

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON-13  
Marine Aircraft Group-13  
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Encl: ~~41~~ MABS-13 Command Chronology for 1-30 November 1967

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

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MABS-13

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGYPART ONE: ORGANIZATION DATA1. Commander and Staff.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>RANK</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>
Leroy A. MADERA	Commanding Officer	LtCol	LtCol
John I. HUDSON	Executive Officer	Major	Major
Harold E. WILSON	Administrative Officer	Capt	CWO4
George W. FRITSCHI	Base Operations Officer	Major	Major
Daniel I. CARROLL	Base Services Officer	Major	Major
Caleb G. DUNN	Sergeant Major	SgtMaj	SgtMaj

2. Task Organization and Data.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>	<u>Date of Office</u>
MABS-13	Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol Leroy A. MADERA	4 October 1967

3. Average Monthly Strength.a. Marine Officers

(1) Naval Aviators . . . . .	<u>5</u>
(2) Naval Flight Officers. . . . .	<u>1</u>
(3) Aviation Ground Officers . . . . .	<u>13</u>

b. Naval Officers. . . . .	<u>4</u>
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c. Marine Enlisted . . . . .	<u>500</u>
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d. Naval Enlisted. . . . .	<u>23</u>
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e. Total Average Strength. . . . .	<u>546</u>
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PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Marine Air Base Squadron-13 continued its support of Marine Aircraft Group-13 in the development and maintenance of the Chu Lai Air Base.

2. Integration of MAG-13 and MAG-12 Base Operations sections took place on 6 November with a minimum amount of effort. All facilities are operating from the West Field.

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. Six Officers and thirty-five Enlisted joined; three Officers and fifty-eight Enlisted were transferred.

2. Administration. Five Enlisted were promoted. Twenty-eight personnel extended their overseas tour.

3. Awards. Five Good Conduct Medals and nine Meritorious Masts were awarded.

4. Casualties. None.

5. Morale. Morale remains at a high level. A total of 44 personnel went on out of country Rest and Relaxation trips.

6. Air Operations. All Base Operations sections of MAG-13 and MAG-12 combined operations on 6 November including both personnel and facilities. All facilities are operating from the West Field. Air Operations statistical data is as follows:

a. Total aircraft operations on the West Field were 31,647. The Visiting Aircraft Line serviced 891 transport aircraft and 33 transient aircraft remaining overnight. The joint services Air Freight and Passenger Terminal handled 3,681 tons of cargo, 422 tons of mail, 649 Air Medical Evacuation patients and 19,168 passengers.

b. Launch and Recovery had a total of 1,458 arrestments; of which 19 were declared emergencies. A total of 64 aircraft were arrested on the Crosswind Runway, which was opened on 5 occasions due to the high wind component. On 6 November an A-4E aircraft was damaged due to failure of a tape connector. During the month there were numerous failures which resulted in downing the arresting gear for emergency only recoveries. A CAFSU representative will look into these failures.

c. In addition to crash, fire and emergency operations the Crash Crew conducted 93 washdowns and decontaminated 2 aircraft. Crash vehicles stood-by for 38 hot refueling and 29 Medical Evacuation aircraft. The smudge pot detail worked approximately 420 hours.

7. Motor Transport. The statistical data for the operations of the Motor Transport section is as follows:

a. The Welding and Machine Shop completed 355 work orders yielding 791 man-hours of work.

b. The Heavy Equipment Section completed 14 of 52 work orders received with 38 pending.

c. The licensing personnel conducted driver licensing school for 15 students and gave 10 road tests; and issued 13 motor vehicle, 2 heavy equipment and 7 explosive licenses. There were no accidents over fifty dollars.

d. The Operations Section compiled the following statistics while traveling a total of 53,974 miles:

Cargo Hauled . . . . . 5,673,766 lbs.  
Passengers Hauled. . . . . 33,081  
Diesel Used. . . . . 4,535 gal.  
Mogas Used . . . . . 5,640 gal.

e. Refuelers Section totaled 5,526 miles traveled in delivering the following:

Fuel . . . . . 538,833 gal.  
Av Oil . . . . . 2,217 gal.  
Water. . . . . 47,590 gal.

8. Training. On-the-job training continued in all sections. Group Guard held an Alert Drill on 27 November.

9. Logistics. TAFDS received 3,652,423 and issued 3,577,720 gallons of JP-4 fuel while refueling 1,855 aircraft.

10. Base Development.

a. Group Guard rebuilt the MAG-13 rifle range.

b. New buildings have been constructed on the West Field for the M-21 arresting gear crews.

c. The Base Operations Office expansion and remodeling was completed. An SB-22 switchboard was installed and a continuous up-to-date NOTAM Board was initiated.

d. The old Control Tower was remodeled for use as a weather observation site with plans for relocation of the entire weather service complex in the Base Operations area.

e. A new OEM building was constructed with a cement pad poured in front and for the vehicle inspection rack at Motor Transport.