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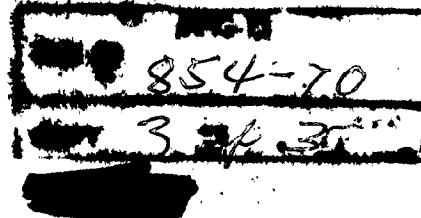
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 Encl: ✓(1) MAG-13 Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 MAY 1970 TO 31 MAY 1970

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13

COMMANDERColonel Thomas E. MURPHREE  
1-17 May 1970Colonel Laurence J. STEN  
17-31 May 1970SUBORDINATE UNITSHAMS-13  
MARS-13  
VMFA-115  
VMFA-122  
VMFA-314  
VMA-311LtCol R. W. CHAPIN 1-31 May 1970  
LtCol R. A. CIRISTY 1-31 May 1970  
LtCol J. V. COX 1-31 May 1970  
LtCol R. E. HOWARD 1-31 May 1970  
LtCol T. J. KELLY 1-31 May 1970  
LtCol A. R. HIGALE 1-31 May 19702. LOCATION

1-31 May 1970: Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	H. W. VINCENT	LtCol	1-31 May 1970
Adjutant	C. R. TAYLOR	Capt	1-31 May 1970
Administrative Officer	R. R. DUNLEVY	Major	1-31 May 1970
Intelligence Officer	E. S. HOLMBERG	Capt	1-31 May 1970
Operations Officer	J. W. DETROY	LtCol	1-12 May 1970
Logistics Officer	L. A. WHIPPIE	Major	12-31 May 1970
	E. C. JOHNSON	LtCol	1-10 May 1970
	C. W. HEINZENLING	Major	10-31 May 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>
Off	Enl
256	2070

	<u>USN</u>
Off	Enl
10	23

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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 and II Corps Tactical Zones, Laos, Cambodia and the Gulf of Tonkin.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

During the month of May 1970, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of 15 officers and 119 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During the same period, 19 officers and 117 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Change of Command

On 17 May 1970, Marine Aircraft Group 13 changed command with Colonel Thomas E. MURPREE being relieved by Colonel Laurence J. STIEN. The ceremony held on the MAG-13 flight line was attended by many distinguished guests.

3. Intelligence

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 S-2 Officer. During the month of May a total of 13 newly arrived crew members were briefed by the S-2 Officer. In addition there were 2 up-date briefs given to the Security Guard and 2 indoctrination briefs presented to newly arrived personnel.

During the month of May Chu Lai Air Base received 5 rocket attacks, consisting of a total of 236X122 rounds with the following results:

On 4 May, at 0555 122X122 rockets were received, resulting in 11 US WIA, 1 VN civilian KIA, 1 bridge damaged and 1 POL fire.

On 5 May, at 0605 101X122 rockets were received, resulting in 1 USMC KIA, 24 USMC WIA, 2 huts destroyed, 1 hut damaged and 1 messhall damaged.

On 13 May, at 1105 2X122 rockets were received with negative results.

On 13 May, at 1305 3X122 rockets were received with negative results.

On 21 May, at 0300 8X122 rockets were received with negative results.

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4. Operationsa. Air Operations

Squadron	Total	<u>Sorties</u>		Total	<u>Hours</u>	
		Combat	Total		Combat	Total
H&MS-33 (C-117D)	84	19	153.7	74.5	74.5	
VMFA-115 (F-4B)	723	689	699.5	671.5	671.5	
VMFA-122 (F-4B)	789	770	752.5	731.5	731.5	
VMFA-314 (F-4B)	793	762	736.0	706.0	706.0	
VMA-311 (A-4E)	948	887	954.1	909.6	909.6	

On 15 May 1970 an F-4B from VMFA-115 was destroyed when it crashed as a result of enemy ground fire. Both crew members ejected safely.

On 23 May 1970, an F-4B from VMFA-115 was destroyed when it crashed as a result of unknown causes (Aircraft Accident Report Pending). Both crew members ejected safely.

