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Subj: Command Chronology Report for March, 1967

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1B

Encl: ✓(1) MABS-13 Command Chronology for 1-31 March 1967

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


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ENCLOSURE (3)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGYPart I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. <u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>T/O Rank</u>
*LtCol Kenny C. PALMER	Commanding Officer	LtCol
Major Ray B. STICE	Executive Officer	Major
2nd Lt John L. LOHR	Administrative Officer	Capt.
Major Robert L. BAINBRIDGE	Base Operations Officer	Major
Major John T. RADICH	Base Services Officer	Major
1st Sgt George R. FULDA	Sergeant Major	SgtMaj

*At the commencement of this reporting period Major David W. MORRILL was the Commanding Officer. On 18 March 1967 the aircraft Major MORRILL was flying was shot down over unfriendly territory and he was declared Missing in Action that date. Major STICE being TAD, Major BAINBRIDGE acted as the Commanding Officer until Lieutenant Colonel PALMER assumed command on 23 March 1967.

2. Task Organization. MABS-13, Chu Lai, R.V.N. 1-31 March 1967

3. Average Strength

NA	4
AG	18
ENL	733

4. Important Visitors.

Major General ROBERTSHAW, Brigadier General STILES, and Lieutenant General KRULAK.

Part II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During March MABS-13 played a significant role in the development of the Chu Lai Complex by the installation of the wiring for the incorporation of a 700 KW generator into the Chu Lai (West) Airfield electrical system. The defense perimeter continued to expand and the defense posture of MAG-13 improves daily.

Part III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. The personnel strength on 31 March was 24 Marine Officers, 3 Naval Officers, 734 Marine Enlisted, and 29 Naval Enlisted men on board. 42 men joined and 43 were transferred. One Private First Class, 10 Lance Corporals, 50 Corporals, 19 Sergeants, and 2 Captains were promoted to their present rank. Thirty-five men extended their overseas tour. One man reenlisted and 2 men extended their enlistment.

2. Awards. During March 8 Marines were awarded Good Conduct Medals and 10 Marines received a Meritorious Mast. The Crash and Rescue Section received a 1st MAW Certificate of Achievement for exceptional performance of duty, and Majors STICE, BAINBRIDGE, GRIFFAY and RADICH received Gold Stars in lieu of Air Medals for subsequent awards of that medal. Major RADICH received a 1st MAW Certificate of Achievement for completion of 100 Combat Missions in Viet Nam.

3. Casualties. Battle Casualty - Major David W. MORRILL, MIA, 18 March 1967. Non-Combat Casualty - Staff Sergeant Percy L. WILFORD died on 28 March 1967 as a result of myocardial infraction with ventricular fibulation and/or Berry aneurysm intercranial hemorrhage.

4. Welfare and Morale. Fifty-five men were sent on out of country Rest and Relaxation trips and 10 men received trips to the China Beach recreation area.

5. Civic Action. During March the Medical Department of MAG-13 made 9 visits to the village of AN TAN and in the course of these scheduled medical clinics a total of 445 Vietnamese civilians were treated for various ailments. The Chaplain accompanied the teams on their visits and 2 loads of scrap lumber were donated to the Protestant and Catholic Churches in AN TAN. Three Thousand pounds of food was taken to the Catholic orphanage in BINH SON. A "Personal Response" program has been initiated in MAG-13 sponsored by the MAG-13 Chaplain. All personnel are receiving guidance under the auspices of the "Personal Response" program to improve the humanitarian and rehabilitative treatment and relations between Marines and Vietnamese civilians.

6. Air Operations/Control. Two Hundred and thirty-eight arrestments were made on the MABS-13 M-21 arresting equipment during March. The Crash and Rescue section responded to 35 emergencies and 3 structural fires. The Chu Lai Air Freight Terminal processed 15,824 passengers, 2,975,007 pounds of cargo, and 70,522 pounds of mail during March. A tropical hut was completed to house the VAL line. During March there were 10,647 take offs or landings on the Chu Lai (West) Runway, 3,926 of which were F-4B Aircraft.

7. Ground Defense. At 0030 6 March 1967 approximately 20 82mm Mortar rounds fell on the Chu Lai Airfield. No Casualties were received. Seven miles of tactical barbed wire were laid, 3 towers were constructed, and 32 new bunkers were built in improving the Chu Lai Airfield ground defense posture.

8. Training. A small arms training and familiarization lecture was established. One Hundred and eighty-five men attended. Fifty men fired their T/O weapons. Technical Training continues and, by necessity, is a never ending task.

9. Logistics. MABS-13 Ordnance Section delivered over 110 Tons of ordnance daily to the operating squadrons. The TAFDS section pumped 4,470,628 gallons of jet fuel during March. The refueling section of the Motor Transport department of MABS-13 dispensed 531,650 gallons of 115/145 AVGAS and 78,000 gallons of jet fuel.

10. Motor Transport. The Motor Transport compound was improved with the completion of a first echelon maintenance garage. This structure was done on a self help basis and without assistance of skilled carpenters. MABS-13 vehicles traveled 60,940 miles hauling 10,048,675 lbs. cargo miles.

11. Maintenance. Preventive maintenance and improvement of existing facilities continued during the month. A very significant improvement and important task performed by the maintenance section was the installation of the wiring that will permit the new 700 KW generators to furnish electrical power to the Chu Lai Airfield. The "Guest House" plumbing was completed and the house was painted.

12. Communications. Three miles of type 25 pair cables were installed improving the reliability and maintainability of the MAG-13 land lines. A total of 7,266 messages were processed by the Communications section along with 3 HF/UHF circuits being continuously monitored. Considerable construction is underway in expansion of the Communications area.