

## 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  
 ✓(7) VMA-311 Command Chronology

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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) 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 February 1970 to 28 February 1970

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~~SECRET~~1. Organizational Data

## a. Headquarters, MAG-13 (1-28 February 1970)

<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 (1-8 Feb)		Maj	Maj
R. R. DUNLEVY	S-1 (9-28 Feb)		Maj	Maj
W. M. BROWN	S-2 (1-20 Feb)		Maj	1stLt
E. S. HOLMBERG	S-2 (20-28 Feb)		Maj	Capt
J. W. DETROY	S-3		LtCol	LtCol
E. C. JOHNSON	S-4		LtCol	LtCol

## b. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 13 (1-28 February 1970)

Frank J. HORAK	CO (1-4 Feb)			
Josephus L. MAVRETIC	CO (5-28 Feb)		LtCol	Maj
Frank J. HORAK Jr.	XO (5-28 Feb)		Maj	Maj
James E. ODOM	S-1		Lt	1stLt
William T. GOLLA	S-4		WO	1stLt

## c. Marine Air Base Squadron 13 (1-28 February 1970)

R. D. REVIE	CO		LtCol	LtCol
Billy H. DRAFFEN	XO		Maj	Maj
Juan M. LEM	S-1		WO	WO
Calvin J. GOMEZ	BaseServO		Maj	Capt

## d. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115 (1-28 February 1970)

Donald P. BOWEN	CO		LtCol	LtCol
Lawrence A. WHIPPLE	XO (1-22 Feb)		Maj	Maj
Ronald E. HEALD	XO (23-28 Feb)		Maj	Maj
Larry A. STULTS	S-1		Lt	Capt
Lester E. AMICK	S-2		Lt	1stLt
Harry F. SHARP II	S-3		Maj	Maj
Frederick J. MEIER Jr.	S-4		WO	Capt

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## e. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 122 (1-28 February 1970)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Robert E. HOWARD Jr.	CO		LtCol	LtCol
Josephus L. MAVRETIC	XO (1-4 Feb)		Maj	Maj
Ross C. CHAIMSON	XO (5-28 Feb)		Maj	Maj
John J. MILES	S-1		Lt	Capt
Arlin B. TURNER	S-2		Lt	1stLt
Jon R. GIBSON	S-3 (1-15 Feb)		Maj	Maj
Bernard R. HALPRIN	S-3 (16-28 Feb)		Maj	Maj
George P. SWEENEY	S-4		WO	Capt

## f. Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 (1-28 February 1970)

Thomas J. KELLY	CO		LtCol	LtCol
Robert C. JOHNSON	XO (1-20 Feb)		Maj	Maj
Daniel T. BENN	XO (21-28 Feb)		Maj	Maj
Terril J. RICHARDSON	S-1		Lt	Capt
Frank W. McDUFFEE	S-2		Lt	1stLt
James B. LEONARD	S-3		Maj	Maj
Allen W. MASSEY	S-4		WO	Capt

## g. Marine Attack Squadron 311 (12-28 February 1970)

Arthur R. HICKLE	CO		LtCol	LtCol
Charles A. REYNOLDS	XO		Maj	Maj
Clyde E. FOREMAN	S-1		Lt	Capt
John D. LAWSON	S-2 (12-19 Feb)		Lt	1stLt
Bruce A. SCHWANDA	S-2 (20-28 Feb)		Lt	Capt
Fredrick F. HARSHBARGER	S-3		Maj	Maj
Gordon R. JEFFERSON	S-4		WO	Capt

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	1Feb-28Feb
H&MS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	Maj J. L. MAVRETIC	1Feb-28Feb
MABS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol R. D. REVIE	1Feb-28Feb
VMFA-115	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol D. P. BOWEN	1Feb-28Feb
VMFA-122	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol R. E. HOWARD	1Feb-28Feb
VMFA-314	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol T. J. KELLY	1Feb-28Feb
VMA-311	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol A. R. HICKLE	1Feb-28Feb

~~SECRET~~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	10	9	19	537	0	0
MABS-13	7	2	10	575	4	23
VMFA-115	22	19	2	279	1	0
VMFA-122	21	18	2	257	1	0
VMFA-314	23	19	3	268	1	0
VMA-311	27		3	170	1	0
MATCU-67			6	84	0	0
Group	110	67	45	2170	8	23

4. Important Visitors to the Command

On the 21 February Major General THRASH visited MAG-13. Also a visitor to MAG-13, was Major General BOWEN Jr. who was on hand on February 23 to witness VMFA-115 complete their 10,000th accident free flying hour.

Part Two: Narrative Summary

a. Marine Aircraft Group-13 continued its support of III MAF and all other free world forces in the I Corps Tactical Zone, Laos and the Gulf of Tonkin.

b. On the 6th of February, VMFA-314 lead aircraft, on a flight dropping napalm, received numerous small arms hits, igniting the remaining ordnance and rendering the aircraft uncontrollable. The aircrrew ejected with only a minor leg injury being sustained by the pilot.

c. On the night of the 17th of February, an aircraft from VMFA-314 crashed on take-off while making an instrument departure, due to a port engine failure. Both crewmembers ejected safely.

d. On the 12th of February, VMFA-122 was flying a section TPQ with Quang Tri Azrat. When the second aircraft attempted to get into position, it descended into an overcast and contact was lost. The pilot and his radar intercept officer have been declared M. I. A.

e. On the 20th of February, VMFA 314, was flying a night scramble mission under an overcast in the Hoi An Valley. The lead aircraft dropped two napalm cans and immediately the remaining napalm ignited under the aircraft. Both crewmembers ejected safely.

f. On 26 February 1970 an aircraft from VMA-311 was hit by ground fire while attacking a target on a close air support mission. The pilot subsequently was forced to eject, receiving minor injuries.

