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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JULY 1970 TO 31 JULY 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13

COMMANDERColonel Laurence J. STIEN
1-31 July 1970SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&MS-13	LtCol R. W. CHAPIN	1-31 July 1970
MABS-13	Major D. T. BENN	1-31 July 1970
VMFA-115	LtCol J. V. COX	1-22 July 1970
VMFA-115	LtCol M. MURA	23-31 July 1970
VMFA-122	LtCol R. E. HOWARD	1-12 July 1970
VMFA-122	Major R. C. CHAIMSON	13-31 July 1970
VMFA-314	LtCol R. A. CHRISTY	1-31 July 1970
VMA-311	LtCol J. M. EANNAN	1-26 July 1970

2. LOCATION

1-31 July 1970: Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	LtCol H. W. VINCENT	1-22 July 1970
Executive Officer	LtCol J. V. COX	23-31 July 1970
Adjutant	Capt C. R. TAYLOR	1-31 July 1970
Administrative Officer	Major R. R. DUNLEVY	1-31 July 1970
Intelligence Officer	Capt E. S. HOLMBERG	1-31 July 1970
Intelligence Officer	Lt J. C. METCALFE	31-31 July 1970
Operations Officer	Major L. A. WHIPPLE	1-31 July 1970
Operations Officer	LtCol C. F. SCHWAB	10-31 July 1970
Logistics Officer	Major C. W. HELNZERLING	1-21 July 1970
Logistics Officer	Major J. L. MCMAWAY	22-31 July 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
228	1878	8	22

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Aircraft Group 13 continued its support of III MAF and all other free world forces in I Corps Tactical Zone, Laos and the Gulf of Tonkin. A total of 2,054 combat sorties were flown expending 4,329.8 tons of ordnance. No aircraft were lost during the month of July.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

During the month of July 1970, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of 41 officers and 230 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. On 26 July 1970 VMA-311 was redesignated VMA-311 MAG-11 and relocated in DaNang RVN which created an additional loss factor of 29 officers and 157 enlisted personnel to MAG-13. During this same period, 19 Officers and 165 enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Intelligence

During the month of July 1970, the Chu Lai Air Base received negative attacks.

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 July a total of (40) newly arrived crew members were briefed by the S-2 Officer. In addition there were (2) indoctrination briefs presented to newly arrived personnel.

3. Operationsa. Air Operations

<u>Squadron</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Sorties</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Hours</u>	
		<u>Combat</u>			<u>Combat</u>	
H&MS-13 (C-117D)	61	7		94.6	34.9	
VMFA-115 (F-4B)	487	469		449.5	431.6	
VMFA-122 (F-4B)	498	492		493.0	487.1	
VMFA-314 (F-4B)	519	492		486.0	455.0	
VMA-311 (A-4E)	619	594		616.4	592.6	
Total	2,184	2,054		2,139.5	2,001.2	

b. Operations Supported

Fredrick Hill, Geneva Park, Golden Dragon, Pickens Forest, Iron Mountain, Texas Star, Green River, Barrier CAF, and the Steel Tiger Area.

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c. Significant Bomb Damage Assessment

KBMA 86
 Secondary Explosions 164
 Secondary Fires 177
 Bunkers destroyed 377/Damaged 29
 Structures destroyed 156/Damaged 36
 Mortar positions destroyed 4
 .50 Cal. positions destroyed 3
 122 MM rockets destroyed 9
 Ammo caches destroyed 4
 Communications Center destroyed 1
 Truck destroyed 1
 Dam destroyed 1

d. Total Ordnance Expended: 4,329.8 tons

f. Awards

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

	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Presented</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross:	28	0
Bronze Star:	3	0
Navy Commendation Medal:	10	1
Navy Achievement:	9	0
Certificate of Commendation:	2	0
Combat Action Ribbon:	1	0
Air Medal:	0	5

5. Casualties

Non-Hostile

a. Total for July: 24
 b. Total returned to duty: 18
 c. Total MedEvac: 2
 d. Total number of man days lost: 131

