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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 APRIL 1970 TO 30 APRIL 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13

COMMANDERColonel Thomas E. MURPHREE
1-30 April 1970SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&MS-13	Maj J. L. MAVRETIC	1-14 April 1970
H&MS-13	LtCol R. W. CHAPIN	15-30 April 1970
MMBS-13	Maj D. T. BENN	1-25 April 1970
MMBS-13	LtCol R. A. CHRISTY	26-30 April 1970
VMFA-115	LtCol J. V. COX	1-30 April 1970
VMFA-122	LtCol R. E. HOWARD	1-30 April 1970
VMFA-314	LtCol T. J. KELLY	1-30 April 1970
VMA-311	LtCol A. R. HICKLE	1-30 April 1970

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1970: Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	H. W. VINCENT	1-30 April 1970
Adjutant	C. R. TAYLOR	1-30 April 1970
Administrative Officer	R. R. DUNLEVY	1-30 April 1970
Intelligence Officer	E. S. HOLMBERG	1-30 April 1970
Operations Officer	J. W. DETROY	1-30 April 1970
Logistics Officer	E. C. JOHNSON	1-30 April 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
256	2082	11	24

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

During the month of April 1970, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of 9 officers and 127 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During the same period, 7 officers and 90 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Awards

The following medals and awards were presented to MAG-13 personnel during the month of April:

- a. Certificate of Commendation: 1
- b. Air Medals: 10

The following number of award recommendations were submitted by MAG-13 during the month of April 1970.

- a. Distinguished Flying Cross: 26
- b. Single Mission Air Medal: 2
- c. Bronze Star: 9
- d. Navy Commendation Medal: 53
- e. Navy Achievement Medal: 80
- f. Legion of Merit: 2
- g. Combat Action Ribbon: 7
- h. Purple Heart Medal: 1

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- i. Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry: 5
- j. Air Medal: 23

3. Casualties

Non-Hostile

- a. Total for April 18
- b. Total returned to duty 12
- c. Total MedEvac 4
- d. Total number of man days lost 96

Hostile

- a. Killed in Action 0
- b. Died of Wounds 0
- c. Wounded in Action 0
- d. Missing in Action 1

4. Civic Action

a. During the first week of April 1970, the Civil Affairs Team held a Personal Response Tour to the Catholic Orphanage in An Tan. Twenty Marines representing all the MAG-13 Squadrons accompanied the team on this tour. The Civil Affairs Team also held MED CAPs in Hai Ninh and Trung An Hamlets, Village of Binh Sa. Approximately one hundred forty-five people were treated.

b. The second week of April 1970, the Civil Affairs Team held a MED CAP in Vinh An Hamlet, Binh Sa Village. There were seventy people treated, and one girl was brought back to the MAG-13 Dispensary to be kept under observation concerning her badly damaged lungs and enlarged heart.

c. The third week of April 1970, the Civil Affairs Team received official authorization to begin working in Ky Chanh Village. This change in the Civil Affairs Team Area of Operation also included the dropping of Binh Sa Village as its Area of Responsibility.

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The Civil Affairs Team held its last MED CAP in Trung An Hamlet, Binh Sa Village. There were seventy people treated, twenty-five of whom were also treated by the Dentist.

The Civil Affairs Team also held MED CAPs in the hamlets of Duc Bo and Ly Tra, Village of Ky Chanh. A Vietnamese Corpsman accompanied the Civil Affairs Team and proved to be a great asset. The total number of people treated was approximately two hundred sixty.

a. During the last week of April 1970, the Civil Affairs Team began gathering information concerning a bridge building project in Ky Chanh Village. The bridge will connect the mainland with the island across the Cho River.

The Civil Affairs Team also held a MED CAP in Xuan Ngoc, Tien Xuan, Phu Vinh, and Hoa Xuan Hamlets. The Doctors and Corpsman treated approximately five hundred twenty people. One man was brought back to 91st. Emergency Hospital with gangreen in his foot. Arrangements are being made to have his foot amputated.