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~~SECRET~~Part Three: Significant Events1. Personnel

During the month of February, Marine Aircraft Group-13 had a loss of 6 officers and 119 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During the same period, 36 officers and 365 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty. The VMA-311 change over from Marine Aircraft Group 12 to Marine Aircraft Group-13 included 27 officers and 174 enlisted personnel.

2. Awards

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

- a. Legion of Merit: 1
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 1

During the same period the following medals were recommended:

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 13
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 3
- c. Bronze Star: 6
- d. Navy Commendation Medal: 17
- e. Navy Achievement Medal: 17
- f. Legion of Merit: 1

3. CasualtiesNon-Hostile

- a. Total for February: 24
- b. Total returned to Duty: 15
- c. Total Medevac: 8
- d. Total Number of Man Days Lost: 103

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- a. Killed in Action: 0

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- b. Died of wounds: 0
- c. Wounded in Action: 0
- d. Missing in Action: 2

#### 4. Civic Action

a. During the second week of February, the Civil Affairs Team went to Binh Sa Village to deliver three bags of cement which were to be used for rebuilding the hamlet office, which had been extensively damaged earlier by the VC.

b. During the third week of February, the Civil Affairs Team co-ordinated efforts with Americal PSYOPS and showed two movies concerning sanitation in the hamlets of Vinh-An and Trug-An. After the movies, bars of soap to all children and adults who had attended were handed out.

#### 5. Morale and Welfare Programs

a. There are presently two Chaplins assigned to MAG-13. They have additional duties of coordinating Chaplin coverage of all Combined Action Platoons in Combined Action Group-1; Episcopal coverage for Americal Headquarters and Catholic coverage for the Naval Support Activity. Chaplin PAGE relieved Chaplin CLEVELAND as Group Chaplin on 1 February 1970. Chaplin CARY reported for duty as Group Catholic Chaplin on 18 February 1970.

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

(1) Protestant Services:

- (a) Sunday-8; Attendance 231
- (b) Weekday-1; Attendance 17
- (c) Choir Rehearsal-5; Attendance 33
- (d) Bible Study-9; Attendance 64

(2) Catholic Services:

- (a) Sunday-8; Attendance 304
- (b) Weekday-6; Attendance 25

c. Services for units other than MAG-13

(1) Protestant Services:

- (a) Sunday-4; Attendance 43
- (b) Weekday-7; Attendance 87

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## (2) Catholic Services

- (a) Sunday-5; Attendance 173
- (b) Weekday-5; Attendance 52

## (3) Memorial Services -2; Attendance 131

## d. Counseling &amp; Interviews:

Counseling Sessions - 51  
 Interviews- 268

## e. Red Cross Cases - 11

## f. Hospital Visits -4; Men visited -15

## g. Private Ministry

Baptisms -1 (Cath)  
 Last Rites -0 (Cath)

## h. Meetings and Trips

AmericaL Protestant Retreat -1  
 Wing Chaplins Meeting, DaNang -1

6. Intelligence

a. The S-2 section continued to accomplish its mission of supporting MAG-13 with intelligence information by preparing daily briefs for air-crews as well as for the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer. All incoming flight personnel received their in-country brief from the SERE Officer. During the month of February a total of seventeen newly arrived crew members were briefed by the S-2 Officer. In addition there were four up-date briefs given to the Security Guard and two indoctrination briefs presented to newly arrived personnel.

b. During the month of February the Chu Lai Air Base perimeter was probed four times with negative results or casualties.

7. Operationsa. Air Operations

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Sorties</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Combat</u>
		<u>Combat</u>	<u>Total</u>		
H&MS-13 (C-117D)	87	13	168.8	88.9	
VMFA-115 (F4B)	823	586	657.0	615.2	
VMFA-314 (F4B)	657	627	647.3	612.7	
VMFA-122 (F4B)	630	609	641.0	619.4	
VMA-311 (A-4)	421	417	450.4	383.6	

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b. Operations Supported

Iron Mountain, Victory Dragon 19, Victory 20, Fredrick Hill, Randolph Glenn, AIS, Geneva Park and the Steel Tiger Area.

c. Significant Bomb Damage Assisment

Secondary Explosions: 74  
Secondary Fires: 150  
Bunkers: 280 destroyed/45 damaged  
Structures: 172 destroyed/28 damaged  
KBMA: 15  
Bridges: 1 destroyed/2 damaged  
Trucks: 4 destroyed/2 damaged  
AAA: 6 destroyed/1 damaged

d. Total Ordnance Expended: 4,053.3 tons.

8. Supply

a. 465 line items were moved from MAG-13 outside storage to MAG-12 warehouse.

b. The inspection and repacking of all Marine Corps Property gear that had been in outside storage was completed this month.

c. All weapons on charge to this Group were put on Punch Cards during this period. This should increase our control over all weapons considerably as print cuts will be run each month for verification by each Squadron.

9. Base Development

a. During the month of February the construction of bleachers, backstop, player's benches and other accessories for the MAG-13 athletic field was completed.

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