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Hostile

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

6. Civic Action

a. During the first week of July the Civil Affairs Team brought 5 Vietnamese from Hoa Xuan I and II on base to work at 23rd S&T Bn. In return for their efforts they received two truck loads of lumber.

b. During the second week of July the Civil Affairs Team gave an indoctrination lecture to all new men coming into MAG-13. The team also took 19 Vietnamese workers from Xuan Ngoc to 23rd S&T Bn. to "police-up" the lumber yard. In return for their work the people received 65 sheets of plywood and one truck load of scrap timbers.

c. During the third week of July the Civil Affairs Team went to Duc Bo hamlet to pick-up a young boy with a seriously infected leg. The child was taken to 91st Evacuation Hospital where proper medical treatment was applied.

d. During the last week of July the Civil Affairs Team delivered 5,000 books to Tam Ky Provincial Education Center.

7. Morale and Welfare Programs

a. There are presently 2 Chaplains and 2 enlisted assistants assigned to MAG-13. They also provide religious coverage for First Combined Action Group.

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

(1) Protestant Services:

- (a) Sunday 7 - Attendance 137
- (b) Weekday 4 - Attendance 79

(2) Catholic Services

- (a) Sunday 8 -- Attendance 220
- (b) Weekday 2 -- Attendance 4

(3) Joint Memorial Service # 2 Attendance 26

c. Services at other units:

(1) Protestant Services:

- (a) Sunday 2 -- Attendance 16
- (b) Weekday 9 -- Attendance 93

(2) Catholic Services

- (a) Sunday 16 -- Attendance 190
- (b) Weekday 13 -- Attendance 122

(3) Joint Memorial Services 1 Attendance 77

8. Important Visitors to the Command

12 July	Major General A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG, 1st MAF
18 July	General L. F. CHAPMAN, CMC
	Lieutenant General K. B. McCUTCHEON, CG, III MAF
	Major General A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG, 1st MAF
	SgtMaj D. DAILEY, SgtMaj, USMC
22 July	Brigadier General R. F. CONLEY, Assistant CG, 1st MAF
	Brigadier General T. H. MILLER, G-3, III MAF
25 July	Brigadier General R. F. CONLEY, Assistant CG, 1st MAF

9. Significant Events

12 July 1970	VMFA-122 held a change of command with Major R. C. CHAIMSON replacing LtCol R. E. HOWARD Jr. Major General A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG, 1st MAF, was present as reviewing officer. Ref: VMFA-122 Command Chronology (Appendix 4 to MAG-13 Command Chronology.)
18 July 1970	General Leonard F. CHAPMAN, Commandant of the Marine Corps, visited MAG-13. General CHAPMAN toured the flight line, addressed the enlisted men at the H&MS-13 hangar, and spoke to the officers at the officer's club. Accompanying the Commandant were Lieutenant General K. B. McCUTCHEON, CG, III MAF; Major General

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A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG, 1st MAW; and SgtMaj DAILEY, SgtMaj of the Marine Corps.

★ 22 July 1970

VMFA-115 held a change of command with LtCol M. MURA replacing LtCol J. V. COX. LtCol COX became the MAG-13 XO. Brigadier General R. F. CONLEY, Assistant CG, 1st MAW and Brigadier General T. H. MILLER, G-3, III MAF were present at the ceremony. Ref: VMFA-115 Command Chronology (Appendix 3 to MAG-13 Command Chronology.)

26 July 1970

VMA-311 was redeployed to MAG-11 at DaNang, RVN. VMA-311 had been with MAG-13 for five months since joining from MAG-12 on 12 February 1970. Ref: VMA-311 Command Chronology (Appendix 6 to MAG-13 Command Chronology.)

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Appendix 1 - H&MS-13 Command Chronology
- ✓ Appendix 2 - MABS-13 Command Chronology
- ✓ Appendix 3 - VMFA-115 Command Chronology
- ✓ Appendix 4 - VMFA-322 Command Chronology
- ✓ Appendix 5 - VMFA-314 Command Chronology
- ✓ Appendix 6 - VMA-311 Command Chronology