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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 SEPTEMBER 1970 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1970

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13

COMMANDERColonel Laurence J. STIEN  
1-30 September 1970SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&MS-13	LtCol R. W. CHAPIN	1-30 Sept 1970
MABS-13	Major D. T. BENN	1-2 Sept 1970
MABS-13	Major M. J. FIBISH	2-30 Sept 1970
VMFA-314	LtCol R. A. CHRISTY	1-12 Sept 1970
VMFA-122	Major R. C. CHAIMSON	1-10 Sept 1970

2. LOCATION

1-30 September 1970: Chu Lai, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	LtCol J. V. COX	1-30 Sept 1970
Adjutant	Captain C. R. TAYLOR	1-30 Sept 1970
Administrative Officer	Major R. R. DUNLEVY	1-30 Sept 1970
Intelligence Officer	1stLt J. C. METCALFE	1-30 Sept 1970
Operations Officer	LtCol C. F. SCHWAB	1-30 Sept 1970
Logistics Officer	Major J. L. MCMAWAWAY	1-30 Sept 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>		<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
52		927	3	15

## PART III

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Aircraft Group 13 Completed combat operations on 3 September 1970. A total of 159 sorties were flown expending 54.7 tons of ordnance. The remainder of the month was devoted to detachment of VMFA-122 and VMFA-314 and embarkation of the support squadrons as part of the Phase IV withdrawals.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel

During the month of September 1970, Marine Aircraft Group 13 had a loss of 52 officers and 790 enlisted personnel due to rotation and transfers. On 10 September 1970 Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 122 was redesignated Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 122, Marine Aircraft Group 24, 1st Marine Brigade and relocated at MCAS, Kaneohe, Hawaii; 12 September 1970 Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 was redesignated Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314, Marine Aircraft Group 33, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and relocated at MCAS, El Toro, California; 30 September 1970 Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 67 was redesignated Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 67, Marine Aircraft Group 33, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and relocated at MCAS, El Toro, California. The redesignation and relocation of these units created an additional loss factor to Marine Aircraft Group 13 as follows: VMFA-122 23 Officers and 84 Enlisted; VMFA-314 13 Officers and 19 Enlisted; MATCU-67 1 Officer and 4 Enlisted. During this same period, 2 Officers and 5 Enlisted personnel reported to this Group for duty.

2. Intelligence

During the month of September 1970, Chu Lai Air Base received a total of 9x122mm rockets with no casualties or damage.

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 the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer.

The last MAG-13 combat mission was flown on 3 September 1970 and the S-2 Section then continued to supply ground order of battle to support the final stages of Keystone Robin.

3. Operationsa. 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)	59	2	48.7	5.3	
VMFA-314 (F4B)	48	23	77.6	23.1	
VMFA-122 (F4B)	52	27	41.5	12.3	
Total	159	52	167.8	40.7	

b. Operations Supported

Fredrick Hill, Iron Mountain, and Texas Star.

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SECRETc. Significant Bomb Damage

Secondary Explosion 11

Secondary Fires 9

Bunkers Destroyed 12/Damaged 5

Structures Destroyed 2/Damaged 6

d. Total Ordnance Expended: 54.7 Tons4. Awards

The following medals and awards were recommended or presented to MAG-13 personnel during the month of September 1970.

	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Presented</u>
Legent of Merit:	1	
Bronze Star:	19	1
Single Mission Air Medal:	2	
Strike Flight Air Medal:	8	
Navy Commendation Medal:	53	
Navy Achievement:	42	
Certificate of Commandation:	1	

5. Casualties

Non-Hostile

a. Total for September:	10
b. Total returned to duty:	4
c. Total MedEvac:	5
d. Total number of man days lost:	85

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

6. Civic Action

a. Civic Action closed down operations on 1 September 1970. All units redeployed to CONUS or other WESPAC units.

7. Moral and Welfare Programs

a. There are presently 2 Chaplains and 2 enlisted assistants assigned to MAG-13.

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

## (1) Protestant Services

- (a) Sunday 6 - attendance 182
- (b) Weekday 4 - attendance 73

## (2) Catholic Services

- (a) Sunday 5 - attendance 176
- (b) Weekday 11 - attendance 35

## c. Services at other units

## (1) Protestant Services

- (a) Sunday 3 - attendance 19

## (2) Catholic Services

- (a) Sunday 11 - attendance 138
- (b) weekday 2 - attendance 17

8. Important Visitors to the Command

16 September 1970

Brigadier General QUINN, Assistant CG  
1st MAW

25 September 1970

Major General A. J. ARMSTRONG, CG 1st MAW

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SECRET9. Significant Events

3 September 1970

The final combat mission flown by VMFA-122 in RVN was shared with VMFA-314. LtCol J. V. COX executive Officer of MAG-13 led the mission with LtCol C. F. SCHWAB as his RIO. Major R. C. CHAIMSON commanding officer of VMFA-122 was dash two with Major G. R. FAIRCHILD as his RIO. LtCol R. H. CHRISTY commanding officer of VMFA-314 was dash three with Major D. T. BENN as his RIO. Dash four was Colonel L. J. STIEN, Commanding Officer of MAG-13 with Major R. R. DUNLEVY as his RIO. This mission also closed combat air operations for Marine Aircraft Group 13 in RVN.

10 September 1970

VMFA-122 redeployed from Chu Lai Air Base to MAG-24, MCAS, Kaneohe, Hawaii. Ref: VMFA-122 Command Chronology (Appendix 2 to MAG-13 Command Chronology)

12 September 1970

VMFA-314 redeployed from Chu Lai Air Base to MAG-33, MCAS, El Toro, Calif. While assigned to MAG-13 VMFA-314 compiled 28,222 combat sorties in support of U.S. and Republic of Vietnam forces.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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- Appendix 2 - VMFA-122 Command Chronology
- Appendix 3 - MABS-13 Command Chronology

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