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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JUNE 1970 TO 30 JUNE 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13

COMMANDERColonel Laurence J. STIEN
1-30 June 1970SUBORDINATE UNITSH&MS-13
MABS-13
VMFA-115
VMFA-122
VMFA-314
VMA-311LtCol R. W. CHAPIN 1-30 June 1970
Major D. T. BENN 7/1-30 June 1970
LtCol J. V. COX 1-30 June 1970
LtCol R. E. HOWARD 1-30 June 1970
LtCol T. J. KELLY 1-6 June 1970
LtCol R. A. CHRISTY 6-30 June 1970
LtCol J. M. BANNAN 1-30 June 19702. LOCATION

1-30 June 1970: Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	H. W. VINCENT	LtCol	1-30 June 1970
Adjutant	C. R. TAYLOR	Capt	1-30 June 1970
Administrative Officer	R. R. DUNLEVY	Major	1-30 June 1970
Intelligence Officer	E. S. HOLMBERG	Capt	1-30 June 1970
Operations Officer	L. A. WHIPPLE	Major	1-30 June 1970
Logistics Officer	C. W. HEINZERLING	Major	1-30 June 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

Off 247	USMC Enl 1918	Off 8	USN 22
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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.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

During the month of June 1970, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of 30 officers and 297 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. During the same period, 17 officers and 138 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Intelligence

During the month of June Chu Lai Air Base received 2 rocket attacks, consisting of a total of 4XL122 rockets resulting in 1XConex Box destroyed and 1X3/4 ton truck damaged.

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 June a total of 11 newly arrived crew members were briefed by the S-2 Officer. In addition there were 2 indoctrination briefs presented to newly arrived personnel.

4. Operationse. Air Operations

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Sorties</u>		<u>Hours</u>	
		<u>Combat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Combat</u>	<u>Total</u>
H&MS-13 (C-117D)	47	8	84.9	27.4	
VMFA-115 (F-4B)	528	498	514.8	487.1	
VMFA-122 (F-4B)	535	521	514.4	508.6	
VMFA-314 (F-4B)	568	553	535.2	511.0	
VMA-311 (A-4E)	695	669	742.7	703.3	

On 7 June 1970, an F-4B from VMFA-122 was destroyed when it crashed as a result of enemy ground fire. The RIO ejected successfully from the aircraft and was rescued almost immediately. The pilot did not eject and is MIA. Ref: VMFA-122 Command Chronology (C). (Appendix 4 to MAG-13 Command Chronology).

On 7 June 1970, an A-4E from VMA-311 was destroyed when it crashed as a result of enemy ground fire. The pilot ejected safely and was recovered by helicopter. Ref: VMA-311 Command Chronology (C). (Appendix 6 to MAG-13 Command Chronology).

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On 11 June 1970, an F-4B from VMFA-314 was destroyed when it crashed in the South China Sea near Chu Lai as a result of a fire within the aircraft. Both crew members ejected safely. Ref: VMFA-314 Command Chronology (C). (Appendix 5 to MAG-13 Command Chronology).

On 19 June 1970, an F-4B from VMFA-122 was destroyed when it crashed while attempting a landing at Chu Lai Air Base, RVN. The pilot had been unable to jettison the ordnance from the right wing. As the aircraft was flared for landing an uncontrollable roll to the right developed. The crew ejected safely. Ref: VMFA-122 Command Chronology (C). (Appendix 4 to MAG-13 Command Chronology).

b. Operations Supported

Frederick Hill, Geneva Park, Golden Dragon, Green River, Iron Mountain, Pennsylvania Square, Randolph Glen, Rock Crusher, Nantucket Beach, Carrier CAP, Cambodia and the Steel Tiger Area.

c. Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

KEMA 26
 Secondary Explosions 194
 Secondary Fires 170
 Bunkers Destroyed 530/Damaged 50
 Structures Destroyed 216/Damaged 40
 Mortar Positions Destroyed 3
 Bridge Damaged 1
 50 Cal. Sites Destroyed 5
 Base Camp Destroyed 1
 Rocket Position Destroyed 1

d. Total Ordnance Expended: 4900.0 Tons

5. Awards

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

	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Presented</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross:	1	2
Bronze Star:	4	0
Navy Commendation Medal:	5	0
Navy Achievement Medal:	7	0

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	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Presented</u>
Single Mission Air Medal:	0	3
Purple Heart Medal:	2	1
Certificate of Commendation:	2	0
Combat Action Ribbon:	1	0
Air Medal:	12	2

6. Casualties

Non-Hostile

a. Total for June:	23
b. Total returned to duty:	15
c. Total MedEvac:	4
d. Total number of man days lost.	106

Hostile

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

7. Civic Action

a. During the first week of June 1970, the Civil Affairs Team held MEDCAPs in the hamlets of Dong Thanh and Hoa Xuan 1 & 2. Approximately 160 people were treated. The team also took 5,500 Primary School Lesson Books to the Tam Ky Education Department.

b. During the second week of June 1970, the Civil Affairs Team held MEDCAPs in Duc Bo, Ly Tra, Xuan Ngoc, and Tien Xuan Hamlets. The corps-men and doctors treated 240 people.

The Civil Affairs Team also took 900 bricks, 20 rocket boxes, 36 bags of cement and 12 steel pallets to Ny Chanh Village for use in the rebuilding of offices, schools and wells.

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c. During the third week of June 1970, the Civil Affairs Team held MEDCAPs in Phu Vinh and Dong Thanh Hamlets. Approximately 265 people received treatment. The team also took 1,400 bricks to Ly Tin District Headquarters to be used in building a wall in the front of the compound.

d. During the last week of June 1970, the Civil Affairs Team went to Duc Bo Hamlet, Ky Chanh Village and picked up two children with massive star disfigurement. With the aid of an American Representative from Saigon, and the Duc Bo Hamlet Chief, these children were persuaded they should have plastic surgery done. The children were then taken to 27th. Surgical Hospital to await their trip to Saigon.

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 for 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 - 84
- (b) Weekday - 4 Attendance - 106

(2) Catholic Services

- (a) Sunday - 8 Attendance 292
- (b) Weekday - 19 Attendance 42

c. Services at other units:

(1) Protestant Services:

- (a) Sunday - 5 Attendance 48
- (b) Weekday - 3 Attendance 22

(2) Catholic Services:

- (a) Sunday - 9 Attendance 212
- (b) Weekday - 4 Attendance 16

d. Counseling and Interviews

- (1) Counseling - 84
- (2) Interviews - 80

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- e. Red Cross cases - 14
- f. Hospital visits - 8, men visited - 39

8. Important Visitors to the Command

Brigadier General R. F. CONLEY, Executive Officer of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing visited this command twice during the month on 6 June and on 23 June.

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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-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