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Marine Aircraft Group-13  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-13 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology Report for 1-31 December 1966

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1B

Encl: ✓(1) MABS-13 Command Chronology for 1-31 December 1966

1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

## Part I - Organizational Data

1. <u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Owen L. OWENS	Commanding Officer	LtCol	LtCol
Ray B. STICE	Executive Officer	Major	Major
John L. LOHR	Administrative Officer	Capt	2ndLt
Walter C. SERVICE III	Base Operations Officer	Major	Major
Bernard H. THOMAS	Base Services Officer	Major	Major
George R. FULDA	Sergeant Major	SgtMaj	1stSgt

2. Task Organization - MABS-13, Chu Lai, RVN 1-31 December 1966

3. Average Strength

NA 6  
AG 14  
ENL 591

4. Important Visitors - General Westmoreland, Senator Strom Thurman, LtGen Chapman, MajGen Robertshaw and BGen Stiles.

## Part II - Narrative Summary

1. During the period covered by this report MABS-13 continued its efforts in improving the Chu Lai Airfield and the MAG-13 living facilities and working spaces. The personnel strength on 31 December 1966 was 20 officers and 656 enlisted, 3 Naval Officers and 22 Naval enlisted. 34 Vietnamese civilian laborers were employed.

## Part III - Personnel

1. Personnel and Administration - 144 men joined the squadron and 13 were transferred. One 1stSgt, One MSgt, one SSgt, 16 Sgts and 2 PFC's were promoted to their present rank. Four men extended their overseas tour.

2. Awards - Major Ray B. STICE, Major Walter C. SERVICE III, Major Bernard H. THOMAS, and Captain Edward T. SONNTAG were awarded their first Air Medals.

3. Casualties - none

4. Civic Action - The Group Medical Department treated 138 Vietnamese civilians in 9 visits to the village of ANTAN near the Chu Lai Airfield. The MAG-13 Chaplain delivered some building material to a Protestant mission in ANTAN and participated in the dedication of a church there. The Chaplain also contributed \$50.00 and 90 lbs. of candy to the Mission at QUANG NAI and the church at ANTAN respectively. A Christmas program was conducted for the Vietnamese children at ANTAN.

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5. Morale/Welfare Program - A Squadron Party was held during the month of December. An exceptionally well prepared meal was served on Christmas day. The enlisted, Staff NCO, and Officers Clubs all participated in bringing out the holiday spirit to the extent possible.

6. Informational Services - none

7. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence - N/A

8. ECM - N/A

9. Photo - The photo section provided MAG-13 with a total of 768 8x10 prints, 339 5x7 prints, 52 4x5 prints, 133 2 1/2x3 1/2 prints, and 109 2 1/4x2 1/4 prints. These included both operational and administrative photographic subjects.

10. Air Operations - A total of 259 aircraft arrestments were made by the launch and recovery section. 100 Portable Runway Lights were placed on order. The Crash crew responded to 82 emergencies, 3 of which involved aircraft damage.

11. Air Control - MABS-13 does not have an Air Control function. This responsibility rests with MATCU-67; however, close liaison is maintained with MATCU-67 in conjunction with airfield operations.

12. Air Defense - N/A

13. Special Operations - N/A

14. Ground Defense - Improvement of Ground Defense has been a continuing process. The Group Guard has consolidated its living spaces so that they are compatible with their Duty sections.

15. Command Relationship/Command and Control - N/A

16. NBC Warfare - none

17. Training - none

18. Logistics - The MABS-13 Ordnance Section assembled and delivered a daily average of 76.3 tons of ammunition during the month of December. 2,406,980 gallons of jet fuel was dispensed through the TAFDS. In excess of 150,000 meals were served and the Mess Hall was open at all hours to late fliers and watch standers.

19. Motor Transport - During the period of this report a Marine Aircraft Group-13 courtesy shuttle bus was established between Marine Aircraft Group-13 and Marine Aircraft Group-36 serving all units between. The service commenced on 13 Dec and terminated on 22 Dec when Naval Support Facility assumed the responsibility. During the period 13 to 22 Dec, Marine Aircraft Group-13 hauled 1,251 passengers. On 10 Dec 1966 this section was commended by

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Lt. General WALT CG in III Marine Amphibious Force msg 100916Z Dec 66 for outstanding service provided by the refueler team during the period 31 Oct to 8 Dec 1966, during which time Marine Aircraft Group-13 refuelers hauled 31 million gallons of aircraft fuel over 40,000 miles during extreme adverse weather and road conditions.

Other items of interest are:

Miles traveled .....	56,581 miles
Cargo hauled .....	5,431,327 lbs.
Passengers hauled .....	27,027
Fuel used (Mogas & Diesel) .....	629,617 gals.

20. Engineering - N/A

21. Avionics - N/A

22. Maintenance - Continued construction of camp. Constructed eight (8) 16x32 Huts, Dental Building erected, Group Flag Pole erected and numerous small type operational buildings. Preventive maintenance continues to be a work task for MABS-13 as does the constant repair of malfunctioning and inoperative equipment.

23. Communications - The communications network in the MAG-13 complex continued to expand. Twelve miles of communications wire was installed. An increase of 130% in message traffic was experienced during the month of December bringing the total messages processed to 8,789.

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