5. Morale and Welfare Programs

a. There are presently two Chaplains and two enlisted assistants assigned to MAG-13. They have additional duties of coordinating Chaplain coverage of all Combined Action Platoons in Combined Action Group 1 and Catholic coverage for the Naval Support Activity.

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

(1) Protestant Services:

- (a) Sunday-8 Attendance-195
- (b) Weekday-4 Attendance-109

(2) Catholic

- (a) Sunday-8 Attendance-315
- (b) Weekday-9 Attendance-28

c. Services for units other than MAG-13

(1) Protestant

- (a) Sunday-1 Attendance-21
- (b) Weekday-5 Attendance-46

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(2) Catholic

- (a) Sunday-6 Attendance-195
- (b) Weekday-4 Attendance-37

(3) Memorial Services - 4 Attendance - 165

d. Counseling and Interviews:

- (1) Counseling sessions - 49
- (2) Interviews - 68

e. Red Cross Cases - 11

f. Hospital visits - 5; men visited - 15

g. Meetings and trips

- (1) Attended Wing Chaplain's Conference on 22 April 1970.

6. Intelligence

a. The S-2 Section continued to accomplish its mission of supporting MAG-13 with intelligence information by preparing daily briefs for the aircrew members 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 April a total of five newly arrived crew members were briefed by the S-2 Officer. In addition, there were two update briefs given to the Security Guard and two indoctrination briefs presented to newly arrived personnel.

b. During the month of April, an attempted sabotage was made against the Chu Lai Air Base by suspected Sappers with negative results. On 30 April, Chu Lai Air Base received three unknown type rockets with negative results.

7. Operationsa. Air Operations

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Sorties</u>		<u>Hours</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Combat</u>
H&MS-13 (C-117D)	103	39	191.0	135.1
VMFA-115 (F-4B)	721	697	752.9	733.2
VMFA-122 (F-4B)	623	604	623.8	606.3
VMFA-314 (F-4B)	770	736	767.4	733.7
VMA-311 (A-4E)	855	807	920.1	879.7

On the fourth of April 1970, an F-4B from VMFA-314 was destroyed when it crashed as a result of enemy ground fire. Both crewmembers ejected

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safely, with only minor injuries being sustained by the pilot. Ref: VMFA-314 Command Chronology (C). (Appendix 3 to MAG-13 Command Chronology)

On 11 April 1970, an A-4E from VMA-311 while pulling off target disappeared below a ridgeline and crashed. The pilot has been declared MIA. Ref: VMA-311 Command Chronology (C). (Appendix 6 to MAG-13 Command Chronology)

b. Operations Supported

Texas Star, Golden Dragon, Randolph Glen, Geneva Park, Iron Mountain, Fredrick Hill and the Steel Tiger Area.

c. Significant Bomb Damage Assignment

Structures Destroyed 181/Damaged 50
 Bunkers Destroyed 356/Damaged 38
 Secondary Explosions 90
 Secondary Fires 128
 KBMA 77
 Trucks 2
 Bridges Destroyed 4/Damaged 5
 50 Cal Positions Destroyed 6
 Sampans Destroyed 2
 Caves Destroyed 7
 AAA Sites Destroyed 2
 Base Camps Destroyed 1
 122MM Rockets 6 Cases Destroyed

d. Total Ordnance Expended: 5294.7 Tons

9. Important Visitors to the Command

During the month of April, Major General THRASH, Lieutenant General McCUTCHEON, Brigadier General SPANJER, Brigadier General SNODDY and Colonel TELLER visited MAG-13.

10. Base Developments

In the month of April, a five thousand volume library was added to MAG-13.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. H&MS-13 Command Chronology - Appendix I
- ✓2. MABS-13 Command Chronology - Appendix II
- ✓3. VMFA-314 Command Chronology - Appendix III
- ✓4. VMFA-122 Command Chronology - Appendix IV
- ✓5. VMFA-115 Command Chronology - Appendix V
- ✓6. VMA-311 Command Chronology - Appendix VI

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