On 27 May 1970, an F-4B from VMFA-314 was destroyed when it crashed as a result of enemy ground fire. Both crew members ejected safely, with only minor injuries being sustained by the pilot. Ref: VMFA-314 Command Chronology (C). (Appendix 5 to MAG-13 Command Chronology).

b. Operations Supported

Frederick Hill, Geneva Park, Golden Dragon, Iron Mountain, Randolph Glen, Texas Star, Green River, Rock Crusher, Binh Tay 1 and the Steel Tiger Area.

c. Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

Bunkers destroyed 640/Damaged 67  
 Structures destroyed 197/Damaged 40  
 Secondary Explosions 203  
 KDMA 119  
 AAA sites destroyed 7  
 Weapons positions destroyed 18/Damaged 3  
 Mortar positions destroyed 7  
 Ammunition storage dumps destroyed 5  
 Boat destroyed 1  
 Bridge destroyed 1  
 Medicine destroyed 5 cases  
 Trucks destroyed 3  
 Docked positions destroyed 2

d. Total Ordnance Expended: 6,300.17 Tons

5. Awards

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

	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Presented</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross:	10	3
Single Mission Air Medals:	4	4
Bronze Star:	9	0
Navy Commendation Medal:	42	0
Navy Achievement Medals:	74	1
Combat Action Ribbons:	1	0
Certificate of Commendation:	36	4
Purple Heart Medals:	18	12
Air Medal:	0	14

6. Casualties

## Non-Hostile

a. Total for May	38
b. Total returned to duty	17
c. Total MedEvac	14
d. Total number of man days lost	126

## Hostile

a. Killed in Action	1
b. Died of Wounds	0
c. Wounded in Action	13
d. Missing in Action	0

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7. Civic Action

a. During the first week of May 1970, the Civil Affairs Team aided the officials of Ky Chanh Village in building a new Village Office, and continued planning for the bridge building project at BT 418124.

b. During the second week of May 1970, the Civil Affairs Team took 3 boxes of school supplies to the Ky Chanh Village School. The school supplies were used to make up gifts and were distributed to approximately 70 outstanding graduating students.

The Civil Affairs Team also picked up 40 pieces of scrap tin from M.C.B-7 and gave it to the Ly Tin District Headquarters Chief for use in building a recreation hut.

c. During the third week of May 1970, the Civil Affairs Team distributed school supplies to Diem Pho hamlet, Duc Bo hamlet, Phu Vinh hamlet, Dong Thanh hamlet, and Ly Tra hamlet schools. The Team also attended graduation ceremonies at these schools and presented scholarships to some of the graduating students.

The Team also took 30 culverts, 30 sheets of tin and other building materials to Ly Tin District Headquarters for use in the building of a recreation hut, and shelter area for Hondas.

d. During the last week of May 1970, the Civil Affairs Team distributed 1,300 pounds of soap to the people of Duc Bo refugee hamlet. The soap was surplus quantity which the Group Supply was throwing away.

Also, during the month of May 1970, the Team held MEDCAPs in Ly Tra, Duc Bo, and Tien Khan hamlets, Ky Chanh Village. Approximately 200 people were treated with 30 persons receiving dental treatment.

8. 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-10 Attendance 229
- (b) Weekday-4 Attendance 109

## (2) Catholic

- (a) Sunday-10 Attendance 425
- (b) Weekday-17 Attendance 50

## c. Services for units other than MAG-13

## (1) Protestant

- (a) Sunday - 0
- (b) Weekday - 4 Attendance 28

## (2) Catholic

- (a) Sunday - 10 Attendance 304
- (b) Weekday - 12 Attendance 115

## (3) Memorial Services - 1 Attendance 68

## d. Counseling and Interviews:

## (1) Counseling sessions - 84

## (2) Interviews - 89

## e. Red Cross cases - 12

## f. Hospital visits - 7; men visited 35

## g. Meetings and trips

(1) Chaplain CARY attended Wing Chaplain's Monthly Conference on 20 May.

(2) Both Chaplains attended farewell meetings for the departing Wing Chaplain on 27 and 28 May.

9. Important Visitors to the Command

On 17 May 1970 Major General THRASH (USMC), Major General MILLOY (USA), Lieutenant General McCUTCHEON, Brigadier General DULACKI (USMC), Brigadier General BUTCHER (USAF), Brigadier General POWELL (USA), and Brigadier General ATTEBERRY (USA) attended the Group Change of Command Ceremony.

Brigadier General CONTEY (USMC) also visited MAG-13 twice during the month.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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