLY	2Dec-31Dec

3. Average Monthly Strength

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NFO</u>	<u>AG</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>Enlisted</u>
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	19	6	210	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 pilot, 1/LT E. M. FRANGER, and his radar intercept officer 1/LT D. K. MCLELLAN.

c. On 28 December, H&MC-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. Personnel

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:

- a. Navy Commendation Medal: 1
- 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

f. Legion of Merit: 2

3. Casualties (Non Hostile)

a. Total for December: 10
 b. Total Returned to Duty: 4
 c. Total Medevac: 7
 d. Total Number of Man Days Lost: 49

Casualties (Hostile)

a. Killed in Action: 4
 b. Died of Wounds: 0
 c. Wounded in Action: 0
 d. Missing in Action: 0

4. Chris 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, Basic Customs and the Responsibilities of the Personal Response Squadron.

b. A polluted 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) Xion Education - 4; attendance - 12

DECLASSIFIED

Enclosure (1)
 SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

(2) Catholic Services:

- (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; attendance - 56
- (b) Weekday - 1ST CAG - 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 KIRBY, from Wing, gave aircrews the quarterly brief in SAR and SERE Procedures.

ENCLOSURE (1)

UNCLASSIFIED

7. Operationsa. Air Operations

UNCLASSIFIED

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Sorties</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Hours</u> <u>Total</u>
H&MS-13 (C-117D)	6	123	27.3	128.8
VMFA-314 (F4B)	477	540	561.6	631.4
VMFA-115 (F4B)	422	468	490.6	535.7
VMFA-122 (F4B)	429	479	510.9	570.3
	1,334			

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 erected 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.

UNCLASSIFIED

Enclosure (1)